

**➔ TODAY'S VERSE**

John 1:1-5 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God. All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made. In him was life; and the life was the light of men. And the light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not.

**➔ FACES OF MONTGOMERY**

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Tammy Williams owner of Elderberry Everything, was bright and cheery on a recent Saturday morning. The weather was a little chilly but bright that day. However, it's getting a bit nippier now!

**➔ THREE THINGS You Should Know:**

**1** Dubliner Shane Gaffney was visiting New York City. It was about 4:00 AM and he hailed a taxi cab. John McDonagh, an Irish American, was at the wheel, according to the Association of Mature American Citizens [AMAC]. Gaffney didn't have enough money for his fare and so he gave McDonagh an IOU, promising two pints of Guinness at his parents' pub if and when the taxi driver might visit Ireland. It all happened in 2013. But nine years later McDonagh showed up at the pub to claim his brews. Gaffney and his mom and dad were waiting for him as were reporters and regulars. And behind the bar was a "massive banner welcoming me," said McDonagh.

**2** Looking for a part-time job that does not involve the words: Would You Like Fries With That? The Paper of Montgomery County offers jobs that include pagination and page design, basic clerical and even some photography and writing. We're looking for bright and eager people to join our winning team! This could be the perfect job for part-time students all the way up to Baby Boomers looking for something to do. Let us know you are interested by sending an e-mail with your resume and a note telling us what you love about newspapers to jobs@thepaper24-7.com.

**3** Witches are among us. You just won't find them wearing pointy hats, riding broomsticks, or boiling eye of newt in a cauldron — not the real ones, at least. So, witch cities are best for living a charmed life? With Halloween quickly approaching, Lawn Love did a little data magick to conjure up 2022's Best Cities for Witches. They compared the 200 biggest U.S. cities based on access to covens, tarot readers, and astrology classes. They also looked for cities brimming with natural healers, herbalists, and metaphysical supply stores, among 18 total metrics. Indianapolis ranked 13th on the list, while New York has bewitched us for the second

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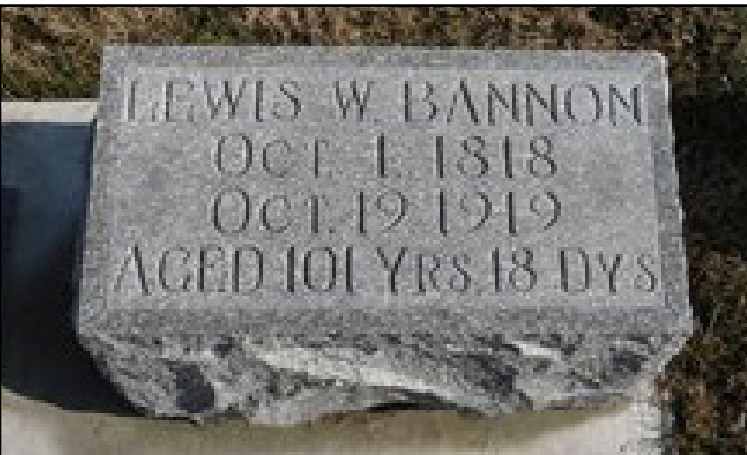
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## Bannon Saga #3 – Lewis Wesley Bannon



**KAREN ZACH**  
Around The County

Reminder – just using the Bannon children who were in our area so Elizabeth is the next child who married James Harvey Fitzpatrick but lived most of her life in Darke County, Ohio and passed away in Owen County, Indiana. So meet Lewis Wesley who was indeed one of our citizens and in fact, was all around central Indiana, with most of his life in Parke County near Russell's Mills.

Lewis was born in Deerfield

Twp, Warren County, Ohio the very first day of October in 1818 and at age 20 married Livonia Ashley whose father was a pioneer preacher of that area. He would lose her (buried Liberty Chapel, Montgomery County) the day before their 22nd anniversary. They had six children (Nancy, Baker Ashley, Elizabeth, Rachel, Samuel and William Harvey, but he would father four more daughters with second wife Angeline Helms whom he would also lose, she being buried at Waynetown Masonic. Their children were Martha, Mary, Cecilia and Grace. Lewis himself would live to be 101 years and 13 days old. Impressive? Indeed!

Lewis began a career as a brick mason but about 1850 decided preaching called him and what a great time he had at that. In 1854, he settled in (Parke County History) Montgomery and preached here until 1870. He was all over and every-

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## HHSB's Financial Education Series Begins Nov. 28

Hoosier Heartland State Bank is proud to offer FREE financial education classes to the community! This 3-course series will begin Monday after Thanksgiving.

Classes will be held on Mondays at 7 p.m. at HHSB's Success Center, located in Crawfordsville at 1623 S U.S. Highway 231.

- Nov. 28: Financial Plan Basics: Intro to Budgets
- Dec. 5: Budgeting: Managing Debt, Borrowing Basics, and Credit Cards



- Dec. 12: Planning for Retirement: How Much is Enough? Space is limited! Go online to register or contact Lacey Rogers at lrogers@myhhsb.com or 765-364-0784.

**➔ HONEST HOOSIER**

Just a reminder that the little ones will be out and about in costume soon. Watch where you're driving, because it's for sure they won't all be!



**➔ TODAY'S HEALTH TIP**

Listen to your body - If it hurts, your body is telling you to rest it. Today's health tip was brought to you by Dr. John Roberts. Be sure to catch his column each week in The Paper and online at www.thepaper24-7.com.



**➔ OBITUARIES**

Peggy Ann (Gottschall) Proctor

The Paper appreciates all our customers. Today, we'd like to personally thank LINDA BERRISFORD for subscribing!



## Sign Up To Mentor A Child



This article is one in a series of articles on children who are on the waiting list for the JUMP program. The JUMP program is part of the Montgomery County Youth Service Bureau. The program is very similar to the Big Brother/ Big Sister program in that it matches an adult volunteer to a youth from the community

This profile is accurate in all but the name and age of the child, which has been changed for privacy purposes.

Scott is an 8-year-old boy who lives in the North district of the county. He is the youngest of several siblings and is the only male in the household. Scott really likes school and math is his favorite subject. Scott says he has never been bowling but if he gets a mentor, that is something he would really like to try. He spends his time playing basketball, going to the park, riding his bicycle

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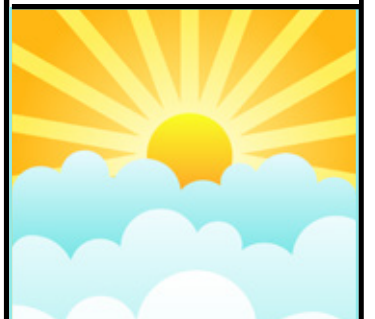
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The Paper of Montgomery County once again has free tickets to give away for the Christmas Gift + Hobby Show. This year's extravaganza is scheduled for Nov. 9-13 at the Indiana State Fairgrounds.

All you have to do to win two tickets (valued at \$28) is send us a selfie of you and our front page (Print or Online Edition). Be sure to tell us who you are, where you are from and a little bit about yourself so we can include it if your photo is selected to publish on our front page. If we use your smiling photo on our front page – you win!

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## The Daily Almanac



**Sunrise/Sunset:**  
RISE: 8:11 a.m.  
SET: 6:51 p.m.



**High/Low Temperatures:**  
High: 60 °F  
Low: 36 °F



**Today is...:**

- American Beer Day
- National Potato Day
- Sylvia Plath Day



**What Happened On This Day:**

- 1682 The City of Philadelphia is founded in Pennsylvania
- 1904 The first underground New York City Subway line opens



**Births On This Day:**

- 1858 Theodore Roosevelt American politician, 26th President of the U.S. and Nobel Prize laureate
- 1932 Sylvia Plath American poet

**Deaths On This Day:**

- 1975 Rex Stout American author
- 2013 Lou Reed American singer-songwriter, guitarist and producer

**➔ THE MONTGOMERY MINUTE Churches! Listen up!**

The Paper is offering any Montgomery County church a free ad to let folks know what time services are, sermon topics . . . or really, anything they want – something that is especially valuable as we all try to get people together in places of worship so that we can begin to find some common ground that unites us, instead of focusing on what divides us? If you represent a church and would like a free ad each week in our Faith section, just e-mail ttimmons@thepaper24-7.com.

**➔ TODAY'S QUOTE**

"You wouldn't believe on All Hallow Eve what lots of fun we can make, With apples to bob, and nuts on the hob, and a ring-and-thimble cake."  
Carolyn Wells

**➔ TODAY'S JOKE**

What did the girl say when a vampire kissed her?  
It was a pain in the neck.

**WTHR 7 DAY FORECAST**

36/60 MOSTLY SUNNY & COOL	38/63 A BIT WARMER	39/67 PICK OF THE WEEK	48/60 P.M. SHOWERS	50/58 SCT'D SHOWER AROUND	46/64 CLEARING	46/70 MAINLY SUNNY & MILD
THU	FRI	SAT	SUN	MON	TUE	WED



## OBITUARIES

### Peggy Ann (Gottschall) Proctor

Feb. 17, 1932 - Oct. 21, 2022

Peggy Ann (Gottschall) Proctor, 90, of Waynetown, passed away at 8:15 p.m. Friday Oct. 21, 2022 in Bickford Memory Care, Crawfordsville due to complications from Alzheimer's disease. The family would like to genuinely thank the staff there for making Bickford a comfortable home for her last few years.



She was born Feb. 17, 1932 in Crawfordsville, the daughter of the late Ralph and Alpha McKee Gottschall.

She was first married to Jimmy Reiter and they had five children: Tim Reiter (Brigitte) of Manchester, MD, Curtis Reiter (Maureen) of Jacksonville, Fla., Leslee Reiter of Asheville, NC, Melissa Cooper (Stephen) of Grand Rapids, Mich., Matthew Reiter (Cheryl) of Bloomington, Indiana. They later divorced. There are nine grandchildren and six great grandchildren.

She was then married to Samuel O. Mullen, Sr. and they had one child: Samuel Mullen (Ronda) of Kansas City, KS. There are two grandchildren. Sam Sr. died in 1988.

She married Donald Proctor June 15, 1991 and he survives. For the next 30+ years, she was an important part of Don's children's lives. They are: Diana (Mike) Still of Peru, Steven (Sandy) Proctor of Waynetown, Janet (Pat) Fay of Waynetown, Carol (Jim) Pattison of Warsaw, Stanley (Janice) Proctor of Deltona, Fla., and Suzanne (Mike) Howell—both deceased and Suzanne's 2nd husband, Chris Turcich, along with 12 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren.

She was a graduate of Wabash High School. She had a varied and interesting life, first as a wife and mother, then as a medical secretary for Drs. Haller and Viray. Catching the entrepreneurial spirit, she utilized her knitting, sewing and organizational talents and opened her yarn and quilting retail store, Spin-a-Yarn, which was a vital part of the Crawfordsville businesses for about 20 years.

She was a devout Bible study student and shared her many talents by giving time, money and effort to such organizations as the Child in Need of Services, Meals on Wheels, church projects, the Crawfordsville Public Library; and by offering her services for genealogy research. She and Don authored a Waynetown Newsletter for several years.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Ralph and Alpha Gottschall; two sisters, Vee Hopkins and Jan Featherston; two husbands, Jimmie G. Reiter and Samuel O. Mullen; and a step-daughter, Suzanne Proctor Howell Turcich.

Visitation hours are 12 - 2 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 27, 2022 with funeral services following at 2 p.m., with Eric Runyan officiating, at Family and Friends Funeral Home of Wingate. Burial will follow in Waynetown Masonic Cemetery. Memorial contributions are preferred to The Alzheimer's Research Foundation. Visit us at www.familyandfriendsfh.com to sign the guest book or share a condolence.

## Protect The Blood Supply By Donating This Fall



### American Red Cross

The American Red Cross urges blood donors of all types and those who have never given before to book a time to give blood or platelets now and help keep the blood supply from dropping ahead of the holidays.

People of all blood types are needed, especially platelet donors and those with type O blood - blood products that are critical to keeping hospitals ready to help patients depending on transfusions in the weeks ahead.

Book now by using the Red Cross Blood Donor App, visiting RedCrossBlood.org or calling 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767). As a thank-you for taking the time to give this fall, all who come to give Nov. 1-22 will receive a \$10 e-gift card by email to a merchant of choice. Details are available at rcblood.org/perks.

How to donate blood Simply download the American Red Cross Blood Donor App, visit RedCrossBlood.org, call

1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or enable the Blood Donor Skill on any Alexa Echo device to make an appointment or for more information. All blood types are needed to ensure a reliable supply for patients. A blood donor card or driver's license or two other forms of identification are required at check-in. Individuals who are 17 years of age in most states (16 with parental consent where allowed by state law), weigh at least 110 pounds and are in generally good health may be eligible to donate blood. High school students and other donors 18 years of age and younger also have to meet certain height and weight requirements.

Blood and platelet donors can save time at their next donation by using RapidPass® to complete their pre-donation reading and health history questionnaire online, on the day of their donation, before arriving at the blood drive. To get started, follow the instructions at RedCrossBlood.org/RapidPass or use the Blood Donor App.

Amplify Your Impact Volunteer!

Another way to support the lifesaving mission of the Red Cross is to become a volunteer blood donor ambassador at Red Cross blood drives. Blood donor ambassadors help greet, check-in and thank blood donors to ensure they have a positive dona-

tion experience.

Volunteers can also serve as transportation specialists, playing a vital role in ensuring lifesaving blood products are delivered to nearby hospitals. For more information and to apply for either position, contact 1-888-684-1441 or visit <https://www.redcross.org/volunteertoday>.

About the American Red Cross:

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## Letters

### Reader Seeks Common Sense Provisions For Solar

Dear Editor,

Here we go again. This time it is massive sprawling solar panel projects potentially spreading like a cancer across the farm land in Montgomery County. These industrial scale solar projects have the potential of covering thousands of acres of farm ground; with the risk of fire starting from overheated power inverters, then

fire spreading across many acres of panel covered ground. It would seem prudent on the part of the County Planning Commission and County Commissioners to set standards of spacing and placement. Also mandatory grounds maintenance and cleanup, as well as provisions for electrical fire fighting suppressant compounds . . . even a Caveman knows you don't fight an

electrical fire by pouring water on it . . . equipment and training for all of the Montgomery County fire crews in accordance with worst-case scenario policies. There should be a maximum amount of about 300 acres per square mile of solar panels. Developers, owners and lease holders should be subject to a built in "hold liable" provision for any ground water, run off or soil con-

tamination due to broken or fire-damaged panels with no LLC or contract term and exclusions to hide behind. These common sense provisions should be put into place to protect the health, safety and welfare of Montgomery County citizens. Otherwise it might be said someday "Oh I wish we had planned better".

Rich Watkins  
Linden

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# INFB Health Plans Announce No Premium Increases For Traditional Health Plans In 2023

Indiana Farm Bureau Health Plans today announced it will not raise rates for Traditional Health Plans, which provide health coverage options for individuals and families, for the 2023 calendar year. This is the second year in a row that the suite of more affordable health care offerings has not raised its rates for Traditional Health Plans.

INFB Health Plans has over 3,000 enrolled plans at the end of the third quarter, which equates to nearly 6,700 Hoosiers covered.

From Jan. 1, 2021, through September 30, 2022, enrollment in INFB Health Plans totaled 3,003 active plans and 6,681 individuals covered. The current breakdown of coverage for those plan holders includes:

- 2,388 Traditional Health Plans, (both individual and family plans);
- 452 dental and vision plans; and
- 163 Medicare Supplement Insurance Plans.

The fourth quarter of each year is open enrollment time for most employer and Affordable Care Act plans. Existing INFB members may apply for and receive coverage through INFB



Health Plans anytime during the year, but Q4 is a good time for them to evaluate their health care options. On average, a plan offered through INFB Health Plans can provide savings of 50% to 70% for families when compared to ACA plans that aren't subsidized by the federal government.

"INFB Health Plans launched two years ago to address a significant need for reliable and more affordable health care in Indiana's agriculture community," said Randy Kron, INFB president. "I'm proud that we continue to offer plans with significant cost savings for our current members, as well as those prospective new members who may be reviewing their 2023 health care options for themselves and their dependents."

Jenny Mundell of Tipton County has been

an Indiana Farm Bureau member for 30 years and a full-time farmer. She got an INFB Health Plans policy over a year ago after her husband retired from his off-farm job and she was no longer on his insurance.

"I was starting to look into ACA plans, but then I heard about INFB Health Plans," Mundell said. "It was much more affordable, and the fact that it was backed by Farm Bureau meant a lot to me."

Mundell also was pleased that she could keep her current primary care doctor due to the availability of nationwide in-network providers via UnitedHealthcare and that she had quality, affordable dental care.

"This has been my best experience with dental insurance because they have covered 80% of my costs," Mundell added. "I recommend INFB Health Plans as a health

care option to anyone in the farming community."

Existing INFB members may apply for INFB Health Plans at any time, however, membership is required prior to applying for coverage, and individuals must be a member of INFB for at least 30 days to apply for a Traditional Health Plan or a dental/vision plan. Medicare Supplement Insurance Plans do not require the 0-day waiting period. Coverage is statewide and plans are portable anywhere a member may live in Indiana, with no defined service area.

To learn more about INFB Health Plans and apply for coverage, please visit [www.INFB-healthplans.com](http://www.INFB-healthplans.com).

About Indiana Farm Bureau Health Plans: Founded in 2020 by Indiana Farm Bureau (INFB), Indiana Farm Bureau Health Plans (INFB Health Plans) is a suite of health care offerings designed to provide more affordable and reliable benefits for its members. INFB Health Plans features Individual and Family Plans, Medicare Supplement Insurance Plans and dental/vision coverage. Learn more at [infbhealthplans.com](http://infbhealthplans.com).

# Fall Walleye Stocking In Northern Indiana

Nearly 70,000 fingerling walleyes are planned to be stocked by DNR during the next few weeks in 14 northern Indiana lakes.

The fingerlings being stocked average 4 to 7 inches long. Adult walleye typically reach 14 inches in length after two years of growth and 16 inches by their third year.

These walleye were purchased from Gollon Bait and Fish Farm and grown at Fawn River State Fish Hatchery.

Lakes and (county) to be stocked include:

- Adams (LaGrange)
  - Pretty Lake (LaGrange)
  - Big Turkey (Steuben)
  - Simonton (Elkhart)
  - Crooked Lake (Steuben)
  - Sylvan Lake (Noble)
  - Clear Lake (Steuben)
  - Dewart (Kosciusko)
  - Winona Lake (Kosciusko)
  - Maxinkuckee (Marshall)
  - Wall Lake (LaGrange)
  - Pine/Stone Lakes (LaPorte)
  - Wolf Lake (Lake)
- Many of these loca-

tions are stocked with fingerlings every fall to sustain the walleye population because the species' natural reproduction is limited in these waters. A few locations are stocked on alternate years to improve walleye fishing at a broader geographic range. In addition to the fall walleye stockings, walleye fry (1 inch) and fingerlings (1.5 to 2 inches) were stocked this spring at an additional 15 lakes.

To evaluate the spring and fall walleye stockings, biologists conduct nighttime walleye surveys during October. These surveys evaluate stocking success and growth from previous stockings.

In addition to these lakes, multiple other lakes are stocked with walleyes by privately funded lake associations. A stocking permit from DNR is required to stock fish.

Learn more about Indiana walleye fisheries: [wildlife.IN.gov/fishing/walleye-fishing](http://wildlife.IN.gov/fishing/walleye-fishing).

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The seminars are free for MoCoNoWriMo participants, but it is recommended you sign up in advance. The morning session will be from 10-11:30 and the evening session from 6:30-8:00 on Monday, Oct. 31 at Fusion 54. Please contact Gwynn at [gwill6735@me.com](mailto:gwill6735@me.com) to sign up or if you desire further information.





# Annual Employer Survey: Three-Quarters Left Jobs Unfilled Due To Talent Shortage

The need for workforce talent remains the top concern in 2022 for Indiana employers – and by a wide margin. In response, more and more Hoosier companies are springing into action with various initiatives to address the talent shortage. Those are two top takeaways from the 15th annual employer workforce survey from the Indiana Chamber of Commerce and its Institute for Workforce Excellence (IWE).

Of the 992 survey respondents, 83% said meeting talent needs is a challenge. More than half (52%) said it's their biggest challenge.

"Finding enough talent and the right talent continues to be a huge problem plaguing Indiana employers," says Jason Bearce, Indiana Chamber vice president of education and workforce development. "The concern over talent by far trumps other concerns, including government regulations, inflation and supply chain challenges."

In the survey, 18% identified government regulations as its biggest workforce challenge, while 16% said inflation and 15% mentioned supply chain issues as the biggest challenge.

Alarming, 74% of Hoosier firms said they were forced to leave jobs open – at least temporarily – in the last year due to a lack of qualified applicants. "That's the highest it's been in the survey's 15-year history," Bearce states. "That's up from 45% in 2020 and 60% in 2021. This is a trend heading in the wrong direction."

Another question probed how employers ultimately responded to the talent shortage. More than half (51%) left the unfilled positions open, while nearly one in three (30%) companies hired underqualified candidates and just less than a quarter of the firms in the survey either hired temp workers (23%) or remote workers (21%) to deal with the shortage.

Indiana companies aren't sitting on their hands waiting for the overall situation to get better. "In the survey, we're seeing companies getting aggressive about addressing the need for talent in ways we haven't seen before," Bearce notes.

This year, 55% of companies surveyed said they've increased their investment in training. That's up from 31% last year. There was an almost equal jump in on-the-job training, which was up from 33% in 2021 to 55% of the companies surveyed this year. Forty-seven percent of firms reported increasing time allowed for training, up from 27% last year; 25% increased classroom training, up from 8% last year; and half the companies reported increased online training, up from 40% a year ago.

"These are the biggest one-year changes in time spent on and investment in employee training we've seen since the survey began," Bearce emphasizes.

Survey results show that companies are also responding to the talent shortage by strengthening and diversifying their recruitment strategy.

"There are signs that employers are thinking more broadly about where and how they source or cultivate talent, including tapping historically disadvantaged workforce populations, including those that were formerly incarcerated, individuals with disabilities and recipients of public assistance," Bearce explains.

He notes that more employers are cultivating future talent through work-based learning and doing so earlier through high school internships and youth apprenticeships.

Additionally, Bearce adds, more employers recognize that accessible and affordable childcare is a workforce barrier that needs to be addressed as part of their talent strategy, along with housing and transportation.

Those steps seem to be having a positive impact. The number of respondents who reported that the supply of candidates does not meet their needs declined from 72% in 2021 to 62% this year. That's still higher than the 50% who responded that way in 2019 and 2020.

Significant challenges remain. Chief among those, Bearce says, is the need to increase the amount of training that results in industry-recognized credentials "that give workers currency in the labor market and make Indiana more economically competitive for business expansions and company relocations."

Bearce also pointed out that the survey showed

companies' human resources departments are often dedicated to compliance, payroll and benefit issues rather than strategic talent attraction and development.

"It's clear that more employers would benefit from engaging in meaningful talent pipeline partnerships with K-12 and higher education institutions, workforce training providers and community-based organizations," Bearce stresses.

To help combat the talent shortage, the Indiana Chamber's nonprofit IWE launched a first-of-its-kind online workforce center called the Talent Resource Navigator this summer with live customer service. This web-based tool allows Hoosier employers and individuals to better identify and access in one place the vast number of educational and training programs and resources available across the state.

"The talent challenge raises an abundance of opportunities for employers," Bearce offers. "This is a perfect time for companies to encourage their workers to skill up."

"The Indiana Chamber is working closely with state and regional partners to help more employers engage with area resources from education, community and government," he imparts. "This is key to deploy robust talent strategies that benefit employers and employees as well as the community at large."

Full results are available at [www.indiana-chamber.com/survey](http://www.indiana-chamber.com/survey).

## Meeting Notes

### Board of Works and Public Safety Meeting

The City of Crawfordsville Indiana  
Oct. 26, 2022 at 10 a.m.  
City Building 300 E Pike St Crawfordsville, IN 47933  
I. Approval of the minutes from Oct. 19, 2022.  
II. Approval of the claims for the week of Oct. 24, 2022  
III. Old Business  
IV. New Business

A. Stacy Sommer, Chamber of Commerce, with various requests in regards to the 2022 Christmas Parade  
B. Kiley Cornelius, Utility Office, with a refund in the amount of \$126.15 for 509 W Market St - Ed Brown  
C. 2023 Holiday Schedule  
D. Grant agreement between Indiana State Department of Health and City for Project Swaddle  
V. Miscellaneous  
VI. Department Heads  
VII. Adjournment

## Meeting Notes

### Montgomery County Central Communications Center

Governing Board Meeting  
Monday, Oct. 24, 2022 at 11 a.m.  
Crawfordsville City Building  
300 E. Pike Street – 2nd Floor

Crawfordsville, IN 47933  
Call To Order  
Approve Minutes – Aug. 22 2022  
Central Communications Center Director Sherri Henry  
Acknowledge Receipt Of Financial Report  
New Business  
Automated Dispatch Discussion  
Other Business  
Adjournment

## Meeting Notes

### Montgomery County Board Of Zoning Appeals

Agenda  
Wednesday Oct. 26, 2022, 10 a.m.  
Montgomery County Government Center  
Community Room  
1580 Constitution

Row, Crawfordsville, IN 47933  
I. Call To Order  
II. Approval Of Aug. 2022 Minutes  
III. New Business  
A. Zv2208 – Public Hearing, Ratcliff Inc., Variance To The Lot Size Of 1 Acre.  
IV. Other Business  
V. Adjournment

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# Tips On Keeping Your Pets Safe This Halloween

(Family Features) Costumes and candy make Halloween a highly anticipated event for children and adults alike, but the holiday can be particularly spooky for pets. Some of the same things that bring humans joy on All Hallows Eve can lead to poisoning, stress or anxiety, which may cause four-legged family members to run away or react aggressively.

To help ensure Halloween is fun for every member of the family, take note of these safety tips from the experts at VCA Animal Hospitals, which has more than 1,000 locations across North America that cared for more than 4.5 million pets last year. Talk to your veterinarian if you need assistance dealing with pet anxiety.

Create a safe space for your pet at home. If your neighborhood is particularly busy on Halloween and the sidewalks are overflowing with exuberant trick-or-treaters, it may be best to leave your pet at home. Pets can be thrown off by extra people on the street or at the door in frightening costumes, which could lead to uncommon reactions such as growling or biting if they feel threatened. Even if your pets are mellow and enjoy greeting guests, consider keeping them inside as

you sit by yourself near the door or outside to greet trick-or-treaters as they knock or ring the doorbell. Otherwise, consider keeping your pet in a room away from the frenzy with a TV, radio or white noise machine to dull the sounds.

Be cautious when taking your pet trick-or-treating. If you do decide to venture out with your pet, make sure he or she is always close to you on a secure leash (avoid retractable leashes). Observe your surroundings and assess people - especially friendly, excited children - approaching you and your pet, because physical contact from strangers in costumes may instigate a fearful or aggressive reaction.

Consider skipping the costume. It's best not to dress up your pets for Halloween, but if you choose to, it's important for pets to wear safe, comfortable costumes. They should be loose enough to provide freedom of movement but not loose enough to be a tripping hazard. On the other hand, costumes that are too tight can restrict breathing and make movement difficult. Make sure your pet's costume does not interfere with vision or hearing. Also beware of small parts, like buttons

or loose strings, that could be chewed off and swallowed.

Keep treats away from pets. Resist the temptation to share Halloween candy with your pet. In fact, keep all candy safely out of reach. Chocolate, candy or gum artificially sweetened with xylitol can be dangerous for dogs. Plus, cellophane or foil wrappers can cause problems if swallowed. Even natural treats like caramel apples should be off limits as eating items not normally on the menu can cause upset stomachs, GI blockages or pancreatitis.

Decorate with safety in mind. Festive decorations help set the mood, but they can also create health risks for your pet. While non-toxic, pumpkin and pumpkin seeds can upset stomachs, especially when consumed in large quantities. Lit candles in Jack-O-Lanterns may pose fire hazards if toppled by a curious four-legged friend. Decorative lights can brighten your porch but should be kept out of your pet's reach as nibbling on electrical cords can cause electrocution.

To learn more, visit [vcahospitals.com](http://vcahospitals.com), where you can search for additional tips to make Halloween safe and fun for your furry friends.

## KAREN From Page A1

where he went was well loved, although it does seem that his homebase was Crawfordsville; at least if the letters left at the Post Office for him was an indication of that as he had his name on the list to come "pick up your letter" many times, especially in those 1850 years. While in Parke, Lewis was the preacher when the Pleasant Grove Christian Church was built in 1870 - there were 30 members later about 40 in attendance each week. My direct ancestor was the superintendent (Jesse Barker). Always love to find the doctors and ministers to my folks!

Nancy Bannon, their oldest married Joseph Allen Baldwin in Feb 1859 and they lived in the Elmdale area all their lives. They were strong members of the Liberty Christian Church and they retired as farmers. Their children were: Melvina; Maranda; Lavona; William Thomas; Rachel Lois; Elizabeth; Elias Elston; Alice Mabel and Mable Oka, all growing to adulthood. If I counted right, they tallied 33 grandchildren and their children married into these local families: Davis, Grimes, Harshbarger, Hutchinson, Jackson, McCampbell, Mason, Price, Westfall.

Baker Ashley Bannon was born in Highland County, Ohio Oct 1840 and married Barbara Hercules in 1863. They had two children, Lewis and Dollie. They went toodling off to Kokomo. Baker was a musician in Ohio's 152nd Infantry, Civil War. He was a retired farmer and passed of cancer at age 81.

Elizabeth married John Hutchinson and had at least one son, Charles Walter. She was called Molly so thinking her first name may have been Mary. Charles married

Emma Alward and they parented Melle Wanda and Dudley Otis.

Rachel married John Poole and they helped raise Baker Bannon. She passed away at age 57 after a long bout of cancer.

Samuel P. Bannon (Christmas day, 1847) lived most of his life as a farmer in Parke County and was the first of Lewis' children to be born in our state. He married Sarah Campbell and their children were: Otho, Freeman and possibly James. He also helped raise her first child, Clara McGaughey. He too fought in the Civil War (Co B 120th Ind Vol at age 16). In the 1910 census in Penn Twp, his father lived with them.

I know absolutely nothing except dates for William Harvey Bannon b 26 April 1852 Parke and died in Solomon, Kansas 7 Oct 1910. I don't think he had children but spent his life working on various farms. He was the last of Lavonia's children Angeline's first born was Martha "Belle" who married Lucien Hockett and they had four sons: Allen; Roscoe; Oral and Austin. They all lived long lives, and Miss Belle herself passed 24 Nov 1947 at 86.

Know little about Mary Etta as well but she was born in 1866 married at age 30 in Mo Co to Augustus LePien and was still living (Adams, Colorado) after 1920. They had a daughter, Dorothy and a son, Lewis. Sorry, couldn't find them after that.

Know nothing about their daughter, Cecilia as well nor a great deal about Grace other than she was born June 15th, 1875 in Parke County and passed away at age 17 years and less than a month old.

Kids captured so let's hear more about dad. Although his main stay was

a minister as stated, he likely did quite a bit of farming as he had \$4000 worth of real estate in the 1870 census with \$1000 in personal property and in 1858 he had rebuilt and ran the mill there for a few years. Not a poor boy for sure. In the meantime he was attending conferences for the Christian Church and went to 72 of them in 74 years of ministry. His estimation of the number of sermons he preached each year was 150 that he married over 300 couples and would preach 150 funerals. Lewis was active in Harveysburg AF&AM; and past grand of Parke's Lodge IOOF. He helped begin and was one of the very first preachers of Pleasant Grove Christian Church and love it that he didn't choose sides in politics. One of his favorite accomplishments was officiating the marriage of his brother, James Clark to Elizabeth Fulwider (married in Randolph County on 25 July 1858).

Seems pretty obvious that living to 101 he was in reasonable health and that he was until his last illness of less than ten days. He was lucky to have been taken care of by his son Samuel and wife Sarah for the last few years of his life, but after all, he wasn't too hard to care for, as he was helpful, congenial and well-loved. Thanks to C&L Elmore for the picture of his tombstone (FindAGrave) in the Waynetown Masonic Cemetery.

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## MENTOR From Page A1

and kicking around a soccer ball. He also likes to fish and go to the movies. His favorite place to eat is the China Buffet.

Scott's mom describes him as a good kid and he is very loving. She states he could put a smile on anyone's face. She says he loves to ride his bike, go to the park, go swimming and play with his action figures. She would like Scott to have a mentor because he re-

ally needs someone who can pay attention to just him. She stated that since she works two jobs and has several other children there is just not enough time to spend with him.


Scott is a very sweet kid and so easy to talk to as well. The great thing about Scott is he is open to doing just about anything and would be a fun, easy child to mentor.

If you are a male or a couple that would like

to become a mentor to Scott, please contact Jill Hampton at 362-0693 Ext. 103. Or email [jill@mcysb.org](mailto:jill@mcysb.org). To learn more about the Montgomery County Youth Service Bureau, visit [www.mcysb.org](http://www.mcysb.org) or visit their Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/mcysb.org](http://www.facebook.com/mcysb.org).


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