

ONLINE

Israel-Hamas war, Barbie among top searches

Your Google search history for 2023 has arrived.

Well, actually, the world's. On Monday, the California-based tech giant released its "Year in Search," a roundup of 2023's top global queries, ranging from unforgettable pop culture moments (hello, Barbenheimer), to the loss of beloved figures and tragic news carrying worldwide repercussions.

The ongoing Israel-Hamas war topped news trends in 2023, per Google's global data, followed by queries related to the Titanic-bound submersible that imploded in June, as well as February's devastating earthquakes in Turkey and Syria.

Damar Hamlin was Google's top trending person on search this year. A safety with the NFL's Buffalo Bills, Hamlin experienced a near-death cardiac arrest on the field during a January game, but has since completed a celebrated comeback. Actor Jeremy Renner, who survived

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Representatives from eight local organizations pose Monday with Montgomery County Commissioners after receiving a combined \$146,963 in funds from the national opioid settlement.

Commissioners distribute opioid settlement funds

Bob Cox
Journal Review

Eight local organizations received funds Monday from the national opioid settlement during the meeting of the Montgomery County Commissioners. Recipients collected an aggregate total of \$146,963.

The organizations provide services to residents who are combating addiction and in recovery.

Each recipient had applied for grant funds earlier this year through the Montgomery County Drug-Free Coalition. The funds will be used to cover costs for a variety of services such as transportation, counseling, insurance and even the opening of a restaurant in Waynetown for Through the Gate graduates.

Commissioner President John Frey thanked each organization for what they do for county residents.

Commissioners accepted the annual highway annual bids, which were opened at the Nov. 27 meeting. County Highway Director said there were 22 accepted bids — two more than in the previous year.

The Indiana Public Defender Commission was awarded a Title IV-E grant for the county's public defender to all three Montgomery County courts. The grants are in the amount of

\$12,000 in 2024 and \$6,000 in 2025. Commissioners accepted the grants.

Commissioners presented first readings of amendments to three health department to ordinances that will increase fees for several entities. The new fees will go into effect after the amendments are approved at the commissioner's Dec. 20 meeting. Tattoo parlors, retail food establishments, swimming pool and spa operators will all pay fee increases beginning in 2024. Health Department Administrator Adrienne Northcutt reported the additional fees will help her department "break even" for the costs of performing inspections.

A final reading of an ordinance for recording the receipt of real estate and personal property tax payments was approved. The action met the new State Board of Accounts directive sent to all county treasurers to adopt the policy.

In other business, commissioners:

- Agreed to pay accounts payable claims in the amount of \$9,105,753 and payroll in the amount of 4440,753.
- Approved the 2024 holiday calendar for county employees.
- Accepted annual reports for risk management report and internal controls.

The next commissioner meeting is at 8 a.m. Dec. 20 at the Montgomery County Government Center, 1580 Constitution Row.

NMMS students honor veterans

Bob Cox
Journal Review

North Montgomery Middle School is providing Christmas cheer to two families of veterans through its Project Evergreen. Students presented Christmas trees to Nick Pirtle and the family of the late Jay Rice.

The project's main purpose is to teach students how to honor and serve veterans which includes presenting a live evergreen tree to two recipients.

NMMS teacher Jodi Webster leads the project. She said both families were extremely appreciative for being remembered.

"The family of Jay Rice and Nick Pirtle were extremely touched by the students' effort to honor them," Webster said. "The presentation is special because it brings our veterans face-to-face with our students. Rice's widow, Anita Rice, was there to accept the tree and



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Jodi Webster, left, shares information about Project Evergreen with members of the Rice family who were on hand to receive one of the two donated trees.

there were tears."

Webster said the presentation to the Rice family was emotional. Jay Rice succumbed to cancer in 2022. He served in the U.S. Marines Corps for 20 years and had earned the rank of Major.

While enlisted, Rice helped evacuate the Subic Navy Sea Base in the Philippines during the eruption of Mt. Pinatubo. He also served in Operation Desert Storm and in Afghanistan.

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Baby Story Time — 9:30 a.m. Tuesday, Crawfordsville District Public Library, 205 S. Washington St.

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

Men's Euchre Group — 1-3 p.m. Tuesday, community room, Linden Carnegie Public Library. Free. Call the library at 765-339-4239.

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

Bicycle and Pedestrian Citizen's Advisory Council — 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, council chambers, City Building, 300 E. Pike St.

Hope for Families — 6 p.m. Tuesday, Crosspoint Fellowship Church, 1350 Ladoga Road. Support group for families of incarcerated individuals. Goal is to offer support and encouragement to families affect by loved ones who have been incarcerated. Call the church at 765-362-0602.

Montgomery County Visitors & Convention Commission — 6 p.m. Tuesday, Montgomery County Convention Center, 1580 Constitution Row, Crawfordsville.

Veedersburg Town Council — 6 p.m. second and fourth Tuesday, town hall.

Wingate Town Board — 6 p.m. second Tuesday, town hall, 102 Vine St.

Celebrate Redemption — 6:30-8:30 p.m. Tuesday, Rock Point Church, 429 W. C.R. 150S, Crawfordsville. Light meal served at 6 p.m. Call 765-362-5494.

Genealogy Club of Montgomery County — 7 p.m. Tuesday, Crawfordsville District Public Library, 205 S. Washington St.

WEDNESDAY

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

Montgomery County Drainage Board — 9:30 a.m. Wednesday, Montgomery County Government Center, 1580 Constitution Row, Crawfordsville.

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

Montgomery County Council on Aging — 10 a.m. Wednesday via Zoom video conference. Contact Kim Clark by email at kclark@crawfordsville-in.gov or 765-364-5175.

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

Rotary Club — Noon Wednesday, Crawfordsville Country Club. Lunch is \$15. Guests welcome.

Montgomery County Redevelopment — 1 p.m. Wednesday, Montgomery County Government Center, 1580 Constitution Row, Crawfordsville.

FISH Clothing Closet — 3-5 p.m. Wednesday, Wabash Presbyterian Church, Crawfordsville. Clothing donations accepted during these hours.

Montgomery County Water and Sewer District — 3 p.m. Wednesday, Montgomery County Government Center, 1580 Constitution Row, Crawfordsville.

Crawfordsville Parks & Recreation Board — 4 p.m. Wednesday, council chambers, City Building, 300 E. Pike St.

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Meredith D. Clifford

Jan. 10, 1979-Dec. 8, 2023

Meredith D. Clifford, 44, of Roachdale passed away Friday, Dec. 8, 2023, peacefully at home with her family by her side.



Meredith was born Jan. 10, 1979, Champaign, Illinois, to Allen Price and Rose (Harris) Johnson. She graduated from Greencastle High School in 1997. Later, she followed her passion for helping others by earning her bachelor's degree in nursing from WGU.

On Feb. 1, 2002, high school best friends Meredith and Daryn M. Clifford were married. They shared 21 years of marriage together.

Meredith loved being an RN and had a passion for all her patients, especially the babies. She loved all people as Jesus did. She enjoyed worship nights at church and Baptism Sundays.

Family meant everything to her from going to all the kids sporting events to just spending time with them. She enjoyed watching dirt track racing, camping, vacationing to the beach and long drives in the country taking in all of God's beauty. She especially enjoyed watching the sunrises and sunsets from her porch.

She was an avid reader and enjoyed watching Hallmark movies, even the reruns. Everyone would laugh when Meredith would want to go through the McDonald's drive-thru for a large Dr. Pepper with extra ice.

She is survived by husband Daryn M. Clifford; daughter Skylar J.M. Clifford (fiancé Dustin Costin); son Colton Clifford (Marin Davies); siblings, Chris (Kelly) Price, Adrienne (David) Hahn and Jennifer (Ryan) Wallace; parents, Allen Price and Rose (Allen) Johnson; father-in-law and mother-in-law Joe and Karla Lawless; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her maternal and paternal grandparents.

Funeral services will be at 2:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 14 at Greencastle Christian Church, 620 Primrose Court, Greencastle, with Pastor Nathan Couch officiating. Burial will follow at Boone-Hutcheson Cemetery in Greencastle. Friends may visit with the family from 9 a.m. until service time at

Obituaries

2:30 p.m. at the church.

Memorials may be made to Riley Children's Hospital.

Visit online at www.serviesmorgan.com to share a memory or condolence with the family.

Russell 'Bud' Arnold

Nov. 26, 1934-Dec. 8, 2023

Russell "Bud" Arnold, 89, of Crawfordsville passed away Friday, Dec. 8, 2023, at Franciscan Health of Lafayette.



Bud was active volunteering in the community. He was an active member of St. John's Episcopal, Kiwanis, FISH Food Pantry and served as a CASA. He was a 50-year life member of the Masonic Lodge. He liked playing golf and attending gatherings of the Do-Nothing Club. He loved his family and was very proud of them.

He graduated from Southport High School, class of 1953. He served in the Navy and was honorably discharged in 1959. He graduated from Purdue University and earned a master's degree from Indiana Central. He worked as a mechanical engineer at several places, including Indiana Bell, Firestone, Harman Motive, IMPEX, Hi-Tek and did consulting work. He also owned or co-owned three businesses, C'ville Docs, Metal Forming in Russellville and D & B Tool in Thorntown.

Born Nov. 26, 1934, at Indianapolis, he was the son of Lloyd Arnold and Martha Arnold. His mother died when he was young and his step-mother, Floreine, helped raise him. Bud married Anita Graber on June 19, 1960. She survives.

Surviving family includes: wife Anita Arnold; two daughters, Darlisa (Randy) Steele and Cheryl Arnold; three grandchildren, Nicole "Nikki" Williams, Clayton and Weston Steele; two great-grandchildren, Coleton and Emily Roche; three great-great-grandchildren, Marshall, Andrew and Aira; sister Vera (Tom) Aping; and step-brother Jerry (Linda) Redenbarger.

He was preceded in death by his parents and two sisters, Viola (Robert) Todd and Linda (Sonny) White.

Visitation will be from noon to 1 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 13 at St. John's

Episcopal Church. Services will begin at 1 p.m. Bud will be laid to rest at Oak Hill Cemetery North in a private family burial. Immediately after the service refreshments will be served at Whitlock Hall

Donations may be made to St. John's Episcopal, 212 S. Green St., Crawfordsville, IN 47933. Arrangements were entrusted to Burkhart Funeral Home.

Dorothy V. (Kamenski) Dolan

June 25, 1934-Dec. 9, 2023

Dorothy V. (Kamenski) Dolan passed away Saturday, Dec. 9, 2023, Crawfordsville, after a brief illness. She was 89 years old.



Dorothy was born June 25, 1934, at New Britain, Connecticut, to John Kamenski and Mary (Konicko) Kamenski. She married Francis T. Dolan on April 25, 1980. He preceded her in death Nov. 22, 2023.

She is also preceded in death by her parents; sister Jeanette Kizilski; brother-in-law Joseph Kizilski; and step-father Joseph Provycyk.

Dorothy was a loving, caring "step-in" Mom to her husband's children, Moira (Steve) Spohn, Erin (Dan) Truncione and Patrick (Anne) Dolan, who lost their mother when they were very young. They loved her dearly.

Surviving family include: her step-children; nieces, Lynda (Alain) McMahon and Gail (George) Verheyen; grandchildren, Nicholas (Elizabeth) Truncione, Brianna (Jason Nebergall) Beck, Brandon (Katie) Beck, Nathan Truncione, Elizabeth Truncione and Sean Dolan; and four great-grandchildren.

Dorothy was an insurance underwriter with Traveler's Insurance in Hartford, Connecticut, for several years. She greatly enjoyed traveling on several cruises, sewing, and spending time with family.

A private family service will be held Friday, Dec. 15, 2023, at Hunt and Son Funeral Home, Crawfordsville. Hunt & Son Funeral Home is assisting the family.

Condolences and memories may be shared at www.huntandson.com.

SEARCHES

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a serious snowplow accident at the start of 2023, followed. Meanwhile, the late Matthew Perry and Tina Turner led search trends among notable individuals who passed away.

In the world of entertainment, "Barbie" dominated Google search's movie trends this year — followed by Barbenheimer co-pilot "Oppenheimer" and Indian thriller "Jawan." In TV, "The Last of Us," "Wednesday" and "Ginny and Georgia" were the top three trending shows in 2023.

Yosobi's "(Idol)" was Google's top trending song on search. Jason Aldean's "Try That In A Small Town" — which soared in the charts after controversy this summer — and Shakira and Bizarrap's



Photo Illustration

Taylor Swift, Jeremy Renner, Matthew Perry, 'Succession' and 'Barbie' among top searches in 2023.

"Bzrp Music Sessions, Vol. 53" followed.

And that's just the tip of the iceberg for Google's 2023 global search trends. Bibimbap was the top trending recipe. Inter Miami CF, the new home of Argentine soccer superstar Lionel Messi, led Google's sports teams trends. And in the U.S. specifically, many consumers spent 2023 asking why eggs, Taylor Swift tickets and sriracha bottles were so

expensive — while "rizz" (recently named Oxford's word of the year) was a frontrunner for trending slang definition inquiries.

You can find more data, including country-specific lists and trends from years past, on Google's "Year in Search" archive. The company says it collected its 2023 search results from Jan. 1 through Nov. 27 of this year.

Google isn't the only one to publish annual data

as 2023 draws to a close — and from dictionary lookups to music streams, chances are, you've probably seen other lists recapping online activity this year. Last week, for example, Wikipedia released its year-end list of most-viewed entries—with its article about ChatGPT leading the pack.

To mark the search engine's 25th birthday, Google also released top search data "of all time" across various specific categories. Since 2004 (when the company's trends data first became available globally), the most-Google'd Grammy winner of all time has been Beyoncé, for example, while Portuguese soccer great Cristiano Ronaldo is the highest-searched athlete, and the most-searched movie or TV cast is "Harry Potter."

STUDENTS

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He was embedded with 15 Marines in the mountains of Afghanistan along the Pakistan border for 14 months amidst some heavy fire fights. He always said his proudest moment was being able to bring all 15 Marines home.

For his efforts he was awarded the Bronze Star and a Navy, Army and Marine Commendation Medal and the Meritorious Service Medal.

Rice returned home and coached swimming at Fountain Central High School. He is the uncle of North Montgomery School Resource Officer AJ Rice and school nurse Jessica Fruits. His sister in-law, Carla Rice, recently retired as a school nurse from Sommer

Elementary School. Pirtle is presently in the Indiana Air National Guard and has risen to the rank of Master Sergeant. He has been deployed overseas four times. He served in Iraq in 2008 and in Kuwait in 2013. He also served in Afghanistan in 2018 and Saudi Arabia in 2022.

Students started the project with a special drive-thru for Veterans Day. This year, more than 200 veterans had their images and service histories displayed. The displays were provided by Waynetown Improvement Committee, the Darlington Legion and a Montgomery County Community Foundation Grant.

Oak Hill Farm and the Stine family provided the two evergreen trees.

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GBB: Mounties and Mustangs meet in battle of area's top two teams

CHS and NM Swimming both in action

Harmon Joins Thousand Point Club in Mustangs Win

Jeff Nelson
Journal Review

MECCA – Will Harmon put a comma in his career scoring total, and joined an exclusive fraternity as he helped lead Fountain Central to a 69-31 boys basketball win over Riverton Parke.

The senior, with a three pointer, a two pointer and a free throw in the first 49 seconds of the contest, reached 1,000 points for his career, becoming only the 10th boys hoopster in FC history to attain that plateau.

Finishing with 21 points, he actually moved into ninth place, and the climb up the all-time scoring list can get close to the head of the list with a continued good season, as he is averaging 20 points a game so far.

“It’s something I have thought about my whole life,” Harmon said. “Since I was 9-years old, I’ve been thinking about becoming a thousand-point scorer. “This is just the best feeling in the world, and proves to me that all the hard work was worth it. Now, though, we put it behind us and we head for the goal of winning a state championship in the spring.”

Harmon’s first thoughts, however, were thanks to his parents, Chera Bowling and Willard Harmon.

“They have been so supportive every step of the way,” he said. “They pushed, they helped, they watched, they were always there. My teammates are also such a big part of this accomplishment. They got me the ball, and they and the coaches trusted my shot.”

Mustangs coach Greg Dean echoed those thoughts.

“What an accomplishment,” he said. “Indiana high school basketball is so important to so many of us, and to be part of a historical moment is great for Will, and great for our team. I’m happy for him, his family and for our basketball family. We are proud of him.”

With that, however, player and coach were all business about the game, which had the Mustangs set a brutal tone defensively and roll to the win, moving them to 2-1 on the season and 1-0 as the WRC gets into action. The Panthers fall to 2-3 with the loss, and it is their first conference game as well.

After Harmon’s fast six to start things out, FC used three first-quarter buckets by Isaac Gayler and Owen Acton each to rush to a 24-8 first-quarter advantage.

The Mustangs defensively threw a towel over the Panthers, holding them without a point for better than nine

minutes from the first into the second quarters, scoring 24 points in that stretch.

“I think we had 16 straight stops,” Dean said of his defenders. “We hang our hat on our defense. The guys have bought into it, and they work their tails off defensively. We are going to continue to try and get better offensively, but we will never stop working defensively. We did a good job in turning Riverton Parke over tonight. Brayden Prickett

and Koby Wolf were fantastic against their guards all night.”

That pressure forced 21 RP turnovers, and the offense generated 37 whopping points from those miscues.

Harmon’s 21 wasn’t even team-best. Isaac Gayler simply would not miss, as the senior was 12-of-16 from the floor and finished with 29 points.

He had three offensive

rebounds, with two put-backs, and Owen Acton grabbed four offensive boards and had his own pair of put-backs to finish with 10. The visitors were plus-15 in second-chance points.

“Ike (Gayler) did some things early,” Dean said. “Those offensive boards and a couple steals were a real spark. Owen (Acton) just did a great job defending and rebounding. We haven’t done a good enough job rebounding the first couple weeks, but tonight was different.”

The Mustangs finished with a 30-19 rebound advantage. Gayler’s six was game-high, with Acton and Harmon each grabbing five. They were 29-of-52 from the field and 6-of-11 from long range. They finished with 42 points in the paint, showing how close a lot of shots were.

The Panthers were led in scoring by Pierson Robins. The senior had 13. His squad found the shooting not nearly as warm as the temps in the gym, as they were only 13-of-33 from the field, and hit only one three-pointer.

“We are getting the football guys into basketball shape,” Dean said. “We rebounded better, we took better care of the ball and we got better shots. We are working on getting more guys involved and even with a veteran team, we have guys in new roles. We are still trying to figure a lot of stuff out, and how to get all that done. It’s all about getting a little better every day.”

That effort continues for the Mustangs, as they travel to Western Boone next Saturday. They have Crawfordsville (January) and Southmont (February) on the schedule.

Athenians give Red Devils 32-minute fight

Rob Hinckley
Journal Review

CRAWFORDSVILLE – The ball flew toward the basket with the possibility of a win.

A few minutes before very few probably believed the Crawfordsville boys basketball team would be in that position.

The shot missed the mark and the Athenians (3-2) fell to a good West Lafayette squad 64-62 in the CHS gym Friday evening.

“I was really proud of our effort,” Crawfordsville coach David Pierce said. “Obviously, (West Lafayette) shot the ball extremely well from the outside. I’ll give our kids credit. There were multiple times they’d go on a run and we’d fight back.

We had to change a lot of things and make a lot of adjustments on the fly.”

The Red Devils (4-1) led by as many as 13 points in the third quarter and finished the frame up 54-44.

The home team battled back for a second time after a Zevo St. Hilaire basket to open the fourth increased the advantage to 56-44.

Pierce’s squad rattled off the next nine points over the next 2:38, including a three pointer from game high scorer Alec Saidian.

Saidian’s game was beneficial both offensively and defensively against the 6-foot-10 St. Hilaire.

“I thought we did a decent job when (St. Hilaire) was in we had to go to zone. When he came out we switched back to man to guard their guards. We know Alec can shoot from the outside, but he needed to pull (St. Hilaire) out to guard and allow him to get to the rim. That’s why our guards were able to get by late in the game and get to the hole.”

It was a game of runs for Crawfordsville to keep them in the game.



Susan Ehrlich/Journal Review

Junior big man Alec Saidian had one of the best games of his career scoring 25 points and having 12 rebounds in Crawfordsville’s 64-62 loss to West Lafayette.

They trailed after one 15-12, scoring the last four of the quarter. An eight-point run in the second dissolved an 11-point disadvantage and it was 32-25 at the half.

The strategy in the second half was keep St. Hilaire away from the basket on both ends and up the defense against West Lafayette hot shooting guards Drew Whitlock and Ben Werth.

“Their guards are phenomenal and quick. It’s actually their off guards. I thought Ethan (McLemore) and Tyson (Fuller) did a phenomenal job defensively and going to get rebounds. That’s effort.”

After a slow start sophomore Mason McCarty scored all eight of his points in the second half, thanks to adjustments and to counter the hounding defense against teammates Drake Burris and Caden Patton

“We were switching guys around to get the mismatch. That’s where Mason came through. The scouting report says

don’t leave those two and they didn’t.”

Saidian ended up with 25 points, including 3-of-6 from behind the arc. He completed the double-double with 12 rebounds, six in each half. McLemore added 13 points and Fuller 9. Werth had 17 to lead the visitors with 5-of-6 threes. He was one of four Red Devils in double figures. As a team West Lafayette nailed 11-22 three point attempts and was 23-53 overall. CHS was 25-56 with 7-19 beyond the arc.

CHS outrebounded West Lafayette in the second half 22-14 and 37-30 for the game.

Pierce’s squad starts its quest to defend the Montgomery County title by playing host to North Montgomery Friday.

“I think we’re playing well right now. That’s going to be a good game. North’s playing well right now. They always play good defense. They play tough. Coach Arnold does a great job preparing them.”



WILL HARMON

The FC senior guard surpassed the 1,000 point mark for his career on Friday night becoming the 10th player in school history to reach that mark



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Mounties show fight against SAC's best

NEW MARKET — Danville girls basketball stands atop the Saga-more Conference this season and the Warriors came into Friday's game against Southmont looking to remain perfect in SAC play. The Mounties showed fight against the Warriors and at one point in the second quarter trailed by only four at 14-10. Danville ended the quarter thought scoring the final eighth to lead 22-10 entering halftime. Trailing by as many as 14 in the final quarter, the Mounties cut it to eight at 39-31, but it was a case of too little too late as the Warriors hung on for a 45-35 win.

The 45 points by the Warriors were a season low as Southmont's defense played it's usual aggressive style to keep them in the game. In years past the Warriors have dominated Southmont so Mountie coach Dan Burkman was pleased with the fight that his team showed against the top team in the SAC.

"We talked the whole week about taking this game one quarter at a time," Burkman said. "We played well enough tonight to keep us in the game in the final stretch. We ran into some foul trouble with Chloe and Layla but still managed to win the second half by two points. I'm proud of our girls and thought they did a great job."

Girls Game
Danville 45, Southmont 35
Score By Quarter
DV 11 11 7 16 — 45
SM 4 6 10 15 — 35
Danville (9-1, 3-0 SAC) FG-FGA FT-FTA PTS: Maddy Wethington 3-12 2-2 9, Ava Walls 2-5 1-2 5, Gabi Pigecella 0-1 3-4 3, Addison Davis 3-10 3-4 9, Alexis Lynch 1-8 1-2 3, Lucy Riggs 1-2 0-2 2, Emma Ancelet 4-10 5-7 13; Totals 14-39 15-23 45
Southmont (6-5, 0-2 SAC): Molly Williams 0-0 0-0 0, Olivia Gray 0-0 0-0 0, Emily Link 2-4 1-4 5, Claire Kessler 2-5 2-2 6, Cheyenne Shaw 1-3 0-0 2, DeLorean Mason 5-18 4-5 16, Chloe Jenkins 2-10 2-5 4, Layla Gomez 1-2 0-0 2; Totals 13-42 9-16 35
3-Point Shooting: Danville 2-13 (Wethington 1-7, Riggs 1-2 Lynch 1-2, Walls 0-1); Southmont 2-5 (Mason 2-5)
Rebounds: Danville 35 (Lynch 8, Davis 5, Wethington 4); Southmont 34 (Jenkins 11, Shaw 6, Link 4)
Turnovers: Danville 20, Southmont 23

South's defense forced Danville to turn the ball over 20 times and only make 2-13 (15%) of their three point attempts.

Like Burkman said both of his interior players in Chloe Jenkins and Layla Gomez battled foul trouble especially in the second quarter. That allowed the Warriors to crash the offensive glass and get second chance opportunities.

"It's not that their just a tall team, they're a big, physical, and strong team," Burkman said of the Warriors. "It was a very physical game and people don't realize how physical girls basketball can be at times. I was still proud of our girls for being able to match their level of physicality for the most part."

Southmont (6-5, 0-2 SAC) was led in scoring by DeLorean Mason's 16 points. Claire Kessler came off the South bench to have a good game with six. Emily Link added five, Jenkins four, while both Gomez and Cheyenne Shaw scored two. The Mounties as a team shot 13-42 (31%)

from the field but just 2-5 from three with Mason attempting all five. South shot 9-16 (56%) from the foul line and grabbed 34 rebounds while turning it over 23 times.

Danville (9-1, 3-0 SAC) was led in scoring by Emma Ancelet's 13 points. Both Maddy Wethington and Addison Davis scored nine, Ava Walls five, and a trio of Warriors in Gabi Pigecella, Alexis Lynch, and Lucy Riggs all scoring three. From the floor Danville shot 14-39 (36%) from the field including as previously mentioned their 2-13 from three. They grabbed 35 rebounds along with their 20 turnovers.

While it will still go in the books as a loss, Burkman notes how he believes his team gained confidence from playing a tough team well for a full 32 minutes.

"I feel like we could have won the game if we did some things better especially in that second quarter," Burkman said. "We could've shot a little better from the free-throw line but for the most part I believe the girls now believe they can compete well against a very good team. From there I think they gained a lot of confidence."

Mounties battle No. 8 Warriors, fall just short

Danville boys basketball no matter who they play year in and year out presents a challenging foe. Yet Southmont was

more than ready to go to war with the No. 8, Class 3A Warriors on Friday night at Bob Tandy Gym. Danville swelled their lead to as many as 17 points but the Mounties not once folded. Trailing 34-20 mid-way through the third quarter, South used a 10-0 run to trim the Warrior lead to 34-30 before a buzzer-beating three by Zach Waits gave the Warriors a 37-30 advantage. In the final eight minute stanza, Southmont had the lead to as little as three mutiple times, but the Warriors made enough plays down the stretch to hold off the Mounties for a 55-49 win.

"When we were successful tonight we were out running, moving the ball, and attacking," Southmont coach Michael Byrum said. "It didn't matter what defense they were playing, that ball was moving quick and we were finding the open guys. We came into this game wanting to be physical and compete for a full 32 minutes and I thought we did that. We gave them some problems with our defense, but in close games like this one, a handful of plays are going to make the difference."

A Carter Hubble bucket with 1:06 left cut the Warrior lead to 52-49. Eli Tricket made a pair of free-throws with 32.1 to extend the lead and then the dagger was a ball that bounced off of Hayden Hess' foot which resulted in a turnover. Despite the loss Southmont gave the Warriors all they could handle and stayed the

Boys Game
Danville 55, Southmont 49
Score By Quarter
DV 12 13 12 18 — 55
SM 9 6 15 19 — 49
Danville (4-0, 1-0 SAC) FG-FGA FT-FTA PTS: Cameron McMahon 1-1 0-0 3, Jace Scrafton 4-10 1-2 9, Lukas McMahon 2-4 4-8 8, Zach Waits 1-2 0-0 3, Eli Tricket 1-7 2-2 4, Steven Webb 2-2 0-0 4, Owen Collier 3-5 5-7 11, Evan Lawrence 3-9 5-10 11; Totals 17-42 17-29 55
Southmont (2-1, 0-1 SAC): Evan Watson 3-4 0-0 6, Vince Reimondo 5-14 0-0 13, Austin Foley 0-1 0-0 0, Kyler McCandless 0-3 0-0 0, Lucas Opyr 0-1 0-0 0, Hayden Hess 4-9 0-2 9, Aaron McMasters 5-7 2-2 13, Carter Hubble 3-4 0-1 8; Totals 20-39 2-5 49
3-Point Shooting: Danville 2-7 (Waits, C. McMahon); Southmont 6-14 (Reimondo 3-7, Hess 1-3, McMasters 1-1, Hubble 1-1)
Rebounds: Danville 33 (Lawrence 17, L. McMahon 4); Southmont (Hess 5, McMasters 3, Foley 3)
Turnovers: Danville 17, Southmont 19

course and found themselves with a chance to win the game.

Aaron McMasters proved to be an unlikely hero for the Mounties in the game as he tied teammate Vince Reimondo for a game-high 13 points. Down the stretch of the fourth quarter, McMasters scored seven straight Southmont points. Hess ended with nine, Hubble eight, and Evan Watson six. Byrum noted how McMasters performance stood out.

"We gave ourselves a chance in this game and that's what you want to do against better competition like a Danville," he siad. "Aaron is a great athlete and we need him to unlease it. I think he's still hesitant sometimes. with transitioning from football. He overthinks things a little too much but when he plays like that, he showed what a great player he can be for us."

For the game Southmont (2-1, 0-1 SAC) went 20-39 (51.3%) from the floor. They were 6-14 (43%) from behind the three point arc but just 2-5 from the foul line.

They grabbed 22 rebounds and did struggle with the turnover bug as they ended with 19 giveaways in the loss.

Danville (4-0, 1-0 SAC) was led in scoring as well by a pair of players. Seniors Owen Collier and Evan Lawrence both ended with 11 points. Lawrence who is committed to Indiana University for football showed why he's relied on down low for coach Brian Barber. Danville ended the game with 33 rebounds and Lawrence had over half of them grabbing 17 boards (10 defensive 7 offensive). Other scorers for the Warriors were Jace Scrafton with nine, Lukas McMahon with eight, both Eli Tricker and Steven Webb four, and Camerson McMahon and Waits scored three.

For the gamw the Warriors shot 17-42 (40%) from the field and only made 2-7 attempts from th three point line. However what stood out in the game was Danville's ability to get to the foul line. They went 17-29 from the charity stripe compared to just the 2-5 for the Mounties. Along with their 33 rebounds, Danville did struggle to hold on to the ball as well turning it over 17 times of their own.

The Mounties boys also traveled to Greencastle on Saturday night and fell 64-48 to a red-hot Greencastle team who was led by sophomore Cody Evans 30 points.

Southmont's overall record is now 2-2 on the season and they will be at Western Boone on Friday.

Wrestling: Athenians continue perfect season

Athenians claim North Putnam Invite title

Crawfordsville wrestling couldn't have a better start to it's season. After going 5-0 at the WeBo duals, the Athenians were back in action at the North Putnam Invite this past Saturday. Cville continued their perfect season by going a perfect 5-0 and claiming the North Putnam Invite title.

Team results for the Athenians included wins

over North Putnam (50-12), South Putnam (55-23), North Vermillion (48-32), Speedway (51-27), and Terre Haute South (68-12). Individual results for the Athenians were Taiga Koyanagi going 5-0, Camron Teeple 5-0, Armando Munoz 5-0, Blayze Robbins 4-1, Parker Wray 2-3, Landon Vaught 5-0, Kollin Moore 4-1, Jaziel Gil-Herrera 4-1, Tristan Hodges 1-4, Braeden Hites 5-0, Ashton Wilson 5-0, Ariel Dominguez 2-3, and Isaiah McNorton 3-2.



Crawfordsville with the North Put Invite title improves to 13-0 on the season. CHS will have the week off to prepare for the

county meet on Saturday against Southmont and North Montgomery. The meet will be held at CHS and get underway at 9 a.m. Cville will be looking for its first county title since 2009.

(66-12) and South Bend Riley (46-33). South's three losses were against Portage (58-16), Hanover Central (51-24), and host Calumet (35-30).

Individual Results for Southmont on the day were Cooper Scott going 1-0 (106), Brier Riggle 2-3 (120), Camden Laney 2-3 (126), Jeffrey Pine 3-2 (132), Maddox Cade 5-0 (138), James Elliot 3-2 (144), Marlin Williams 5-0 (150), Hunter Alesi 4-1 (157), Paxton Gentry 1-4 (165), Gavyn Hayes 1-4 (175), Tyler Davis 4-1 (190), Rowan Endicott 0-5 (215), and Savion Lillard

3-2 (285).

Southmont overall is 5-7 on the season and will host South Vermillion on Tuesday.

Charger Girls place 7th at Lebanon Invite

Lebanon hosted over 400 girls wrestlers and 55 teams on Saturday at the 5th annual Lebanon Invite. North Montgomery girls had a strong showing overall with a seventh place finish.

On the day Sophia Shea placed 5th at 130 pounds, Jovie Simpkins fourth at 135, Shanice Williams seventh at 140, Hailey Kunz second at 145, Hannah Kincaid 6th at 145A, Chloe Douglas second at 170B, and Julia Shea second place at 190.

The Lady Chargers will now gear up for the Regional here in two weeks which will be hosted this season at Crawfordsville.



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DIVERSIONS

Man cites safety concerns when wife looks to botox

DEAR ABBY: My wife is a very attractive 56. For years she has wanted Botox treatments. Recently, it has become more serious because she feels she looks like a grandmother. I (and others) continue to tell her how great she looks, especially when she dresses up.

I also tell her Botox is a short-term fix and will require subsequent treatments. Additionally, with each treatment, she will risk potential problems of infection, allergic reaction or medical mistakes. I remind her of the treatments that have gone wrong and that none of those women went to their doctors asking to look like a retired boxer.

At this point, I’m concerned she may be depressed about aging and wants to do something to improve her looks, but I’m standing in her way. I love her just as she is, and I don’t want her to do anything that ultimately could do damage. To me, the ultimate “depression” would be doing something harmful that can’t be corrected. Please advise me. — LOVES HER THE WAY SHE IS

DEAR LOVES: You clearly adore your wife and want what is best for her. That’s why you should consider scheduling a consultation for BOTH of you with a board-certified dermatologist who can explain the benefits and risks of using Botox. It may put some of your concerns to rest.

When administered by a medical professional, there is little risk of a bad outcome. While you are correct that the effects last only a few months, Botox is popular among women in her age group and those even younger. The only drawback is that it isn’t cheap. (During your discussion,

you may also want to ask about other products that are available and last longer, such as fillers.)

DEAR ABBY: I let a friend who was going through a hard time stay on my couch when he would get too drunk to drive. Eleven years later, he’s still here. I told him from the beginning not to get hooked or fall in love with me, because I knew I would never feel the same.

He has taken over my home with his collections but won’t sell anything. He also doesn’t pay any bills. I do not like his drinking. I am sober. He yells and screams for sex, but I don’t give in. I told him he needs to move on.

I’m on disability and a fixed income. Legal eviction? Restraining order? He has threatened to walk away and leave me to deal with all his junk. Help! — INVADED IN MISSOURI

DEAR INVADED: You have been too kind for far too long. Before doing anything, talk with an attorney because of the length of time you have allowed this person to live with you (rent-free). If you can’t afford legal counsel, reach out to your local Legal Aid or Legal Services office.

If the freeloader agrees to go, leaving his “collections” behind, you may be able to sell or donate the items. Should he refuse to leave your home, you may have to formally evict him which, depending upon the laws in your state, could be complicated without legal guidance.

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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.

“ D Y T D Y S T T I S T O D T V D J T E J A T C U W P A C M T O V O P E K U I J T S V E U L T S T L Y C D T . C ’ W U E D O J T S V E U D Y O D S T O A A P X T O A V C U H E A E S . ” — N C W F S E L U

Previous Solution: “This is not a country of bullies. We are not an empire. We are the light. We are the Statue of Liberty.” — Jerry Springer

TODAY’S CLUE: *U equals K*

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Previous Answer

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NEA CROSSWORD

ACROSS

1 Male turkey or cat

4 Days gone by

8 Singer

Tori —

12 Ecol. watchdog

13 Soothing plant

14 Fibula

15 Plant or animal pouch

16 Bowl over

17 Spike

18 Playhouse

20 Used a whetstone

21 According to

22 Pair

23 Carpenter’s tool

26 Edict

30 TV personality —

Melber

31 Comic’s offering

32 Blue bird

33 Thousand thou

34 Naval abbr.

35 St. crosser

36 Touchy

39 Reduce to tatters

41 Tiny creature

42 Schuss

43 Plant part

46 Pilferers

50 Howl

51 Greenish blue

52 Card up a sleeve

53 — -de-camp

54 Peddle

55 That ship

56 Make music

57 City in Iowa

58 Simple toy

DOWN

1 School event

2 Colorful fish

3 Self-defense spray

4 Light color

5 Modify

6 Olivia Rodrigo album

7 Half score

8 Producing flowers

9 Complain

10 Single time

11 Future flower

19 “The Naked —”

20 Sing a certain way

22 Feet, slangily

23 Source of light

24 Pennsylvania port

25 Loathsome tender

27 Not closed

28 Church part

29 Tinted

31 Blow hard

37 Silicon —

38 Sign with a pen

39 Abilities

40 Make hast

42 Layered rock

43 Fair exchange

44 Follow

45 Tragic opera

46 Abound

47 Expansive

48 Say the same thing

49 Ooze

51 Airport screening org.

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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The New York Times

Crossword

Edited by Will Shortz

No. 1107

ACROSS

1 N.L. East team for which Tom Seaver pitched

5 “Down the ____!” (“Bottoms up!”)

10 Wild guess

14 Pop band with a palindromic name

15 Pouch of fluid in an E.R.

16 Site with “Place bid” buttons

17 When repeated, slogan of 1-Down

18 “I ____ what I said”

19 Tirade

20 Torus-shaped treat

22 Actor whose name is appropriate to appear in this puzzle

23 ~

24 Michelle ____, FIFA Female Player of the Century

25 Not just some

26 Treads on Keds

27 Plopped down

28 “Her name is ____ and she dances on the sand” (Duran Duran lyric)

29 Common airport greeting

30 Attempt to cool, in a way

31 Conditions

32 Aruba, Bonaire or Curaçao

34 Astronaut Jemison

35 Nonspecialist

38 Mars ... or a marble

40 Old man’s old man

42 “Little” Wonder

44 Goes the distance

46 Mandated

47 Mama’s mama

48 ____ Apollo, Grammy-nominated singer

49 One of five in a Shakespeare play

52 Like items unveiled in a tech show, colloquially

54 Boxer who received a Liberty Medal for being a “champion of freedom”

57 Foreboding feeling

59 Wee one

60 List in an etiquette book

62 Fitness program originally called “Rumbacize”

63 Market launch, for short

64 Come clean

65 Cast out

66 First music artist to have a video with a billion YouTube views

67 Impoverished

DOWN

1 Miata maker

2 Kindle item

3 *Chophouse choice

4 One required by a 1629 law to wear two swords

5 “To Know ____ Is to Love ____” (1958 #1 song)

6 Mass recitation

7 *Skier’s support

8 Surefire

9 Driver’s license fig.

10 “No joke!”

11 *Miniature mitt

12 “Storage Wars” network

13 Memory units

21 *Article of summer footwear

23 *Launcher sometimes used during halftime at a sports event

30 Singer Bareilles

33 Canal written about by Twain and Melville

34 Studio with an iconic lion

36 Home of Acadia National Park

37 “I’m at your disposal”

39 One of the B’s in B&B

41 Chess pieces

43 Make a typo, say

45 Bit of advice from a C.P.A.

46 Slobbery tennis ball, e.g.

49 Woodworking tool

50 Main point

51 Office sub

53 With the giant letter formed by the black squares immediately above this answer, what the answers to the starred clues all literally have

54 Name shared by two wives of Henry VIII

55 Noisy

56 Words preceding “with my little eye”

58 \$5 bill, slangily

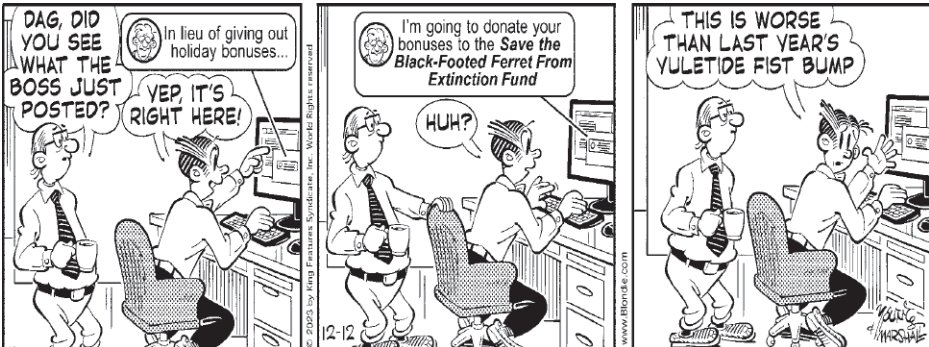
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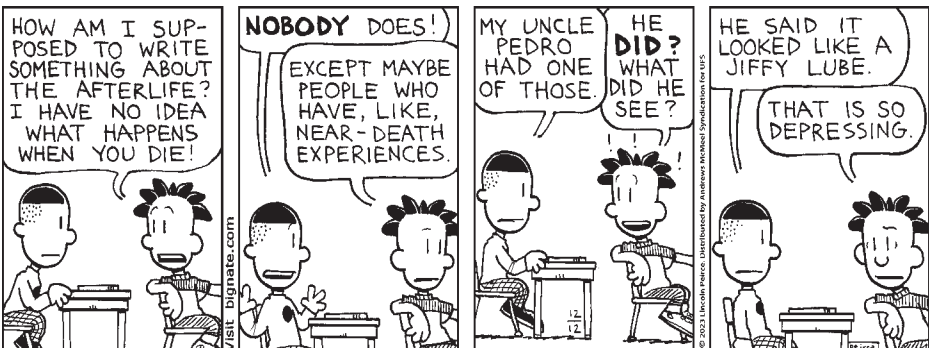
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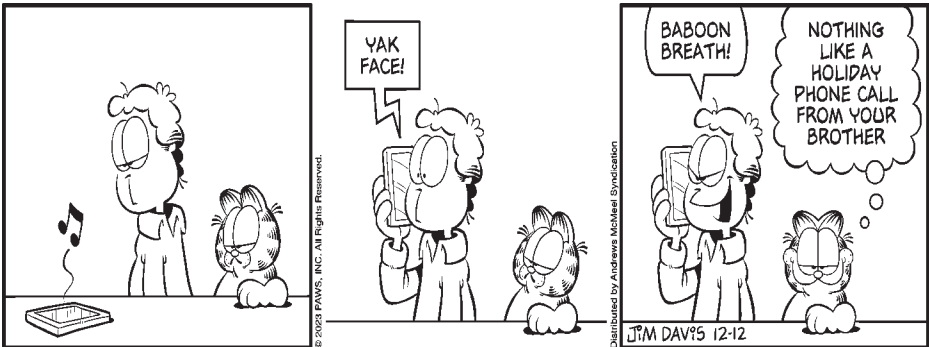
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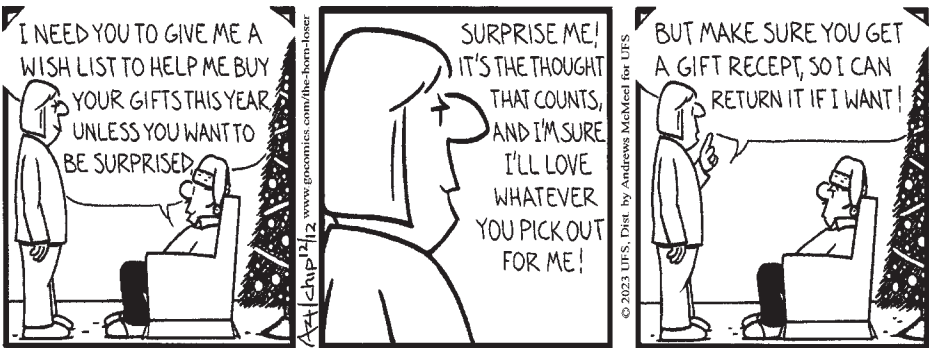
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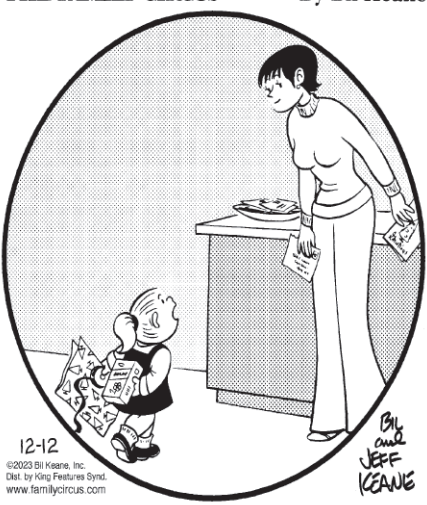


NON SEQUITUR



THE FAMILY CIRCUS

By Bil Keane



"Can you gift-wrap something with your eyes closed? It's for you."

Fortune favors the lucky

Phillip Alder

Garrison Keillor wrote, "Some luck lies in not getting what you thought you wanted but getting what you have, which once you have got it you may be smart enough to see is what you would have wanted had you known."

Today's deal occurred eons ago, before bidding boxes, during a world championship match between Argentina and Italy. It must have left the Argentinean North-South pair feeling like that.

In the given Argentinean auction, North did well to raise his partner's strong-two opening. South rebid in the suit where he wanted help, and North judged that he had a useful fitting honor. Five no-trump was the Grand Slam Force, asking North to bid seven with two top diamond honors. Six hearts was another attempt to reach seven spades. North, after deciding his hand wasn't worth seven, made a slip of the tongue that he didn't correct in time. Instead of saying six spades, he uttered, "Pass."

However, North was very lucky. South won the club lead with dummy's ace, dis-

North 12-12-23			
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♥ 8 5 3 2			
♦ Q 8 6			
♦ A J 7 3			
West		East	
2		10 8 6 3	
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♦ J 10 7 5		♦ K 9	
♣ 10 9 8 6 2		♣ K Q 5 4	
South			
♦ A Q J 9 7 5			
♥ A K Q			
♦ A 4 3 2			
♣ —			
Dealer: South			
Vulnerable: Neither			
South	West	North	East
2♣	Pass	3♠	Pass
4♦	Pass	5♦	Pass
5NT	Pass	6♦	Pass
6♥	Pass	Pass!	Pass
Opening lead: ♣ 10			

carding a diamond from hand. He drew three rounds of trumps, and, when they split 3-3, he claimed 12 tricks: six spades, four hearts and two minor-suit aces.

At the other table, the Italians reached six spades, but the declarer misplayed, losing two diamond tricks. However, the contract should have been made. South ruffs the club lead in hand, draws trumps and cashes his top hearts. Now he continues with the diamond ace and another diamond. Even though East tops dummy's queen with the king, he must return a club to dummy's ace, giving declarer access to the 13th heart.

JUMBLE

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

EHNSE

FHETT

GUPYMR

SMIHYW

Yesterday's Jumbles: FRAME MONTH AVENUE ORIOLE
Answer: The astronauts jumping above the lunar surface for a photo were — OVER THE MOON

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME

By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek



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

(Answers tomorrow)

LocalRecord

Crawfordsville Police Department

FRIDAY

- Drug activity at North Grant and Lafayette avenues — 12:38 a.m.
- Animal complaint at Dunn and East Wabash avenues — 7:38 a.m.
- Property damage crash at East Wabash and South Washington Street — 11:05 a.m.
- Trespass in the 2600 block of Lafayette Road — 11:47 a.m.
- Property damage crash at 2501 Lafayette Road — 1:19 p.m.
- Drug investigation in the 200 block of Knoll Circle — 2:57 p.m.
- Hit and run at Crawfordsville High School, 1 Athenian Drive — 4 p.m.
- Theft in the 1700 block of South U.S. 231 — 4:24 p.m.
- Juvenile complaint reported — 4:24 p.m.
- Public disturbance in the 200 block of North Blair Street — 5:46 p.m.
- Warrant served in the 1800 block of East College Street — 6:35 p.m.
- Domestic disturbance in the 3000 block of Lawndale Drive — 7:22 p.m.
- Tommy Dean Wright, 36, Crawfordsville, was arrested on a warrant for probation violation — 7:40 p.m.
- Property damage crash at 817 Aspen Drive — 8 p.m.
- Drug activity at the 36 mile-marker of westbound Interstate 74 — 8:16 p.m.
- Breaking and entering in the 200 block of Canby Avenue — 8:49 p.m.
- Child molestation in the 300 block of South Green Street — 9:25 p.m.
- Joshua Allen Smith, 40, Crawfordsville, was arrested on charges of possession of methamphetamine, burglary, criminal mischief and criminal trespass — 10:08 p.m.
- Domestic disturbance in the 800 block of Brook Street — 10:24 p.m.
- Domestic disturbance in the 200 block of Hamilton Street — 10:44 p.m.
- Public disturbance in the 100 block of West College Street —

11:59 p.m.

SATURDAY

- Vandalism in the 400 block of Crawford Street — 2:21 a.m.
- Assault at Franciscan Health Crawfordsville, 1719 Lafayette Road — 5:37 a.m.
- Fight in the 300 block of West North Street — 9:44 a.m.
- Theft at Taco Bell, 2503 Lafayette Road — 11:57 a.m.
- Vandalism at Jennison and Crawford streets — 12:54 p.m.
- Property damage in the 700 block of South Washington Street — 3:48 p.m.
- Property damage in the 300 block of Martindale Drive — 8:04 p.m.
- Juvenile complaint in the 300 block of West Market Street — 8:28 p.m.
- Operating a vehicle while intoxicated at Wallace Avenue and East Franklin Street — 9:59 p.m.
- Public intoxication in the 1700 block of Lafayette Road — 11:26 p.m.
- Adrian Lee Adams, 39, Crawfordsville, was arrested on charges of operating a vehicle while intoxicated - controlled substance and operating a vehicle while intoxicated - endangerment — 12:15 a.m.
- Property damage crash at 3573 W. U.S. 136 — 3:16 a.m.
- Darrell Anthony Witcher, 31, Crawfordsville, was arrested on a warrant for probation violation and failure to appear and a charge of invasion of privacy — 4:15 a.m.
- Theft in the 700 block of Tuttle Avenue — 11:14 a.m.
- Vandalism in the 400 block of Wabash College Mall — 2:27 p.m.
- Domestic disturbance in the 200 block of McCormick Drive — 6:50 p.m.
- Drug activity in the 200 block of Knoll Circle — 7:53 p.m.

Montgomery County Sheriff's Office

FRIDAY

- Illegal dumping in the 6600 block of East C.R. 500S, New Ross —

7:56 a.m.

- Property damage crash at North State Road 47 and Memorial Drive — 7:58 a.m.
- Animal complaint in the 7400 block of West State Road 234, Waveland — 8:45 a.m.
- Property damage crash at North State Road 47 and Memorial Drive — 9:59 a.m.
- Drug activity in the 400 block of West C.R. 580N — 10:37 a.m.
- Lisa Lynn Knox, 36, Bloomington, was arrested on for bail agent/bonding violations — 12:08 p.m.
- Property damage crash at 10963 S. State Road 47, Waveland — 12:16 p.m.
- Personal injury crash at South C.R. 1000E and East C.R. 400S, New Ross — 1:34 p.m.
- Drug activity at North Montgomery Middle School, 482 W. C.R. 580N — 1:57 p.m.
- Property damage crash at East State Road 32 and North C.R. 625E — 6:51 p.m.
- Adrian Nathan Dieterich, 25, Hagerstown, was arrested on charges of resisting law enforcement, possession of marijuana and possession of paraphernalia — 9:13 p.m.
- Prowler in the 100 block of West Walnut Street, Waynetown — 9:40 p.m.

SATURDAY

- James Edward Lewis Jr., 43, Kokomo, was arrested on a warrant for failure to appear — 12:21 p.m.
- Animal complaint at West C.R. 1100N and North C.R. 100W, Linden — 3:29 p.m.
- Operating a vehicle while intoxicated at the 39 mile-marker of eastbound Interstate 74 — 3:30 p.m.
- Phillip Tyrone Haugh, 43, Indianapolis, was arrested on charges of possession of marijuana, operating a vehicle while intoxicated - controlled substance and operating a vehicle while intoxicated - endangerment — 6:16 p.m.
- Assault reported — 7:32 p.m.
- Animal complaint in the 100 block of North Vernon Street, Waynetown — 10:24 p.m.
- Crystal D. Scott, 40, Indianapolis, was arrested on charges of oper-

ating a vehicle while intoxicated with a BAC of .10 or more and operating a vehicle while intoxicated - endangerment — 1:42 a.m.

- Domestic disturbance in the 300 block of North Green Street — 9 a.m.
- Prowler in the 200 block of West Main Street, New Market — 3:42 p.m.
- Public disturbance in the 100 block of West Washington Street, New Richmond — 6:29 p.m.
- Property damage crash at 110 Ninth St., New Market — 7:18 p.m.

Indiana State Police

SATURDAY

- Javerious Tavon-Maurice Henderson, 35, Crawfordsville, was arrested on a charge of operating a vehicle without a license — 1:53 a.m.

SUNDAY

- George Wesley Gosney, 23, Lafayette, was arrested on charges of operating a vehicle while intoxicated, operating a vehicle while intoxicated - endangerment and operating a vehicle while intoxicated - prior conviction — 4:17 a.m.

Animal Welfare League of Montgomery County

SUNDAY

- Animal complaint in the 300 block of West C.R. 300S — 2:21 p.m.

Crawfordsville Fire/EMS Department

FRIDAY

- Medical call in the 1500 block of South Washington Street — 7:01 a.m.
- Medical call in the 1600 block of East C.R. 700S, Ladoga — 8:25 a.m.
- Medical call in the 200 block of Dunn Avenue — 11:16 a.m.
- Medical call in the 100 block of East Main Street — 12:16 p.m.
- Medical call in the 1700 block of South U.S. 231 — 12:17 p.m.
- Grass/brush fire at 5401 W. State Road 32. Alamo and Wayne-town departments also called — 1:01 p.m.
- Medical call in the 9600 block of North C.R. 500W, New Richmond — 1:20 p.m.
- Medical call in the 100 block of

Walter Remley Drive — 6:37 p.m.

- Medical call in the 500 block of North Concord Road — 9:54 p.m.
- Medical call in the 1000 block of Lane Avenue — 10:34 p.m.

SATURDAY

- Medical call in the 1000 block of Lane Avenue — 2:35 a.m.
- Medical call in the 800 block of Whitlock Avenue — 5:51 a.m.
- Medical call in the 200 block of East Jefferson Street — 12:27 p.m.
- Medical call in the 1800 block of West Country Estates Court — 3:39 p.m.
- Medical call in the 5100 block of South C.R. 100W — 4:29 p.m.
- Medical call in the 400 block of Aspen Drive — 4:41 p.m.
- Medical call in the 1600 block of Plum Street — 5:52 p.m.
- Medical call in the 800 block of North Main Street, Linden — 6:40 p.m.

SUNDAY

- Medical call in the 3200 block of East C.R. 300N — 1:18 a.m.
- Medical call in the 1300 block of South Grant Avenue — 1:28 a.m.
- Medical call in the 1000 block of Lane Avenue — 3:32 a.m.
- Medical call in the 9600 block of East New Ross Road, New Ross — 9:32 a.m.
- Medical call in the 2600 block of West Country Club Road — 1:11 p.m.
- Medical call in the 200 block of West South Street, Darlington — 1:47 p.m.
- Medical call in the 2000 block of Rosedale Court — 2:18 p.m.
- Medical call in the 1300 block of South Grant Avenue — 7:44 p.m.
- Gas leak at 1500 E. College St. — 11:12 p.m.

Ladoga and Walnut Township Fire Departments

FRIDAY

- Fire-gas alarm at 418 E. Taylor St., Ladoga — 8:33 a.m.

Montgomery County Coroner

SATURDAY

- Deceased person in the 200 block of Woodlawn Place — 8:35 a.m.

Eugenia Last

Tuesday, Dec. 12, 2023

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ARIES (March 21-April 19):

An open mind will help you decide what's feasible and how best to use your energy to reach your goal. Discuss your plans with anyone who will be affected by your decisions.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20):

Don't let anyone talk you into donating something you can't afford to lose. Showing generosity can be uplifting, but not if you end up suffering.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20):

Carry on, but don't be fooled by what others do or say. Someone will mislead you if it benefits them.

CANCER (June 21-July 22):

Speak up and ask questions, then change what's necessary based on what you discover. A partnership will require you to set boundaries.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22):

Participate in something that requires energy, skills or connections that can help you get ahead. =

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22):

Learn from an experience you have, and change what is no longer working for you. Set high standards and put your plan in place.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22):

Observe who is doing what, and align yourself with those you feel you have the most in common with. You'll achieve more if you avoid arguing over trivial matters that don't concern you.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21):

Make suggestions, spin things in your favor and get on with your day.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21):

Listen carefully and define your response to protect your space and plans. A joint effort will make your life easier and lower your expenses.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19):

Broaden your outlook, check investments or implement updates that lower your overhead. A positive change at home will give rise to new beginnings.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18):

If you put in the time, you'll gain access to a work-related opportunity. Get what you want in writing.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20):

No one is perfect. Don't believe everything you hear or get swept up by the hype someone has to offer. Look inward, pay attention to how

LIFESTYLE

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It’s an ordinary day, and that’s okay

It’s a common day with ordinary food, ordinary people, and ordinary situations. Ordinary for me is talking with little people, setting food on the table, giving hugs, wiping wet kisses, and channeling hearts from sunrise to sunset.

Isn’t it amazing — we all have our own set of “ordinary?” I always tell the children when they feel shy about meeting new people, “Those are ordinary people just like us, we just didn’t get to talk with them yet!”

Then too, the “ordinary” people in our lives don’t give them a title of less than ideal. Why the people in my life who are the most precious to me are those I consider a part of my ordinary life!

Looking back, the years spent with Daniel I realize that common days at home were some of the best.

Take this, an 82 year-old gentleman from Michigan whose wife passed this summer stopped by our house this week. What do you think his advice was? First take a moment with me to imagine the sadness he’s facing since losing his spouse after 60 years of marriage. His life has changed drastically, and his house is quiet and empty as he misses his sweet wife. Without him verbalizing it, I could tell he misses her every moment of every day.

Raising his work-weathered hand, he said, “We can choose to make every day the best day of our life.”

As he rose to leave, he repeated, “You can make this day the best day of your life.”

Long after that horse and open wagon with him and his son and family had gone out the driveway I kept pondering. All excuses of hard or unfair situations shriveled as I realized today is my opportunity to allow God to use this day as He pleased.

Perhaps ordinary is okay after all, even if it does not look like I thought it would with Daniel fathering his rapidly growing children. Ordinary, when chosen by God, is perfect and complete. When the details of our normal days are orchestrated by Him, the end result will bring joy and peace.



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A box of ordinary graham or saltine crackers makes the most delicious Old-Fashioned Butterscotch Christmas Candy.

AMISH COOK

GLORIA YODER

I am the first to confess that there are days and I cannot feel that closeness with the One who gave this new set of ordinary. These are the times I simply claim his grace to carry me through.

Ever since I was a young girl I had this mini sticky note where I penned the words, “In the tears of His saints God sees a rainbow.”

Today I look at it. It’s an ordinary day at home, but that’s okay; it’s where I’ve been placed, so it’s where I’ll be and in each tear God sees a rainbow.

What does ordinary spell to you as an individual? Pain, frustration, despair, broken dreams, or perhaps joy and happiness? Regardless what you’ll check off, God knows. Tell Him about it. He’ll listen to it all, and if you choose to give it to Him, He’ll take it from you and replace it with His perfect gift. Recently when one of the boys were going through hard times I explained in a very simple way that every time we give

something to God He places it in His keepsake box and re-wraps it into something better than we ever imagined and give it back to us. Since that we put things in God’s “keepsake box” and trust that in His time He’ll heal, restore, and re-wrap.

Okay, now take a moment to and grab a box of ordinary graham or saltine crackers and end up with this most delicious candy!

Old-Fashioned Butterscotch Christmas Candy

Saltines or graham crackers
1 cup butter (for crunchier crackers, use only 1/2 cup)
1 cup brown sugar
1 1/2 cups chocolate chips
Put a single layer of saltine or graham crackers side by side (with four sides touching one another) on a 10 by 15-inch rimmed cookie sheet, lined with parchment paper. Bring butter and brown sugar to a rolling boil. Boil for three minutes. Spread mixture on top of crackers. Preheat oven to 400 degree. Bake crackers with sauce, for 5 minutes. Remove from heat and immediately sprinkle with 1 1/2 cups chocolate chips. Let set three minutes and then spread melted chips over with a butter knife. Cool and break into sized pieces of your choice.

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Harken yon holiday heraldry

Forgotten phrases from Christmases of yore

As Andy Williams reminds us once per hour on the local Christmas radio station: It’s the most wonderful time of the year. I agree — the holiday season is full of warmth and tradition, with a dash of mirth for good measure. I can’t wait to see my kids’ faces light up as they open their presents on Christmas morning (I got them their own selfie ring lights).

Within the fond traditions of the holidays, we find some quirky and sometimes head-scratching lyrics in our favorite songs. It’s time to clear up a few of these carol conundrums.

In the oft’ forgotten third verse of “Deck the Halls,” we find the line, “Laughing quaffing all together,” followed by a hearty refrain of “fa la la la la la.” What, pray tell, is “quaffing”? For my beer aficionados out there, you probably know that quaffing refers to drinking vigorously. The holidays are a great time for that. I recommend the wassail.

Let’s jump to verse two of “Jingle Bells.” I’m not referring to the elementary school version in which the Joker got away; instead, I want to focus on “...and then we got upso’t.” In the story of “Jingle Bells,” the song’s hero is stealing away with one Miss Fanny Bright, when, all of a sudden, the subpar horse leading the sleigh causes

the vehicle to overturn, leaving the sleigh cap-sized in a snowbank. The word “upso’t” usually gets

switched to “upset” in modern versions of the song, but here “up-so’t” means “capsized.” Perhaps the horse and its driver were quaffing prior to their winter escapades. Have you

listened to “Ding Dong Merrily on High” yet this season? I highly recommend the Rend Collective version (look it up on Spotify). In “Ding Dong,” as the kids today call it, we hear some old-timey lyrics, including “Matin chime” and “evetime.” While you can probably surmise, an “evetime song” is a song sung in the evening. A “Matin chime,” then, refers to bells ringing in the morning, as “Matin” refers to the morning prayers of the Anglican church.

Let me just tell you right now — if you drop this Noel knowledge on your friends, family and coworkers at your ho-ho-holiday get-togethers this season, you’ll be the life of the party. You may even get to go home with a brand-new leg lamp. Just do me a favor and call an Uber for grandma — she’s prone to getting into unfortunate accidents while walking home.

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CLUB NEWS

Maple Grove Extension Homemakers

The Maple Grove Homemakers met at noon Nov. 20 at the 4-H Exhibit Hall with nine members present. Judy Tulley was the hostess and she prepared a couple of different soups. Each member brought different sandwiches, cheese and crackers and, of course, we had desserts. We had a short business meeting which was led by President Linda Miller with the pledge to the American Flag and

to the Christian Flag. Roll call was answered with “What is your most memorable Thanksgiving family gathering”. Miller gave the treasurer report in the absence of treasurer Betty Jeffers. Carol Vice read a letter from Denise Walker who is with the Mental Health Association and they were requesting socks and ball caps. We decided, as we have done in the past, to give to different families for Christmas a gift card. We also decided that the hostess of each meeting would be responsible to call each member to remind

them of the date, time and where our meeting will be held. The meeting was adjourned. Judy Tulley helped each member with making Christmas ornaments for us to take home. She really had her hands full with the group but she kept everything under control. Scissors and glue guns were quite busy, however, no one got burned or cut ! It was an ornamental event. Our next meeting will

be at noon Dec. 18 at the 4-H Exhibit Hall in Crawfordsville. Minnie Howard and Eileen Matricia will be the hostesses and it will be a pitch in luncheon and a short meeting. We decided that we would not have a Christmas exchange this year. We will have our usual Christmas Bingo that we all look forward to each year. Some of the prizes will astound you, some bring the ooohs &

haaas and then there are some that will just take your breath away. It is always a fun time.

As everyone was leaving the word of the day became, have a “Happy Thanksgiving.”

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Having a great Christmas on a tight budget

It's the most wonderful — and most expensive — time of the year! And if you're like so many others who are struggling to get out of debt, this season can cause a lot of stress and completely derail your money goals. But it doesn't have to, and you can still have a meaningful holiday season while sticking to your budget and knocking out that debt.

Listen, I've been there. At one point, my husband and I had \$460,000 in debt, so I know the struggle firsthand. Back in the day, our Christmases looked a lot different than they do now that we're debt-free. But that doesn't mean they weren't special or fun (because I'm going to make something fun no matter what). So here are my best tips for having a great Christmas on a tight budget.



Photo Illustration

ACTUALLY HAVE A BUDGET

Creating a fresh budget each month is one of the biggest keys to success on your debt-free journey, and it's also the key to keeping your holiday spending in check. I suggest making a zero-based budget, which just means you give every dollar you earn an assignment. If you haven't made a budget for this month yet, this is your sign to download a free budgeting app (I personally recommend Every-Dollar) and write down exactly how much you're spending on what — and stick to it.

And as tempting as it might be, don't take on more debt by charging something or paying in installments just so you can get the more

expensive gifts that you or your family might want. Trust me, your January self will thank you!

DON'T TRY TO DO "THE MOST"

If you look at your budget and realize all your usual holiday traditions will mess with the progress you've made, I'm giving you permission do the least. I'm talking less Secret Santa exchanges, less side dishes and less travel. Seriously. Sometimes doing the least will keep you the most on track with your money.

This goes for gifts too. Now's the time to think outside the box and remember that a great gift doesn't have to be over the top. Can you give the gift of quality time? Can you put your baking skills to work? What about a sweet family photo

in a nice frame that's probably a lot more special to Grandma than a bunch of "stuff"?

You and your spouse might even agree to only buy one or two things your kids want instead of their whole wish list and totally nix the gifts for the adults in your life. They are grown. They will survive. Amen. (And let's be honest, the real ones will support your debt-free journey.)

SET BOUNDARIES

Set clear expectations and boundaries with your friends and family for this season and don't be afraid to say no to anything that doesn't line up with those boundaries. "No" and "not this year" are some of the most powerful words to

have in your vocabulary when you're getting out of debt, so use them often — just remember to use your Santa voice, not your Scrooge voice.

Keep in mind that the sacrifices you're making right now are setting you and your family up for major success in the future. And hey, you might just experience a little more peace, joy and rest when you slow down and scale back instead of running around trying to meet a million expectations.

CELEBRATE MILESTONES (BUT DON'T GO CRAZY!)

Milestones matter. The Christmas season can be a great time to pause and reflect on all you've accomplished over the past year, but get creative and celebrate that progress without spending a ton. Have a Hallmark movie marathon with homemade hot chocolate, or drive around the neighborhood to look at Christmas lights. The goal is to enjoy the holiday and make memories without tanking your budget.

At the end of the day, don't lose sight of what the Christmas season is really about. (Hint: It's not about who can give the best gift or throw the bougiest holiday party). It's not wrong to spend money on nice stuff when it fits in the budget, but that stuff shouldn't steal our focus away from what's most important.

Jade Warshaw is a Ramsey Solutions Master Financial Coach, debt elimination expert and debt-free entrepreneur. After paying off nearly half a million dollars in consumer debt, Jade is teaching others how to achieve financial peace by changing their mindset and actions around money. Learn more about her at www.ramseysolutions.com/jade-warshaw.

InBrief

Halstead marks 5 years with HHSB

Hoosier Heartland State Bank proudly announces the 5-year work anniversary of Ashley Halstead, account specialist at HHSB's Ladoga branch.

Over the past five years, Halstead has consistently demonstrated dedication to her role, and has a genuine commitment to the Ladoga community. Recently, she joined the Board at Fuzzy Bear Ministry Preschool and



Halstead

Daycare, showcasing her commitment to community involvement and support.

Brian Campbell, assistant manager at HHSB, commended Halstead's exceptional contributions. "Ashley has become the go-to person for Ladoga," Campbell said. "She owns her position with HHSB, and it shows in the way she represents the bank, both at work and in the community. Her dedication and enthusiasm have had a positive impact on our team and the people we serve."

She and her husband Brandon have lived in Ladoga for the past seven years and have two boys, Caiden and Corbin. Halstead's passion for travel,

family and music has been a source of inspiration for those around her. Her love for exploring new places with her family and attending concerts reflects her vibrant and adventurous spirit.

Contact Halstead at ahalstead@myhhsb.com or 765-942-1036.

Olin celebrates 5 years at HHSB

HHSB is pleased to announce the five-year work anniversary of Hannah Olin, branch manager, Crawfordsville South Branch.

Olin is a graduate of Crawfordsville High School. With a decade of retail experience, eight years of which are in the banking industry, Olin's



Olin

comprehensive background has been an asset to the organization.

"We are thrilled to celebrate Hannah Olin's five-year anniversary with HHSB," said Sandy Webb, director of retail. "Her leadership, dedication, and positive impact on both the team and the community are truly commendable. We look forward to many more years of success and collaboration."

Olin and her husband Logan have two sons, Nash and Holden, and currently live in Wingate but are excited for their upcoming move to their forever home outside of New Richmond.

Outside the office, Olin is involved in various hobbies and interests. Her love for camping, boating and exploring the outdoors reflects her adventurous spirit. Additionally, she enjoys ranger rides and cherish-

es moments spent with family and friends.

Reach Olin at holin@myhhsb.com or 765-364-0784.

HHSB celebrates Cravens' retirement

Hoosier Heartland State Bank proudly announces the retirement of Melanie Cravens, customer service representative, on the occasion of her 20-year work anniversary. Cravens has been an integral part of the team, contributing to the bank's success and growth throughout her career.

Her journey with HHSB has been marked by dedication, commitment and excellent customer service. She began her career 20 years ago and has since played a pivotal role in various branches.

Over the course of her career, she spent 14 years at the Ladoga branch, demonstrating great professionalism and a deep understanding of the banking industry. She then dedicated three



Cravens

years each to the Crawfordsville South branch and virtual branch, showcasing adaptability in different banking environments.

"Melanie's dedication and contributions to HHSB have been nothing short of exceptional," said Heather Hites, assistant branch manager, virtual branch. "Her commitment, resilience and passion have played a major role in the success of our team. On behalf of everyone at HHSB we congratulate Melanie on her 20-year anniversary and retirement and wish her the best as she begins this exciting new chapter."

Cravens' contributions extend beyond the professional realm. Her commitment to her family is just as remarkable, as evidenced by her 40-year marriage to her husband David in June. They are proud parents of two sons, Nathaniel and Aaron, and grandparents to a granddaughter, Rowyn. The Cravens family includes two beloved canine companions, McGee and Idgie.

Cravens has a passion for sewing and crafting, particularly in creating beautiful baby quilts as well as a love for antiquing.



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Bid documents are to be submitted by 12:00pm EST on Monday, 2/5/2024 to the following address:
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IN RE: THE NAME CHANGE)
OF JACOB ALLEN TAYLOR FLORENCE)

NOTICE OF FILING PETITION TO CHANGE NAME
Notice is hereby given that Jacob Allen Taylor Florence has applied to the Montgomery Circuit Court of Montgomery County, Indiana, on the 29th day of November, 2023, to have his name changed from Jacob Allen Taylor Florence to Jacob Allen Taylor. That any person objecting to the granting of said Petition may file objections and appear at the hearing on said Petition scheduled on the 30th day of January, 2024, at 1:30 p.m. at the Courthouse in Crawfordsville, Indiana.

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- Kindergarten Book Club** — 4 p.m. Wednesday, Crawfordsville District Public Library, 205 S. Washington St. Registration required.
- Crawfordsville Historic Preservation Commission** — 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, council chambers, City Building, 300 E. Pike St.
- New Market Town Council** — 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, town hall, 101 W. Main St., New Market.
- Waynetown Town Council** — 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, community room, 106 N. Vine St., Waynetown.
- Alamo Town Board** — 7 p.m. Wednesday, Ripley Township Fire Department.
- FISH Linen Closet** — 9-11 a.m. Thursday, First Baptist Church, 1905 Lebanon Road.
- Preschool Story Time** — 10 a.m. Thursday, Crawfords-

- ville District Public Library, 205 S. Washington St.
- Crawfordsville Kiwanis** — 11:45 a.m. Thursday, Crawfordsville District Public Library, 205 S. Washington St. Visitors welcome.
- Athens Arts Pin Weaving Class** — 1-3 p.m. or 6-8 p.m. Thursday, 216 E. Main St., Crawfordsville. Cost \$35. Open to 12 an older. Reservations required. Call 765-362-7455.
- Grace & Mercy Ministries Food Bank** — 1-3 p.m. Thursday and Friday at the church, 257 Oak Hill Road.
- New Ross Town Board** — 3:30 p.m. Thursday, town hall, 105 W. State St., New Ross.
- 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.
- Crawfordsville District Public Library Board** —

- 4 p.m. Thursday, conference room, library, 205 S. Washington St.
- Mayor's Community Forum** — 4-5 p.m. Thursday, mayor's office, 300 E. Pike St. Open to the public to come ask questions, discuss concerns.
- Tween Book Club** — 4 p.m. Thursday, Crawfordsville District Public Library, 205 S. Washington St. Registration required.
- Cookie Decorating** — 4:30 p.m. Thursday, Linden Public Library. Free event.
- Crawfordsville School Board** — 5:30 p.m. Thursday, Hoover Elementary.
- Union Township Board** — 5:30 p.m. Thursday, trustee's office, 1311 Darlington Ave., Crawfordsville.
- Southeast Fountain School Board** — 6:30 p.m. Thursday, administrative office, 744 E. U.S. 136, Veedersburg. An executive session is planned for 5:30 p.m.

LAUD & HONOR

Eutsler performs at recital

Butler University Junior Abigail Eutsler of Linden recently presented and performed in the Butler School of Music's "Expanding the Canon Lecture Recital Project" in the Edison Duckwall Recital Hall, which introduced songs by under-represented composers and poets. Her presentation was "Can't Seem to Find a Dwelling Place: Creating Tension and Instability Through Arpeggiation in Amy Beach's 'I Send My Heart Up to Three.'" Eutsler received the Woman's Department Club of Indianapolis Music Merit Award scholarship as a freshman. She also received the Efroymsen Prize for Diversity in Vocal Performance from which she donated a por-



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tion of the prize money to the School of Music to acquire more diverse repertoire for its music library and to assemble a group of diverse classical musicians from the Indianapolis area to talk with Butler voice students about diversity, equity, and inclusion in the opera world. Eutsler is a three-time Indiana Scholar of the Grand Lodge of Indiana, Free and Accepted Masons by the Grand Lodge of Indiana Scholarship Board and recipient of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite national Abbott Scholarship. Named to the Jordan College of the Arts Dean's List in Spring 2023, she serves as president of the Sigma Alpha Iota Zeta chapter during the 2023-24 academic year. She is pursuing a five-year Bachelor of Music degree in vocal performance and choral music education.



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Hardworking Hoosiers Recognized



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State Representative Michelle Davis of Whiteland (third from left) presented Hardworking Hoosier awards to David Bozell of Columbus, Sherrie Tucker of Speedway and Mark Eutsler of Linden, members of the Indiana Racing Memorial Association Executive Team during IRMA's 10th Anniversary Celebration at the American Legion Post 500 in Speedway. She cited the three and Bob Gates of Greenwood, also an Executive Team Member, for IRMA's achievement and said, "Your dedication and work ethic serve as a model for all Hoosiers." IRMA's historic marker legacy program has placed 49 markers throughout Indiana to celebrate Indiana's racing heritage. Its national program, the American Racing Memorial Association, has placed two markers in California, two in Illinois, and one in Texas. Nearly 20,000 people have attended IRMA/ARMA events and \$150,000 has been raised from local communities where the markers are installed. In May, IRMA's Facebook page reached 26,000 likes, had 800,000 engagements, and was visited 1.5 million times. IRMA's third marker honors 1919 Indy 500 Winner and Crawfordsville native Howdy Wilcox. It is in downtown Crawfordsville on the east side of Green Street in front of the parking lot just north of Marie Canine Plaza.

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