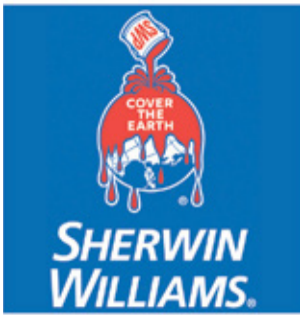




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TODAY'S VERSE

Psalm 23:4 Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.

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Ramona Moyes, manager of Eliza's Consignment Shop, shared a nice smile recently when one of our roving photographers happened by. Thank you for your smile, Ramona!

THREE THINGS You Should Know:

1 Indy race fans, heads up! Helio Castroneves, who captivated race fans worldwide by earning his record-tying fourth Indianapolis 500 victory in May with Meyer Shank Racing, will unveil the image of the 2022 Indianapolis 500 ticket at approximately 5:45 p.m. on Thursday at the PRI Show Happy Hour. Interested? It's more than a safe bet that Helio's smiling face will be all over Indianapolis TV news that evening (of course if you have DISH-TV, you won't be able to see most of it).

2 Indiana Gov. Eric Holcomb is directing flags to be flown at half-staff to honor the life of Senator Bob Dole. Flags should be flown at half-staff at the Indiana Statehouse immediately until sunset on Thursday. Holcomb also asks businesses and residents to lower their flags to half-staff.

3 Do you know anyone who falls into the category we call Notable Nineties. Every so often we share our list of Notable Nineties and if you or someone you know would like to be included, just e-mail us their name and we'll add them to the list. The only qualifications? Be the age of 90 or above and live (or have lived) in Montgomery County. Let us know by e-mail ttimmons@thepaper24-7.com

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The grants were given to nonprofits who fit into these areas of interest: Early Childhood Education, Education, Health, History, Arts & Culture, Human Services, and Youth.

MCCF presents grants to local nonprofits

Montgomery County Community Foundation (MCCF) presented 16 grants to local nonprofit agencies Thursday afternoon at Fusion 54. MCCF Chief Executive Officer, Kelly Taylor welcomed everyone and thanked the nonprofit leaders for their leadership this past year as the pandemic lingered. The grants fell into these areas of interest, Early Childhood Education, Education, Health, History, Arts & Culture, Human Services, and Youth.

EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

Rainbows and Rhymes Preschool - \$12,482 - they will add a multi-station handwashing basin in the basement where the children eat lunch and play. The preschool, housed in the First United Methodist Church, was one of two partners in MCCF's Child Care Deserts Grant received from Early Learning Indiana in 2019 and offers 56 seats of all-day care for preschool age students.

EDUCATION
Educational Foundation - \$25,000 - MCEF invites proposals from Montgomery County

educators for innovative and imaginative projects that will provide unique and enriching experiences for their students, grades K-12. These grants are used for projects that are not funded by the school corporations.

HEALTH
Crawfordsville Community School Corporation - \$10,000 - Funds are used to assist students with health related needs such as medical, dental, vision care and related health and welfare expenses.

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Butch recalls story of the "County Keg"

In the late 1950s, the Montgomery County Coaches Association came up with a "traveling trophy," similar to the Indiana-Purdue "old

oaken bucket." In 1957 the Sportsman Shop donated the money, and a small wooden nail keg was purchased at a local hardware store. It was lettered "Traveling Keg," and the metal trim was painted in the various colors of the small county schools.

The rules for possessing the keg were simple. A team had to beat the owner of the

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Should you base reading choices on the mood of a geriatric pug?

Should you base your reading choices on the mood of a geriatric pug? Yes, you definitely should!

For those among us who don't find themselves spending the majority of their time on TikTok (unlike me, I have to admit), I'd like to introduce you to Noodle the pug. Noodle has recently become an internet celebrity as he helps predict what kind of day people will have. Unlike the complexity of horoscopes or tarot cards, Noodle tells us simply one thing, will it be a bones or a no bones day. Each morning Noodle's owner, Jonathan (@jongraz), gently wakes the 13-year-old pug with a gentle rub. After Noodle is awakened Jonathan picks him up and tries to set him on his feet. If Noodle stands up unabated it is a bones day! This means it will be a good day. You will have an easy time being productive and should treat yourself to some-



EMMA LASHLEY
Fresh off the Shelf

thing special. If Noodle immediately slumps back into his bed after being picked up, you know it is a no bones day. This is not necessarily a bad thing; it just means that you need to take more care of yourself today. Overall it is a very cute and positive take on the idea of a daily horoscope and even if you don't believe in Noodle's predictive powers, seeing his compressed pug smile each morning can really brighten your day, whether or not he has deemed it a bones day.

So what does this have to do with reading? Well in honor of Noodle's predictions the Crawfordsville Library has

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Our culture of no context

I've concentrated my professional life around businesses that make creativity their centerpiece. In my case, I stay close to The Arts. I've worked in the cultures of literature, design and fashion. Sadly, I neglected including music. There just doesn't seem to be the demand for Bavarian Volksmusik there once was. It's a shame, too. I'm actually pretty good at the Oompah-pahs.

One of the skills I acquired along the way was graphic design. It's important to note that being a graphic designer is not the same thing as being a graphic artist. Many people get them muddled up. When introducing myself, I usually solve the confusion with



JOHN MARLOWE
With the Grain

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HONEST HOOSIER

Christmas is two weeks and four days away. One of my favorite memories is decorating the tree and house!



TODAY'S HEALTH TIP

If you're planning a trip overseas, make sure you contact your doctor early to see if you need to receive recommended vaccines.

Today's health tip was brought to you by Dr. John Roberts. Be sure to catch his column each week in The Paper and online at www.thepaper24-7.com.



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TODAY'S QUOTE

"The deepest craving of human nature is the need to be appreciated."
William James

TODAY'S JOKE

What carol is heard in the desert?
'O camel ye faithful!'

OBITUARIES

John Allen Cotten
Richard Gregory Harshbarger

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OBITUARIES

Richard Gregory 'Dick' Harshbarger

July 2, 1925 - Dec. 4, 2021

Richard Gregory 'Dick' Harshbarger, 96, rural Crawfordsville, passed away, at 9:42 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 4, 2021 in his home surrounded by his loving family.

He was born in Montgomery County on July 2, 1925, to the late Grover L. and Dessie 'Marie' Cope.

Mr. Harshbarger was a 1943 graduate of Crawfordsville High School and enlisted in the US Army. Richard was a member of 'The Greatest Generation'...even though he had an appendectomy while in basic training, his platoon carried him onto the ship to make the 20-day trip to Germany, refusing to leave him behind. He was stationed in England, France and Luxembourg. While serving he was awarded the EAME Theater Ribbon with three 'Bronze Stars,' which he never discussed. After three years of service, he returned home to farm and work in his shop. He was a very talented mechanic and was well known for his mechanical skills. On April 5, 1947 he married Julia 'Judy' Ehrie and she preceded him in death on August 21, 2020. For some time he raised hogs on his farm and worked as a substitute mail carrier. Mr. Harshbarger worked hard so he could always put his family first!

He was a member of Liberty Chapel Church where he built many friendships...he and Judy enjoyed lots of class parties and pitch-ins over the years. Mr. Harshbarger loved farming and working with his sons. In his later years he enjoyed mowing the yard and the surrounding road side ditches, which he did until two months ago. For the past few years, anyone traveling past his house could find him sitting in his favorite chair on the front porch where waves were often exchanged.

Survivors include his two sons, Tom (Connie) Harshbarger and Roger (Sandy) Harshbarger; three daughters, Mary (Gary) Nesbitt, Martha (Dan) Goff and Carol (Scott) Miles all of the Crawfordsville area; nine grandchildren, Michael, Stacey, Brooke, Brian, Michelle, Julie, Matthew, Jeremy and Angela; 15 great-grandchildren and a great-great-grandson also survive.

He was preceded in death by his wife; parents; and brother, Warren.

Visitation hours are 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 8, 2021, with funeral services following at 2 p.m., with Pastor Allen Sparks officiating, at Family and Friends Funeral Home of Wingate. Graveside services will follow in Liberty Chapel Cemetery.

Memorial contributions are preferred to Liberty Chapel Cemetery Assn. with envelopes available at the funeral home or may be mailed, % of the cemetery to Hoosier Heartland State Bank, Crawfordsville. Visit us at www.familyandfriendsfh.com to sign the guestbook or leave a condolence.



John Allen Cotten

1960 - Dec. 5, 2021

John Allen Cotten, 61, passed away Dec. 5, 2021 at St. Vincent Hospital Indianapolis after a short battle with lung cancer.

He was born in Crawfordsville in 1960 to Donald and Hazel Morley Cotten.

He attended New Market Schools. He married Karen Adair. They had a daughter, Andrea Cotten. He then married Jane Norieze, and they had two sons, Johnny and Ryan Cotten.

He had worked on a shrimp boat in Florida, as a Cook at Red Lobster in California, at his brother's tank lining business and at Raybestos.

Survivors include his mother, Hazel (William) Bartley; his father, Donald (Delores) Cotten; children, Andrea Woods, Johnny Cotten and Ryan Cotten; three brothers, Tom Cotton, Ronald Cotton and Tim (Jessie) Cotton; two grandsons, Hunter and Gunner Woods; three stepsisters, Jennifer (Shawn) Fyffe and her children, Faith, Kristen and Riley Fyffe, Tammy Patrick and her children, Meredith and Nolan Patrick and Stephan (Chad) Rood and her daughter, Shianna; He also has a dear friend, Peggy Garren.

Cremation was chosen with a memorial service to be held at a later date, with interment at Freedom cemetery. Hunt & Son Funeral Home was entrusted with care.

Online condolences at www.huntandson.com

Meeting Notes

County Redevelopment Commission

Meeting Agenda
Dec. 8, 2021

South Boulevard County Building
110 W. South Boulevard
Crawfordsville, IN
1 p.m.

In Person & Via Zoom
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82012889481?pwd=SVFVT3VVRTGxcUzVhckYzOGYrdz09>
Meeting ID: 820 1288 9481
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- I. Call to Order by Chairman Ron Dickerson
- II. Consideration of Minutes
Regular & Annual Meeting - Nov. 10, 2021
- III. New Business
Approve Economic

Meeting Notes

Development Agreement - Tempur Productions USA LLC's Project

- IV. Staff Reports
 - V. Approve Claims
 - VI. Other Business
 - VII. Adjournment
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Is it really a miracle or is it just the weather

It began the way most miracles do: by accident or the hand of God, take your pick.

It might have been the weather, at least partly. For winter, the day had been almost balmy and warm. You know, sweaters instead of heavy coats. No mittens in sight.

Then there were still some Christmas lights on the stores, and that little bunch of Girl Scouts out raising money in front of the Read Me Now bookstore. Jasper Blankenship was inside going through the books to fortify his cabin's library for winter and sat, listening with a smile to the girls as they laughed and waited for customers that weren't really coming along too briskly.

"It's a shame there aren't more people out today for those girls," said Sarah McKinley, behind the counter. Jasper nodded and paid for his books, then walked out to the truck. He stopped and thought for a while, then brought out his violin, rosined the bow, and walked over to the sidewalk next to the girls.

"You girls like fiddle music?" he asked.

"Sure do."

And Jasper began playing fiddle tunes. Carla Martinez was driving down the street, headed for the Soup 'R Market when she saw the Girl Scouts dancing with each other in front of their table to Jasper's music. Before he'd had time to finish that tune, she'd returned with

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her guitar and joined the fun. Jim Albertson, the local school principal, showed up with a harmonica, and he wasn't bad at it.

Dud got out his accordion and joined in the fun.

By this time, it was getting dark in the street, and several people turned headlights on the area in front of the bookstore. Other people had joined the Girl Scouts dancing in the streets, and Delbert Chin from the Chinese restaurant across the street sent one of his girls out with a huge pot of coffee and paper cups.

The party was on.

It lasted until the cars' headlights began to wear down the batteries, but during its brief lifetime, the street dance and mid-winter party cast a blessing on us all.

It must have been the weather.

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Montgomery County Drainage Board

Meeting Agenda
Wednesday, Dec. 8, 2021
at 9:30 a.m.

Montgomery County Courthouse
100 E. Main St. - Room 103
Crawfordsville, IN 47933
I. CALL TO ORDER

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE & PRAYER
III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Oct. 20, 2021 - Regular meeting
Nov. 10, 2021 - Regular meeting

IV. HEARINGS

None

V. PETITIONS

None

VI. STORMWATER

VII. OLD BUSINESS

CLARENCE WIDENER #582 - Final

schedule of reconstruction assessments

OTIS THOMPSON

#708, Main and Trib. 1 -

Reconstruction
o Contract change order
o Approval of final payment to contractor

OTIS THOMPSON #708, Trib. 1-1 - Reconstruction
o Contract change order
o Approval of final payment to contractor

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

IX. OTHER BUSINESS

Drain fund transfer report

X. PUBLIC COMMENT

XI. ADJOURNMENT

Next scheduled meeting: Wednesday, Jan. 12,

2022, @ 9:30 a.m., at the Montgomery County Courthouse, room 103



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Mike Pence, Roe v Wade and 2024

There have been two topics of Mike Pence for president stories in recent weeks. The first has been about Pence taking his nascent campaign to Iowa, New Hampshire and South Carolina, preparing for an upstart 2024 campaign. The second is the many articles saying he has little to no chance, particularly if former president Donald Trump runs.



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of Mike Pence’s political career. And should the Supreme Court overturn Roe v. Wade, it would become his most profound achievement.

Pence spoke at the National Press Club on Monday at a Susan B. Anthony event, saying, “Today as the Supreme Court prepares to hear oral arguments in those hallowed halls, we are here to declare with one voice ‘no more.’ I’m very hopeful and I do believe that Roe v. Wade will be overturned whether it’s now or in the future.”

He urged the high court to throw the Roe v. Wade decision to the “ash heap of history,” a phrase that has echoed throughout his congressional and vice presidential career

sequences.

Pence has been in a political purgatory since he resisted President Trump’s coup d’etat on Jan. 6, surviving the mobs chanting his name in the shadow of a gallows erected on Capitol Hill, then moving to certify the Electoral College victory of Democrat Joe Biden after the insurrection was quelled. He was the only Trump administration official to attend Biden’s inauguration, and has been the subject of frequent barbs from Trump via emails to supporters and quotes in a hail of tell-all books describing the chaotic and seditious end to the Trump presidency.

Polls show Trump with a huge early advantage over Pence and the rest of a possible GOP field. A YouGov poll conducted in November showed Trump leading Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis 44 to 21%, with Pence at 4%.

As we all know, Donald Trump reached out to Pence about joining his ticket in April through July 2016, finally settling on the Indiana governor over New Jersey Gov.

Chris Christie for two key reasons: 1. Pence looked like a vice president according to the constantly screen testing Trump. 2. He brought along the GOP’s evangelical voting bloc that had been uncomfortable with Trump’s history of womanizing while straddling the Roe v. Wade political divide.

It was Pence who articulated the importance of the Federalist Society’s SCOTUS list of potential nominees, with their willingness to overturn Roe. It was Pence who was the driving force behind President Trump’s nominations of Justices Gorsuch, Kavanaugh and, finally, Notre Dame’s Amy Coney Barrett, that have set in motion the most ardent challenge to Roe which was heard on Wednesday.

“President Trump had me interview all of the finalists for the Supreme Court,” Pence told Christian Broadcast Network News on Wednesday. “I was able to spend time with Justice Brett Kavanaugh and Justice Amy Coney Barrett and Justice Neil Gorsuch before they

were appointed. I will tell you that they are men and women of integrity and conviction and I’m just going to be joining a great chorus of Americans that will be praying that they have the courage to seize this moment for life.”

Should the Supreme Court strike down Roe, or set in motion a state-by-state recalibration of fetal viability, it will not only change the political dynamic in dozens of state legislatures, but it could also revive Pence’s political muscle with evangelical voters, creating a viable lane to the 2024 nomination, particularly if Trump’s brand fades and he decides not to risk a second embarrassing loss.

As NBC’s Meet The Press Daily asked on Wednesday, does the new six-to-three conservative court rule against a constitutional right for women to have abortions in this country? And two, if so, what does American politics look like in a post-Roe world? Especially in these hyper-polarized times?

“For nearly the last 50 years, Roe has provided

stability to an uncomfortable and controversial issue,” the MTP analysis observed. “But if you get rid of Roe, every single state will need a position on fetus viability, weeks when you can/can’t have an abortion, parental notification, sonograms and possible exceptions (like on rape, incest or threat to the mother’s life). And every single primary and general election could be dominated by those specific positions – all in a nation where a majority of Americans believe that abortion should be legal in all or most cases, and where even more say they support Roe v. Wade.”

While Trump has been focused on his “Big Lie” on the “stolen” 2020 election and a plethora of teeming “RINOs” that need to be eradicated from the Republican Party, he has been virtually silent on perhaps his most profound impact as president, which is setting up SCOTUS for this very moment.

The columnist is publisher of Howey Politics Indiana at www.howeypolitics.com

BBB Warning: beware of Medicare scams as special enrollment period ends today

To give people who may have found themselves without health insurance because of the COVID-19 pandemic a chance to sign up for healthcare coverage, the U.S. federal government opened Medicare.gov starting Oct. 15, 2021, and it will be open until tomorrow, Dec. 7, 2021.

As with any open enrollment period, scammers

see this as the perfect time to try and take advantage of you and steal your personal information. Scammers have a great way of making their tactics seem legitimate, a Medicare scam can even come in the form a brochure or a “cold call” to your home. Senior Medicare Patrol has some great tips on what constitutes a Medicare marketing violation,

such as receiving unsolicited phone calls or in-home visits. You can read more of the tips from Senior Medicare Patrol.

BBB also has some tips to help you avoid open enrollment scams:

Be wary of anyone who contacts you unsolicited. People representing Medicare or ACA plans don’t contact you by phone, email, or in person unless

you are already enrolled. Be especially cautious of threatening calls that require quick action or immediate payment.

Decline promotional gifts in exchange for personal information. Keep a healthy level of skepticism any time a broker offers you free gifts, health screenings, or other special deals. Never sign up with a broker who offers

you an expensive “sign-up gift” in exchange for providing your Medicare ID number or other personally identifiable information.

Beware of dishonest brokers who offer “free health screenings.” Some brokers offer this to weed out people who are less healthy. This is called “cherry picking” and is against the Medicare rules.

Guard your government-issued numbers. Never offer your Medicare ID number, Social Security number, health plan info, or banking information to anyone you don’t know.

Hang up and go to official websites. You can enroll or re-enroll in Medicare at Medicare.gov or in a marketplace health plan at Healthcare.gov.

Meeting Notes

Crawfordsville Council Committee
Meeting Agenda
Crawfordsville, Ind.
Dec. 6, 2021 at 6 p.m.
City Building, 300 E. Pike Street, Crawfordsville, Indiana 47933
Council Chambers
I. Fiscal Affairs

- a. A Resolution Regarding Receipt and Approval of Crawfordsville Electric Light and Powers Company’s Proposed 2022 Budget and Salary Worksheets
- b. A Resolution Authorizing an Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement between the City of Crawfordsville and Clark

Township, Montgomery County, Indiana regarding Crawfordsville Fire Department Ambulance Services

- c. A Resolution Authorizing an Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement between the City of Crawfordsville and Walnut Township, Montgomery County, Indiana

regarding Crawfordsville Fire Department Ambulance Services

- d. A Resolution Authorizing an Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement between the City of Crawfordsville and Brown Township, Montgomery County, Indiana regarding Crawfordsville Fire Department Ambulance Services
- II. Ordinances & Petitions

- e. A Resolution Authorizing an Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement between the City of Crawfordsville and Franklin Township, Montgomery County, Indiana regarding Crawfordsville Fire Department Ambulance Services
- III. Traffic, Parking & Safety
- a. An Ordinance Vacating a Portion of a Street in Crawfordsville, Indiana – Old Oak Hill Road – directly in front of 907 Lafayette Avenue
- IV. Annexation
- V. Miscellaneous
- VI. Adjournment

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this example: “Oh, you’re a graphic artist,” they say. “How cool!” “No, I’m a graphic designer.” “There’s a difference?” “If you owned a horse farm,” I’d say, “I could make you one awesome catalog to help you sell your livestock, but whatever you

do, don’t ask me to draw that horse.” I still dabble as a graphic designer, usually for friends. I seldom charge my friends. One of the reasons I got out of the business was because I seemed to have more friends than customers. I make it a point to keep my design software up-to-

date, even though my skills really aren’t. From time to time, the software company treats us to new features when they make upgrades to their program. The company promotes these improvements in a series of bullet points that catch our attention. This time, new ones are introduced for 2022.

Bullet point No. 1 touted a nice “capture” feature, which allows the user to poach layouts from other documents to speed things up. No. 2 described a new scalable user interface that should make working easier for us older designers, who often can’t see their own computers, let alone the tiny type on the screen. No. 3 was an upgrade they call “Inclusive Terminology.” To show you how daft I am, I thought they had made improvements to the story composition editor, or even the font management tools. Nope. It seems that the company is, well . . . let me put it in their own words:

“We have replaced non-inclusive terminology to support core [company] values of diversity and inclusion.” At no time using their software to create designs did I feel insulted, nor do I believe I was insulting, disrespecting or disparaging to anyone else — unless you are British, and caught the one time I accidentally used an obscure curse word on a brochure I made for a floor covering company.

If they are making word changes to their User Manuals or their Licensing Agreement, go for it. No one reads those anyway. However, changes are coming to the program itself. The foundation of their application is currently called the “Master” page. From it, the designer can build an entire publication quite easily. In 2022, the Master page will now be called the “Parent” page. Before we go further, let me make one thing perfectly clear: I get it. It took me awhile to see it, but I really do get it.

My question is, though, how far are we willing to deconstruct the English language before we can find words that don’t offend anyone? Are parents now outraged that they are held in the same regard as slave owners? I suppose their children might see a correlation, but it demonstrates how quickly a single word can be misconstrued without understanding the circumstances of its use.

What complicates it is that some words have multiple meanings. I’m surprised that a company that specializes in communication has missed the value of context. There are very few words that won’t insult someone when they are removed from the

conditions in which they are meant to be understood. Will Red now be referred to as the “Democratic Socialist” color? Could the “Square” tool be dropped in favor of the “Socially Awkward” tool? And will “Utilities” end up as “They / Themtilities”.

OK, I know I’m way over the top, here. The satire is intentional; mockery is not.

My point is that if you want a more encompassing, relevant society, don’t start by making it more difficult for people to communicate with each other. The time will come when many of us will be afraid to open our mouths, while others will find it impossible to keep theirs closed.

We may be there now. One of my favorite tools in this graphic design program is the “Shear” tool. With it you can push one corner of any rectangle, and automatically create a rhombus. Don’t worry, designers. It’s not gong away soon.

For 2022, however, its name is being updated to shear nonsense.

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created a display of book suggestions for both a bones or a no bones day. If you’re having a bones day, you’re invigorated, you’re feeling good, you’re feeling motivated, we have tons of great suggestions. Like, Badass Habits by Jen Sincero (152.33 Sin). This book teaches you how to lose bad habits and harness good ones to improve your daily life. Or you might consider reading The Moth Presents Occasional Magic: True Stories About Defying the Impossible (808.543 Mot), which is a book where storytellers from around the world share times when, in the face of seemingly impossible situations, they found moments of beauty, wonder, and clarity that shed light on their lives and helped them find a path forward.

We have books for no bones days as well. If you’re feeling a little slow today, if all you want to do is crawl back under the covers and sleep, you might want to check out I Really Needed This Today (170.44 Kot) by Hoda Kotb. Hoda not only shares 365 sayings and quotes that can help you through a rough day, but she also writes about the people and experiences that have pushed her to challenge boundaries, embrace change, and explore relationships to their fullest. Another suggestion for a day like this is The Lost Art of Doing Nothing: How the Dutch Unwind with Niksen (158.1 Wil). This book gives you permission to occasionally do absolutely nothing and teaches you how to do it in a way that is very helpful for your mind and body. One of my favorite suggestions in the No Bones category is Life in the Sloth Lane: Slow Down and Smell the Hibiscus

(158.12 Coo). This book is a unique little mindfulness book that features many adorable pictures of sloths. Both categories also feature cookbooks and activity books. For a bones day there are healthy recipes, exercise books, and other books that can help you take full advantage of a Bones Day. Whereas in the No Bones collection we have easy one-pot recipes that you can make without much effort, and books that help you create self-care items like bath scrubs and lotions.

If you’re interested in taking reading advice from Noodles the pug, stop by CDPL during December to see the Bones/No Bones display on the 2nd floor (including a sign that tells you which kind of day today is).

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