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'Ready to turn a page'

Martinsville holds its first ever Juneteenth celebration

By Jared Quigg
MCC Reporter

MARTINSVILLE — The verdict was loud and clear, and repeated over and over again lest anyone should miss it: Martinsville is tired of being defined by the Indianapolis news media.

Last Friday saw the first ever Juneteenth celebration held in Martinsville, organized by Martinsville resident Jeannine Lee Ferrer and members of the local Democratic Party.

Juneteenth — a portmanteau of June 19 — was recognized as a federal holiday in 2021, but it's been celebrated widely by many Black Americans since 1866. The holiday commemorates June 19, 1865, the day when the final slaves in Texas were freed by the U.S. Army after the end of the Civil War.

Friday's event, held at the Martinsville Senior Center, was

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NATURE'S FURY



130-mph tornado rips through Morgan-Monroe State Forest last week

Staff Report

MORGAN-MONROE COUNTIES — Morgan-Monroe State Forest remains closed to the public as of press time after an EF2 tornado ripped a massive gash of downed trees along the southern Morgan County border last Wednesday.

The tornado was one of three that touched down in Indiana the night of June 17, with two others hitting Jackson County along with Vigo and Clay counties, respectively.

According to the National Weather Service (NWS), last week's tornado first touched down at 9:44 p.m. just east of U.S. 231 northeast of Spencer. The tornado moved east into southern Morgan County, its heavy winds damaging a number of homes and buildings along North Texas Ridge, Brighton and Moon roads.

The tornado, initially declared an EF1, strengthened into an EF2 as it approached Bowman Road, where another home and barn was damaged.

An EF1 tornado, considered a moderate tornado, typically carries winds between 86 and 110 mph. An EF2 tornado can cause considerable damage, with winds between 111 and 135 mph.

The tornado continued to travel east, crossing I-69, which was temporarily closed that night due a number of downed trees and significant debris a few miles south of Martinsville near mile-marker 130.

From there, the storm moved into Morgan-Monroe State Forest, where it extensively ravaged the thick deciduous forest.

The NWS determined the tornado traveled more than 15 miles, was 880 yards wide and had peak winds

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FROM TOP: Even after clearing the initial debris, the main entrance sign to the Morgan-Monroe State Forest is still shrouded by fallen limbs, with the tornado's devastation clearly evident in the tree line. // The area along Scout Ridge sits in devastation days after last week's tornado ripped through the forestry. (State of Indiana courtesy photos)

MSD unveils new elementary school name, logo

Artesian Springs Elementary set to open for 2027-2028 school year

By Jared Quigg
MCC Reporter

MARTINSVILLE — The new Martinsville elementary school currently under construction on Centennial Road finally has a name and logo after receiving school board approval during the body's regular monthly meeting last Thursday.

Artesian Springs Elementary School will be the name of the school set to open for the 2027-2028 school year. The name was approved by a 4-0 vote, with board member Jacque Deckard absent.

The new school is part of a $150 million bond project — including $95 million in bonds plus interest — that will also see the construction of a new natatorium for the high school as well as other smaller projects.

Metropolitan School District of Martinsville Superintendent Eric Bowlen once again said at last Thursday's meeting that more information about the natatorium project would be available next month. He's made similar statements during the last several board meetings, and acknowledged that the public is eager to see the district's plans for the natatorium.

Along with the new elementary school's name, the board also approved a logo for Artesian Springs Elementary.

The logo sports the school's eagle mascot. Bowlen said there were a few reasons why the new school's mascot would be the Eagles.

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School board candidates set for general election

November election marks first time school board candidates can run as partisans

By Jared Quigg
MCC Reporter

MORGAN COUNTY — School board candidates for all four county school districts are set for the November election after the deadline to file arrived at noon last Thursday.

The general election will mark a milestone in Indiana politics, as it will be the first election to feature partisan school board candidates. Up 'til now, school board candidates have been strictly "non-partisan," but state lawmakers have tweaked election rules to allow candidates to run on a party ticket if they choose.

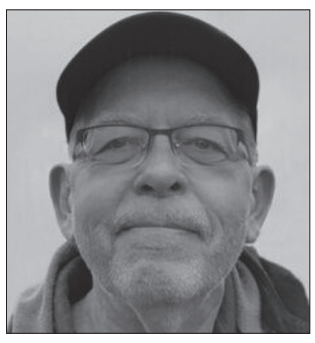
This election cycle, Mooresville Consolidated School Corp. has three seats up for election, the Metropolitan School District of Martinsville has two, the Monroe-Gregg School District has two, and the Eminence Community School Corp. has three.

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Obituaries

James 'Jim' Leslie Deppert, 69



MITCHELL — James "Jim" Leslie Deppert, 69, passed away Tuesday, June 6, 2023, at his residence.

Born March 30, 1954, in Mooresville, he was the son of Charles Benjamin Jr. and Ida "Joann" (Gunnell) Deppert.

Jim graduated from Mooresville High School, class of 1972. He enjoyed baking, fishing, hunting, traveling, and doing home improvement and construction. He loved his Akita named "Ojo".

Surviving are his children, Brandon (Chelsea) Deppert of Atlanta, Georgia and Austin Deppert of Jacksonville, Florida; grandson, Nathan Deppert; sister, Cynthia "Cindi" (Dwight) Offerman of Bismarck, North Dakota; nephews, Ryan Bussiere of Deadwood, South Dakota, Chad (Katie) Bussiere of Spearfish, South Dakota; great nieces, Ahria Bussiere, Stella Bussiere, and Claire Bussiere; great nephew, Lucius Bussiere.

His parents preceded him in death.

Family and friends are invited to visit on Saturday, June 27th from 10:00 am to 12:00 noon at Carlisle – Branson Funeral Service & Crematory. The graveside service will immediately follow at White Lick Cemetery in Mooresville.

Visit www.carlislebranson.com to sign the online guest registry or to leave a memory.

CARLISLE BRANSON FUNERAL SERVICE & CREMATORY

Karen Jean McQueen, 83



MOORESVILLE — Karen Jean McQueen, 83, of Mooresville, went onto her Heavenly home on Monday, June 22, 2026 while in the care of Worthington Place in Camby. She was born in Chicago, IL on February 8, 1943 to the late Lester Byard Collins and Beatrice (Nichol) Collins.

She graduated from Kelly High School in Chicago with the class of 1960. Karen dedicated many years of her life to her career as a bank teller at Citizen's Bank, where she became a familiar and friendly face for countless customers before retiring in 2011 as teller supervisor. Her warm demeanor and genuine kindness left a lasting impression on everyone she encountered.

A long-time member of Mt. Gilead Church, Karen found joy in her faith and actively participated in church activities, often walking the serene trails nearby for reflection and peace. She had a deep love for animals, especially dogs, and found happiness in the companionship they provided. In her leisure time, she embraced her creative spirit through crocheting, painting, and nurturing her collection of dolls.

She will be deeply missed by many including her children, Denise (husband, Mike) Milano of Twin Lakes, WI and Steve (wife, Angie) McQueen of Mooresville; grandchildren, Alysondra (husband, Bryce) Edwards, Rachelle (husband, Justin) Lucas, Derek Lucas, Marissa Milano, and Tori McQueen; and great grandchildren, Jaelynn Lucas, Journey Bain, Rowyn Edwards, and Stevie Bain.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Lester and Beatrice Collins; brothers, Marshall Collins, Lester Collins, Thomas Collins, and Robert Collins; sisters, Mildred Clugh, June Collins, Beatrice McCabe, and Ethel Ziolkowski; and grandchild, Brianna McQueen.

Family and friends are invited to visit on Saturday, June 27th from 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm at Carlisle - Branson Funeral Service & Crematory. Karen's Life Celebration Service will immediately follow beginning at 5:00 pm at the funeral home. Following the service, Karen's earthly remains will be cremated.

Visit www.carlislebranson.com to sign the online guest registry or to share a memory.

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Obituary Notices

Jay Wright

MONROVIA — Jay "Vince" Wright, 38, of Monrovia, died June 12, 2026. Arrangements by Light Memorial and Funeral Chapel in Monrovia.

Anthony Hines

MOORESVILLE — Anthony Scott Hines, 57, of Mooresville, died June 13, 2026. Arrangements by Carlisle-Branson Funeral Service and Crematory in Mooresville.

Lois Lambert

MARTINSVILLE — Lois Lambert, 74, of Martinsville, died June 15, 2026. Arrangements by Costin Funeral Chapel in Martinsville.

Henry Ratts

MONROVIA — Henry "Conrad" Ratts, 82, of Monrovia, died June 16, 2026. Arrangements by Light Memorial and Funeral Chapel in Monrovia.

Kimberly Sims

MARTINSVILLE — Kimberly M. Sims, 57, of Martinsville, died June 16, 2026. Arrangements by Costin Funeral Chapel in Martinsville.

Guy Cragen

MARTINSVILLE — Guy Nicholson "Nick" Cragen, 57, of Martinsville, died June 16, 2026. Arrangements by Neal and Summers Funeral and Cremation Center in Martinsville.

Gloria Walker

MOORESVILLE — Gloria Dean Walker, 86, of Mooresville, died June 18, 2026. Arrangements by Carlisle-Branson Funeral Service and Crematory in Mooresville.

Tina Stierwalt

MARTINSVILLE — Tina Maye (Hart) Stierwalt, 63, of Martinsville, died June 19, 2026. Arrangements by Neal and Summers Funeral and Cremation Center in Martinsville.

Nancy Keene

MONROVIA — Nancy (Finchum) Keene, 81, of Monrovia, died June 20, 2026. Arrangements by Light Memorial and Funeral Chapel in Monrovia.

Carl Jones

MONROVIA — Carl Alan Jones, 68, of Monrovia, died June 21, 2026. Arrangements by Light Memorial and Funeral Chapel in Monrovia.

Laura Hood

CLAYTON — Laura "Sue" Hood, 79, of Clayton, died June 21, 2026. Arrangements by Light Memorial and Funeral Chapel in Monrovia.

Marriage/Divorces

Marriage Licenses

Miyah Chambers, Mooresville; Hunter Brown, Mooresville
John Engel, Martinsville; Veronica Snyder, Martinsville
Jeff Allen Faudree, Martinsville; Stephanie Marie Peto, Avon
Hailie Jarvis, Mooresville; Avery Jesse Montani, Mooresville
John Michael Wolcott, Mooresville; Vonda Aletha Hutton, Mooresville
Justin Steddenbez, Plainfield; Bret Rene Haltom, Mooresville
Kasey Craycraft, Camby; Chad Frank, Camby
Ciera Lexus Nieto, Plainfield; Andrew David Coughlan, Camby
Meghan Renee Beaubien, Camby; Bailey Kristopher Gesteland, Camby

Divorces

Brittany Edwards vs. Eric Edwards
William Randolph vs. Lisa L. Randolph
Tabatha Franklin vs. Doyle Franklin
Vanise Val vs. Gerald Louis
Kimberly Lynne Miller vs. Gregory Ross Miller

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Death Notices

Morgan County Health Department

Karen Lee Altman, 71, Mooresville
Alice Miriam Rokosz, 82, Martinsville
Donald Gilbert Rafferty, 93, Martinsville
Sarah Jane Remster, 74, Mooresville
Roen Brown, 85, Mooresville
Jennifer Lynn Williams, 54, Martinsville
Eva Irene Henderson, 75, Mooresville
Jeffrey William Ritter, 63, Martinsville
Michael Charles Ice, 66, Martinsville
Carolyn V. Pfotenhauer, 88, Mooresville
Ramona Settle, 93, Mooresville
Robin Ion Raub, 73, Indianapolis
Shelba Lambert, 88, Mooresville
Guy Nicholson Cragen, 57, Martinsville
Lois J. Lambert, 74, Martinsville r Doyle Wilson, 101, Martinsville
Autry McCoy Tackett, 85, Martinsville
Barbara Faye Summers, 76, Indianapolis

Jail Bookings

These are preliminary charges and do not represent a conviction. Suspects are presumed innocent until proven guilty.

Zachary James Arnold, 21, Indianapolis, serving time – operating while intoxicated-serious bodily injury.

Max Christian Bailey, 35, Mooresville, operating a vehicle while intoxicated and operating a vehicle while intoxicated-endangerment.

Emily Nicole Baker, 33, Martinsville, possession of methamphetamine, possession of firearm by a serious violent felon, possession of cocaine or narcotic drug, possession of paraphernalia, and possession of a hypodermic syringe or needle.

Harleigh Rose Baker, 32, Martinsville, resisting law enforcement with two or more prior unrelated convictions.

Joshua Alan Carey, 35, Mooresville, operating a vehicle with a blood alcohol content of .15 percent or more.

Gavin Blake Carfiro, 19, Martinsville, serving time – possession of marijuana.

Jason Wayne Childs, 46, Camby, failure to appear.

Cody Ray Crawford, 26, Camby, failure to appear.

Jeremy Lee Denny, 44, Indianapolis, failure to appear.

Austin James Dixon, 29, Martinsville, parole violation.

Tyler Eugene Egan, 35, Martinsville, wanted on out of county warrant.

Jacob T. French, 48, Bloomington, possession of a hypodermic syringe or needle and possession of methamphetamine.

Maria E. Gates, 39, Indianapolis, serving time – operating a vehicle while intoxicated.

Alfonso Trejo Gonzales, 30, Martinsville, operating a vehicle while intoxicated and operating a vehicle while intoxicated-endangerment.

Darin Keith Goodnight, 52, Mooresville, domestic battery.

Jeffrey Lynn Goolsby, 60, Gosport, operating while intoxicated endangering a person, operating a vehicle while intoxicated, and operating with a controlled substance in body.

Demarkes Devanti Green, 38, Indianapolis, failure to appear.

Christopher Tate Hacker, 38, Indianapolis, petition to revoke probation.

Trevon Latrell Hatchett, 21, Indianapolis, driving while suspended-prior.

Dillon Richard Jones, 26, Martinsville, writ of attachment.

Michael Eliot Jones, 27, Anderson, operating a vehicle while intoxicated and operating a vehicle while intoxicated-endangerment.

Chelsea Renae Littell, 35, Greenwood, operating a vehicle while intoxicated-prior conviction.

Dustin Allen Manning, 40, Indianapolis, nonsupport of dependent child-violations.

Jacob Irvin Mays, 28, Saint Paul, serving time – probation violation.

Nicole Marie Mechling, 40, Martinsville, operating a vehicle while intoxicated.

James Edward Miller, 54, Martinsville, bond forfeiture.

Douglas S. Mize, 47, Indianapolis, serving time – probation violation.

Bruce Lee Pierce, 40, Martinsville, court-ordered return.

Aaron K.A.J. Pierce, 25, Mooresville, serving time – operating a vehicle while intoxicated-endangerment.

Jaylin Andrew Prichard, 27, homeless, possession of marijuana.

Toni Andrea Riffel, 53, Martinsville, battery-moderate bodily injury.

Shawna Cynthia Rogyom, 30, Monrovia, possession of methamphetamine, possession of a hypodermic syringe or needle, and possession of paraphernalia.

Wyatt Ethan Scott, 23, Gosport, domestic battery-simple assault.

Elizabeth Stone, 23, Indianapolis, maintaining a common nuisance-alcohol, two counts of neglect of a dependant child, possession of marijuana, and operating a vehicle while intoxicated.

Jason Lynn Thornton Jr., 22, Martinsville, petition to revoke probation, operating a vehicle while intoxicated-endangerment, operating a vehicle with a blood alcohol content of .15 percent or more, and operating a vehicle while intoxicated.

Shambree Lee Treadway, 46, Bloomington, possession of hypodermic syringe or needle and possession of paraphernalia.

Kendall Terrell Vaughn, 30, Evansville, invasion of privacy.

Kimberly Vega, 28, Indianapolis, marijuana cultivation.

Timothy James Warmuth, 44, Amo, possession of cocaine or narcotic drug, habitual traffic violator, operating without ever obtaining a license, operating a vehicle while intoxicated, and open container violation.

Daniel Gary Welch, 40, Mooresville, nonsupport of dependent/child.

Court News

Morgan County Superior Court I
Judge Dakota VanLeeuwen
Judge Pro Tem E. Grace Terrell

Randy A. Bailey, 36, Indianapolis, possession of marijuana. Sentence to 0 days in jail, fines and costs of $390.

Iran Bolin, 64, Morgantown, possession of marijuana. Sentenced to four days in jail, fines and costs of $790.

Gavin Carfira, 19, Martinsville, possession of marijuana. Sentenced to six days in jail, fines and costs of $390.

Danny Dotson, 26, Paragon, fraud. Sentenced to 200 days in jail (times served), fines and costs of $590.

Danny Dotson, 26, Paragon, visiting a common nuisance. Sentenced to 84 days in jail (time served),fines and costs of $590.

Justin Frederick, 50, Camby, maintaining a common nuisance. Sentenced to 912 days in jail, suspended except for two days to serve (time served), fines and costs of $590.

Christian Gonzalez-Sosa, 30, Indianapolis, operating while intoxicated endangering a person with prior conviction. Sentence to 382 days in jail (time served), fines and costs of $790.

Douglas Meadows, 63, Martinsville, invasion of privacy. Sentenced to 90 days in jail (time served), fines and costs of $590.

Douglas Meadows, 63, Martinsville, domestic battery. Sentenced to 365 days in jail, suspended except for 36 days to serve (time served), 329 days probation, fines and costs of $630.

Christopher Myers, 48, Martinsville, criminal confinement. Sentenced to 545 days in jail, suspended except for eight days to serve (time served), 537 days probation, fines and costs of $590.

Superior Court II
Judge Brian H. Williams

Michael A. Johnson, 60, Bloomington, habitual traffic violator. Sentenced to 370 days in jail, fines and costs of $590.



Morgan County EMS and law enforcement vehicles line the roadway on South Denny Hill Road just outside Paragon last week after a call of gunshot wounds was reported. Authorities soon discovered two deceased inside the residence. (Jared Quigg photo / MCC)

Two dead in Paragon after suspected murder-suicide

Staff Report

PARAGON — Two Paragon residents are dead after an apparent murder-suicide that occured June 17, according to the Morgan County Sheriff's Office (MCSO).

A call of reported gunshot wounds in the 1700 block of South Denny Hill Road northwest of Paragon came in to Morgan County dispatch just after 11:15 a.m. last Wednesday.

Arriving law enforcement discovered Suzanne Biddle, 48, and Jeffrey Parks, 54, deceased at the scene from gunshot wounds. The MCSO has since reported that the county's Major Crimes Task Force is investigating the incident as a murder/suicide.

Biddle's daughter, Taylor Biddle, weighed in on social media following the disclosure of the deceased's names by law enforcement.

"It is with a broken heart that I share that my mom, Suzanne Biddle, was taken from us," Biddle wrote. "Anyone who knew my mom knew what a special person she was. She had a smile that could light up an entire room and a kindness that made people feel welcome, valued and loved."

The incident remains under investigation, and anyone with information regarding this incident is asked to contact Det. Pat Williams at (765) 342-1080.

New Arrivals

Gabriel Gauthier

Gabriel Wade Gauthier was born June 3, 2026, to parents Whitney and Joshua Gauthier, of Martinsville.

Maliyah Lane

Maliyah Jaeann Lane was born June 18, 2026, to mother Tayden Ashman, of Mooresville, and father Randy Lane, of Indianapolis.

Martinsville woman killed in car crash

Staff Report

MARTINSVILLE — A Martinsville resident was killed last week after a vehicle collision on Ind. 142.

Pamela Hampton, 69, was driving a 2001 Honda Accord northbound on Wilbur Road June 17, and was approaching Ind. 142 when she failed to stop at a stop sign, according to witness statements obtained by the Morgan County Sheriff's Office.

Witnesses say Hampton pulled into the path of Andrew Wehrling, 20, of Mooresville, who was driving a 2013 GMC pickup pulling a trailer with lawn maintenance equipment east on Ind. 142 approaching Wilbur Road.

Wehrling attempted to dodge Hampton's vehicle, but was unsuccessful, and the GMC struck the driver's side of the Accord.

Emergency personnel were called to the scene and attempted life saving measures, but Hampton was ultimately pronounced deceased at the scene. She was the only person in her vehicle. A dog in her vehicle was transported to a veterinary clinic for aid.

Wehrling and a male passenger were not injured. Wehrling submitted to a chemical test as mandated by state law.

The area of Ind. 142 and Wilbur Road was under traffic direction by emergency personnel for about three hours June 17 while the crash was investigated and the wreckage was cleaned.

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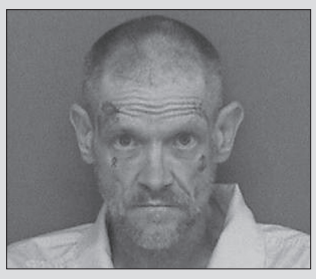
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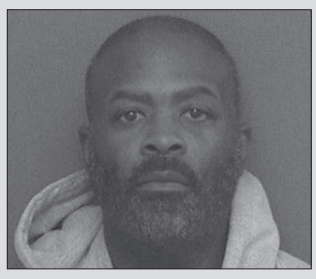
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Government Meetings

June 25
The Morgan County Regional Sewer District will meet at 6:30 p.m. at the Mooresville Police Station, 445 S. Indiana St.

June 27
The Martinsville City Council will meet for a budget workshop in the council chambers at 59 S. Jefferson St.

June 30
The Martinsville Fire Merit Board will meet at 6 p.m. in the training room at the station, 160 W. Morgan St.

The Green Township Fire Rescue Board will meet at 6:30 p.m. in their training room, 6475 Maple Grove Road near Martinsville.

July 1
The Monrovia Parks and Rec Board will meet at 6:30 p.m. at the Government Center, 60 S. Marley Way.

July 2
The Mooresville Redevelopment Commission will meet at 6 p.m. at the Government Center, 4 E. Harrison St.

July 6
The Morgan County Commissioners will meet at 9:30 a.m. at the Administration Building, 180 S. Main St. in Martinsville.

The Mooresville Public Library Board will meet at 4 p.m. at the library, 220 W. Harrison St.

The Morgan County Council will meet at 6:30 p.m. at the Administration Building, 180 S. Main St. in Martinsville.

July 8
The Martinsville Redevelopment Commission will meet at 7:30 a.m. in council chambers, 59 S. Jefferson St.

The Morgan County Redevelopment Commission will meet at 8:30 a.m. at the Administration Building, 180 S. Main St. in Martinsville.

The Washington Township Advisory Board will meet at 5 p.m. at the trustee's office, 159 W. Morgan St. in Martinsville.

The Monrovia Public Works Committee will meet at 6:30 p.m. at the Government Center, 60 S. Marley Way.

July 13
The Morgantown Town Council will meet at 6 p.m. at the Town Hall, 269 Washington St.

The Monroe-Gregg School Board will meet at 6:30 p.m. in the administration office, 135 S. Chestnut St. in Monrovia.

The Martinsville Board of Works will meet at 6:30 p.m. in the council chambers at 59 S. Jefferson St.

The Mooresville Park Board will meet at 6:30 pm. at the park office, 1101 Indianapolis Road.

- Morgantown (2nd Monday each month at the firehouse, 269 N. Highland St.
- Paragon (1st Monday each month at 7 p.m. at the town hall, 300 N. Main St.)
- Brooklyn (2nd Tuesday each month at 6 p.m. at Brooklyn Kids Park, 3277 E. Centenary Road)
- Bethany (4th Thursday each month at 7 p.m. at town hall, 7355 Bethany Park)

Local radio club returns for on-air competition and open house

By Brian Smith
Indy United ARC

CENTERTON — The rolling hills in central Morgan County seem peaceful now, but at the stroke of 2 p.m. on Saturday, June 27, it will become a flashpoint in a 24-hour battle of the skies. Not that anyone should notice.

When the members of Indy United Amateur Radio Club return to Morgan County this weekend for the eighth straight year, the only thing they'll be launching is a barrage of radio waves.

That's how it is on Field Day, an annual operating event that last year attracted about 4,400 entrants (including teams and individuals) and 30,000 participants across the U.S., Canada and beyond.

First held in 1933, Field Day challenges federally licensed amateur ("ham") radio enthusiasts to assemble a station from scratch — often in a remote location — and operate off the grid from 2 p.m. Saturday, June 27, to 2 p.m. Sunday, June 28.

During that time, the Indy United team will endeavor to make as many contacts as possible with other stations, probably around 5,000 or more, using Morse code, voice and digital transmissions. There's even a station designed to communicate via orbiting satellites.

And when it's all over, the team will wait a few months for scores to be tabulated and standings finalized, with a probable finish among the leaders. The Morgan County contingent has placed third overall during the past three years and even claimed a national championship in 2020.

But Field Day isn't just a competition. Sponsored by the ARRL (American Radio Relay League) (ARRL) of Newington, Conn., America's largest amateur radio organization, it's also a simulated emergency communications exercise, testing the readiness of radio operators in varied outdoor conditions, as well as an open house for curious members of the public.



A large antennae is trailered on site to assist with this weekend's 24-hour competition. (Indy United Amateur Radio Club courtesy photo)

For anyone who'd like to see a demonstration of ham radio equipment, and even talk on the air, Indy United's Field Day site is at Victor Conservation Club, located at 6675 Red Day Road, just off Ind. 67 near Centerton. The public is welcome to visit during daylight hours Saturday and Sunday (until 2 p.m.). For additional information, call or text 317-506-1980 or email w9su@arrl.net.

For Indy United club members, the weekend will begin by hauling in trailers, portable generators, radios, antennas and other equipment on Friday afternoon and setting it up by Saturday for the 24-hour battle over the airwaves.

So stop by, grab a mic, and join the fun!

Calendar of Events

Citizens Bank

June 25
Cruise-In On The Square located on Jefferson Street from Pike to City Hall in Martinsville from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. Bring those Classic, Custom, Hotrod, Resto Mod, Cars, Trucks, and Motorcycles out and join us. This is a free event.

Thursday Euchre at Martinsville Senior Center, 1369 Blue Bluff Road, at 5:45 p.m. $3 All are welcome.

Sisters of Sobriety at Recovery Engagement Center 265 Morton Ave, Martinsville at 6 p.m. Women only NA

Hour of Power at Recovery Engagement Center 265 Morton Ave, Martinsville at 7 p.m. Co-Ed NA

Free Summer Concert at The Venue, 183 N Jefferson St. Martinsville at 7 p.m. Duke Tumatoe & The Power Trio.

June 26 to 28
Antique Machinery Show at Morgan County Fairgrounds, 1749 Hospital Dr., Martinsville 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. antique tractors, steam engines and more. Live demonstrations, also includes a toy tractor show, swap meet and flea market, and tractor pulls!

June 26
Tiny Tots at the Monrovia Branch of Morgan County Public Library, 145 S. Chestnut St. from 10:30-11 a.m. every Friday.

Toddler Time at Morgan County Public Library, Main Branch 110 S. Jefferson St. in Martinsville, from 10:30-11 a.m., every Friday for children 1 to 2 yrs with caregivers, siblings outside the program's age range are welcome.

Friday Euchre at Martinsville Senior Center, 1369 Blue Bluff Road, at 12:15 p.m. $5 All are welcome.

Monthly Dinner at VFW Post 1257, 1000 Josephine St. in Martinsville, steak and fish dinner with potato and salad starting at 6 p.m. Cost is $20, for steak, $15 for fish.
Weekly pickup baseball and softball sandlot games at the Eminence Ball Diamonds every Friday 6:30–8:30 p.m. All Summer The program is open to both boys and girls, and no advance registration is required. Contact: Cord Watkins - 812-821-4053 Eminence Community Summer Market at Eminence Fire Barn 11612 Walter Rd. 6 - 8 p.m. to browse local vendors, Food vendors on site. Vendor Contact simplyhomemade25@gmail.com Spaces are limited; $15 booth fee; $25 food truck/trailer fee Proceeds benefit the fire department.

Taps on the Square at the Veterans Memorial, 95 E. Washington St. Martinsville. Meet and Greet at 6:40 p.m.; Names Read at 6:55 p.m. Paying tribute to all military service members and first responders who have passed.

TGIF at Recovery Engagement Center 265 Morton Ave, Martinsville at 7 p.m. 12 Step Recovery - open to all.

Karaoke Stars with Bobbi Delane at Hoosier Que/Foxcliff Golf Club, 1970 E. Mapleturn Road north of Martinsville at 7 p.m

The Sandlot at Martinsville Entertainment Theater, 36 E Morgan St. at 7 p.m. doors open at 6 p.m. $5 per ticket.

June 27
Morgan County Farmers Market at The Main Connection, 460 S Main St., Martinsville from 9 to 12:30 p.m. Every Saturday until 10-31-26. Live Music and activities. See the website or facebook page for more information.

Lego Time at League of Miracles 7101 E. Landersdale Rd. Camby 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Fourth Saturday of the month. June 27, July 25 and Aug 22.

Big Green Egg Cookout at Cedar Creek Winery, 3820 Leonard Rd. Martinsville 3-7 p.m. All proceeds going to Stability First. The menu typically includes brats, pork burgers, pulled pork, grilled cheese and pork and hot dogs.

Morgan County Democratic Party 250th Anniversary Fundraiser at the Martinsville Senior Center,1369 Blue Bluff Road at 6 p.m. Karen Tallian, Chairman of the Indiana Democratic Party will be the guest speaker $50.00 per ticket, for tickets: https://secure.actblue.com/donate/2026mc-fund

Drink at the Creek Concert Series at Cedar Creek Winery, 3820 Leonard Rd. Martinsville at 6 p.m. World Turning (Fleetwood Mac Tribute) and Those Damn Torpedoes (Tom Petty Tribute).

Jaws at Martinsville Entertainment Theater, 36 E Morgan St. at 7 p.m. doors open at 6 p.m. $5 per ticket.

June 29
Pioneer Pathfinders walk at Pioneer Park, 1101 N Indianapolis Road in Mooresville 9-10 a.m., meet at shelter #2.

Storytime at Morgan County Public Library, Main Branch 110 S. Jefferson St. in Martinsville from 10:30-11:15 a.m. every Monday for children 3 to 5 yrs siblings outside the program's age range are welcome.

Preschool Storytime with Ms. Emma at Waverly Branch of Morgan County Public Library, 9410 E State Road 144 from 10:30-11:30 a.m. every Wednesday.

Community Table, Free Hot Meal Monday's at First Christian Church, 89 S. Main St. in Martinsville from 5:30-6:30 p.m. Everyone Welcome.

Life Support Group for Women at 359 N. Elliott St., Martinsville (side entrance of Way of the Cross Church) from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Hosted by Arise Together. Call or text 317-430-9880 for more info. Meets every Monday.

PAL Parents of Addicted Loved Ones at The Haven Youth Center, 39 E. Jackson St. in Martinsville. Meets each Monday for education and support, 6:30-8 p.m. 317-494-8794

Recovery at Mt. Gilead Church, 6019 E. SR 144 in Mooresville, weekly meeting from 7-8:30 p.m. A Faith-based support group that values the 12-steps and the principles from scripture. Anyone looking to recover from something is welcome to attend!

June 30
Every Tuesday Midday Miracles at Recovery Engagement Center 265 Morton Ave, Martinsville at Noon. AA Open to all.

Teen Tuesdays at Morgan County Public Library, Main Branch 110 S. Jefferson St. in Martinsville, from 3-4 p.m. Teens in grades 6-12 can join us for weekly programs featuring crafts, games, creating art, and more!

Opinion

COMIC



Close the loophole to keep kids safe



Guest Column
SHANNON KOHL

As summer arrives, schools are closed, and children are heading into vacation.

For many parents, however, summer is anything but a break. With more free time comes a renewed focus on keeping children safe from a wide range of risks.

One growing threat remains largely unknown to many families: synthetic THC products that can still be found on the shelves of convenience stores and smoke shops across the country due to a regulatory loophole that created a legal "gray market."

THC, or tetrahydrocannabinol, is the psychoactive compound in cannabis responsible for the intoxicating "high" associated with marijuana. Synthetic THC products are created through chemical processes that convert hemp-derived compounds into highly concentrated cannabinoids, including substances such as delta-8 THC.

The problem traces back to the 2018 Farm Bill, which removed hemp containing 0.3 percent THC or less from the federal list of controlled substances. The change was intended to create new opportunities for farmers and expand the industrial uses of hemp.

What lawmakers did not anticipate, however, was how some manufacturers would exploit the law by chemically altering hemp compounds to create intoxicating products that exist outside traditional marijuana regulations.

As a result, products containing synthetic cannabinoids have been sold with little oversight, often without meaningful age restrictions, testing requirements or labeling standards. Even more troubling, many are packaged to resemble popular candies, cookies and beverages, making them particularly attractive to young people.

The consequences have been alarming. Over a 17-month period, poison control centers nationwide received more than 10,000 reports involving THC-laced edible exposures.

Recognizing the danger, Congress acted last year to close the hemp loophole and classify synthetic cannabinoids, including delta-8 THC, as illegal under federal law.

However, new regulations will not take effect until November 2026, allowing these products to remain on store shelves all summer and into the fall. During that delay, a multibillion-dollar industry continues to profit from the sale of products that pose significant risks to children and teens.

Congress should stand firm, keep the loophole closed, and provide states and law enforcement agencies with the tools they need to protect our communities.

I'm asking Congressman Jim Baird and other members of our Hoosier congressional delegation to keep the loophole closed. The safety of our children must take precedence over the interests of an industry seeking to preserve a regulatory loophole.

Parents also have an important role to play.

Talk with your children about the dangers of these products and the risks of consuming substances that may appear harmless but contain powerful psychoactive chemicals. If you suspect a child has ingested one of these products, contact poison control immediately.

We still do not fully understand the long-term health effects of many synthetic cannabinoids or the chemical processes used to create them.

Until we do, protecting young people from unnecessary exposure should be a matter of common sense.

Martinsville resident Shannon Kohl is the CEO of the Boys and Girls Club of Morgan County and was recently appointed by Gov. Mike Braun to serve on the Indiana Early Learning Advisory Committee.

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From the Newsroom
JARED QUIGG

The first time I covered Juneteenth, I was working as an intern for the Northwest Indiana *Post-Tribune*. A celebration was being held in downtown Gary, and my editor asked me to cover it.

The event itself was joyful. People pitched in lots of food, kids ran around playing games, and the people in attendance felt a sense of community. The weather was beautiful, and everyone had fun.

It was one of several stories I covered in Gary, and each time I visited, I felt more and more as if the city had earned a bad rap. Growing up 20 minutes away from the city, I always heard about how violent Gary was, and how you'd probably get shot if you went there. The warnings about Gary usually carried a tinge — sometimes a lot more than a tinge — of racism, with those who had no idea what they were talking about claiming white people would get killed by Gary's majority-Black residents.

Gary's reputation stemmed from a brief period in the 1990s when the city was heralded as the "Murder Capital of the U.S." after a spike in homicides. The city still maintains this reputation, despite the fact that murder hit a 55-year low in Gary last year, with just 28 homicides recorded by police.

Why let facts get in the way of a good narrative?

When I began working in Martinsville in 2024, I had hoped to cover Juneteenth again, only to find little observance of the holiday in the city beyond closed government offices. Friends of mine outside Morgan County expressed little surprise — after all, they said, it's Martinsville.

My experience in Martinsville made such a response feel cheap. Had I encountered racist people in the city? Sure, but — and I really must insist this — not any more than I have encountered anywhere else.

I live in Bloomington, a lovely city that also has racist people in it. It's the city that not long ago couldn't seem to go a week without seeing new swastika graffiti appear on downtown buildings, that contended with alleged white supremacy at its farmers market, and saw anti-Asian violence during the COVID-19 pandemic.

But these events are viewed as exceptions to Bloomington's reputation as a "liberal oasis in a conservative state."

When Martinsville has incidents of racism, on the other hand, well, that just proves what we all already knew: "Martinsville is racist."

Yes, just as Gary is the murder capital with record-low murders, so Martinsville is probably the safest "sundown town" people have never visited.

It is not at all my intention to downplay racism in Martinsville. But my contention is that the city is often unfairly depicted as the worst of the worst, a city apparently so racist that social media users mindlessly claimed a Juneteenth celebration here would be "a trap" — a particularly ludicrous comment repeated by many.

Why do people say such things about places like Gary or Martinsville? After all, the proof of such claims is usually pretty thin.

When talking about Martinsville's racist past, people love to conjure the ghost of Carol Jenkins, a Black woman who was murdered in Martinsville … by a man from Hendricks County. Nevertheless, the city of Martinsville, despite having nothing to do with Jenkins' death, installed a memorial for her outside city hall in 2017, and sought reconciliation with her family.

Gary is "still the murder capital," even after precipitous drops in murders, and Martinsville is "still racist," even after efforts to reconcile for a hate crime it didn't commit.

During the time I have worked here, I have seen the psychological effect the city's reputation has had on the community. People tell me they sometimes feel ashamed to admit they're from Martinsville, and I've heard countless people tell me their efforts to do good in the community have been inspired by their desire to cast Martinsville in a more positive light.

And yet the community is still seen with suspicion — why?

I place the blame on the news media, and who better to do that than me, a member of the news media.

Last week, Martinsville got more news coverage than ever for its plan to hold a Juneteenth celebration, and several outlets thought it best — as usual — to mock and deride the city leading up to Friday's event. The news coverage was abysmal, with so-called journalists citing anonymous Facebook accounts as evidence of Martinsville's irredeemable evil.

Instead of framing the Juneteenth event as a positive sign of progress, the outlets instead stirred up doubts and suspicion about the sincerity of the event, and fed malicious social media users the rage-bait slop they demanded.

Journalists have a responsibility to be better than this. People have busy lives, and so they look to us to inform them truthfully about things they don't know or have time to investigate.

Journalists love to talk about their success, and the difference they've made as a result of their work. I'm one of these people. But we don't acknowledge our failures enough.

Historically, we've had really big ones — and that trend continues in this age of anonymous sources and unverified "facts."

This is part of the reason trust in our profession is at an all-time low, particularly at the national level. But Indy media's recent coverage only reinforces the mistrust.

Too many journalists squander their credibility by resorting to clickbait and by feeding the rage that Americans feel about any number of issues. Facts are of secondary importance; the ultimate goal is for the public to click on your link.

I like to think we do better at *The Correspondent.* I know I, for one, would rather tell a boring story that's true than an exciting story based on lies. It's a challenge in our profession, sometimes, to make the truth interesting.

But I'll take that challenge every day of the week over running the same popular myth over and over again.

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The real question



Guest Column
CHIP KELLER

Recent discussion surrounding the proposed Google data center and the creation of a Tax Increment Financing (TIF) district in northern Morgan County has generated strong opinions on both sides. That's healthy. Large projects that will impact our community for decades deserve scrutiny, debate and transparency.

However, much of the current discussion is centered on the wrong question.

The real question is not whether Google should be located in a TIF district. The real question is whether Morgan County should use a portion of the new value created by this project to build infrastructure that benefits the public and supports future growth.

Critics of TIF districts raise some valid concerns.

Over time, some communities have become overly reliant on TIF revenue. Some districts have been extended repeatedly. Some projects funded through TIF have been more difficult to justify than others.

Reasonable people can disagree about those issues.

But it is important to separate philosophical objections to TIF from the specific facts surrounding the Google project.

For years, local leaders have discussed the need for an improved truck route in northern Morgan County. Long before Google entered the picture, concerns existed regarding truck traffic, congestion, safety, and future development opportunities in the area between Interstate 70 and Ind. 67.

The proposed Western Truck Route is not a gateway sign or a beautification project. It is transportation infrastructure intended to improve traffic flow, increase safety and accommodate future growth.

In Mooresville's preliminary study looking only at getting traffic from Ind. 42 to Ind. 67, the estimated cost ranged from $13 million to $18.5 million.

That raises an important question.

If not through new revenue generated by the data center, how should this project be funded? Should existing taxpayers across Morgan County bear the cost? Should the county issue debt supported by higher tax rates? Or should the project simply never be built?

The public discussion should also acknowledge another fact that has largely been overlooked.

According to financial projections prepared by Baker Tilly, even the initial phase of the Google project has the potential to expand the tax base and reduce tax rates for existing taxpayers.

Under the firm's analysis, the Monroe Township tax rate would decline from $1.7111 to $1.6607 per $100 of assessed value after the real property abatement expires. A homeowner with a $200,000 residence would save roughly $30 annually, while the owner of a $400,000 home would save about $60.

Those numbers may not sound dramatic. But they reflect only a single building. The proposed campus encompasses hundreds of acres, and the economic effects of a successful development extend well beyond one structure.

Additional investment, construction activity, utility expansion, local spending, and secondary development all create a multiplier effect that can benefit the community for decades.

There is another important fact that is often misunderstood.

Many people assume that if the project is not placed in a TIF district, schools, libraries, townships and other local units would suddenly receive a large windfall of new revenue. Under Indiana's levy-controlled property tax system, that generally is not how things work.

Additional assessed value does not automatically increase government budgets. Instead, it typically spreads the existing levy over a larger tax base, reducing tax rates while generating little or no increase in operating revenue.

Baker Tilly's one-building analysis shows that during the 10-year real property tax abatement, the only overlapping taxing units projected to receive additional levy revenue are the Morgan County Cumulative Capital Development Fund and the Monroe Township Fire District Special Cumulative Fire Fund. Each would receive approximately $4,800 annually. Most other units would experience lower tax rates but little or no increase in their operating levies.

By comparison, the same single building would generate approximately $246,000 annually in TIF revenue if placed within the allocation area.

That distinction changes the nature of the debate.

The question is not whether schools, libraries, townships and county government are being denied millions of dollars in new operating revenue. The question is whether a portion of the value created by the project should be used to lower tax rates immediately or invested in infrastructure improvements that benefit the broader community.

The Western Truck Route was not invented because Google arrived. Local officials have discussed the need for improved transportation infrastructure in northern Morgan County for years. The arrival of a major private investment simply creates an opportunity to fund a project many already believed was necessary.

Citizens should absolutely ask tough questions.

How long will the TIF remain in place? What projects can the money be spent on? Will there be annual pass-through distributions? How much revenue will ultimately be generated?

Those are legitimate questions.

But so is this one: If we are unwilling to use a portion of the wealth created by this project to build infrastructure that serves the public, when exactly would we ever do so?

Morgan County has spent years discussing how to expand its tax base, improve infrastructure and create opportunities for future generations. Now a project with the potential to bring billions of dollars of investment is being proposed within our borders.

No project of this magnitude will ever satisfy everyone. But decisions of this scale should be guided by facts, financial analysis and long-term planning rather than slogans or assumptions.

The question before us is not whether this opportunity exists.

The question is whether we will manage it wisely.

Chip Keller serves on the Morgan County Council. The views expressed are his own.

Summer fun is picking up steam



Art Cart
NANCY MAXWELL

Duke Tumatoe and The Power Trio performs this evening at The Venue as part of the Free Downtown Martinsville Summer Concert Series. Bring your chairs, blankets, snacks and bug spray, and come on down! The show starts at 7 p.m.

Calling all nonprofits! The Community Foundation of Morgan County has an ongoing funding program open to all nonprofits servicing Morgan County residents.

The "100 Women Who Care" and "Guys Who Give" groups meet quarterly. Members listen to a five-minute presentation from three organizations each time and vote for their choice of recipient for that quarter. All monies go to the winning vote-getter that quarter, and with the current Eli Lilly grant match, the dollars are significant.

As a member of the women's group, I enjoy an evening meeting other women from around the county, hearing specifics about groups working to better Morgan County lives, and most of all, seeing my very doable quarterly investment be so much more effective when joined with that of others as part of a much larger dollar amount.

Organizations receiving grant dollars since the program's inception last year include Churches in Mission, Habitat for Humanity, Stability First, WellSpring, Morgan County YMCA, A Senior Retreat, Hero Wildlife Adventures, the Boys and Girls Club of Morgan County, and MSD Education Foundation. Apologies to those I may have skipped!

No organization can be selected more than once in a two-year period by each group, and a group that isn't selected can try again the next time.

These organizations are all doing wonderful work for our community, and the monies definitely help them continue and expand their scope. There are other nonprofits in our county doing great work, but they are not always well known. Yet they could also benefit from the dollars awarded by this group. The Morgan County Humane Society, Community Cats, Community Band, service clubs and sororities all come to mind. Contact Kim Cole at CFMC for more information.

And speaking of the community foundation, it will be time to change out the artwork hanging in their beautiful public space at the end of July. If you are a Morgan County artist and interested in displaying artwork there, please contact me



National Red Rose Day
homes

Born to be an artist, Nancy Maxwell says, 'I love what I do'

By Jackie Finch
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Photos courtesy of Nancy Maxwell

When asked why she started painting as an artist, Nancy Maxwell has a simple answer, "Because I had to."

For some people, "it is as much an internal, unspoken drive as running or writing or gardening," she says. "There is a creative energy in us that must find its way out."

Since early grade school years, Nancy has been drawing and painting intentionally. "My mother started taking painting lessons when I was in third or fourth grade and the highlight of my week was getting to sit quietly watching her lessons."

Sadly, finances and the requirement of wrangling five children cut her mother's artistic endeavors short. At about the same time, Nancy became very much aware of how much she did not enjoy her public school weekly art class.

"It was cutting and pasting construction paper items, copying the teacher's very generic samples, with nothing that allowed for individual creativity, and about as inspirational as a preschool coloring page."

Nancy painting in her Art Sanctuary studio in Martinsville.

I was totally honored to be featured in the Herald-Times earlier this month. Art is my passion, and sharing that passion is always a privilege. (Courtesy clipping)

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This weekend enjoy the Antique Machinery Show at the county fairgrounds, always the last weekend in June. A wide variety of antique tractors, steam engines, demonstrations, a toy tractor show, tractor pull and flea market are all happening this weekend. Kids of all ages will enjoy seeing these antiques, many still in great working order, and this year, a number of new activities have been added, including the Kids Zone, scavenger hunt, kids tractor display, and tractor teeter totter. And for the older crowd, this year's craft fair and quilt show will be in an air-conditioned location! Oh, and an adult pedal tractor pull, too. The Morgan County Beef Producers will also be serving food in the Sertoma/Beef tent at the event.

In the meantime, Fables and Fairy Tales will host a "Meet the Authors" event with The Three Scribes also on Saturday, June 27 from 1 to 3 p.m. at bookstore in downtown Martinsville. Their book, "The Sapphire Heart," will be available for purchase and signing at the event.

The July movie in the PDS-sponsored Kids Movie Series is "Sing" at Torchlight Theatre in Mooresville. Movies are scheduled the first Saturday of every month. Doors open at 9:30 a.m. with show starting at 10. Admission cost is a food or personal care item for the Churches in Mission Pantry.

Tickets are now on sale for the July 10-19 production of "Sweeney Todd: The Demon Barber of Fleet Street," presented by the Merry Mac Players at the Depot Theatre, 210 N. Marion St. in Martinsville. Turn back to 19th century London where Todd, an unfairly exiled barber, returns seeking justice from the judge who framed him. Time and ticket details and ticket purchase are available at www.eventbrite.com.

The Thursday evening Drawing Group in my studio at Art Sanctuary takes a break after tonight's class until mid-August. If you would like to be on the mailing list for this group, contact me.

The Indiana Heritage Arts 48th Annual Show and Sale continues at Brown County Art Gallery in Nashville. The show represents the best in traditional painting from some of Indiana's best artists including several from Morgan County. It is well worth the short drive to Nashville; BCAG is free and open every day, with free parking.

Oh, and one more thing — The Morgan County Coalition for Literacy will have a booth in the Merchants Tent at the county fair this year. They will be giving away books and magazines and are looking for donations of those items to stock their booth. If you have gently used reading materials (for any age) contact the Morgan County Literacy Coalition, Debbie Dodge, or get them to me at my Art Sanctuary studio, and I will see that they get them.

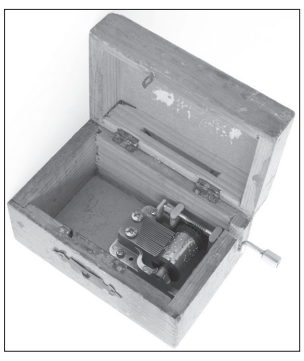
And last but not least, thank you for all the kind comments concerning my being featured in the June 12 HOMES edition of the *Herald Times* in Bloomington. I was honored to be selected and have my art and art career featured!

Keep me posted at nancy.maxwell@me.com or text to 765-318-0972.

Rupture and repair – Part 1



Authors Who Serve
RACHEL HILLS



The broken music box meant more to Helen than the tune it was meant to play. (Courtesy photo)

Authors Who Serve
All writers are invited to join our Mooresville-based writing group. Please email Rachel@AuthorsWhoServe.com for more information.

When his hand trembled so much it knocked the screw out of the hole, he slammed the screwdriver on the bench. He looked up to make sure no one saw his little tantrum, then rested his right hand on his belly, massaging it with his left. Deep breaths, slowing.

At last, he lifted his right hand and picked up the screwdriver. The magnetic pull of the shank held the screw long enough this time to get it started.

He breathed relief with the last screw secured, made sure the second-hand sweep was moving, and surveyed the other repairs. At this rate, he would finish next month.

He chastised himself for being negative. One project at a time. That's all he had to do. That's all he *could* do. He wasn't in charge of engineers any more.

The door of the community repair café opened, and a slight, dark-haired girl with big glasses walked in. He called her a girl.

At his age, they all looked young, but she was probably in her late 20s. She held the hand of a toddler and carried a small, rectangular object.

"How can I help you?" he asked.

"Do you think you can fix this?"

She held up a music box and looked at it tenderly.

"It doesn't play now." She looked at her child and said, "I think someone climbed my dresser."

He winced, thinking how small the screws were in the tiny device. If the parts were still there, could he find the problem? The comb was likely bent if a child got hold of it.

"I can't promise anything, but I'll take a look."

He pulled out the ticketing system and asked her name.

"Helen Shaw."

He recorded her information on the ticket.

"And there's no charge?" she asked.

He thought of the town dump, full of slightly used appliances and furniture.

"No, no charge. We love giving back to the community. We also have a computer repair guy if you need that, or car repair."

Her eyes locked on his, ready to overflow.

"Car repair? I need work done on my brakes, but I can't afford it right now. I've been driving slow as I can."

"We have a sign-up for that. Here you go."

A sob escaped as she filled in her information.

He noted her car was a '98, and he wondered what else needed work.

He reached for the music box when the child pulled her off balance.

"I can take that."

He put it on a cafeteria tray to catch small parts.

"I'll get started now. I can't tell you how long it will take until I know what's wrong."

She smiled, reminding him of his wife, and he said, "My name's Bruce."

"Hi, Bruce. How long have you been repairing things?"

"Oh, all my life. Used to be, we repaired everything because we couldn't buy new. And I loved surprising my Violet when she thought something couldn't be fixed."

"My grandmother used to talk about my grandfather fixing things," she said. "I never got to see it because he died. She said he made this music box, but that was before I was born. I loved to hear her play it when I went to her house."

He pulled out a miniature screwdriver set and hoped his body would cooperate.

"I don't know why I'm rattling on," she said. "Maybe because I miss my grandma, and this music box is the only thing I have of hers. You remind me a little of her."

His head jerked away from the stand magnifier to stare at her.

"I'm sorry. I didn't mean any offense. You just talk like she did."

He dripped a small dot of oil on a rusty screw.

"Likely the same generation. I miss my Violet, too. She passed on 12 years ago, and I had to retire since I … didn't handle the grief very well."

"But you're working now."

"Yep. Can't stay home forever."

He grunted as he twisted the screw, then sighed when it turned without snapping. Now he could see the problem and worked to free the comb from catching on the cylinder. If he could reset it, maybe she could take the music box home today.

The toddler had tired of the kids toys and was trying to climb the counter.

Bruce eyed him and said, "Ellie used to climb, too. Couldn't stop her."

"Who's Ellie?"

"My granddaughter. She lives far away now, and I don't see her much."

"Sounds like you miss her."

He seated the comb in position over the cylinder, adjusted two screws, and twisted the key. Small, tinny notes sounded, and she laughed.

"Looks like you can take this home. Won't take but a minute to finish."

She hurried behind the counter and gave him a fierce embrace.

He pulled away and growled, "Now, now, missy," but the corners of his mouth quirked up a bit.

Rachel Hills is a Mooresville resident whose playground includes the power of story and the joy of seeing.

POEM

Closing the coop on a spring evening

When visited by my grandparents as a wee lad,
Dusk news of "we need to go" — ever made me sad;
"Chickens need their freedom ended before it gets too dark;"
I never tired of their gentle wit, which always hit the mark.

Blessed good fortune has smiled — I am now where they used to be;
Grandkids and chickens, with a need to keep both varmint-free;
Closing the coop, an evening time chore no matter what the weather;
Keeping racoons and skunks out so they can't harm a feather.

Dusk provides sounds and smells, each with a seasonal flavor;
Favorite though are the Spring and Autumn treats ever to savor;
Although I enjoy crickets singing with musty crunching leaves of Fall,
Nothing tops Springtime with its welcome offerings to befall.

On a recent warm Spring evening, the first of the year,
I found old pleasures of sound and sense welcome and near;
Peepers from the pond treasured like a lost old friend,
Along with a hoot owl and tree frogs, their song to attend.

Lillies of the Valley added fragrance to a gentle, warm breeze;
Near the coop a gentle chortle of good nighting hens ease;
My wonder of how many past generations had experienced it thus,
In closing up the coop — simple pleasures an unexpected plus.

So now I better understand Grandpa's early need to depart;
There were more than duties of protection resting in his heart;
Lessons learned from his father, all fathers there before,
More awaits the duty of closing coops at dusk in store.

— Don Adams, On Bethel Pond, May 2026





Party politics in action

Staff Report

INDIANA — Movers and shakers within Indiana's two leading political parties have had a busy month, as each held its statewide convention in June.

The 2026 State Democratic Convention took place June 6 in downtown Indianapolis, where Secretary of State candidate Beau Bayh defeated Blythe Potter for the nomination. In two uncontested seats, Jessica Bailey was nominated for state comptroller, and Coumba Kebe for state treasurer.

On the GOP side, meanwhile, the state convention was held last weekend in Fort Wayne, where Max Engling came out on top of a hotly contested four-way race for Secretary of State, with incumbent Diego Morales falling short in his re-election bid. In two unchallenged races, incumbents Elise Nieshalla and Green Township resident Daniel Elliott were nominated for state comptroller and state treasurer respectively.



Members of the Morgan County Democratic Party gather in downtown Indianapolis during the 2026 State Democratic Convention earlier this month. (Philip Fowler courtesy photo)



Members of the Morgan County Republican Party gather for a photo on the floor of the 2026 State Republican Convention on Saturday. (Courtesy photo)

Lions remember two longtime members

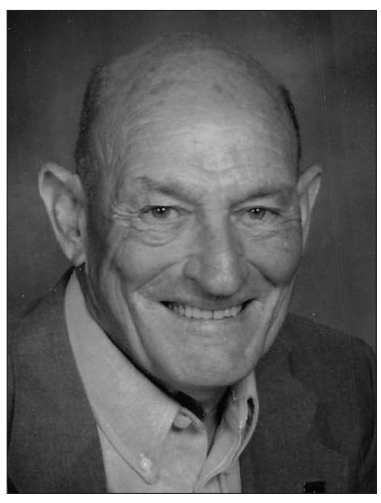
By Randy Haymaker
Mooresville Lions Club

MOORESVILLE — Mooresville Lions Club has been overseeing their centennial this year, marking their 100th anniversary that occurred last fall.

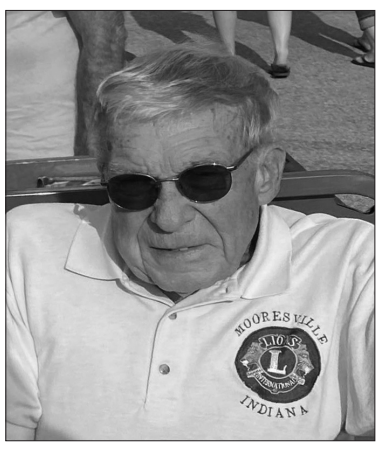
They were the first Lions club in Morgan County, followed shortly by Martinsville and later in Brooklyn Paragon, Eminence and Monrovia.

But the club's upcoming Old Settlers (July 30 to Aug. 2) will be saddened by the loss of two longtime Lions, both aged 91 years — past president Wendell Thaler and a former Lion of the Year, Bob Baldwin .

Both were instrumental in many areas, with Baldwin a multi-sport athlete at Mooresville High Schools and a construction manager on many projects in Central Indiana. Thaler was a former school board member, chamber of commerce president and helped bring Nice-Pak to Mooresville over 50 years ago. He retired as vice president of Vectren (Indiana Gas). Thaler was my sponsor when I joined in 1971.



Bob Baldwin



Wendell Thaler

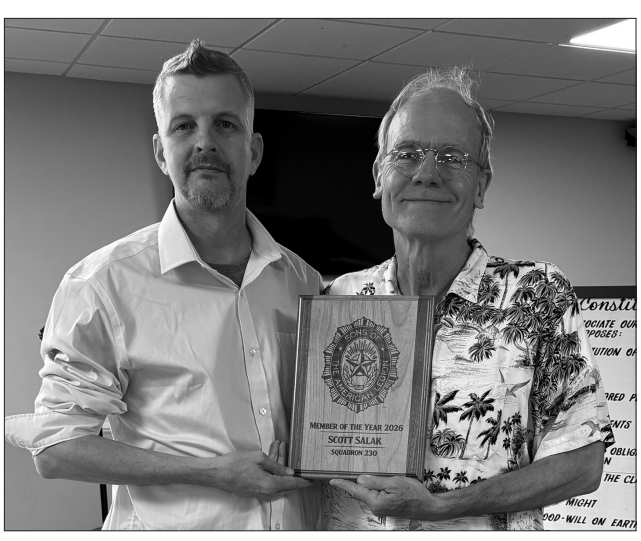
The club was formed at a critical time. The interurban (electric rail) that connected many cities throughout the state was being phased out by automobiles. The rail generating station provided electric power and boosted water pressure in Mooresville. The Lions club advocated for Indianapolis Power & Light and later, IPL CEO Zane Todd served as club president.

After World War II, Lions returning from the war restarted the Old Settlers celebration that was originally hosted by town founder, Samuel Moore, in 1871.

The club also developed the Chamber of Commerce, advocated for today's bypass of Ind. 67 to free up parking downtown, brought natural gas to eliminate coal trucks and the early morning coal dusting from the school's smokestack, and built the 1959 high school. They proposed the town's first Economic Development Commission in 1974 to attract Nice-Pak followed by many other employers, thereby diversifying the economy.

Baldwin and Thaler, and others, worked hard to continue the club for its centennial, and both saw it rejuvenated by today's leadership still carrying out their motto: "We Serve."

They were both longtime members of the United Methodist Church, and, living near it, I will sing along with them in my garden this summer, as I hear the favorites programmed by Thaler into the church chimes.



From left: Josh Scully, of the Sons of the American Legion, presents the 2026 Volunteer Member of the Year award to Scott Salak. (Dave Rinehart courtesy photo)

Legion holds Commander's Appreciation Dinner

By Dave Rinehart
American Legion Post 230

MARTINSVILLE — The Commanders Appreciation Dinner was held earlier this month at American Legion Post 230 in Martinsville, with Commander Rodney Chandler presiding.

After a nice meatloaf dinner was prepared for all in attendance, Chandler thanked all the different branches of the local Legion and the volunteers for their support throughout the past year, and a shirt was presented to all.

Chandler also gave special recognition to the members of the American Legion Honor Guard for their dedication as members for attending funerals for fallen veterans, and the many different functions they attend.

Helping spread the Sonshine

Staff Report

MORGAN COUNTY — For nearly 30 years, local senior living facilities have been basking in the warmth of the Sonshine Ladies, who have made it their mission to visit patients and staff.

With kind words, prayer and even the occasional fun activity like puppet shows, the Sonshine Ladies spend a couple of hours each week bringing joy to all.

They're currently looking for additional volunteers to help the cause, people "who just want to talk and share the 'Sonshine' of Jesus Christ to some of the dearest people — those in the nursing homes."

For more information on how to volunteer, call Linda Pfaff at 765-346-3799.



From left: Sonshine Ladies Shirley Hatton and Linda Pfaff, decked out in their bright yellow Sonshine shirts, pause for a photo during one of their weekly visits to area nursing homes. (Courtesy photo)



Understanding your options for home internet puts you in control and makes that next internet bill feel a little less mysterious. (Courtesy photo)

A simple guide to home internet

What are you actually paying for?

Shopping for home internet can feel like decoding a foreign language.

Between fiber, cable, 5G and satellite, not to mention all the speed numbers, it is hard to know what actually matters.

At its core, internet service is simply how data gets to your home. The experience you have depends on the type of pipeline delivering it. Some are faster, some are more reliable, and some are more widely available.

Understanding the differences can help you make a smarter choice without getting lost in technical jargon.



Untangling the Web
KEITH PARKER

Fiber: fast and reliable

Fiber internet uses light signals sent through tiny glass strands and is currently the fastest and most reliable option available. The biggest advantage is consistency.

Fiber offers very high download speeds and equally fast upload speeds, which means smoother video calls, faster file uploads and less buffering overall. It also holds up well during peak evening hours when everyone is online.

The main drawback is availability. Not every neighborhood has fiber access yet, though it continues to expand.

Cable: popular middle ground

Cable internet runs through the same coaxial cables used for cable television, making it one of the most widely available options.

For most households, it offers a strong balance of speed and affordability. Streaming, browsing and working from home are typically no problem. However, cable connections are shared within a neighborhood, so speeds can slow down during busy times like evenings.

Upload speeds are also slower than download speeds, which can affect video calls or sending large files.

DSL: slower, but still around

DSL uses traditional phone lines to deliver internet and is still available in some areas, especially rural or older communities. Its main advantage is accessibility and cost, but it is much slower than fiber and cable and can struggle with multiple devices.

For light internet use such as email and occasional browsing, it can still be enough.

5G: wireless and growing

5G home internet is one of the newest options and uses cellular signals instead of cables.

The appeal is simplicity. Setup is usually as easy as plugging in a device, and pricing is often competitive. It is a strong option for renters or homes without access to fiber.

The tradeoff is variability, since speeds can fluctuate depending on signal strength, network congestion, and even your home's location relative to nearby towers.

Because of these speed variables, gaming, streaming, and heavy usage may not be the best fit for a 5G option, despite the ease of setup and use.

Satellite: a rural solution

Satellite internet beams data from space to a dish at your home, making it available almost anywhere.

For rural areas, it can be a lifeline. However, it comes with challenges such as higher delay, potential weather interference and often higher costs. Activities like gaming or video calls may not perform as smoothly.

What's right for you

If fiber is available, it is typically the best choice for speed and reliability. Cable is a strong and practical alternative for most households. 5G is worth considering for its simplicity and flexibility, while DSL and satellite fill important gaps where other options are not available.

One final tip is to not just focus on advertised speeds. Consistency matters just as much. A connection that works reliably every day is often more valuable than one that is fast on paper but inconsistent in practice.

Understanding your options puts you in control and makes that next internet bill feel a little less mysterious.

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Unearthing local history

New items wanted for tricentennial capsule for 2076

From Patty Dow
Morgan County–America 250



The Morgan County bicentennial time capsule is lifted from its grave on the northwest corner of the courthouse lawn in July 2025. The coffin was buried on July 4, 1976 and is set to be opened on July 4, as the nation celebrates its 250th anniversary. (Morgan County Surveyor's Office courtesy photo)

MORGAN COUNTY — While moved last year from its original location, the time capsule buried on the courthouse lawn in 1976 is set to be opened July 4 at a ceremony at 11:30 a.m. at Jimmy Nash Park in Martinsville.

Due to the renovation work being conducted at the county courthouse, the capsule — in fact, a burial vault — was dug up last year and has been stored at the county highway barn in Centerton. Jim and Pam Asher will move the vault to the park for the event and unseal it.

Pam's father, Sonny Crismore, donated the top-seal vault back in 1975 as part of the time capsule committee, which included Ron and Debbie Martindale, Mike and Cindy Stephy, and Mark and Shugg Bastin.

The vault is filled with large and small envelopes of pictures, stories, information, letters, and messages to descendants of people in Morgan County. Large envelopes were sold for $4 and smaller envelopes for $1.

The vault was painted red, white and blue prior to its burial, which Jim Nash, county bicentennial chairman, called the "happiest burial in history." The monument marking the burial was provided at a discount price by Hartley's Monument.

It is believed there is a list of everything that was placed in the time capsule, but it has not been found. If you know of someone who placed an item in the vault, please inform their descendants so they can retrieve the item.

Groups or people who placed items in the time capsule were mentioned in The Reporter back in 1976.

A few of those listed include Bette Nunn, the Mooresville Eastern Star, Paragon Christian Church, Men's Prayer Breakfast of Martinsville, Mooresville Alumni, the Toni & LaVern Weddel family, attorney Sam Blue, Martinsville Chamber of Commerce, and Joyce Hamilton.

Items will be distributed as they are taken out of the vault. Envelopes not collected on July 4th will be held in the Morgan County History Center and Museum for retrieval.

The Morgan County America 250 group has purchased an antique trunk to be used as the 2076 time capsule. This trunk will be locked and stored at the Morgan County History Center and Museum for opening July 4, 2076, on our country's 300th birthday.

Items will be placed in 10-inch-by-13-inch or smaller envelopes and preserved in archival boxes inside the trunk. Handling instructions will be placed on the outside of the trunk along with a commemorative plaque.

If you are interested in leaving a memento for future generations, the national America 250 has set forth these guidelines:

• All paper items used in the time capsule should be printed on permanent archival paper.

• Plastics are not recommended to be placed in the capsule as they can degrade and damage other items over time.

• Time capsules should be stored in a secure location, not buried.

Envelopes will be available at the Morgan County History Center and Museum — 127 S. Main St. in Martinsville — and at the Fourth of July program.

The America 250 group, a subsidiary committee of the museum, will accept envelopes until July 31 or until the trunk is full. The trunk will then be locked and not accessed until July 4, 2076.



IT'S UNUSUAL for people to laugh over a burial vault, but these three are. The reason is the Morgan County Bicentennial Committee will bury this vault as a time capsule in 1976, to be opened 50 years later. Large envelopes will be sold for $4, while small ones will sell for $1 to people in the community who wish to leave pictures, stories, information, letters or messages for their descendants. Jim Nash is chairman of the county committee, and Ron and Debbie Martindale are co-chairmen of the time capsule project. Nash said the capsule (vault) should be decorated in patriotic colors before the burial. He said it will be the happiest burial in history. Sonny Crismore, owner of Crismore Burial Vaults, is donating the top seal vault distributed by Wilbert of Indianapolis. Its cost is approximately $375. Serving with the Martindales on the Time Capsule Committee are Mike and Cindy Stephey and Mark and Shugg Bastin. From left to right are Crismore, Mrs. Martindale and Nash. The envelopes to be placed in the time capsule will be on sale at the Bicentennial booth in the merchants' tent at the Morgan County Fair. The envelopes must be returned to the Bicentennial Committee before the capsule is buried on July 4, 1976. Of course, there will only be a limited space, and the burial will take place on the courthouse lawn.

This newspaper clipping from 1975 shows the burial vault of the time capsule before it was painted red, white and blue, packed with local mementos, and placed in the ground at the courthouse square on July 4, 1976. (Courtesy clipping)



The time capsule marker had been in place for 49 years before it was unearthed in July 2025 by the Morgan County Surveyor's Office. (Morgan County History and Genealogy Association courtesy photo)

Remembering Blandell Hutson

A life that tells a fuller story

By Chip Keller
Morgan County History Center and Museum

Growing up in Martinsville, I didn't learn about my hometown from big city headlines or folklore reputation. I learned about it around the dinner table.

And more often than not, Blandell Hutson was sitting there with us.

Blandell was a regular guest in our home — holidays, birthdays, the kind of gatherings where stories are told and retold. As a kid, I didn't think much about it. He was simply part of our extended circle.

It was only later, as I got older and became more aware of Martinsville's reputation as a "sundown town," that I began to realize how much his life quietly challenged that narrative.

Because the truth is, Blandell Hutson didn't just pass through Martinsville. He lived here, worked here, built relationships here, and by all accounts, did well.

Born in 1906 in Martinsville, Blandell was a lifelong resident of Morgan County. His roots ran deep. Newspaper clippings from as early as 1912 place him here as a child with his family. He graduated from Martinsville High School with the Class of 1925 and remained connected to his classmates for decades, attending reunions well into later life. That alone tells you something. He wasn't isolated. He was part of the fabric of the community.

Like many of his generation, Blandell answered the call to serve during World War II. He spent more than two years in the Army, including time overseas in England and France before returning home to Martinsville. After the war, he resumed his work and his life here. Not somewhere else, not in a place that might have seemed more welcoming, but right here.

And he worked. Blandell was known throughout Martinsville as a shoeshine man, a trade he began as a young man and continued for decades. For more than 20 years, he shined shoes at Coffey's Barber Shop just off the square, becoming a familiar and dependable presence in the daily lives of countless residents. He built a steady clientele and a reputation for reliability. There's dignity in that kind of work, and respect earned the old-fashioned way.

But Blandell's life wasn't just about work. He was part of a church family. He and his wife, Bessie, became members of First Baptist Church, where they were welcomed and embraced.

One story recalled years later describes how Bessie was warmly received into what had traditionally been an all-white congregation. It was an act of simple but profound Christian kindness that left a lasting impression. Blandell himself was remembered as "a real gem" by those who knew him.

That matches the man I remember.

He was kind. Steady. Easy to be around. The kind of person adults respected and kids felt comfortable with. My family didn't "make a point" of including Blandell. He was included because he belonged. Newspaper clippings from the 1970s and '80s even show him listed among guests at our family holiday gatherings — just another name among friends.

That's how I knew him. Not as a symbol, not as an exception, but as a friend.

I remember my father telling me a story that has stayed with me. One year, Blandell's niece invited him to Christmas dinner in Indianapolis. He politely declined. When asked why, he simply said he already had plans. He was going to Bobby Keller's.

That was our home. That was where he chose to be.

None of this is to deny Martinsville's complicated and, at times, painful racial history. That reputation didn't come from nowhere. It is real, and it deserves to be acknowledged honestly.

But it is not the whole story.

Blandell Hutson's life reminds us that history is rarely as simple as a single label. Even in places with difficult pasts, there are also stories of relationships, respect and shared community.

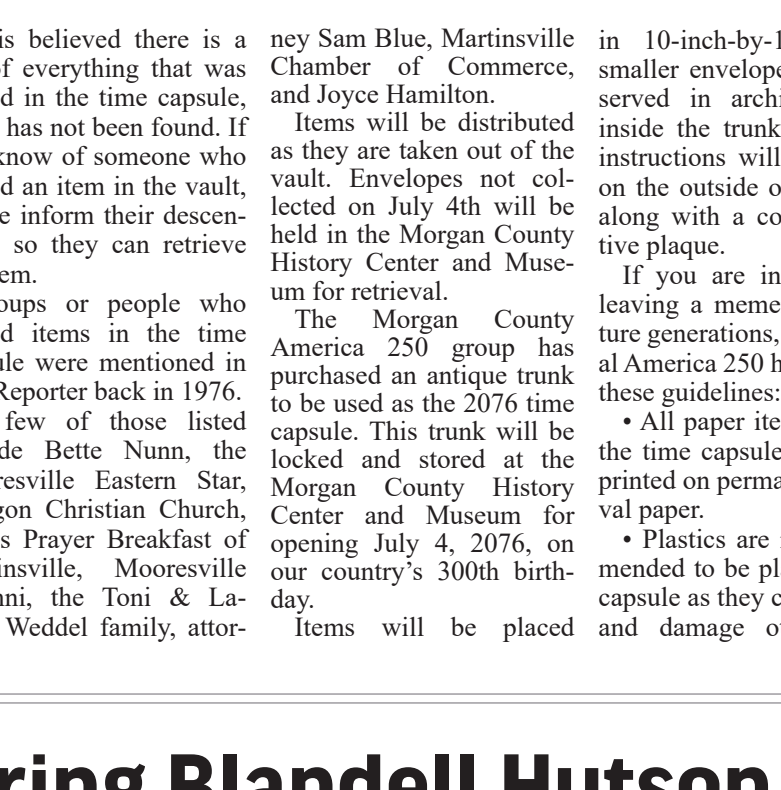
There were African Americans in Martinsville who built lives, formed friendships, contributed to the town, and were, in meaningful ways, part of it.

Blandell's life stretched across nearly the entire 20th century, from 1906 to 1996. Think about how much changed in America during that time. Through it all, he remained in Martinsville. That says something, not just about him, but about the place, too.

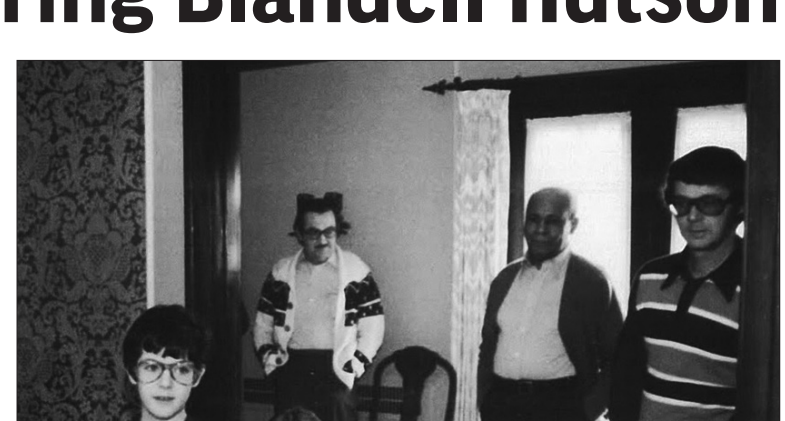
When I think of Blandell now, I don't think about labels or reputations. I think about a man who sat at our table, who chose to be there, who lived a long and steady life in the same town I call home.

And I think about how important it is to tell the full story.

Because places, like people, are never just one thing.



My sister and I get a front-row view of the dinner table as Blandell Hutson joins the Keller family for one of our many holiday gatherings. (Chip Keller courtesy photo)



Citizens for Cultural Enhancement members gathered Monday night to hear guest speaker Dr. Coy Robbins, a retired Indiana University professor, discuss the history of blacks in Morgan County. Dr. Robbins said that 35 out of the 107 blacks living in Morgan County during the Civil War fought in the war. He added that there were 115 black persons living here in 1890, according to the census that year. Dr. Robbins is shown, at left, talking with group Chairman Connie Feagans. — Photo by Ria Gano

At right

Present at last night's Cultural Enhancement meeting was Blandell Hutson, a lifelong resident of Morgan County. Dr. Robbins described Mr. Hutson as "a real gem." — Photos by Ria Gano

A 1991 newspaper article describes a visit from a retired IU professor, who was the keynote speaker for a meeting of the local Citizens for Cultural Enhancement group. The professor described Blandell Hutson as 'a real gem' of Martinsville. (Courtesy clipping)



LLOYD DAILEY

Purdue Essay Contest II, III, IV;
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"He is well paid; that is well satisfied."
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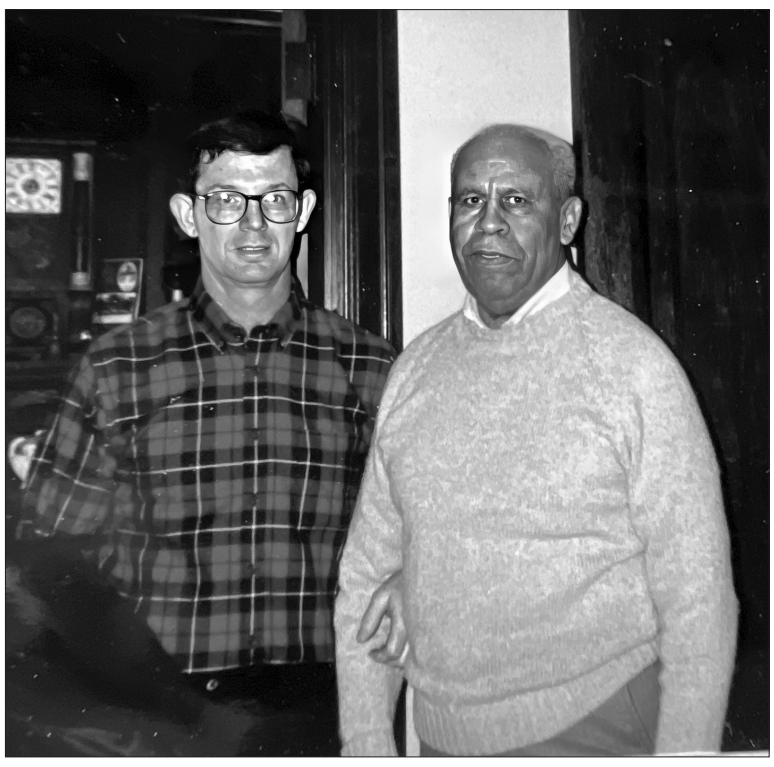
BLANDELL HUTSON

"A little nonsense now and then,
Is relished by the wisest men."
Anonymous.

SYBIL McDANIEL

Latin Club I, IV;
Sunshine Society II, III, IV;
Chorus II, III, IV.

Blandell Hutson, featured here in the Martinsville High School yearbook from 1925, was born and raised in Martinsville. (Courtesy clipping)



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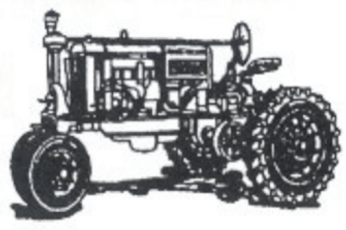
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8:00 AM Vendors Open for Business
9:00 AM Opening Ceremonies
10:00 AM Working Exhibit Demonstration
1:00 PM Tractor Dyno Opens
2:00 PM Working Exhibit Demonstration
3:00 PM Tractor Games
4:00 PM Skillet Toss/Nail Driving Contest
5:00 PM Working Exhibit Demonstration/Cruise-in Opens
6:00 PM Tom Fiddlery at the Gazebo
9:00 PM Cruise-in Ends

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7:00 AM Registration and Set-up Opens
8:00 AM Vendors Open for Business
9:00 AM Opening Ceremonies
10:00 AM Working Exhibit Demonstration / Motorcycle Ride Leaves Fairgrounds / Touch A Truck / Tractor Begins
11:00 AM Tractor Teetor Totter Competition
12 NOON Straw Search For Kids
12:30 PM Kids Pedal Tractor Pull Registration Opens
1:00 PM Kids Tractor Pedal Pulls/Farmers Market Ends
2:00 PM Working Exhibit Demonstration / Pet Adoption Ends / Touch A Truck / Tractor Begins
3:00 PM Pedal Tractor Games & Races
4:00 PM Adult Pedal Tractor Pulls
5:00 PM Working Exhibit Demonstration
6:00 PM Tom Fiddlery at the Gazebo

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Food Opens at 8 AM Served All Day
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8:30 AM Church Service
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City shuts down PO Box, moves to mailing addresses

By Stephen Crane
MCC Editor

MARTINSVILLE — After the local post office informed the city of Martinsville of a policy change, the city has opted to close its post office box and move to specific mailing addresses, effective immediately.

According to the mayor's executive assistant, Mack Porter, the city was notified at the end of May that any mail coming to the city that contained a mailing address instead of the city's post office box number would be returned to the sender. Prior, that mail would automatically be put into the city's PO Box.

"We determined it was in our best interest to discontinue our post office box," Porter said during a brief council meeting Monday night.

The city is now asking residents to send any mail meant for the city to the specific mailing address for that individual office or department.

The next meeting of the city council will be at 7 p.m. on July 13 in council chambers, 59 S. Jefferson St.

Board of works

The Martinsville Board of Works and Safety also met briefly Monday night, when it approved an amended agreement with the Indiana Department of Transportation concerning state grant funds intended to help with work on the city's North Levee.

"We were able to do that (levee work), and we did it under budget," city attorney Dale Coffey reported to the board.

Of the $5 million awarded to the city by INDOT, $646,745 is left over.

"So we went back to INDOT, asking them to consider allowing us to keep that surplus money, to place it in a maintenance fund," Coffey continued.

INDOT agreed to the request, and the BOW unanimously approved the agreement Monday night, with the money now earmarked for future maintenance of the North Levee.

"This is very good news," Coffey said, "really helps us out."

The next meeting of the BOW will be at 6:30 p.m. on July 13 in council chambers, 59 S. Jefferson St.

City's new mailing addresses
**effective immediately*

City of Martinsville: 59 S. Jefferson St.

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Utility Office (bill payments): 60 S. Sycamore St.

Martinsville Police Department: 110 W. Morgan St.

Martinsville Fire Department: 160 W. Morgan St.

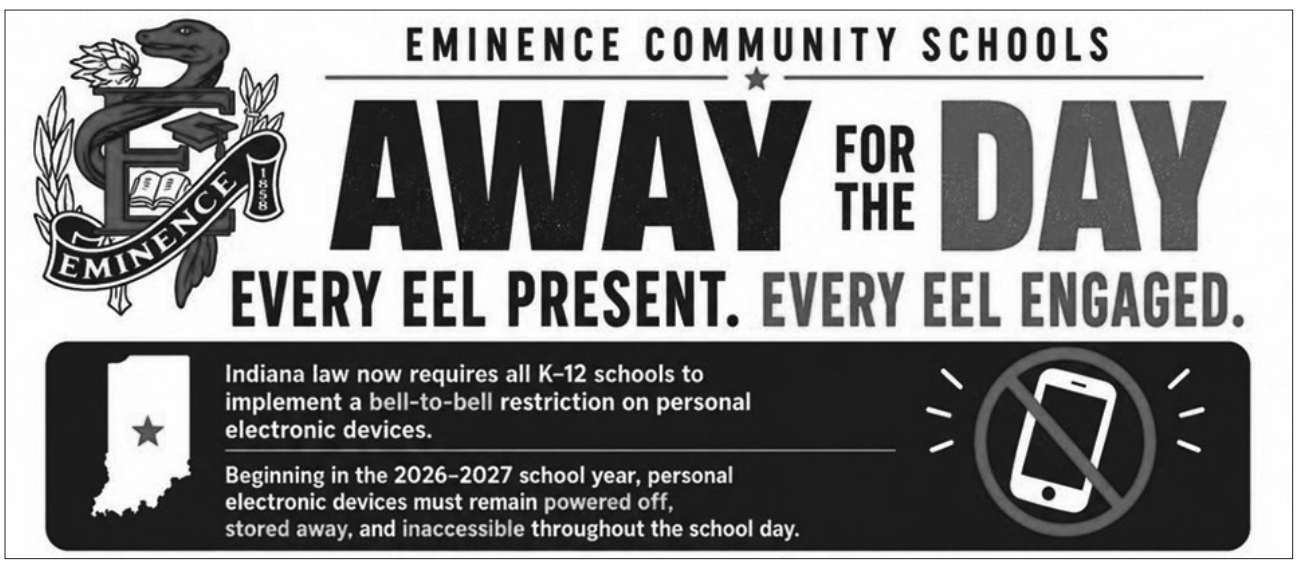
Eminence School Board talks building demo, cell phone ban

By Chet Cromer
MCC Contributor

EMINENCE — The Eminence Community Schools Board of Trustees met last Thursday and addressed a range of topics, including facilities, student policies, staffing and future funding considerations.

One of the most significant updates involved the district's historic 1931 school building. Superintendent Dr. Jeff Bond reported that the district has entered the second week of advertising for demolition bids and has been in contact with three demolition companies interested in the project.

Bids are scheduled to be received this week, with additional information expected to be presented to the board afterward.



Eminence Community Schools' new initiative, entitled 'Away for the Day,' lays out the new rules and regulations related to the cell phone ban. (Courtesy illustration)

Cell phone ban

The board also approved updates to the district's student cell phone policy in response to new Indiana legislation requiring bell-to-bell restrictions on student device use during the school day.

The district's initiative, titled "Away for the Day," will require personal electronic devices to remain inaccessible during school hours beginning with the 2026-27 school year.

School officials indicated additional information would be shared with families and through district social media channels in the upcoming weeks.

Personnel

Board members approved a number of personnel changes, including several resignations, new teaching hires, coaching assignments, and extracurricular stipends.

School administrators noted that summer hiring efforts remain active and expressed optimism about filling additional positions before the start of the school year.

Following the meeting, school officials confirmed that Eminence Community Schools is also continuing its search for a new athletic director. The position remains vacant as the district prepares for the start of the 2026-27 school year at this time.

In other business

• The board also authorized continued exploration of renewing the district's operating referendum. School officials emphasized that the action does not commit the district to placing a referendum on the ballot but allows the district to continue evaluating the option and preparing the necessary documentation should it decide to move forward.

The district has operated under an operating referendum for more than a decade.

• Additional actions included approval of annual grade-level capacity limits, authorization to advertise propane bids for the coming winter, permission to continue seeking local, state, and federal grant opportunities, and participation in the K-12 Leading Indiana Cooperative purchasing program.

• During board comments, members expressed appreciation for recent donations to school programs, welcomed new staff members, and highlighted ongoing summer maintenance projects, including gutter replacement work currently underway across campus.

• Board members also recognized the efforts of the PTO as it continues to organize summer community activities.

• The board concluded the meeting by honoring the memory of longtime Eminence supporter and alumnus Richard Crone, who recently passed away.

Board members reflected on his lasting connection to the school and community and extended condolences to his family.

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indeed celebratory, as the building was decked out with green, yellow and red balloons, and a large handmade banner reading, "Juneteenth, Welcome to our City," was pinned to the wall.

Dozens of local residents, as well as some visitors from out of town, packed the building, and there was plenty of food and drinks for everyone.

But along with the celebration also came several defiant declarations, and speakers at the event repeatedly referenced negative news articles about Martinsville leading up to Friday.

The news articles expressed surprise that Martinsville would host an event celebrating a holiday widely observed by Black Americans, given the city's negative reputation relating to race relations over the years.

Various media — from Indianapolis newspapers to TV stations — described Martinsville as a former "sundown town," unsafe for people of color, and unfailingly referenced the murder of Carol Jenkins in 1968.

Jenkins, a 21-year-old Black woman, was stabbed to death in Martinsville by a Hendricks County resident affiliated with the Ku Klux Klan. Her murder went unsolved until 2002, during which time Martinsville was branded with a reputation for being racist toward minorities.

Although no Martinsville residents were involved in Jenkins' death, the city nevertheless laid a memorial plaque for Jenkins near city hall in 2017, and offered conciliatory condolences to her family in a ceremony spearheaded by former mayor Shannon Kohl.

Martinsville's history and reputation was relitigated repeatedly on Friday night, as each speaker declared Martinsville both a nice place to live, as well as a welcoming place to people of color.


Local organizer and resident Jeannine Lee Ferrer receives applause after giving opening remarks at the Juneteenth celebration last Friday at the Martinsville Senior Center. (Jared Quigg photo / MCC)

"This community is a safe space for all people," Ferrer said. "Aren't you tired of hearing about how Martinsville is such a terrible place to live? I know I'm tired of hearing about it.

"There's not one time that I've been in this city when I've been treated badly, or called names," Ferrer added. "We are ready to turn a page here in Martinsville."

'I see the change'

Ferrer announced the Juneteenth celebration just three days before the event, and a number of people on social media reacted with skepticism. Comments, mostly made by people who do not live in Morgan County, expressed doubt that Martinsville would sincerely celebrate the holiday.

During her keynote speech at the event on Friday, Ferrer said she understood some of the skepticism.

Ferrer said she moved to Martinsville in 2021, following her now-husband who initially told her he lived "south of Greenwood," a comment that elicited knowing laughs from people in the audience. Ferrer said she had heard bad things about Martinsville, and was told when she was young to avoid stopping for gas in Martinsville, because it was apparently unsafe.

"It took just one time for me to be here to feel love from Martinsville," Ferrer said about when she moved to Morgan County.

Ferrer went on to speak about how a few incidents of racism should not tarnish an entire community forever.

Following Ferrer's opening speech, other Black Morgan County residents spoke about their experience living here.

Chandler Hyndman moved to Martinsville six months ago, and had also heard bad things about the city before moving here.

"I didn't let it shake me," Hyndman said.

Hyndman said that throughout his life, some people have not accepted him because of the color of his skin, and when he first moved to Martinsville, he worried that the community would not accept him.

Ultimately, though, Hyndman has found the city's reputation to be greatly overstated, and spoke of the need for everyone to love themselves and each other.

"I had to look in the mirror and say, 'I accept me,'" Hyndman said. "That's what matters."

Stephenie McCormick spoke after Hyndman, and she talked about her experience growing up in Morgan County.

McCormick said she was one of the first Black girls to attend Mooresville Schools, and that growing up there she experienced racist bullying. She said people at school used racial slurs against her, and residents even burned crosses in her front yard.

Despite these experiences, McCormick said, she believes Mooresville and Martinsville have both grown a lot in recent decades.

"I have kids now, and I don't want them growing up and feeling that racism is OK," McCormick said. "But I do see the change in Martinsville."

Following these speakers, a number of local Democratic Party politicians made speeches about Juneteenth, and some promoted their political campaigns. Speakers included state and federal office candidates, such as Suzanne Fortenberry, Carrie Syczylo and Drew Cox.

Ferrer eventually spoke again about the importance of Juneteenth, and the holiday's future here in Martinsville.

"This is not just Black history we're celebrating here," Ferrer said. "It is our American history."

She said she plans on organizing another Juneteenth celebration next year, but with one slight change given the turnout.

"We're gonna need a bigger venue," Ferrer said.

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One is because the Eagles were formerly the mascot of the now-defunct Central Elementary School. Another is because the Eagles represent Martinsville's patriotism. And a third is because there is apparently an eagle's nest near the site of the new school.

Bowlen also said the district did not want to choose a mascot from one of the four schools that will close at the same time the new school opens, wanting to avoid favoritism.

By the end of the 2026-2027 school year, Centerton, Green Township, Poston Road and Smith elementaries will all close their doors as a result of declining enrollment and the increasing costs of building repairs.

It remains to be seen what will happen to the old school buildings, though Bowlen has previously said that the district plans to repurpose at least some of them for the benefit of the community. And recent reports have surfaced that the school district may sell Green Township to the county for reasons not yet known.

Bell-to-bell ban

The board had a first reading of a new cell phone policy for the high school that would institute a "bell to bell" ban, in accordance with new state law.

Senate Enrolled Act 78, which will take effect in July, requires all K-12 schools to implement an all-day ban on personal wireless devices. Students' electronic devices must be either kept at home or powered off and stored away during the school day, not to be accessed from the first bell of the day until the last.

"For the high school, it's gonna be quite a change for you," Bowlen said at the meeting.

The board will approve the policy at its meeting next month.

The next meeting of the Metropolitan School District of Martinsville school board will take place on Thursday, July 16 at 7 p.m. at the Central Education Center, 389 East Jackson Street.



An aerial view of the tornado's path, looking east from I-69, shows the scar left by the EF2, which traveled more than 15 miles and measured some 880 yards wide. (Tracie Richardson courtesy photo)



ABOVE: Root balls dot a yard, with the homeowner's barn devastated by the fallen trees, at a home just south of the county line. According to the homeowner, the tornado moved his barn about 8 feet. (Stephen Crane photo / MCC)

RIGHT: A satellite view of the tornado's path shows the more than 15-mile-long path it traveled, starting in Owen County before moving through Morgan and Monroe counties. (Courtesy photo)

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estimated at 130 mph. The twister was on the ground for more than 23 minutes before finally lifting.

Indiana Gov. Mike Braun visited Martinsville on Monday to assess the damage left behind by the tornado last week.

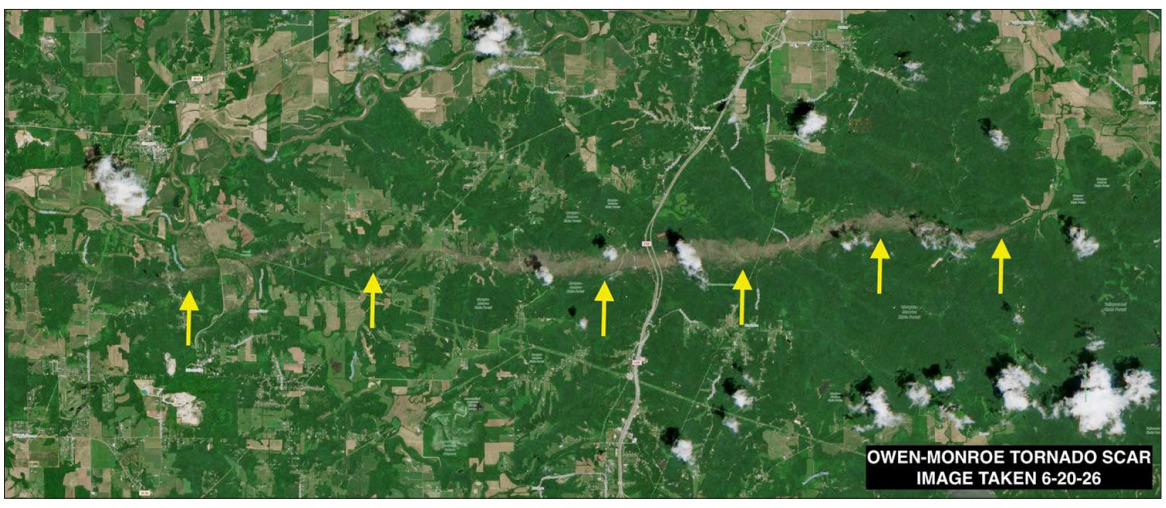
"It's been an active stretch of severe weather across Indiana," Braun said on social media. "Hoosiers are resilient, and my administration will continue working alongside local leaders and first responders to help affected Hoosiers rebuild."

Tornado season has been quite busy this year, and is not expected to let up anytime soon. Early weather reports predict numerous rounds of heavy rain and storm risks late Thursday night and into Friday.

As of Tuesday, forecasters predict a widespread swath of 1 or more inches of rain Thursday night, with localized totals approaching 3 to 4 inches. Flooding and flash flooding issues will be monitored carefully.



An aerial view of the Morgan-Monroe State Forest entrances shows crews on site and hard at work clearing the debris left in the wake of last week's tornado. (Indiana Department of Natural Resources courtesy screenshot)



CANDIDATES

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Morgan County contested school board races

Mooresville Schools District 5
Deon Brimmage – Republican (incumbent)
Sharon Atwood – Republican
Lea Sharp – Republican

MSD of Martinsville District 2
Dan Conway – Republican (incumbent)
Jordan Scott Terrell – Republican

Monroe-Gregg, Monroe Township District 1
Carl Gilbert – Republican
John Dowell – Independent
Sarah Ragsdale – Non-Partisan

Mooresville

Two of Mooresville's three available seats are pretty much already secured. Mooresville board member Matt Saner is running for reelection unopposed in District 2, and board member Dave Oberle is running for reelection unopposed in District 1.

Both Saner and Oberle are running as Republican candidates.

Board member Deon Brimmage is running in his first school board election in District 5, after being appointed to the board at the end of 2024.

Brimmage, a Republican, will be challenged by two fellow Republicans — Sharon Atwood and Lea Sharp.

Martinsville

There are two seats opening up this November in the MSD of Martinsville. One will see a competitive election; the other saw nobody file to run at all.

In District 2, board member Dan Conway is running for reelection as a Republican. He will be challenged by Jordan Scott Terrell, also a Republican.

School board president Luke Jackson's District 5 seat was also up for grabs, and Jackson, a Libertarian, had previously said that he would not seek reelection.

It seems no one else wanted his seat either, as no one filed to run in the District 5 race.

The Correspondent spoke with Jackson and Martinsville Superintendent Eric Bowlen last week about this dilemma. They said because no one filed to run for the seat, the four remaining school board members will have 30 days, starting in January, to appoint someone to fill the vacancy Jackson leaves behind.

Bowlen said the board plans to hold public interviews for prospective candidates in January. Bowlen added that the board will get to choose Jackson's replacement only because he was elected as a non-partisan candidate.

In the future, board members will be replaced through partisan caucuses.

Monrovia

The Monroe-Gregg School Board will see new faces, as current board members Brock Sears and Ky Kizzee will not seek reelection this fall.

Gregg Township District 2, Kizzee's seat, will be filled by Independent candidate Quinnette Justin, as no one else filed to run in that seat.

Meanwhile in Monroe Township District 1, a threeway race to replace Sears is brewing.

Carl Gilbert, who recently ran to be a Morgan County Commissioner, is running as the Republican candidate. John Dowell is running for the Monroe Township seat as an Independent, and Sarah Ragsdale is running as a non-partisan candidate.

Eminence

Eminence has three school board races in the fall, but only one new face will be coming to the board.

Adams Township will see Jason Mayes retain his seat, as he is running for reelection unopposed. Meanwhile, Andrew Finney will keep his at-large seat, as no is running against him.

An Ashland Township seat, currently held by Jeremy Clay, saw no one file to run, and so the board will have to fill the vacant seat in January.

The 2026 midterm elections will be held on Tuesday, Nov. 3.

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BIG BOY BALL

New baseball 'Big League' set up for 17- to 20-years-old



Martinsville's Jordan Stanfield takes a swing as the pitch makes its way to home plate on Sunday during the Big Boy Baseball game at Crone Field in Martinsville. (Dave Rinehart photo / MCC)

By Dave Rinehart
MCC Correspondent

MARTINSVILLE — Erin Nihoris, a longtime coach and supporter of the Artesian Little League, is coaching the Martinsville Artesian Big Boy Baseball team along with her assistant coach Jimmy Stanfield.

District 12, which covers most of Johnson and Morgan counties and bits and pieces of some surrounding counties, started up the Big League this year with three area cities joining in: Franklin, Greenwood and Martinsville.

Franklin and Greenwood have two teams each in the league, and Martinsville has one team but plans on having two next season.

The new league will play all their doubleheader games on Sunday afternoons.

Coach Nihoris says the goal of the league is "just to have kids out here that love to play ball." The league consists of males 17 to 20 years old.

(She also noted that the boys voted to wear pink uniforms — so pink it is!)

"We're just ecstatic to watch our sons play a game that the boys just love," Nihoris said.

This past Sunday was the first time the team was together. Nihoris and coach Stanfield didn't know some of the boys coming in, so they didn't know what to expect.

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Martinsville pitcher Dominic Stone on the mound for the Martinsville Artesian Big Boy Baseball Team, with second baseman Nathan Rinehart in position. (Dave Rinehart photo / MCC)



Martinsville's Blake Husband awaits the next pitch from the batter's box over the weekend. (Dave Rinehart photo / MCC)

Putting in the work

Eminence hosts four-team summer basketball 'Shootout'

By Dave Rinehart
MCC Correspondent

EMINENCE — The final school bells rang nearly a month ago in the state of Indiana, but the sounds of a basketball dribbling on the courts throughout the state have been busy this month of June. There have been basketball camps, classics, tournaments, shootouts, summer leagues, and of course, the annual Indiana/Kentucky Boys and Girls All-Star games.

And things are no different inside the Eel Tank at Eminence High School, as boys basketball coach Drew Dorsett prepares for his fourth year leading the Eels. And what better way than by hosting the Eminence Shootout.

Four teams — including Eminence, White River Valley, Shakamak and Brown County — gathered inside The Tank last week to have some competitive basketball and keep the rust off the boys' skills.

Each team got to play two games in the free event, and Eminence tipped off the shootout by playing the Eagles of Brown County, cruising to a 65-18 victory.

Next up, it was Shakamak Lakers taking on White River Valley Wolverines. The Lakers nearly doubled the score over the Wolverines, with a 56-24 win.

Shakamak stayed on the court for their second game as the team took on Brown County. The Lakers made it two wins in the shootout with their 56-20 win over the Eagles. The host school wrapped up the four-game shootout as they easily handled the Wolverines of White River Valley, 69-31.

The two coaches at their respective schools — Eminence's Dorsett and White River Valley's Hostetter, who also happen to be good friends — are both in their fourth year at being a head coach.

I had an opportunity to chat a few minutes with Coach Dorsett about his team, past present and future.

He said the month of June "is about getting your team culture together."

"I don't want to get ahead of myself, but there's a lot of promise for this year," Dorsett said. "We lost two senior starters from last year, but we have replaced them with a couple freshmen that's starting to help us. And our core starting lineup is back."

Dorsett said his non-starters from last year have worked hard, and it's starting to show.

"We're here to work hard, to get better, to see what rotations could be," he said. "I have seven, eight guys who could fit in fourth and fifth spots."

He said those decisions will depend on "who shows up, who puts in the effort, who wants to be here, who wants to play hard."

"They are making it hard on me, because they all want to be here," he said. "We are just trying to get better everyday."

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ON TO THE GREYHOUNDS



Surrounded by her mom and dad, recent Monrovia High School graduate Nellie Standeford signs her commitment in early spring to attend the University of Indianapolis, where she will be a member of the track and field team. Nellie was a four-year varsity member of soccer along with track and field, most recently placing 25th at the state finals in the long jump, breaking the school record in the process. She plans to study biochemistry at UIndy. (Monrovia High School courtesy photo)

Scott, Prather battle at Paragon Speedway

Former longtime owners honored for their dedication to the race track

By Steve Page
MCC Correspondent

MORGAN COUNTY — Jake Scott of Morgantown and Andrew Prather of Martinsville enjoyed a productive start to last Saturday's King of Paragon: Keith and Judy Ford Night.

Scott and Prather ran 1-2 in the first of three heat races on the clay oval, but the outcome was not similar in the feature race for the 410 non-winged sprint cars.

Scott raced to third in the main event, chasing winner Jordan

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Judy and Keith Ford are honored Saturday night at Paragon Speedway. The Fords were the longtime track owners and promoters of Paragon Speedway. (Paragon Speedway courtesy photo)

GOLFING FOR HABITAT



Members of the Morgan County Metropolitan Indianapolis Board of Realtors (MIBOR) gather at The Links at Heartland Crossing in Camby last Thursday before the shotgun start of the 'Keys and Tees Beach Bash' golf scramble, which benefited Habitat for Humanity of Morgan County. (Dave Bowyer courtesy photo)

Calling all 'Open Class' entries for county fair

By Olivia Vaught
Home and Family Arts

MORGAN COUNTY — The Morgan County Fair is just a few weeks away.

From July 10-18, the fairgrounds will be brimming with people savoring food, experiencing grandstand events, tending livestock, and marveling at the indoor 4-H and Open Class exhibits.

The Home and Family Arts Building (HFAB) — the blue building located at the north end of the fairgrounds — showcases the skills, talent, hard work and creativity of our community. Projects on display range from handmade crafts and stunning photography to scrumptious baked goods and gardening treasures. It is a celebration of the items, projects and activities that make a house a home and strengthen our families.

Consider this as an invitation to display your work and share your passions with our community!



Quilting is one of 11 categories in the 'Open Class' exhibits at the Home and Family Arts Building at the Morgan County Fair. (Purdue Extension–Morgan County courtesy photo)

WHO CAN ENTER?

Open Class exhibition is open to **any person, any age,** and **any skill level.** Residency in Morgan County is not required. All departments have a youth division for children 12 and under, and professionals are noted for equity in judging. Students enrolled in 4-H may also enter projects in Open Class.

WHEN ARE ENTRIES RECEIVED?

Entries in any department will be received on Thursday, July 9 from 5 pm to 8 pm and Friday, July 10 from 8 am to 11 am. It is recommended that flowers, garden perishables, and baked goods be entered on Friday to maintain quality for judging.

WHAT CAN I ENTER?

There are 11 categories in Open Class: Antiques, Baking, Canning, Fine Arts, Gardening, Handicrafts, Horticulture, Needlecraft, Photography, Quilts, and Sewing.

Exhibitors may enter projects in any and all departments. It is free to enter.

This year's Open Class theme is Red, White and Blue: A Celebration of 250 Years. Themed projects will be entered into a special category in each department. Below is an overview of the rules for each department. The complete rules and categories for entry can be found at morgancountyfair.com/resources.asp.

WHEN WILL MY EXHIBIT BE JUDGED?

Judging will take place on the afternoon of Friday, July 10. Open Class judging is closed, meaning neither the exhibitor nor the public are allowed to watch.

One blue, one red, and one white ribbon placing will be given in each section if merited. One Champion and two Reserve Champions will be awarded from the blue-ribbon winners in each department.

Premiums will be awarded as follows: $2 for blue ribbon, $1.50 for red ribbon, $1 for blue ribbon, $10 for Champion.

WHEN CAN I SEE HOW I PLACED?

Exhibitors may see judging results at the HFAB Open House on Friday, July 10 from 6-9 pm. After that, the building will be open to the public from 12 pm to 9:30 pm every day of the fair.

WHEN CAN I PICK UP MY ENTRIES?

Exhibits will be on display during the duration of the fair. Exhibits will be released to the exhibitor on Saturday, July 18 between 8 am and 11 am.

WHAT IF I HAVE QUESTIONS?

If you have any questions about the Open Class competition at the 2026 Morgan County Fair and how you can participate, contact Tura LaMar at 317-443-9104 or visit morgancountyfair.com/resources.asp.

Do you have your projects ready?! See you at the 2026 Morgan County Fair!

BIG BOY

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The Artesians hosted the games this past weekend at the Artesian Little League complex and the games were played on Crone Field.

Martinsville lost in their first game 7-6 to Franklin Blue in a very well played game, but the Artesians had everything going their way in game two as they totally took it to Greenwood Gold, winning 19-1.

Leading the way for the Artesians on Sunday were James Richey, James Nihoris and Dominic Stone, who were on base five times each, with Nihoris scoring five times, Richey four times and Stone crossing home plate three times.

Jordan Stanfield and Tyler Morris got on base three times each with Stanfield scoring three runs and Morris twice.

Getting to first base two times each were Colton Butler, Nathan Rinehart, Blake Husband and Cameron Reed (Butler, Husband and Rinehart scored twice and Reed once).

Rounding out the players getting down the 90-foot first base path was Thad Smith who had a single for the day. Other team members are Draven Sanders and Noah Webb.

James Nihoris and Dominic Stone pitched three innings each in the first game and Blake Husband pitched three innings in the rain-shortened second game.

Martinsville is back in action this coming Sunday afternoon at Franklin for games at 3 and 5 p.m.

PARAGON

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Kinser of Bedford and David Gasper of Santa Barbara, Calif., to the finish. But Prather wound up 19th.

Colin Parker of Martinsville finished ninth after placing third in the King of Paragon Dash. He reached that race by qualifying second fastest at 16.218 seconds, just behind the 16.174 of Kinser.

This was a relatively short program, as just the sprint cars competed.

The event was named for longtime track owners and promoters Keith and Judy Ford of Paragon.

Coming up

A full field will be on hand June 27 for the Fireworks Extravaganza and the Roller Randy Hornets.

Joining the hornets will be the 410 sprints, bombers and UMP super stocks.

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We talked about expectations for the regular basketball season, and Dorsett made it very clear that winning sectionals topped the list.

Eminence has won four sectional championships in the school's history — 1962, 1978, 2007 and their last in 2011. The school's only Regional Championship was the 1962 season.

Dorsett thinks next season could add a fifth sectional championship.

"As the year goes on, we are going to get better and better," he said. "And as long as we stay healthy, it is doable. This is the year we can get it done"

Coach Dorsett likes his senior point guard Luke Finney.

"He's my floor general — team leader, no question."

A young sophomore that had a very good freshman season, Eli Jones.

"He's an excellent basketball player," Dorsett said. "Eli's bigger and stronger. We are expecting big things out of him."

The third player Dorsett has penciled in the starting lineup is sophomore Collen Mowery.

"He's our big guy in the middle at 6'3" — he's going to get a lot of minutes."

One of the two freshmen that Dorsett mentioned earlier is Luke Finney's younger brother, Noah. Dorsett believes the freshman is going to give the Eels some really good solid minutes.

As we wrapped up our conversation Coach Dorsett, who has his dad (Dave) back as his No. 1 assistant, said "we have a lot of guys who we are going to run in and out, we are going to play a lot different from last year — lots faster.

"Our culture this year is leaps and bounds different from the previous three years"

As it says on the Eminence High School Boys Basketball Facebook page: BASKETBALL NEVER STOPS!

The Love of the Game is alive and well in Eminence.



Eminence sophomore Rylee Dillon finds a seam through two White River Valley opponents as he takes the ball inside. (Dave Rinehart photo / MCC)



Eminence senior point guard Luke Finney shoots past his White River Valley defender for the layup last week. (Dave Rinehart photo / MCC)



Eminence head coach Drew Dorsett goes over the game plan with the team as his dad and assistant, Dave Dorsett, observes. (Dave Rinehart photo / MCC)

GARBANZO CUCUMBER ONION SALAD



Shelley's Sweet Spot
SHELLEY SUTER

The garbanzo, cucumber and onion salad is big on taste. It's different from the everyday salad and is perfect to make for a pitch-in.

If you're not a feta cheese fan, use mozzarella instead. It is very refreshing. Take along the recipe.

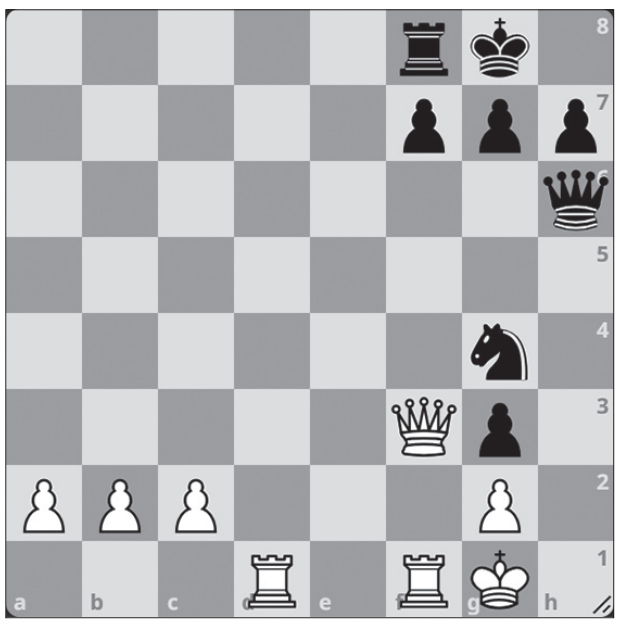
INGREDIENTS

- 2 (15 ounce) cans garbanzo beans, drained
- 2 cucumbers, halved lengthwise and sliced
- 12 cherry tomatoes, halved
- ½ red onion, chopped
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 (15 ounce) can black olives, drained and chopped
- 1 ounce crumbled feta cheese
- ½ cup Italian-style salad dressing
- ½ lemon, juiced
- ½ tsp. garlic salt
- ½ tsp. ground black pepper

DIRECTIONS

- Combine the beans, cucumbers, tomatoes, red onion, garlic, olives, cheese, salad dressing, lemon juice, garlic salt and pepper.
- Toss together and refrigerate 2 hours before serving.
- Serve chilled.





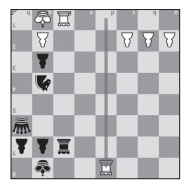
(Courtesy illustration)

Across the Board
SCOTT PELL

White is facing a devastating attack, but how can he use his pressure along the f file to deliver checkmate before black crashes through?

Foxcliff Chess Club meets on the first and third Wednesdays of every month at 6:30 p.m. at American Legion post 230 in Martinsville. All are welcome. We hope to see you there!

Solution: Qxf7 check! Black must capture White's queen on f7. If he moves his king, White will simply capture the f8 rook with mate. After Rxf7, White plays Rd8, check. Black's only legal move is to block the check by moving his rook back to f8, but both of White's rooks converge on that square, and either can now capture on f8 with mate!



COLUMN & PUZZLES

The power of touch — and home — is real



The Worry Clinic
DR. GEORGE W. CRANE

SEPTEMBER 1974 — Luke's question shows why "modern" medicine is finally returning to the "laying on of hands" to produce relaxation and cures. Jesus did that routinely!

And a mother's kiss still cures more hurts among toddlers than any aspirin!

CASE B-634: Luke J., aged 29, is a brilliant physician.

"But Dr. Crane," he protested, "I am puzzled by the fact some old family doctors often get better results than we scientific, specialized physicians.

"Why, I've actually seen dying patients who revived just because the old family physician sat down beside the bed, held their hands, and talked to them quietly.

"What kind of psychology explains such miracles?"

POWER OF TOUCH — AND HOME

Scalpels and hypodermic syringes can be wonderful aids to human health.

But they don't produce the relaxation or serenity of soul that accompanies the warm handclasp of a family doctor on a house call. Thus, the rise of home health care.

Modern medicine — and its many "specialties" — has wandered astray from the miraculous effect of the personal touch and familiar surroundings.

But the trend is now back to Christ's method of laying on his hands when he was treating sick folks.

Thus, Jesus put his fingers in the ear of the deaf man before the latter's hearing returned.

Christ also made a paste of dust and placed it on the eyes of the blind man.

He took Peter's mother-in-law by the hand while she lay at home sick of a high fever, and instantly, she arose from her bed to prepare supper for him and his apostles.

And let's not forget the woman who was healed simply by touching his cloak. He instantly knew of the "power transfer," asking who did it.

Even Jesus himself craved the support of his three favorite apostles when he wrestled with destiny late at night in Gethsemane.

Jesus asked them to wait while he went a few steps further into the garden to pray about his forthcoming arrest and crucifixion.

Being weary and not fully aware of the gravity of that fateful night, those three apostles fell asleep.

After wrestling with his destiny here on the planet earth until the sweat on Christ's brow was as if it were drops of blood, Christ returned to find the apostles sleeping!

Then he said to Peter: "What! Could you not watch with me one hour?"

That must have been the heart cry of the loneliest man ever to trod this earth!

But it also shows that Jesus, himself, wanted to feel the human support of close friends during his hour of crucial decision.

Even animals show this very same desire to feel the touch of their human master.

As you read your weekly newspaper while seated in your recliner, your pet dog may reach up its head to have you stroke it.

Deliberately lift your hand a few inches above its head, and that dog will then reach up its head farther to receive another pet.

When Mrs. Crane was a little girl, she had a pet dog.

One night while she was asleep, it ran up to her mother and leapt into her lap, moaning.

Her mother stroked the dog, which calmed down and died a few minutes later, but was relaxed and seemingly free from much of its earlier distress.

Dentists have an advantage over physicians in that they always keep one hand on the patient's head while performing their procedures.

And a mother's loving kiss cures far more hurts among toddlers than all our pain-killing drugs combined!

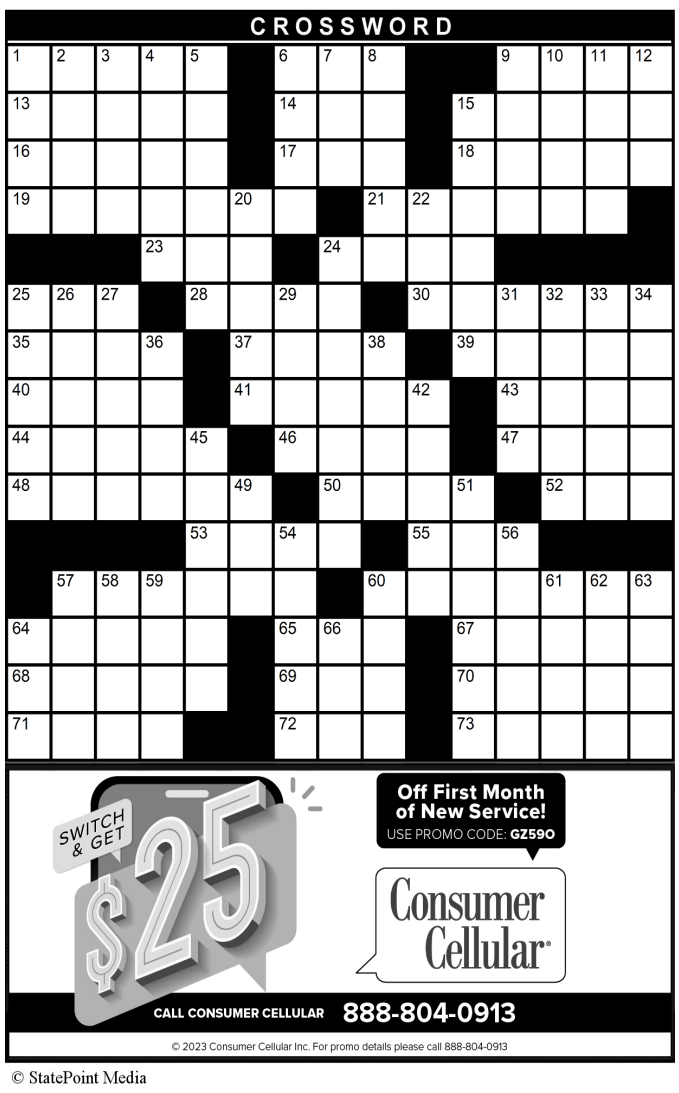
Dr. George W. Crane, based out of Hillsboro, Ind., was a syndicated columnist for more than 60 years in newspapers across the country, offering psychological advice to everyday people.

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ACROSS
1. Dagger's partner
6. Elephant party, acr.
9. Do like volcano
13. Fire (2 words)
14. Pro football org.
15. Jonas Salk's conquest
16. Like a Harvard building?
17. ET carrier
18. Bedeck
19. *Tasty Fourth of July outings
21. *Float processions
23. Black gunk
24. Ivan the Terrible, e.g.
25. The Jackson 5's 1970 hit
28. Caffeine source
30. TV classic "____ Heroes"
35. Folio page
37. Abel's big brother
39. Fortune teller's card
40. Rank in British peerage
41. Archipelago parts
43. Head for (2 words)
44. Beseech
46. Impermanent employee
47. Prayer's end
48. Gardener's trimmer
50. Part of speech
52. Am is to I as ____ is to we
53. Calista Flockhart's husband
55. Likewise
57. *Salad tuber
60. *____ Famous Hot Dog Eating Contest
64. Nonsense
65. Female gametes
67. "A Doll's House" playwright
68. Cuckoo
69. Opposite of guzzle
70. Cuckoo for what puffs?
71. Eyelid affliction
72. Driver's aid
73. Giving a once-over

DOWN
1. Hair holder
2. First name in jeans
3. Auricular
4. _____ provocateur
5. Island off Alaskan coast
6. Wildebeests
7. *For most, the 4th is a day ____
8. Onomatopoeia for splash
9. *Drink at a barbecue
10. Weary walk
11. Ireland, once
12. *Patriots ____ over Loyalists
15. Long John Silver's pet
20. Crocus, pl.
22. Ooh partner
24. Last part (2 words)
25. 1st letter of Hebrew alphabet
26. Famous Memphis street
27. Felt concern
29. *"...twilight's ____ gleaming"
31. Lady of "A Star is Born"
32. Smell
33. Post-it user
34. *"Born on the Fourth of July" director
36. *Popular July 4th decoration
38. Captain of Nautilus
42. Phlegms
45. Sully one's reputation
49. Go bad
51. Public announcement
54. Fowl perch
56. Exclamation of delight or dismay (2 words)
57. Bridge, in Paris
58. Colloquial approval
59. Ditty
60. Back of neck
61. Ascus, pl.
62. Ne
63. Glitch
64. Part of O.H.M.S.
66. Strive

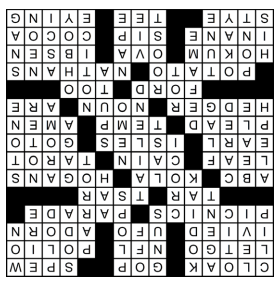
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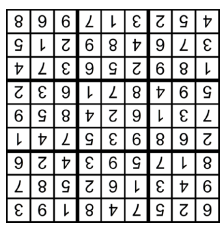


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Sale Price	Sale Date	Property Address	Seller 1 Name	Seller 1 City	Seller 1 State	Buyer 1 Name	Buyer 1 City	Buyer 1 State
$125,000	2/27/2026	5455 S S R 135	BRIGGS CAREY A & DALENE	MORGANTOWN	IN	BRIGGS AUSTIN LEE	MORGANTOWN	IN
$140,000	2/27/2026	SKUNK HOLLOW RD	FFCIC/TL LLC	MORGANTOWN	IN	BROCK AMY M & JOSHUA R	FISHERS	IN
$232,760	2/27/2026	1664 E MARCILE DR	CLAYTON PROPERTIES GROUP INC D/B/A ARBOR HOMES	INDIANAPOLIS	IN	TWOMBLY BETHANY JOAN	MARTINSVILLE	IN
$345,000	2/27/2026	6211 E AYRSHIRE CIR	BRAWLEY DONNA	CAMBY	IN	POLING CHRISTOPHER	CAMBY	IN
$294,900	2/27/2026	11297 N GREENTHREAD DR	D R HORTON-INDIANA LLC	INDIANAPOLIS	IN	FASORO BAYONIE	MONROVIA	IN
$60,000	2/27/2026	659 S CRAWFORD ST	HUFF RENTALS LLC2	MARTINSVILLE	IN	LUND MICHAEL A	MARTINSVILLE	IN
$25,000	3/2/2026	N CASH LN	RAMSEY CHRIS M & CHERYL L	MARTINSVILLE	IN	JOHNSON RICHARD	MARTINSVILLE	IN
$369,900	3/2/2026	5735 N BLAZING STAR RD	SMILIN PROPERTIES	MARTINSVILLE	IN	MCANELLY VERAL W	MONROVIA	IN
$399,999	3/2/2026	4777 E SUMMERFIELD DR	TAYLOR MORRISON OF INDIANA LLC	SCOTTSDALE	AZ	MILFRISE GARRY & LOUIS PIERRE MILFRISE KOSTRADAH	CAMBY	IN
$305,000	3/3/2026	1890 S OLD S R 67	DUCKWORTH ISAAC & MORGAN	MARTINSVILLE	IN	BYRUM CURTIS & KASSI	MARTINSVILLE	IN
$237,000	3/3/2026	459 N ELLIOTT AVE	REFLECTION RENTALS LLC	MARTINSVILLE	IN	REEVES ALEXIS & RUSSELL JR	MARTINSVILLE	IN
$293,305	3/3/2026	13840 N KENNARD WAY	NVR INC	INDIANAPOLIS	IN	REED WILLIAM & PATRICIA	CAMBY	IN
$1,507,500	3/3/2026	POFF RD	YOUNG ROBERT T	MARTINSVILLE	IN	FRYE COLE E	MARTINSVILLE	IN
$105,000	3/4/2026	5391 GODSEY RD	WATTERS JEFFERY S & DENISE A	MARTINSVILLE	IN	STEVENS EDWARD K & KATHLEEN O	MARTINSVILLE	IN
$86,831	3/4/2026	1679 E RICHARD DR	DOMAIN TIMBERLAKE MULTISTATE 2 LLC	INDIANAPOLIS	IN	CLAYTON PROPERTIES GROUP INC DBA ARBOR HOMES	INDIANAPOLIS	IN
$86,831	3/4/2026	1137 S MARSHALL ST	DOMAIN TIMBERLAKE MULTISTATE 2 LLC	INDIANAPOLIS	IN	CLAYTON PROPERTIES GROUP INC DBA ARBOR HOMES	INDIANAPOLIS	IN
$86,831	3/4/2026	1124 S MARSHALL ST	DOMAIN TIMBERLAKE MULTISTATE 2 LLC	INDIANAPOLIS	IN	CLAYTON PROPERTIES GROUP INC DBA ARBOR HOMES	INDIANAPOLIS	IN
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$141,500	3/5/2026	7781 SKUNK HOLLOW RD	YOUNG JOHN WILSON & YOUNG ELIZABETH ANN	CAMBY	IN	DREES PREMIER HOMES INC	CAMBY	IN
$250,000	3/5/2026	12113 N ROOKER RD	WRIGHT MARK E & HUBER PAMELA	MARTINSVILLE	IN	WINTERS JAMES M & LINDA J	BEDFORD	IN
$407,500	3/5/2026	3545 WHIPPOORWILL LAKE N DR	MILLER LESLIE R & PATRICIA K	MONROVIA	IN	EZELL CHARLES M & KELLY L	MOORESVILLE	IN
$144,900	3/5/2026	1039 E YORK ST	MORRIS DEAN & BARNETT STACY	MARTINSVILLE	IN	SIPE ERIC A	MARTINSVILLE	IN
$329,870	3/5/2026	1653 E RICHARD DR	CLAYTON PROPERTIES GROUP INC DBA ARBOR HOMES	INDIANAPOLIS	IN	JARRETT BREANNA JEAN & TRAVIS JACOB	MARTINSVILLE	IN
$275,000	3/5/2026	4091 N FOXCLIFF DRIVE EAST	SKIRVIN KATHARINE & DAVID M	MARTINSVILLE	IN	WINNLEE LLC	MARTINSVILLE	IN
$70,000	3/6/2026	496 E COLUMBUS ST	SWAFFORD JAMIE & WRIGHT HALEY JTRS	MARTINSVILLE	IN	IZCUP INVESTMENTS LLC	MARTINSVILLE	IN
$265,000	3/6/2026	5780 S R 142	IZCUP INVESTMENTS	MARTINSVILLE	IN	SWAFFORD JAMIE & HALEY	MARTINSVILLE	IN
$118,500	3/6/2026	205 SHORT ST	GRISE HOME AND PROPERTY GROUP LLC	INDIANAPOLIS	IN	REFLECTION RESTORATION LLC	MARTINSVILLE	IN
$771,040	3/6/2026	N STILES RD	MILLER FAMILY IRREVOC TRST	PLAINFIELD	IN	HOOSIER ENERGY RURAL ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE INC	BLOOMINGTON	IN
$239,990	3/6/2026	6091 E NEWBERRY CT	MILLER RUBEN & HANNA	CAMBY	IN	BROOKS MARK	CAMBY	IN
$20,000	3/6/2026	2390 W WAVELYN CIRCLE SOUTH	LANGLEY ANTHONY & TRACEY	MARTINSVILLE	IN	SUMMERS DYLAN & LANGLEY-SUMMERS JESSICA	MARTINSVILLE	IN
$50,000	3/6/2026	E MORGAN ST	S & C FINANCIAL GROUP LLC	PLAINFIELD	IN	SHEETS JOHN CHRISTOPHER & MELANIE DEANN	MARTINSVILLE	IN
$337,284	3/6/2026	1134 S MARSHALL ST	CLAYTON PROPERTIES GROUP INC DBA ARBOR HOMES	INDIANAPOLIS	IN	BEAVER ANDREW TIMOTHY & MIRANDA	MARTINSVILLE	IN
$88,074	3/6/2026	13843 N KENNARD WAY	ENCLAVE AT HEARTLAND LLC (THE)	INDIANAPOLIS	IN	NVR INC	INDIANAPOLIS	IN
$78,786	3/6/2026	13814 N KENNARD WAY	ENCLAVE AT HEARTLAND LLC (THE)	INDIANAPOLIS	IN	NVR INC	INDIANAPOLIS	IN
$308,000	3/6/2026	290 NORTHRIDGE DR	EZELL CHARLES M	MOORESVILLE	IN	DARROUGH KACIE	PITTSBORO	IN
$860,000	3/6/2026	12734 N WATERS EDGE DR	BRILEY ANDREA NICOLE & JOSHUA MIKEL	CAMBY	IN	PENNINGTON SHANE & ANGELA	PLAINFIELD	IN
$321,900	3/6/2026	3319 W VINTAGE ST	D R HORTON-INDIANA LLC	INDIANAPOLIS	IN	DAVIS EMILY	MONROVIA	IN
$140,000	3/6/2026	PARADISE LAKE RD	HARMON ETHAN L & HARMON RACHEL M	INDIANAPOLIS	IN	BETZLER CHADRICH J & JESSICA A	INDIANAPOLIS	IN
$190,000	3/6/2026	5399 S R 39	CARR DAN JEFFERY & KIMBERLY DAWN	MARTINSVILLE	IN	SHELDON BENJAMIN LEE	MARTINSVILLE	IN
$40,000	3/6/2026	S OSCAR CT	HICKEY ROGER & TODD BURNS TIC	MORGANTOWN	IN	CLAY JAMES M & JULIE A	INDIANAPOLIS	IN
$90,000	3/9/2026	11118 N PADDOCK ROAD SOUTH	S & C FINANCIAL GROUP RENTALS LLC	MOORESVILLE	IN	SPENCER RICHARD	MOORESVILLE	IN
$183,000	3/9/2026	1619 S DENNY HILL RD	COX ELIZABETH J REVOC LIV TRST	WHITELAND	IN	COX JONATHAN M & COX KALI R	PARAGON	IN
$370,000	3/9/2026	1083 E VALLEY OAK CT	TAYLOR MORRISON OF INDIANA LLC	SCOTTSDALE	AZ	BRILEY JOSHUA & ANDREA	CAMBY	IN
$300,000	3/9/2026	39 JUDY DR	WILTERMOOD RODGER M & SHERRY L	MARTINSVILLE	IN	BERTELSEN JOSHUA & MCKINLEY	MARTINSVILLE	IN
$6,000	3/9/2026	E LANCASHIRE LN	JONES AMBER N	MARTINSVILLE	IN	FARLOW MARTIN & LYLA	MARTINSVILLE	IN
$205,000	3/9/2026	939 E YORK ST	W & M FLIPS LLC	MARTINSVILLE	IN	MASSIE JACOB D & AXSOM ELIZABETH A	MARTINSVILLE	IN
$127,000	3/9/2026	59 MAGNOLIA ST	SINK TONY L	MARTINSVILLE	IN	PROLENDING 401K TRUST	CARMEL	IN
$272,000	3/10/2026	4893 E MARCIA DR	BR GPC JV LLC	LEES SUMMIT	MO	MOORE PATRICK & KARLY	MOORESVILLE	IN
$62,500	3/10/2026	8892 W S R 42	ROSS FAMILY TRUST	MONROVIA	IN	MCCARTY TOMMY & MCCARTY CRYSTAL	MONROVIA	IN
$210,000	3/10/2026	709 S SYCAMORE ST	MYERS PAUL F & JOAN REV LIV TRUST	MARTINSVILLE	IN	MYERS PENNY & MYERS RACHAEL	MARTINSVILLE	IN
$400,000	3/10/2026	N MAPLE TURN LN	INDY CONTRACTING SERVICES INC	GREENWOOD	IN	MCFARLAND BRIAN P	MARTINSVILLE	IN
$350,000	3/11/2026	583 OLD MOORE LN	WEBB JOHN F & WEBB BARBARA A JTRS	MARTINSVILLE	IN	PHARIS SAMANTHA MAE & JOHNATHAN CHRISTOPHER	MARTINSVILLE	IN
$240,000	3/11/2026	1279 E JACKSON ST	RADER KARLEE JO & ETHAN CHASE	MARTINSVILLE	IN	BATES GAGE	MARTINSVILLE	IN
$89,000	3/11/2026	144 LEWIS DR	GUPTA VINOD C	BOCA RATON	FL	PHILLIPS LARRY A & JAMIE	MOORESVILLE	IN
$403,790	3/11/2026	348 N GRAND OAKS DR	TAYLOR MORRISON OF INDIANA LLC	SCOTTSDALE	AZ	SHUMAN WILLIAM & MARANDA	MOORESVILLE	IN
$1,250,000	3/11/2026	500 PARK DR	DUNBAR TIMOTHY R & CYNTHIA M	MARTINSVILLE	IN	T5 MOORESVILLE LLC	OAK BROOK TERRACE	IL
$280,000	3/12/2026	970 N LETTERMAN LN	HORTON RICHARD L & JERIKA	PARAGON	IN	BARNES DANIEL SCOTT	PARAGON	IN
$18,000	3/12/2026	N OXFORD CT	BLACKBURN JARROD D & ICE LORA R JTRS	MARTINSVILLE	IN	TARTER RANDALL & PHYLLIS	MOORESVILLE	IN
$227,500	3/12/2026	1436 WIGWAM LN	HAMMACK RICHARD L	MARTINSVILLE	IN	PETERS BRADLEY	MARTINSVILLE	IN
$250,000	3/13/2026	11111 N LONGBRANCH ST	SMITH TODD E	MONROVIA	IN	GBADYU MAMIE IV	MONROVIA	IN
$235,000	3/13/2026	5690 E DONALD DR	REVIVAL HOMES LLC	AVON	IN	MCCLURE TYLER & HANRAHAN KATILYN	CAMBY	IN
$102,000	3/13/2026	690 N MULBERRY ST	GEE PATRICIA	MARTINSVILLE	IN	KYLE CHARLES C & LORA D	MARTINSVILLE	IN
$180,000	3/13/2026	1445 RAYMOND RD	HILLARD MICHAEL K & CAROLINE S	MARTINSVILLE	IN	LASHBROOK NATHANAEL & GRACE	MARTINSVILLE	IN
$155,000	3/13/2026	925 PLAZA DR	RAIL SANDRA M	AUSTIN	TX	TRESTER VERNE A & TRESTER BARY	MARTINSVILLE	IN
$259,900	3/13/2026	6715 LAKEWOOD LN	LONG GARY L & DOTTIE D	MARTINSVILLE	IN	CLARK JOHN A & LYNN M	MARTINSVILLE	IN
$269,990	3/13/2026	13818 N AMERICUS WAY	NVR INC	INDIANAPOLIS	IN	STEVENS CRAIG	CAMBY	IN
$160,000	3/13/2026	11098 N MILHON WEST DR	DEEM-SMITH FAMILY TRST	MOORESVILLE	IN	SMITH STEPHANIE	MOORESVILLE	IN
$28,000	3/13/2026	6978 E MAHALASVILLE RD	COUCH ROBERT & ERIN/MORGAN CO AUDITOR	MARTINSVILLE	IN	WIPER CORPORATION	BOCA RATON	FL
$1,242	3/13/2026	N SOMERSET DR	C & C FUTURE LLC/MORGAN COUNTY AUDITOR	MARTINSVILLE	IN	WIPER CORPORATION	BOCA RATON	FL
$359,000	3/13/2026	9462 N ANTLER WAY	3 LOAN LLC	GREENWOOD	IN	KUNZ NICHOLAS M & NADENE	BROWNSBURG	IN
$21,820	3/16/2026	4745 UPPER PATTON PARK RD	STRAWDER JAY R & BURTON TERESA JTRS/MORGAN CO SHERIFF	MARTINSVILLE	IN	DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY	GREENVILLE	SC
$139,000	3/16/2026	815 S MARION ST	FARMER SEANNE/MORGAN CO SHERIFF	MARTINSVILLE	IN	IZCUP INVESTMENTS LLC	MARTINSVILLE	IN
$399,900	3/16/2026	13940 N LAYTON MILLS CT	BALDWIN CHAD & CALLIE	CAMBY	IN	BREWER JASON & EMILY	CAMBY	IN
$399,999	3/16/2026	380 N POST OAK DR	TAYLOR MORRISON OF INDIANA LLC	SCOTTSDALE	AZ	SPENCER AUSTIN & GRETCHEN	MOORESVILLE	IN
$222,730	3/16/2026	13682 N FERGUSON RD	MARTIN PERRY CARL/MORGAN CO SHERIFF	MARTINSVILLE	IN	FREEDOM MORTGAGE CORPORATION	FISHERS	IN
$445,000	3/16/2026	1979 W GORDON RD	PARTON COLE & JENNIFER	MOORESVILLE	IN	STANLEY KELSEY	PLAINFIELD	IN
$315,900	3/16/2026	3266 W VINTAGE ST	D R HORTON-INDIANA LLC	INDIANAPOLIS	IN	PARTON COLE	MONROVIA	IN
$170,000	3/18/2026	101 S CHURCH ST	HAMILTON MELODY L	BEECH GROVE	IN	STYCK MICHAEL & CONSTANCE	BROOKLYN	IN
$10,000	3/18/2026	3980 MIDDLE PATTON PARK RD	HOWARD LUCY A &	MARTINSVILLE	IN	SWINNEY CHARLES LAFE & SWINNEY KIM ENGLE	MONROVIA	IN
$236,000	3/18/2026	1282 PIN OAK CT	WILLIAMS STEPHEN & STEPHANIE	MARTINSVILLE	IN	TAN BRIDGET MARIE & TAN LEAN HONG	MARTINSVILLE	IN
$259,075	3/18/2026	1676 E MAE ST	CLAYTON PROPERTIES GROUP INC D/B/A ARBOR HOMES	INDIANAPOLIS	IN	RESA JOHN LAWRENCE & NIEDERT ELIZABETH ESTHER	MARTINSVILLE	IN
$315,000	3/18/2026	60 S WAYNE ST	WILLIAMS TOBIN M & ANGEL R	MARTINSVILLE	IN	ENGLISH SAMARIA	MARTINSVILLE	IN
$125,000	3/18/2026	LITTLE HURRICANE RD	BARFIELD CHRISTOPHER A	NOBLESVILLE	IN	BROERING ROBERT JR & CHRISTINE	GREENWOOD	IN
$580,000	3/18/2026	PARADISE LAKE RD	JOHNSON TERRY	FRANKLIN	IN	JOHNSON TERRY	FRANKLIN	IN
$333,000	3/18/2026	13424 N BADGER GROVE DR	MCFARLAND BRIAN P	CAMBY	IN	FENTON DANICA & NORBERG ANDREW	CAMBY	IN
$468,000	3/18/2026	1781 E MAE ST	FORESTAR (USA) REAL ESTATE GROUP INC	ARLINGTON	TX	CLAYTON PROPERTIES GROUP INC D/B/A ARBOR HOMES	INDIANAPOLIS	IN
$286,470	3/19/2026	1120 S MARSHALL ST	CLAYTON PROPERTIES GROUP INC D/B/A ARBOR HOMES	INDIANAPOLIS	IN	BAKER CHRISTOPHER NATHANAEL & TORRES DAYANA YANEF DI GIOVANNI	MARTINSVILLE	IN
$70,000	3/19/2026	5088 N BILL SIMONS RD	WATKINS JAMES	QUINCY	IN	WATKINS JARED R	CLOVERDALE	IN
$405,000	3/19/2026	13167 N DEPARTURE BLVD EAST	JONES TAYLOR L & BRITTANY R	CAMBY	IN	SCHUETTE GREG & COURTNEY	CAMBY	IN
$202,000	3/19/2026	215 E MAIN ST	JOHNSON LEEA SUZANNE	MONROVIA	IN	APPEL ALEXANDER	MOORESVILLE	IN
$275,000	3/19/2026	4398 E ALLISON RD	STADTER BRIAN & NOLAN HANNAH	CAMBY	IN	PLUMMER MARK B & SHARI L	CAMBY	IN
$230,000	3/19/2026	1082 S TERESA DR	POINDEXTER ALLEN G & JEANNA L	MARTINSVILLE	IN	COOPER CHRISTOPHER	MARTINSVILLE	IN
$439	3/19/2026	LAKE HART	DAMBECK JEFF/MORGAN COUNTY AUDITOR	MARTINSVILLE	IN	HB7 LLC	ZIONSVILLE	IN
$143,500	3/20/2026	105 TERRACE DR	SUMMERS RITA L	MONROVIA	IN	LONG ERIN	MONROVIA	IN
$218,000	3/20/2026	329 N PARK AVE	MCCAULEY JANET M & CROCKETT JOSHUA M	MARTINSVILLE	IN	HEUTELE MARY	MARTINSVILLE	IN
$200,000	3/20/2026	105 TERRACE DR	LONG ERIN	MONROVIA	IN	LONG GARY L & DOTTIE D	MONROVIA	IN
$373,860	3/20/2026	8577 S R 44	DORRIS ALLISON	MARTINSVILLE	IN	LANKFORD CHASE DAVIDSON & APPLEGATE JESSE LEE	BROOKLYN	IN
$150,000	3/20/2026	S R 44	GWINNUP DEBORAH J	MARTINSVILLE	IN	TOLODAY DAVID V & JOLENE M	MARTINSVILLE	IN
$291,565	3/20/2026	3271 W KEEPSAKE LN	D R HORTON-INDIANA LLC	INDIANAPOLIS	IN	MOKUBE ERIC	GREENWOOD	IN
$220,000	3/20/2026	359 W DOUGLAS ST	HABITAT FOR HUMANITY OF MORGAN COUNTY	MARTINSVILLE	IN	DENT ALEANA D	MARTINSVILLE	IN
$725,000	3/20/2026	1326 E BROWNING CT	GLORIOSO SCOTT	MARTINSVILLE	IN	FOX JOHN A & MARY C	MARTINSVILLE	IN
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$269,990	3/20/2026	13849 N KENNARD WAY	NVR INC	INDIANAPOLIS	IN	MOORE MARIAH	CAMBY	IN
$50,000	3/20/2026	3525 KIVETT LN	STROUD DAVID	MARTINSVILLE	IN	FISHING LLC	INDIANAPOLIS	IN
$280,570	3/20/2026	1122 S MARSHALL ST	CLAYTON PROPERTIES GROUP INC D/B/A ARBOR HOMES	INDIANAPOLIS	IN	CARMONA ALEXIS MONTANEZ & ABELA ALYSSA	MARTINSVILLE	IN
$239,000	3/20/2026	1650 PLANTATION DR	EDWARDS RANDALL L & FLEENER LISA R	MARTINSVILLE	IN	PARDEE DERICK JR	MARTINSVILLE	IN
$223,000	3/20/2026	2470 JORDAN RD	REED BENJAMIN L	MARTINSVILLE	IN	DEAN HAILEY	MARTINSVILLE	IN
$374,000	3/20/2026	4881 E CLEARVIEW DR	WARFIELD NANCY	MOORESVILLE	IN	TINKLE SCOTT A & HOLLADAY JODI R	MOORESVILLE	IN
$250,000	3/20/2026	133 FOUNTAIN DR	MYERS JONATHAN L & CAMPLIN CHRISTINA	MOORESVILLE	IN	WINKLE THOMAS & ONEALIA	MARTINSVILLE	IN
$125,000	3/23/2026	940 HACKER DR	HACKER DALLAS L	MARTINSVILLE	IN	3 BOYS RENTALS LLC	MARTINSVILLE	IN
$295,900	3/23/2026	11280 N GREENTHREAD DR	D R HORTON-INDIANA LLC	INDIANAPOLIS	IN	FOSTER CHAD JR	MONROVIA	IN
$429,900	3/23/2026	10947 N SHUPE RD	BROWN JEFFREY L & ALESIA	MONROVIA	IN	STEVENS SCOTT B & KAREN	MONROVIA	IN
$585,000	3/24/2026	600 OLD MOORE RD	SZEKELY WILLIAM JR & JENNIFER M	MARTINSVILLE	IN	SPRINGFIELD ROBIN & JASON	GREENWOOD	IN
$240,000	3/24/2026	317 N CHURCH ST	IZCUP INVESTMENTS LLC	MARTINSVILLE	IN	STECHER EMALYNN & BAKER JAYDEN	BROOKLYN	IN
$188,000	3/24/2026	2265 S R 44	MORGAN PATRICIA & MICHAEL	MARTINSVILLE	IN	MORGAN WILLIAM D	MARTINSVILLE	IN
$159,000	3/24/2026	450 W DOUGLAS ST	NEW AMERICAN FUNDING LLC	AUSTIN	TX	ANDREWS SYDNEY ROYCE	MARTINSVILLE	IN
$130,000	3/24/2026	539 W PIKE ST	DAVIS WILLIAM I & DAVIS PATRICIA A	BRAZIL	IN	BRILL BETTY ANN	MARTINSVILLE	IN
$235,000	3/24/2026	2987 W LONGBRANCH DR	LOGUE KYLE M	MONROVIA	IN	TRACKWELL RYAN & CHRISTINA	MONROVIA	IN
$234,000	3/25/2026	1693 E MARCILE DR	FORESTAR (USA) REAL ESTATE GROUP INC	ARLINGTON	TX	CLAYTON PROPERTIES GROUP INC D/B/A ARBOR HOMES	INDIANAPOLIS	IN
$973,500	3/25/2026	CRAMERTOWN LOOP	FORESTAR (USA) REAL ESTATE GROUP INC	ARLINGTON	TX	CLAYTON PROPERTIES GROUP INC D/B/A ARBOR HOMES	INDIANAPOLIS	IN
$388,688	3/25/2026	1615 E HANNA DR	CLAYTON PROPERTIES GROUP INC D/B/A ARBOR HOMES	INDIANAPOLIS	IN	KOCH MICHAEL RAY & RHONDA LEE	MARTINSVILLE	IN
$299,900	3/25/2026	11220 N GREENTHREAD DR	DR HORTON-INDIANA LLC	INDIANAPOLIS	IN	COBIAN JAVIER	MONROVIA	IN
$255,000	3/25/2026	11418 N MEADOWBEND WAY	LITTON HEATHER ELAINE & DUSTIN RAY	MONROVIA	IN	ROBERTSON JACOB & SUMMERS JOCELYN	MONROVIA	IN
$165,000	3/25/2026	119 E MULBERRY ST	CLARK RICHARD RAINWATER JIMMY L & LOWER KAREN SUE	MORGANTOWN	IN	DALLAS AMY	MORGANTOWN	IN
$565,000	3/25/2026	S MAIN ST	WILLIAM AND HELEN SCHWAB FOUNDATION	MARTINSVILLE	IN	FARRS HOLDINGS LLC	GREENWOOD	IN
$312,000	3/25/2026	1758 E MAE ST	FORESTAR (USA) REAL ESTATE GROUP INC	ARLINGTON	TX	CLAYTON PROPERTIES GROUP INC D/B/A ARBOR HOMES	INDIANAPOLIS	IN
$312,000	3/25/2026	1684 E MARCILE DR	FORESTAR (USA) REAL ESTATE GROUP INC	ARLINGTON	TX	CLAYTON PROPERTIES GROUP INC D/B/A ARBOR HOMES	INDIANAPOLIS	IN
$177,000	3/25/2026	CRAMERTOWN LOOP	FORESTAR (USA) REAL ESTATE GROUP INC	ARLINGTON	TX	CLAYTON PROPERTIES GROUP INC D/B/A ARBOR HOMES	INDIANAPOLIS	IN
$497,500	3/26/2026	3506 MORGAN OAKS CIR	BOUVIER YVONNE P	MARTINSVILLE	IN	WELCH KRISTINA A & YEE WILLIAM	MARTINSVILLE	IN
$228,000	3/26/2026	1087 TOMAHAWK PL	HAMMACK RICHARD L	MARTINSVILLE	IN	SCULLY MIKAELA & EZRA	MARTINSVILLE	IN
$220,000	3/26/2026	8125 S R 39	RODRIGUEZ MIKAYLA S	MARTINSVILLE	IN	LITTON DUSTIN	MARTINSVILLE	IN
$386,058	3/26/2026	1131 S MARSHALL ST	CLAYTON PROPERTIES GROUP INC D/B/A ARBOR HOMES	INDIANAPOLIS	IN	LIN ZHONGWU	MARTINSVILLE	IN
$116,000	3/26/2026	60 W POSTON RD	SBEEM LLC	MARTINSVILLE	IN	IZCUP INVESTMENTS LLC	MARTINSVILLE	IN
$75,000	3/26/2026	60 DUNN DR	BROWN KAREN S & REID ERIK	MOORESVILLE	IN	BROWN KAREN S	MOORESVILLE	IN
$345,900	3/27/2026	261 N POINT PLEASANT CT	BUCHANAN JENNIE L & STEVEN W	MOORESVILLE	IN	NORRIS AMY JO & VARBONCOEUR JON GLENN	MOORESVILLE	IN
$316,900	3/27/2026	11327 N GREENTHREAD DR	D R HORTON-INDIANA LLC	INDIANAPOLIS	IN	KELLER ZACHARY & MEGHAN	MONROVIA	IN
$324,900	3/27/2026	11240 N GREENTHREAD DR	DR HORTON-INDIANA LLC	INDIANAPOLIS	IN	MERZIER JOHNSLEY & CHERLEY	MONROVIA	IN
$164,000	3/27/2026	4580 N TEMPLIN LN	THOMPSON SCOTT R & KELLY A	BLOOMINGTON	IN	BAIN SHAWN & HACKER DESTINY	MARTINSVILLE	IN
$558,000	3/27/2026	525 JONES PL	SUMMEIER JARED S & ARLENA	MARTINSVILLE	IN	FEASTER WESLEY D & MELISSA R	MARTINSVILLE	IN
$31,000	3/27/2026	13835 N CARDONIA DR	CHAVEZ TANIA BEATRIZ	MIAMI	FL	BROYLES JEFFREY A	QUINCY	IN
$409,000	3/27/2026	295 N BUR OAK DR	TAYLOR MORRISON OF INDIANA LLC	SCOTTSDALE	AZ	KRAIGER HOLLY	GREENWOOD	IN

PROPERTY TRANSFERS

Sale Price	Sale Date	Property Address	Seller 1 Name	Seller 1 City	Seller 1 State	Buyer 1 Name	Buyer 1 City	Buyer 1 State
$150,000	3/27/2026	5645 E MARJORIE CT	GARRISON DAVID W	CAMBY	IN	MADDEN CORY	MOORESVILLE	IN
$1	3/27/2026	5143 E ALLISON RD	EADS THOMAS J	CAMBY	IN	TRUELOVE LEANNA	CAMBY	IN
$131,100	3/28/2026	128 E SOUTH ST	GIBRALTAR GROUP LLC THE	AVON	IN	WILLIAMS CARSON JEFFREY	MOORESVILLE	IN
$550,000	3/30/2026	6290 N S R 42	WEBB JOHN M & HOLLY Y	QUINCY	IN	KIRK BRIAN & KRISTI	QUINCY	IN
$282,815	3/30/2026	13851 N AMERICUS WAY	NVR INC	INDIANAPOLIS	IN	DEVERICK DEBORAH DEVERICK WILLIAM M DAHL THEODORE ELVIS	CAMBY	IN
$10,000	3/30/2026	E REMBRANDT DR	O'CONNELL MARIE	MARTINSVILLE	IN	STRAKA JAMES JEFFREY	WHITESTOWN	IN
$537,000	3/30/2026	9221 N STANLEY DR	ZIPOFF DAVID & MARYA	MARTINSVILLE	IN	DAVIS FRANK AUSTIN & TAYLOR	MOORESVILLE	IN
$2,500	3/30/2026	S COPPERSTONE CT	O'CONNELL MARIE	MARTINSVILLE	IN	HOLLOWAY MICHAEL J & HOLLOWAY WENDY L	MARTINSVILLE	IN
$24,000	3/30/2026	GODSEY RD	BOLIN BEVERLY ANN	MARTINSVILLE	IN	BLAKE TREVOR A	MARTINSVILLE	IN
$176,000	3/30/2026	W BRYANTS CREEK RD	BENNETT MATTHEW T & BENNETT MARC A	MARTINSVILLE	IN	NEAL JACKSON D & ALISA A	MARTINSVILLE	IN
$445,000	3/30/2026	3813 N RAMSGATE RD	SMITH RONALD K	MARTINSVILLE	IN	RICHIE BRIAN & REBECCA	GREENWOOD	IN
$365,000	3/30/2026	5388 E RINKER RD	HULT BLAKE & HILL TIFFANY L	MOORESVILLE	IN	DOTSON BONNIE & DOTSON THOMAS	MOORESVILLE	IN
$222,000	3/30/2026	308 BISHOP AVE	DAVIS FRANK A	MOORESVILLE	IN	CHIRICO DAVID & PRESTON LYDIA	MOORESVILLE	IN
$294,350	3/31/2026	6181 E NEWBERRY CT	HALL ZACHARY M & RICH MADELINE K	CAMBY	IN	RODRIGUEZ RICARDO GOITIA	CAMBY	IN
$482,000	3/31/2026	376 N GRAND OAKS DR	FIRE & ICE PROPERTY GROUP LLC	CARMEL	IN	BROWN JOSHUA GENE & LINDLEY CHRISTINE LYNN	MOORESVILLE	IN
$265,000	3/31/2026	12911 N PADDOCK RD	BOONE ADAM NOLAN	CAMBY	IN	BAILEY BREANA & BAILEY AMY	CAMBY	IN
$180,000	3/31/2026	720 E WALNUT ST	CLEM CARL S III	MARTINSVILLE	IN	MOYLE FRANCES D	MARTINSVILLE	IN
$189,000	4/1/2026	N BRIARHOPPER RD	FARMBOYS LLC	WILLIAMS	IN	HENDERSON ADAM	MONROVIA	IN
$86,831	4/1/2026	1126 S MARSHALL ST	DOMAIN TIMBERLAKE MULTISTATE 2 LLC	INDIANAPOLIS	IN	CLAYTON PROPERTIES GROUP INC	INDIANAPOLIS	IN
$86,831	4/1/2026	1128 S MARSHALL ST	DOMAIN TIMBERLAKE MULTISTATE 2 LLC	INDIANAPOLIS	IN	CLAYTON PROPERTIES GROUP INC	INDIANAPOLIS	IN
$86,831	4/1/2026	1130 S MARSHALL ST	DOMAIN TIMBERLAKE MULTISTATE 2 LLC	INDIANAPOLIS	IN	CLAYTON PROPERTIES GROUP INC	INDIANAPOLIS	IN
$86,831	4/1/2026	1142 S THOMAS DR	DOMAIN TIMBERLAKE	NEW YORK	NY	CLAYTON PROPERTIES GROUP INC	INDIANAPOLIS	IN
$7,000	4/1/2026	S TOBY LN	PLUMMER DUANE D & PLUMMER MELINDA A	BARGERSVILLE	IN	SCHOTT JOSEPH W	INDIANAPOLIS	IN
$290,500	4/1/2026	256 PINEVIEW DR	BROWN JOSHUA	MOORESVILLE	IN	BARNES NATHANIEL D	MOORESVILLE	IN
$3,000	4/2/2026	E COPPERSTONE RD	OCONNELL MARIE	MARTINSVILLE	IN	MESSMER ALAN	MARTINSVILLE	IN
$253,000	4/2/2026	309 E GARFIELD AVE	REUTER SHANE & WILSON ANNA-KATHERINE	PARAGON	IN	FARRELL LYNETTE	MARTINSVILLE	IN
$116,000	4/2/2026	60 W POSTON RD	SMITH KENNETH M & SMITH DEBRAH J	MORGANTOWN	IN	SBEEM LLC	MARTINSVILLE	IN
$500,000	4/2/2026	11212-11218 W S R 42	RENTAL INVESTMENTS-LIVINGSTON LLC	CONROE	TX	KROGERS INC	PARAGON	IN
$309,000	4/2/2026	501 E JADA LN	TERRELL TERESA L MASON TAMARA L & MASON MICHAEL D	MARTINSVILLE	IN	MCINTOSH IAN & TOUGAS JASMINE	FRANKLIN	IN
$29,000	4/3/2026	W AWBREY RD	ROGERS DAVID A ETAL	CLOVERDALE	IN	ALLEN RANDALL & JILLIAN	MOORESVILLE	IN
$259,000	4/3/2026	N PENNINGTON RD	LEGACY LAND SOLUTIONS LLC	JACKSON	TN	BROOKS AMANDA L & CORY D	GREENWOOD	IN
$275,500	4/3/2026	1752 E SHADY LN	DILLOW DAVID A & SUSAN L IRREVOC LIV TRST	MARTINSVILLE	IN	ROGERS BRANDON & LEANNA	MARTINSVILLE	IN
$487,000	4/3/2026	492 VALLEY DR	MARVEL ANN A	MARTINSVILLE	IN	ZELLER KEVIN L & CHERYL S	PLAINFIELD	IN
$235,000	4/3/2026	1431 WIGWAM LN	SCHUBARTH WESLEY T & EMILY T	MARTINSVILLE	IN	REYES RENTALS LLC	BLOOMINGTON	IN
$220,000	4/3/2026	539 S SYCAMORE ST	WARTHEN JODIE D	MARTINSVILLE	IN	SMITH JOHN & CHRISTINA	MARTINSVILLE	IN
$310,000	4/3/2026	297 FIELDS AVE	TAYLOR TRISHA M & ERIC C	MOORESVILLE	IN	LEWIS ARTEMUS	ROACHDALE	IN
$90,000	4/3/2026	1610 JOSEPHINE ST	HACKER IRA FRANKLIN & PHYLLIS ANN	MARTINSVILLE	IN	LOGSDON JESSE	MARTINSVILLE	IN
$283,000	4/3/2026	1080 TOMAHAWK PL	VIC SPINA CUSTOM HOMES INC	MARTINSVILLE	IN	SCHUBARTH WESLEY T & EMILY T	MARTINSVILLE	IN
$345,000	4/3/2026	48 W BUNKER HILL RD	FINK TAMERA D	MOORESVILLE	IN	VASELOFF ADAM M & BRITTANY D	INDIANAPOLIS	IN
$50,000	4/3/2026	3197 GOSHAWK LN	KING DANIEL L & SUSAN L	BARGERSVILLE	IN	JOINT REVOC TRST OF SCOTT D BAKER & JUDY BAKER THE	MOORESVILLE	IN
$25,000	4/3/2026	W BASELINE RD	HART JAMIE A & STEPHANIE J	PARAGON	IN	HENSLEY JEANNIE D	PARAGON	IN
$305,000	4/3/2026	13874 N HAWKERS HILL DR	LASLEY JOSHUA JAY & HANNAH REBECCA	CAMBY	IN	WILBERT JAKHARI	CAMBY	IN
$187,500	4/3/2026	950 E WARREN ST	HOPPEL INVESTMENT PROPERTIES INC	MARTINSVILLE	IN	HALL HUSTON D & SCHOOLCRAFT JADA MARIE	MARTINSVILLE	IN
$100,000	4/3/2026	2435 S CONSERVATION CLUB RD	BEASLEY JON & BEASLEY SANDI	MARTINSVILLE	IN	TERRELL JORDAN & ELIZABETH	MARTINSVILLE	IN
$660,000	4/3/2026	8161 CINDY CIR	CLAPPER DAVID A & MALLORY	MARTINSVILLE	IN	LYONS DANA A & TIM M II	MARTINSVILLE	IN
$886,000	4/3/2026	6295 NEW HARMONY RD	MARTIN JACOB L & COLLEEN P	MARTINSVILLE	IN	MERRITT MICHAEL R & KATHLEEN J	MARTINSVILLE	IN
$333,000	4/6/2026	1015 KILLIAN DR	REUILLE AMANDA KAY	BARGERSVILLE	IN	RUSHER HEATHER R	MOORESVILLE	IN
$650,000	4/6/2026	249 E WOODFIELD LN	WALKER JOHN F & PAULA J	MOORESVILLE	IN	LACHMANN DAVID & HOPE	CAMBY	IN
$257,900	4/6/2026	5825 MASON LN	SNYDER JOSEPH R & MILDRED L	MARTINSVILLE	IN	YOUNG DYLAN	MARTINSVILLE	IN
$231,000	4/6/2026	1085 TOMAHAWK PL	HAMMACK RICHARD L	MARTINSVILLE	IN	FINK TAMERA D	MOORESVILLE	IN
$346,500	4/6/2026	11313 N C R 700 WEST	HEALD KALOB S	MONROVIA	IN	HEDGE JOSHUA	MOORESVILLE	IN
$345,000	4/6/2026	160 GOODNIGHT RD	GEISSMAN WILLIAM E JR & RENA	MARTINSVILLE	IN	SCOTT RYAN A & SCOTT CIERRA	MARTINSVILLE	IN
$274,000	4/6/2026	31 BROOKLYN CT	EAKLE LARRY	MOORESVILLE	IN	CROCKETT JORDAN E & SPEARS ALISON	MOORESVILLE	IN
$200,000	4/6/2026	308 E WASHINGTON ST	MARTIN JAMES P	MOORESVILLE	IN	PHILLIPS ERICA NICOLE	MOORESVILLE	IN
$248,900	4/6/2026	267 PINEVIEW DR	GILLUM NANETTE	MOORESVILLE	IN	KELLER JOHN R & CHRISTINE A	MOORESVILLE	IN
$320,000	4/6/2026	5143 E ALLISON RD	TRUELOVE LEANNA	CAMBY	IN	MACE JONATHON SWANN HAROLD & MARGARET	CAMBY	IN
$18,500	4/7/2026	E LAKEVIEW DR	DANIEL DOUGLAS & KRISTAL	MARTINSVILLE	IN	STRAKA JAMES J REVOC LIV TRST	WHITESTOWN	IN
$271,569	4/7/2026	1619 E HANNA DR	CLAYTON PROPERTIES GROUP INC DBA ARBOR HOMES	INDIANAPOLIS	IN	SAMPSON CATHY ANN & FAIRCLOTH JUDY ANN	MARTINSVILLE	IN
$335,000	4/7/2026	4541 W HURT RD	DAVEE SUSANNE & BRIAN	MONROVIA	IN	MCGINN JOSHUA RYAN & MARISSA	MONROVIA	IN
$800,000	4/7/2026	3660 S CONSERVATION CLUB RD	WILLARD WALTER S SR & SANDRA K	MORGANTOWN	IN	GRIM JEFFREY D & RHONDA A	NOBLESVILLE	IN
$30,000	4/7/2026	S WILDWOOD CV	SCHAAF LUKE E & CAROL	MUNCIE	IN	MCKINNEY JARRETT & RANDA	MARTINSVILLE	IN
$299,995	4/8/2026	1646 E RICHARD DR	CLAYTON PROPERTIES GROUP INC D/B/A ARBOR HOMES	INDIANAPOLIS	IN	RENTFRO MATTHEW WAYNE & SASHA	MARTINSVILLE	IN
$160,000	4/8/2026	60-62 MAGNOLIA ST	SEATON CHAD	MARTINSVILLE	IN	LAUCK PROPERTY INVESTMENTS LLC	MARTINSVILLE	IN
$80,000	4/8/2026	3276 EAGLES PT	SWALLS RACHEL	AVON	IN	SLAGLE CAMERON	MARTINSVILLE	IN
$110,000	4/8/2026	1217 OLD MOORE RD	MASON JEFFREY & CATHY	NEW PALESTINE	IN	EDLUND MATTHEW & SCHERRER LAUREN	AVON	IN
$175,000	4/8/2026	337 BRIDGE ST	MARTIN SHARON K	MOORESVILLE	IN	FREUND DAVID	MOORESVILLE	IN
$220,000	4/8/2026	50 COMMERCE DR	RADCLIFF COURTNEY	MOORESVILLE	IN	GROGAN ELIZABETH	MOORESVILLE	IN
$375,000	4/8/2026	3392 BURNS BLVD	CLARK JACK L & CLARK DONA R IRREVOC LIV TRST	MARTINSVILLE	IN	BRYANT DENNIS L & MARY B	MARTINSVILLE	IN
$335,000	4/9/2026	6393 E PEMBOKE CT	MCFARLAND SEAN M	CAMBY	IN	PAMBIANCO SHAWN & BURROUGH TODD	CAMBY	IN
$60,000	4/9/2026	3231 HANCOCK RIDGE RD	HANCOCK CABIN LLC	MONROVIA	IN	HUNTERS HONEY FARM LLC	MARTINSVILLE	IN
$220,000	4/9/2026	13116 N BECKS GROVE DR	HANCOCK REBECCA	CAMBY	IN	HOFFMAN ASHLYNN DEBORAH & STEVEN EDWARD II	CAMBY	IN
$340,000	4/9/2026	3170 N COUNTRY CLUB RD	ICE DANIELLE MARIE & DAVID J	MARTINSVILLE	IN	BRAFFORD CALEB S & RALUCA N	MARTINSVILLE	IN
$410,000	4/9/2026	2481 BRANDYWINE LN	ROE BRIAN D	MARTINSVILLE	IN	MCFARLAND SEAN M & MIRANDA	CAMBY	IN
$598,000	4/9/2026	12196 N BETH ANN DR	MCCLUNG MONTE R	CAMBY	IN	CRIST KENNETH WAYNE	CAMBY	IN
$742,900	4/9/2026	7347 N BALTIMORE RD	BURT HEATHER & JEREMY MARK	MONROVIA	IN	VELANDINGHAM MATTHEW A & SARAH I	MONROVIA	IN
$177,700	4/9/2026	80 CENTER LN	MOSIER JESSICA NICOLE & LIGHTER MYRA	MOORESVILLE	IN	HERINK ROBERT L II	MOORESVILLE	IN
$404,999	4/10/2026	328 N BUR OAK DR	TAYLOR MORRISON OF INDIANA LLC	SCOTTSDALE	AZ	POYNTER LINDSAY	MOORESVILLE	IN
$379,900	4/10/2026	2790 E MORGAN ST	EVITTS BRENT A	MARTINSVILLE	IN	WILTERMOOD RODGER M & SHERRY	MARTINSVILLE	IN
$100,000	4/10/2026	240 S MULBERRY ST	RAY JOYCE IRREVOC TRST	MARTINSVILLE	IN	RAY JOHN	MARTINSVILLE	IN
$155,000	4/10/2026	N LETTERMAN RD	DENNIS THOMAS LEE JR & TAYLOR ROSE	MONROVIA	IN	COFFMAN JEFFREY W & CHARITY R	MARTINSVILLE	IN
$204,900	4/10/2026	40 DUO DR	40 DUO DRIVE LLC	LAS VEGAS	NV	OPENDOOR PROPERTY TRUST I	TEMPE	AZ
$215,000	4/10/2026	602 MEADOWS DR	HUGHES POOJA CHHETRI & HUGHES POOJA	MOORESVILLE	IN	TOMEY TREVOR	MOORESVILLE	IN
$530,000	4/10/2026	1041 S GOLDEN LEAF DR	ENGEL JOANIE LYNN & ROBERT B	MARTINSVILLE	IN	CHERRY MICHAEL E & SUSAN K	MARTINSVILLE	IN
$55,000	4/10/2026	N MARTIN LN	BROWN CARL R & SARA F JOINT REVOC LIV TRST	CAMBY	IN	PULLIAM MICHAEL WAYNE & KATHY	MOORESVILLE	IN
$308,000	4/10/2026	1042 SCARLET OAK LN	JOSSAN JASKARAN SINGH	MOORESVILLE	IN	SHELBURNE JEFFREY KENT & ENGLAND CHRISTINA	MOORESVILLE	IN
$75,000	4/13/2026	N BILL SIMONS RD	BROCK FRANK R JR	MONROVIA	IN	FOWLER JESSICA & KEVIN AUSTIN	MARTINSVILLE	IN
$386,000	4/13/2026	949 S GRAVEYARD RD	FOWLER KEVIN AUSTIN & JESSICA DANIELLE	PARAGON	IN	COOK COLLIN & FAIR JADA	PARAGON	IN
$421,070	4/13/2026	594 N OLIVE CHURCH RD	SCHERLE MARLA F & KINDER CAROLE A	MARTINSVILLE	IN	CRONE BRADLEY A	PARAGON	IN
$555,000	4/14/2026	11638 N STONE HEDGE LN	WALLS DERRICK & DEBRA	MOORESVILLE	IN	WARBURTON ROBERT JR & KRISTINA	BROWNSBURG	IN
$253,500	4/14/2026	1200 PAUL REVERE DR	DAVID BUILDING GROUP LLC	INDIANAPOLIS	IN	PETERSON MELANIE W & DOUGLAS ALLAN	MOORESVILLE	IN
$514,000	4/14/2026	2955 SAND CREEK TRL	EDWARDS KRISSY & MITCHELL	MARTINSVILLE	IN	CHRISTIANSON ANDREW & ENGLAND ALYSSA	MARTINSVILLE	IN
$465,000	4/14/2026	520 DENNY DR	HUGHES DON M & LINDA K	MOORESVILLE	IN	BOWER TAMARA & JEFFREY	MOORESVILLE	IN
$91,454	4/15/2026	1735 E RICHARD DR	FORESTAR (USA) REAL ESTATE GROUP INC	ARLINGTON	TX	CLAYTON PROPERTIES GROUP INC D/B/A ARBOR HOMES	INDIANAPOLIS	IN
$460,000	4/15/2026	2920 MORGAN TRL	FLEENER NATHANIEL I & COURTNEY L	MARTINSVILLE	IN	MCFARLAND CODY W & JADE R	MARTINSVILLE	IN
$17,500	4/15/2026	E REMBRANDT DR	SMITHER BARRY L	FRANKLIN	IN	TRISLER DAVID J & DONNA J ETAL	GREENWOOD	IN
$226,000	4/15/2026	410 ANEL DR	MCFARLAND CODY & JADE R	MARTINSVILLE	IN	DEATON DREW AUSTIN	MARTINSVILLE	IN
$206,000	4/16/2026	9460-9470 HUGGIN HOLLOW RD	FARKAS LYNN SARA SEPARATE PROPERTY REVOC TRST	SAN DIEGO	CA	PRC INVESTMENTS LLC	TRAFALGAR	IN
$32,000	4/16/2026	PARADISE LAKE RD	WARNER GLEN	BLOOMINGTON	IN	DEERING JACOB	BARGERSVILLE	IN
$285,500	4/16/2026	11346 W AWBREY RD	HOALT JOSEPH N	CLOVERDALE	IN	COLLMAN JOHN & SUSAN	PITTSBORO	IN
$345,000	4/16/2026	2665 GREY FOX DR	BAEK DUJIN	MARTINSVILLE	IN	WEAVER WILLIAM THOMAS & DARCY	MARTINSVILLE	IN
$355,000	4/16/2026	3189 W VINTAGE ST	D R HORTON-INDIANA LLC	INDIANAPOLIS	IN	MULEBA KABAMBA & ASUKULU ALPHONSINE	MONROVIA	IN
$185,000	4/16/2026	9470 N OLD PORT ROYAL	CREECH JAMES WILGUS	MARTINSVILLE	IN	CREECH JORDYN REILLY	MARTINSVILLE	IN
$35,000	4/16/2026	12909 N PADDOCK RD	BOONE ADAM NOLAN	CAMBY	IN	ANASTACIO JORGE & BROOKE	CAMBY	IN
$205,000	4/16/2026	340 N LINCOLN ST	JAGGERS MISTY L	MARTINSVILLE	IN	BIRT ZACHARY & CARPENTER KIMBERLY	MARTINSVILLE	IN
$225,000	4/16/2026	211 STONEVIEW LN	ALLEN JOHN H	MOORESVILLE	IN	EHRSAM ERIC T & REBECCA A	MOORESVILLE	IN
$50,000	4/16/2026	W COUNTY LINE RD	GRAY DANIEL A	INDIANAPOLIS	IN	GRAY ROBERT & GRAY CATHY	MOORESVILLE	IN
$153,400	4/16/2026	1044 CENTER ST	EGGERS CHARLOTTE	MARTINSVILLE	IN	STEWART JAMES	MARTINSVILLE	IN
$345,000	4/17/2026	4476 E REMBRANDT DR	FEWELL KATIE L & LUKE C	MARTINSVILLE	IN	OBRIEN CRYSTAL G	MARTINSVILLE	IN
$300,000	4/17/2026	6021 E NORTH COUNTY LINE RD	OBRIEN CRYSTAL	CAMBY	IN	GRAHAM KOLTON & SUMMERS BROOKLYN	CAMBY	IN
$390,000	4/17/2026	310 GRASSYFORK LN	SCHAEFFER MELISSA	MARTINSVILLE	IN	KIEFT RUDO & KIEFT-DIK JACQUELINE	MARTINSVILLE	IN
$400,000	4/17/2026	11131 N FOREST GROVE RD	COCHRAN DONALD G & SHERON A	MOORESVILLE	IN	RICKETTS SCOTT & ANDREW TYLER & & DANYEL	MOORESVILLE	IN
$285,000	4/17/2026	863 E HARRISON ST	HAMMACK RICHARD L	MARTINSVILLE	IN	OSTLER PATRICIA A	MARTINSVILLE	IN
$199,000	4/17/2026	698 INDIANAPOLIS RD	BAKER DIANA L	MOORESVILLE	IN	SELKE DEVIN & MICHAELA RICKELMAN WENDY	MOORESVILLE	IN
$360,000	4/17/2026	12189 N CEDARVIEW DR	LAUX MICHAEL E & MARGARET R	MOORESVILLE	IN	CLAWSON HUNTER & SOPHIE	MOORESVILLE	IN
$200	4/18/2026	E REMBRANDT DR	POSTLEWAITE JONI L & POSTLEWAITE DAVID W	MOORESVILLE	IN	EDWARDS DIRK R & EDWARDS WENDI LEE ETAL	INDIANAPOLIS	IN
$33,000	4/18/2026	ROBIN RUN CT	PUTNAM RACHEL J	INDIANAPOLIS	IN	MYERS GANNON E & BELHAMIE C	MARTINSVILLE	IN
$650,000	4/20/2026	6868 N BALTIMORE RD	MOORE MICHAEL S & DIANA M	MONROVIA	IN	HOSE BRANDON SCOTT & ALBIN KARISSA BRITTANY NICOLE	MONROVIA	IN
$75,000	4/20/2026	328 N HENRY ST	SHUMAR SARA & SHUMAR JOHN ETAL	MARTINSVILLE	IN	DILLARD CHUCK & SCROGGINS LORA	MARTINSVILLE	IN
$258,185	4/20/2026	1675 E MAE ST	CLAYTON PROPERTIES GROUP INC D/B/A ARBOR HOMES	INDIANAPOLIS	IN	GELINSKE JOSHUA THOMAS	MARTINSVILLE	IN
$319,200	4/20/2026	150 E MAPLE TURN RD	DILLOW ENTERPRISES INC	MARTINSVILLE	IN	KOCH KODI & ENGLAND CIARA	MARTINSVILLE	IN
$525,012	4/20/2026	460 E WASHINGTON ST	WEAVER WILLIAM T & DARCY L	MARTINSVILLE	IN	BARR APRIL & KENNETH	MARTINSVILLE	IN
$7,000	4/20/2026	E RIDGE RD	EDWARDS MITCHELL	BATTLE CREEK	MI	PODESTA RAYMOND & ANGELA	GREENWOOD	IN
$382,000	4/20/2026	1552 W FOXCLIFF DRIVE SOUTH	DEARLOVE TIMOTHY E JR	MARTINSVILLE	IN	ADAMS KIMBERLEY	TARPON SPRINGS	FL
$200,000	4/21/2026	2770 S R 67 NORTH	ROSS JACOB L	MARTINSVILLE	IN	MOORE JOHN MICHAEL	MARTINSVILLE	IN
$440,000	4/21/2026	1675 LINCOLN HILL RD	CHASTAIN MARK A JR & JONIMARIE M	MARTINSVILLE	IN	HOOKER ALAN & ANNA LEE	INDIANAPOLIS	IN
$8,750	4/21/2026	S REYES CT	LAFARY CARL & ANGELA	MARTINSVILLE	IN	BURGER TINA	MARTINSVILLE	IN
$357,900	4/21/2026	216 OAKVIEW DR	NEAL JOSEPH H & JENNIFER	MOORESVILLE	IN	TECKENBROCK KASSY LAWRN & WELLS TRAVIS MICHAEL	MOORESVILLE	IN
$234,980	4/21/2026	1118 S MARSHALL ST	CLAYTON PROPERTIES GROUP INC D/B/A ARBOR HOMES	INDIANAPOLIS	IN	GARDENER JUSTIN DEWAYNE	MARTINSVILLE	IN
$250,000	4/21/2026	S GLEN CV	BAUSMAN KEVIN G & MARY JANE	INDIANAPOLIS	IN	LOPEZ SABRINA	AVON	IN
$213,000	4/22/2026	51 FAIRLANE DR	MOODY BEECHER GREER & MOODY LILLIE MARIE REVOC LIV TRS	MOORESVILLE	IN	RUTLEDGE CHARLES MICHAEL	MOORESVILLE	IN
$210,000	4/22/2026	3105 N HURRICANE HILLS EAST	PYLE KEVIN	PARAGON	IN	CLAPP CAMERON	PARAGON	IN
$520,000	4/23/2026	10630 N ROLLING VALLEY DR	BLAKELY JOHN & NUNN ANDREA	MOORESVILLE	IN	MCKECHNIE ALEXANDER JUSTIN & BOEGLEN ELIZABETH	ELLETTSVILLE	IN
$282,565	4/23/2026	1112 S WALTER CT	CLAYTON PROPERTIES GROUP INC DBA ARBOR HOMES	INDIANAPOLIS	IN	MCKENZIE BLAKE LEE & JONES TAYLOR	MARTINSVILLE	IN
$252,380	4/23/2026	1110 S WALTER CT	CLAYTON PROPERTIES GROUP INC DBA ARBOR HOMES	INDIANAPOLIS	IN	WINNEFELD LAUREN & CARR AVERY	MARTINSVILLE	IN
$59,900	4/23/2026	2665 S GAYLE DR	STRAKIS ANDREW M & KAYLEIGH M	BARGERSVILLE	IN	NEIFERD CHAD & DEBRA	CORTLAND	OH
$25,410	4/23/2026	108 N CHURCH ST	QUASEBARTH DONALD P	BEDFORD	IN	DURHAM MARTY LEE & HE HUI	BROOKLYN	IN
$289,000	4/23/2026	8615 N BRIARWOOD LAKE EAST DR	HUSBANDS KRYSTAL D	MONROVIA	IN	BOUKAL CHAD	MONROVIA	IN
$330,000	4/23/2026	6030 E TERHUNE CT	PAUL ERIC & MEGAN	CAMBY	IN	ORUC TARIK	CAMBY	IN
$175,000	4/24/2026	961 CENTENNIAL RD	PITTS CELESTE MARIE & DIVELY HEATHER ANN	MARTINSVILLE	IN	PITTS CELESTE MARIE	MARTINSVILLE	IN
$239,000	4/24/2026	1447 ELM ST	VIC SPINA CUSTOM HOMES INC	MARTINSVILLE	IN	ARTHUR LARRY D & ELIZABETH	BLOOMINGTON	IN
$234,995	4/24/2026	1675 E MARCILE DR	CLAYTON PROPERTIES GROUP INC D/B/A ARBOR HOMES	INDIANAPOLIS	IN	BAILEY CONNOR SCOTT & EMILY MICHELLE	MARTINSVILLE	IN

His name is Elohim

By Mickey Elliott
Weekday Religious Education

In every man and woman's heart is the desire to know and understand God, who is beyond our understanding. Words are difficult to truly reveal His love and power. The names of God speak to us. They bring meaning and revelation to our hearts and minds.

Let us begin to search for the names of God. Their meaning gives us power and strength through life. In biblical times, a name represented a person's character. God's name represents His afterbites, his nature; his name is a statement of who He is.

He has many names, and each reveals something of His power, love and purpose for each of us. We will spend a few weeks learning His names and their meanings.

The Father longs to have you know Him better so that you will trust in the name of the Lord and rely on your God. Isaiah 50:10 says, "Who among you fears the Lord? Let him trust in the name of the Lord and rely upon His God."

Uppermost in Jesus' mind as he faced the cross, He prayed for His disciples. As we move through generations, we know He prayed for you and me too. His deep desire was John 17:3: "They may know thee, the only true God and Jesus Christ whom thou has sent."

Paul had a burning desire in his heart. Philippians 3:10 says, "That I may know him, and the power of his resurrection, and the fellowship of his suffering being made conformable unto his heath."

Knowing your God means everything. It means victory and defeat. It means deliverance and confidence in God's love and power. It's the difference between life and death. The difference between heaven and hell. Knowing all this, why do we hesitate to run into the arms of our Creator and lover of our souls?

Why do we let fear overtake us and bring us defeat and hopelessness? Is it because most of us don't really know our God? We don't understand His power and love. Do we lack confidence because we have not truly been seeking to know Him?

Psalm 50:15 says, "Call upon me in the day of trouble. I will deliver you, and you shall glorify me."

I love the verse Proverbs 18:10: "The name of the Lord is a strong tower; righteousness runs into it and is safe."

I run to my strong tower often. I need His love and strength daily. Is His name your strong fortress in times of fear, sadness, worry, and distress? He can give you victory. It is a supernatural touch of His Spirit that calms and gives you peace.

Let us look at the names of our God and their meaning.

Men and women have found Him to be faithful, full of truth, and love for generations. We will begin in the book of Genesis 1:1, our first introduction to God and His name in Hebrew which is Elohim: "In the beginning God (Elohim) created the heavens and the earth."

In Genesis 1;2-3 we read, "The Spirit of God was moving over the surface of the waters. Then God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. Genesis 1:26 tells us, "Then God (Elohim) said, "Let us make man in our own image." The 'Our" refers to more than one-God the Father-God the Son-and God the Holy Spirit.

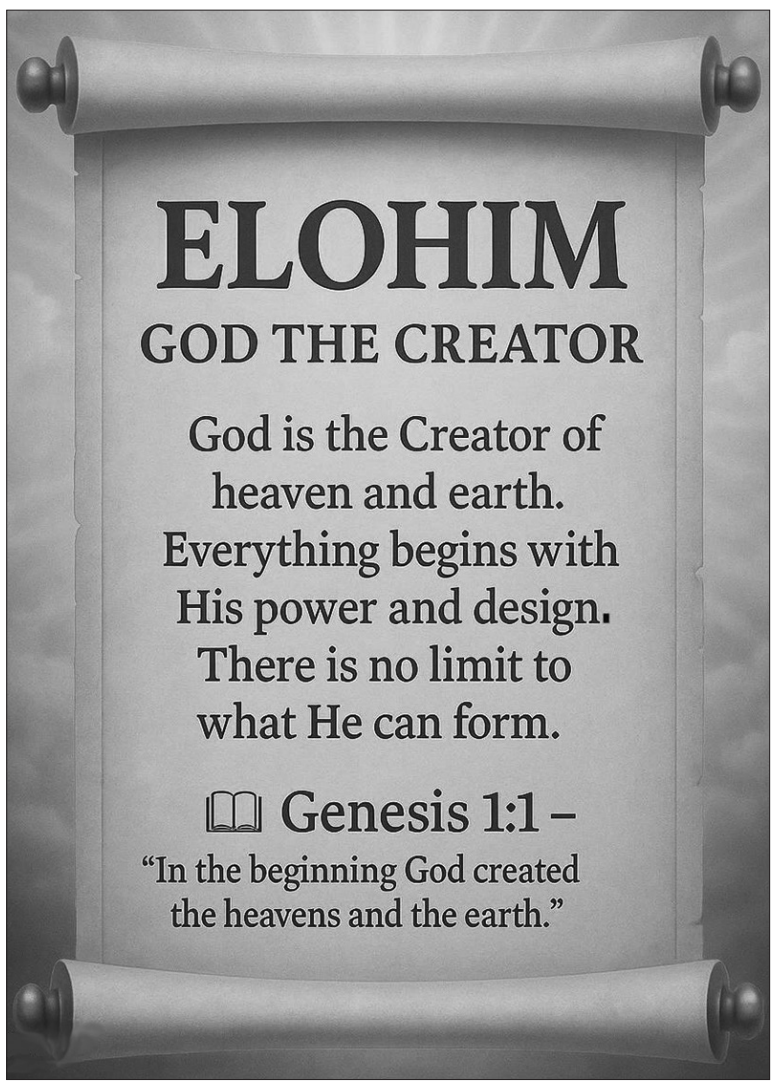
All three were involved in creation. God is our Creator; we exist because God loves us and we are the handiwork of Elohim. God was there when that one particular sperm cell met that particular egg. In a moment you became a living eternal soul. A miracle of love and design.

The name of Elohim is "Your strong tower and refuge." David wrote in Psalm 139: 13-15, "For thou did form my inward parts; you did weave me in my mother's womb. I will give thanks to you for I am fearfully and wonderfully made; wonderful are your works, and my soul knows it very well. My frame was not hidden from you when I was made in secret and skillfully wrought."

Your conception no matter what the circumstances was no accident. You are exactly as Elohim designed you to be. You will always be His precious creation. He has a plan for you. Run to Him and give Him first place in your heart. He has provided a heavenly home for his children.

He formed swirling galaxies, blazing stars, and the orbiting planets. But He also formed you. He designed you to bring glory to His name. To know your Elohim is to know your very reason for drawing breath. You have learned His first name and its meaning. He has many more. God bless you as you give Him praise for your life and the many promises He has given to those who love and trust Him.

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Church Directory

Alaska Christian Church • 7230 Lewisville Road, Quincy • 317-383-6300 • Facebook: Alaska Christian Church • alaskaorgan@gmail.com • Pastor Mike Wall • Sunday blended worship 11 a.m., as well as kids worship/nursery

Centennial Christian Church • 1510 Centennial Road, Martinsville • martinsvilleccc@gmail.com • Interim Pastor Keenan Steinway • Sunday service at 10:30 a.m.

Good Shepherd Baptist Church • 1150 State Road 144, Mooresville • 317-831-1279 • gsbcindy.com • info@gsbcindy.com • Pastor Brandon Sichting • Sunday School at 9:15 a.m., morning worship at 10:30 a.m., evening worship at 6:30 p.m., Wednesday Bible Study at 11 a.m., small groups at 7 p.m.

Prince of Peace Lutheran • 3496 E. Morgan St., Martinsville • 765-342-2004 • popmartinsville.org • popchurchlcms@hotmail.com • Pastor Nathan Janssen • Sundays at 9 a.m., Wednesdays at noon

River Valley Christian Church • 4295 Egbert Road, Martinsville • 765-349-2700 or 765-318-2741 • rivervalleychristianchurch.com • kevinable@rivervalleychristianchurch.com • Kevin Able • Sunday worship at 10 a.m., Wednesday Bible Study at 6:30 p.m., Thursday adult bible study at 10 a.m.

Spirit of Life Church • 189 W. Indiana St., Martinsville • 765-342-8123 • slcmartinsville.org • slcstudentministries@gmail.com • Pastor Kenny Collier • Sunday Service with Kids Classes at 10 a.m., Sunday Youth Group at 6 p.m., Monday Bible Studies 6:30 p.m.

Zion's Hill Baptist Church • 5050 Turkey Track Road, Martinsville • 765-349-3862 • zionshillbc.com • church.zionshill@gmail.com • Pastor Warner Swopes • Sunday service 9:30 a.m., Sunday School/Connection Groups follow service.

Morgan Street Church of Christ • 540 E. Morgan St., Martinsville • 765-342-6027 • morganstreetchurchofchrist.com • davidknoy@att.net • Preacher Robert Hawkins • Sunday Bible study 9:30 a.m., Wednesday service at 6 p.m., Sunday service at 10:30 a.m. and 6 p.m.

St. Martin of Tours Catholic Church • 1720 E. Harrison St., Martinsville • 765-342-6379 • stmtours.org • parishoffice@stmtours.org • Rev. Stephen Giannini • Saturday confession at 3 p.m., Mass at 4 p.m.; Sunday Mass at 10 a.m.; Tuesday and Thursday Mass at 8:10 a.m. Check website for Holy Days of Obligation.

St. Mary's Episcopal Church • 1109 E. Morgan St., Martinsville • 765-342-1682 • stmarysmartinsville.com • stmarys1109@gmail.com • Rev. Todd Kissam • Sunday at 9:30 a.m.

First Methodist Church of Martinsville • 3150 Myra Lane, Martinsville • 765-342-3558 • fmcmartinsville.org • office@fmcmartinsville.org • Pastor Chris Klingenfus • Sunday service at 9 a.m.

First Baptist Church • 1109 E. Columbus St., Martinsville • 765-342-3616 • firstbaptistmartinsville.org • fbcmart@sbcglobal.net • Pastor John Maples • Sunday service at 9:30 a.m.

Paragon Christian Church • 290 Main St., Paragon • 765-537-2683 • Facebook: Paragon Christian • paragon.christian.church@gmail.com • Pastor Luke Jackson • Sunday service at 10 a.m.

Life of Love MC • 265 Morton Ave., Martinsville • 765-341-9466 • lol-mc.com • lolmc@gmail.com • Jason and Shelly Abney • Sunday prayer at 10 a.m., service at 11 a.m., Wednesday service at 7 p.m.

Gospel Lighthouse Assembly • 340 Hoosier St., Morgantown • 865-253-4109 • f.criswell112@att.net • Rev. Frank Criswell • Sunday at 10 a.m., Wednesday at 6 p.m.

Monrovia Christian Church • 710 Gordon Road, Monrovia • 317-996-2812 • monroviacc.org • mccoffice@ccrtc.com • Pastor Richard Dickison • Sunday at 9:30 a.m.

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Hoosier Harvest Church • 4085 Leonard Road, Martinsville • 765-349-0552 • hhchurch.com • Susie@hhchurch.com • Pastor Chris Page • Sunday at 10 a.m.

Grace Church Camby • 4172 E. Allison Road, Camby • 317-831-0798 • discovergrace.net • info@discovergrace.net • Sunday at 9:30 and 11 a.m.

New View Community Church (nondenom) • 4265 Wilbur Road, Martinsville • newviewcc.com • info@newviewcc.com • Pastor Brian Fleener • Sunday School at 9:45 a.m., service at 10:30 a.m., Wednesday at 6 p.m.

Olive Christian Church • 1967 N. Olive Church Road, Paragon • 765-537-2415 • Facebook.com/olivechristianchurch.in • Pastor Kurt Berger • Sunday service at 9:30 a.m., Sunday School at 11 a.m.

Hynsdale Christian Church • 1067 Old St. Rd. 67, Martinsville • annievv@peoplepc.com • Pastor Susan Hanscom • Sunday service at 10 a.m.

Church of Christ • 800 S. Crawford St., Martinsville • martinsvillecoc.org • churchofchristelders@gmail.com • Sundays at 10 a.m., Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m.

Martinsville Church of the Firstborn • 2032 Ind. 252, Martinsville • 765-342-4565 • mcotf252@gmail.com • Pastor Max Piercefield • Sunday service and children's church at 10 a.m.

Whitaker Baptist Church • 3490 S. Lingle Road, Paragon • 812-879-4498 • whitakerbaptistvbs@gmail.com • Pastor Charles Tinsley • Sunday School at 9:30 a.m., service at 10:30 a.m., Wednesday Bible study at 7 p.m.

M1 Church of the Nazarene • 1609 John R. Wooden Drive, Martinsville • 765-342-2269 • m1nazarene.org • Pastor Jeff Floyd • Sunday School at 9 a.m., service at 10 a.m., Wednesday youth/kids at 6:30 p.m., Bible study at 7 p.m.

Mt. Gilead Church • 6019 E. Ind. 144, Mooresville • 317-831-1900 • mgchurch.org • Senior Minister Jeff Faull • Sunday services at 9 and 10:30 a.m.

Brooklyn Christian Church • 7 S. Church St., Brooklyn • 317-840-8789 • Pastor Doug Burns • dburnsnavy@gmail.com • Sunday service at 10:40 a.m.

Eastview Christian Church • 2745 Old Morgantown Road, Martinsville • 765-342-4483 • ecc@eastviewchristianchurch.org • eastviewchristianchurch.org • Senior minister Nathan Crowe • Sunday school at 9 a.m., service at 10 a.m.

First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) • 525 N. Indiana St., Mooresville • 317-831-2777 • firstccmooresville.org • office@firstccmooresville.org • Pastor Glenda Survance • Sundays at 10:30 a.m.

Faith Missionary Church • 1895 St. Rd. 44, Martinsville • 765-342-2228 • myfaithchurch.org • info@myfaithchurch.org • Pastor Matt Tucker • Sundays at 10 a.m. with nursery and children's services.

First Christian Church of Martinsville (Disciples of Christ) • 89 S. Main St., Martinsville • 765-342-3461 • fccmartinsville.org • Facebook: First Christian Church of Martinsville, Indiana • Rev. Roxie McNelly • Sunday service at 9:30 a.m. (previous week's sermon on 102.3 WCBK at 9:30 a.m.); discipleship classes at 10:30 a.m.

Liberty Christian Church • 2010 Liberty Church Road, Martinsville • 765-342-8519 • officelccmartinsville@gmail.com • lccmartinsville.org • Pastor Dewayne Liebrandt • Sunday service at 9 a.m., Sunday School at 10:15 a.m..

Life Pointe Community Church • 825 N. Indiana St., Mooresville • 317-831-0659 • lpcommunity.com • medens@lpcommunity.org • Pastor Jeff Thomas • Sunday service with kids programming at 10:30 a.m.

Mooresville Friends Church • 50 N. Monroe St., Mooresville • 317-831-2800 • mooresvillefriends.net • mooresvillefriends@att.net • Pastor Stan Banker, Presiding Clerk of Meeting John Heshelman • Sunday service at 10:30 a.m.

New Life Community Wesleyan Church • 4356 E. Ind. 144, Mooresville • 317-372-7757 • nlcw-church.com • info@nlcw-church.com • Pastor Michael Linville II • Sunday service at 10:30 a.m.

Mooresville Free Methodist Church • 20 Star Lane, Mooresville • 317-831-3874 • mooresvillefmchurch.org • mooresvillefmc.pastor@gmail.com • Pastor John Lefler • Sunday service at 10 a.m. with doughnuts and coffee at 9:30 a.m., Wednesday prayer meeting at 6:30 p.m.

Mooresville First United Methodist • 900 Indianapolis Road, Mooresville • 317-831-3376 • MooresvilleFUMC.org • Rev. Dr. Amber Karkosky-Litten • Blended Sunday worship at 9:15 a.m.

Pleasant Grove Christian Church • 6605 Maple Grove Road, Martinsville • 765-342-6277 • Pastor Jim Land • Sunday School at 9:30 a.m., service at 10:30 a.m.

St. Thomas More Catholic Church • 1200 N. Indiana St., Mooresville • 317-831-4142 • stm-church.org • pweber@stm-church.org • Father Joseph Newton • Saturday at 5:30 p.m., Sunday at 10:45 a.m.

Eminence Baptist Church • Intersection of Ind. 42 and 142 • 812-829-6358 • "First Baptist Church of Eminence Indiana" on Facebook • Pastor Billy G. Williams • Sunday School at 9:30 a.m., worship at 10:30 a.m., Tuesday Bible study at 6 p.m. (carry-in dinner at 5:30 p.m.)

New Life Baptist Church – Brooklyn • 8020 N. Old State Road 67, Mooresville • 317-831-5857 • pastor@nlbc-mooresville.com • Sunday school at 10 a.m., service at 11 a.m., evening service at 6 p.m., Wednesday services at 7 p.m.

Five Points Baptist Church • 5596 E. Ind. 144, Mooresville • 317-831-5090 • fivepointsbaptist.net • Pastor Tony Gearlds • Sunday service at 10:30 a.m., Wednesday at 6 p.m.

Martinsville First Evangelical Methodist Church • 60 W. Douglas St., Martinsville • martinsvillelestemc@gmail.com • Pastor Travis Fleener • Sunday school at 9:30 a.m., service at 10:40 p.m., evening service at 6 p.m., Wednesday at 7 p.m.

Samaria Baptist Church • 10851 Baseline Road, Paragon • Pastor Connor Bell • tamerahick@sbcglobal.net • Sunday school at 9:30 a.m., service at 10:30 a.m.

Community Church of Mooresville • 61 W Harrison St, Mooresville • 317-831-7554 • www.ccmooresville.com • elders.ccom@gmail.com • Randy Weddle • Sunday service at 11:15 a.m.

Paragon Bible Baptist Church • 269 W. Union St. • paragonbiblebaptist@gmail.com • Sunday Service 11 a.m., Sunday Evening 5:30 p.m., Wednesday Bible Study 7 p.m.

Abounding Worship Center • 1795 Centerton Road, Martinsville • 317-831-1084 • Pastor Ken Hayden • Sunday service at 10:30 a.m., Wednesdays at 7 p.m.

Martinsville Baptist Tabernacle • 2189 Burton Lane, Martinsville • 765-342-0501 • mbttcm.org/mbt • info@mbttcm.org • Pastor David Zempel • Sunday School at 9:30 a.m., services at 10:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m., Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m.

Holy Trinity Reformed Church • 7542 E. Landersdale Road, Camby • 912-978-0279 • reformedholytrinity.org • reformedholytrinity@gmail.com • Pastor James Brown Jr. • Sunday School at 9:30 a.m., worship at 10:30 a.m., Wednesday prayer at 7 p.m.

Life Line Baptist Church • 13387 N Slideoff Road, Camby • 317-856-1112 • lifelinebaptist.net • pastor@lifelinebaptist.net • Tim Lindsey, II • Sunday School at 9.30 a.m., worship at 10:30 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesdays at 6.30 p.m.

First Christian Church of Morgantown • 2717 S. Morgantown Road in Morgantown • 812-597-0336 • fccmorgantown.org • shelley@fccmorgantown.org • Senior Pastor Burt Brock • Sunday service at 9 a.m. in person and on FB live

Mt. Pleasant Christian Church of Hall • 5830 W. Hurt Road • Pastor Randy Weddle • mpccpastor.randy@yahoo.com • Sundays at 10 a.m., Wednesday Bible Study at 6:30 p.m.

Eminence Christian Church • 6597 North Forest Street • 765-528-2312 • Eminencechristianchurch.org • Sunday School at 9:30 a.m., service at 10:30 a.m.

Gasburg Baptist Church • 11564 N Gasburg Road, Mooresville • 317-996-2112 • gasburgbaptistchurch.com • Info@gasburgbaptistchurch.com • Sunday service at 10:15 a.m.

Waverly Park Global Methodist • 8525 N. Main St., Martinsville • 317-422-1514 • wvanhorn317@embarqmail.com • Pastor Bill Vanhorn • Sunday 9:30 a.m.

Banta Global Methodist • 6594 N. Banta Road, Bargersville • 317-422-1514 • wvanhorn317@embarqmail.com • Pastor Bill Vanhorn • Sunday 10:45 a.m.

West Union Friends Meeting • 2038 W. Ind. 42, Monrovia • 317-446-1904 • halee146@aol.com • Sunday service at 10 a.m.

Corinth Baptist Church • 4875 Plano Road, Martinsville • 765-528-2388 • Pastor Jeff Brewer • Sunday School at 9:45 a.m., service at 10:30 a.m.

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IN THE MORGAN SUPERIOR COURT
CAUSE NO. 55D01-2605-AD-000038

IN RE THE ADOPTION OF:
BRENDAN WILLIAM FRANK

THOMAS LEE COLLINS
Petitioner.

NOTICE OF ADOPTION

Notice is hereby given that Petitioner, Thomas Lee Collins, has filed his Verified Petition for Adult Adoption on May 27, 2026, for the adult, Brendan William Frank. A hearing is set September 10, 2026, at 1:30pm. Brendan William Frank seeks to change his name to Brendan William Collins. Any creditor has the right to file written objections to said name change with the Morgan County Superior Court 1, 180 S. Main Street, Martinsville, IN 46151 with thirty (30) days of the date of this notice.

DATE: 6/3/2026

/s/ Tammy J. Parker
Clerk, Morgan County

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STATE OF INDIANA
COUNTY OF MORGAN

IN THE COURT
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IN RE THE NAME CHANGE OF:

Jamie Lynn Wallace
Petitioner

ORDER SETTING HEARING

Comes now Jamie Wallace, pro se, having filed a Verified Petition for Change of Name, and the Court finds that the matter should be set for hearing.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that this matter shall be heard on August 11, 2026, at 2:45 p.m..

So ORDERED June 8, 2026

/s/ Tammy J. Parker
Judicial Officer

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ATTORNEY:
Anne M. Curry
MALLOR GRODNER PLUMMER LLP
11595 N. Meridian Street #850
Carmel, IN 46032
(317) 453-2000

Notice of Administration

In the Morgan County Superior Court.
In the Matter of the Estate of Mary Ann Moreland, deceased.

Cause Number 55D01-2606-EU-000082

Notice is hereby given that Heather McPherson was on June 5, 2026 appointed Personal Representative of the Estate of Mary Ann Moreland, deceased.

All persons who have claims against this estate, whether or not now due, must file the claim in the office of the Clerk of this Court within three (3) months from the date of the first publication of this notice or within nine (9) months after the Decedent's death, whichever is earlier, or said claims will be forever barred.

Dated at Martinsville, Indiana, on 6/9/2026

/s/ Tammy J. Parker
Clerk, Morgan Superior Court
Probate Division

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STATE OF INDIANA
COUNTY OF MORGAN

MORGAN SUPERIOR COURT
CAUSE NUMBER: 55D03-2605-MI-001397

CURTIS GARAGE AND WRECKER SERVICE, INC.
PETITIONER,
V.
BUREAU OF MOTOR VEHICLES and
ANY AND ALL UNNAMED RESPONDENTS IN THE WORLD
RESPONDENTS.

SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION

To: Any and All Unnamed Respondents in the World

You have been sued by Curtis Garage and Wrecker Service, Inc. in the court stated above. The nature of this suit against you is stated in the complaint which is on file with the above court. It also states the demand which the plaintiff has made against you.

You must answer the complaint in writing, by you or your attorney, within thirty (30) days, from the date that this motion last appears in this newspaper. If you fail to respond, judgment will be entered against you for the relief requested.

If you have a claim for relief against the plaintiff arising from the same transaction or occurrence, you must asset it in your written answer.

Date: 5/29/2026

/s/ Tammy J. Parker
Morgan County Clerk

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STATE OF INDIANA
COUNTY OF MORGAN

MORGAN SUPERIOR COURT
CAUSE NO: 55D02-2606-EU-000085

IN THE MATTER OF THE UNSUPERVISED
ADMINISTRATION OF THE ESTATE OF
WAYNE RICHARD BEAVER, DECEASED

NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION

Notice is given that Nancy Anne Smith was, on June 11, 2026, appointed as Personal Representative of the Estate of Wayne Richard Beaver, deceased, who died on April 23, 2026. The Personal Representative is authorized to administer the Estate without Court supervision.

All persons who have claims against this Estate, whether or not now due, must file the claim in the Office of the Clerk of this Court within three (3) months from the date of the first publication of this notice, or within nine (9) months after the decedent's death, whichever is earlier, or the claims will be forever barred.

Dated; 6/11/2026

/s/ Tammy J. Parker
CLERK, MORGAN SUPERIOR COURT

ATTORNEY FOR THE ESTATE:
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STATE OF INDIANA
COUNTY OF MORGAN
IN THE MORGAN SUPERIOR COURT SS:
CAUSE No. 55D02-2606-EU-000086

IN THE MATTER OF THE UNSUPERVISED
ADMINISTRATION OF THE ESTATE OF
CONSTANCE C. FEAGANS, DECEASED.

PARR RICHEY FRANDSEN PATTERSON KRUSE LLP, Attorneys

NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT, MORGAN COUNTY, INDIANA
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF CONSTANCE C. FEAGANS, DECEASED
ESTATE NO. 55D02-2606-EU-000086
Notice is hereby given that Michael D. Feagans and Louis E. Feagans, Jr., were on June 15, 2026, appointed co-personal representatives of the Estate of Constance C. Feagans, who died on May 27, 2026.

All persons who have claims against this estate, whether or not now due, must file the claims in the Office of the Clerk of this Court within three (3) months from the date of the first publication of this notice, or within nine (9) months after the decedent's death, whichever is earlier, or the claims will be forever barred.

DATED at Martinsville, Indiana, on June 16, 2026.
/s/ Tammy J. Parker
CLERK, MORGAN SUPERIOR COURT

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PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE OF DETERMINATION

Pursuant to Indiana Code § 6-1.1-20-5, notice is hereby given that the Board of School Trustees of the Mooresville Consolidated School Corporation has preliminarily determined to issue bonds in one or more series in the aggregate amount not to exceed $6,000,000 to fund the proposed renovation of and improvements to facilities throughout the School Corporation, including site and athletic improvements and the purchase of technology, buses and equipment.

Dated: June 17, 2026

/s/ Secretary, Board of School Trustees
Mooresville Consolidated School Corporation

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ADVERTISEMENT TO BID
Building Demolition for Eminence

Document 000100
Eminence Community School Corporation
June 2026 Eminence Community School Corporation BID
Project No. 260804071
PROJECT IDENTIFICATION
Building Demolition for Eminence Community Schools
The work is to be constructed according to Plans and Specifications prepared by WOLD VPS, 528 Main Street, Suite 400, Evansville, Indiana 47708 (812) 423-7729.
DESCRIPTION OF WORK
Notice is hereby given that Eminence Community Schools will receive sealed bid proposals until 10:00 am, local time, Tuesday June 23, 2026, and not thereafter, at the Office of the Superintendent, Eminence Community Schools, 6760 SR 42, Eminence, IN 46125, for the furnishing of all materials and labor for the Building Demolition and water line relocation. Bids will be opened and read publicly.
The project will be bid as a single prime contract.
TIME OF COMPLETION:
Substantial Completion: August 1, 2026.
EXAMINATION AND PROCUREMENT OF DOCUMENTS:
The Plans and Specifications may be examined at the following:
Office of the Architect
WOLD VPS
528 Main Street, Suite 400
Evansville, IN 47708

BXIndiana
903 E. Ohio Street
Indianapolis, IN 46202

Builders Exchange of Kentucky
2300 Meadow Drive | Suite 100
Louisville, KY 40218
Copies of Plans and Specifications may be obtained at Repro Graphix, 14 NW 6th Street, Evansville, Indiana 47708, (812) 422-2400, upon depositing the sum of One Hundred Dollars ($100.00) for each set. If paying by check, please make checks payable to Repro Graphix, Inc. The deposit will be refunded in full to any prime contract bidder when the Plans and Specifications have been returned to Repro Graphix within ten (10) days after the time set for receiving bids, in good re-usable condition. If Plans and Specifications are returned after this ten (10) day limit, or in an unusable condition, the deposit shall be forfeited to cover the cost of reproduction.
If mailing is required, mailing costs shall be paid for by the bidder.
The Bidder shall refer to the Instructions to Bidders, bound in the Project Manuals, for additional bidding procedures and requirements.
PRE BID CONFERENCE
Contractors may visit the site by contacting the School Corporation and requesting a visit.
BID SECURITY
Each proposal must be accompanied by a certified check made payable to Eminence Community Schools in an amount equal to not less than five percent (5%) of the base bid or an acceptable bidder's surety bond made payable to Eminence Community Schools, in a SPECIFIC AMOUNT of not less than five percent (5%) of the base bid, executed by a surety company authorized to do business in the State of Indiana. The certified check or bidder's bond shall be a guarantee that said bidder will, if the contract is awarded to him, execute within ten (10) days from the acceptance of his proposal a contract for the work bid upon, and furnish acceptable surety bonds as set forth in the specifications. However, if the contractor has not executed the contract within the ten (10) day period or has failed to furnish acceptable surety bonds as indicated, the Owner reserves the right to award the contract to the most responsive and responsible bidder, and the bid security will be forfeited.
Bid Forms shall be properly and completely submitted on Contractor's Bid for Public Bidding Form No. 96 as prescribed by the State Board of Accounts for the State of Indiana, in addition to the Bid Form included in these specifications.
No bidder may withdraw his bid for a period of ninety (90) days after the date set for the opening of bids.
BIDDER'S QUALIFICATIONS
A Financial Statement is a required attachment to Form 96. Check each project's manual for specific qualifications and forms to include in the bid package.
The bidder must include with the Bid submission the following attachments:
• Bid Bond
• Form 96 with Financial Statement
• Drug Testing Policy
• E-Verify
OWNER'S RIGHT TO REJECT BIDS
Owner reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any defects or irregularities if deemed to be for the best interest of the Corporation.
LAWS AND REGULATIONS
Attention of bidders is particularly called to the requirements as to conditions of employment to be observed. All bidders must conform with the anti-discrimination provisions of the Indiana law.
By order of Eminence Community Schools

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INVITATION TO BID

Notice is hereby given, that the City of Martinsville, Morgan County, Indiana, by and through its Board of Public Works, herein referred to as the Owner, will receive sealed bids for the construction of the City of Martinsville, IN, Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvements project.

Sealed bids are invited and may be delivered or forwarded by mail or other courier services addressed to the City of Martinsville Attention: Mac Dunn – Sealed Bid, 59 South Jefferson Street, Martinsville, IN 46151 by 4:00 PM on Monday, July 13, 2026. Bids received after such hour will be returned unopened. All bids received prior to this time shall be opened and publicly read at the 6:30 PM Board of Works Meeting the same day in the Council Chambers at 59 South Jefferson Street, Martinsville, IN 46151 and taken under advisement.

All interested citizens are invited to attend.

A pre-bid meeting will be held at 10:00 AM (Local Time) on Friday, June 26, 2026 at the Martinsville City Court Room on the second floor of the City Hall at 59 South Jefferson Street, Martinsville, IN 46151. All prime contractors, subcontractors, small, minority or women owned enterprises and other interested parties are invited to attend.

The work of the project is generally described as follows:

The medium pressure in-line UV disinfection units and electrical controls are to be replaced. The grit concentrator/classifier and grit dewatering escalator units, grit pump, and electrical controls are to be replaced.

Plans and Specifications for the Projects are on file and may be examined at the following locations:

CITY OF MARTINSVILLE CITY HALL
59 South Jefferson Street
Martinsville, IN 46151

HWC ENGINEERING PLAN ROOM
www.hwcplanroom.com

Complete sets of bidding documents may be viewed at www.hwcplanroom.com. Electronic copies of the bidding documents are available for download at www.hwcplanroom.com for a non-refundable fee of $25.00. A completed printed set of bidding documents may be ordered at www.hwcplanroom.com at printing cost to the bidder plus shipping fees. Printed documents will be shipped from Rapid Reproductions, 129 S 11th Street, Terre Haute, IN 47807, phone 812-238-1681.

Complete sets of bidding documents may be viewed at the Martinsville Department of Planning and Engineering office at 59 South Jefferson Street, Martinsville, IN 46151, during normal working hours, 8:00 am to 4:00 pm, Monday through Friday. It is recommended to call ahead to confirm a viewing time at (765) 341-9053.

The work to be performed and the bid to be submitted shall include sufficient and proper sums for all general construction, mechanical installation, labor, materials, permits, licenses, insurance, and so forth incidental to and required for the construction of the facilities.

Each bid must be enclosed in a sealed envelope bearing the title of the Project, the name and address of Bidder and the Division of work. All bids must be submitted on the bid forms as identified in the Contract Documents and Specifications.

Each bid shall be accompanied by a certified check or acceptable bidder's bond made payable to the Owner, in a sum of not less than five percent (5%) of the total amount of the highest aggregate bid, which check or bond will be held by the Owner as evidence that the bidder will, if awarded the contract, enter into the same with the Owner upon notification from him to do so within ten (10) days of said notification.

Approved performance and payment bonds guaranteeing faithful and proper performance of the work and materials, to be executed by an acceptable surety company, will be required of the Contractor at the time of contract execution. The bond will be in the amount of 100% of the Contract Price and must be in full force and effect throughout the term of the Construction Contract plus a period of twelve (12) months from the date of substantial completion.

The Owner reserves the right to reject any bid, or all bids, or to accept any bid or bids, or to make such combination of bids as may seem desirable, and to waive any and all informalities in bidding. Any bid may be withdrawn prior to the above scheduled time for the opening of bids or authorized postponement thereof. Any bid received after the time and date specified shall not be considered. No bid may be withdrawn after the scheduled closing time for receipt of bids for at least ninety (90) days.

Compliance with the Certificate of Qualification for General Contractors and Subcontractors for State of Indiana Public Works Projects as outlined in Indiana Code 4-13.6-4 is required for this project.

A conditional or qualified Bid will not be accepted.

Award will be made to the low, responsive, responsible bidder. The low, responsive, responsible bidder must not be debarred, suspended, or otherwise be excluded from or ineligible for participation in federally assisted programs as found and detailed at the www.sam.gov and www.hud.gov sites.

All applicable laws, ordinances, and the rules and regulations of all authorities having jurisdiction over construction of the projects shall apply to the Projects throughout.

Bids shall be properly and completely executed on bid forms included in the Specifications. Bids shall include all information requested by Indiana Form 96 (Revised 2013) included with the Specifications. Under Section III of Form 96, the Bidder shall submit a financial statement. A copy of the proposed Financial Statement to be submitted with the bid is included in the bid documents section to these specifications. The Owner may make such investigations as deemed necessary to determine the ability of the Bidder to perform the work and the Bidder shall furnish to the Owner all such information and data for this purpose as the Owner may request. The Owner reserves the right to reject any bid if the evidence submitted by, or investigation of, such Bidder fails to satisfy the Owner that such Bidder is properly qualified to carry out the obligations of the Agreement and to complete the work contemplated therein.

Each Bidder is responsible for inspecting the Project site(s) and for reading and being thoroughly familiar with the Contract Documents and Specifications. The failure or omission of any Bidder to do any of the foregoing shall in no way relieve any Bidder from any obligation with respect to its Bid.

Each Bidder must have a drug testing program in accordance with IC 36-1-12-24.

City of Martinsville

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NOTICE OF COMBINED REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS and REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL FOR PROGRESSIVE DESIGN-BUILD CONTRACT

Notice is hereby given that Mooresville Consolidated School Corporation, Morgan County, Indiana (the "School Corporation"), requests any design-builder (as defined in Indiana Code Section 5-30-1-4, as amended) which is interested in being considered by the School Corporation as a potential design-builder with respect to the design, construction and equipping of the 2026-2027 Mooresville High School Football, Track and Field Facilities Improvements Project (the "Project"), located at Mooresville High School, 550 North Indiana Street, Mooresville, Indiana 46158, all as described in more detail in the Combined Request for Qualifications and Request for Proposal, dated June 25, 2026 (the "RFQ/RFP") to submit Verified Statements of Qualification and Proposals as set forth in Indiana Code Section 5-30-5-1(c), as amended.

All responses to the RFQ/RFP shall be received until 2:00 PM, Eastern Daylight Saving Time on Monday, July 27, 2026 at the Administrative Office of Mooresville Consolidated School Corporation, Attention: Dr. Patrick Biggerstaff, Assistant Superintendent, 11 West Carlisle Street, Mooresville, Indiana 46158. Each response to the RFQ/RFP must be in accordance with the RFQ/RFP, all of which is incorporated herein by reference, and all of the provisions of Indiana Code 5-30, as amended and as applicable to the RFQ/RFP and the RFQ/RFP process, and must be submitted by a person or entity satisfying the definition of a design-builder or team, each as defined in Indiana Code 5-30-1, as amended (each a "Design-Builder")

For a copy of the RFQ/RFP, contact the School Corporation's Design Criteria Developer (the "DCD"):

Daniel D. Rawlins, RA, FDBIA
The Rawlins Group, LLC
6706 Marmont Circle
Indianapolis, Indiana 46220
e-mail: dan@therawlinsgroup.com
telephone: (317) 441-7905

As of the date of publication of this notice, all communications between the School Corporation and any prospective Design-Builder is to be through the School Corporation's Design Criteria Developer.

A Pre-Submittal Conference will not be conducted for this project. Proposers may request a pre-proposal breakout interview with the TRC by contacting the School Corporation's Design Criteria Developer prior to 5:00 pm Eastern Daylight Saving Time on Friday, July 3, 2026. Breakout interviews are tentatively scheduled on July 9, 2026 and will be conducted virtually. Any Design-Builder with questions about the project and the RFQ/RFP process should contact the School Corporation's Design Criteria Developer.

The RFQ/RFP contains, but is not limited to, the following: (a) A description of the Project, including the size and function of the facilities that are the subject of the Project, the approximate budget ($2,500,000.00) and the anticipated schedule, (b) A description of the selection process, including the process for communications between the potential Design-Builders and the School Corporation, including, but not limited to the Mooresville Schools Technical Review Committee (the "TRC") and any agent of either the School Corporation or the TRC, the schedule for the selection process, the TRC procedure and a description of submission requirements; (c) The general qualifications for prospective Design-Builders, including appropriate experience with similar projects, team experience with design-build, organizational resources and depth of the Design-Builder, the prospective Design-Builder's history of contracting with or hiring minority business enterprises and women's business enterprises, the prospective Design-Builder's litigation and disputes history and the prospective Design-Builder's experience in dealing with bonding authorities; (d) The Project specification qualifications for prospective Design-Builder, including: The prospective Design-Builder's experience with the facilities or building types that are the subject of the Project, the prospective Design-Builder's performance record, including quality, schedule and cost of each project, the prospective Design-Builder's proposed team composition, including the team's past experience in working together, the prospective Design-Builder's proposed key project personnel and the prospective Design-Builder's client references; and (e) A description of the qualifications statement evaluation process, which includes: An established rating system that complies with Indiana Code Section 5-30-5-4, as amended and Indiana Code Section 5-30-5-5, as amended.

All of the information set forth in the RFQ/RFP as described in the paragraph above are incorporated into this notice by reference. In addition to the foregoing information, the response submitted by prospective Design-Builders must include all of the information required by Indiana Code Section 5-30-5-3, as amended.

After reviewing and evaluating all of the responses to the RFQ/RFP received by the date and time set forth above, the TRC shall identify and recommend to the Board the Design-Builder that is Highly Qualified and provides the Best Value proposal to the taxpayers of the School Corporation. The TRC or the School Corporation reserves the right to reject for any reason and for no reason at all any and all responses received to the RFQ/RFP and to be the sole judge of the value and merit of the responses offered. The School Corporation reserves the right to terminate for any reason and for no reason at all this Project prior to awarding the design-build contract,

Dated: June 25, 2026
MOORESVILLE CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL CORPORATION
MORGAN COUNTY, INDIANA
By: Dr. Patrick Biggerstaff, Assistant Superintendent

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NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS OF ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION

Notice is hereby given to the taxpayers of the school corporation known as Mooresville Consolidated School Corporation (the "School Corporation") that the Board of School Trustees (the "Board") of the School Corporation will meet at the Education Center/School Administration Building located at 11 West Carlisle Street, Mooresville, Indiana, at the hour of 5:45 p.m. (Local Time) on July 14, 2026, to consider the following additional appropriation of the bonds (the "Bonds") which the Board has determined to issue. The Board considers such additional appropriation necessary to meet the need existing at this time:

An appropriation to Fund # 0201 (Bond Proceeds) in the amount of $6,000,000 from the proceeds of the Bonds, including all original issue premium and all investment earnings thereon, on account of the renovation of and improvements to facilities throughout the School Corporation, including site and athletic improvements and the purchase of technology, buses and equipment (collectively, the "Project") in the School Corporation, including the incidental expenses necessary to be incurred in connection with the Project and the issuance of Bonds on account thereof. The funds to meet such additional appropriation are to be provided by the issuance and sale of Bonds by the School Corporation.

The foregoing appropriation is in addition to all appropriations provided for in the existing budget and tax levy, and a need for such appropriation exists by reason of the inadequacy of the present buildings to provide necessary school facilities in the School Corporation.

Taxpayers of the School Corporation appearing at said meeting shall have the right to be heard in respect to the additional appropriation. The meeting will also be available to stream live from Pioneer TV. Link: https://team1sports.com/Mooresville/.

Dated this 24th day of June, 2026.

/s/ Secretary, Board of School Trustees
Mooresville Consolidated School Corporation

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
Board of Commissioners of Morgan County

As required by Ind. Code §5-23-5-9, notice is hereby given that the Board of Commissioners of Morgan County, Indiana (the "Board"), will hold a public hearing on July 6, 2026, at 9:30 a.m., concerning the recommendation to award a build-operate-transfer agreement for the construction of public facilities in accordance with Ind. Code §5-23, et seq. The hearing will be held in person at the Lucille Sadler Room of the Morgan County Administration Building, 180 S. Main Street, Martinsville, Indiana.

Pursuant to Ind. Code §5-23 et seq., the Board issued a request for proposals and qualifications for the construction of public facilities to be located in Morgan County, Indiana. After review and analysis of proposals received, a recommendation has been made to the Board to award the build-operate-transfer agreement to GM Development Companies LLC. Copies of the proposals and a written explanation of the basis upon which the recommendation is being made are with the Board and are available for public inspection and copying at the Morgan County Administration Building, 180 S. Main Street, Martinsville, Indiana, by appointment made by calling Kyle Swalls at 765-342-1007. The public is invited to comment on any of the matters herein noted, and all taxpayers, residents, or interested parties who appear will be given a reasonable opportunity to express their views on the recommendation.

Dated this 25th day of June, 2026.

Classifieds

Announcements

MORGAN COUNTY CORRESPONDENT ACCEPTANCE POLICY

Any advertising, print or mail job or promotional product offered by a person to an employee or agent of the newspaper is subject to final acceptance by the Publisher at any time prior to publication or distribution.

The Publisher reserves the right to refund any money paid, to reject any offer to advertise or to cancel any advertisement, print, mail or promotional job.

Abbreviations, copy and entire ads are subject to final approval of the Publisher or his agent and the newspaper reserves the right to revise or reject advertisement or any portion thereof which is deemed objectionable or opposed to public policy or the policy of this newspaper. The right to classify ads is also reserved.

For Rent

MARTINSVILLE

APT FOR RENT
Nice Family Owned Apartments For Rent in Martinsville. Clean 2 bedroom carpeted. We pay gas heat/water heater, water/sewer and trash pickup. Tenant pays lights. Some w/d hookups. Limited Pets allowed. Senior citizens and young families are welcome. 765-346-0135

For Sale

MARTINSVILLE

YARD SALE
Yard sale at Martinsville Senior Center, 1369 N. Blue Bluff Road,
June 26, 9 am to 3 pm. 765-342-5525

YARD SALE
Two-family sale. Household, clothes, kids stuff, jewelry and much more. 1675 SR 252, Martinsville. June 26 and 27, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Items priced to sell.

MOORESVILLE

GARAGE SALE
5132 E. Dayhuff Road, Mooresville. June 26, 27 and 28 from 10 am - 6 pm
Men's and Women's clothing XL-3X, shredder, furniture, Jewelry and Misc items.

Wanted

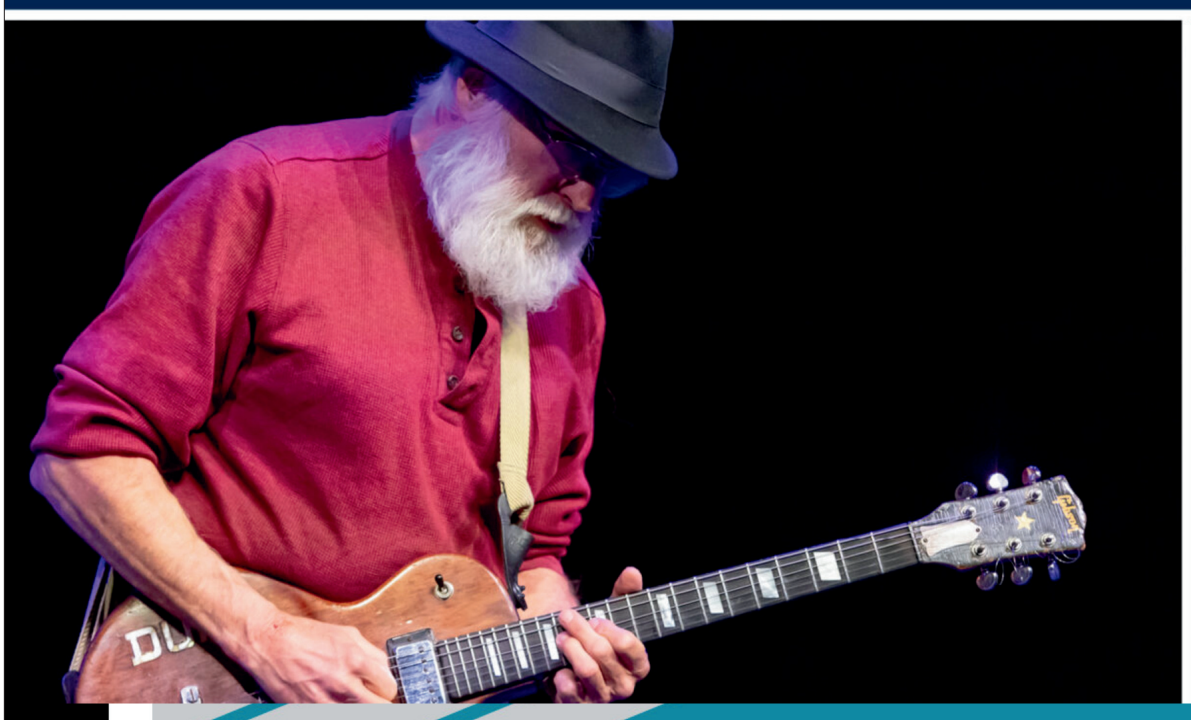
MARTINSVILLE

HELP WANTED
PT Maintenance Tech needed for local church. Applicant should have working knowledge of plumbing, electrical and some HVAC experience. Able to lift 50 lbs. and climb ladders. $15/hr or more based on experience. Include references and FCC reply to FCC, P.O. Box 1675, Martinsville.

RD PRODUCTIONS, LLC

THIS WEEK!!

2026 CITY OF MARTINSVILLE
Downtown Summer Concert Series
FREE AT THE VENUE • 183 N JEFFERSON ST



7:00 PM
THURSDAY
JUNE 25, 2026

Duke Tumatoe
& The Power Trio

DRINK at the CREEK
MARTINSVILLE, INDIANA

Cedar Creek Winery, Brewing Company,
Distillery & Eatery

WORLD TURNING
FLEETWOOD MAC TRIBUTE



THOSE DAMN TORPEDOES
TOM PETTY TRIBUTE



6/27/26

SATURDAY
6:00 PM

2026 CITY OF MARTINSVILLE
Downtown Summer Concert Series
FREE AT THE VENUE • 183 N JEFFERSON ST



7:00 PM
THURSDAY
JULY 2, 2026

The Big 80's