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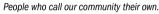






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Aaron Melvin was all smiles with our roving photographer. Thanks for the smile, Aaron!

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Over 400K Awarded For Street Projects Through Community Crossing Grant Funding

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The City of Crawfordsville was recently awarded \$421,318.96 in matching grant funding through the second phase of the 2022 Indiana Community Crossing Matching Grant Fund Program to assist in local street maintenance and reconstruction projects.

"The program requires a dollar-for-dollar match of local funds and the City of Crawfordsville will be matching the Community Crossings grant with an equal amount," said Crawfordsville Mayor Todd Barton. "This is a great way for us to stretch our investment of local tax dollars in a manner that allows us to do twice as much work on local streets than we could otherwise complete.'

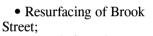


The list of roads included in the City of Crawfordsville's grant proposal includes:

• A total reconstruction of East Wabash from Wallace Ave to Mill Street;

• Resurfacing of Seventh Street;

• Resurfacing of Eighth Street;



- Resurfacing of Morgan Street;
- Resurfacing of Sycamore Drive:

• Resurfacing of Thornwood Road:

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This cat doesn't need nine lives, according to the Association of Mature American Citizens [AMAC]. Flossie is her name and she has been declared the oldest feline on the planet by the folks at the Guinness Book of World Records. The average cat can get to be about 20 years; Flossie is fast approaching 27 years, the equivalent of 120 human years, and she's still going strong. The folks new owner says "she is still playful and curious, unbothered by her deafness and quickly adapts to new environments despite her lack of sight.

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Indiana American Water Company joined Montgomery County Board of Commissioners President John Frey, community leaders and project partners at a ribbon cutting ceremony to commemorate completion of an \$18 million project.

\$18 Million Infrastructure **Development Zone Water Project In Mont. County**

Indiana American Water Company, a subsidiary of American Water Company (NYSE: AWK), today joined Montgomery County Board of **Commissioners President John** Frey, community leaders and project partners at a ribbon cutting ceremony to commemorate completion of an \$18 million project to support the County's Infrastructure Development Zone (IDZ) located

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ping days until Christmas. See you

at RP Home and Harvest!

along Nucor Road southeast of Crawfordsville, Ind.

The project, constructed in phases over the last two years, included construction of a new high-pressure pump station to pump water directly to the area from the company's water treatment plant in Crawfordsville, installing more than five miles of water main to

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🗢 TODAY'S HEALTH TIP

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Great Letters To Santa



BUTCH DALE Columnist

When you were a youngster, did you write letters to Santa? Well, I guess just about everyone scribbled out something and likely left some treats for jolly old Saint Nicholas. Here are a few that were posted on the Internet...

Dear Santa, no cookies for you this year. you need to go on a diet. how about soda instead?

Dear Santa, how are your reindeer? if you can not buy what I wont take it easy on your self just give me tens and ones... of mony.

Dear Santa, I want a order of french fries, a computer, and a chiken nugget.

Dear Santa, I want for Christmas is a little sister. but not right

What Happened **On This Day** • 1872 In Louisiana, P. B. S. Pinchback becomes the first African American governor following the impeachment of Henry C. Warmoth

• 1946 The Constituent Assembly of India meets for the first time to write the Constitution of India



Births On This Day

- 1934 Judi Dench English actress
- 1953 John Malkovich American actor

Deaths On This Day • 1941 Dmitry Merezhkovsky Russian author, poet and philosopher

• 2012 Patrick Moore English astronomer and television host

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to your enemy, forgiveness. To an

opponent, tolerance. To a friend,

example. To yourself, respect."

Oren Arnold

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Meeting Notes

Crawfordsville Community School Corporation

Board of Education -**Regular Meeting** Thursday, Dec. 8, 2022 at 6 p.m. Mollie B. Hoover Elementary -1301 S. Elm St., Crawfordsville, IN 47933 AGENDA I. Roll Call **II. CHARACTER** COUNTS!SM Corporation - Pillar of Responsibility III. Pledge of Allegiance **IV.** Building Principal

Report - Principal Marci Galinowski - Mollie B. Hoover Elementary

V. Consent Agenda: Approve Previous Meeting Minutes, Construction Accounts Payable Voucher, Payroll Claims Vouchers, Register of Accounts Payable Voucher, and Surplus Items

VI. Old Business VII. New Business a. Consider Participa-

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tion in Tax Refund Exchange and Compliance System (TRECS) b. Consider Construction Manager as Constructor for the Administration Building Project VIII. Personnel a. Consider Resignation of Addison Conard -Assistant at Nicholson b. Consider Resignation of Angela Runyan -Health Careers Teacher c. Consider Resignation of Amy Hutchison -Teacher's Aide at Hose d. Recommend Amber Jackson - Teacher's Aide at Willson Preschool e. Recommend Alexis Rogers - Spanish Teacher at CHS f. Recommend Jillian Lara - Teacher's Aide at Hoover g. Recommend Heather Fast - Teacher's Aide at Willson IX. Change of Position X. Assistant Superintendent Report XI. Superintendent Report XII. Other XIII. Board Member Communication XIV. Patron Comments XV. Adjournment

Nominate Your Favorite Local Non-profit For The 2022 Shared Values Award



Photo courtesy of HHSB

HHSB's Trent Smaltz with the 2021 Shared Values Award winner, Beyond Homeless. Inc.

The nomination period runs from Dec. 1-31, 2022. Finalists will be determined from your nominations, and each will have a chance to vie for the Grand Prize of \$5,000 and recognition as HHSB's Shared Values Award winner. Optionally, enter your name and contact information and be entered into a drawing for a \$100 gift card! Go online at myhhsb.com to submit your nominations or

nomination forms can be dropped off at any HHSB branch or mailed to: Hoosier Heartland State Bank, Attn: Executive Committee, 1671 South US Highway 231, Crawfordsville IN 47933.



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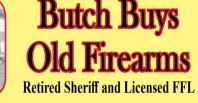
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Kenny Talks Purdue's Future After Brohm Leaves For Louisville

Time will tell if the grass is greener (or in Kentucky's case, bluegrass) on the other side of the Ohio River for Jeff Brohm.

Brohm's 36-34 record that Purdue fans celebrated after the 9-39 Darrell Hazell era will get him fired at Louisville, his alma mater. And that's the risk Brohm is taking with his decision Wednesday to leave a flush-with-money Big Ten for a school in a dying conference, the ACC.

ACC schools are stuck with a terrible TV rights deal through 2035-36 (which paid out \$36.1 million per school in 2020-21). In 2024, when USC and UCLA officially join the Big Ten, estimates are that each Big Ten school will collect \$75 million from just its TV rights deal with Fox, CBS and NBC.

Add in revenue from the Big Ten Network, bowl games and an expanded College Football Playoff pool (imagine the Big Ten pocketing a potential 25 percent if it gets three schools in the 12-team playoff) and it's possible career suicide to be coaching anywhere outside the soon-to-be 32 Big Ten/SEC schools.

If not for the ACC schools' television rights belonging to the conference for that period, Clemson and Florida State would probably already be heading to the SEC. The Big Ten has coveted North Carolina for a long time and might take Duke too.

It's totally understand-



KENNY THOMPSON Columnist

able why Brohm went home. His parents aren't getting any younger and the Brohm name is royalty in Louisville like the Mannings in Louisiana. arms

ary tale about going home again occurring in real time at the home of the Kentucky Derby. Former Louisville standout basketball player Kenny Payne was heralded as a savior after scandals involving former head coaches Rick Pitino and Chris Mack put the Cardinals under NCAA scrutiny

Payne is off to an 0-8 start that includes losses to Bellarmine, Wright State and Appalachian State. Louisville even lost a home exhibition game to Lenoir-Rhyne. At \$3,350,000 a year through 2028, that's a poor return on Louisville's investment.

If reports are accurate, Brohm will be getting \$35 million over six years. That's similar to his contract at Purdue and doesn't leave a lot of

cash for Louisville to compete in the athletics Zach Edey

race.

On the field, the

ACC's Atlantic Division

bears little comparison

to the Big Ten West.

Clemson has become

a national power and

Florida State appears to

be righting the ship after

malaise. North Carolina

Neither are Syracuse and

Circle the calendar

now: Louisville's 2023

schedule includes a trip

to Lucas Oil Stadium to

Won't it be strange if/

when Purdue fans root

for the Hoosiers in that

The Cardinals are set

face Indiana on Sept. 16.

a post-Bobby Bowden

State is no pushover.

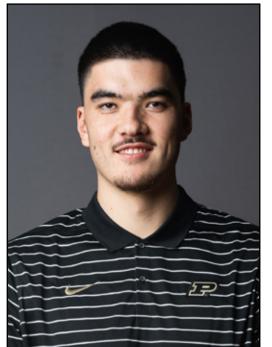
Wake Forest.

game?

But there's a caution-

As of Thursday,

to host Notre Dame, Kentucky, Virginia and Virginia Tech as well. Matching this year's 7-5 record under former head coach Scott Satterfield appears reasonable.



But will it be enough with the raised expectations from boosters and fans who believe Brohm will take them to the next level?

As for Purdue: Now is the time to be bold. Use the Big Ten's financial leverage and hire a coach who will have the college football world saying "Purdue did that?" Wisconsin did it with Luke Fickell. Nebraska reached high and snared Matt Rhule.

No coaches from the Mid-American Conference (see Kent State and Hazell, Darrell). No retreads who retire on the job (see Akers, Fred). No coaches with Purdue ties (Kevin Sumlin, Dino Babers). No coaches with one eye on replacing Bill Belichick in New England (Bill O'Brien). Look to the Pac-12 and

ACC to see if someone

wants to jump off those sinking ships. Or, find a young and rising coach hungry to make his mark in the Big Ten. Stability is a must in today's transfer portal/buying players through the guise of NIL (which should stand for "Now It's Legal") era.

Thank goodness for basketball

On Terry Dischinger bobblehead giveaway day this past Sunday at Mackey Arena, it was fitting that Purdue center Zach Edey posted numbers unmatched by anyone since Dischinger's days in West Lafayette.

A career-high 31 points and 22 rebounds for the 7-4 Edey is the best single-game effort for fourth-ranked Purdue since Dischinger put up 46 points and 22 rebounds, also against Minnesota, on Feb. 24, 1962.

Edey outrebounded Minnesota 22-21 and shot more free throws (10-8) than the Gophers. The former 440th best recruit in the 2020 class accomplished a feat no one in the last 25 years has done.

With 23 points Wednesday night in an 85-66 victory against Hofstra, Edey's string of eight consecutive games with 20 or more points matches Andrew Bogut's scoring record for players 7-feet and over set in 2004-05.

Teams can't focus solely on Edey thanks to the freshman backcourt duo of Fletcher Loyer and Braden Smith. Loyer set career highs

with 20 points and eight assists against the Gophers. Smith went scoreless against Minnesota but flirted with a triple-double at Florida State (13 points, career-high nine rebounds, seven assists).

Smith put up 13 points and five rebounds against Hofstra, while Loyer added 10 points and five assists.

Edey and Loyer repeated as Big Ten Player and Freshman of the Week this past Monday, the first time this feat has been accomplished in conference history.

Mr. Football awards Two, for now anyway, Purdue recruits were among the Mr. Football position award winners announced this week by The Indianapolis Star.

Tight end George Burhenn led Mt. Vernon with 38 receptions for 784 yards and nine touchdowns. He even returned punts (19.5 yard average) and kicks (18.9).

Westfield's Dillon Thieneman, the third member of his family set to be a Boilermaker, earned the Defensive Back Award despite playing just six games due to injury.

His senior year totals of 64 tackles and an interception gave him career totals of 246 tackles and five interceptions.

Kenny Thompson is the former sports editor for the Lafayette Journal & Courier and an award-winning journalist. He has covered Purdue athletics for many vears.





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All Keyed Up

This kind of thing could only happen to me. (In a way, that's good, because if things like this happened to you, you'd have your own humor column.)

The other day as I got into my car and pressed the button to start the engine, my dependable sedan fired up as usual. But wait: my key fob was not hanging on its little knob where I always put it. I remembered that I had left it on the kitchen table.

Perplexed, I went inside and sure enough, there it was. Huh? How could my car start without the fob? It was way out of its range. This scared me. It meant anyone could get in my car and drive off.

My friend knows a lot about cars and I was on my way to visit him, anyway. "Bob, my car started this morning but it wasn't supposed to."

"Were you out of gas?"

"No, my car is not supposed to start without the fob inside."

"Your fob was not inside?"

"Yes, it was inside inside the house."

Bob was no help. He reminded me that a month ago I drove around with my cell phone on the hood of the car, so this didn't surprise him. He suggested I go to the dealership.

I headed over and saw my friend Kevin, one of the service advisors. "Kevin, you have great technicians, right?"

"Only the best, Dick. What's wrong?"

"My problem is that my car started."

"Hmmm. I've been in this business 25 years and that's the oddest complaint I have ever heard."

After I explained my quandary, Kevin asked where my spare fob was and I told him that it had been missing for several weeks. "Bingo. Then it must be somewhere in your car," he said,



DICK WOLFSIE Funny Bone

suppressing a smile. "Go home and look for it. I have people here with serious power train issues. I can't help you right now."

Back in my driveway, I looked for it in every possible space, under the seats, between the seats, under the floor mats. The problem was the fob is black, the seats are black and the carpet is black. Looking for it in the daylight was not working, so I decided to wait until it was dark out and use a flashlight. Mary Ellen came out around 9 p.m. and found me on my knees searching the car. I explained what happened.

"Do you want me to call it?" she asked. "Jeesh, it's a fob Mary

Ellen, not a cell phone." I finally found the ras-

cal, lodged on the track that the seat slides back and forth on. I put the extra key in a safe place and I felt relieved.

By the way, I am not the only one in my family who loses things. The next evening, Mary Ellen told me she wanted to prepare a holiday dessert ahead of time and couldn't find our electric mixer that we keep in the basement.

I told her not to worry, that I'd give it a call first thing in the morning.

Dick Wolfsie spent his career sharing his humor, stories and video essays on television, radio and in newspapers. His columns appear weekly in The Paper of Montgomery County. E-mail Dick at Wolfsie@ aol.com.

Tips To Assess Your Furnace And Save On Heating Costs This Winter

(StatePoint) Now that cooler weather is here, homeowners are advised to evaluate their furnace to see if it needs to be serviced or replaced. By planning ahead, you can potentially save money on heating bills or dodge a breakdown in the middle of a cold snap. According to the

experts at Carrier, here's what you need to know about your home's heat source:

Maintaining Your Furnace

Undue strain can shorten the lifespan of your furnace. Regularly replace the air filter as recommended by the manufacturer, as dirty, clogged filters can restrict airflow, making the furnace work harder and for longer hours.

An annual furnace tune-up from a heating and ventilation professional can also go a long way towards minimizing issues caused by dirt and debris buildup. What's more, inspections allow your contractor to monitor longer-term issues and take proactive steps to help prevent premature failure or inconvenient breakdowns during the heating season. Keeping your home properly insulated and sealed can also help by preventing thermal loss and cold air infiltration and may reduce heating bills this winter. Finally, maintain thermostat settings at Department of Energy recommendations or try a degree or two lower.

Replacing Your Furnace

Regardless of how well the furnace is made and how well you maintain it, the day will come when it's reached the end of its usefulness. You'll know it's time to replace your furnace when you're making frequent service calls, dealing with expensive repair bills, or when your unit is blowing cold air, making unusual noises or not operating as efficiently as it once did.

In a challenging economy, it can be tempting to buy the cheapest model, however a furnace replacement is a decision that can affect your family's comfort and energy bills for years. So how do you make a sound choice?

The first thing to know is that there are many types of heart sources for your house, including gas furnaces, electric heat pumps and newer variable refrigerant flow (VRF) systems. Your easiest, and probably least costly path, will be picking a furnace that uses the same fuel source as your current one.

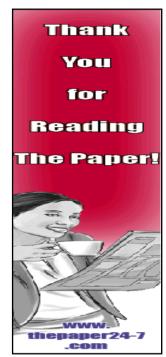
If energy efficiency is a priority, you're in luck. Comparison shopping is easy today, as all furnaces sold domestically are required to display estimated annual operating costs on the EnergyGuide label. Beyond reduced energy bills, federal tax credits for high efficiency equipment have been extended into 2023. Check with your utility company or manufacturer to see if they offer a rebate. All combustion-type furnaces are rated according to annual fuel utilization efficiency (AFUE). The minimum allowed rating for any furnace in the United States is 80%, however, some of the most efficient models available go well beyond that. For example, Carrier's Infinity 98 gas furnace with Greenspeed Intelligence offers up to 98.5% AFUE performance. It also has the

most efficient ENER-GY STAR 2022 rating, humidity control and air purification options.

Another factor to consider is heating capacity. Improperly sized furnaces can result in loss of comfort, loss of efficiency and even reduce the lifespan of the furnace. Be sure to have a qualified heating and ventilation professional assess your square footage, number and quality of windows, insulation and other factors to make a recommendation.

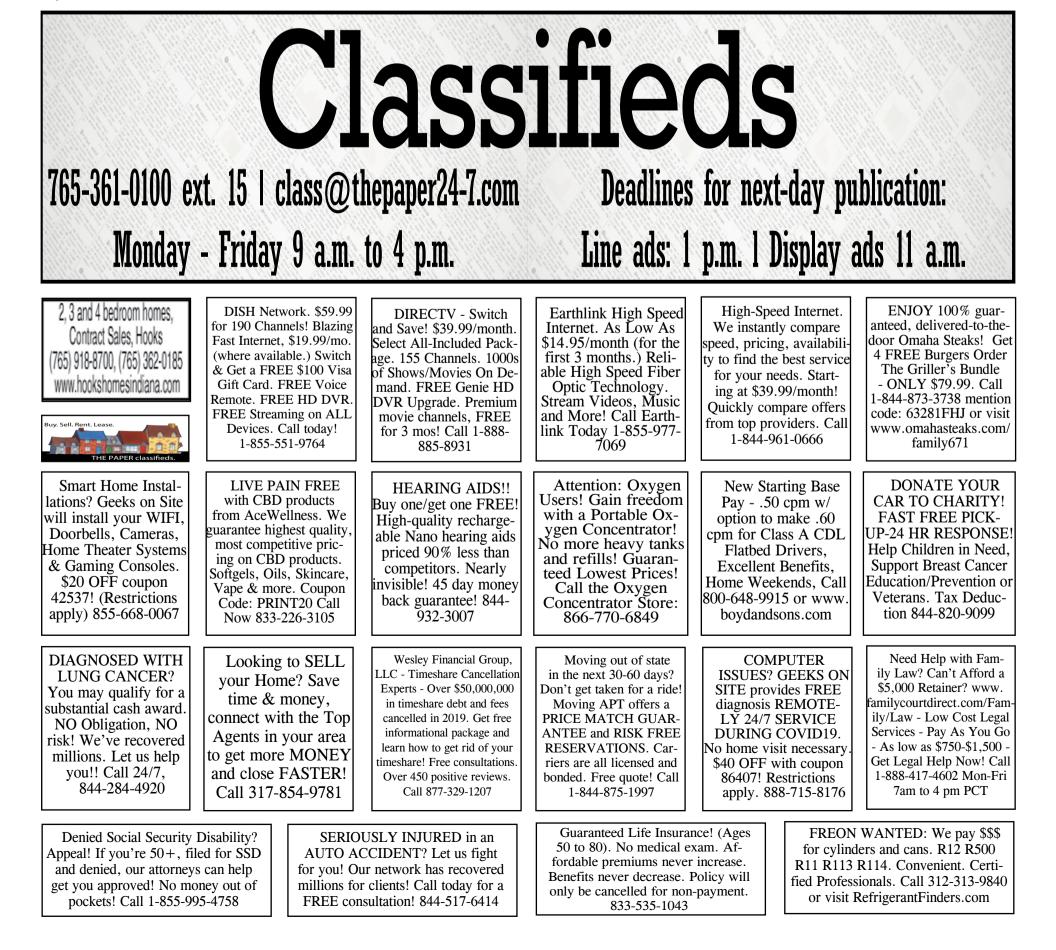
Beyond the basics, today's furnaces offer new comfort-enhancing, energy-saving features that could help you reduce your heating costs. To learn more and to get an estimate, consider contacting a Carrier Dealer at carrier.com. The company has over a century of experience and offers furnaces for nearly every home and budget.

No one wants to be dealing with a furnace repair or replacement when demand is high and temperatures are low. Take steps now to ensure you're set for a cozy, comfortable winter season.



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Safety Tips During Darker Nights This Season USTREET

(StatePoint) During the long dark nights of fall and winter, concerns about personal safety may increase. Whether commuting for work or class, getting in an evening run or walking the dog, you likely need to carry out daily activities long after the sun goes down.

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To help keep you safe, David Nance, founder of the SABRE Personal Safety Academy, shares six essential tips, along with safety product recommendations:

1. Make a plan before going out. Tell someone you trust your plans and be sure to keep them posted of your whereabouts.

2. Plan for darkness. When it matters most, you don't want to be fumbling around in your bag or on your bedside table for a way to protect yourself. A first-of-itskind tool, the SABRE Glow in the Dark Pepper Spray with Quick Release Key Ring is easy to find. Charged for as little as five minutes by any light source, the neon green illuminance can shine for as long as two hours, helping you stay prepared.

3. Use night walking safety rules. Don't walk in the street. Use well-lit sidewalks, avoiding dark areas with lots of shrubbery. Go in the opposite direction of traffic so you can see what's coming and whenever possible, walk with a friend. In a dark parking garage? Be extra alert.

4. Get tech support. Though looking at a smartphone while walking isn't safe, your tech devices can actually help protect you from dangerous situations when used wisely. For example, the free SABRE Personal Safety App sends help alerts to selected contacts with your location when the in-app alert button is

pressed or when SABRE SMART Pepper Spray is deployed.

5. Light your way. Practically speaking, you may not always be able to stick exclusively to well-lit areas, but a multifunctional tool can keep you prepared to protect yourself against threats while also helping you stay aware of your surroundings. Serving double-duty, the SABRE PepperLight includes a maximum strength pepper spray while illuminating any dark area with 750 lumens, visible up to 540 feet. Another illuminating tool is the brand's Personal Alarm With LED Light And Snap Hook, which also features an alarm audible up to 1,250 feet, giving users an additional level of protection.

6. Wear reflective gear. Make yourself visible to cars and cyclists whenever you're running or walking in

the dark with reflective apparel and gear, such as the SABRE Pepper Gel Runner Series with UV Marking Dye. Its adjustable hand strap and reflective logo offer protection and visibility. It's also a good choice as winter winds howl. Unlike pepper spray, pepper gel resists wind blowback.

Products from SABRE are available nationwide at Walmart, Target, Amazon, Dick's Sporting Goods, Lowe's, Menards, Academy and Bass Pro Shops, among other national retailers. While it's legal to carry these safety products in all 50 states, check local laws. For more information and safety tips, visit www.sabrered.com.

"While cold dark nights can create a sense of unease, the right tools and safety strategies can give you confidence and peace of mind this season," says Nance.

 Resurfacing of Sugartree Road;

• Resurfacing of Ladoga Road from South Boulevard to CR 150 S; • Resurfacing of Grant

Avenue from Pike Street to Market Street; and

 Resurfacing of Simpson Street.

Launched in 2016, the Community Crossings Matching Grant Program provides funding to cities, towns, and counties

across Indiana to make improvements to local roads and bridges. These grant dollars enable communities to help build and improve Indiana's infrastructure.

For more information on this project and Crawfordsville Street Department contact information, visit www. crawfordsville.net or contact the street department at 765-364-5166.

O BUTCH From Page A1



Butch ready for action in 1952 at age 3.

is the devil. I also want a remote control car.

Dear Santa, When it was Saterday I thought I would try to be good the whole winter vacation. But it seems like I did not succeed. Will you still give me a present anyway?

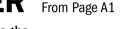
Dear Santa, I don't want all the other nine (9) things on the list I sent to my father (dad). I only want the puppy. Every time I think about not getting a puppy, it makes me sadder and sadder. I just want one little puppy. Just one. All I'm asking for is one little puppy...Thank you if I discover a puppy in a

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to extend service to the IDZ, and constructing a new one-million-gallon water storage tank on Comfort Drive west of Nucor Road.

"We are happy to be able to partner with the Montgomery County Board of Commissioners to extend service to this area to support their economic development efforts," said Indiana American Water President Matt Prine. "High quality, reliable water service is an important part of being able to attract new business and industry to communities across the state.

"Legislation that passed in 2017 in the Indiana General Assembly has helped to create and nurture these types of partnerships between utilities and government agencies," Prine contin-ued. "Indiana is blessed with an abundance of water resources, and our Indiana Legislature has advanced sound water policy over the last several years to fully leverage these resources as a competitive advantage." The enabling legislation, House Enrolled Act 1519, was approved in 2017 and, among other things, authorizes public water utilities to petition the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission for approval of an extension of service to an Infrastructure Development Zone.





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"We're thrilled to have this new water infrastructure in place to support our Infrastructure Development Zone," said Montgomery County Board of Commissioners President John Frey. "Indiana American Water has been a great partner in our efforts to get water infrastructure in place to attract business and industry and enhance job opportunities and the quality of life for area residents. Water is the lifeblood of any community, and the completion of this work moves us further down the road in achieving our economic development goals." Funding for the Montgomery County IDZ project included bringing together dollars from several sources, including the State Water Infrastructure Fund (SWIF), the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA), bond issues that will be repaid with the additional taxes

collected as a result of growth in a Tax Increment Funding (TIF) district, and capital funds provided by Indiana American Water.

Late last year, local, county, state and federal officials joined executives from Tempur Sealy, an American manufacturer of mattresses and bedding products, to break ground for a new 700,000-square foot foam pouring manufacturing facility located just west of the new elevated water storage tank. Tempur Sealey expects to eventually employ more than 300 people at the facility, one of three foam pouring facilities the company operates in the U.S. Indiana American Water serves approximately 6,000 customers in Crawfordsville/ Montgomery County, or nearly 17,000 residents. **About Indiana Amer**ican Water Indiana American

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now. like in 2 years. Dear Santa, I flushed my brothers head in the toilet but can I have a

puppy? Dear Santa, How are you? I am good. Are you friends with God? What do you want for Christmas? I would like a sumo Dino Legos, peace for the world, and \$25,000. Merry Christmas.

Dear Santa, Please leave before 6:00am. my alarm goes off at 6:00. my stocking is on the left.

Dear Santa, How are you? Well, enough chit-chat. Let's get down to business. This year I

want a big space Lego set, some jelly beans, a sharks jacket and hat, any Nintendo game.

Dear Santa, if you want to grab a beer feel free to get the lot or just one. The fridge is near the door.

Dear Santa, if you bring presents with batteries, bring batteries.

Dear Santa, You better bring my pony this year, or there will be consequences.

Dear Santa, How are you and the reindeer doing? I am doing fine. I want a new football game and football because my little brother always trys to steal mine. he may look sweet but he

box under a tree.

Now..if you didn't receive the presents you wanted, you could have written a letter like this...

Dear Santa, i am riting this on the day after X-mas and i am very sad. i only received 1 of the 2 presents i asked for. Sense you ate my cookys i will asoom that my missing gift was a miss take. i will give you 1 week too fix this.

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