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The Crawfordsville/Montgomery County Chamber of Commerce is hosting a Search Engine Optimization Luncheon/Workshop from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. April 10 on the third floor of Fusion 54, 101 W. Main St.

The event will feature guest speaker Nichole Marchand of Townsquare Media, who will teach local businesses how to position their business. Having a good SEO is crucial to the success of any business's marketing strategy. This event aims to give businesses a bird's eye view of how to implement these systems and achieve their goal as a result.

The event, sponsored by Townsquare Media, will include a light lunch. The marketing luncheon is open to the public. The cost is \$15 for non-chamber members and no cost for Crawfordsville\Montgomery County Chamber members. Lunch will be catered by Maxine's on Green.

Space is limited. Register online at www.crawfordsvillechamber.com by April 7.

Sommer, Kight promise to entertain at YSB fundraiser

Duo moving from comfort zone to the stage

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Editor's Note: This is the fifth installment in a series of articles that highlight each of the couples who have agreed to participate in the annual Dancing with the Montgomery County Stars. The event, slated for May 20 at Knowing Fieldhouse, is a fundraiser for the Montgomery County Youth Service Bureau. to learn more, visit online at <http://www.mcysb.org/>.

Nick Sommer is the plant controller for Acuity Brands Lighting. He grew up in Montgomery County, attended Wabash College, and has spent most of his adult life here.

When he is not working, he loves to travel with his fiancé. They plan to visit all 50 states together. In the spring and summer, he is an avid golfer. But in the fall, he loves to officiate football, from pee wee to the NCAA level.

Sommer is a big fan of 90's and 2000's country music. That will usually get "a head bop, knee slap, and hum" from him. He is engaged to his dream girl, Sarah Campbell. They don't have children yet, but they do have three spoiled puppies. Most of his immediate family live in Montgomery County, including his mother, Stacy Sommer with Aaron Morgan; his father, Scott Sommer; his sister, Abby Walden and her husband, Andrew Walden, with his niece Mila and nephew Oakland; and his brother, Jack.

Sommer decided to participate in the Youth Service Bureau's fundraiser because the local agency does a lot for the community and "any small part I can do to give back, I am more than happy to do, even if it means dancing with



Photo Provided

Nick Sommer and Ashley Kight are partners in this year's Dancing with the Montgomery County Stars, a fundraiser for the Youth Service Bureau. The event is May 20 at Knowing Fieldhouse on the campus of Wabash College.

my two left feet!"

Sommer added that the public should come to the event and support him and his partner Ashley Kight because "we have a great lineup of professionals and local stars that will prove to be a fantastic night of entertainment and support a great cause."

Kight is a fifth grade teacher at Pleasant Hill Elementary. She has lived in Montgomery County her whole life. She is married to David, a teacher at Fountain Central, and they have three children, Will, Claire and Ainsley. Two dogs and a cat round out their family.

"It's a bit crazy at our house at times, but loads of fun," she said.

In her spare time, Kight enjoys spending time with her family. They especially love to go on walks. Her husband takes her to football and basketball games and they have fun trying new restaurants. She also likes

to read and cook. Her background in dance includes tap and jazz lessons at Crawfordsville Academy of Dance and show choir. She loves to dance to all kinds of music, but 80's and hip hop are probably her favorite.

Kight participates in the fundraiser because the YSB has many programs that support community children.

"Being an educator for 17 years, I have seen the positive impact that these programs have made on many of the students I have taught," Kight said. "Dancing with the Montgomery County Stars is such a fun event and raises money for these programs."

Kight encourages the public to come support her and Sommer. She added that her partner's excitement and determination have inspired her.

"We have a fun dance line up and we are ready to entertain you," she said.

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Linden Depot ready for new season

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LINDEN — The Linden Depot Museum will open for the season Friday.

The museum will be open noon to 5 p.m. Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Admission price is \$6 for adults and \$1 each for children and includes all museum attractions.

Two special events are planned this summer. The first is from noon to 5 p.m. June 25 and will showcase the European



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A full-sized replica of the 1837 Norris 4-2-0 Steam Engine is on display at the museum.

HO model railroad attraction. The museum acquired a large donation of European HO model railroad equipment, including Marklin, Roco, Fleischmann, and others. Board member Greg Reynolds, a retired

Rolls-Royce electrical engineer, has worked on this project for more than two years to make the attraction an outstanding exhibit of European HO superb technology.

The second special event will be 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Aug. 12 when the museum celebrates the Third annual Midwest Railroad Fair. The fair will include railroad exhibitors, railroad vendors, food vendors,

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THURSDAY

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

Toddler Time in the Castle — 9-10 a.m. Thursdays through Aug. 31, Carnegie Museum of Montgomery County, 222 S. Washington St. Special time for parents and children ages 0-3 to enjoy The Amazing Castle exhibit.

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, Crawfordsville.

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.

Mayor's Community Forum — 4-5 p.m. Thursday, mayor's conference room, 300 E. Pike St.

Blue Star Hoosier Mothers Indiana Chapter #3 — 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Brian Bowman VFW, Post 1431, Crawfordsville. New members welcome. Call Gayle Sosbe at 765-366-2009 or email hoosiermothers@yahoo.com.

FRIDAY

Smartsburg Pickers Acoustic Jam — 6-9 p.m. Friday, Smartsburg Christian Church, on C.R. 400E just south of State Road 32. Bluegrass, country, gospel. All welcome to participate or just listen.

SATURDAY

Women's Lenten Breakfast Series — Saturday, Crawfordsville Pentecostals, 116 S. Walnut St. Breakfast at 7:30 a.m. and program 8:30-9:45 a.m. Child care available. Free-will offering accepted.

Men's Lenten Breakfast Series — 8 a.m. Saturday, First United Methodist Church, 212 E. Wabash Ave.

Easter Egg Hunt — 9:30 or 10 a.m. Saturday, Crawfordsville District Public Library, 205 S. Washington St. For those walking through age 8. Registration required, by calling 765-362-2242, ext. 2. (No emails.) Bring a bag or basket for collecting eggs, do a craft, play games.

Community Easter Egg Hunt — 1 p.m. Saturday, Boys & Girls Club of Montgomery County, 1001 Whitlock Ave.

SUNDAY

Easter Cantata "Majesty" — 5 p.m. Sunday, Christ's United Methodist Church, 909 E. Main St. Choir is comprised of members from eight county churches.

MONDAY

Crawfordsville Common Council Committees — 6 p.m. Monday, council chambers, City Building, 300 E. Pike St.

Marjorie Ann Clark

Feb. 23, 1929-March 23, 2023

Marjorie Ann Clark, 94, formerly of Veedersburg, passed away at 5:12 p.m. March 23, 2023, at The Summit Retirement Home in Hockessin, Delaware.

She was born Feb. 23, 1929, at Veedersburg, the daughter of William F. and Elizabeth H. (Cline) Knowles. She married

Benny Robert Clark on Dec. 7, 1948, at Boswell Christian Church. He has preceded her in death. She is also preceded in death by brother Albert Parker Knowles.

Surviving family include: daughter Deborah Ann (Rene) Moreno, Concord, California; son William Virgil (Diane) Clark, Hockessin, Delaware; sister Lillie Louise Booe, formerly of Veedersburg; three grandchildren, Elizabeth Moreno (Daniel) Rentuma, Michael Moreno and Stephanie Clark; three great-grandchildren, Mateo, Angelo and Isabella Rentuma; and many nieces and nephews.

Marjorie graduated from Veeders-



Obituaries

burg High School, and was a member of the Veedersburg United Methodist Church. She retired from the US Finance and Accounting Center at Fort Benjamin Harrison near Indianapolis, Indiana in February 1989. She enjoyed sewing, quilting, gardening, and many other crafts.

Funeral service will be at 2 p.m. Friday, March 31 at Dickerson Funeral Home, Veedersburg, with Pastor Robert E. Keck officiating. Visitation will begin at 1 p.m. Friday at the funeral home and continue until the time of service. Burial will follow at Coal Creek Union Cemetery near Newtown. Online condolences at www.dickersonfuneralhome.com.

Mark Lewellen Biddle

Feb. 27, 1946-Aug. 2, 2022

The family of Mark Lewellen Biddle recently received word that he passed away from pulmonary fibrosis on Aug. 2, 2022, in Lake Hiawatha, New Jersey.

He was born Feb. 27, 1946. Mark grew up in Waynetown and graduated from Sebring High School in Florida. He received his undergraduate degree

from the University of New Mexico and his master's degree from Purdue University.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Margaret and Philip Biddle of Waynetown; and a great-nephew Heath Adam Biddle.

He is survived by two brothers, Andrew Philip (Karen) and Bryan Glen (Susan) of Crawfordsville; sister Laura Kaye Biddle-Bruckman of Indianapolis; son Mark Bertram; daughter Catina Rene Biddle-Veldman of St. Thomas, Ontario; two grandsons, Cody Biddle of Brook-Alviston, Ontario, and Kaleb Biddle of Edmonton, Alberta; two great-granddaughters, Lillian and Charlotte Biddle; nieces and nephews, Adam Biddle, Anna Biddle-Pratt, Ellen Biddle-Warren, Christina Biddle, Emily Kaye Biddle, Stephanie Bruckman-Castro, Bradley Bruckman, Chloe Bruckman-Purcell, Connor Bruckman and Grace Bruckman; and great nieces and nephews, Aidan, Elyse, Zachary and Olivia Biddle along with Samuel, Elinor, Philip and Adele Pratt, and Kennedy Grace Purcell.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Waynetown United Methodist Church in honor and memory of Margie and Phil Biddle.

LocalRecord

Crawfordsville Police

TUESDAY

- Animal complaint at East Main Street and North Englewood Drive — 3:42 a.m.
- Trespass in the 300 block of South C.R. 200E — 7:15 a.m.
- Fight in the 600 block of South Washington Street — 8:37 a.m.
- Lucas Nathaniel Strassenburg, 31, Crawfordsville, was arrested on a charge of domestic battery — 9:29 a.m.
- Theft in the 1100 block of Big Four Arch Road — 12:19 p.m.
- Property damage crash at 1570 S. U.S. 231 — 4:02 p.m.
- Public disturbance in the 2600 block of Lafayette Road — 4:04 p.m.
- Property damage crash at 2303 Phil Ward Boulevard — 4:10 p.m.
- Animal complaint in the 600 block of Robinson Street — 5:41 p.m.

Montgomery County Sheriff's Office

TUESDAY

- Michelle Dawn Anders, 53, New Ross, was arrested on a charge of maintaining a common nuisance — 2:17 a.m.
- Marty Tate Edwards, 32, Kingman, was arrested on a charge of maintaining a common nuisance — 3:03 a.m.
- Property damage crash at 148 S. C.R. 400E — 3:19 a.m.
- Joseph Henry Greene, 38, Linton, was arrested on a warrant for failure to appear — 10:49 a.m.
- Trespass in the 7200 block of North Old State Road 55, Wingate — 1:21 p.m.
- Jordan Michael Heberden, 31, Rockville, was arrested on a warrant for failure to appear — 3:16 p.m.
- Child pornography reported — 3:32 p.m.
- Breaking and entering in the 2700 block of South C.R. 1000E — 4:03 p.m.
- Elizabeth Esther Rieger, 33, Crawfordsville, was arrested on charges of auto theft and theft — 8:12 p.m.

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- Juvenile complaint in the 200 block of South Prairie Street, New Richmond — 9:12 p.m.
- Operating a vehicle while intoxicated in the 11000 block of South C.R. 750W, Waveland — 9:54 p.m.

Waveland Town Marshal

TUESDAY

- Vandalism in the 100 block of East Green Street, Waveland — 11:30 a.m.

Indiana State Police

TUESDAY

- Victoria Ellen Hall, 37, Crawfordsville, was arrested on a parole warrant — 9:45 p.m.

Crawfordsville Fire/EMS

TUESDAY

- Medical call in the 6800 block of North C.R. 150W — 3:10 a.m.
- Medical call in the 200 block of East Jefferson Street — 3:48 a.m.
- Medical call in the 1400 block of Northridge Hills — 7:17 a.m.
- Medical call in the 1900

block of Michigan Street — 8:01 a.m.

- Medical call in the 1000 block of Lane Avenue — 10:06 a.m.
- Medical call in the 800 block of East Wabash Avenue — 10:45 a.m.
- Medical call in the 600 block of Indian Springs Road — 11:19 a.m.
- Medical call in the 2000 block of Ashford Court — 1:26 p.m.
- Medical call in the 400 block of Russell Avenue — 2:50 p.m.
- Medical call in the 700 block of Illinois Street — 3:01 p.m.
- Medical call in the 4300 block of North C.R. 680E, Darlington — 4:10 p.m.
- Medical call in the 1700 block of Lafayette Road — 6:46 p.m.
- Medical call in the 8900 block of West U.S. 136, Waynetown — 8:40 p.m.
- Medical call in the 1000 block of East Main Street — 9:02 p.m.
- Medical call in the 700 block of Curtis Street — 9:18 p.m.

InBrief

Series of storms target Midwest, South

A seemingly relentless series of severe storms, likely with deadly tornadoes, are forecast to rip across parts of America's Midwest and South over the next couple weeks, especially Friday, meteorologists said.

An unusual weather pattern has set in, last

week triggering the devastating tornado that hit Rolling Fork, Mississippi, and meteorologists fear this Friday will be one of the worst days, with much more to come. The National Weather Service said 16.8 million people live in the highest risk zone, and more than 66 million people overall should be on alert Friday.

"It's pretty darn clear that somebody is going to take it on the nose on Friday," said Northern Illinois meteorology pro-

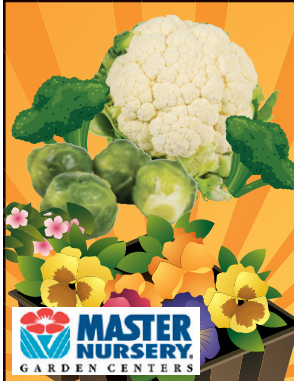
fessor and tornado expert and chaser Victor Gensini. "It's just a matter of where and exactly when."

The weather service is cautioning a large area of the country - including parts of Iowa, Missouri, Arkansas, Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Tennessee, Mississippi, Alabama, Louisiana, Alabama, Texas, Oklahoma, Ohio, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Michigan, West Virginia, Georgia and Kansas - to be alert for intense thunderstorms, tornadoes and

other damaging winds. Big cities in the highest danger area include Memphis, St. Louis, Des Moines and Little Rock.

Gensini fears Friday's onslaught will be deadly.

The storms are expected to start Friday afternoon and go overnight, which is particularly dangerous because people can't see them coming and often won't seek shelter, weather service Storm Prediction Center warning coordination meteorologist Matt Elliott.



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Baseball season is officially back

It's the final week of March, which means I get to say three of my all-time favorite words: Baseball is back.

And for those of us who love the game, it means we'll have something to celebrate (or complain about), every day for the next six to seven months. Even the best teams in the world will leave their fan bases angry 60 or more times this season. Even the best players in the world will fail far more often than they succeed. Isn't it beautiful?

Baseball is one of the greatest forms of art in the world. It's a game of inches, yet played at an unbelievable speed. It's a constant chess match of pitcher vs. batter, manager vs. manager, luck vs. skill, and power vs. finesse. If you think the game is boring, I'm going to assume you've never realized how nuanced the game actually is. Leo Durocher once said: "Baseball is like church. Many attend, few understand." And as someone who has been around both my entire life — the pursuit of understanding is part of what makes it so great.

With that said, here are my predictions for each division in the 2023 MLB season with some notes about each team.

AL WEST

1. Houston Astros — No World Series hangover here. They lost Verlander and are banged up on the injury front. But they still boast the most

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complete team in the division, though Seattle is closing in.

2. Seattle Mariners — One of the most exciting teams in all of baseball. They have a real shot at the division. If they come up short, they'll still be a Wildcard team and will be of the most dangerous teams come playoff time.

3. Los Angeles Angels — Baseball fans everywhere would love to see Trout and Ohtani in the post-season. Their pitching might still get in the way.

4. Texas Rangers — They've been the big spenders in two straight off-seasons. I don't see them being healthy or good enough to make it count just yet.

5. Oakland Athletics — There won't be a "Moneyball" sequel anytime soon.

AL CENTRAL

1. Minnesota Twins — I give them the slight edge in a division that can go in any direction 1-5.

2. Cleveland Guardians

— Great pitching and Jose Ramirez is a nice combination. I just like the Twins a little bit more.

3. Chicago White Sox — Last year was a disaster, but they still have talent. New manager will help, but they need more luck on the health front to be a contender.

4. Kansas City Royals — Interesting team with some young talent. They could surprise, or it might still be a little early.

5. Detroit Tigers — They looked like a contender last year, and nothing went right. Young talent, but more questions than answers.

AL EAST

1. Toronto Blue Jays — This will be MLB's best offense, and their pitching should be enough to close the seven-game gap from last year.

2. New York Yankees — 99 wins last year, but 35-35 in their last 70 games. Aaron Judge can't possibly repeat those numbers and the rotation has health concerns. Still a good team with championship aspirations.

3. Tampa Bay Rays — They didn't add much, but they're still the Rays: Always better than you think.

4. Baltimore Orioles — I can see this team anywhere from third to fifth in the division. Tons of young talent, but hard to fully trust.

5. Boston Red Sox — Much better than your typical fifth place team. A ton of roster

turnover leaves them difficult to predict.

NL WEST

1. Los Angeles Dodgers — They aren't as stacked as last year, and San Diego is coming. But they're still absolutely loaded and I just couldn't move them from the top spot.

2. San Diego Padres — This lineup is ridiculous. They need both Darvish and Musgrove to stay healthy all year to win the division. Nobody will want to see this team in October.

3. San Francisco Giants — The offseason was one big tease for this team. They'll be decent, but not enough for a wildcard push.

4. Arizona Diamondbacks — Exciting young team that could easily pass the Giants this year.

5. Colorado Rockies — If Kris Bryant can stay healthy ... They'll still finish fifth.

NL CENTRAL

1. St. Louis Cardinals — Solid offense and enough young talent to make up for some aging veterans. Not enough pitching to win in the playoffs.

2. Milwaukee Brewers — Great pitching that will make up for a lackluster offense.

3. Chicago Cubs — This team can contend this year, but will need several things to go their way. They're headed in the right direction.

4. Cincinnati Reds —

Their ceiling is third, but finishing fourth or fifth is more likely. I like the young talent coming, but Skyline Chili is still the MVP.

5. Pittsburgh Pirates — Oneil Cruz is must-watch television. But, it's still the Pirates.

NL EAST

1. Atlanta Braves — They didn't spend like their rivals, and lost Dansby Swanson. Better health from Albies and Acuna will more than make up for it.

2. Philadelphia Phillies — They would've been my pick if Bryce Harper wasn't out for a few months. They're stacked and ready for a huge year.

3. New York Mets — Losing Edwin Diaz will hurt. This division is absolutely stacked, and the Mets can fill any of the top three spots.

4. Miami Marlins — Good pitching. Wrong division.

5. Washington Nationals — No shot.

Tyler Smith covers the Indiana Pacers and Indiana Hoosiers for IndySportsLegends and is a frequent contributor to the Journal Review and is the sports director at New Hope Christian Church.

Women making case for own March Madness TV deal

Doug Feinberg
Associated Press

Women's basketball seems to have found a winner with its new Sweet 16 format in March Madness and the timing couldn't be better with looming TV contract negotiations on the horizon.

There were record-setting attendance at the two sites — Greenville, South Carolina and Seattle — along with record numbers for TV ratings. It fueled the momentum heading into a star-packed Final Four lineup in Dallas.

NCAA selection committee chair Lisa Peterson expects the

format success to help in upcoming contract negotiations. The current NCAA TV deal ends next summer.

"It has to," she said. "I'm very much looking forward to seeing those conversations. It only can be good for the game. People are talking about it."

TV ratings for games on Friday and Saturday averaged 1.2 million viewers, a 73% increase over last year. Saturday afternoon's Ohio State and UConn matchup on ABC was the most watched women's Sweet 16 game on record with an average of 2.4 million.

Ratings were also up for

the games Sunday and Monday on ESPN — up 43% gain and averaged 2.2 million. Sunday night's Iowa-Louisville contest which featured dynamic guard Caitlin Clark led the way at 2.5 million, making it the most watched Elite Eight game on record.

Tag Garson, Wasserman's senior vice president of properties, said this year's ratings will be one of many pieces that factor into what path the NCAA will take.

"When you're looking at how ratings are performing as you're preparing for a negotiation you don't just look at one year," he said. "You're

looking at the historical value while projecting out the future value."

The NCAA is expected to decide by this fall whether to separate the women's tournament or keep it as part of the championships TV package that includes at least 24 sports.

Peterson and her group will have a lot to review.

Arenas in Greenville and Seattle were mostly full which created an entertaining atmosphere. While attendance was

expected to be high in Greenville with the undefeated Gamecocks there. the closest team to Seattle was Colorado — 1,300 miles away.

The distance didn't stop fans from flocking to Seattle, with strong support from basketball fans around the city thanks in part to the success of the WNBA's Storm over the last two decades. In the end, the Seattle region outdrew its South Carolina counterpart by a few thousand. Overall 82,275

fans took in the Sweet 16 and Elite Eight games, including 43,556 in Seattle.

"It really was a great atmosphere to play in. You love to play in these kind of atmospheres with this kind of crowd and play in a great building like this," said UConn coach Geno Auriemma whose team played in Seattle.

The NCAA also hopes the success leads to more cities bidding to host the regional games and eventually the Final Four.



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FDA approves over-the-counter Narcan

Geoff Mulvihill
Associated Press

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration on Wednesday approved selling the leading version of naloxone without a prescription, setting the overdose-reversing drug on course to become the first opioid treatment drug to be sold over the counter.

It's a move that some advocates have long sought as a way to improve access to a life-saving drug, though the exact impact will not be clear immediately. Here's a look at the issues involved.

WHAT IS NARCAN?

The approved nasal spray from Gaithersburg, Maryland-based Emergent BioSolutions is the best-known form of naloxone.

It can reverse overdoses of opioids, including street drugs such as heroin and fentanyl and prescription versions including oxycodone.

Making naloxone available more widely is seen as a key strategy to control the nationwide overdose crisis, which has been linked to more than 100,000 U.S. deaths a year. The majority of those deaths are tied to opioids, primarily potent synthetic versions such as fentanyl that can take multiple doses of naloxone to reverse.

The drug has been distributed to police and other first responders nationwide.

Advocates believe it's important to get naloxone to the people who are most likely to be around overdoses, including people who use drugs and their relatives.

The decision "represents a decisive, practical and humane approach to help people and flatten the curve of overdose deaths," said Chuck Ingolia of the National Council for Mental Wellbeing, in a statement.

WHAT DOES THE FDA APPROVAL MEAN?

Narcan will become available over-the-counter by late summer, the company said.

Other brands of naloxone and injectable forms will not yet be available over the counter, but they could be soon.

Several manufacturers of generic naloxone that's made similarly to Narcan will now be required to file applications to switch their drugs over the counter as part of a requirement



Photo Illustration

by the FDA. The nonprofit Harm Reduction Therapeutics Inc., which has funding from OxyContin maker Purdue Pharma, already has an application before the FDA to distribute its version of spray naloxone without a prescription.

HOW IS NALOXONE DISTRIBUTED NOW?

Even before the FDA's action, pharmacies could sell naloxone without a prescription because officials in every state have allowed it.

But not every pharmacy carries it. And buyers have to pay for the medication — either with an insurance co-pay or for the full retail price. The cost varies, but two doses of Narcan often go for around \$50.

The drug is also distributed by community organizations that serve people who use drugs, though it's not easily accessible to everyone who needs it.

Emergent has not announced its price and it's not clear yet whether insurers will continue to cover it as a prescription drug if it's available over the counter.

FDA Commissioner Robert Califf in a statement encouraged Emergent to make the drug available "at an affordable price."

DOES MAKING NALOXONE OTC IMPROVE ACCESS?

It clears the way for Narcan to be made available in places without pharmacies — convenience stores, supermarkets and online retailers, for instance.

Jose Benitez, the lead executive officer at Prevention Point Philadelphia, an organization that tries to reduce risk for people who use drugs with services including handing out free naloxone, said it could help a lot for people who don't seek services — or who live in places where they're not available.

SEE NARCAN/7A

CLUB NEWS



Girl Scouts of Montgomery County

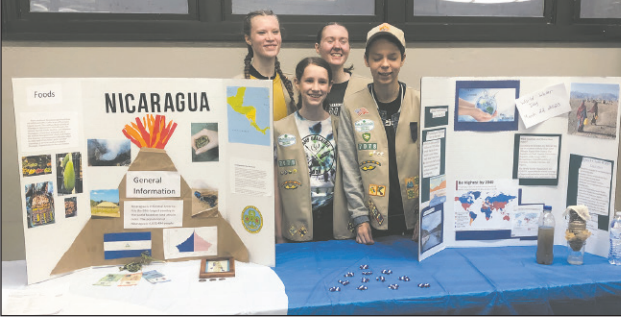
World Thinking Day for Girl Scouts is that all the scouts in Montgomery County come together in one place and share the country they chose to learn about and give away the SWAPS that the Scouts made. There are several ceremonies done in honor of the Girl Scouts and Girl Guides from around the world.

LEARNING A NEW COUNTRY

The Girl Scouts when they learn about a country they make a poster and it could be any country in the whole world that participates in Girl Scouts or Girl Guides like: Germany, Japan, Egypt, Nicaragua, and more. But however, your troop has to agree on the country. This is sometimes easy but if everyone in your troop chose a different country you would normally choose a whole different country.

SWAPS

SWAPS stands for Special Whatchamacallits Affectionately Pinned Somewhere and has been a Girl Scout tradition for years. The Girl Scouts when they do the SWAPS are made as a pin to attach to their vest. Here are some stuff that other countries did for their SWAPS. Nicaragua has a pin with beads on it that represents the Nicaraguan flag that goes blue white blue. There were



Photos Provided

two troops that chose Germany as their country and each had a different SWAPS to share. The first one made a real pretzel where you could have salt or cinnamon on it, and made a worm SWAPS. The second one had craft made pretzels which were so cute. Egypt had a craft station where you could make a snake hat. There is a myth that whoever wore the snake hat is king and if you try to hurt that person it would try to bite you. Japan had made cherry blossom flowers to represent their country.

CEREMONIES

At the beginning of the event, the girls gathered to participate in ceremonies led by older Girl Scouts and songs. There was a candle ceremony that represented all the

different girls around the world and showed inclusion for all girls no matter race, color, origin, etc. There was also a ceremony of the World Trefoil pin that represents Girl Scouts as being part of the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts (WAGGGS). The three leaves represent the Girl Scout Promise, with a flame that stands for loving all the people of the world. There is a compass needle to guide you, and the two stars represent the Promise and Law. The outer circle stands for the World Association, and the golden yellow trefoil on a blue background stands for the children of the world. This pin is worn by all Girl Guides and Girl Scouts around the world.

Parton, Brooks to host ACM Awards in May

Dolly Parton will return for a second consecutive year as host of the Acad-

emy of Country Music Awards but this year she's bringing a new plus-one to help — Garth Brooks.

The show is set for May 11 and will stream live on Amazon Prime Video

from Ford Center at The Star in Frisco, Texas. A full rebroadcast of the ceremony and performances will stream the next day for free on Amazon Freevee.

It's the second consecutive year that the show will be hosted by Parton but marks the first time Brooks will take the stage to host an awards show.

"I am thrilled to return to host the ACM Awards, this time with my friend Garth," said Parton in a statement. "While I've had the pleasure of spending time with him throughout the years, I can't believe we've never had the chance to work together."

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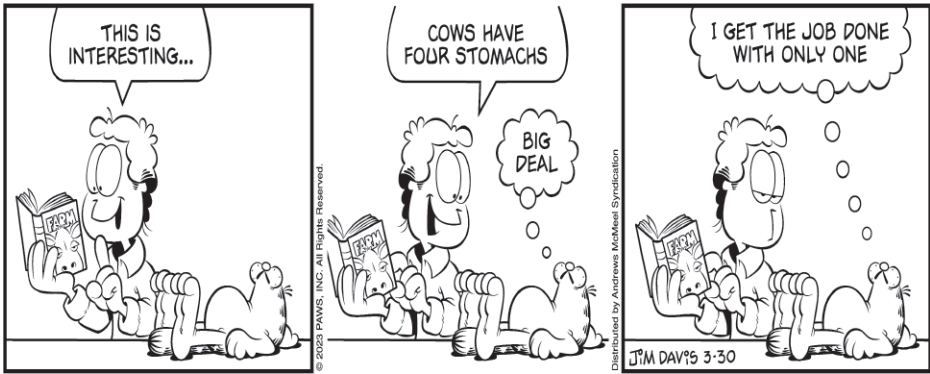
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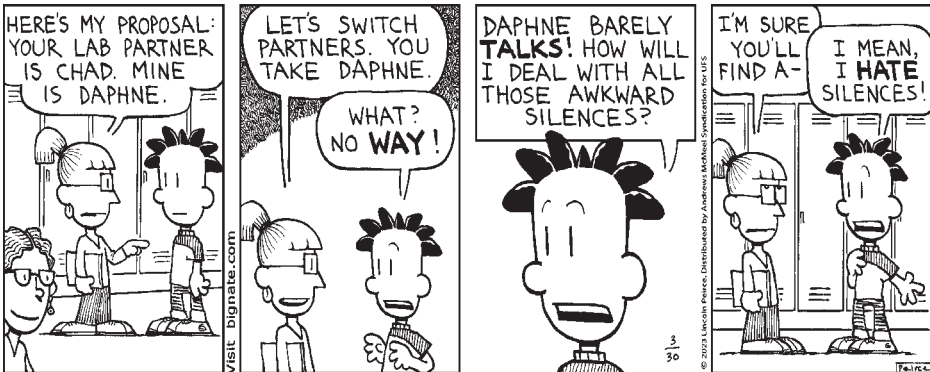
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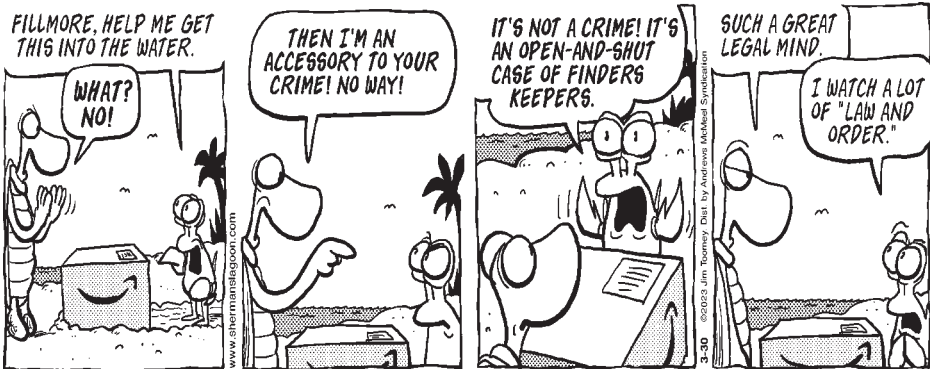
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THE FAMILY CIRCUS

By Bil Keane



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The New York Times Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 Os and 1s, in computing
5 Danny of the N.B.A.
10 Drive-thru conveniences
14 Conversely, in a text
15 Hair problem
16 Disturb
17 ____ research (info on a political adversary)
18 "Where'er I need to get a bump / I find it right there at the pump ..."
19 Prop for the Riddler or Willy Wonka
20 Lay of the land
22 Welcome in a yoga class
24 Nail polish applications
25 Guess posted at a gate, in brief
27 Leading

DOWN

- 28 Sleep study diagnosis
29 "____, mi dicon venal" (aria)
30 Draft picks?
31 Jan. honoree
32 "For me, the Super Bowl's a bore / But watching these is fun galore ..."
34 Big name in outdoor gear
35 Holiday marking the Exodus from Egypt
38 Dons
41 Couleur de la Seine
43 "Fathers and ____" (Turgenev novel)
44 "Exams a must for future docs. / Make sure your answers fill the box ..."

ACROSS

- 37 Garland
40 Teed off
41 Slangy thousand
42 Sinbad's transport
43 Contributor
46 Colorful bird
50 Rap sheet letters
51 Speedy steed
53 Extinct bird
54 Wintry cry
55 Hatcher or Garr
56 Long-active volcano
57 Kangaroo pouch
58 "By Jove!"
59 Upstream spawner

DOWN

- 1 Garage event
2 Cosmetics brand
3 Type of squad
4 Continent connector
5 Gather
6 Yarn

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

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DOWN

- 1 Basic training
2 Providers of assistance after a crash, informally
3 "It is such fun to fool the folks / And make them butts of harmless jokes ..."
4 Beginning to end?
5 Sweet Italian bubbly
6 Without a pause
7 Badger
8 Family man
9 "Frozen" sister
10 Mysterious

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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- 7 Libras' mo.
8 Snapshots
9 Warrior princess
10 Wine deposits
11 Lath
19 Coffee server
21 "— -la-la!"
23 Carry on
24 Ka-pow!
25 Spent unwisely
26 Backpack contents
27 The pair
28 Actor — Estrada
29 Ranch visitor
31 Stringed instrument
33 Spoiled
36 Galleries
38 Big head
39 Fill with fizz
40 Solar wind component
42 Fanatical
43 Applies gently
44 Pods for stews
45 DEA operative
46 Skater
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52 Not decaf

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BRIDGE

Deceptive suit combination

Phillip Alder

The Greek sage Chilon of Sparta claimed that the three most difficult things are: to keep a secret, to forget an injury and to make good use of leisure. Well, anyone who plays bridge regularly is doing the last. It can also be important to keep a secret, not revealing which key cards you hold. There are certain suit combinations that always seem to cause injury — declarer ends up falling to defeat when, with better balance, he could have stayed on his feet. One is highlighted in today's deal. South is in three no-trump. West leads the spade five, East puts up the queen and declarer wins with the king.

How should he hope to bring home nine tricks? First, check out those top tricks. Here South has seven: one spade (on the lead), two hearts, two diamonds and two clubs. So he needs two more tricks. Clearly, despite some tempting red-suit cards, declarer will play on clubs. With only J-x of spades remaining, he wants to keep East off the lead. So South leads a low club and puts up dummy's king. Then he plays a low club toward his hand. However, with this layout East wins a club trick and returns his last spade, letting West cash four tricks to defeat the contract. Let's go back to trick one. Suppose declarer ducks

North 03-30-23			
♠	8 7 4		
♥	K J 3		
♦	K 10 8 2		
♣	K J 2		
West			
♠	A 10 6 5 3		
♥	9 8 5		
♦	J 5 4		
♣	9 5		
East			
♠	Q 9		
♥	Q 10 7 6 2		
♦	Q 7 6		
♣	Q 10 8		
South			
♠	K J 2		
♥	A 4		
♦	A 9 3		
♣	A 7 6 4 3		
Dealer: South			
Vulnerable: East-West			
South	West	North	East
1NT	Pass	3NT	All Pass
Opening lead: ♠ 5			

East's spade queen. How can that hurt him? Answer: it can't. No switch causes South pain, so let's assume East returns his second spade, West winning with the ace and playing a third spade. Now declarer concedes a club trick to East and soon afterward claims nine tricks. Let's hope you don't forget this injurious misplay.

Edited by Will Shortz

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PUZZLE BY JOE DEENEY

- 11 "An avid flower lover sees / A fall bouquet that's full of these ..."
12 Snack item that's green in the middle
13 Enjoys a leisurely weekend morning, say
21 "___ rule ..."
23 Rowdy crowd
26 Madre's hermana
32 Symbol for an angle in math
33 Unnerve
36 Robin Roberts's network
37 Wearing
39 Shortsighted, say
40 Wanders around an airport, in brief?
42 Navy vessel in 2000 headlines
43 "Seinfeld" actor Jerry
44 Pattern that represents a clan
45 Like the German cake Zwiebelkuchen
46 Shortcuts for some repetitive tasks
48 Traffic circle
49 Actor Johnson a.k.a. The Rock
50 Faculties
53 Something it might be good to break
56 Drumstick part
59 Not quite closed
61 Pitch
62 Longtime Fiat model

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NARCAN

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Now, he said, some people are concerned about getting naloxone at pharmacies because their insurers will know they're getting it.

"Putting it out on the shelves is going to allow people just to pick it up, not have stigma attached to it," he said.

But it remains to be seen how many stores will carry it and what the prices will

be. The U.S. Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, which now cover prescription naloxone for people on the government insurance programs, says that coverage of over-the-counter naloxone would depend on the insurance program. The centers have not given any official guidance.

Maya Doe-Simkins, a co-director of Remedy Alliance/For The People, which launched last year to provide low-cost — and

sometimes free — naloxone to community organizations, said her group will continue to distribute injectable naloxone.

ARE THERE DRAWBACKS TO OVER-THE-COUNTER SALES?

One concern is whether people who buy Narcan over-the-counter will know how to use it properly, said Keith Humphreys, a Stanford University addiction expert, though the manufacturer is responsible for clear directions and online videos on that.

One benefit of having pharmacists involved, he said, is that they can show buyers how to use it. One key thing people need to be reminded of: Call an ambulance for the person receiving naloxone after it's been administered.

He also said there are fears that if the drug isn't profitable as an over-the-counter option, the drugmaker could stop producing it.

Sibling, 5, fatally shoots 16-month-old brother

LAFAYETTE (AP) — A 16-month-old boy was fatally shot by a 5-year-old sibling at a north-western Indiana apartment, authorities said.

The older sibling accessed a handgun inside the Lafayette apartment on Tuesday afternoon and fatally shot the boy, who was identified as Isiah Johnson, police said late Tuesday.

An autopsy was scheduled for Wednesday to determine the child's cause and manner of death.

Lafayette police Lt. Matt Gard said someone outside of the apartment called 911 after the shooting to report that a child was not breathing.

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The Town of New Market will hold a public hearing on April 12, 2023 at 6:30 pm, at Town Hall located at 101 W. Main Street to provide interested parties an opportunity to express their views on the proposed federally funded CDBG project. Persons with disabilities or non-English speaking persons who wish to attend the public hearing and need assistance should contact Kleinpeter Consulting Group, LLC at P.O. Box 37, Whiteland, IN 46184 or 812-525-7080 not later than April 8, 2023. Every effort will be made to make reasonable accommodations for these persons.

Information related to this project will be available for review prior to the public hearing as of April 8, 2023 at the office of the Town of New Market located at 101 W. Main Street, New Market, Indiana 47965. To review the preliminary engineering report please email newmarket-in@att.net or call (765) 866-0111. Interested citizens are invited to provide comments regarding these issues either at the public hearing or by prior written statement. Written comments should be submitted to Kleinpeter Consulting Group, LLC at P.O. Box 37, Whiteland, IN 46184 no later than April 10, 2023 in order to ensure placement of such comments in the official record of the public hearing proceedings. A plan to minimize displacement and provide assistance to those displaced has been prepared by the Town of New Market and is also available to the public. This project will not result in the displacement of any persons or businesses. For additional information concerning the proposed project contact Mike Kleinpeter at mike@kleinpeterconsulting.com or call 812-525-7080.

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CITY OF CRAWFORDSVILLE, INDIANA
NOTICE OF ADOPTION
CUMULATIVE CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT FUND UNDER I.C. 36-9-15.5

To the taxpayers of the City of Crawfordsville, Montgomery County, state of Indiana. You are hereby notified that on the 13th day of March, 2023, the City of Crawfordsville Common Council, City of Crawfordsville, Montgomery County, state of Indiana, under notice heretofore given, and under and by virtue of IC 36-9-15.5, duly adopted a plan whereby a Cumulative Capital Development fund was re-established to provide the following: for all uses as set out in IC. 36-9-15.5, including relevant changes to Public Law 148-2008. This fund will be provided for by a property tax rate of five cents (\$0.05) on each one hundred dollars (\$100.00) of taxable real and personal property with the taxing units beginning in 2023 payable 2024 and thereafter, continuing until reduced or rescinded.

Ten or more taxpayers in the taxing unit who will be affected by the tax rate and corresponding levy may file a petition with the Montgomery County Auditor not later than noon 30 days after the publication of the Notice setting forth their objections to the proposed cumulative fund. Upon the filing of the petition, the County Auditor shall immediately certify the same to the Department of Local Government Finance, at which point the Department will fix a date for and conduct a public hearing on the proposed cumulative fund before issuing its approval, disapproval, or modification thereof.

Dated this 14th day of March, 2023

Adopting Body: City of Crawfordsville Common Council
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CITY OF CRAWFORDSVILLE, INDIANA
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CUMULATIVE CAPITAL FIRE FUND UNDER I.C. 36-8-14

To the taxpayers of the City of Crawfordsville, Montgomery County, state of Indiana. You are hereby notified that on the 13th day of March, 2023, the City of Crawfordsville Common Council, City of Crawfordsville, Montgomery County, state of Indiana, under notice heretofore given, and under and by virtue of IC 36-8-14, duly adopted a plan whereby a Cumulative Fire Fund was re-established to provide the following: for all uses as set out in IC. 36-8-14. This fund will be provided for by a property tax rate of three cents (\$0.0333) on each one hundred dollars (\$100.00) of taxable real and personal property with the taxing units beginning in 2023 payable 2024 and thereafter, continuing until reduced or rescinded.

Ten or more taxpayers in the taxing unit who will be affected by the tax rate and corresponding levy may file a petition with the Montgomery County Auditor not later than noon 30 days after the publication of the Notice setting forth their objections to the proposed cumulative fund. Upon the filing of the petition, the County Auditor shall immediately certify the same to the Department of Local Government Finance, at which point the Department will fix a date for and conduct a public hearing on the proposed cumulative fund before issuing its approval, disapproval, or modification thereof.

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Re-wild your imagination at CDPL

As the world in all its verdant wonder awakens to another year of beauty and bounty (to say nothing, spring storms being what they are, of majesty and awe), we tip our hats to the planet during April. Earth Month’s celebrations reach their pinnacle on April 22, Earth Day. Still, the library offers resources aplenty to stoke the fires of your inner entomologist, meteorologist, ornithologist, botanist, or any other fancies our wild world can tickle.

Wonder and awe are good places to begin this journey. To that end, consider checking out the BBC’s spellbinding Planet Earth documentary series (DVD 508 Pla). Allow David Attenborough to move your mind while the cinematography treats you to arresting images of splendid biomes. Charged with awe, consider another series from the BBC: A Perfect Planet (DVD 550 Per). Also narrated by Attenborough, this series looks at the power — and fragility — of our awesome world and prompts viewers to think about actions that might help us heal our hurting planet.

I’m going to make some suggestions, but I’m also going to draw your attention to some sections of our non-fiction collection. There are few things as delightful for a curious person as just perusing titles until our eyes alight upon just the thing. From 550 to 600 in the stacks, you’ll find books on geology, biology, and zoology (wild animals). Want to know more about how evolution works? Consider Richard Dawkins’ “The Selfish Gene” (576.5 Daw). Love whales? “The Whale: In Search of the Giants of the Sea” (599.5 Hoa). Butterflies? Look for the “National Audubon Society Field Guide to Butterflies” (595.78 Nat). Snakes for the budding herpetologist out there? Check. You get the picture.

From my grandpa, I gained a love for feeding and watching birds, and oh do we have bird books. Consider the beautiful book “The Backyard Birdwatcher’s Bible” (598.0723 Per) which tells you everything you need to know to get started: feeding, watching, understanding migration patterns, and more in a sumptuous, full-color feast. Take one of our field guides, such as Kaufman (598.097 Kau), when you’re ready to head out. More interested in birds as creatures and their capabilities and personalities? Check out and enjoy “The Thing with Feathers” (598.072 Str).

Maybe plants are more your speed. We have books to help you identify trees (101 Trees of Indiana 582.16 Jac), flowers (Wild-flowers and Ferns of Indiana Forests 635.9 Hom),

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and even what you can eat out there (The New Edible Wild Plants of the Eastern North America 581.63 Fer) as you trek through the wilderness.

Not to be overlooked here in the hearty and fertile Midwest is the fact that we can love nature into better health by how we tend our yards and gardens and engage in agriculture. Thumb through the titles available in the stacks between 630 and 640, and you’ll find hundreds of titles on landscape design, ecological yards, gardening, farming, and animal husbandry. Just one book that fits nicely with our theme is “Growing Consciousness: The Gardener’s Guide to Seeding the Soul” (635 Car).

As a last consideration, the planet is suffering, and we can live in ways that either increase or mitigate the strain. “Beloved Beasts: Fighting for Life in an Age of Extinction” (591.68 Nij) and “The Sixth Extinction” (576.84 Kol) look at various species struggling to hang on and those that have already disappeared. As a response, there are many books that help us live more sustainable lives. “Give a Sh*T: Do Good. Live Better. Save the Planet” (640.286 Pip) offers a no-nonsense, funny, and very practical guide to making better consumer choices. To turn the screws a little more, “Radical Simplicity: Small footprints on a Finite Earth” (304.2 Mer) has been helpful and challenging for my own journey. Just look for the green dots that denote titles in our Sustainable Living Collection.

Friends, enjoy the natural world. We have a real treasure with Sugar Creek (and trail), Shades, and Turkey Run in our backyard (check out a pass from us and visit them for free) to say nothing of a lovely tree canopy (I take a walk in Elston Grove almost every day) and parks in Crawfordsville and the surrounding towns. Let that enjoyment guide further moves to love and cherish and protect the natural world in this month of April and in the months and years to come, and let the library be your knowledge companion for that journey.

Paul Utterback is a library assistant in the reference and local history department at Crawfordsville District Public Library.

God knows when grief hits hard

“Mom, may we have a slumber party?”

“Perhaps sometime when you won’t have school the next morning.” It was an easy answer.

Time and again the subject would pop up. This afternoon, which was on a Friday, it came up again. “Mom, may we have a slumber party tonight?”

Now I’m not that young anymore and I’m a Mom day and night, sun or rain. Slumber parties no longer hold their appeal, crashing out at night feels only too good.

Now viewing it through their eyes, I told them I would be happy to help them make it work out for tonight, providing we have a conservative curfew. The next day we’ll reevaluate everything and take it from there on doing it again, or staying up later.

You know how it goes, Hosanna, Jesse, and Elijah started getting the slightest whiffs of Julia and Austin doing something different. Instantly they were all sold on it.

Taking the older ones aside I explained that we’ll get ready for bed a bit earlier than usual, then after Bible story and prayer the younger ones can join them for a while then head for bed, leaving the oldest ones to play games. While they enjoy interacting with their younger siblings it’s a treat for them to play on an eight and eleven year-old level without distractions.

Now as I write, I hear their happy chatter of all six children downstairs having their “slumber party” and snacking.

Jesse had asked me about what snack they’ll have. I asked him if he was planning on a snack. He got this incredulous look and said, “A slumber party — of course there’s always snack at a party!” Dear Jesse, he can always eat; amazing how much food our five-year-old boys can consume. But then, that’s okay, they are getting ready to be men.

Hosanna, who loves serving others, was appointed the task of preparing snacks. The supper dishes were washed, I didn’t feel like doing more so I handed her a

AMISH COOK

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YODER



stack of Styrofoam bowls and told her she can slice apples and then place apples and Bugles in bowls. Soon I heard her going down the basement steps and announcing, “Here comes the snack lady!”

We’ll see how it goes, I won’t bother going to bed before they are tucked in, I’ll just relish a few quiet moments to get in touch with you.

Yesterday as I was going through mail sent by many of you friends, I so wished I could personally respond to each of you. Since it is not possible I decided to pray especially for each of you who have reached out to us over the course of the past year since Daniel went home to heaven. Surely you have been a tremendous bright spot in our lives. Sometimes when I’m feeling lonely I walk out our driveway to the mailbox and many times I find encouragement waiting for me there. God bless you.

Hi, I’m back again. It’s Saturday noon. The slumber party was a treat for all, until some gears got shifted and little boys began crying for Daddy. Holding two of them in my arms I rocked, prayed, sang, and talked to them. Comfort seemed out of sight as tears poured incessantly.

The older ones took turns caring for Joshua while I kept rocking and praying. They both wanted to listen to Daddy’s songs which he sung on his parents’ voice mail the weeks before he passed. In a jiffy we dialed the song-line (618 469 3007). They each clutched a phone and listened to Daddy’s strong voice as more tears flowed.

In my heart I knew God would heal their hearts, yet how I ache for them at these times.

Finally at 11 p.m. they were all sound asleep and with a grateful heart I too, fell into a peaceful slumber.

This morning as I held a little lad on my lap I mentioned something about last night being difficult. He was not ready to talk about it, so I silently lifted him to God in prayer once more.

That is when the phone rang; it was my sister-in-law who wanted to tell me how she and her husband had been praying together before he left for the day. In his prayer he again prayed for our children; at that instant the sun broke through the solid gray sky and shone brightly in their faces. They looked up in wonder, surely the Lord heard.

From several hundred miles away they had no idea how grief had been hitting harder for all of us, God knew.

Now for a recipe. Before my Grandma passed she made scalloped potatoes many when her children and grandchildren came to their house. Since she did not have exact recipe but dumped and tasted til it was just right, I cannot give you a recipe precisely like hers. Instead we’ll do one similar to hers that we have used many times for gatherings.

Editor’s Note: Gloria notes that she makes her own homemade soups and ranch dressing for the recipe below, but store-bought versions work fine too.

Potato Ranch Casserole

- 1 lb. diced ham or browned hamburger
 - 1/4 cup chopped onions
 - 1 cans cream of mushroom soup
 - 2 quart cooked and shredded potatoes
 - 1 cup sour cream
 - 1 cup Ranch dressing*
 - 1/2 pound mozzarella cheese (or any kind of your choice)
 - 1/2 pound bacon, fried and crumbled
- Mix all but last two ingredients together. Place in a roaster, bake at 325 degrees for 40 minutes or until heated through. Sprinkle bacon and cheese on top, return to oven until cheese has melted.

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Grade 7 — Malah Bridwell, Rowan Crippin, Brody Edwards, Piper Ferguson, Salym Flynn, Fulton Goeppner, Kinlee Grubbs, Logan Hauck, Rosel Lothschuetz, Kyndall Murray, Luke Nemezc, Michael Norton, Haley Rottmann, Remi Strawser

Grade 8 — Reagan Bealer, Thomas Britt, Audie Burchett, Lillian Cook, Naomi DeRosier, Alaine Hoaks, Allie Hunt, Gabrielle Lewis, Connor Maertens, Dylan McLain, Emma Poll, Brooke Rottmann, Cooper Stalcup, Zachary Stump, Nathanael Webster, Chloe Whittington, Andrew Wright, Grace Young

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Grade 7 — Kaitlin Adkins, Lyla Badger, Sierra Bennett, Taryn Cates, Ethan Dodd, Keith Drummond, Norah Freeman, Nicole Gerling, Jordan Grace, Davyn Green, Chase Johnson, Preslei Lazzell, Zaydin Marcinko, Marquess Osborn, Alexis Peaslee, Julian Pickett, Sophia Scott-Musa, Annalyse Slider, Grayson Vedder, Addison Wade, Kira Whiteman

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