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State OKs AES plan

New power line costs to be allocated to all customers, not just Google

By Jared Quigg
MCC Reporter

MORGAN COUNTY — After months of anticipation, the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission (IURC) gave a green light to AES Indiana's proposed network upgrades that will primarily power Google's data center campus in Monroe Township.

Last week's ruling is a win for the utility company and Google, and a potential blow to ratepayers, according to consumer advocate group Citizens

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The ladies of the Red Hats and Purple Chaps chapter wave to the crowd as they turn the corner at Washington Street and head down Jefferson Street on Sunday afternoon. (Keith Rhoades photo / MCC)

AUTUMN SPLENDOR

Staff Report

MARTINSVILLE — The most beautiful time of the year is upon us once again, and Morgan County residents gathered last week at the county fairgrounds in celebration of the 67th annual Fall Foliage Festival.

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ABOVE: Patrons take to the sky in the hanggliding ride on Thursday evening as Fall Foliage Festival kicks off with Customer Appreciation Night. (Stephen Crane photo / MCC) // LEFT: Employees with BMO Bank get their table set up for Customer Appreciation night on Thursday. (Keith Rhoades photo / MCC)

Bowlen rebukes 'keyboard warriors'

MSD superintendent defends school board's plan to authorize more bonds 'if needed'

By Jared Quigg
MCC Reporter

MARTINSVILLE — Metropolitan School District of Martinsville (MSD) superintendent Eric Bowlen denounced "keyboard warriors" critical of the school district on social media in extended remarks during last Thursday's meeting of the MSD school board.

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The MSD of Martinsville held a groundbreaking ceremony for its new natatorium Sept. 25, which will be located next to I-69 on the grounds of the high school and will be paid for from its previous $95 million bond. The district is now eyeing another $60 million bond, though district officials insist they have no current plans to issue the bond. (Kevin Beutow Photography photo)

County RDC to reimburse school for road widening

$2.5 million in TIF revenues will fund the Centennial Road work

By Jared Quigg
MCC Reporter

MORGAN COUNTY — The Morgan County Redevelopment Commission (RDC) voted to reimburse the Metropolitan School District of Martinsville (MSD) for money spent on widening Centennial Road at its meeting last Thursday morning.

MSD has undertaken the road work to support Artesian Springs Elementary, the new school currently under construction on Centennial Road that's set to open for the 2027-2028 school year. The school district deemed the road widening necessary to account for increased traffic, including buses.

MSD representatives requested RDC aid for the project a little more than a year ago. At the time, the district was asking for reimbursement for the cost of both widening the road and establishing a roundabout in the area, an endeavor that would have cost around $3.2 million.

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Obituaries

Nancy Kay Foisy, 70



MARTINSVILLE — Nancy Kay Foisy, 70, of Martinsville, passed unexpectedly at her home on Thursday, October 8, 2026. She was born in Beech Grove to the late Hershel Kimmel and Clarice (Staples) Kimmel on January 24, 1956.

She graduated from Mooresville High School and furthered her education at Martin University. Nancy worked for many years as a cosmetologist before retiring. She married James David Foisy on August 24, 1981.

Nancy's life was deeply rooted in her love for Jesus. Her faith was central to her daily life, and she regularly studied her Bible and enjoyed sharing her faith with others.

Nancy will be missed by her family, including her husband, James Foisy of Greenwood; daughter, Rachel (husband, Jonathan) Stephenson of Greenwood; sister, Myra Lighter of Mooresville.

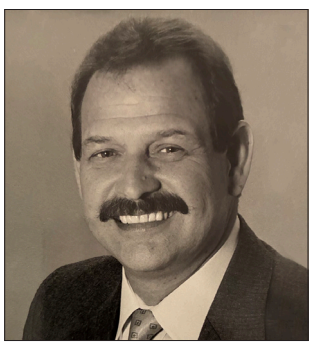
She was preceded in death by her parents, Hershel and Clarice Kimmel; and brothers, Tim Kimmel and Steve Kimmel.

Nancy has been laid to rest following a private committal service in White Lick Cemetery. Arrangements have been entrusted to Carlisle-Branson Funeral Service and Crematory in Mooresville.

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

CARLISLE BRANSON FUNERAL SERVICE & CREMATORY

Ralph Thomas 'Tom' Storm, 81



MOORESVILLE — Ralph Thomas "Tom" Storm, 81, passed away on October 7, 2026, while residing at Richland Bean-Blossom Health Care Center in Ellettsville, Indiana.

Tom was born in Norman, Oklahoma, on June 30, 1945. The family moved back to Mooresville, Indiana after WWII where Tom spent his childhood. He was the son of Ralph Raymond and Mary Louise Storm. Tom was preceded in death by his older brother, Bruce Raymond Storm of Bloomington, Indiana. He is survived by his younger sister, Jane Ellen Storm (Sutkowski), and her husband, Mark Sutkowski, of Richardson, Texas; and by his sister-in-law, Shannon Storm of Bloomington, Indiana.

Tom was a "cowboy at heart" growing up at Stormy Acres in Mooresville. He competed in local rodeos and drag racing in his teens. Tom achieved the level of Eagle Scout. He worked long hours at the family's DQ.

He graduated from Mooresville High School in 1963. He competed on the Basketball and Track teams. After graduation, Tom started selling Chevrolets in the family dealership. He knew art was his passion and later attended the Kansas City Art Institute where he graduated in 1972 with a BFA in Graphic Design.

Tom's career spanned +30 years in graphic design and marketing. Tom joined Leo Burnett in Chicago as Art Director, managing clients like Kellogg, RC Cola, and KFC. He moved to Foote Cone & Belding as Senior Art Director leading accounts like International Harvester and Sunkist. He formed a freelance company while in Denver and Dallas serving many clients. Tom became Creative Art Director with Hitchcock-Fleming and then SBC Advertising in Ohio. He managed national clients including Tappan, Goodyear, Mac Tools and Frigidaire. Tom earned multiple industry awards from the American Advertising Foundation, recognizing his creativity and artistic vision.

His interests included photography, skeet shooting, motorcycles, fishing and travel. Tom also had a passion for antiques and collectibles, especially Chevrolet memorabilia. He loved classic cars and owned vintage Chevys. The Indy 500 was an annual highlight for the Storm family.

Tom was a special Uncle to five nephews and two nieces who he shared many birthdays, holidays and special events over the years. He was also a Great-Uncle to twenty-two great-nieces/nephews.

The visitation will be at Carlisle-Branson Funeral Service & Crematory, 39 E. High Street in Mooresville, Indiana, on Friday, October 16, 2026, from 9am – 11am. The service will follow at 11am. Tom will be buried at the Mooresville Cemetery on October 19.

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Death Notices

Morgan County Health Department

Shirley Ann Rightmyer, 69, Martinsville

Rose Marie Dwyer, 87, Spencer

Roger Tousey Coffin, 80, Martinsville

Mark Mowery, 54, Martinsville

Julie Denise Emmons, 68, Martinsville

Joseph K. Trimble Jr., 82, Mooresville

Deborah Dawn Stapleton, 78, Mooresville

Karen S. Keane, 84, Martinsville

Michael Eugene Clark, 66, Mooresville

Eric J. Woods, 37, Camby

Ralph Otto Graham, 67, Martinsville

Heather Rose Barger, 54, Monrovia

Jeannette Goss, 80, Martinsville

Jacqueline Jean Schilling, 90, Mooresville

Harold Evertt Laffoon Jr., 80, Martinsville

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Like perfection, total accuracy may be unattainable; however it will remain our primary goal and we will not feel satisfied until it is within our grasp.

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Obituary Notices

Jeanette Goss

MARTINSVILLE — Jeanette Goss, 80, of Martinsville, died Oct. 5, 2026. Arrangements by Neal and Summers Funeral and Cremation Center in Martinsville.

Donna Many

MOORESVILLE — Donna Loy Many, 88, of Mooresville, died Oct. 5, 2026. Arrangements by Carlisle-Branson Funeral Service and Crematory in Mooresville.

Nina Crawford

COATSVILLE — Nina Sue Crawford, 65, of Coatesville, died Oct. 6, 2026. Arrangements by Carlisle-Branson Funeral Service and Crematory in Mooresville.

Jacqueline Schilling

MOORESVILLE — Jacqueline Jean Schilling, 90, of Mooresville, died Oct. 6, 2026. Arrangements by Carlisle-Branson Funeral Service and Crematory in Mooresville.

Harold Laffoon

MARTINSVILLE — Harold E. Laffon Jr., 80, of Martinsville, died Oct. 7, 2026. Arrangements by Neal and Summers Funeral and Cremation Center in Martinsville.

Judith Young

MOORESVILLE — Judith "Judy" Irene Young, 77, of Mooresville, died Oct. 8, 2026. Arrangements by Carlisle-Branson Funeral Service and Crematory in Mooresville.

Harold Courtney

MOORESVILLE — Harold Ronald "Ron" Courtney, 84, of Mooresville, died Oct. 9, 2026. Arrangements by Carlisle-Branson Funeral Service and Crematory in Mooresville.

Lynnella Weiss

BLOOMINGTON — Lynnella L. Weiss, 72, of Bloomington, died Oct. 10, 2026. Arrangements by Costin Funeral Chapel in Martinsville.

Sandy Reeder

MONROVIA — Sandy Reeder, 77, of Monrovia, died Oct. 11, 2026. Arrangements by Light Memorial and Funeral Chapel in Monrovia.

Pamela Nixon

MOORESVILLE — Pamela Jean Nixon, 74, of Mooresville, died Oct. 13, 2026. Arrangements by Carlisle-Branson Funeral Service and Crematory in Mooresville.

New Arrivals

Maverick Turpin

Maverick Jordan Turpin was born Sept. 29, 2026, to mother Danielle Hamilton, of Indianapolis, and father Jordan Turpin, of Indianapolis.

Isiah Benefiel

Isiah James Benefiel was born Oct. 5, 2026, to parents Rebecca and Charles Benefiel, of Mooresville.

Violet Morelock

Violet Grace Morelock was born Oct. 5, 2026, to mother Allison Hall, of Indianapolis, and father Alex Morelock, of Indianapolis.

Jail Bookings

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

Jennifer Danielle Atkins, 35, Martinsville, theft.

Dennis Mitchell Bellows, 52, Indianapolis, possession of methamphetamine, possession of cocaine or narcotic drug, two counts of operating while intoxicated, possession of paraphernalia, operating without financial responsibility, and driving while suspended-prior.

Wayne Wernon Boyles, 33, Martinsville, strangulation, domestic battery, and disorderly conduct.

Michael Stephen Brown, 23, Bloomington, wanted on Marion County warrant.

Chelsea Elise Cain, 31, Indianapolis, operating a vehicle while intoxicated, reckless driving, habitual traffic violator, possession of paraphernalia, and operating a vehicle while intoxicated-endangerment.

Timothy G. Castner, 39, Bloomington, operating a vehicle while intoxicated, operating a vehicle while intoxicated-endangerment, and possession of a controlled substance.

Evan Michael Cook, 28, Mooresville, two counts of failure to appear.

Tyler Adam Davis, 31, Martinsville, serving time – operating a vehicle while intoxicated-prior conviction.

Danna Valentina Duque Rojas, 22, Indianapolis, driving while suspended.

Zabdiel Abihail Gonzalez Pagan, 24, Indianapolis, failure to appear.

Dakota Lee Guiffre, 30, Mooresville, operating a vehicle while intoxicated, operating a vehicle while intoxicated-endangerment, and operating while intoxicated-prior conviction.

Zachery Ryan Johnson, 32, Spencer, reckless driving.

Christopher Henry Allen Myers, 28, Martinsville, serving time – probation violation.

Angelique Nyirasabato, 25, Monrovia, neglect of a dependent.

Justin Michael Palmer, 35, Trafalgar, domestic battery-simple assault.

Carlos Dakota Reyes, 31, Martinsville, serving time – probation violation.

Ruby Anne Sanders, 50, Angola, serving time – resisting law enforcement.

Matthew Thomas Scott, 38, Camby, failure to appear.

Michael R. Swartz, 71, Avon, operating a vehicle while intoxicated-endangerment, two counts of operating a vehicle while intoxicated, and reckless driving.

Jennifer Lynn Syed, 48, Jefferson, Ga., resisting law enforcement-defendant uses a vehicle, operating while intoxicated, and operating while intoxicated-endangerment.

Stephen Lee Taylor, 43, Bloomington, serving time – probation violation.

Amanda Elizabeth Thompson, 45, Solsberry, serving time – probation violation.

Cody Lee Watkins, 34, Indianapolis, domestic battery-simple assault, disorderly conduct, and serving time-probation violation.

Anna C. Wray, 28, Martinsville, operating a vehicle while intoxicated, operating a vehicle while intoxicated-endangerment, and operating a vehicle with a blood alcohol content of .15 percent.

Munyamasoka Amani Zirunguye, 34, Monrovia, interfering with public safety, public intoxicated by alcohol/drugs, disorderly conduct, and neglect of dependent child.

CORRECTIONS

• In last week's edition, the article concerning Angie Turley's removal from the Republican Party incorrectly stated Jarrett Ksenak did not gather enough signatures to be on the ballot as an independent candidate. According to Ksenak, his campaign was sitting at about 600 signatures, well above the 400-plus required. But to protect signatories from possible repercussions, the certification process was never initiated, Ksenak said. In the meantime, dialogue began with the Morgan County Libertarian Party, which ultimately agreed to endorse Ksenak in early June, thereby giving him ballot access as a Libertarian candidate. *The Correspondent* sincerely regrets this error.

• In last week's edition, the article concerning the contract termination between the Morgantown Fire Department and the Morgantown Fire Protection Territory incorrectly stated that the Jackson Township Advisory Board will be involved in negotiations for a new contract. Instead, that task falls on the five-member fire territory board, which includes two members appointed by the township, two members from the Morgantown Town Council and one at-large appointment. Those members include Matt Davidson (township appointment and trustee), Jeff Reed (township appointment), Jewel Blevins (council appointment), Joe Blevins (council appointment) and Patricia Keener (at large). *The Correspondent* sincerely regrets this error.

CLARIFICATION: In last week's article on the Jackson Township caucus, it was stated that attempts to reach Jay Marks were unsuccessful. *The Correspondent* used the phone number listed on the May primary ballot registration in those unsuccessful efforts, but unbeknownst to us, Marks had since changed his phone number. *The Correspondent* bemoans that mixup.

Marriage/Divorces

Marriage Licenses

Kathryn Louise Anderson, Paragon; Ryan Lee Cox-Jordan, Paragon

Nathaniel O. Davis, Camby; Ariel L. Smock, Camby

Todd Watts, Mooresville; Taylor Ramseyer, Mooresville

MacKenzie Caudill, Monrovia; Garrison Scott, Moscow Mills, Mo.

MacKenzie Jarboe, Martinsville; Justin Gardner, Martinsville

Olivia Marie Luckey, Martinsville; Jeffrey Wayne Carver, Martinsville

Dustin Tyler Thacker, Martinsville; Sydnie Paige Shostrand, Martinsville

Elise Hunt, Martinsville; Joshua Kidwell, Martinsville

Carl John Vanwinkle, Monrovia; Danielle Lynn Haefele, Martinsville

Leo G. Rafail, Monrovia; Tamara Atwood, Monrovia

Melodie Li Halstead, Mooresville; William D. Harris, Mooresville

Kyle Denise Gwinn, Martinsville; Cary Dean Carlile II, Martinsville

Tonia Diana Littell, Martinsville; Ryan Dale Lambert, Martinsville

Zachary Richard Gerbick, Monrovia; Harleigh Peck, Monrovia

Grace Lynn Soots, Morgantown; Matthew Thomas Fraxier, Morgantown

Divorces

Alec Brumfield vs. Haley Brumfield

Ashley D. Everman vs. Robert Austin Everman

Cody Miller vs. Alexandra DeWitt

Gail Luella Gregory vs. Richard Eugene Gregory

Gary F. Brown Jr. vs Kimberly Flora Brown

Donavyn Pryor vs. Rhealyn Pryor

Kris Fiane Fulkerson vs. Leonard Earl Fulkerson

Court News

Morgan County Superior Court I
Judge Dakota VanLeeuwen

Jayden Brooks, 25, Cloverdale, possession of marijuana. Sentenced to 730 days in jail, suspended except for two days to serve (time served), 728 days probation, fines and costs of $790.

Brandon Elliott, 33, Martinsville, strangulation. Sentenced to 540 days in jail, suspended except for 140 days to serve (time served), 365 days probation, fines and costs of $590.

Douglas Meadows, Martinsville, probation violation. Sentenced to 102 days in jail (time served).

Andrew Schmitt, 29, Martinsville, operating while intoxicated with prior conviction and driving while suspended with prior conviction. Sentence to 910 days in jail, 730-day license suspension, fines and costs of $790.

Chad Taylor, 53, Paragon, domestic battery. Sentenced to 545 days in jail, suspended except for 266 days to serve (time served), 365 days probation, fines and costs waived as court finds defendant to be indigent.

Jessica Wilson, 32, Greenfield, invasion of privacy. Sentenced to 365 days in jail, suspended, 365 days probation, fines and costs of $590.

Superior Court II
Judge Brian H. Williams

Ashley Bowers, 36, Martinsville, fraud and theft. Sentenced to 180 days in jail, fines and costs of $590.

Cynthia Garcia, 18, Martinsville, possession of marijuana. Sentenced to 14 days in jail (time served), fines and costs of $790.

Mindy Holt, 39, Martinsville, possession of a narcotic drug. Sentenced to 270 days in jail, fines and costs of $790.

John Reed, 22, Indianapolis, false identity statement. Sentenced to 98 days in jail (time served), fines and costs of $590.

James M. Stevens, 52, Martinsville, disorderly conduct. Sentenced to 180 days in jail (time served), fines and costs waived as court finds the defendant to be indigent.

Superior Court III
Judge Sara A. Dungan

Brandon Bell, 44, Morgantown, driving while suspended with prior and possession of marijuana. Sentenced to 365 days in jail, suspended, 365 days probation

Ty Donivan Chaney, 56, Morgantown, intimidation and battery resulting in bodily injury. Sentenced to 730 days in jail, suspended except for 180 days to serve on home detention, 550 days probation, fines and costs or $190.

Paige Ortega, 28, Martinsville, possession of a narcotic drug. Sentenced to 635 days in jail, suspended except for 248 days to serve (time served), 387 days probation, fines and costs of $390.

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To turn on the furnace or not, that is the question.

WANTED — TURN 'EM IN THURSDAY

MORGAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

PROBATION VIOLATION
BRAYTON ARTHUR



PROBATION VIOLATION
CHRISTOPHER MAY



PROBATION VIOLATION
DEONTE JAMES



If you have any information concerning a wanted person, please contact the Morgan County Sheriff's Office at 765-342-5544. Never attempt to follow or contact any fugitive. Instead, immediately dial 911 or contact your local law enforcement agency. All suspects are presumed innocent until proven guilty in the court of law.

Government Meetings

Oct. 15
The Morgan County Regional Sewer District will meet at 6:30 p.m. at the Mooresville Police Station, 445 S. Indiana St.

Oct. 19
The Morgan County Commissioners will meet at 6:30 p.m. at the Administration Building, 180 S. Main St. in Martinsville.

The Monrovia Board of Zoning Appeals will meet at 6:30 p.m. at the Government Center, 60 Marley Way.

Oct. 20
The Martinsville Police Merit Board will meet at 6 p.m. in the PD training room, 110 W. Morgan St.

The Mooresville Town Council will meet at 6:30 p.m. at the Government Center, 4 E. Harrison St.

Oct. 21
The Martinsville Unsafe Building and Hearing Authority will meet at 7 p.m. in council chambers, 59 S. Jefferson St.

Oct. 22
The Morgan County Health Department Board will meet at 6:30 p.m. in the Brenda Brittain Room at the Admin Building, 180 S. Main St. in Martinsville.

Oct. 26
The Morgan County Public Library Board will meet at 6 p.m. at the Main Library Branch, 110 S. Jefferson St. in Martinsville.

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

The Martinsville City Council will meet at 7 p.m. in the council chambers at 59 S. Jefferson St.

- 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)

Calendar of Events

Oct. 15
Cruise-In On The Square located on Jefferson St from Pike to City Hall in Martinsville 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. This is a free event.

Progressive Euchre at Martinsville Senior Center, 1369 Blue Bluff Rd, at 5:30 p.m. Pitch-in, All are welcome.

Big 80s Free Concert at The Venue 183 N Jefferson St. Martinsville at 7:30 pm

Oct. 16
Tiny Tots at the Monrovia Branch of Morgan County Public Library, 145 S. Chestnut St. from 10:30-11 a.m.

Toddler Time at Morgan County Public Library, Main Branch 110 S. Jefferson St. Martinsville, 10:30-11 a.m., for children 1-2 yrs with caregivers, siblings welcome.

Catfish and Karaoke at VFW Post 1257 1000 S Josephine St Dinner $20 catfish, 2 sides and hush puppies 6-8 pm, Karaoke 7-9 pm.

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

Oct. 17
Morgan County Republican Breakfast at American Legion Post 230 in Martinsville, 701 E Morgan St, upstairs at 8:30 a.m. Breakfast buffet $10 per person.

Morgan County Farmers Market at the Main Connection, 460 S Main St., Martinsville from 9 to 12:30 every Saturday see the website or facebook page for more information.

Indiana TOKEN KAI, preserving historic Japanese weapons and culture at the Morgan County Public Library 110 S. Jefferson St., Martinsville 10 am -2pm All are welcome, 18 and over (under 18 if accompanied by a participating adult). Contact Chris Waldon chrisw7290@gmail.com

Drink at the Creek Concert at Cedar Creek Winery, 3820 Leonard Rd. Martinsville at 6 p.m. Family Tradition (Hank Williams Jr. Tribute) and Eliminator (ZZ Top Tribute).

Of Perception (Doors Tribute) at the Martinsville Entertainment Theater, 36 E Morgan St. at 7:30 p.m. Tickets available at www.RDPTickets.com doors open at 6:30 p.m.

Oct. 18
Gospel Fest Concert at The Venue, 183 N Jefferson St. Martinsville starting at 2 pm

Oct. 19
Pioneer Pathfinders walk at Pioneer Park, 1101 N Indianapolis Rd in Mooresville 9-10 a.m., meet at shelter #2.

Storytime at Morgan County Public Library, Main Branch 110 S. Jefferson St. in Martinsville 10:30-11:15 a.m. for children 3 to 5 yrs siblings are welcome.

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

Community Table, Free Hot Meal 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. side entrance, Martinsville 6:30-8:30 p.m. Hosted by Arise Together. Call/Text 317-430-9880.

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

Martinsville Community Band rehearsal at First Baptist Church, 1109 E Columbus St. from 7 to 8:30 p.m. new members are welcome!

Recovery at Mt. Gilead Church, 6019 E. SR 144 in Mooresville, from 7-8:30 p.m. Anyone seeking recovery is welcome to attend!

Marine Corps League Detachment 1367 at American Legion Post # 230 701 E Morgan St., 2nd Floor 7 p.m. Marine Corps & FMF Navy Corpsman are welcome.

Oct. 20
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. grades 6-12 crafts, games, creating art, and more!

Martinsville Community Choir rehearsal at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, 3496 E Morgan St. in Martinsville from 6 to 8 p.m. new members are welcome!

Life Support at Life Pointe Church 528 N Indiana St., Mooresville. A Christ centered 12 step program for life issues. Coffee and snacks at 6 p.m., Care Groups at 7 p.m

Live music at Martinsville Senior Center, 1369 Blue Bluff Rd, 6:30-9 p.m., doors open at 5:30. $5 bring favorite dish to share. Fun for the whole family. 765-342-5525

Morgan County Schoolhouse Quilters Guild at First Church of the Nazarene, 1609 John R. Wooden Dr. in Martinsville. at 6:30 p.m. All are welcome. use the entrance facing the High School Football Field.

Oct. 21
Preschool Storytime at Monrovia Branch of Morgan County Public Library, 145 S. Chestnut St. 10:30-11:30 a.m. and from 1:30-2:30 p.m..

Martinsville in Motion City Walk, meet at Churches in Mission parking lot, 60 W Pike St. at noon. Free Community walk.

Tween Wednesday at the Morgan County Public Library, Main Branch 110 S. Jefferson St. in Martinsville from 4-5 p.m. Crafts, games, snacks and more for ages 9-12.

Morgan County Democratic Women led Group meeting at Keller Hall, First Presbyterian Church, 240 E Washington St at 6:30 p.m.

The Foxcliff Chess Club at American Legion Post 230, 701 E. Morgan St., Martinsville, at 6:30 p.m. All ages welcome, beginner to advanced. For more info contact foxcliffchess@gmail.com.

Oct. 22
Tour Garfield Park in Indianapolis with the Dirt Diggers Garden Club. Meet at the Morgan County Fairgrounds building, 1749 Hospital Dr, Martinsville at noon, bring a sack lunch. More info on the Facebook page or contact Lynn Milsho via messenger

Cruise-In On The Square located on Jefferson St from Pike to City Hall in Martinsville from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. This is a free event.

Progressive Euchre at Martinsville Senior Center, 1369 Blue Bluff Rd, at 5:30 p.m. Pitch-in, 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

LEGO Club at Morgan County Public Library, 110 S Jefferson St in Martinsville from 6:30-8:00 p.m. Meets the third Thursday of each month.

Oct. 23
Tiny Tots at the Monrovia Branch of Morgan County Public Library, 145 S. Chestnut St. from 10:30-11 a.m. every Friday.

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Taps on the Square at the Veterans Memorial, 95 E. Washington St. Martinsville. 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.

Oct. 24
Free head and neck cancer screening at YMCA of Morgan County, 2039 E Morgan St, Martinsville 8-10 a.m. Registration: https://iu.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_1SWi068SqxT0rH0?Q_CHL=qr
Contact: Drew Loy - djloy@iu.edu (765)-404-5934 or Liam Hobson - lnhobson@iu.edu

ESTATE AUCTION

To settle the **Estate of Paul R Pennington, P.R.: Jerold Jackson,** we will offer for sale the following items at:

5051 E Moores Creek Rd,
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Saturday October 17th, 2026@ 10:00 AM

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BOWLEN

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Bowlen's comments follow widespread social media criticism of the board's decision to pursue authorization to issue up to $60 million in bonds to pay for more capital projects. Board members have repeatedly said that they are only seeking authorization in the case of an emergency, and have no current plans to issue any bonds.

"I think our community needs to hear this on a regular basis, on what we're doing, why we're doing it and what we're facing moving forward," Bowlen said.

The superintendent then quoted a verse from Proverbs rebuking those who speak on matters they don't understand.

"I'm getting on my soapbox," Bowlen said. "I apologize. We've stopped, as a society, talking to each other, asking questions, coming to meetings, sending our queries to the people making decisions.

"Instead, we've become a society of keyboard warriors. So much easier to sit behind the keyboard and just spew false information or any information. It might be information you think is factual, but you haven't done any due diligence in any way, shape or form."

Before addressing questions about bonds, Bowlen debunked claims on social media about the sewer system at the new elementary school under construction on Centennial Road.

Bowlen said he had seen people make comments about how the district apparently "messed up" the sewer system at the new school and that district officials "don't know how to read blueprints."

Countering this narrative, Bowlen touted the fact that water had been turned on at the school just earlier that day, and that the sewer system is not only available to the school already, but will also be accessible to a future neighboring property.

Bowlen added that the sewer work was completed $600,000 under budget.

Eventually, the superintendent turned his attention toward concerns about the board possibly issuing more bonds.

The school board is currently in the process of securing authorization to issue bonds if the board deems it necessary.

The proposed general obligation bonds have a maximum borrowing amount of $60 million and an assumed repayment term of 20 years. The estimated interest cost is between $35 million and $51 million, depending on the interest rate, according to data presented by Baker Tilly.

If the district were to pay the maximum principal and interest, the MSD of Martinsville would be on the hook for more than $111 million over the next 20 years. This does not include the $160 million, which includes interest, in bond debt the district has issued just in the last three years to pay for various capital projects like the new elementary school.

The property tax impact of the proposed bonds would be an increase of $0.2020. According to Baker Tilly projections, the average market value home in the area ($235,000) would see a $196 increase on its annual tax bill.

But, Bowlen insisted, all these figures are merely hypotheticals.

"This board's not going out and spending $60 million tomorrow, next week, next month, next year, likely in their term," Bowlen said, reiterating what the board had said at the previous meeting. "It won't be. I would hazard this bet: It's not going to be during your term. It will be for the future."

The superintendent did, however, spend a long time justifying a potential bond.

Bowlen noted that six of the district's 10 current facilities are older than 62 years, and the cost of repairing old buildings is climbing.

Discussion then turned to legislation in the Indiana General Assembly, legislation which spurred the board's actions in the first place regarding bond pursuits.



BOWLEN

"Per the Department of Local Government Finance projections, the district will not collect $670,000 of tax levy in 2026 and $737,000 in 2027 due to Homestead Credits," read a slide presentation at the board meeting. "The district is projected to receive approximately $846,000 in Local Income Tax in 2027. However, that annual funding source is scheduled to end for school districts in 2029.

"The district's estimated property tax cap loss for the Operations fund for 2027 is $827,714," the slide read.

Loss in revenue is accompanied by rising costs, including bus replacement costs and property and casualty insurance.

Bowlen addressed the possibility of further changes at the statehouse, ultimately concluding that the board had to act with the information currently available. The General Assembly could alleviate some of the financial pressures facing schools during the next session, but in the event that it does not, the board is ensuring it has a mechanism to address emergencies.

"All we're doing is trying to get authorization," Bowlen said. "A line of credit, if you will, so that if something does happen, it's dire, and we're on that fiscal cliff, we're gonna be able to survive. We'll have the tools and mechanisms in place."

Following Bowlen's speech, the board held the second public hearing on the bond resolution; no one from the public elected to speak.

Now that the board has held two hearings, the public has a 30-day remonstrance period to petition for this bond authorization to be decided by the public via referendum.

If a referendum is not initiated, there will be another public hearing in December for the lease with the district's building corporation. The final authorization could happen as early as January, giving the board the power to issue bonds if it wants.

2027 budget

In addition to the public hearing on the proposed bond resolution, the board also approved the 2027 budget, capital projects and bus replacement plan.

MSD's total budget for 2027 will be $61,333,825, almost $2 million less than last year's budget.

The budget is the sum of three funding sources: Education ($33,600,000), Operations ($15,500,000) and Debt Service ($12,233,825).

The Education fund comes from the state, and is based on student enrollment. It largely funds teacher salaries and benefits.

The Operations fund comes from local property taxes, and is used to pay administrator salaries, buses, utilities and more.

Debt Service also comes from local property taxes, and is used to pay off debt associated with a school's district's capital projects.

Martinsville is pursuing a number of capital projects in 2027. These include building and grounds improvements ($200,000), flooring improvements ($100,000), lighting improvements ($75,000), signage ($25,000), education equipment ($200,000), security improvements ($100,000) and electrical and plumbing infrastructure ($200,000).

The district plans to replace two buses every year from 2027 until 2031. The district estimates the cost of replacing two buses in 2027 will be $343,166, or $171,583 each.

The estimated cost of replacing two buses a year for the remaining four years is $1,632,468.

The next meeting of the Metropolitan School District of Martinsville will take place on Thursday, Nov. 19 at 7 p.m. at the Central Education Center, 389 E. Jackson St.

Opinion

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Kris Cundiff, an Indiana-based attorney with Reporters Committee for Freedom of the Press details the challenges news folks so often confront when it comes to getting information from local governments in Indiana. His fourth bullet point: Be Tenacious. (Stephen Crane photo / MCC)

We should heed the alarm bells



Guest Column
STANLEY S. DIAMOND

For more than 60 years, the Eagle Valley power plant on Blue Bluff Road used coal to generate power. The resulting by-product was coal ash, which contains hazardous chemicals that can leach into the groundwater and in the case of Eagle Valley, be discharged into the nearby White River.

In January 2025, plans were approved by the Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM) to close and remediate three of the five coal ash ponds AES Indiana had at Eagle Valley, and those ponds are currently being closed. In that same year, AES Indiana submitted a proposed closure plan for the two remaining ash ponds that would have closed them by 2029.

But those plans have now been delayed and could be in jeopardy altogether on the heels of state and federal changes that could put the regulatory power back on the state and relax the current compliance requirements. If that happens, the environmental impacts will be felt at power plant sites across the entire state.

Back in 2015, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) issued the Coal Combustion Residuals (CCR) Rule setting federal standards for disposing of power plant coal ash. The Rule required the closure and management of active coal ash ponds — also known as "impoundments" — but the ruling exempted inactive impoundments, often referred to as "legacy impoundments."

In May 2023, when IDEM was attempting to issue local regulations required to comply with the 2015 Rule, our state legislators passed House Enrollment Act 1623 prohibiting IDEM from issuing any CCR regulations more stringent than the federal CCR regulations. Shortly thereafter, the EPA issued the 2024 Legacy Final Rule requiring closure of the legacy impoundments by May 2028.

In March 2025, Gov. Mike Braun issued Executive Order 25-38 prohibiting IDEM's ability to update or adopt any regulations that are more stringent than the applicable federal requirement or limitation.

In April 2025, President Donald Trump directed the EPA to extend multiple compliance deadlines in the CCR regulations, including the deadline for closure of the legacy impoundments. The EPA extended the deadline for the start of the legacy impoundments closures to February 2032.

In March of this year, our state legislators passed — and Braun signed — Senate Bill 277, which included numerous administrative changes that reduced, eliminated or made optional many of IDEM's regulatory responsibilities. One of the numerous responsibilities and duties they removed was the requirement that IDEM adopt rules setting standards for closure and post-closure monitoring and maintenance of nonhazardous wastes, and the requirement of prior notice of closure and time limits for closure completion.

In April of this year, the EPA proposed amendments to the CCR regulations that, when issued, will allow all state regulators to consider alternative closure requirements and to determine site-specific cleanup levels for most of the hazardous contaminants being released from the impoundments. While the EPA has yet to finalize the proposed amendments, on Sept. 15, they proposed moving forward with the transfer of the permitting authority for closure and management of CCR impoundments to IDEM.

So, when our state environmental agency was attempting to enforce site specific permit conditions to minimize the release of contaminants from the coal ash ponds, our state officials passed laws and issued executive orders keeping them from doing so.

Now, when the federal Rule requires power companies close the legacy impoundments and the EPA is struggling to finalize and issue amendments that will enable them to avoid the current closure requirements, they want EPA to give IDEM back the permitting authority.

Gov. Braun, in the press conference announcing the proposed transfer, said doing so "strengthens environmental safeguards and keeps permitting decisions here at home" and that a state-run program will offer "greater control, transparency, and accountability in how coal ash is managed."

Based on all the recent administrative restrictions our state officials have placed on IDEM's regulatory authority, I don't believe IDEM will be given the authority to issue closure and management requirements that will minimize the release of contaminants from the legacy impoundments to the extent required under the 2024 Final Rule.

If we want the legacy coal ash ponds closed and managed to minimize the release of contaminates from the coal combustion residuals into our environment, we need to tell the EPA and our state officials:

• We want all legacy impoundments throughout Indiana closed and managed as required by the 2024 Final Rule without any delay,

• We DO NOT want the EPA to issue the Proposed 2026 Amendments to the CCR Regulations, and

• We DO NOT want the EPA to transfer the coal combustion residual permitting authority to the State of Indiana.

The USEPA is accepting written comments from the public on the proposed transfer until November 16, 2026. Visit www.federalregister.gov and type "Indiana Coal" into the search bar. The Sept. 16 EPA proposal should be the first link in the results, which will provide the opportunity to comment.

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Alive and well — and tenacious, too



The Tight Wire
STEPHEN CRANE

Man, oh man, the last couple of months have been doozies!

I've heard from a few of ya, wondering about my welfare, since I haven't been able to grace the Opinion page for quite awhile. I appreciate the check-ins, and as I've told those folks, yes, I am alive and well. Though as I think about it, the "well" part may be up for debate.

Needless to say, it's been a crazy time in the local news business. Of course, the general election is upon us, with early voting having started last week.

As we try to do, we put together the Voter Guide that gives a side-by-side comparison for most of the locally contested races.

As I like to say, our highest overarching aim is an informed citizenry, and when it comes to elections, we want an informed voter. So "know before you go," and get ahold of the Voter Guide if you haven't already. We have complimentary copies at our office, and we dropped some off at the administration building, too. Last I checked, they were in the entry hallway of the building, so keep an eye out for those.

Beyond the election, it's been an unusually busy time in the news business.

Typically, there's a rhythm to the news cycle. It ebbs, it flows and it's "feast or famine" at any given time.

But we've been gorging in recent months, whether we like it or not. Between political squabbles, criminal tragedies, the new power line and the data center battlefront, there is simply A LOT going on in Morgan County right now.

This time of year, we always have the usual highlights. The annual festivals typically grace our front page each week, as we do our best to give "equal treatment" to all, big or small.

Then, of course, the many government entities have to finalize their annual budgets, so that always makes for mind-numbing number crunching. But of course, budget coverage lies at the heart of our watchdog role, since every penny spent is taken from us, the taxpayers.

If there's a bias in this newsroom, it's for fiscal responsibility by our government entities — wise use of every penny we, the people, give to local government for its operations.

"Responsible government spending" can often seem like an oxymoronic phrase, but I've seen it happen on occasion, albeit generally limited to the departmental level. Other departments, meanwhile, clearly can't be bothered.

Spending money is easy when it's not your own, and that mentality plagues more than a few elected and unelected officials around here.

We also had our annual Hoosier State Press Association conference last month, which sucked up a day of work. But the tradeoff is an easy one, as we get to be reminded that we're not alone in our eternal mission to inform folks in our respective little corners of the state. The camaraderie is real, and to be in a room with others doing similar work is always rejuvenating.

My favorite seminar of the day was entitled "The Public Access Battle: Strategies for More Transparency and Open Doors." The name is sadly self-explanatory, but I'll expound nevertheless.

In four expanded bullet points, an attorney with Reporters Committee for Freedom of the Press detailed the challenges news folks so often confront when it comes to getting information from local governments in Indiana.

After nearly two decades in the news business, a universal truth has become abundantly clear: government entities, in general — and elected officials, in particular — have a transparency problem.

With few exceptions (most often limited to an individual, not a governing body), government at all levels prefers to operate behind the proverbial curtain.

As I've said before, I'll say again: About 90 percent of what really goes on in local government is outside a public meeting — the only opportunity to catch a momentary glimpse behind that curtain.

Meanwhile, the State of Indiana includes this preamble to the section of laws relating to Open Door Law: "A fundamental philosophy of the American constitutional form of representative government is that government is the servant of the people and not their master."

This notion is clearly lost on many, and the TRUE dynamic is often reversed in the minds of the elected.

We've seen it play out here in Morgan County, and the mistrust of local government — often reserved for those in D.C. and not so much at the local level — is arguably at an all-time high.

In fact, in late summer, I had an email exchange that included the county commissioners and council president on that very subject, including this excerpt:

In the case of the data center, a few mistakes are abundantly clear (though a whispered "I probably wouldn't sign an NDA if I had to do it over" is the closest I've heard to any acknowledgment):

• Secrecy defined the project — and its approval. This very notion is antithetical to good government.

• Public opinion was irrelevant to the county's purposes. Official approval was mere after-the-fact formality, as it was clearly a "done deal" before it ever saw the light of day at a public meeting.

• The county compromised the traditional approval systems by greenlighting the most massive project in the county's history without the usual answers any other project is required to answer, else they're tabled until they can. We still don't know projected water usage, electrical usage and the like. Or worse yet, you do — but you've kept your bosses in the dark.

• The county got a bad deal (now serving as an example of how not to do it, based on the "take" of an attendee at the recent data center summit where it was recommended to "leverage the public outcry to get a better deal" [clearly, the state's priority is also not the will of the people] — of course, locally, that leverage was lost, since it was approved before the outcry would gain the present momentum).

• The broad impact on citizens was either grossly underestimated or worse yet, immaterial to the county's purposes.

Not all money is "good money," and I'm afraid the county leaders saw a golden fiddle being dangled and were quickly tantalized. I sincerely and wholeheartedly hope I'm wrong.

But as a result of all that has transpired in recent years, the county's elected are contending with a level of public distrust that's never been higher, at least in my memory. Yes, people have been angry before. But never have I seen public outrage only grow in intensity and be so prolonged.

The typical outrage is a flash in the pan on the heels of an increased tax bill or a particular decision that comes and goes, soon forgotten amid the short attention spans.

But this instance is different — and the outrage ain't going anywhere. In fact, it's expanding and manifesting in other uncomfortable ways.

Perception is reality, and the perception of secrecy fostered by our local government's actions has resulted in an increased sale of magnifying glasses.

The attorney's presentation last month reinforced this notion, and I was most troubled by his fourth bullet point: "Be Tenacious."

In a perfect world — or dare I say, in the Founders' intended world — tenacity should not be required. Our government should be an open book at every turn, with our "public servants" on bended knee ready to fulfill our every reasonable request.

But last I checked, our world ain't so perfect.

And so our mission remains the same — with a healthy dose of tenacity for good measure.

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Stragglers still hanging on



Art Cart
NANCY MAXWELL



As the 6 x 6 for 2026 Art Show entries keep coming in at Art Sanctuary, and we've met the 100 mark, with many unique works of art at very reasonable prices. (Nancy Maxwell courtesy photo)

Even with the current chilly morning temperatures the past couple weeks, a couple hummingbirds are still making daily visits to our feeders.

One especially chubby little bird sits on the perch for quite a time before actually feeding; he looks a bit sleepy, or maybe cold? I've been tempted to warm the feeder contents up a bit, maybe help the little guys out a bit? We feed till we've had several days with no hummingbird sightings; it seems there are always a few stragglers taking their time in heading south.

We are all stragglers, hoping to hang on to this beautiful weather and avoid the inevitable winter weather we know will eventually arrive.

Heading through town last Thursday evening after the Art Sanctuary Fall Art Show Reception, a few stragglers from the weekly downtown car show were hanging on, visiting on South Jefferson Street, maybe hoping to stretch out fall with a few more weeks of Thursday car shows.

The Chronically Pink Bean invites you to join them for their first ever Fall Car Show on Saturday, Oct. 17, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Bring your truck, hot rod or classic car to Morton Square on Morton Avenue. Entry fee for vehicles is $20, but free to spectators. Cash prizes awarded for top three vehicles, with food vendors on sight.

With the Fall Foliage Festival activities being held primarily at the Morgan County Fair Grounds, including the always popular Customer Appreciation Night, attendance at the Fall Art Show at Art Sanctuary last Thursday was slim. The artwork was great, and the small crowd was very appreciative.

Younger Youth winner was Liam Phillips; Older Youth winner was Abigail Maxwell. Most Original Award went to Ron Barrett, and Best of Show went to Jeff Bottoms. The Peoples' Choice ballots had not been counted as of this writing. The show judge was Amanda Mathis of Nashville, Ind.

Judging a show is a challenge, and the bigger the show and the higher the collective skill set a show represents, the judging becomes even more challenging. As a participating artist, it is important to realize that a different judge is a different show.

Although most judges do the job with the best of intentions, the artists, other viewers, and John Q Public are never going to completely agree with a judge's choices. It is always helpful and appreciated when the judge makes comments on the how and why his or her choices were made; you still may not agree, but at least you might have a bit more insight into the "whys" of the awards given.

Two opportunities to meet and greet Indiana authors and get books signed are on Saturday's docket. Fables & Fairy Tales will host Elizabeth Oliver from 1 to 3 p.m. in downtown Martinsville. Oliver is the author of *Overtaken: Love Comes at You Fast.*

T. Leaf Wolf, author of *The Adventures of Snowflake and Midnight,* will be at The Chunky Monkey Ice Cream & Café in Mooresville, also Saturday, from 5 to 8 p.m.

The Big Game is the latest in the Midnight Tries Sports Series.

Thanksgiving and Christmas may seem far in the future right now as we still enjoy these great temperatures and the leaves have just begun to turn, but booth space for the Small Business Saturday Makers' Market at Art Sanctuary on Saturday, November 28, is one of the best Holiday shopping opportunities we have for unique, local, artisan and craft products. Contact Dorene Page at Art Sanctuary to reserve your booth space.

As the 6 x 6 for 2026 Art Show entries keep coming in at Art Sanctuary (we've met the 100 mark!), I see many unique works of art at very reasonable prices. The show will remain up at AS through Cookie Stroll Saturday with entries accepted through Nov. 1. If the building is open, the 6 x 6 show is open; stop by frequently to see the most recent additions.

Keep me posted at nancy.maxwell@me.com, text to 765-318-0972 or stop in at my Art Sanctuary Studio, 001A.

Congratulations, I guess



Authors Who Serve
RACHEL HILLS

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



Someone had ordered a banner that read CONGRATS BOSS, and the flutes of prosecco were sweating on the long table when she arrived. (Courtesy image)

Thursday, 6:40 p.m. The call came through while Ashley was standing at the kitchen counter eating cereal out of the box.

"We'd like you to lead the agency," Nancy said.

The only other words Ashley grasped were " … effective the first of the month."

She said thank you, it was an honor, thank you, another thank you. Then she ended the call, set the phone down, and screamed into the empty kitchen. She spun in a circle, then pressed both palms against hot cheeks. Her hands would not stop shaking.

Eleven years of staying until the cleaners came, of missing a college roommate's wedding for a client launch. Eleven years of keeping a running list on her phone titled "Someday." One line stayed at the top: *Run the studio.*

She picked up the phone to look at the call log. *Nancy Brandt, 4 min 12 sec.* The call was real. The position was hers.

She had opened the message app to tell Brandon before she remembered.

Eleven years ago, they started the same day, two junior designers in a basement office with ugly asphalt floor tiles. They finished leftover pizza at midnight and traded portfolios and made a joke of it: "When we run this place … " Always we. It had been a joke most days and sometimes a prayer.

Brandon had applied for the position when she did. Last week, he clinked his coffee cup against hers in the break room and said, "May the best one win."

He grinned and she had grinned back, certain it would be a clean fight and a clean ending.

Ashley put the phone down. She did not text him.

The team tribute was Friday at Nesso. Someone had ordered a banner that read CONGRATS BOSS, and the flutes of prosecco were sweating on the long table when she arrived.

People hugged her. People said "Finally," and "You deserve it," and "I always knew."

She smiled until her cheeks ached, and she meant it, mostly. Being celebrated was a strange, warm thing. She had been hungry for it and not known how hungry.

After Nancy's speech about craft and how Ashley would lead them into the next decade, everyone clapped. Ashley lifted her glass and found Brandon at the far end of the table, his flute untasted.

He clapped a beat late. When their eyes met, he raised his glass an inch and smiled a professional smile. The smile did it. She would have preferred a scowl.

Heat smoldered in her belly. Partly guilt. More anger, unreasonable and real. *Why should I apologize? I was better.*

Then, right behind it, the other thing: the memories of the ugly tile floor, his laugh over cold pizza.

Around her, glasses clinked, bright and endless, a room full of tiny bells.

Her phone buzzed against her hip. She slid it out under the table. Another congrats text. She scrolled and the message she'd sent Brandon that morning "Can we talk?" still read *Delivered* with no response.

When she looked up again, his chair was empty.

She found him in the parking lot, leaning on his car as if he'd unlocked it but had no energy to get in and drive.

"Hey," she said.

"Hey."

He didn't turn.

"Congratulations, Ashley. Really. You earned it."

"Don't do that."

"Do what?"

"Be nice about it."

He breathed out a short laugh and finally looked at her. Red rims edged his eyes.

"What do you want me to be?"

A car rolled past, headlights reflecting off the puddles. Ashley opened her mouth. The hollow apology came first, and she could hear how it would sound. *I'm so sorry; I know this is hard.* Then a tidy defense. *I didn't take the position from you. I worked harder.* She let both go.

"I'm happy," she said. "And I hate that I'm happy."

Brandon's jaw worked.

After a long moment, he said, "Okay. That's fair."

"I would have been glad for you. If it went the other way."

"I know."

He examined his keyfob.

"I'd like to say I'd have responded better. I don't think that's true."

"That's fair, too."

He almost smiled. Then he opened his car door, paused, and said without looking back, "Give me some time. Not forever. Just some."

She nodded, watched his taillights shrink to two red dots and disappear.

Back at her apartment, Ashley set the offer letter on the coffee table. The paper was thick, cream-colored, with Nancy's signature curling across the bottom. A good salary, a new title, a door with her name on it. All of it was true.

She sat down and tapped out a message to Brandon. "I'm sorry it went like this." She deleted it. Typed "I'm still proud of us." Deleted that, too.

The cursor blinked in the empty field, waiting for her to decide.

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





'Community Table' celebrates 20 years

From Anne Buchholz
Community Table

MARTINSVILLE — On Monday, Oct. 16, 2006 First Christian Church of Martinsville opened its doors at 89 S. Main St. to serve the first meal at the newly established Community Table. Twenty years later, the doors are still open on Monday nights, and hot meals continue to be served from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.

The mission statement for this local operation is twofold: *The Community Table seeks to be (1) a tangible response to God's call and commandment to be a hospitable people and (2) a figurative and literal extension of the Table of the Lord's Supper — offering a weekly, free meal, as well as fellowship and prayer, to anyone in the community who wishes to participate.*

Originally, 11 teams, manned by members of First Christian Church were the preparers, servers and cleanup crews for the meals.

But over the years, many teams have been formed and added to the roster from churches and organizations around the county, including First Baptist Church, First United Methodist Church, Hyndsdale Christian Church, the Noon Lion's Club, the Rotary Club, Tri Kappa Sorority, the Kiwanis, 7th Day Adventists, Miller's Merry Manor, Martinsville Crime Watch, Centennial Christian Church, the Happy Together Pickleball Group, 4H Swine Club, 4H Leaders, Faith Church Elders, Heavenly Helpings Catering, FCC Wednesday Night Bibles Studies, FCC Staff and The Haven with the FCC Youth Group.

COMMUNITY TABLE

In honor of the 20th Anniversary, First Christian Church wishes to invite the community to a special anniversary celebration meal served by First Presbyterian Church on Monday, Oct. 19! Ice cream and cake will be served after the meal and door prizes will be given.

Help celebrate this marvelous community gift, and come to First Christian Church on Monday! Doors open at 5 p.m., and everyone is welcome!

BOLINGER HONORED FOR DAR SERVICE



On Oct. 6, the Ten O'Clock Line Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) honored Janice Bolinger for her 50 years as a member of DAR. She has served her chapter as historian, registrar, treasurer, corresponding secretary, vice regent and regent, having held most offices multiple times, including that of regent for five terms. She has served the organization at the state level as chairman on a multitude of committees. She served as Indiana Vice Regent and Regent. Mrs. Bolinger has been National Chairman of American History and National Vice Chairman of DAR Project Patriot, National Defense, Public Relations, and President General's Project. She has served on so many projects over her 50 years of service that the list is too lengthy mention. The local chapter is so fortunate to have her as her knowledge and years of experience at all levels of DAR protocol and service are invaluable. Congratulations to Mrs. Bolinger on this achievement! (Courtesy photo)

CLASS OF '54 CELEBRATES 'BIRTHDAYS'



The Martinsville High School Class of 1954 held a symbolic 90th birthday party for its members on Sept. 15 at Sgt. Pepper's Chicken. Twelve classmates and seven guests attended, enjoying fellowship with one another and sharing stories of the many good times over the years. Classmates on hand included (front row, from left) Richard Bastin, Lois Ennis, Norita Priest, Stan Whetstine, (second row) Bob O'Neal, Phyllis Clay, Marilyn Kennedy, Larry Scott, (back row) Bob Holden, Jack VanOsdol, John Slaven and Jim Bishop. (Joni Bishop courtesy photo)

Always something to do at Senior Center!

Senior Center Happenings
ROBYN WERNER

MARTINSVILLE — The Martinsville Area Senior Center, located at 1369 Blue Bluff Road and only one minute from the downtown square, hosted many events last month.

We celebrated another trip around the sun for Bob Clifton and Elaine Farias with a birthday bash (see photo) featuring a dinner catered by Bob's sister-in-law, Carol Durbin, donated side dishes and desserts, along with her famous peach crisp. Dinner was followed by a progressive euchre tournament.

Twice a week, the Tune Tossers band played live music, and a crowd of about 75 people danced to their favorite music performed by the talented, local musicians.



Bob Clifton and Elaine Farias are all smiles at their birthday bash, which was catered by Bob's sister-in-law, Carol Durbin. (Courtesy photo)

Plans are now underway to add live music with a bluegrass band on some Friday nights.

On Tuesday morning, a handful of seniors stretched, relaxed and improved their balance in a chair yoga class.

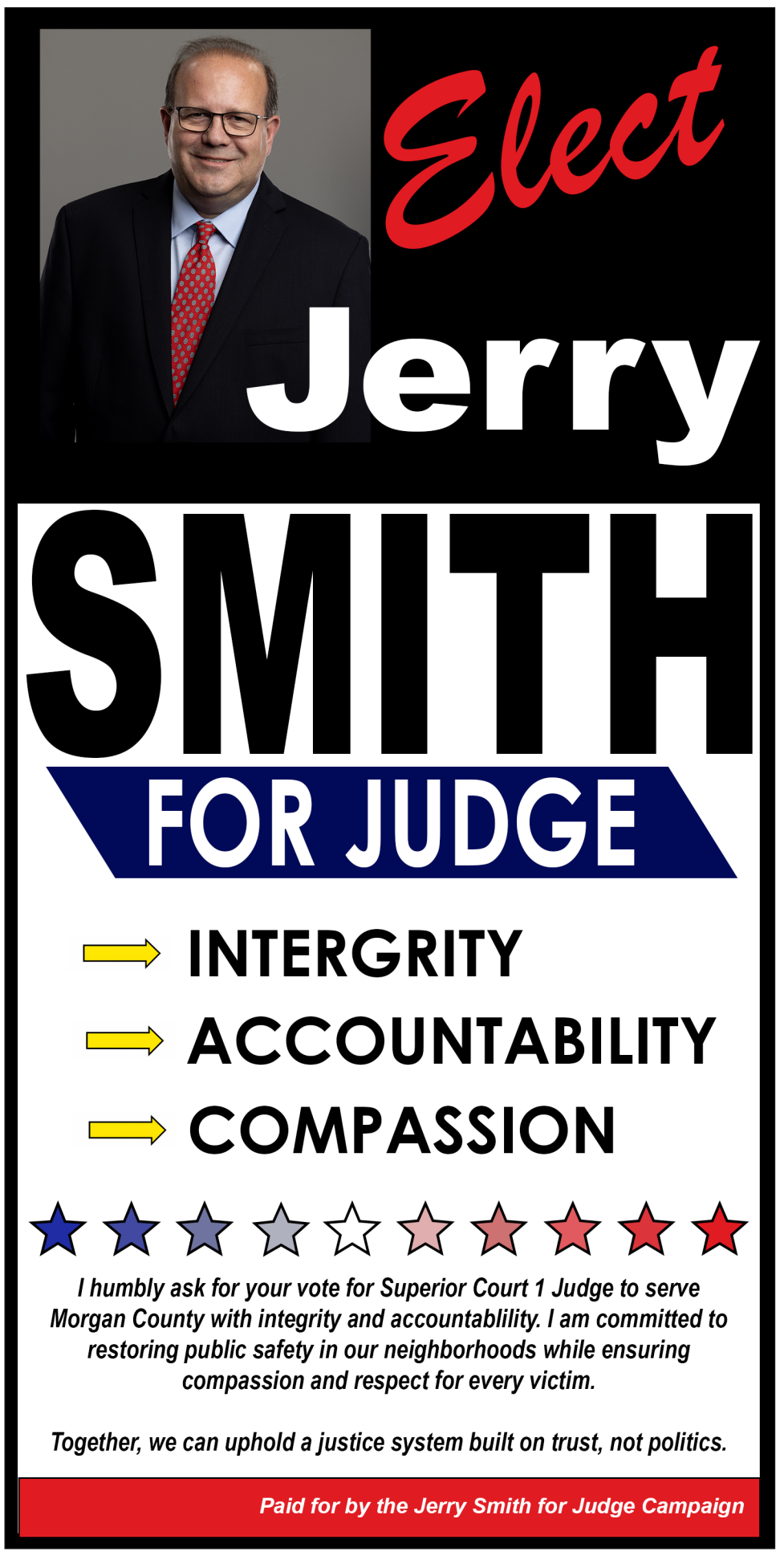
The Senior Center offers a variety of weekly activities, including Tuesday night live music and dances; lunch, exercise class and games on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays; quilting on Mondays; chair yoga and a movie with free popcorn on Tuesdays; and progressive euchre and a pitch-in dinner on Thursdays. One senior experienced improved mobility by participating in consistent exercise classes, was better able to get in and out of the truck and shower, and found friends and purpose at the Senior Center.

Art classes are also offered on Wednesdays, and beginners are welcome! Another senior found a new talent with painting, and her grandkids have staked claim to her beautiful art!

Volunteers distribute CICOA (Central Indiana Council on Aging) food boxes for our neighbors in need on a monthly basis.

The Center facility is also available to rent by anyone in the community for your family parties, reunions or other celebrations. Everyone is welcome at the Center, including volunteers!

Call 765-342-5525 or email martinsvilleindseniorcenter@gmail.com for more details.





Town eyes $10.4M budget for 2027

Local business owner looks to rehab, redevelop problem property

By Lance Gideon
MCC Correspondent

MOORESVILLE — The town of Mooresville has advertised a nearly $10.38 million budget for 2027 as the town council held its public hearing for next year's budget at its Oct. 6 meeting.

According to Indiana Gateway, the town's 2027 budget includes $7,210,070 for the General Fund; $1,591,993 for the Motor Vehicle Highway Fund; $1,124,591 for the Park & Recreation Fund; $300,000 for the Local Road & Street Fund; $90,000 for the Casino/Riverboat Fund; $41,000 for the Cemetery Fund; and $20,000 for the Cumulative Capital Fund.

"We worked with all of our department heads," town council president Tom Warthen said, adding that the town "worked well within" the town's expected levy.

The council is expected to approve the town's 2027 budget at its Oct. 20 meeting.

Indianapolis Road request

During the meeting, Keghan Hopwood from Sunco Construction discussed the redevelopment of 310 Indianapolis Road. According to the Morgan County GIS, Sunco purchased the 1.5-acre property in March 2025, which is classified for "light manufacturing and assembly."

Hopwood said redeveloping the property will be difficult, and he's working with the state through the Small Town Opportunity Initiative (STOI).

"(STOI) is part of Indiana's redevelopment tax credit program, and is designed specifically to help communities tackle properties that are difficult to redevelop because of things like environmental conditions, demolition, aging properties, site constraints and the extraordinary developmental costs that happen at 310 Indianapolis Road," Hopwood said. "... In practical terms, it gives a project a state-supported financial tool that can help offset some of these extraordinary redevelopment costs and close the gap between what a project costs and what the finished development can reasonably support."

According to Hopwood, the property needed environmental remediation and demolition costs for the project.

He believes the potential state tax credit could be between $6 million and $10 million.

"An award of that size could materially close the redevelopment gap, and be one of the major pieces that make this project possible," Hopwood added.

The plan, he noted, includes "new market–rate housing, some townhomes and some smaller commercial spaces."

Hopwood was asking members of the council to sign a letter of support for the project to present to the Indiana Economic Development Corporation.

"This letter does not commit the town to funding, it does not commit to TIF (Tax Increment Finance), infrastructure, zoning or any future incentive," Hopwood noted. "Any of those requests, I will come back here and go through a normal public process. … The reason why we are not requesting that is because if these tax incentives from the state are not able to be awarded to us, the project will fall on its face, and there's no reason to go any step further."

Warthen acknowledged that Hopwood had sent the council a sample letter for it to consider, but he would feel more comfortable if the letter came from the council and had the town's legal counsel review it.

"Do you have a deadline or a timeframe that you're up against?" Warthen asked.

Hopwood responded that the deadline was Monday, Oct. 12.

Councilman Jeff Cook said he's in favor of redeveloping the property, which he noted has "been an eyesore for a long time."

The council voted to have the town's legal counsel draft a letter of support for the project and allow Warthen to sign it on behalf of the council.

The next regular meeting of the Mooresville Town Council is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 20, at the Mooresville Government Center, 4 E. Harrison St.

Park board: Financial forecast 'looks grim'

Mooresville parks & rec to ask council for additional money

By Lance Gideon
MCC Correspondent

MOORESVILLE — Over the last couple of months, the Mooresville Park Board has been discussing financial constraints with its current budget.

In September, the board voted to freeze all non-discretionary spending. It also recently held a public hearing to discuss the parks department's current financial state.

"We had a meeting the other day, and it looks grim," park board member Mark Taylor said during the board's Oct. 5 meeting. "It looks as though we're going to have to do an additional appropriation of both the General and the Non-Reverting (funds)."

BakerTilly, the town's financial advisory, has suggested the park needs a $250,000 additional appropriation from the Non-Reverting Fund and a $100,000 additional appropriation out of the General Fund, according to Taylor. He went on to note that the Non-Reverting Fund would be left with about $430,000 in reserves while the General Fund would be left with around $400,000.

Board member Brent Callahan said he believes the board needs to send a message to the town council, which would need to approve the additional appropriations, that the park needs the additional appropriations and that "we will check and see what happened" to cause the need for the extra funding.

"This is the second year where we've had to do this," Taylor said. "We cannot continue to keep doing this."

Taylor said he believes the park board needs to add restrictions on what is spent by the parks.

"Let me ask … are we underfunded?" board member Matt Saner asked. "Are we going over budget because we've added things that require more funding and we haven't received that kind of budget that is necessary to run this park in 2026 and beyond?"

According to board member Danny Lundy, the General Fund "should be on target."

"The $100,000 we're requesting there is a 'just in case,' because if you wait until December and you're short, then it's too late," Lundy said.

Park superintendent Phil Cornelius said the overage in the Non-Reverting fund is related to the capital project that included the new pickleball courts, maintenance facility and new restroom facilities.

For the General Fund, the extra costs include utilities and overtime for employees, Cornelius noted.

Ultimately, the board approved a motion to ask the town council for the additional appropriations.

Lilly Endowment discussion

Cornelius told the board that the Lilly Endowment has been working with IndyParks and the Indiana State Parks in recent years to make upgrades for parks within those systems.

Now, according to Cornelius, the Lilly Endowment is expanding that work to cities and towns throughout the state.

With Mooresville's population, the parks would be eligible for two rounds of potential funding.

The first round, Cornelius said, is non-competitive and includes $100,000 for planning for the department's future.

"The No. 1 use that I would suggest we use that for is a feasibility study, period, for the entire department," Cornelius said.

The deadline to apply for the first phase is Oct. 30.

"We can't go for phase two if we don't get phase one," Cornelius noted.

The board approved a motion to allow the department to move forward on the application process.

During the Mooresville Town Council meeting on Oct. 6, the council approved a motion to be a signatory of the cover letter for the application.

The next regular meeting of the Mooresville Park Board is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. on Monday, Nov. 9, at the Pioneer Park office, 1101 Indianapolis Road.

REIMBURSE

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Ultimately, the plan for constructing a roundabout was abandoned, so the RDC will only have to reimburse the district for the road widening, which costs $2.5 million.

The RDC is using revenues generated from a tax increment financing (TIF) district to cover the project.

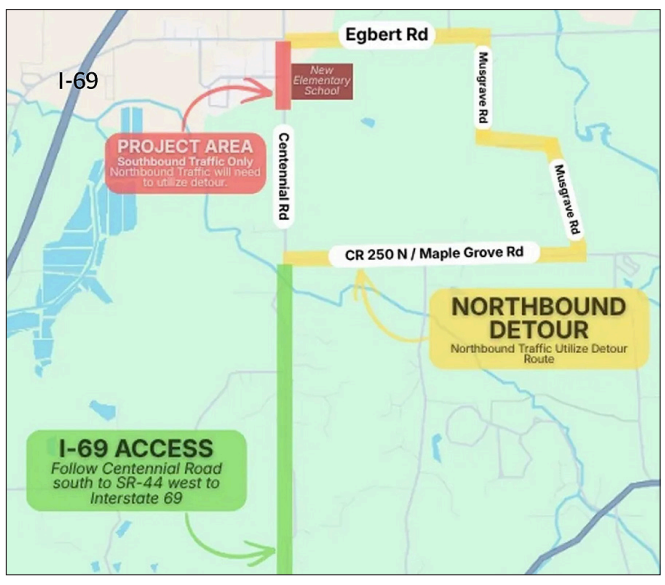
"I just want to make sure that we're not in charge of any upkeep on this road," said RDC member Jeff Pipkin following the vote. "This ends our involvement in the project, right? Is that correct?"

"It is a county road," said RDC administrator Chelsey Manns. "So, the county will maintain it, but as for the redevelopment commission, that's correct. We will be done."

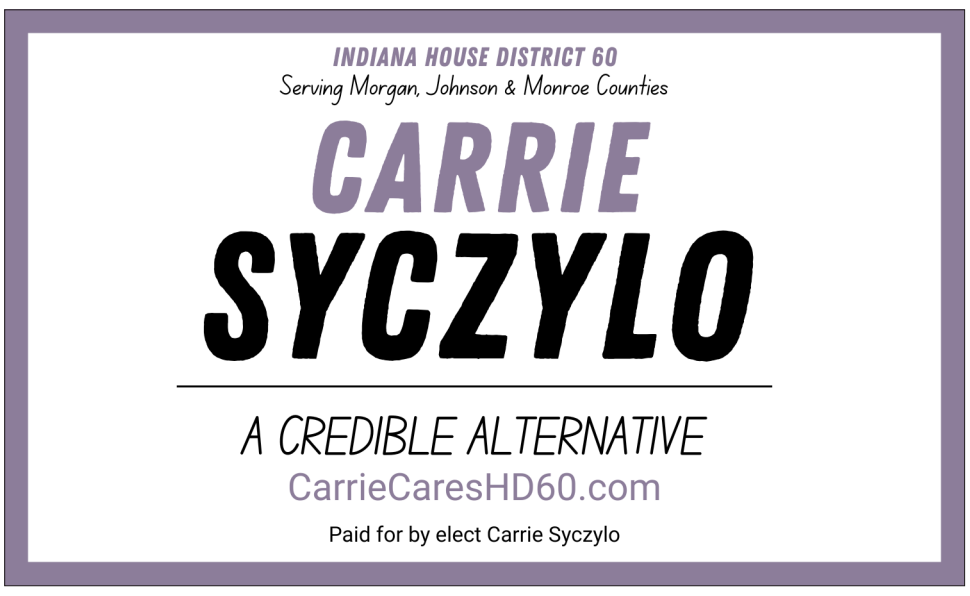
Centennial Road remains under construction. Widening on the road began in early August, and road crews have completed work in two phases, with one side of the roadway under construction at a given time.

Centennial Road remains open, and is expected to remain that way throughout the duration of the project, but drivers should expect longer commutes. The project is expected to be completed in late November.

The next meeting of the Morgan County Redevelopment Commission will take place on Wednesday, November 18 at 8:30 a.m. at the administration building, 180 S. Main St. in Martinsville.



The Morgan County Redevelopment Commission agreed to spend $2.5 million in TIF funding to help finance the road improvements on Centennial Road in preparation for the new elementary school. (Courtesy map)











Kiddos get in on the Pumpkin Decorating Contest on Saturday morning near the Merchant Building at the Morgan County Fairgrounds for the Fall Foliage Festival. (Keith Rhoades photo / MCC)

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The four-day festival has been celebrated in Martinsville since 1959 in the downtown square, but due to construction at the courthouse, most of the festivities moved to the fairgrounds last year and again this year.

The fall fun began last Thursday evening with Customer Appreciation Night, as tables of businesses lined up to show Morgan County residents their gratitude.

Friday night saw the Martinsville tradition of Taps on the Square once again move to the fairgrounds to honor the nation's fallen veterans.

The weekend had activities for the whole family, from carnival rides to live music and plenty of other street entertainment.

On Saturday morning, the 21st century competed with the 12th, as residents could walk freely between a car show and a blacksmithing demonstration put on by Hazelnut Forge.

Morgan County students saw plenty of shine, as those involved with the Martinsville High School vocal jazz choir, Gentry Martial Arts, Martinsville Academy Gymnastics and more all came out to show their stuff for the gathered residents.

One tradition did remain downtown this year, and that was Sunday afternoon's 67th running of the Fall Foliage Festival parade. This year's theme was something desperately needed across the nation and world: Communities Celebrating Together.



The Fall Foliage Festival Car Show draws a big crowd of cars and admirers on Saturday morning. (Stephen Crane photo / MCC)



From left: Members of the Fall Foliage Festival royalty gather for a photo and include Miss Congeniality Evie Hickman, Little Miss Aelynne Simpson, Junior Princess Morgan Sichting, Princess Ava Bowen, Queen Gracie Haines and Miss Photogenic Reagan Elliott. (Keith Rhoades photo / MCC)

If residents weren't marching in the parade, they were driving, and the vehicles had lots of variation. Some were open-wheeled, others were normally used for farmwork, and a few even had hooves.

No matter what brought them past the courthouse square in downtown Martinsville, it was very clear that communities were indeed celebrating together at the 2026 Fall Foliage Festival.



Members of the Morgan County Antique Machinery Association rumble down the parade route as they wave to the crowd Sunday afternoon. (Roxi Scully photo / MCC)



The Morgan County Young Marines stand attention while members of Indiana Spirit of '45 perform Taps on the Square at the county fairgrounds on Friday evening. (Stephen Crane photo / MCC)



Members of the Shrine Club turn down Jefferson Street near the courthouse square on Sunday afternoon with crowds lining the streets. (Keith Rhoades photo / MCC)

AES

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Action Coalition (CAC) as well as dozens of local residents who filed a petition to intervene with the IURC in order to prevent AES from constructing the upgrades on local properties.

In order to serve Google's data center campus, AES has proposed acquiring two standalone battery energy storage system resources (BESS) and a hybrid solar plus storage resource, according to last week's IURC ruling.

Additionally, AES has proposed building a 10-mile, 345-kilovolt transmission line connecting the future Antioch substation near Monrovia to the future Blue Bluff substation near the Eagle Valley Generating Plant in Martinsville.

This line — strong enough to power about 800,000 homes — is planned to roughly parallel Ind. 39 along the border of Bradford Woods. The 200-foot-wide path will affect 86 homeowners and involve about 240 acres of land, whether through easements or eminent domain.

AES first announced its partnership with Google back in April, though it was known before then that the company would service the data center. At the time, the company made great efforts to assuage fears that rates would go up as a result of new infrastructure for the data center.

"Google covers 100 percent of the energy its data centers consume, plus every dollar of new infrastructure needed to serve those facilities," read AES Indiana's partnership announcement back in April. "None of those costs are shifted to existing AES Indiana customers."

The company said the agreement with Google would save existing customers more than $770 million over the next 15 years.

However, the announcement went on to say that the network upgrades would benefit everyone, not just Google.

"Google's investment funds substations, transmission lines, and other upgrades that strengthen the entire grid — not just for the data center," AES Indiana previously announced. "These improvements benefit all Central Indiana customers with greater reliability and resiliency."

AES representatives previously testified to the IURC that the company projects Google will account for approximately 90 percent of the new infrastructure's use, with the rest of the load benefiting other customers.

State law requires data centers and large electricity users to cover at least 80 percent of the costs reasonably assigned to it.

In its ruling last week, the IURC agreed with AES that the network upgrades will benefit ratepayers as well as Google, and therefore the costs of the upgrades will be allocated to all.

"Although (Google) may be the impetus for the network upgrades being made, this does

not preclude the upgrades from providing system-wide benefits," the ruling reads. "Network upgrades, as the name implies, are upgrades or additions to the transmission network intended to provide reliability, resiliency, and stability to the system at large. As such, it is reasonable for the network upgrades to be treated as overall transmission assets serving all customers and allocated to all customers utilizing the transmission network based on the cost causation approach approved by the Commission.



This aerial photo, taken in late September looking north from Ind. 42 in the foreground, shows the ongoing construction at Google's data center site, which will be powered by the new AES Indiana line that was approved last week by the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission. (D.A. courtesy photo)

"Just as (Google) will be allocated a portion of the existing network transmission infrastructure, it is reasonable for existing customers to also be allocated a portion of the network upgrades," the ruling continues. "Thus, the Commission finds Petitioner's proposed treatment of network upgrade costs is reasonable and ensures that the Customer will pay its fair share of the costs."

The IURC ruling sparked outrage among the intervening parties — CAC and local residents.

Ben Inskeep, program director for CAC, posted on social media that the ruling would shift tens of millions of dollars of upgrade costs onto AES customers, "directly contradicting the Ratepayer Protection Pledge."

The Ratepayer Protection Pledge is an initiative introduced by President Donald Trump to ensure that electricity and infrastructure costs associated with data centers are funded by tech companies rather than consumers.

"AES Indiana is blatantly misrepresenting its contract with Google," Inskeep continued. "Don't fall for it. It claims Google will pay 100 percent. But AES's own testimony admits it based Google's rates on only 90 percent (load factor) and that $74 million in network upgrades are being paid by all customers, not Google!"

Inskeep and CAC further criticized AES for requesting to keep some information between itself and Google confidential, including some testimony and portions of service agreements.

Multiple attempts to reach Inskeep for further comment were unsuccessful.

Autumn Sojka, one of the residents who filed a petition to intervene against AES, spoke of her "frustration" on Monday, and told *The Correspondent* she was "devastated for everyone" on the route selected by AES for the transmission line upgrades.

"We all kinda figured it would be approved, unfortunately," Sojka said of AES's proposed upgrades. "Everything AES asked for, they got."

Sojka said the ruling was a little demoralizing, given how much work she and other residents did to oppose AES's proposals. She blamed state and local officials for making it so easy for AES to get what it wanted.

"Legislation has been paving the way for this," Sojka said. "We definitely need to change things legislatively to make it harder for these companies to just steamroll us before people even know what's going on."

Ultimately, Sojka was "hopeful" about the upcoming elections, and optimistic that incoming officials might be more receptive to resident concerns about data centers and related infrastructure. She added that she hopes people in other communities will be able to learn from Morgan County's experience.







Mooresville junior wide receiver Treyton Burch gets past Martinsville sophomore defensive back Jaxon Phelps in the first half last Friday. (Artesian Quarterback Club photo)



Mooresville junior running back Talan Dobkins breaks out past the line of scrimmage against Martinsville last Friday. (Steve Page photo / MCC)

‘M’ IS FOR MOORESVILLE

Pioneers cruise past Artesians in ‘Battle for the M’

By Steve Page
MCC Correspondent

MOORESVILLE — The home-standing Pioneers showed they are improving as the football season progresses, posting a 45-9 Mid-State Conference victory last Friday over visiting Martinsville in the annual cross-county Battle for the M.

“Our guys were ready to play,” said Mooresville coach Casey Gillin.

And the Artesians?

“We’re not a good football team right now,” said coach Brian Dugger.

Eli Hill, Mooresville’s junior quarterback, completed 14 of 19 passes for 243 yards and two touchdowns — a 52-yard, pass-run play with Jackson Denny and a 62-yard hookup with Keagan Burch. He also ran 1 yard in the first quarter for another score.

Talon Dobkins, a 6-foot, 225-pound junior, gained 71 yards on just seven rushes and scored on touchdown bursts of 2 yards in the first quarter and 16 in the second period. Denny had just two catches, but gained 71 yards.

Mooresville scored on its first possession of the second half to take a 38-0 lead and activate the running clock.

“Today started fall break, but our guys were ready to play. I’ll give that to them,” Gillin said. “We played more physical, and they’re young.

“Our defense played physical. Our defensive line knew the issue, so we wanted to make him (quarterback Chase Davis) pay when he dropped back. And we covered the receivers.

“Our physicality was a lot better. We practiced well. Our quarterback played well.”

It was a bit tougher on the other side.

Davis was 10 of 19 passing for 95 yards. Sophomore running back Benson Parker gained 69 yards on 15 rushes and scored the Artesians’ touchdown on a 4-yard dive into the end zone with 8:26 to play. The Artesians also scored a safety when a high snap to Pioneer punter Kenneth Meyer sailed through the end zone.



The Mooresville Pioneers raise the ‘Battle of the M’ trophy high above their heads following last Friday’s resounding victory over cross-county rival Martinsville. (MHS Pioneer Football screenshot)

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Dawgs dig deep

Cross-county rivals go five sets in back-and-forth battle

By Melissa Dillon
MCC Correspondent

MOORESVILLE — Last Thursday night was an exciting volleyball match between county rivals Monrovia and Mooresville, with just two points separating the teams’ combined point totals across the five-set match.

The rivalry did not disappoint, as the match was a back-and-forth battle all night.

Monrovia won the first set 25-23 while Mooresville flipped the second set 26-24. The Pioneers had all the momentum in the third, winning 25-16, but the Bulldogs tied the series after a 25-22 win in the fourth.

Monrovia sealed the win after a 15-11 score in the fifth on a block from senior Nevaeh Dillon that sent the Bulldog bench sprinting to the floor to celebrate.

“I like what we are doing,” Monrovia head coach Rob Zajdel said. “We did a really good job coming together and the changes we had to make going into this game. I was impressed with our ability to continue to have the fight. We did lose that in game three and had to get them refocused. We made that big run at the end of the fourth with Larkin (Prosser), and she put us over the top. She was a big catalyst on getting us where we needed to go.”

Prosser had a huge night against her old home team, collecting 18 kills, six aces, 16 digs and five assists. She was on fire all over the court and made a huge impact in the win for the Bulldogs.

Monrovia sophomore Addi Jones added 14 kills, a block and six digs. Junior Allie Kizzee

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Monrovia senior Gauge Tolan (11) is the lead tackler on a stop during last Friday’s home game against Greenwood. Sophomore Payton Hall (34) and junior Gavin Wolsiffer (24) quickly jump in and help. (Melissa Dillon photo / MCC)

Bulldogs win big over Greenwood

By Melissa Dillon
MCC Correspondent

MONROVIA — Monrovia’s football team knew it had a tough task going into last Friday’s game against Hoosier Legends Conference newcomer Greenwood.

But emotions and adrenaline have always seemed to run higher for the Bulldogs on senior night, and the seniors definitely stepped up. The Bulldogs used that fire for an explosive 19-point fourth quarter to get ahead and secure the 40-35 win over Greenwood.

“We preached it before the game that this night is all about the game, and underclassmen, just work your butt off to help get them the win,” Monrovia coach Andy Olson said.

Senior Michael Terrell had one of his better performances of the year going 18-for-25 for 209 yards, three touchdowns and no interceptions. Junior Gavin Wolsiffer had a solid night with four catches for 72 yards and two touchdowns. Junior Colby Schmaltz finished with six receptions for 77 yards and a touchdown. Senior Gannon Prosser had two catches for 12 yards, senior Coewen Stinson had four for 29 yards, and junior Ryder Bain totaled 19 yards in two receptions.

The Bulldogs run game was key for the night, with 39 total carries for 152 yards and three touchdowns. Bain led the run game with 20 carries for 112 yard and two scores. Stinson had seven carries for 23 yards and a touchdown, and Wolsiffer four for 16 yards.

Bain was a force on defense as well with a sack. Prosser had an interception and one pass deflected. Schmaltz also had an interception and a pass deflected. Junior Ethan Rash caused a fumble, senior Landon Hoffman and sophomore Dantae Rodman each had a fumble recovery, and

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ATHLETES OF THE WEEK
MOORESVILLE HIGH SCHOOL

BRIDGET DEFUR



GRADE: Sophomore
SPORT: Volleyball
REASON FOR AWARD: Bridget’s outstanding offensive performance, competitive spirit, and positive attitude continue to make an impact on the Mooresville volleyball team.
Bridget turned in one of her strongest performances of the season last week, recording a season-high 19 kills against Monrovia. Her offensive production helped the Pioneers battle through a competitive five-set match, consistently providing important points and keeping Mooresville in contention. Her performance against Monrovia was another example of the contributions she has made throughout the season.

JACKSON DENNY



GRADE: Junior
SPORT: Football
REASON FOR AWARD: Jackson’s versatility, big-play ability, and team-first attitude helped the Pioneers secure a victory over Martinsville in the annual “Battle of the M” last Friday. Jackson made a significant impact in the rivalry victory, hauling in two receptions for a team-high 73 receiving yards, including a 52-yard touchdown reception. His versatility has also been invaluable, moving from defense to offense and special teams. His willingness to take on additional responsibilities reflects his commitment to doing whatever is necessary to help the team succeed. Jackson’s positive attitude and coachability have made him a valuable member of the Pioneer football program.

Arties upset Pioneers in sectional action

By Dave Rinehart
MCC Correspondent

BLOOMINGTON — Martinsville boys soccer coach Willy Spina was excited when the team drew Mooresville in the first round of sectional play — he and the team had a score to settle.

Back in August, the Pioneers shut out the Arties on the Martinsville pitch, 2-0, and the Arties were itching for a rematch against a tough, 12-2-2 Mooresville team.

Well, they got the rematch, and it couldn’t have gone better, as the underdog Artesians edged the Pioneers 3-2 during last week’s match in the first round of sectionals.

Martinsville got an early goal in the game by junior Lucas Toloday, but Mooresville countered with a couple scores of their own in the first half.

But again it was Toloday — Martinsville’s leading scorer with 13 goals scored on the season — tying the game before halftime at 2-2.

The Artesians came out after the halftime break and scored a goal by senior Talen Badger within 10 seconds to make it a 3-2 contest.

“The defense locked down in the second half and didn’t give up a goal to the Pioneers,” Spina said. “It was a good all-around performance for our team, strong defensively in the second half when our offense was clicking to score three goals against a good team. We felt pretty good with that.”

Spina was very pleased with some of the players leading the defensive charge for Martinsville. Junior centerbacks Abe Wolff and Parker Hayes had a good season and led the team in the second half against Mooresville.

Junior forward Owen Long had an assist versus Mooresville and had a shot off the crossbar that led to the third goal by Badger.

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History in the making

MCA sees first-ever sectional action

By Nolan Hendricks
MCA

MOORESVILLE — As the fall sports season draws to a close, Mooresville Christian Academy (MCA) has entered historic territory for the school: its inaugural Indiana High School Athletic Association (IHSAA) state tournament.

Now in its first year as an official IHSAA member, MCA is prepared to embark on the sectional stage of the tournament, with both varsity soccer and varsity volleyball heading into post-season play in stride.

Eagles Soccer went 3-2-2 in the back half of their season, bringing their overall regular season record to 6-6-3. The late-season push was largely fueled by key players returning from injury, which powered standout performances against Providence Cristo Rey, Horizon Christian and 8th-ranked Indiana Math and Science Academy — a stretch in which the Eagles went 1-0-2. Last Thursday, the soccer team broke the sectional ice when they took on Greenwood Christian Academy. While they may have lost to the eventual sectional champs, the occasion marked an historic milestone as MCA's first foray into IHSAA post-season action.

Meanwhile, on the court, the Eagles volleyball players rounded out their regular season with a 5-6 record over their final 11 contests. That stretch was highlighted by grueling five-set victories over Seven Oaks, Brown County and Southwestern, alongside a clean sweep of Indiana Math & Science.

The Eagles will continue to make school history tonight when they travel to Lutheran High School to take on county foe Eminence in the opening round of sectionals.

The two athletes who led the way down the stretch for these teams were Olivia Mattingly and Braxton Pick. For their efforts, they were named the September Athletes of the Month.

Pick held down the defensive side of the field for Eagles Soccer during the month of September. His strong work ethic and team-first mentality helped lead the Eagles defense to 2.15 goals against per game, including three shutouts down the stretch.



MCA junior Olivia Mattingly contributed in more ways than one. During the month of September, Mattingly tallied 42 kills, 12 blocks, and 11 aces. In addition, Olivia posted a team-leading hitting percentage of .245. (MCA courtesy photo)

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As Eagles soccer completes a memorable first season in the IHSAA, the volleyball team looks to keep MCA's postseason momentum going tonight against Eminence.

Martinsville netters pick up conference win over Mooresville

By Dave Rinehart
MCC Correspondent

MARTINSVILLE — It was exciting Mid-State Conference volleyball last week at John R. Wooden Gymnasium, where the Artesians hosted the Pioneers of Mooresville.

The home team came away with its first conference win of the season in four sets.

Martinsville won the first two tight sets, 26-24 and 25-22. But the Pioneers rebounded in the third set in the Oct. 6 contest with four ties and five lead changes to take the four-point victory at 25-21.

But Martinsville secured their conference win by bouncing back in the fourth set to win 25-22.

"It was a great battle between the two rivals," said Mooresville coach Cory Merriman. "Every game went down to the wire.

"Each set was decided by 2 or 3 points. … We hate losing, but they were a good battle."

Merriman spoke about three of his freshman starters — middle hitter Carly DeFur, outside hitter Addy Snodgrass and setter Malyn Query — knowing the future is bright for the Pioneers.

"They're going to be something good," he said.

Overall Mooresville had 12 more kills than Martinsville — 42-30. But Martinsville had 16 aces to Mooresville's 10.

Last Thursday, Martinsville fell to Terre Haute South in three sets — 11-25, 8-25 and 15-25 — to end the regular season.

"We struggled to put up a fight," said Martinsville coach Kelsey Patrick.

The Lady Artesians will have another chance tonight, when they face Terre Haute South in the first round of sectional action at 6 p.m.

Mooresville (8-20-2) will also open sectional action tonight in the Ben Davis sectional, taking on the Brownsburg Bulldogs (10-15) at 7:30 p.m.



Martinsville senior Kendall Arnold attacks while Mooresville junior Shelby Hall and sophomore Esther Brimmage look for the block. (Dave Rinehart photo / MCC)



Martinsville junior Carly Holbrook tries to roll one over the outstretched arms of Pioneer sophomore Bridget DeFur and freshman Carly DeFur last week. (Dave Rinehart photo / MCC)



Martinsville junior Ayden Schanz hits a brick wall of Pioneer defenders at the line last Friday night. (Steve Page photo / MCC)

MOORESVILLE

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"Our week of practices wasn't very good," Dugger said.

"We're so young and beat up. When you win it (conference) two of the last three years, no one is going to feel sorry for you.

"Ninety percent of what happened was self-inflicted. That's where we're at."

Where the winless Artesians are this week is Siderewicz Field, where they will host Plainfield (6-2, 5-1) at 7 p.m. Friday. The Quakers edged Whiteland 28-27 last week.

The Pioneers (4-4, 2-4), meanwhile, host Perry Meridian (5-3, 4-2) at 7 p.m. Friday. The Falcons fell 62-24 to Decatur Central last week.

Mooresville and Martinsville then turn to sectionals, which will feature a rematch of last Friday as the Pioneers host the Artesians on Oct. 23 at 7 p.m. in the first round.

DAWGS

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totaled eight kills, an ace, 25 digs and two assists. Senior Lidia Tonner added six kills, an ace, a block, 13 digs and 40 assists. Sophomore Rayna Moryn had four kills, two aces, three blocks and three digs. Dillon added a kill, three blocks and a dig. Sophomore Caylee Elliott had two aces and six digs. Junior Mia Bain added four digs and sophomore Abby Williams with six digs.

"For me, coming in here and getting this victory tonight, it's so satisfying," Zajdel said.

On the Pioneers' side, sophomore Bridget Defur led things off for Mooresville in the attack game with 19 kills. Junior Shelby Hall added 12 kills, two blocks and a dig. Sophomore Esther Brimmage also had 12 kills with an ace and eight digs.

Freshman Carly Defur finished with eight kills, an ace, a block and a dig. Freshman Kendal Quack had four kills, freshman Adalynn Snodgrass had three kills and an ace, freshman Malyn Query had a kill, ace, four blocks, 13 digs and 51 assists and junior Meadow Morancey had a kill, two aces and 17 digs.

Junior Makenzie Holtzclaw added two aces and 11 digs, senior Marlee Scott had seven digs and junior Chloe Manning with an ace and 16 digs.

Earlier in the week, Mooresville fell to Martinsville 3-1 to finish the regular season with an 8-20-2 record.

Monrovia had a busy week falling to Southmont 3-0 after celebrating Tonner and Dillon on senior night.

The Bulldogs played four games on Saturday in the North Montgomery tournament, going 2-2 with wins over North Montgomery and Speedway and falling to Owen Valley and Southmont.



The Monrovia volleyball team celebrates after senior Neveah Dillon's block sealed the five-set win over Mooresville on Thursday night. (Melissa Dillon photo / MCC)



Monrovia sophomore Caylee Elliott dives after a loose ball for the second hit in Thursday's game at Mooresville. (Melissa Dillon photo / MCC)



Mooresville senior Marlee Scott gets a dig in the back row during last Thursday's home game against Monrovia. (Melissa Dillon photo / MCC)

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Monrovia went into the sectional tournament with a 9-18 record, playing South Vermillion (22-5) after press time on Tuesday night in the Southmont sectional. The winner plays Saturday at 10 a.m.

Mooresville, meanwhile, faces Brownsburg (10-15) on Tuesday in the Ben Davis sectional, also after press time. The winner plays Pike on Saturday at 11:30 a.m.

BULLDOGS

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senior Braylen Pitcock with a pass deflection. Senior Alex Young was perfect in all four of his extra-point kicks.

Both teams scored one touchdown in the first quarter, and Monrovia had the 21-14 edge at halftime. But Greenwood scored two quick touchdowns in the third while Monrovia couldn't find the endzone. The Woodmen scored on a long drive then took over on fourth down on a miscommunication and direct snap to a runningback that went nowhere. Greenwood scored a couple plays later with short distance.

Monrovia recovered in a big way with a 19-point fourth quarter. Terrell found Wolsiffer for a 30-yard touchdown pass, and the kick made it a 28-28 game. Greenwood scored and Monrovia responded with a touchdown run from Bain, who broke through a couple tackles to find an open field. The Bulldogs went for two but were unsuccessful for a 35-34 game with just over five minutes to go.



Monrovia junior Gavin Wolsiffer catches a pass from senior Michael Terrell for a touchdown late in Friday's home game with Greenwood. (Melissa Dillon photo / MCC)



Monrovia head coach Andy Olson celebrates an interception from senior Gannon Prosser that secured the Bulldogs' 40-35 win over Greenwood last Friday night. (Melissa Dillon photo / MCC)



Junior Ethan Rash (29) tackles Greenwood's quarterback, forcing a fumble in the process. Senior Landon Hofmann (70) is on hand to recover the fumble late in Friday's home Hoosier Legends Conference game. (Melissa Dillon photo / MCC)

Rash forced a fumble, and Hoffman recovered with 3:46 to go.

"I don't even know who recovered the fumble or who caused the fumble," Olson said. "I was so excited and had to get the offense ready to go score a touchdown, and they did."

Monrovia had good field position and a game plan, but Wolsiffer took advantage of an opportunity. Terrell found Wolsiffer at the 1-yard line. He caught the pass and stretched in across the line before getting tackled for the final go-ahead score and the 40-35 victory.

"We had been running the ball decently well but knew we were going to have to score a little bit," coach Olson added. "We were honestly trying not to score too fast. But we had a really good chunk of a play, and then we slowed it down at the goal line. We were ready to kick a field goal to go ahead but ended up catching a touchdown pass instead."

With just around two minutes to go, Monrovia still had to stop the Woodmen. Bain came up with a huge sack to force a miracle play for Greenwood with just over a minute to go. On a long pass, Prosser found it for an interception. The sidelines went crazy knowing that just sealed the game.

"He has come up so big at the end of games," coach Olson said. "He had one against Speedway. He's had a lot of interceptions this year. Honestly, he's an all-state kind of player."

Monrovia (3-5) travels to Shelbyville (5-3) this week to finish off the regular season and the conference schedule.

Sectional action kicks off Oct. 23 at Southmont (currently 4-4) with a 7 p.m. kickoff.

In-county dual meet a success

By Melissa Dillon
MCC Correspondent



The Monrovia and Martinsville cross country teams take off from the start line in last Wednesday's dual meet at Monrovia. (Melissa Dillon photo / MCC)

MONROVIA — The Monrovia girls and boys cross-country teams got to run another race at home last week against Martinsville in a dual meet.

It was a perfect night for a run, and Monrovia took advantage, winning the girls race by taking four of the top five spots for a score of 27 while Martinsville scored 39. The results flipped on the boys side, as Martinsville took four of the top five with 27 points and Monrovia with 40 points.

It was Monrovia, however, in the top slot in both the girls and the boys races. Jacob Williamson ran an 18:08 to take first for the boys, and Isabelle Fox ran a 22:41 to take first for the girls.

"We came out here and competed," Monrovia cross country coach Matthew Nagel said. "It was a really good night. The girls team has really been on a stride and have done really well lately and improving here every single week.

"We've had two meets here in the last two weeks, which is lucky for us because normally we don't get a meet here in the season. Isabelle Fox ran another (personal record) tonight — she's really finding her stride. Keeley Neese had a really good night.

"On the boys side, I have Jacob Williamson leading the way. He's been our go-to guy all season long for us. He didn't have a perfect night, but on this course, it's a little more challenging. All the other guys had a really good night, like Wyatt Berling and Braden Pierson."

Monrovia's Keeley Neese took second with a 23:32, Lidia Tonner came in fourth with a 24:21, and Madelyne Snedegar placed fifth with a 25:02.

Martinsville's Eden Ennis took third with a 23:39, Drista Hickman took sixth at 25:08, Whitney Carson in ninth at 29:26, Grace Dishon in 10th at 32:45, and Karah Atkins placed 11th with a 33:48.



Monrovia's Jacob Williamson runs out in front in last week's dual against Martinsville with a time of 18:08. (Melissa Dillon photo / MCC)



Martinsville's Zachary Crismore took third place in the dual cross county meet at Monrovia on Wednesday. (Melissa Dillon photo / MCC)



Monrovia's Isabelle Fox races to first place in the girls race with a 22:41 in last Wednesday's dual meet with Martinsville. (Melissa Dillon photo / MCC)



Martinsville's Eden Ennis finishes first for the Artesians and third overall in Wednesday's dual meet at Monrovia. (Melissa Dillon photo / MCC)

After Williamson for Monrovia was Wyatt Berling in eighth with a 20:44, Braden Pierson in 10th at 21:23, Blayden Ryderson in 12th at 21:47 and Luke McPherson in 13th at 22:08.

Martinsville boys' were led by Cullen Mowery in second at 18:44, Zachary Crismore in third at 18:57, Vincent Rush took fourth at 19:07, Luke Klippel in fifth with a 19:26, Zach Norris in sixth at 19:28, Jude Hiles placed seventh at 19:58 and Joseph Simpson in ninth with a 21:06.

SECTIONALS

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After a bruising 80 minute game against the Pioneers, the Arties returned to Bloomington North the next day to take on Bloomington South in the Sectional Semifinals.

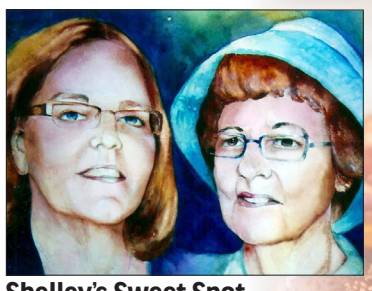
Bloomington South was the No. 2-ranked team in the state, and scored enough goals in the first half against the Arties to make the rest of the game unnecessary.

Bloomington South won the game 5-1, and would go on to win the Sectional title.

After struggling in the first half of the season, the Arties went 5-2-2 since Sept. 10 to end just below .500 at 7-8-3. The Pioneers, meanwhile, ended a successful season early, finishing 12-3-2.



BACON WRAPPED MINI MEATLOAVES



Shelley's Sweet Spot
SHELLEY SUTER

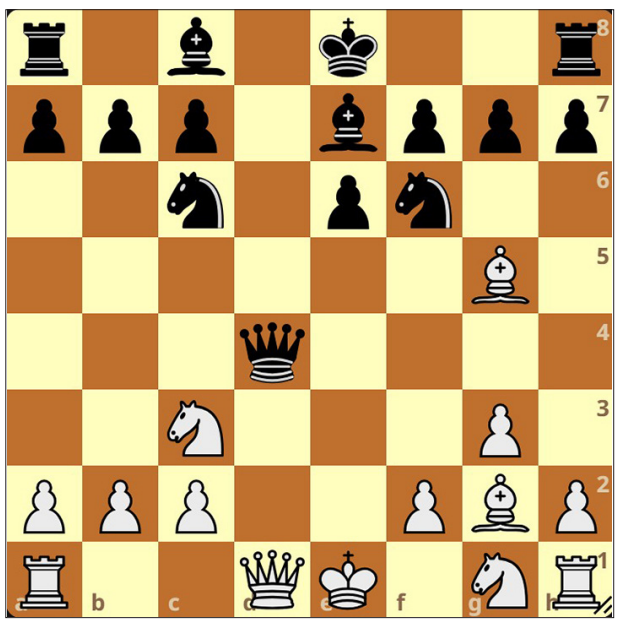


The mini meatloaves are so easy to assemble. The barbeque sauce and bacon make this a really tasty meat dish. You can bake all the meatloaves at once, or you can freeze them and bake them in a toaster oven one at a time.

INGREDIENTS
- 2 eggs
- ¾ cup milk
- 1 ½ lb. lean ground beef
- 1 pkg. stuffing mix for chicken
- ¾ cup Mexican style finely shredded four cheese blend
- ⅓ cup barbecue sauce
- 3 green onions, sliced
- 6 bacon slices

DIRECTIONS
- Whisk eggs and milk in large bowl until blended.
- Add all remaining ingredients except bacon; mix lightly.
- Shape into six patties, and wrap bacon slice around edge of each patty.
- Heat oven to 375 degrees.
- (If frozen, unwrap frozen patties and) place on rimmed baking sheet sprayed with cooking spray.
- Bake 40 to 45 minutes or until done (160 degrees internal temp).
- Can wrap individually in plastic wrap, placed in freezer-weight plastic bag.

**They'll freeze up to three months.*



(Courtesy illustration)

Across the Board
SCOTT PELL

Black just captured White's pawn on d4, but this is a grave error.

What move wins for White?

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

Solution: Bishop takes c6, check! The c6 knight is protecting Black's queen – so if White trades queens immediately, Black will simply recapture and have a strong position. Instead, White removes the knight with a check, eliminating the defender of the queen. Black must respond to the check, and after he captures the bishop on c6, White will capture the queen for free.



COLUMN & PUZZLES

Like the teenage hippies, 'modern medicine' has its own fads



The Worry Clinic
DR. GEORGE W. CRANE

OCTOBER 1974 — Eric dissects a form of infant surgery that is a cruel medical "fad." But hospitals like it for it zooms your medical bill.

Dr. Alvarez also showed that 58 percent of appendectomies were unwarranted! But why? Money!

CASE B-660: Eric G., aged 23, is a medical student.

"Dr. Crane," he asked, "during undergraduate years at college, I took a lot of courses in logic and philosophy.

"So I am worried about the way many medical problems are glibly answered without adequate proof.

"For example, in a recent column by 'Dear Abby,' she makes the comment that ' … the overwhelming majority of medical authorities agree that circumcision is necessary for hygienic reasons.'

"Then she scares women by adding, 'And it is a fact that the wives of circumcised men are far less likely to have cancer of the cervix than the wives of men who have not been circumcised.'

"Well, my professors deny that the overwhelming majority of medical authorities agree that circumcision is necessary, regardless of whether for hygienic reasons or otherwise.

"And they say a survey of Jewish women that showed a slight increase in cervical cancer among those whose husbands were not circumcised is far from adequate proof.

"For many other variables enter into the picture! So what is your opinion as both a medical doctor and a practical psychologist?"

Medical fads

Fads occur among medical doctors, just as they do with teenage hippies.

Alas, even college education doesn't prevent "streaking" and weirdo hair styles, nor a lot of needless medical operations, too.

Remember, most males in the world have never been circumcised.

In former generations, we routinely removed tonsils, figuring it was good insurance for children against chronic ear trouble and sore throats.

Now we have learned that our former wholesale tonsillectomies were wrong.

For the tonsils act as the first line of defense against germs that enter via the nose and mouth.

So people who have had their tonsils removed are more liable to pneumonia, as well as toxic viral absorption farther down the intestinal tract.

Oh, we still remove tonsils when repeated throat inflammation threatens the ears, but tonsillectomies are now performed on a very selective (not wholesale) scale.

Where civilized people have access to soap and water — thus, they can bathe regularly — that "hygienic" propaganda regarding circumcision is malarkey.

"But Dr. Crane," some may protest, "doesn't lack of circumcision lead to infection and phimosis (tightening) of the foreskin?"

Rarely, for this attempt to stampede parents into wholesale circumcisions is as illogical as to insist every female baby should have her breasts removed to prevent possible future breast cancer!

Or to urge routine extraction of all a child's teeth to prevent possible future cavities!

As a religious custom, Jews are certainly entitled to circumcise their male babies.

But it is a sadistic act in hospitals, for babies aren't even anesthetized as they are operated on while screaming in pain, as the skin is cut and sutured.

Yet it offers interns a little more practice at child surgery, so hospitals still try to stampede parents accordingly, as they do for a lot of other needless surgeries to zoom your medical bills!

Famous Dr. Walter Alvarez thus showed 58 percent of hospital appendectomies were not warranted!

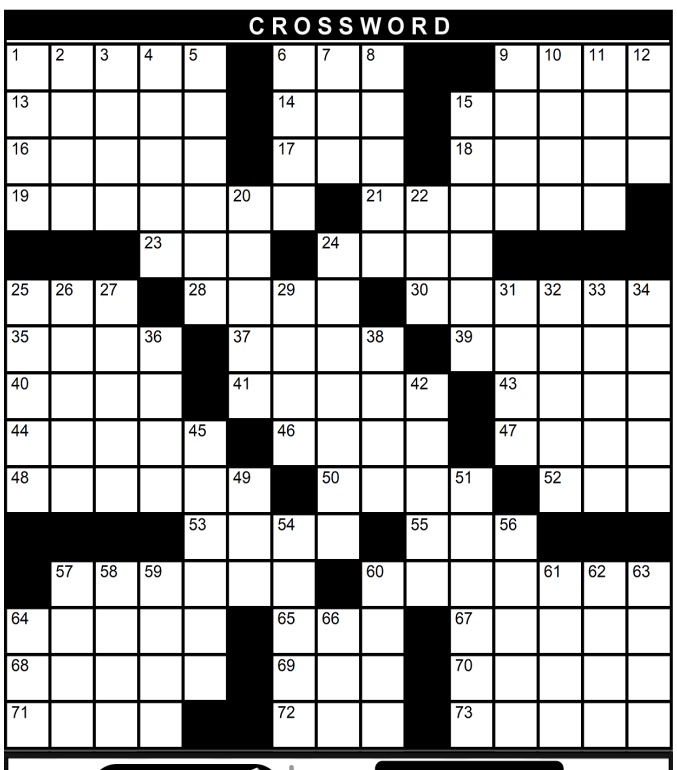
Dr. George W. Crane, based out of Hillsboro, Ind. was a syndicated columnist for more than 60 years in newspapers across the country, offering psychological advice to everyday people.

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32. Repent
33. Short-trunked ungulate
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36. Rave's partner
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54. Derive
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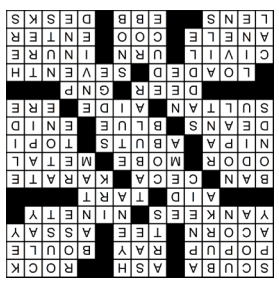
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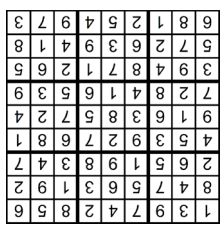




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Nephews inherit torch of service from Gulf War vet

By Ronald P. May
MCC Contributor

SSgt. Aaron C. Lane of Morgan County served his country in the U.S. Marine Corps for 20 years.

Even after his untimely death at the age of 42, the torch of military service shined beyond him through his two nephews, whom he inspired to become Marines.

Lane was born on May 28, 1970, in Bloomington. He grew up in Paragon and graduated from Martinsville High School, where he played trumpet in the marching band.

His father, who had served in the Air Force, wanted Lane to enter the military for the good discipline and training that it provided. Responding to his father's example and guidance, Lane enlisted in the Marine Corps.

Following his high school graduation in 1988, Lane reported to the Marine Corps Recruit Depot in San Diego, Calif., and completed the challenging 12 weeks of recruit training.

Initially, he tried to earn a spot on the prestigious Marine Corps Band. When that didn't work out, he became a Warehouse Supply Clerk.

In February 1989, following basic training, Lane married his high school sweetheart, Teresa Sublette. The young couple immersed themselves in the Marine Corps Family.

Lane spent the first couple years serving in his occupational specialty at the Marine Corps Base, Camp Pendleton, Calif.

In 1992, he left the country for a one-year unaccompanied tour at the Marine Corps base in Okinawa, Japan.

From 1997 to 1999, he did a tour as a recruiter in the state of Missouri. His territory often took him on visits to far off rural areas. It was difficult work!

There were many long hours day and night spent away from his wife. And there was also the added stress of meeting recruitment goals for each month. The couple was glad when that tour came to an end.

He and Teresa's favorite duty station was the Marine Corps Base at Kaneohe Bay on the Hawaiian Island of Oahu, where they lived from 2000-2003.

They loved the island life and enjoyed being part of the military community there.

Following their tour in Hawaii, the Lane's moved in 2004 to the East Coast. Lane was assigned to the 2nd Maintenance Battalion of the 2nd Marine Logistics Group at Camp LeJeune, N.C.

It was in this unit that he spent his last four years before retirement.

In 2005, Lane and his unit were deployed to Iraq in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

He was responsible for the inventory of all the parts needed for land moving vehicles.



Aaron Lane's senior photo, taken before his graduation from Martinsville High School in 1988. (Lane family courtesy photo)



Aaron Lane's service photo is flanked by the photos of his nephews who later joined the U.S. Marine Corps. (Lane family courtesy photo)



Aaron and Teresa Lane pause for a photo at one of the many Marine Corps Balls they attended together. (Lane family courtesy photo)

Although being away from his family was difficult, he loved his job and found great fulfillment in managing and caring for the people that worked under him.

Lane retired from the Marine Corps in 2008, with 20 years of active-duty honorable service.

Following wife Teresa's death, he married Deidre "Dee" Odum and worked for a few years in a civil service position on a Marine Corps base.

In March 2012, Lane came back home to Indiana and lived near his siblings in Lawrence, Ind..

He enrolled in a barber college and enjoyed spending quality time with his family.

Lane enjoyed a wonderful six months with them before his untimely death in September 2012.

He was buried with military honors at Friendship Park Cemetery in Paragon, Indiana.

He was 42 years old at the time of his death.

Lane's spirit of military service lived on in his nephews: Eric and Michael Ross.

Throughout his Marine Corps career, Lane had kept in close contact with them.

The boys loved their uncle and were so inspired by his service as a Marine that they decided to follow in his footsteps and become Marines as well.

Lane helped prepare them for basic training by giving them things to read and tasks to perform.

In 2010, he had the honor of returning to the Marine Corps Recruit Depot in San Diego, Calif., and attending his nephew Eric's graduation from basic training.

And, two years later in 2012, he attended Michael's graduation.

The proud uncle found great fulfillment in seeing both nephews become Marines.

The torch of military service had passed from his father to him and then to his two nephews, through three generations.

His nephews' service was a fitting tribute to the memory of their uncle, SSgt. Aaron Lane.

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The Civil War Southerners who fought for the Union

By Ellen Wilson-Pruitt
History Musings

When we think of the Civil War, we pretty much think that every man that lived south of the Mason-Dixon was sympathetic and served in the Confederate army. This is not so.

We have a Civil War veteran buried here in Morgan County in the Williams Bradford Cemetery off of I-69 who lived in the south but fought for the Union cause.

His name was Marcus L. Dillender, and he served in the 1st Tennessee and Alabama Vidette Cavalry.

The 1st Tennessee and Alabama Independent Vidette Cavalry was a Union Army cavalry unit that served during the American Civil War from Sept. 10, 1863, to June 16, 1864. Alabama (by way of Stevenson and Bridgeport) and Tennessee (by way of Tracy City and Nashville). Vidette Cavalry 1st Regiment was composed of eight companies.

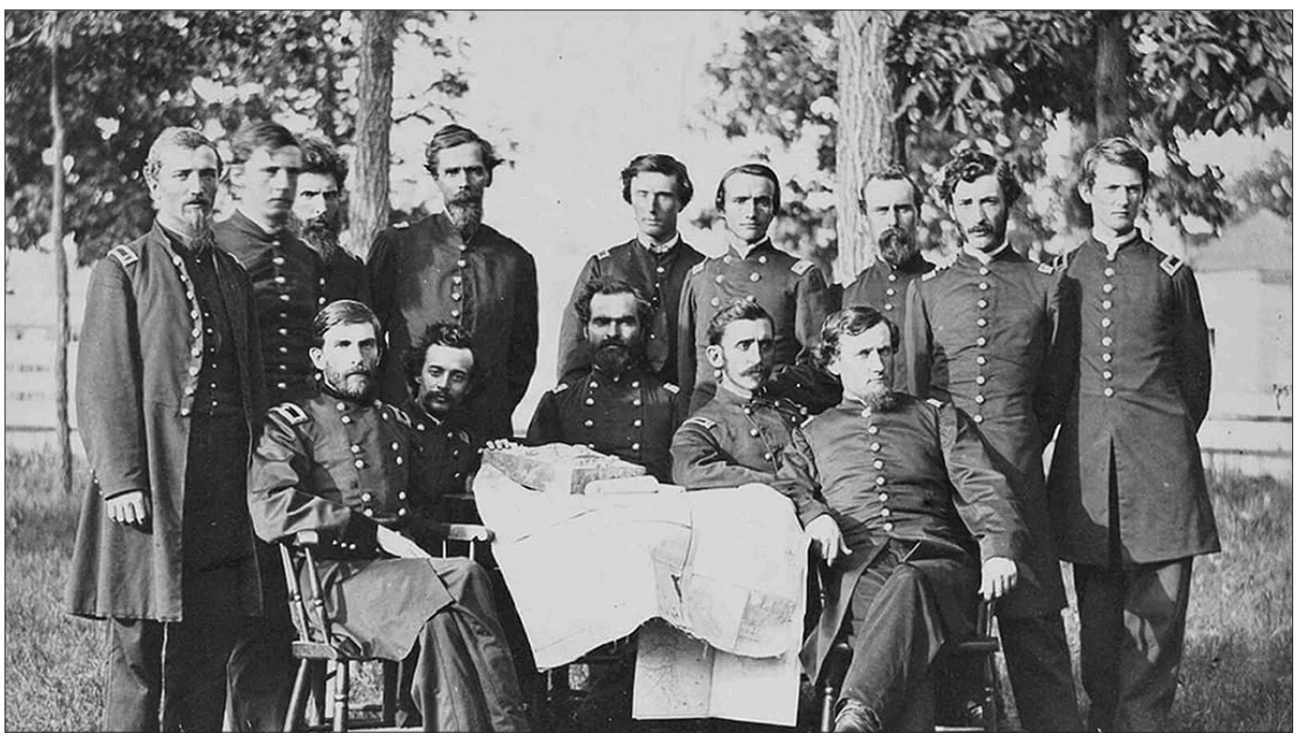
A vidette —also spelled vedette — is a mounted soldier stationed as a guard in front of an army's pickets to watch for the enemy.

They participated in regional operations including the skirmish at Hunt's Mills, Beersheba Springs, the Lebanon expedition, and Sand Mountain.

They were formed largely of local southern Unionists and farmers to defend their communities and support the Union, engaging in localized anti-guerrilla actions.

When talk of secession began in the South and particularly in Northwest Alabama, not every Southerner was favorable to the cause of the Confederate States of America.

There were several who considered the impending war a wicked, treasonous act and wanted no part of it. The majority of these were located in the hills of Northwest Alabama and were poor dirt farmers who saw little value or reason to take up arms against the federal government.



A photo of some Vidette officers. (Courtesy photo)

They were not sympathetic to the cause of the landed gentry of plantation owners who believed secession was the only answer to persevering their way of life. With their money, property and political power, it was the wealthy planters who felt the most threatened by the election of Abraham Lincoln as president.

In the Northern Alabama region, slaves were few and far between. This was also true in the mountains of eastern Tennessee, northern Georgia, western North Carolina and western Virginia, which would later become the separate state of West Virginia because of its overwhelming anti-confederate sentiment.

The land in these areas simply would not support a plantation economy. Those who did work the land were known to be of a very independent breed — poor but proud — and felt no loyalty to support the plantation owners who considered them uneducated and inferior.

After the election of Lincoln, the inhabitants in this area were willing to give the new president the benefit of the doubt and held him in respect — unlike the plantation influenced, who called him the "Black Republican."

The population of poor farmers also held former president Andrew Jackson in the highest regard. Jackson was a staunch unionist and had warned the Southern aristocracy years before about any talk of busting up the union, and he would have squelched any rebellion before it started.

So strong was Union sentiment in North Alabama and East Tennessee that it was proposed that North Alabama join with unionist East Tennessee to form the loyal state of Nickajack.

This area known as Nickajack generally refers to the loosely defined region of rugged Appalachian foothills in East Tennessee and northeastern Alabama, where public sentiment adhered more strongly to the Union.

The name "Nickajack" is a corruption of a Cherokee word, which translates to Coosa Town, but more likely references Koasati Town. They were largely isolated mountain people who had little influence on state government.

They knew full well that the aristocracy viewed them as socially inferior and saw the impending conflict as "a rich man's war and a poor man's fight." It would eventually come to that, but only after the southern unionists proclaimed their neutrality. For the most part, the hill people wanted to be left alone and to sit the war out.

Unfortunately, the big guys in Montgomery, Ala., would have none of it. Gov. John Gill Shorter warned that if requisitions made upon the state for volunteers were not duly met by the hill people, then a draft would be ordered. Each state was required to produce a certain number of men for the Confederate armies.

If a state's quota wasn't filled by volunteers, the men must be conscripted. The hill people found themselves in a quandary, unwilling to fight for the Confederacy and unable to remain neutral, so many voted with their feet, taking to the hills, caves and caverns they knew well and hiding from Southern conscription parties.

As the war began, the area of North Alabama was occupied by the army of both sides, as well as groups of bushwackers who usually were deserters from both armies. These bands of errant troops burned and looted farms so it is little wonder that the residents chose to take up arms.



Marcus L. Dillender's headstone in Williams Bradford Cemetery. (Courtesy photo)

Out of the 2,000-plus men who served in the Vidette unit during the war, 345 were killed in action, died in prison of disease or other non-battle causes, 88 were captured, and 279 deserted, with no accurate count of wounded.

Casualty estimates — Killed and mortally wounded: 5 officers, 482 enlisted men • Died of disease: 1 officer, 13 enlisted men • Wounded: 2 officers, 450 enlisted men • Total: 8 officers, 945 enlisted men.

Marcus Dillender was born in Darien, Ga., in 1839. He married his wife Mary Wilbanks in 1855 in Georgia, and they had nine children. He enlisted in Tennessee, and it is recorded that he was living here in Morgan County by 1870. He died in 1901.

The photo of his tombstone is from years ago. The stone has suffered some rough days since falling down and even being almost buried in the ground.

The Ten O'Clock Line Chapter of the DAR is working to restore and reset his stone. He rests here in Morgan County and serves as a testament to a group of men who fought for what they believed, despite the majority of the region around them and helped preserve our union.

We learn through the trials of life

By Mickey Elliott
Weekday Religious Education



Samuel was faithful to God and became a priest, judge and prophet of Israel. Sadly, when Samuel retired, his two sons became priests and leaders, but they were not good leaders.

They were taught the Word of God, and Samuel was a good example and disciplined them as they grew up. But they decided to disobey God. They did not treat the people with respect and fairness. The people did not like Samuel's two sons and complained. They wanted a king like other nations, but that was not what God wanted.

They continued to complain, and God finally allowed them to have a king. God chose a young man named Saul, who was a humble young man at first. But as time went by, he too decided to do things his way instead of God's way. King Saul would not repent but continued to disobey God.

We sometimes behave the same way; we accept Christ and are humble for a season, then we slowly begin to think we don't need His guidance — we can do it by ourselves.

We begin to do things our way rather than God's way. This is a mistake.

When we become a child of God, he has a plan for us. He is building his Kingdom and He wants to work through our lives to love and help others grow in the Lord, but like Saul we get busy with life, leave God out, and refuse to repent and follow God's plan.

God spoke to Samuel, his anointed priest, and told him Saul would be replaced. God took his hand off Saul.

He told Samuel he had chosen the son of Jesse in Bethlehem to be the king. Samuel had to tell Saul he was being replaced. Saul became angry and fearful but refused to honor God and repent.

God sent Samuel to the house of Jesse to anoint his son to be the King of Israel. He met with Jesse's sons but knew none of them was the one God had chosen.

He asked if Jesse had another son. He had a son, the youngest, who cared for the sheep. David was brought to Samuel, and Samuel knew David was the one God had chosen. Samuel anointed him, and told him he would become king in God's timing.

David was a devoted shepherd. Because he loved the Lord God, he did everything as service to God.

Colossians 3:23 says, "Whatever you do, do it heartily as unto the Lord and not to men." (Dishes sure got a lot easier for me when I did it unto the Lord.)

David was obedient to the verse. David knew each sheep by name, counted them, and watched over them carefully. The sheep recognized his voice and obeyed him.

In 1 Samuel 17:32-37, we read that David attacked and destroyed a bear and lion that tried to kill his sheep. He said God gave him the power to save his lambs and enabled him to kill the bear and the lion. David was a man of prayer and had faith in God.

He was also excellent with a slingshot; he could kill any animal that tried to hurt his sheep. He spent hours singing songs about God to his sheep. David learned to trust God through the trials of his life. We learn to trust God through the trials in our lives.

One day, the soldiers of the Philistines were encamped on one hillside, and across the valley and

brook on the other side the soldiers of Israel were encamped.

The Philistines wanted to take over Judah and divide Israel. David had not become king and was still at home with his father. David had been sent by his father to take food to his brothers who were in the battle with the Philistines.

When David came with the food, he heard this giant named Goliath who was nine and one half feet tall. He wore a bronze helmet and 200-pound coat of armor.

He came out every morning and evening and yelled, "Send a man from Israel to come fight me. If your man kills me, we will be your slaves. If I kill our man, you will be our slaves. Who is this loving God you serve, don't see him."

David heard these words and was determined to fight this giant. He trusted God and was sure God would protect him.

David prevailed with a sling and five stones; he hit the giant and killed him.

The Philistines ran away. David won the victory and became well known that day by all of Israel.

David had great faith in the Lord God. He served God with all his heart. David experienced some very difficult years before becoming king, but he trusted in God's timing. He was a humble man and whatever happened he continued to love and serve God.

We all need that kind of faith. He learned as a shepherd some incredible lessons of faith and confidence in a God who walks with us through this life and makes a path of courage, hope, and joy during trials. God walks beside us. We need not fear.

We need to learn to be a David as we trust God in every circumstance of life. I have not touched on the many experiences David had before becoming king. As you study the two books of Samuel, you will see the hand of God as He walked with David and used every trial to grow David into a great leader whose influence has lasted for centuries.

As we teach this lesson in Weekday, we remind the students that we all face giants every day. Such as jealousy, gossiping, disobedience, stealing, lying, pride, fighting, cheating, and swearing. God gives us power and will help us slay these giants. We as adults fight these same giants. I pray we will dare to be David.

Contact us Morgan County Schools of Weekday Religious Education, P.O. Box 1285, Martinsville, IN 46151. Or visit our website at wremorgancountyschools.org.

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 • Father Bob Robeson • Tuesday and Friday Mass at 8:15 a.m.; Wednesday Mass at Noon; Saturday confession at 3 p.m., Mass at 4 p.m.; Sunday Mass at 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.

INFORMATION
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First Presbyterian Church • 240 E. Washington St., Martinsville • 765-342-3282 • fpcmartinsivlle.org • office@fpcmartinsville.org • Rev. John Erickson • Sunday at 10 a.m.

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.

Hyndsdale Christian Church • 1067 S. Old St. Rd. 67, Martinsville • hyndsdalechristian1@gmail.com • Pastor Chad E. Taylor • 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 • mgchurch.org • 6019 East SR 144, Mooresville • 317-831-1900 • Senior Minister Harrison Huxford • Sunday Service times: 8, 9:30 and 11 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 • Pastor Adriane Rockhill • Sunday worship at 9:15 a.m., Sunday School at 10:30 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 • martinsvillelelstemc@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 6:30 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 Shawn Foster • Sunday School at 9:30 a.m., Services at 10:30 a.m. and 6 p.m., Wednesdays at 7 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.

Healing Word Ministry • 4888 SR 252, Martinsville • Sunday Service 10:30 a.m. • pastormike52@gmail.com • 812-821-0149

Christ the King Lutheran Church • 6845 E Old SR 144, Mooresville, IN 46158 • Rev. Jefferson Arnold • (317) 584-8697 • Sundays, 9 a.m. Adult Bible Class, 10 a.m. Service (under 12 Sunday School)

Graceway Fellowship a place of Grace • 40 E. Washington St., Mooresville • gracewayfellowshipchurch.com • Pastor Tim Roller • Sunday service 10 a.m., Wed Bible study 6 p.m.

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LEGAL NOTICES

STATE OF INDIANA
COUNTY OF MORGAN
IN THE MORGAN SUPERIOR COURT 1
CAUSE NO. **55D01-2606-AD-000047**
IN RE THE ADOPTION OF:
COOPER LEE FEEBACK
A Minor Child.
JESSE DOUGLAS PIERSON
Petitioner.

NOTICE TO NAMED FATHER

Christopher Lynn who has been named the father of Cooper Lee Feeback, the child born to Kathryn Pierson on October 5, 2011 or who claims to be the father of the child born to Kathryn Pierson on October 5, 2011 is notified that a petition for adoption of the child was filed in the office of the clerk of the Morgan County Superior Court 1, 180 S. Main St., Martinsville, IN 46151.

The petition for adoption alleges that the consent to adoption by Christopher Lynn is not required.

If Christopher Lynn seeks to contest the adoption of the child, he must file a motion to contest the adoption in accordance with IC 31-19-10-1 in the above named court not later than fifteen (15) days after the date of service of this notice.

If Christopher Lynn does not file a motion to contest the adoption within fifteen (15) days after service of this notice, the above named court will hear and determine the petition for adoption. His consent will be irrevocably implied and he will lose his right to contest either the adoption or the validity of his implied consent to the adoption. He will lose his right to establish his paternity of the child, by affidavit or otherwise, in Indiana or any other jurisdiction.

Nothing Kathryn Pierson or anyone else says to Christopher Lynn relieves Christopher Lynn of his obligations under this notice.

This notice complies with IC 31-19-4-5 but does not exhaustively set forth a putative father's legal obligations under the Indiana adoption statutes. A person being served with this notice should consult the Indiana adoption statutes.

/s/ Tammy J. Parker
Clerk, Morgan County, Indiana

STATE OF INDIANA
COUNTY OF MORGAN
IN THE MORGAN CIRCUIT COURT
CAUSE NO. **55C01-2609-MI-002481**
IN RE: THE NAME CHANGE OF ADULT:
ANTHONY LANE RYAN FRENCH

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

Come now Petitioner, Anthony Lane Ryan French, having filed a Verified Petition for Change of Name to change his name from Anthony Lane Ryan French to Anthony Lane Ryan Swango.

This notice is hereby given that the Morgan Circuit Court has scheduled this matter for hearing on December 4, 2026, at 10:45 a.m., which is more than 30 days after the third notice of publication. At said hearing, the Court will consider evidence presented by Petitioner, and will make a decision on whether to grant the change of name. Any person has the right to appear at the hearing and to file written objections on or before the hearing date. A copy of the Petition is currently in the Morgan Circuit Court and can be viewed under the above Cause Number.

Dated: 9/28/2026

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

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STATE OF INDIANA
COUNTY OF MORGAN
IN THE MORGAN CIRCUIT COURT
CAUSE NO. **55C01-2609-MI-002480**
IN RE: THE NAME CHANGE OF MINOR:
PAXTON WAYNE FRENCH

PETITIONERS,
Anthony Lane Ryan French, and
Aaliyah Swango.

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

Come now Petitioners, Anthony Lane Ryan French and Aaliyah Swango, have filed a Verified Petition for Change of Name of Minor to change the name of a minor child from Paxton Wayne French to Paxton Wayne Swango.

This notice is hereby given that the Morgan Circuit Court has scheduled this matter for hearing on December 4th, 2026. at 10:45 a.m., which is more than 30 days after the third notice of publication. At said hearing the Court will consider evidence presented by Petitioners, and will make a decision on whether to grant the change of name. Any person has the right to appear at the hearing and to file written objections on or before the hearing date. A copy of the Petition is currently in the Morgan Circuit Court and can be viewed under the above Cause Number.

Dated: 9/28/2026

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

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STATE OF INDIANA
COUNTY OF MORGAN
IN THE MORGAN COURT
CAUSE NO. **55C01-2609-MI-002475**
IN RE THE NAME CHANGE OF:
DEVIN WAYNE MARTINEZ
Petitioner

ORDER SETTING HEARING

Comes now DEVIN WAYNE MARTINEZ pro se, having filed 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 December 7, 2026, at 11:30 a.m.

So ORDERED September 25, 2026

/s/ Tammy J. Parker
Judicial Officer

Distribution:
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STATE OF INDIANA
COUNTY OF MORGAN
IN THE MORGAN COURT
CAUSE NO. 55C01-2609-MI-002497
IN RE THE NAME CHANGE OF:
Jordan D. Calhoun
Petitioner

ORDER SETTING HEARING

Comes now Jordan D. Calhoun, pro se, having filed 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 December 4, 2026, at 11:00 a.m.

So ORDERED September 28, 2026

/s/ Tammy J. Parker
Judicial Officer

STATE OF INDIANA
COUNTY OF MORGAN
IN THE MORGAN COURT
CAUSE NO. **55C01-2609-MI-002508**
IN RE THE NAME CHANGE OF:
Hope Ilene Haynes
Petitioner

ORDER SETTING HEARING

Comes now Hope Ilene Haynes, pro se, having filed 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 December 4, 2026, at 11:15 a.m.

So ORDERED September 29, 2026

/s/ Tammy J. Parker
Judicial Officer

STATE OF INDIANA
COUNTY OF MORGAN
IN THE MORGAN SUPERIOR COURT
CAUSE No: 55D02-2609-EU-000144

IN THE MATTER OF THE UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION OF THE ESTATE OF
LINDA JO FINE, DECEASED

NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION

Notice is given that **Tamara M. Lirette and Dale S. Coffey** were, on 9/28/2026 appointed as Co-Personal Representatives of the Estate of Linda Jo Fine, deceased, who died on June 18, 2026. The Personal Representatives are 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: 9/29/2026

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

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STATE OF INDIANA
COUNTY OF MORGAN
IN THE MORGAN SUPERIOR COURT #1
55D01-2609-EU-000139
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF
NANCY LOUISE MOORE, DECEASED.

NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION

In the Hendricks Superior Court, Indiana.

Notice is hereby given that Vicki Michele Phipps was, on September 23, 2026, appointed personal representative of the estate of Nancy Louise Moore, deceased, who died on the 27th day of August, 2026.

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 at Martinsville, Indiana on 9/23/2026.

/s/ Tammy J. Parker
Morgan County Clerk

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SUMMONS
Case No.: FN2026-092143
SUPERIOR COURT OF ARIZONA
IN MARICOPA COUNTY

David Standring
Name of Petitioner / Party A
And
Georgiann McCarty
Name of Respondent / Party B

WARNING: This is an official document from the court that affects your rights. Read this carefully. If you do not understand it, contact a lawyer for help.

FROM THE STATE OF ARIZONA TO:
Georgiann McCarty
Name of Opposing Party

1. A lawsuit has been filed against you. A copy of the lawsuit and other court papers are served on you with this "Summons."

2. If you do not want a judgment or order entered against you without your input, you must file a written "Answer" or a "Response" with the court, and pay the filing fee. Also, the other party may be granted their request by the Court if you do not file an "Answer" or "Response", or show up in court. To file your "Answer" or "Response" take, or send, it to the:

• Office of the Clerk of Superior Court, 201 West Jefferson Street, Phoenix, Arizona 85003-2205 OR
• Office of the Clerk of Superior Court, 18380 North 40th Street, Phoenix, Arizona 85032 OR
• Office of the Clerk of Superior Court, 222 East Javelina Avenue, Mesa, Arizona 85210-6201 OR
• Office of the Clerk of Superior Court, 14264 West Tierra Buena Lane, Surprise, Arizona 85374.

After filing, mail a copy of your "Response" or "Answer" to the other party at their current address.

3. If this "Summons" and the other court papers were served on you by a registered process server or the Sheriff within the State of Arizona, your "Response" or "Answer" must be filed within TWENTY (20) CALENDAR DAYS from the date you were served, not counting the day you were served. If you were served by "Acceptance of Service" within the State of Arizona, your "Response" or "Answer" must be filed within TWENTY (20) CALENDAR DAYS from the date that the "Acceptance of Service was filed with the Clerk of Superior Court. If this "Summons" and the other papers were served on you by a registered process server or the Sheriff outside the State of Arizona, your Response must be filed within THIRTY (30) CALENDAR DAYS from the date you were served, not counting the day you were served. If you were served by "Acceptance of Service" outside the State of Arizona, your "Response" or "Answer" must be filed within THIRTY (30) CALENDAR DAYS from the date that the "Acceptance of Service was filed with the Clerk of Superior Court. Service by a registered process server or the Sheriff is complete when made. Service by Publication is complete thirty (30) days after the date of the first publication.

4. You can get a copy of the court papers filed in this case from the Petitioner at the address listed at the top of the preceding page, or from the Clerk of Superior Court's Customer Service Center at:

• 601 West Jackson, Phoenix, Arizona 85003
• 18380 North 40th Street, Phoenix, Arizona 85032
• 222 East Javelina Avenue, Mesa, Arizona 85210
• 14264 West Tierra Buena Lane, Surprise, Arizona 85374.

5. If this is an action for dissolution (divorce), legal separation or annulment, either or both spouses may file a Petition for Conciliation for the purpose of determining whether there is any mutual interest in preserving the marriage or for Mediation to attempt to settle disputes concerning legal decision-making (legal custody) and parenting time issues regarding minor children.

6. Requests for reasonable accommodation for persons with disabilities must be made to the division assigned to the case by the party needing accommodation or his/her counsel at least three (3) judicial days in advance of a scheduled proceeding.

7. Requests for an interpreter for persons with limited English proficiency must be made to the division assigned to the case by the party needing the interpreter and/or translator or his/her counsel at least ten (10) judicial days in advance of a scheduled court proceeding.

SIGNED AND SEALED this date JUN 22, 2026
CLERK OF SUPERIOR COURT
By /s/ A. Sanchez
Deputy Clerk of Superior Court

STATE OF INDIANA
COUNTY OF MORGAN
IN THE MORGAN SUPERIOR COURT
CAUSE NUMBER: 55D01-2609-EU-000145

IN THE MATTER OF THE UNSUPERVISED ESTATE OF
VICKY CLARK, DECEASED.

NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION

Notice is hereby given that on 9/30/2026 Michelle Gulley was appointed Administrator of the Estate of Vicky Clark, deceased, who died on August 13, 2026.

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 at Martinsville, Indiana, on 9/30/2026.

/s/ Tammy J. Parker
Clerk of the Morgan Superior Court

Attorney for the estate:

Beth Sullivan-Summers
9274 North Romine Road
Mooresville, Indiana 46158-633
Telephone: 317-753-3863
FAX: 888-456-6883

STATE OF INDIANA
COUNTY OF MORGAN
IN MORGAN SUPERIOR COURT 1
CAUSE NO. 55D01-2609-AD-000083
IN RE THE ADOPTION OF:
GRACIE LYNN MILLER
A Minor Child

RANDELL DEAN CALTON and
ALICE ANN CALTON
Petitioners.

NOTICE TO NAMED FATHER

George Jones, who has been named the father of the child born to Stephanie Miller on January 18, 2013, or who claims to be the father of the child born to Stephanie Miller on January 18, 2013, is notified that a petition for adoption of the child was filed in the office of the clerk of Morgan County Superior Court 1, 180 S. Main St., Martinsville, Indiana 46151.

If George Jones seeks to contest the adoption of the child, he must file a motion to contest the adoption in accordance with IC 31-19-10-1 in the above-named court not later than fifteen (15) days after the date of service of this notice.

If George Jones does not file a motion to contest the adoption within fifteen (15) days after service of this notice, the above-named court will hear and determine the petition for adoption. His consent will be irrevocably implied, and he will lose his right to contest either the adoption or the validity of his implied consent to the adoption. He will lose his right to establish his paternity of the child, by affidavit or otherwise, in Indiana or any other jurisdiction.

Nothing Stephanie Miller or anyone else says to George Jones relieves George Jones of his obligations under this notice.

Under Indiana law, a putative father is a person who is named or claims that he may be the father of a child born out of wedlock, but who has not yet been legally proven to be the child's father.

For purposes of this notice, George Jones is a putative father under the laws in Indiana regarding adoption.

This notice complies with IC 31-19-4-5 but does not exhaustively set forth a putative father's legal obligations under the Indiana adoption statutes. A person being served with this notice should consult the Indiana adoption statutes.

/s/ Tammy J. Parker
Clerk of Morgan County

STATE OF INDIANA
COUNTY OF MORGAN
IN THE MORGAN COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT
CASE NO: 55D01-2607-EU-000110
IN RE: THE ESTATE OF SUZANNE RENEE BIDDLE

NOTICE OF SUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION

Notice is hereby given that was (were) on the 4th day of August, 2026 appointed personal representative(s) of the estate of deceased, and is (are) serving as personal representative of the decedent's estate, and was (were) authorized to proceed under supervised administration. Decedent died on

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 months from the date of the first publication of this notice, or within months after the decedent's death, whichever is earlier, or the claim will be forever barred.

Dated at Martinsville, Indiana, on this the 11th day of August, 2026.

/s/ Tammy J. Parker
Clerk, Morgan County Superior Court

NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF MORGAN COUNTY, INDIANA
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF CAROLYN J. KITCHEN, DECEASED.
CAUSE NUMBER **55D02-2609-EU-000141**

Notice is hereby given that Kenneth Wayne Kitchen was on the 23rd day of September,

2026, appointed Personal Representative of the Estate of Carolyn J. Kitchen, deceased, who died on the 15th day of September, 2026.

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 at Martinsville, Indiana, this 24th day of September, 2026.

/s/ Tammy J. Parker
Clerk of the Superior Court of Morgan County, Indiana

Steven L. Harris, #7494-55
Harris & Currens
9 West Main Street
Mooresville, IN 46158
317-831-4466

STATE OF INDIANA
COUNTY OF MORGAN
IN THE MORGAN SUPERIOR COURT
CAUSE NUMBER: **55D02-2610-ES-000147**
IN THE MATTER OF THE SUPERVISED ESTATE OF
STEVEN ALLEN WRAY, DECEASED.

NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION

Notice is hereby given that on October 5, 2026, Alexander Steven Wray was appointed Administrator of the Estate of Steven Allen Wray, deceased, who died on May 8, 2025.

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 at Martinsville, Indiana, on October 6, 2026.

/s/ Tammy J. Parker
Clerk of the Morgan Superior Court

Attorney for the estate:

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STATE OF INDIANA
COUNTY OF MORGAN
IN THE MORGAN COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT
CAUSE NO. **55D02-2609-EU-000138**
IN THE MATTER OF THE UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION OF THE ESTATE OF James R. Lopossa, Deceased.

NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION

IN THE MORGAN COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT
In The Matter Of The Estate Of
James R. Lopossa
Cause Number: 55D02-2609-EU-000138

Notice is hereby given that on the 6th day of October, 2026, Mark Minneman was appointed Personal Representative of the Estate of James R. Lopossa, deceased, who died on September 1, 2026.

All persons having 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 one (1) year after the decedent's death, whichever is earlier, or the claims will be forever banned.

Dated at Indianapolis, Indiana this 7th day of October, 2026.

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

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STATE OF INDIANA
COUNTY OF MORGAN
IN THE MORGAN SUPERIOR COURT
CAUSE NUMBER: **55D02-2610-EU-000149**
IN THE MATTER OE THE UNSUPERVISED ESTATE OF
RALPH GRAHAM, DECEASED.

NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION

Notice is hereby given that on October 7, 2026 Julia Graham was appointed Administrator of the Estate of Ralph Graham, deceased, who died on September 19, 2026.

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 at Martinsville, Indiana, on October 7, 2026.

/s/ Tammy J. Parker
Clerk of the Morgan Superior Court

Attorney for the estate:

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PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE OF OFFER FOR CASH RENTAL OF REAL ESTATE

The Morgan County Board of Commissioners offers the following parcels of real property for a farm cash lease pursuant to I.C. 36-1-11-12:

Parcel Identification No.	Address	Acreage
55-11-27-100-003.000-018	4244 S Lingle Rd.	5 acres +/-
55-11-23-300-005. 000-018	3695 S Lingle Rd.	2.6 acres +/-
55-11-27-200-002. 000-018	4005 S Lingle Rd.	2.29 acres +/-
55-10-26-300-011.000-009	7609 SR 44	5 acres +/-
55-10-26-300-012.000-009	7805 SR 44	7.91 acres +/-
55-08-22-200-003.000-014	2920 Lower Patton Park	5.19 acres+/-
55-10-23-200-002.001-009	2776 Dillman Rd.	3 acres+/-
55-11-23-300-006.000-018	3641 S Lingle Rd.	2.431 acres+/-
55-11-22-400-007.000-018	3823 S Lingle Rd.	2.13 acres +/-

The following properties will be leased on a percentage-basis:

55-13-12-200-005.000-020	Leonard Rd (row crops)	7 acres +/-
55-13-12-400-003.000-020		
55-13-12-200-004. 000-020	Leonard Rd (hay only)	22 acres ac +/-
55-13-12-200-005.000-020		
55-13-12-200-005.001-020		
55-14-07-100-005.000-012		

All bidders must engage in good husbandry according to good and reasonable agricultural practices. The lease term may be up to three (3) years, subject to options to renew. All bidders shall hold and save harmless Morgan County for any and all accidents or losses occasioned due to the operation or possession of the farm by the lessee.

The property may not be sold or leased to a person who is ineligible under I.C. 36-1-11-16. Any offer submitted by a trust as defined under I.C. 30-4-1-1(a) must identify each beneficiary of the trust and the Settlor empowered to revoke or modify the trust. All offers should be submitted on or before 9:00AM on Monday, November 2, 2026. All offers shall be sealed and must include the name, address, and telephone number of the person(s) submitting the offer and the annual cash rental offered. The offers will be opened by the Board of Commissioners at their regularly scheduled meeting at 9:30AM on Monday, November 2, 2026.

This offer is conducted in accordance with I.C. 36-1-11-12 and I.C. 36-1-11-4. The offer will continue from day to day up to and including 9:00AM on Monday, November 2, 2026, or until all tracts are leased. A bidder may raise their bid, and the raise shall take effect after the Commissioners have provided written notice of the raise to other bidders. All bids that fail to meet eligibility requirements may be rejected. Offers to lease should be sent to the Morgan County Auditor, Suite 104, 180 S. Main St., Martinsville, IN 46151.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

This is to inform you that the Morgan County Plan Commission will hold a public hearing on Monday, November 9, 2026 at 6:30 pm in the Morgan County Administration Building located at 180 S. Main Street, Martinsville, Indiana to consider petition MIP-26-12.

This petition, submitted by Pamela Jo Hynes, seeks approval of a 2-lot minor plat consisting of 9.88 acres. The subject property is located at 7609 N. Briarhopper Road in Gregg Township, Morgan County, Indiana and is more particularly described as follows:

Part of the Southeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter of Section 27, Township 13 North, Range 1 West of the Second Principal Meridian in Gregg Township, Morgan County, Indiana.

Interested persons desiring to present their views regarding this request will be provided an opportunity at the above-mentioned time and place. Information regarding this petition can be examined at the Morgan County Planning Department, 180 S. Main Street, Suite 204, Martinsville, Indiana during regular business hours. Please be advised that meetings or petitions may be continued as needed. You are encouraged to contact the Planning Department at 765-342-1060 to make inquiries about the status of a petition.

Morgan County Plan Commission

Public Notice

GM Development, 8561 N CR 175 E, Springport, Indiana is submitting a Notice of Intent to the Indiana Department of Environmental Management of our intent to comply with the requirements of the Construction Stormwater General Permit to discharge stormwater from construction activities associated with a project at 5730 SR 67 N, Martinsville, Indiana. Runoff from the site will discharge to SR 67 Ditch – White River. Please direct questions to Greg Martz at (317) 417-5094, greg@gm-development.com. For more information regarding the CSGP, please contact the IDEM Stormwater Program staff.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Please be advised that John J. Larrison and Holloway Engineering, on behalf of Tamara and Leo Rafail has made application to the Morgan County Plan Commission for a Replat combining lots 3 and 4 in Whippoorwill Heights Subdivision, into one lot. A public hearing will be held in the Morgan County Administration Building, 180 South Main Street, Martinsville, Indiana on November 9th, 2026, at 6:30 pm. Said application is to be Dockett RP#26-07

Legal Description of Property

Lot number three (3) and four (4) in Whippoorwill Heights Subdivision located in Gregg Township, as per plat thereof recorded in deed record 364, page 46, in the office of the Recorder of Morgan County, Indiana

Information on this matter will be available for the public fifteen (15) days prior to said meeting, during regular working hours, at the Morgan County Planning Department, located at 180 South Main Street, Martinsville, Indiana. Interested people appearing in favor of, or in opposition to the petition will be heard thereon by the board.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Please be advised that John J. Larrison and Holloway Engineering, on behalf of Joseph & Michelle Gardner & Steve Lehr has made application to the Morgan County Plan Commission for a Replat of lot 9B in the Replat of Lot 9 in Moore & Heath's Woodland Heights Subdivision and Lot 10 in Moore & Heath's Woodland Heights Subdivision. This Replat is for the creation of three (3) additional residential building lots,

in addition to the existing house on Lot 1 in this replat. A public hearing will be held in the Morgan County Administration Building, 180 South Main Street, Martinsville, Indiana on November 9th, 2026, at 6:30 pm. Said application is to be Dockett RP#26-09

Legal Description of Property

LOT NUMBER 9B IN REPLAT OF LOT NUMBER NINE (9) IN MOORE & HEATH'S WOODLAND HEIGHTS SUBDIVISION, AS PER PLAT RECORDED AS INSTRUMENT NUMBER 21217770 IN THE OFFICE OF THE RECORDER OF MORGAN COUNTY, INDIANA.

AND

LOT NUMBER TEN (10) IN MOORE & HEATH'S WOODLAND HEIGHTS SUBDIVISION AS PER PLAT RECORDED IN DEED RECORD 211 PAGE 464, IN THE OFFICE OF THE RECORDER OF MORGAN COUNTY, INDIANA.

Information on this matter will be available for the public fifteen (15) days prior to said meeting, during regular working hours, at the Morgan County Planning Department, located at 180 South Main Street, Martinsville, Indiana. Interested persons appearing in favor of, or in opposition to the petition will be heard thereon by the board.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Please be advised that John J. Larrison and Holloway Engineering, on behalf of Tony & Kacy Hunter has made application to the Morgan County Plan Commission for a Replat combining lot 11 and part of lot 12 in Briar Ridge Subdivision, into one lot. A public hearing will be held in the Morgan County Administration Building, 180 South Main Street, Martinsville, Indiana on November 9th, 2026, at 6:30 pm. Said application is to be Dockett RP#26-08

Legal Description of Property

Beginning at a stone, found in place, which marks the northwest corner of the Northwest

Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of Section 23, Township 13 North, Range 1 West; thence South 89 degrees 07 minutes 57 seconds East (assumed bearing of the north line of the Northwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of Section 23), with the north line of the quarter-quarter and with the north line of Lot 11, a distance of 47.39 feet to an iron pin with cap engraved "Holloway Engr. – Firm 46"; thence with the southerly lines of said Lot 11 for the following two (2) courses; 1) South 74 degrees 25 minutes 51 seconds West, into the Northeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of Section 22, a distance of 276.48 feet to an iron survey nail with washer engraved "Holloway Engr. – Firm 46"; 2) South 60 degrees 07 minutes 03 seconds West, 205.52 feet to an iron survey nail with washer engraved "Holloway Engr. – Firm 46"; thence South 82 degrees 32 minutes 26 seconds West, 263.30 feet to an iron pin with cap engraved "Holloway Engr. – Firm 46" on the west line of Lot 12; thence North no degrees 41 minutes 03 seconds East, with the west line of Lot 12, a distance of 228.82 feet to an iron pin with cap engraved "Holloway Engr. – Firm 46" on the north line of the Northeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter' which marks the northwest corner of Lot 12; thence South 88 degrees 29 minutes 17 seconds East, with the north line of the Northeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of Section 22, and with the north line of Lot 12 and Lot 11, a distance of 655.71 feet to the Point of Beginning.

Containing 2.036 acres, more or less, and subject to any and all easements, rights-of-way and restrictions of record or observable

Information on this matter will be available for the public fifteen (15) days prior to said meeting, during regular working hours, at the Morgan County Planning Department, located at 180 South Main Street, Martinsville, Indiana. Interested persons appearing in favor of, or in opposition to the petition will be heard thereon by the board.

NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS
OF PROPOSED ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS

Notice is hereby given to the taxpayers of Madison Township, Morgan County, Indiana, that the proper legal officers of Madison Township will consider the following additional appropriations in excess of the budget for the current fiscal year at their regular meeting place at 7047 E. Landersdale Road, Camby, Indiana, at 7 P.M. on the 30th day of October 2026.

0101 Township Fund	Amount
Major Budget Classification	
Capital Outlay--Machinery and Equipment	$24,000
Total for Township Fund	$24,000

1111 Township Fire and Ems Fund	Amount
Major Budget Classification	
Operations--Fuel	$15,000
Capital Outlay--Additional Appropriation	$49,000
Total for Township Fire & EMS Fund	$64,000

Taxpayers appearing at the meeting shall have a right to be heard. The additional appropriations as finally made will be referred to the Department of Local Government Finance. The Department of Local Government Finance will make a written determination as to the sufficiency of funds to support the appropriations within fifteen (15) days of a Certified Copy of the action taken.

Larry Ellis Trustee
Madison Township

NOTICE OF PRELIMINARY DETERMINATION OF
THE METROPOLITAN SCHOOL DISTRICT OF MARTINSVILLE

Owners of real property, and registered voters residing in, the Metropolitan School District of Martinsville (the "School Corporation"), are hereby given notice that the Board of Education of the School Corporation (the "Board"), having held meetings and two separate public hearings pursuant to Indiana Code 6-1.1-20-3.5 and Indiana Code 5-3-1, on October 8, 2026, at 7:00 p.m. at the Central Education Center located at 389 East Jackson Street, Martinsville, Indiana 46151, adopted a resolution (the "Resolution") making a preliminary determination to undertake: (i)(a) roofing upgrades, repairs, renovations and replacements, including at the John R. Wooden Middle School, Poston Road Elementary School and the High School vocational building, (b) pool and weightroom renovations at the High School, (c) High School soccer facility renovations, (d) STEM additions, including STEM additions at Paragon Elementary and South Elementary, (e) HVAC and Chiller replacements, upgrades and improvements at the Central Education Center, Brooklyn STEM Academy and South Elementary School, (f) High School heat pump repairs and replacements, (g) High School flooring, tennis court and bleacher repairs, upgrades, replacements and renovations. (h) School Corporation switchgear maintenance, (i) School Corporation bus and fleet purchases, repairs and replacements, (j) School Corporation seal coating, (k) elevator installation, repairs, replacements and renovations at Central Education Center and Paragon Elementary, (l) solar improvements at all School Corporation facilities, (m) building, roofing and flooring renovations, additions and repairs at all School Corporation facilities, (n) furniture, fixtures and equipment at all School Corporation facilities, (o) upgrades, renovations, repairs and replacements at the School Corporation vocational building, and (p) other improvements, upgrades, equipping, and renovations and demolition at all School Corporation facilities, as may be needed ((i)(a) through (p) collectively, the "Project"), and (ii) to the extent permitted by law to take all of the necessary steps to finance all or a portion of the costs of all, of the Project by entering into a proposed lease or leases or an amendment or amendments to an existing lease (the "Lease") between one or more Indiana school building corporations, as lessor (collectively, the "Building Corporation"), and the School Corporation, as lessee, relating to all or any portion of the school facilities operated by the School Corporation. If a Lease is entered into, the Building Corporation will issue one or more series of ad valorem property tax first mortgage bonds secured by and payable from the lease payments under the proposed Lease (the "Bonds").

The total maximum original aggregate principal amount of the Bonds will not exceed $60,000,000. The maximum term for each series of Bonds will not exceed twenty (20) years. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the debt service payments on each series of the Bonds payable from lease rentals under the Lease shall not exceed a term of twenty (20) years. The Lease with respect to the Bonds will have a term not to exceed twenty-five (25) years. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the debt service payments on the Bonds payable from lease rentals under the Lease shall not exceed a term of twenty-five (25) years. Based on the estimated interest rates that will be paid in connection with the Bonds of 7.00%, the total interest cost associated therewith, is $51,425,000, not taking into account any funds of the School Corporation or Building Corporation being available for capitalized interest. The maximum annual lease rental to be paid by the School Corporation under the Lease related to the Bonds is $6,500,000 and the maximum total lease rental related to the Bonds over the term of the Lease is $130,000,000, not taking into account any funds of the Building Corporation available for capitalized interest. The School Corporation's certified total debt service fund tax levy for 2026 (which is the most recent certified tax levy) is $8,808,726 and the School Corporation's debt service fund tax rate for 2026 (which is the most recent certified tax rate) is $0.3903 per $100 of assessed value. The School Corporation's estimated total debt service fund tax levy for 2027 is $12,232,164 and the School Corporation's estimated debt service fund tax rate for 2027 is $0.4924 per $100 of assessed value. The estimated total maximum debt service fund tax levy for the School Corporation and the estimated total maximum debt service fund tax rate for the School Corporation after the issuance of the Bonds are anticipated to occur no earlier than 2028 and will be $17,250,000 and $0.6944 per $100 of assessed value, respectively, as a result of the payment of the lease rentals under the Lease. The result of the School Corporation's current and projected annual debt service payments divided by the net assessed value of taxable property in the School Corporation is 0.68%. The result of the sum of the School Corporation's outstanding long-term debt plus the outstanding long-term debt of other taxing units in the School Corporation divided by the net assessed value of taxable property in the School Corporation is 8.78%. The estimated completion date of the Project is within three years of the issuance of the Bonds. The Board estimates that operational costs associated with the Project will be approximately $0 per year. The School Corporation does not expect to appeal for a new facility adjustment for an increased maximum permissible tuition support levy to pay any increased estimated operating costs as a result of the Project.

The estimated amount of the School Corporation's debt service levy and rate that will result during the following 10 years if the School Corporation enters the Lease, after also considering any changes that will occur to the debt service levy and rate during that period on account of any outstanding bonds or lease obligations that will mature or terminate during that period is as follows:

Payment Year	Estimated Debt Service Tax Levy	Estimated Debt Service Tax Rate
2026	$8,808,726	$0.3903
2027	12,232,164	0.4924
2028	17,250,000	0.6944
2029	15,275,000	0.6149
2030	15,275,000	0.6149
2031	15,275,000	0.6149
2032	15,275,000	0.6149
2033	15,275,000	0.6149
2034	13,535,000	0.5449
2035	13,535,000	0.5449
2036	13,535,000	0.5449

Petitions requesting the application of the local public question process to the proposed Lease related to the Project may be filed with the Morgan County Voter Registration Office within thirty (30) days after the date of publication of this notice in the manner provided by Indiana Code 6-1.1-20-3.5. If a sufficient petition requesting the application of the local public question process to the proposed Lease related to the Project has been filed as set forth in Indiana Code 6-1.1-20-3.5, the proposed Lease related to the Project must be approved in an election on a local public question held under Indiana Code 6-1.1-20-3.6. In the event that a sufficient petition requesting the application of the local public question process to the proposed Lease related to the Project has been filed as set forth in Indiana Code 6-1.1-20-3.5, the Superintendent of the School Corporation (the "Superintendent") or his designee is authorized to work with the School Corporation's Municipal Advisor to submit a form of question with respect to the Project, the Lease and the Bonds in accordance with, and which conforms to Indiana Code 6-1.1-20-3.6.

EXECUTED this 9th day of October, 2026.
METROPOLITAN SCHOOL DISTRICT OF MARTINSVILLE
By: Matt Hankins, Secretary

NOTICE OF HEARING ON PROPOSED
AMENDMENT TO LEASE
METROPOLITAN SCHOOL DISTRICT OF MARTINSVILLE

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing for the project described below will be held pursuant to Indiana Code 20-47-3-9 before the Board of Education of the Metropolitan School District of Martinsville (the "Board" and the "School Corporation," respectively) on December 17, 2026 at 7:00 p.m. at the Central Education Center located at 389 East Jackson Street, Martinsville, Indiana 46151, upon a proposed lease or amendment to an existing lease (the "Lease"), between the School Corporation and The Greater Martinsville School Building Corporation, a school building corporation incorporated under Indiana Code 20-47-3 (the "Building Corporation"). The Lease will permit the financing of all or a portion of the general improvements and renovations at all School Corporation facilities, including but not limited to: (i) roofing upgrades, repairs, renovations and replacements, including at the John R. Wooden Middle School, Poston Road Elementary School and the High School vocational building, (ii) pool and weightroom renovations at the High School, (iii) High

In the eye of the beholder — and the beheld

I went back to my zoo visit for today's subject — the Toco Toucan.

Before this zoo visit, if someone would have asked me to name a Toucan's most prominent feature, I would have quickly thought of its beak. Toucan beaks are huge!

There are 43 species of Toucan, and all of them have huge beaks for their size. In the case of the Toco Toucan, the beak makes up about one-third of the total length of the bird. Despite the large size, the beaks are relatively light, being made of the fibrous protein, keratin — think fingernails.

The beaks are also constructed with a honeycomb like framework to reduce weight. If you are going to be a flyer, reducing weight is a top priority.

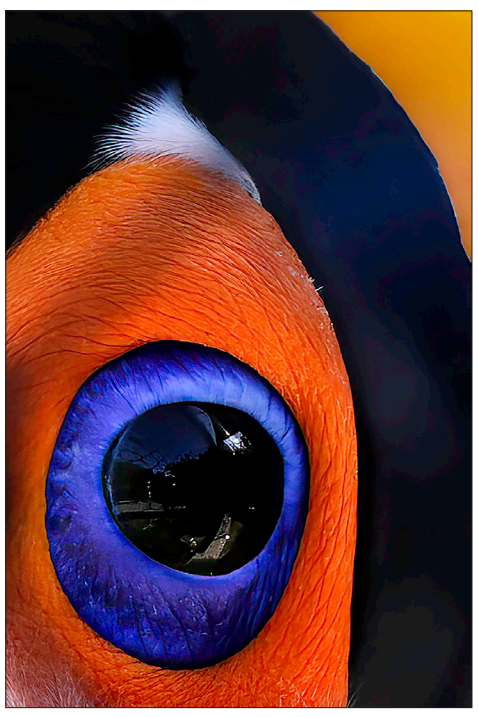
With all that being said about the beak, which is impressive, it was the Toco Toucan's eye that caught my eye. I found it to be very compelling, especially when I enlarged and isolated it from the rest of the bird's features.



Critter Cam
CLARK HADLEY

What appears to be a blue iris surrounding a black pupil is in fact a bright blue layer of skin surrounded by a bright orange layer of skin surrounded by black and, tuffs of white, feathers.

It's been said that the eye is the window to the soul. Today it is also the subject of a striking photograph.



Everybody thinks about a Toucan's beak is it's most prominent feature, but I found the Toco Toucan's eyes very compelling. (Clark Hadley courtesy photo)

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CITY PARK PUMPKIN PATCH



Pumpkins big and small dot the landscape near the paved walking path at Jimmy Nash City Park in Martinsville last Friday, when the parks department held its annual Pumpkin Patch – delayed a week due to weather. But the delay didn't slow down the participants, who enjoyed their shrinking selection of pumpkins, snacks, face painting and bounce houses. The parks department will be back at it on Oct. 24 for its fifth annual Halloween Fest from 7 to 9 p.m., featuring trick or treating at the park, among a host of other activities. (Stephen Crane photo / MCC)

A weeks of work, weather, radio magic and worry



Centennial Retrospect
JOE COFFEY

OCT. 14-20, 1926 — This has been one of those weeks that leaves me tired in body but full in heart. Between the early mornings, cold rain, potato digging, family visits, and the new radio in our house, each day seemed to bring something to remember — and something to worry over.

Thursday began at 4 o'clock, as so many days do, with work waiting before the sun was up. I cleaned, cooked and helped as Mother worked outside with Dad. Later, I went to town and mailed John Coffey a big chocolate cake. I was glad to send it, but afterward, I could not help worrying whether it would reach him safely, especially since I tucked other things in with it. His letter that day was a comfort, the first I had received from him in a week.

The radioman brought a set for us to try, and though it did not do much at first, I could hardly keep from hoping it would. By Friday night, it was clearer, and that felt almost like magic. After sorting potatoes for Bloomington, we went with Aunt Ida and the children to the Bloomington Fox Meet. Seeing Uncle Everett, Uncle Victor and everyone there warmed me, even if the night air nearly froze me. I loved the old square dancing, and when we came home late to hear on the radio the pipe organ from Circle Theater in Indianapolis, it seemed the world had reached right into our little house.

Saturday was rainy, and I felt poorly. I got up at 4, made breakfast, washed the dishes, and then had to lie down again. I hated losing time, but my body seemed to demand it. Later, while Mother and Dad went to town and Ora sowed wheat, I did what I could — picking flowers, straightening up, and trying not to give in to the dreary weather. That evening, Elsie and I saw "Wild Oats Lane," a good moral play, and afterward, the radio brought dance music from Moose Heart, Ill.

Sunday was beautiful, and I was grateful for it. Ora and I started late, but the work was soon finished, and we drove to Mabel and Roy Bailey's at Cloverdale. Finding Edna, Arthur, Aunt Nettie and the children there was a happy surprise. We women visited Dick and Grace Sandy's, then joined the men to gather nuts.

We came home by dark, tired but content, finished the work late, and closed the day with a program from Dallas, Texas.

Monday brought cold rain and a disagreeable feeling over everything. I hurried to town after oil, then helped dig potatoes while Dad finished sowing wheat. Mr. McNeff came about the radio, and we decided we would take one, though we still mean to choose the kind we like best. That night, when the programs came in fine from everywhere, I felt again how strange and wonderful it is to sit at home and hear voices and music from places I may never see.

Tuesday and Wednesday were cloudy and cold, and I was awfully stiff and sore from work. I ironed, did housework, took chickens to town, and helped dig potatoes the best I could. John wrote again, which cheered me, but there was still no word that his cake had arrived, and that kept troubling me.

By Wednesday night, I was worn out. Lelia and Will Avery came over on business, and there was more talk of the bold chicken thief bothering them. At last we ended the week quietly with the radio, listening to music from Jacksonville, Fla., before going early to bed.

I was tired, but thankful — for letters, family, work finished, and the small wonder of music coming through the dark.

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