

CRAWFORDSVILLE NEWS

Crawfordsville Lions Club meets

By Billie Jo Rose

The Crawfordsville Lions met Monday, May 12, 2025 at 6:30 p.m. at the Crawfordsville Community Room for their monthly dinner meeting with thirteen members and two guests, Donna Fletcher and Lara H. present.

The meeting was called to order with President Scott Davis leading the Pledge of Allegiance and Lion Fletcher offered prayer.

Following the meal prepared and served by Alice Hochstetler the meeting reconvened.

Guest Lara H., who grew up in Crawfordsville, shared with the Club about the work she has been a part of in the Middle East. She shared her experience of learning Arabic and the challenges of living in a different culture. Primarily, she shared about the work she did with an Organization called Cedars Network doing development projects for marginalized peoples and her role leading operations of the organization. More information about the work that they do can be found at www.cedarsnetwork.org.

She appreciated the opportunity to share more of what her life over the past 11 years has looked like with those who have supported her in various ways.

The business meeting resumed with Secretary Rose reading the minutes of the April 28 meeting. They were approved as read. Treasurer Finke gave the treasurer's report.

Old Business: Members were reminded that there will only be one meeting in May, as the usual second meeting falls on Memorial Day.

New Business: The Club will be selling Pork Burgers, Baked Beans and Chips, along with Drinks at noon on Crawfordsville Fun

Days on Saturday, July 5. The Washington County Pork Producers will be donating 300 pork burgers. The Club will provide a wagon with hoops for the children to play basketball, courtesy of the Winfield Lions Club.

A motion was made, seconded and carried to give a donation to World Indigenous Missions and Camp Courageous. It was also announced that Isaac Rich, son of Neil and Cori Rich of Crawfordsville and a senior at WACO High School, is the recipient of the local Lions Club scholarship.

There being no further business, President Davis adjourned the meeting.

Tail Twister Finke entertained with Sports memorabilia.

UNITED CHURCH WOMEN

The May 12, 2025 regular meeting of the United Church Women met in the Fellowship Hall of the United Church of Crawfordsville on Tuesday, May 13, 2025 with eight ladies and Pastor Jason Collier present.

Joyce gave the meditation from Psalm 43, "Increasing in Wisdom".

President Debbie Lowe called the meeting to order and the Opening Creed was read in unison.

The minutes of the March 11 meeting were approved as read by Secretary Billie Jo Rose.

The treasurer, Pat Miller gave her report, including what was realized from the Rummage Sale.

Correspondence: None.

Committee Reports: Local Activities: Marlene reported on the Soup Supper.

Dorcas: It was reported there is a good supply of quilts on hand.

Cards, Flowers and Gifts: The usual cards had been sent and Easter Lilies had been purchased.

Mission Outreach: Margaret reported the Membership and Mission Committee will be having a Fish Fry the evening of July 5 .

Old Business: Rummage Sale report.

Change: Rachel will be hostess for the July meeting and in September Cathy will have the meditation.

New Business: May 31: Celebration of Life for Marvin Pool from 2-4 p.m.

Upcoming Events: Next meeting is July 8 at 2 p.m. Meditation: Debbie, Hostess: Rachel.

Dorcas dates: May: To be determined; June 9 and 23. Work Committees: May: Cathy and Rachel; June: Margaret; July: Deb.

Following a motion to adjourn, Deb thanked Margaret for hostessing and the Closing Creed was read together.

Debbie's closing thoughts were: P.U.S.H.--Pray Until Something Happens.

COTTER ALUMNI

GATHERING

All Cotter Alumni and Friends are invited to join them at the Pizza Ranch in Washington on Friday, June 13 at 11:50 a.m for lunch and a time of reminiscing. All graduates and all with a connection in any way, whether you have parents who went to Cotter or are just a friend of a Cotter graduate, they invite you to attend.

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No need to R.S.V.P. Share the news with others!

Riverboat

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Washington CSD Activities Director and Booster Club Project Manager Nathan Miller said he was thrilled about the announcement, and thanked the foundation for its massive show of support.

"It's so exciting, there's a lot of gratefulness, for the Washington County Riverboat Foundation to see the value, and believe in the project that we're working toward making a reality," he said.

The grant brings the project's fundraising total up to about \$7.65 million, when grouped with the initial \$4 million gift, a handful of private donations and a \$30,000 commitment from the Washington Betterment Foundation.

While the Riverboat grant represents a considerable windfall, the project is not yet guaranteed.

With a total price tag estimated between \$9 and \$10 million, the booster club still needs to find a considerable chunk of change before construction can begin, tentatively in spring of 2027, according to Miller.

Miller said that money would come from community contributions, with the booster club planning to launch a fundraising campaign in the near future.

While the group hasn't set up an online donation page yet, it plans to do so soon.

"With this boost, our fundraising committee will now go out and work with community members, with alumni, with the goal of bringing in the remaining amount," he said. "I'm working on our own website that I would like to put some more information on. We've got some final meetings next week (to make) some small adjustments, very small, and once those are made, we'll make sure that we share those with everybody."

Conceptual plans for the field house were shared at another Riverboat meeting in April, where foundation board members saw concept art for the building and proposed layouts featuring a 60-yard indoor football turf, eight 45 m sprinting lanes, a 3,200 square-foot weight room and a golf simulator room, among other amenities.

The initial, \$4 million anonymous donor spoke with *The Union* at that April meeting, on the condition that his anonymity be maintained until the facility is more fully funded. He said he believed a new state-of-the-art field house would drive community growth in Washington.

"I think it'd be a



Concept art of a massive proposed indoor athletic facility Washington's schools hope to build, after getting a \$4 million donation from an anonymous alumnus. (Image courtesy of Washington CSD)

great project (and) a reason for families to move here and raise their kids," the donor said. "Washington has always been kind of a bedroom community for Iowa City, and I think it creates that opportunity to be greater."

Other spring grant

awards announced Wednesday night included, among others:

- \$2,621 for a video laryngoscope at the Wellman Volunteer Ambulance
- \$60,000 for a new football/track scorecard at Mid-Prairie
- \$80,772 to the Wash-



Washington AD Nathan Miller presents to members of the Washington County Riverboat Foundation, which the school has asked for \$4 million in support of an indoor athletic facility, matching an anonymous donation to the high school's booster club. (Kalen McCain/The Union)

ington County Fair Board for a north side restroom project

- \$23,258 to the Washington Free Public Library Foundation to "celebrate Washington's history"
- \$75,000 to Washington County Conservation for a pickleball/playground project
- \$250,000 to WCHC for its physical therapy department
- \$250,000 to the city of Ainsworth for a fire-truck replacement

Comments: Kalen.McCain@southeastiowaunion.com

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