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Commissioners celebrate their history

Bob Cox
Journal Review

Today is of historical importance in Montgomery County history. It is exactly 200 years since the county government held its first commissioners meeting on March 1, 1823.

Montgomery County Administrator Tom Klein and other bicentennial committee members worked hard to celebrate the county's bicentennial, and Klein did not want the first meeting date to go unnoticed.

Taking the floor at Monday's commissioner meeting, Klein took time to talk about the first meeting.

"This is an important date in county history," Klein said. "It was 200 years ago the commissioners got organized to lead the new county."

Klein, with the assistance of county attorney Dan Taylor, read a portion of 200-year-old minutes which are stored in the county archives. Klein said the minutes are somewhat difficult to read because they are written in pen and in a cursive letter style.

The minutes recorded the names of the first commissioners as William Offield, James Blevins and John McCullough.

McCullough presented the certificates from Sheriff Samuel D. Maxwell showing

the three men were duly elected and had taken their oaths of office.

An interesting component of the minutes say besides taking an oath to support the constitution, the men also took an oath to prevent dueling.

"I guess dueling was still a thing back then," Klein said to the chuckling meeting attendees. "They agreed not to shoot each other."

Commissioners appointed John Vawter as clerk pro tem to the board during the meeting.

Two days later commissioners met again and appointed William Ramey as agent

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LEADERSHIP ON DISPLAY

North school board recognizes students for their actions

Bob Cox
Journal Review

LINDEN — Two North Montgomery students were honored Monday by the school board for their display of tremendous leadership in a crisis. Aiden Ambriz and Clauddia Smedley were credited for calming fellow students on their school bus after it had collided with another vehicle.

The Feb. 15 crash at U.S. 136 and C.R. 650W claimed the life of the driver in the other vehicle and severely injured a passenger who was transferred by medical helicopter to an Indianapolis hospital.

At the time of the crash the bus was full of many elementary and middle school students on their way home from school.

North Montgomery Superintendent Dr. Colleen Moran said as the students started to panic, Ambriz, an eighth grader, stood up and told everyone to sit down and remain silent. The students adhered to his advice and calm was restored.

Moran said Smedley, a sophomore, was able to calm a young student who was starting to become extremely stressed. Smedley's presence and soothing words helped calm the younger student.

Moran said the two students proved to be heroes during a difficult situation. None of the students were injured in the crash, and eventually a second bus was sent to the scene to transport students to their homes.



Bob Cox/Journal Review

"The actions of these two students were amazing and we want to honor them for what they did in what could have been an even worse situation on the bus," Moran said. "We are so proud of them for the leadership they showed on the bus. We look forward to seeing all you do in the future as leaders."

Moran and school board president Jess Cain presented each student with a certificate for their actions.

North Montgomery Middle School students Clauddia Smedley and Aiden Ambriz were recognized Monday by board president Jess Cain for their actions after the school bus they were riding in and a car collided Feb. 15 near Waynetown. The crash killed the driver of the other vehicle and severely injured a passenger in the car. None of the students were injured. Smedley and Ambriz comforted and calmed their fellow middle school and elementary students on the bus.

All board members thanked the two students, each telling them they were impressed with their leadership.

North Montgomery High School Principal Jon Guthrie also complimented the

students.

"I have known these families for a lot of years after having their other kids at the high school," Guthrie said. "It really is a

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North semester schedule revised

Bob Cox
Journal Review

LINDEN — The new schedule for the 2023-24 North Montgomery school year is taking shape as the school corporation prepares to transition from trimesters to semesters.

A revised schedule was approved Monday by school board members.

School will resume for

students Aug. 9. The first semester will be over Dec. 22. Students will return for the second semester on Jan. 9, 2024. School will end May 24, 2024.

Fall break will be Nov. 22-24, 2023, and spring break will be March 25-29, 2024.

North Montgomery Middle School student Aron Perez served as the honorary board member. The middle school

was also highlighted during the meeting.

Superintendent Dr. Colleen Moran received approval for next year's fees for early learning classes. The monthly fee will be increased to \$200 per month. The corporation had been receiving grant funds for the program and that grant is expiring.

"We need to go back to charging \$200 per month,

which means \$50 per week," Moran said. "That price is good considering it is equivalent to full-time childcare for parents."

Moran said registration is now open and she encouraged parents to get their child registered early because it is a popular program. There is a registration fee of \$50.

The school corporation is in line to receive funds from

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BulletinBoard

FISH Food Pantry — 9-11 a.m. today, St. Bernard Catholic Church, 1306 E. Main St.

Crawfordsville Board of Public Works & Safety — 10 a.m. today, council chambers, City Building, 300 E. Pike St.

New Richmond Town Board — 10 a.m. today, town hall, for a work session.

Submit Events

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Toddler Story Time — 10 a.m. today, Crawfordsville District Public Library, 205 S. Washington St.

Rotary Club — Noon today, Crawfordsville Country Club. Lunch is \$10. Guests welcome.

FISH Clothing Closet — 3-5 p.m. today, Wabash Presbyterian Church, Crawfordsville.

Kindergarten Book Club — 4 p.m. today, Crawfordsville District Public Library, 205 S. Washington St. Registration required.

New Richmond Town Board — 6 p.m. today, New Richmond Fire Station, 215 S. Prairie St., New Richmond.

FISH Linen Closet — 9-11 a.m. Thursday, First Baptist Church, 1905 Lebanon Road, Crawfordsville.

Montgomery County Alcoholic Beverage Board — 10 a.m. Thursday, Montgomery County Government Center, 1580 Constitution Row, Crawfordsville.

Preschool Story Time — 10 a.m. Thursday, Crawfordsville District Public Library, 205 S. Washington St.

CHS Class of 1947 — 11:30 a.m. Thursday, Creekside Lodge, 613 Lafayette Ave., Crawfordsville.

Crawfordsville Kiwanis — 11:45 a.m. Thursday, Crawfordsville District Public Library, 205 S. Washington St. Visitors welcome.

Grace & Mercy Ministries Food Bank — 1-3 p.m. Thursday and Friday at the church, 257 Oak Hill Road.

FISH Food Pantry — 3-5 p.m. Thursday and Friday, St. Bernard Catholic Church, 1306 E. Main St.

T.O.P.S. (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) — 3:30 p.m. Thursday, Crawfordsville Parks and Rec, 922 E. South Blvd. Weigh-in 2:45-3:15 p.m. First meeting is free.

Lego Club — 4 p.m. first Thursday, Crawfordsville District Public Library, 205 S. Washington St.

Darlington Town Council and Utility Board — 5 p.m. Thursday, Darlington Community Center, 105 S. Franklin St., Darlington. Please use the south entrance.

VFW Auxiliary — 7 p.m. Thursday, Post 1431, 117 N. Water St.

Wiggle and Giggle — 10 a.m. Friday, Crawfordsville District Public Library, 205 S. Washington St.

Fountain County Commissioners — 9 a.m. Monday, courthouse, 301 Fourth St., Covington.

FISH Clothing Closet — 10 a.m. to noon Monday and 3-5 p.m. Wednesday, Wabash Presbyterian Church, Crawfordsville. Clothing donations accepted during these hours.

CHS Class of 1957 — 11 a.m. Monday, Pizza Hut, 1501 S. Grant Ave., Crawfordsville. Call 765-362-8735.

FISH Food Pantry — 3-5 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday; and 9-11 a.m. Wednesday, St. Bernard Catholic Church, 1306 E. Main St.

First Grade Book Club — 4 p.m. Monday, Crawfordsville District Public Library, 205 S. Washington St.

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testament to what good kids they are and what great parenting they have received.”

Ambriz didn't think about what he had done and did not see it as

anything special. “I don't consider myself a hero and I never thought about doing what I did as heroic,” he said. “I was just doing what I felt needed to be done to help calm everyone.”

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Ed Ryker

June 25, 1936-Feb. 27, 2023

Ed Ryker, 86, of Darlington passed away Monday morning, Feb. 27, 2023, at Witham Hospital, Lebanon.



Ed's passion was woodworking and he owned AER Woodworking, which took him to many craft shows over the years. He served his country in the U.S. Navy as a structural mechanic from 1954 to 1958. After his honorable discharge, he worked with his dad at Ryker Heating, Plumbing and Electrical, then went to RR Donnelley for 14 years, before starting his own plumbing business that he had for over 30 years.

In retirement, he worked part-time at Baker Supply and for several years at ACE Hardware. Ed loved sports, playing basketball, baseball and softball. He started a softball team that he coached for several years. He also was a Scout Master for several years with the Boy Scouts.

Born June 25, 1936, at Crawfordsville, he was the son of Robert “Bob” Ryker and Frances E. Ryker. He attended school at Bowers and graduated from Darlington High School in 1954. He married his high school sweetheart, Carole Royer, on July 5, 1956, in Hawaii. She survives.

Surviving family includes: wife Carole Ryker; daughter Laurie (Mike) Hamm; two sons, Chuck Ryker and David Ryker; eight grandchildren, Bethany (Norm) Stutzman, Mark (Jennifer) Hamm, Trevan (Mandy) Hamm, Hannah (Nick) Ridenour, Stephanie Ryker, Bob Ryker, Megan (Sam) Harshbarger and Jared (Ellie) Ryker; 16 great-grandchildren; sister Judy (Harold) Lowe; and two brothers, Jim (Michelle) Ryker and Gary (Sally) Ryker.

He was preceded in death by his

Obituaries

parents; son Mark Ryker; and brother Max Ryker.

Private graveside services for the family will be held at Greenlawn Cemetery, with military rites and Pastor Mike Hamm officiating.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Darlington Public Library, P.O. Box 248, Darlington, IN 47940.

Online condolences may be made at www.BurkhardtFH.com.

Sheryl ‘Joan’ Vessels

June 5, 1944-Feb. 27, 2023

Sheryl “Joan” Vessels, 78, of Crawfordsville passed away while surrounded by family and friends on Monday, Feb. 27, 2023, at Wellbrooke of Crawfordsville.



Joan was born June 5, 1944, at Lafayette, to the late James and Gladys (Lockard) Marsh. She was a graduate of Southwestern High School and later of Ivy Tech.

On May 21, 1992, she married Robert Vessels in Las Vegas. He preceded her in passing on Oct. 11, 2022.

Joan was a nurse at Arnett Clinic and St. Elizabeth Hospital for over 32 years. She attended St. Bernard's Catholic Church, and was a member of Eagles Women's Auxiliary, American Heart Association and the American Orthopedic Association. She enjoyed reading, riding bikes, playing cards and traveling.

Surviving are her children, Kimberly Kelp, Laura (Bryan) Donaldson, Jamie (Tina) Puckett, Debbie (Scott) Howser and Lori Brady; sister-in-law Shirley Marsh; 18 grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren.

Along with her husband, Robert, she is preceded in passing by her parents and brother James Marsh.

There will be a private family service for Joan held at a later date. In lieu of usual remembrances,

contributions may be directed to the American Lung Association.

Share memories and condolences online at www.hippensteelfuneral.com.

Marinette (Kinkead) Kincaid

April 28, 1931-Feb. 25, 2023

Marinette Kincaid, 91, of North Salem passed away Saturday, Feb. 25, 2023, at Brownsburg Health Care Center.

She was born April 28, 1931, at New Ross, one of six children to the late Martin L. and Julia E. (Walters) Kinkead. On Sept. 10, 1948, she was united in marriage to Albert L. Kincaid in Advance. He passed away Nov. 6, 2019.

Marinette was a devoted wife, mother, grandmother and homemaker. She loved raising her family and taking care of the home. With her caring nature, she happily babysat her grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Survivors include: four children, Marilyn (Ted) Frazier and Steve (Pam) Kincaid of North Salem, Karen (John) Kernodle of Jamestown and Beth (Dave) Alexander of Litton; 10 grandchildren; 19 great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents and her husband, Marinette was preceded in death by siblings, Robert Kinkead, Martha Fedman, Julia Wise, Steve Kinkead and Jean Knox.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Friday, March 3 at Porter and Hunt Funeral Home, 315 W. Main St., Jamestown. Visitation will be from 9 a.m. until the time of services. Interment will follow at the I.O.O.F. Cemetery in Jamestown.

Memorials may be directed in her memory to any humane society. Online condolences www.porterfuneralhome.us.

HISTORY

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and ordered him to sell certain lots owned by the county. They also told to give notice of an election to for two Justice of the Peace to be held March 22, 1823. One of the justices had to be from the western part of the county and the other from the eastern part of the county. No resident of Crawfordsville would be allowed to run in the election.

Other appointments were James Stitt as county treasurer and Joseph Hahn, John Gowan and William

Miller as fence viewers.

Webster dictionary describes a fencer viewer as “a town or city official who administers fence laws by inspecting new fences and settles disputes arising from trespass by livestock that have escaped enclosure.”

Hahn and Richard McCafferty were appointed as overseers of the poor. Samuel McClung was appointed supervisor for the township school. It is noted there was just one township in 1823.

Commissioners also ordered a bond with Major Ambrose Whit-

lock for the sale to the county for 85 in-lots (plots of land within a larger parcel of land).

There is also mention of “three acres of land for a burying ground.”

John Frey, commissioner president, appreciated the information and celebration which included donuts for attendees provided by Commissioner Dan Guard.

“Thank you Tom for finding the information,” Frey said. “It is really cool to hear this and to think we have come a long way from the early days. It is worth remembering our beginning.”

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the federal lawsuit against Juul Labs Inc. Juul recently lost its case in court. The amount to be received is unknown at this time, but Moran said all funds received will go towards fighting drug abuse in the school corporation.

The board approved a resolution to declare a pension fund dormant and to transfer \$1.1 million from the fund to the Rainy Day Fund. Business manager Jim McBee explained the money was from a

bond that helped payoff unfunded debt. All unfunded debt has now been paid off and the amount to be transferred are leftover funds from the bond.

A request from McBee to apply for a grant for a solar panel project was approved. Tipmont is a partner in the project. The solar panels will be installed at the bus garage. The total cost of the grant request is \$7.4 million. North Montgomery will pay a match in the amount of \$374,000.

McBee said the electricity will be used at the middle school and high

school.

Two projects, the high school locker room refurbishing and replacement of the middle school roof, are moving forward, McBee said. Work has started in the high school and contractors hope to start on the roof as soon as weather permits.

In other business, the board approved the resignations of media center specialists, Joseph and Lori Poteet, as well as Jody Klingensmith, Monica Marmolejos and Emily Tearney, effective May 26.

LocalRecord

Crawfordsville Police

MONDAY

- Property damage crash at North Englewood Driven and Darlington Avenue — 8:06 a.m.
- Domestic disturbance in the 300 block of North Green Street — 10:54 a.m.
- Property damage crash at 1502 S. Washington St. — 2:31 p.m.
- Property damage crash at

Smith Avenue and North U.S.

231 — 8:08 p.m.

- Theft in the 1800 block of South U.S. 231 — 9:27 p.m.

TUESDAY

- Tiffany Michelle Kolasinski, 45, Noblesville, was arrested on a warrant for failure to appear — 1:35 a.m.
- Justin L. Neier, 37, Crawfordsville, was arrested on charges of operating a vehicle while intoxicated, operating a vehicle while intoxicated - endangerment and leaving the scene of an accident — 3:28 a.m.

Sheriff's Office

MONDAY

- Property damage crash at South C.R. 350E and East State Road 234, Ladoga — 7 a.m.
- Candida Dion Pentoski, 36, Veedersburg, was arrested on a court order for probation violation — 10:32 a.m.
- Property damage crash at 4229 N. U.S. 231 — 10:39 a.m.
- Bradley Arthur Fisher, 38, Bloomingdale, was arrested on a community corrections violation — 11:28 a.m.
- Minor in possession in the 400 block of West C.R. 580N — 12:46 p.m.
- Mark Adrien Wolf, 48, New Ross, was arrested on a court order — 3:20 p.m.
- Operating a vehicle while intoxicated in the 300 block of

East Main Street, Ladoga — 4:11 p.m.

- Tanner Long, 29, Wayne-town was arrested on charges of operating a vehicle while intoxicated and operating a vehicle while intoxicated - endangerment — 6:01 p.m.
- Operating a vehicle while intoxicated in the 5500 block of South Davis Bridge Road — 8:19 p.m.
- Shawn Ruhl, 56, Crawfordsville, was arrested on a charge of operating a vehicle while intoxicated — 9:46 p.m.

Crawfordsville Fire/EMS

MONDAY

- Medical call in the 300 block of West Market Street — 7:55 a.m.
- Medical call in the 400 block of Russell Avenue — 11:44 a.m.
- Fire alarm at 468 N. Woodland Heights Drive — 1:11 p.m.
- Medical call in the 1600 block of Crawfordsville Square Drive — 2:53 p.m.
- Fire (other) at 611 Cherry St. — 8:56 p.m.
- Medical call in the 5900 block of East Boulder Drive — 9:47 p.m.
- Medical call in the 1000 block of Lane Avenue — 9:49 p.m.
- Medical call in the 800 block of Kentucky Street — 10:27 p.m.

New Market and Waveland Fire Departments

MONDAY

- Structure fire (barn) at 709 E. Green St., Waveland — 2:30 p.m.



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SPORTS

Journal Review

Athenians defense leads to sectional win over Bulldogs

Jeff Nelson
Journal Review

DANVILLE — Three defensive stops to start the game and six strong defensive minutes to finish spelled a 57-40 first-round sectional win for Crawfordsville over Monrovia Tuesday night.

Opening the 3A sectional with the win over the Bulldogs, the Athenians move on to semifinal action Friday night when they face Sagamore Conference foe Tri-West. They are now 9-14 on the season, but most importantly, 1-0 in the tournament.

They are also now an experienced postseason team.

"I told the guys before the game that except for one player, they were all making their first sectional appearance," said Crawfordsville coach David Pierce.

"I'm proud of how our guys fought. We did some good things defensively."

Good things like starting the game on a 9-0 run that included keeping Monrovia off the board for nearly three minutes, and forcing the Bulldogs to miss their first eight shots.

That cushion proved to be exactly what the tournament doctor ordered, as the team in blue never let the lead get to less than five points.

The finished the game by denying the Bulldogs a field goal for the last 6:20 of the game, capping the defense off with a 6-0 run late to ice things, and hitting enough free throws to keep things out of touch.

"We played great on-the-ball defense," Pierce said. "Alec (Saidian) was really effective on their high ball screen-it backed their big guys off, and on lots of possessions we stayed in front of the ball, got a stop and didn't foul."



Susan Ehrlich/Journal Review

Sophomore big man Alec Saidian led the way for Crawfordsville in their sectional opening 57-40 win over Monrovia. He lead all scorers with 17 points and

Ethan (McLemore) did a great job on (Monrovia point guard Jayden) Jones. He cut the head off the snake, because Jones couldn't drive and kick out to their three-point shooters."

The Bulldogs, who averaged 20 three-point attempt per game coming in, managed only a dozen for the game, and made only two-nine in the second half. Shooting 41 percent for the season, Monrovia was held to 26 percent by the Athenians defense on a 12-of-50 night. Jones finished with nine points, all scored in the first half.

The defensive stops negated any comeback attempts or thoughts, and the Crawfordsville offense did their work effectively enough.

Shooting just under 50 percent (21-of-43) from the field, the Athenians got two scorers in double-digits and overcame a 21-turnover night.

Leading the way was sophomore center Alec

Saidian, who hit seven of his nine shots, three of his four three throws, grabbed eight rebounds and led the team with 17 points-11 coming in the fourth quarter.

"And he got hurt on the first play of the game," Pierce said of his big guy in the middle. "He got a knee or leg in the upper thigh, and it was pretty sore early. We told him there was no one else, and hit competitive juices kept him going. I'm super proud of his efforts, and also the efforts of guys like Cale Coursey and others. We survive and advance."

Coursey had the only Athenians double-double, as the senior was out of the blocks fast with eight first-quarter points. He finished with 15 points and grabbed 10 rebounds. He had four assists and three steals to add to his stat line.

Crawfordsville also got big contributions off the bench.

SEE ATHENIANS/3A

Mustangs cruise past Red Ramblers in sectional opener

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VEEDERSBURG — Fountain Central boys basketball was ranked as the No. 2 team in the very last Class A poll that came out on Tuesday. That night the 2nd ranked Mustangs looked to get a lengthy post-season trip underway as they hosted the Class A Sectional 54 tournament at Dave Sanders Court. In the opening game FC squared off against Attica and from the opening tip dominated the game. When all was said and done the Mustangs notched win number 20 on the season as they cruised to a 58-8 win in the sectional opener.

The star of the game for the Mustangs came from a player who has been one of their X-factor's all season in junior Isaac Gayler. With leading scorer Will Harmon struggling and battling foul trouble and 6'10 big man Mason Larkin leaving the game with a wrist injury along with Luke Foxworhty nursing a sprained ankle, Gayler's name was called, called again, and then called some more and he delivered for the Mustangs leading all scorers in the game with 26 points.

"Ike (Gayler) did a great job to-

night when we needed him," Fountain Central coach Greg Dean said. "Attica did a good job of putting a defensive game plan together and we had to look at where we could get some scoring opportunities and he was able to find those very well for us."

There were a couple of other bright spots in the game for the Mustangs. They were able to play their JV for much of the second half with the running clock rule in effect and also all game long they crashed the glass to dominate the rebounding totals. They out-rebounded Attica 38-16. Both of those things Dean was very pleased to see in the sectional opener.

"Ike, Mason, and Owen did a good job especially early on of getting us multiple chances on offense," Dean said. "We have to take advantage of our height and length when we can. One of the ways to do that is to crash the offensive glass. It was also good that everyone got some experience tonight too. We got a win which was priority number one and we'll move on to Friday."

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Boys Basketball
Class A Sectional 54 @ Fountain Central
Fountain Central 58, Attica 8
Score By Quarter
ATT 1 2 2 3 — 8
FC 17 19 10 12 — 58

Attica (0-22)
FG-FGA FT-FTA Pts: Carter Helms 1-5 0-0 2, Dan Goris 1-5 0-1 3, Kyle Stamper 0-4 1-2 1, Greyson Skeels 0-2 0-0 0, Caleb Crowder 1-5 0-0 2, Brady Allen 0-2 0-0 0, Drew Mandeville 0-4 0-0 0; Totals 3-27 1-3 8

Fountain Central (20-4)
Mason Larkin 0-1 0-0 0, Will Harmon 2-10 1-2 5, Gabe McCollum 1-4 0-0 3, Brayden Prickett 1-2 0-0 3, Aiden Owen 0-1 0-0 0, Koby Wolf 2-6 0-0 5, Isaac Gayler 12-13 2-4 26, Isaac Hehmann 5-6 1-2 12, Kyle Slinker 0-4 0-0 0, Hudson Young 0-1 1-2 1; Totals 24-50 6-13 58

3 pt shooting: ATT 1-11 (Goris), FC 4-21 (McCullum, Prickett, Wolf, Hehmann)

Rebounding: ATT 16 (Goris 3, Stamper 3, Crowder 3), FC 38 (Gayler 7, Prickett 5, Hehmann 5)

Turnovers: ATT 24, FC 12



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DIVERSIONS

Journal Review

Wife has no appreciation for man's preferred dress

DEAR ABBY: I am a man who has been wearing lingerie for the past few decades. I discovered my love of panties when I slipped into my first pair at 17. At 22, I discovered the fun and sexiness of bras and other lingerie, and I wear them under my men's clothing. I have gone through periods of love and alternating shame for being an "underdresser." I have confided this to a few women in my life and received mixed responses. Some were appalled; others were OK with it. My wife is in the first category. I told her while we were dating and modeled some for her. She thought it was "weird."

I tried, for her sake, to repress my desire to wear lingerie, but it has returned recently. I have been buying panties, bras and other items and wear them only at work or when I'm alone. I have found some solace in finally opening up to the women at the lingerie stores that what I am buying is for me, and I delight in the fact that they are accepting and help me find items I might like. How do I approach this subject with my wife again and ask if she's open to me wearing lingerie and more often? — LIVING IN LINGERIE

DEAR LIVING: You have already discussed this with your wife, and she has made her feelings known. Do not expect her to have become more understanding on the subject of "underdressing." You are not the only straight man who finds this practice to be pleasurable. Because this is something you really feel compelled to do, go online to research groups for cross-dressers in your area and join one.

DEAR ABBY: I am in love with my

best friend, "Mitch." He's a father of three great girls. He works hard but can't handle his finances. His brother has to do it for him or nothing would get paid and his daughters wouldn't get what they need. Mitch has ADHD. He can't settle down.

We tried dating, but he cheated on me. We didn't talk for months, and then started talking again and things are good, even in the bedroom. But some days, he clams up and won't talk to me at all. Then, when he wants something, he will call me. Mitch wanted a 55-inch TV, so I got it for him. Then he wanted the new Xbox which, again, I bought. He makes twice as much as I do. Last week, he took off to see a girl and lied to me about it, saying he was "working out of town."

Mitch is coming home this weekend and wants to see me. I know what he wants — sex. Yes, the sex is great, but I think he is using me. He's 38; I'm 43. When we are together, we are good, but then he turns cold and doesn't talk to me for days. What do you think? — USED IN KENTUCKY

DEAR USED: Please reread your letter a few times. If you continue to see Mitch, hoping he will change, you are lost in a fantasy. The person you describe is dishonest, and he's using and milking you for everything he can get. Once you shut your wallet and cross your legs, he will disappear. Count on that. Please, for your own sake, make it SOON.

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CELEBRITY CIPHER

by Luis Campos

Celebrity Cipher cryptograms are created from quotations by famous people, past and present. Each letter in the cipher stands for another.

"X I J Z J O P E E V J W J Z K J M V U X I J Z
A J L L K J T G . I P R B E M D P V C O M R
W J Z D R B J T P M E M V Y Y P R X P V T X E D
K Z P E E P M V X ! " — X U V D P U H H P

Previous Solution: "He (Jeff Beck) was inimitable, irreplaceable — the absolute pinnacle of guitar playing." — Queen's Brian May

TODAY'S CLUE: *Y sianbe Z*

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NEA CROSSWORD

- ACROSS**
- 1 Two-BR unit
 - 4 Grow weary
 - 7 Young chaps
 - 11 Subzero comment
 - 12 Pepper grinder
 - 13 Culture dish goo
 - 14 Water, in Paris
 - 15 Look at impertinently
 - 16 Muslim mystic
 - 17 Mogul
 - 19 Portfolio item
 - 21 Lick an envelope
 - 22 Miss Piggy's word
 - 23 O'Hara plantation
 - 26 Does a banking job
 - 30 Put aside
 - 34 Kind of towel or party
 - 35 Nest egg
 - 36 Put to sea
- DOWN**
- 39— Davis of films
 - 42 Brainstorm
 - 43 Consume
 - 45 Cross the creek
 - 48 Straw piles
 - 50 Canal site
 - 52 Ringlet
 - 53 Bachelor party
 - 55 Like Capp's Abner
 - 56 Shampoo additive
 - 57 Roof overhang
 - 58 Previous
 - 59 Start of Caesar's boast
 - 60 Sault — Marie
 - 61 Compass pt.

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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- 8 Malaria symptom
- 9 Flaky
- 10 Hindu title
- 12 Dough
- 18 Vow
- 20 Sun, in Acapulco
- 24 CSA monogram
- 25 Tien Shan mountains
- 27 — degree
- 28 Kiki or Joey
- 29 Melancholy
- 30 Store-bought hair
- 31 Fury
- 32 — kwon do
- 33 Lemon
- 37 Music category (2 wds.)
- 38 "Brian's Song" star
- 40 Atom middles
- 41 Get nosy
- 44 Feminine endings
- 46 Wide valleys
- 47 Mideast VIPs
- 48 Occupy the throne
- 49 Press
- 50 Blacktop
- 51 Toward shelter
- 52 Cleveland cager
- 54 Do lacework

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Yesterday's Answer

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1	7	4	6	8	2	9	5	3
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The New York Times Crossword

- ACROSS**
- 1 Composer of the piano piece played in the "Tom and Jerry" short "The Cat Concerto"
 - 6 Fuse
 - 10 Sugarcoated, in a way
 - 14 Dancing like a ballerina
 - 15 "Sounds good!"
 - 16 First line on a form, often
 - 17 Par ___ (by airmail, in French)
 - 18 Word after lo or chow
 - 19 Phaser setting
 - 20 Sports bar purchases?
 - 23 Summer setting in Mass.
 - 24 Actor Kingsley
 - 25 Guy in a crew
 - 28 Do a cobbler's job on
 - 30 Like a kitten cuddling with a puppy
 - 32 Before, in poetry
 - 33 Sports bar purchases?
 - 36 Recipient of the inaugural A.T.P. Player of the Year award
 - 39 "Chandelier" singer
 - 40 Has a student loan, say
 - 41 Sports bar purchases?
 - 46 Assistance
 - 47 Every which way
 - 48 Relents
 - 52 Gets the hair just right, say
 - 54 "Better Call Saul" network
 - 55 Spanish article
 - 56 Sports bar purchases?
 - 60 Recite the rosary, e.g.
 - 62 Currency of Portugal
 - 63 Occupied, as a desk
 - 64 Free speech org.
 - 65 Hair removal brand
 - 66 Cut down to size
 - 67 "Golf is a good ___ spoiled"
 - 68 Fix because of flatness, say
 - 69 Some are for passing
- DOWN**
- 1 Apt shoe for a bread maker?
 - 2 What the aliens do in "The War of the Worlds"
 - 3 Work assignments
 - 4 ___ suit
 - 5 Not ridiculous, as an argument
 - 6 Persons who identify as female, in an alternative spelling
 - 7 Scraped together, with "out"
 - 8 Hideout
 - 9 Tang, for one
 - 10 App with "Stories," informally
 - 11 Bee's knees
 - 12 Outback bird
 - 13 Hideout
 - 21 In view
 - 22 Brokers' charges

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

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- PUZZLE BY NANCY SERRANO-WU
- 26 Fotografia, por ejemplo
 - 27 Loch ___
 - 29 Abbr. above "O"
 - 30 Quickly form a friendship (with)
 - 31 Home of the Sundance Film Festival
 - 34 Apropos of
 - 35 Zoom meeting leader
 - 36 Lickety-split
 - 37 Ruckus
 - 38 Wanted for nothing
 - 42 Daddy, in Spanish
 - 43 "Whew! That was exhausting!"
 - 44 Muppet who speaks in a falsetto
 - 45 Withdrawal to avoid a conflict of interest
 - 49 Oman's ruler, e.g.
 - 50 Agita
 - 51 Presses Ctrl-V on a PC
 - 53 Symbol of poison on a warning label
 - 54 Treasure
 - 57 Feast with poi
 - 58 Blarney Stone locale
 - 59 Dad, in Chinese
 - 60 Fido's foot
 - 61 Record label that released the first 45 r.p.m. single (1949)

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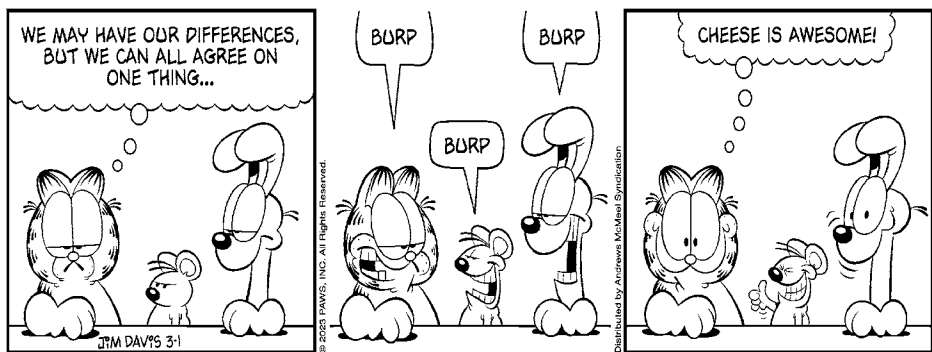
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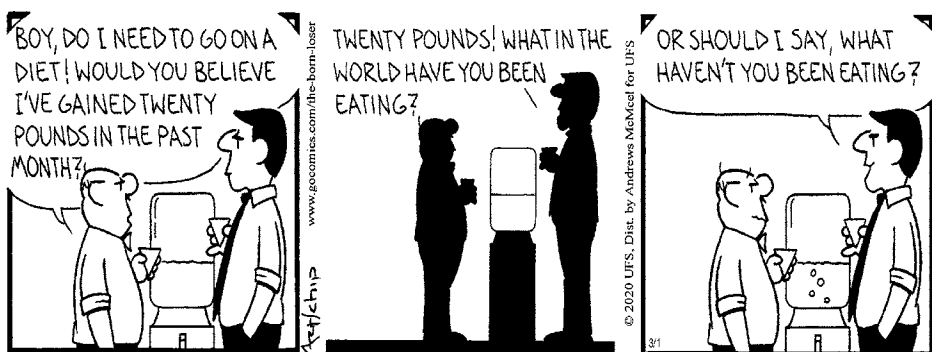
BIG NATE



GARFIELD



BORN LOSER



NON SEQUITUR



BRIDGE

Obvious play is profitable

Phillip Alder

Bridge experts find winning plays that less imaginative players don't even consider. However, sometimes a creative play backfires — as in today's deal.

North's three-heart rebid was safe as South would have rebid two hearts with four.

West led the club king; two, eight, six. West continued with the club three (low from three remaining): four, ace, seven. Back came the club five: jack, queen, 10. What should West lead now?

Most players would exit "thoughtlessly" with a diamond. As you can see, this unimaginative play defeats the contract.

An expert, though, notices an alternative possibility. Suppose East has the spade jack but no diamond ace. Then a fourth round of clubs, ruffed with that jack, will effect an uppercut. South will have to overruff, and West's spade 10 will be promoted as the fourth defensive trick. Also, even if East doesn't have the spade jack, the ruff-and-sluff apparently cannot cost as East can ruff with any spade to stop South from discarding a loser.

North 03-01-23			
♠	6 2	♣	5 4
♥	A K 9	♦	J 10 7 6
♦	K Q 7 5 3	♠	A 10 9 8
♣	10 4 2	♥	A 8 5
West			
♠	10 8 3	♥	8 5 4 3
♦	6 4	♣	K Q 9 3
East			
♠	5 4	♥	J 10 7 6
♦	A 10 9 8	♣	A 8 5
South			
♠	A K Q J 9 7	♥	Q 2
♦	J 2	♣	J 7 6
Dealer: South			
Vulnerable: Both			
South	West	North	East
1♠	Pass	2♥	Pass
2♣	Pass	3♦	Pass
4♣	Pass	Pass	Pass
Opening lead: ♠ K			

However, West's safe-as-houses play boomerangs. Declarer ruffs with dummy's spade six and, when East cannot overruff, discards a diamond loser. Then South draws trumps and throws his second diamond loser on dummy's third heart.

West was unlucky, but should East have cashed the diamond ace at trick three? Definitely. He knew from West's club-three lead at trick two — his original fourth-highest — that they were going to win three club tricks. Finally, if South were void in diamonds, surely the contract was unbeatable.

JUMBLE

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

RUYCL

RUFYR

ROSWOR

GSATEK

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Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

Ans. here:

(Answers tomorrow)

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME

By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Kruek

You're not going to stub me when you lose are you?

I wouldn't! I have a solid evidence that you can beat it.

WHEN THE TWO ATTORNEYS TALKED BUSINESS WHILE PLAYING BASKETBALL, IT WAS A...

Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

Yesterday's Jumbles: STYLE PATIO FLAUNT HIGHER
Answer: The owner of the successful fitness center was making a — HEALTHY PROFIT

"Mason (McCarty) gave us an extra ball handler against their press and made some passes," Pierce said of the freshman who had three points, but a pair of assists and a pair of steals. "McLemore (six points, two steals and two assists) had a good night leading our transition, and Drake (Burriss) hit some huge shots and was very good under pressure."

Burriss finished with nine points, hitting his last three shots.

The Bulldogs were led in scoring by Hayden McCloud, as the sophomore had 15 points and was game-best with 12 rebounds. Monrovia had 16 offensive rebounds, including a couple possessions with three or four, but could manage only six second-chance points, as the Crawfordville defense came through time and again. Monrovia finishes its season 6-18.

"We've got to get better with some of our fundamentals," Pierce said, trying not to look at the 21 turnover stat that led to a dozen Bulldogs points.

The win sets up a Sagamore Conference rematch between the Athenians and the Bruins. Tri-West took a 48-44

win in February. "It will be a completely different game," Pierce said. "They know us, we know them. It will be a lot more of a chess match."

It will be the fifth sectional tournament meeting between the two teams in the last eight years. The Bruins have won three of the four games, including a win last season.

The game Friday is the first of the two semifinal games. The second will feature Danville (68-61 winners over Western Boone) against Lebanon. The winners will face off Saturday for the championship.



Boys Basketball
Class 3A Sectional 25 @ Danville
Crawfordsville 57, Monrovia 40
Score By Quarter
MON 9 14 8 9 — 40
CHS 19 11 10 17 — 57

Monrovia (6-18)
FG-FGA FT-FTA Pts: McCloud 5-15 5-6 15, Rahn 1-11 3-5 5, Tharp 3-8 2-4 9, Jones 3-7 2-2 9, Corona 0-1 0-0 0, Faires 1-2 0-0 2, Najera 0-1 0-0 0, Craney 0-5 0-0 0; Totals 13-50 12-17 40

Crawfordsville (9-14)
Coursey 4-10 5-10 15, Burriss 4-6 0-0 9, McLemore 2-7 2-3 6, Fuller 1-3 1-1 3, Saidian 7-9 3-4 17, Patton 2-5 0-0 4, McCartney 1-3 1-3 3, Underwood 0-0 0-0 0, Cardenas 0-0 0-0 0; Totals 21-43 12-21 57

3 pt shooting: MON 2-13 (Tharp, Jones), CHS 3-14 (Coursey 2, Burriss)

Rebounding: MON 35 (McCloud 12, Tharp 5), CHS 38 (Coursey 10, Saidian)

Turnovers: MON 21, CHS 21

Pts Off To's MON 12, CHS 11

Second Chance Pts: MON 6, CHS 4

Paint Pts: MON 22, CHS 32

MUSTANGS

FROM PAGE 3A

Friday's semi-final matchup will be another WRC re-match as the Mustangs take on North Vermillion who they just defeated (68-45) on Feb. 17 for the outright WRC title. The winner of that game will punch their ticket to the sectional title game.

"We're obviously familiar with them because of how recently we just played them," Dean said of Friday's semi-final game.

"We've got some film to watch and see if they've done anything different since then. They've got some kids who can really score the basketball and we're going to have to be ready to go."

With the pressure of being the No. 2 ranked team in the state, being the overwhelming sectional favorites, and playing on their home floor, one may think all the pressure is on the Mustangs to perform. Dean sees it a little differently than most.

"I don't really feel any extra added pressure on us because we put enough pres-



Greg Flint/Journal Review

Senior Isaac Hehmann came off the Fountain Central bench and gave the Mustangs a boost with 12 points and five rebounds in their 58-8 win over Attica in the sectional opener.

sure on ourselves with the goals and things we want this team to accomplish," he said. "When you do the things we've done and set lofty goals with still some left on the table, that's where the pressure comes from more

than anything." Isaac Hehmann was also in double figures for FC as they shot 24-50 (48%) from the floor. The game against North Vermillion on Friday will be the first semi-final and is set for a 6 pm tip.

CHARTING THE STARS

Eugenia Last

Wednesday, March 1
Stick to what you know and do well this year, and you won't be disappointed. Rid yourself of whatever lacks meaning or purpose to make free time for things that matter. Anger is a waste of time and energy.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — Stick close to home and do things that soothe your soul and give you food for thought. A positive change will set you on a path that motivates you to seek peace of mind.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — Containing your thoughts and feelings will be difficult. Actions speak louder than words but can also lead to conflicts with those who disagree with you.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — Align yourself with people who share your likes and dislikes, and work to promote positive change in your community.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — Intelligence and dedication will lead to victory if you don't let an outsider meddle with your plans.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — Keep tabs on your emotional reactions. It will be easy to misinterpret someone's words or gestures. Look for answers and discuss possibilities.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — Go directly to an expert before you make a decision that can affect your health, finances or emotional well-being.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Jumping back and forth between what you want and what you are responsible for will not work. Pick a lane and stay in it.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — Join forces with someone you love and respect, and together you will find a path that brings you joy and satisfaction.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — Satisfaction won't be easy to achieve if you are sloppy or emotional. You may not relish change, but you should look at it with an open mind.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — Don't trust anyone to give you sound advice. Honesty and integrity will save you from embarrassment and loss.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Add to your skills and qualifications, but don't waste time doing something for the wrong reason.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — Impulsive spending will rob you of peace of mind. By paying attention to your living expenses, you'll find a way to cut costs.

VIEWPOINTS

Journal Review

Deference, sir, is no crime

I was not raised to say “sir” or “ma’am,” so those words have never been part of my regular vocabulary, except for three years in the Army when they were forced on enlisted personnel as the required way to address officers.

I say this without regret or pride. It’s simply a fact of my life and, perhaps, gives me some objectivity on the question of whether those forms of address are important to an ordered society and whether their disappearance should be lamented or celebrated.

That they are disappearing is not in dispute. They are the remnants of a more formal age when people left calling cards and gentlemen tipped their hats to ladies. This is very much an informal age in which few restaurants dare to have dress codes and men wear baseball caps backwards.

And that’s just fine with some people.

We should all be looking for “more modern ways to be polite and show respect to people of all ages and genders,” writes Anna Lee Beyer for the lifehacker.com website.

Devotees to “sir” and “ma’am,” she writes, “say they expect children to say it to show respect, or maybe they say it to show respect (maybe someone in their family tree showed them manners and, by god, they listened). But I’m not sure at this point if we are talking about respect, or deference and obedience.

Teaching children to be unquestionably submissive and obedient is obviously problematic.”

I think she is confusing “respect” (or, heaven forbid, deference and obedience) with “politeness.” It has been my observation that people growing up in a “sir” and “ma’am” culture have not been taught to meekly yield to perceived authority but, rather, to be civil, courteous and well-mannered in their social encounters until and unless experience dictates otherwise.

It’s the same culture that encourages people to say please and thank you, to make others feel comfortable instead of asking them too-personal questions, to not interrupt, to disagree while still being kind and to accept criticism with equanimity, to neither spread nor solicit gossip. In other words, to behave decently toward others.

Anybody think there’s too much of that going around today? You, sir? How about you, ma’am?

To be fair, the author does acknowledge the need for civility in our lives. She just thinks we can do it without teaching children “to continually sort themselves into groups that do or don’t deserve respect.”

We absolutely must use our words in a way that does not “make assumptions about or potentially offend the person we are talking to.”

We should avoid the risk of “misgendering trans, non-binary and gender-nonconforming people.” Or offending “people who feel young but associate the word (sir or ma’am) with age.” Or use a term that can be offensive to older women. Or confuse children growing up in an atmosphere of mutual respect “by the special rules

for some people based on their age, gender or geography.” Or expressing an “unsettling throwback to requiring people of color to say ‘sir’ or ‘ma’am’ to the white people they served.”

That seems like a whole lot of baggage to put on two simple words. Elevating people who don’t deserve it but expect it. Denigrating people who will be further downtrodden by all our wanton displays of politeness.

What about the older, white male who happens to be the most decent person you’ve ever met? Or the youthful, transgender person of color who is a selfish, dishonest jerk? Would we be better off to live in a world in which, until we got to really know them, we said “sir” or “ma’am” to both of them or neither of

them? I think there is more riding on that question than we want to admit.

Spanish-speaking people have a better handle on this sort of thing. They don’t have just one second-person tense the way English speakers do. They have an informal way to address someone they know well or are more or less equal to and a formal tense for those they have just met or whose status is unknown to them. They gradually ease from one tense to the other as they go along.

Sort of levels the playing field.

In my Army days, I encountered the “sir” and “ma’am” culture at its worst, being forced to show absolute respect for people who may or may not have deserved it. I don’t think it made me a better person, but I can’t say it did me any great harm, either. It did allow me to navigate an environment in which everyone knew the rules and followed them.

Such certainty is not a bad foundation for civilized behavior. Bringing “sir” and “ma’am” back into play would not be the worst thing we ever did.

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USED CAR BUYING GUIDE

Smart tips for buying a used car

Are you in the market for a pre-owned vehicle? Follow these tips to avoid getting stuck with a lemon.

RESEARCH THE PRICE
Are you looking for a particular model of used vehicle? First things first: go online to compare prices to find out what the market value is for your car of choice.

MAKE A BUDGET
No matter what kind of car you're shopping for, it's easy to get carried away and go over your budget. Make a list of your wants and needs, and establish a budget that factors in insurance and maintenance costs. Don't forget to leave yourself some wiggle room for the unforeseen.

GET YOUR HANDS ON THE CAR'S HISTORY
Ideally, you'll get the chance to view the invoices for any maintenance work done on the car. Dealerships usually keep the paperwork for all vehicles they've done maintenance on, and some private sellers do the same. Otherwise, the DMV can likely provide you with a vehicle history report, provided you know the car's vehicle identification number (VIN).

KNOW WHO THE SELLER IS
Be sure you know exactly who you'll be buying the vehicle from. There are ill-intentioned people everywhere, and the car sales business is no exception.

The thought of making a quick buck can make people greedy. Knowing who you're doing business with is crucial.

HAVE IT INSPECTED
Once you've taken all the necessary precautions, it's time to have the car inspected. Bring it to an independent mechanic of your choosing—if the seller insists on taking it to a specific garage, take your business elsewhere.

TAKE IT FOR A TEST DRIVE
Take the car out for a spin—don't settle for simply starting it! Ideally, you should take 15 to 20 minutes to familiarize yourself with the feeling of the car. Try to drive it on city roads as well as on the highway. Listen for any suspicious sounds, pay attention to the suspension and keep your eyes peeled for any little details that could reveal the vehicle's true condition.

GET IT IN WRITING
If you buy your car from a dealership, you'll have a contract to sign. Make sure that it matches your verbal agreement on all points. If you decide to purchase from an independent seller, it's highly recommended that you draft a written agreement, even if you aren't required to by law. In the event of future problems, it might offer you some valuable protections.

SUV or minivan: what you should know

If you're looking for the perfect family vehicle, you may be wondering whether to choose an SUV or a minivan. If this is the case, here are a few things to consider.

SUV
SUVs come in a wide range of models and tend to have spacious interiors. They almost always feature all-wheel drive, which makes them safe and easy to handle on winter roads. However, they normally don't have a third row of seats, and if they do, they're usually

cramped and difficult to access. In addition, SUVs can be expensive to maintain.

MINIVAN
Minivans are often ridiculed for being unfashionable and are frequently overlooked. However, newer models typically come with several interesting features including four-wheel drive. The sliding doors make it easy to buckle up small children and load groceries. In addition, you can free up extra space by folding down the third row of seats.



• The size of your family. Cargo capacity and the number of seats available are a major factor if you have several children or plan to grow your family.

• Your lifestyle. If you're an avid camper or enjoy taking long road trips, you'll need plenty of space.

SELECTION CRITERIA
When deciding between an SUV or a minivan, you should consider:

• The age of your children. In many cases, the younger your children are, the more things you'll need to haul around, including playpens, strollers and diaper bags.

To help decide, read reviews for several models to compare features. Once you've narrowed down your choices, book one or more test drives at your local used car dealership.

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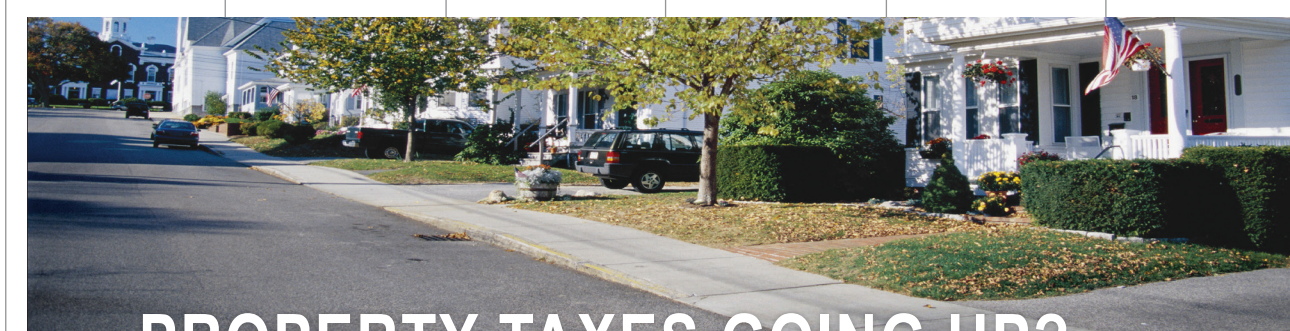
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**Brown Township, Montgomery County, Indiana
Cash & Investments Combined Statement - 2022**

Local Fund Number	Local Fund Name	Beg Cash & Inv Bal Jan 1, 2022	Receipts	Disbursements	End Cash & Inv Bal Dec 31, 2022
1	Cumulative Fire	\$185,182.03	\$27,413.72	\$16,706.82	\$195,888.93
3	Fire Fighting	\$100,188.95	\$70,779.71	\$53,100.00	\$117,868.66
7	Rainy Day	\$21,401.01	\$2,951.00	\$0.00	\$24,352.01
8	Township	\$48,924.38	\$44,872.27	\$24,112.50	\$69,684.15
9	Township Assistance	\$85,170.03	\$7,457.82	\$7,151.98	\$85,475.87
Total All Funds		\$440,866.40	\$153,474.52	\$101,071.30	\$493,269.62

CERTIFICATION
State of Indiana
SS: Montgomery County
I, Kylene Simpson, Trustee of BROWN TOWNSHIP, Montgomery County, Indiana, do solemnly affirm under the penalty of perjury that the preceding report is complete, true and correct; that the sum with which I am charged in this report are all of the sums received by me; and that the various items of expenditures credited have been fully paid in the sums stated; that such payments were made without express or implied agreement that any portion thereof shall be retained by or repaid to me or to any other person. I further affirm that a complete and detailed annual report, together with all accompanying vouchers showing the names of persons having been paid money by the township, have been filed as required by law in the office of the County Auditor, and that copies of such annual report are in custody of the Township Board and the State Board of Accounts. Said report is subject to inspection by any taxpayer of the township.
Kylene Simpson
BROWN TOWNSHIP - Trustee
Telephone: 765-866-1601
Date this report was to be published: March 4, 2023
Subscribed and sworn (or affirmed) to before me, the Chairman of the Brown Township Advisory Board at its annual meeting, this 20th day of February 2023.
Jack Reynolds
Brown Township Board Chairman
This report was received, accepted, and approved by the following Township Board Member(s) at its annual meeting, this 20th day of February 2023.
BROWN TOWNSHIP BOARD:
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City of Crawfordsville, Indiana
Notice to Taxpayers of Hearing on Proposed Cumulative Capital Development Fund under I.C. 36-9-15.5

Notice is hereby given the taxpayers of Crawfordsville, Montgomery County, Indiana that the Crawfordsville Common Council will consider the reestablishment of a Cumulative Capital Development Fund under Indiana Code Section 36-9-15.5 for all uses set out under that statute at its regular meeting place, Council Chambers, 2nd floor, City Building, 300 East Pike Street, Crawfordsville, Indiana, at 6:00 P.M., on the 13th day of March, 2022.

The tax will be levied on all taxable real and personal property within the taxing district and will not exceed \$.05 per \$100 of assessed valuation payable in the year 2024, continued until reduced or rescinded. Taxpayers appearing at the meeting will have a right to be heard. The proposed reestablishment of the Cumulative Capital Development Fund is subject to approval of the Department of Local Government Finance, who will require a Notice of Submission to be given to taxpayers by publication. After the publication of the Notice of Submission, 50 or more taxpayers in the taxing district may file a petition with the County Auditor not later than 30 days after publication, setting out their objections to the proposed levy. If accommodations are required to attend this meeting, please call 765-364-5150.

Dated this 22nd day of February, 2023

Fiscal Officer **Crawfordsville Common Council**
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City of Crawfordsville, Indiana
Notice to Taxpayers of Hearing on Proposed Cumulative Capital Fire Fund under I.C. 36-8-14

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NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Crawfordsville Commerce Park
Mowing, Weed Control, and Landscaping
2023-2024


Notice is hereby given that the Crawfordsville Redevelopment Commission is seeking sealed bids for regular mowing, weed control, tree pruning, mulch application, landscaping, and general outdoor maintenance of the Crawfordsville Commerce Park for 2023. A proposed contract, constituting the proposed scope of work and specifications, is available for review by contacting the Department of Planning & Community Development, Second Floor, City Building, 300 East Pike Street, Crawfordsville, Indiana 47933; telephone — (765) 364-5152.

The Commission will receive sealed bids until **21 March 2023 at 8:30 A.M.** at office of the Clerk-Treasurer, City Building, 300 East Pike Street, Crawfordsville, Indiana 47933, telephone (765) 364-5150. All timely received bids will be opened at a public meeting of the Commission to be held at the City Council Chambers, Second Floor, City Building on 21 March 2023 at 8:30 A.M. The Commission reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to take bids under advisement for further review and to waive any informalities in bidding, all at its sole discretion.



In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if anyone wishes to attend any public meeting in the Council Chambers and is in need of reasonable accommodation, please contact the Office of the Clerk-Treasurer, above, so accommodation can be made.

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NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Notice is hereby given that the City of Crawfordsville herein referred to as the Owner, will receive sealed bids for the 2022-2 Community Crossings Paving Program – Application #12010 (DES #2201355) and Application #12083 (DES #2201356), located in the City of Crawfordsville, Montgomery County, Indiana.

Sealed bids are invited and may be forwarded by mail, other courier service or in person to the City of Crawfordsville, Attn: Clerk-Treasurer Terri Gadd, 300 E. Pike Street, Crawfordsville, IN 47933 until 10:00 am on March 22, 2023. Bids received after such hour will be returned unopened. Bids will be opened and publicly read aloud at this time. Bids will then be taken under advisement for review by the owner and engineer.

The contract will consist of the following:
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Each bid must be enclosed in a sealed envelope bearing the title of the Project and the name and address of Bidder. All bids must be submitted on the bid forms as identified in the Contract Documents.

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

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Bids shall be properly and completely executed on bid forms included in the Contract Documents. Bids shall include all information requested by Indiana Form 96 (Revised 2013) included in the Contract Documents.

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CLUB NEWS Kiwanis Club

Did you know that if you are homebound and want to borrow a book from the Crawfordsville District Public Library they can make arrangements to get you a digital copy or even have a copy delivered? CDPL Director Theresa Tyner spoke to the Crawfordsville Kiwanis Club to tell us about some of the exciting happenings at both the library and the Carnegie Museum across the street. Along with helping out those people who are homebound they have some great learning adventures in both the library and the museum.

Have you seen "The Amazing Castle" where a magical adventure awaits all? The Castle will be at the museum through Aug. 31 for kids and adults. Also check out the library meeting rooms which have all been repainted and have new state of the art video systems in them for some great meetings. With all of the amazing book clubs for kindergartners through adults you can



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TOP: Pictured are Kiwanis President Jacob Moore and CDPL Director Theresa Tyner. **ABOVE:** Tyner discusses programs and services available at the CDPL.

really enjoy the library so any Thursday. Meetings check it out. are held at noon in the lower level of the CDPL. Visitors are welcome

Register for Becoming an Outdoors-Woman

Registration for the annual Becoming an Outdoors-Woman workshop, which is open to women ages 18 and older, opens Wednesday.

This year's BOW workshop will be held May 5-7, at Ross Camp in West Lafayette.

The BOW program is designed for women to learn outdoor skills in a relaxed, low-pressure environment. Participants will choose four activities from more than two dozen offerings, including fishing, archery, geocaching,

wild edibles, wildlife tracking, shooting muzzleloader guns and outdoor cooking.

The workshop is for women who have never tried these activities, but have hoped for an opportunity to learn; who have tried them but are beginners hoping to improve; or who know how to do some of the activities, but would like to try new ones.

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Crimson Red Tricoat with Graphite Leather Trim, Alloy Wheels, Loaded with Every Power Option, Including DVD for the Kids, Only 65,000 Miles & Local Trade In. Spring Break Ready!

\$49,650

2009 CADILLAC ESCALADE EXT AWD

Black Raven with Ebony leather trim, 20 inch chrome wheels with new tires, Every power option, 6.2 liter V8, Very Rare Find & only 73,000 miles, good clean Car Fax History.

\$27,990

2016 HONDA ODYSSEY SE

White Diamond Pearl with Truffle Trim, Aluminum wheels, loaded with options, a local trade in with a perfect Car Fax, only 74,000 miles & perfect in every way, very rare find.

\$23,810

2017 CHEVY IMPALA PREMIER

Silver Ice Metallic with Jet Black leather trim, 20-inch Alloy Wheels loaded with all the Power Options. Just 43,000 miles on this local trade in.

\$23,810

2013 RAM 1500 CREW CAB 4X4 ROCKIE RIDGE

Black with Gray Leather Trim, Chrome Wheels, 5.7 Liter Hemi, Loaded with Options. Very Rare Find. Perfect CarFax History!

JUST 10,000 MILES!

2015 CHEVY TAHOE LS 4X4

Dark Charcoal Metallic with Jet Black Trim, New Tires with Chrome Wheels, Loaded with Options, Local Lafayette Trade In with a Good CarFax History.

\$18,800

2014 BUICK VERANO LEATHER

White Diamond Tricoat with Cashmere leather trim, Alloy wheels & brand new tires, Loaded with power options including a power roof, this is a local trade in with just 78,000 miles.

\$14,900

2014 GMC YUKON SLT 4X4

Quicksilver Metallic with Graphite Leather Trim, Alloy Wheels, Loaded with Options, 3rd Row Seating, Local Lafayette Trade In, Clean CarFax History, Better Hurry at this Price!

\$14,400

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