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TODAY'S VERSE

Mark 8:38 Whosoever therefore shall be ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation; of him also shall the Son of man be ashamed, when he cometh in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.

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THREE THINGS You Should Know:

1 Walnut Township Community Organization's annual "Hometown Fish Fry" Saturday June 17th. At the New Ross Fire Station. Serving 5:30 to 8 pm Menu: Delicious Cod fish sandwiches, Hot Dog, Sloppy Joe, and Coney sandwiches, Bake Beans, Cole Slaw, French Fries, Onion Rings, Desserts, Drinks

2 They put garbage cans on wheels to make it easier to take them to the curb for collection but British engineer Michael Wallhead decided to motorize his trash can. He, then, hopped in, accelerated to a speed of 55 miles an hour and is now seeking recognition in the Guinness Book of World Records for having the fastest 'wheelie bin' on the planet. The current record holder is another Englishman, Andy Jennings, who drove his garbage pail at a speed of 45 mph in May of 2021.

3 Imagine purchasing a 5 bedroom, 4 bathroom home, complete with an indoor basketball court for a measly \$60,000. This 17,408-square-foot abode is located in Burbank, OK. It used to be a high school but realtors at Zillow claim: "The large lot size and open floor plan provide endless opportunities. With some imagination, this could be the perfect home for you."

Mayor Has Words About Shelley Drain



TODD BARTON
Guest Column

The William Shelley Drain is a legal drain that serves to remove subsurface water from much of the east side of

Crawfordsville. It was originally designed to serve a rural area when much of the land was used for farming. However, much has changed in recent decades, and most of the land within the watershed served by the drain has been developed. Due to growth in the area, and the age of the existing infrastructure involved in the drain, it is no longer adequate for removing water collected by the storm water system from the area. As a result, it needs reconstruction to allow the area to be properly drained, prevent flooding of homes and businesses, and clear the way for future development.

As a legal drain, Shelley has fallen under the control of the Montgomery County Drainage Board, which is the legal mechanism for addressing the maintenance of drains in the largely rural agricultural areas of the county. The drainage board has the legal authority to

assess property owners in the watershed served by the drain for maintenance and repairs to the drain. It has been working through a plan to address the much-needed reconstruction of this particular drain. In fact, the drainage board has placed an assessment on properties served by the drain for some time now to fund the cost of engineering and design work for the eventual reconstruction of the drainage infrastructure.

The engineering is complete, and a plan is in place for reconstruction. However, the lingering question has centered around how to best and most equitably fund the necessary work. While the project has yet to be bid, construction estimates have varied considerably due to volatility in the construction market along with ongoing supply chain issues, and the total cost could easily exceed \$3.0 million. The drainage board has the legal authority to proceed with the reconstruction and assess to cost to those property owners in the Shelley watershed. Unfortunately, the cost for this particular project is considerable, resulting in an assessment that could run as high as \$7,000 per acre.

This is a staggering number for property owners and would be assessed in addition to their normal property taxes.

It is especially concerning considering the fact that most property within the watershed is residential, and the potential impact to those whose house sits on a quarter acre lot or larger would be significant.

The Montgomery County Drainage Board will meet on Wednesday, June 21, at 9:30 am in the Montgomery County Government Center to consider the next steps.

In preparation for that meeting, I have communicated the City of Crawfordsville's request that the drainage board vacate legal authority over the drain, turning it over to the city. This will allow us to more effectively connect this sub-surface drainage system to our existing city storm water system and

will enable the city the ability to complete the needed reconstruction of Shelley Drain without an assessment on properties within the watershed. The city would then maintain this particular drainage infrastructure as part of our storm water system moving forward.

The city can fund this reconstruction due to property tax revenue set aside from recent industrial growth in the area. Additionally, I am confident in our ability to complete the

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If Grandpa Could Only See Us Now . . .



TIM TIMMONS
Two Cents

I was standing in the checkout line at the grocery store. There was an older man and little boy in front of me, and the little boy was chatting a mile a minute.

The older man was smiling, nodding his head and not talking much.

It made me think back to riding in the front seat of my Grandpa's old pickup on the way to the grain elevator in Jefferson, Ind. He had a cigarette in his right hand that rested on top the huge steering wheel. His left arm was cocked at the elbow and on the door frame with the window rolled down. His hand was curled around the open triangular vent that he always had open, at least a little, no matter what the weather was. With his shirt blowing in the breeze, I could see how dark and red his skin was below the sleeve, and how starkly white it

was above.

Being the inquisitive kid I was, I talked all the way there and all the way back (and knew not to talk when Grandpa and the other farmers talked crops, weather and how the St. Louis Cardinals were doing – what was the expression we all lived by back then, children were to be seen, not heard). I never really thought about it, but now I'm wondering if he didn't let me ride in the truck bed once in a while just to have some peace and quiet in the cab?

The memory made me smile. How long ago was that, 60 years? At least.

Then I looked down in my cart at

- A case of bottled water
- Frozen dinners
- Pre-packaged salads
- Frozen breakfasts
- Chicken salad
- And canned goods from Del Monte

That made me think about paying a ridiculous price for a bottle of water, a cup of coffee

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Why A Rainbow?



The League of Women Voters, open to men as well as women, is a nonpartisan, multi-issue political organization that encourages informed and active participation in government. For information about the Montgomery County LWW, visit: www.lwvmtcoinc.org or message to LWW, PO Box 101, Crawfordsville, Indiana 47933.

Curiosity is a gift. Pausing long enough to observe a common symbol, trope or even pattern and asking, "Why?" or "How?" marks a keen mind, one willing to learn. One might notice that birds riot at sun up, and that squirrels disappear in

the evening, and ask why? Or consider the month of June's burst of color and ask, why so many rainbow flags this month? Also, why a rainbow flag? In some communities, the rainbow represents a promise. For kids, it's a riot of joy when they discover coloring.

The rainbow flag doesn't necessarily symbolize promise or play, though neither of those

are terrible associations. It has its history.

The flag came about after the Stonewall riots in June 1969 – hence June's designation as PRIDE month. For those who don't know, the 1969 police raid on Stonewall Inn in Greenwich, N.Y. sparked six days of riots and served as a catalyst for the national gay rights movement. It's hard not to think of the sixties as a decade of disquiet where the confluence of movements disrupted the nation.

Having seen the struggle of low-income workers of any race, Dr. King and the Black Panther party among others extended their activism beyond black civil rights. As Dr. King wrote in his Letter from a Birmingham Jail, "Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere. We are caught in an inescapable network of mutuality, tied in a single garment of destiny. Whatever affects one directly, affects all indirectly."

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HONEST HOOSIER

Happy 64th birthday Mike Pence – and good luck on your future endeavors.



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TODAY'S HEALTH TIP

Treat burns by immediately soaking the area in cold water for at least five minutes and cover any open areas with antibiotic ointment. 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.



OBITUARIES

None

The Paper appreciates all our customers. Today, we'd like to personally thank Anthony Fisher for subscribing!



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THE MONTGOMERY MINUTE

Strawberry Festival

The Crawfordsville Strawberry Festival is coming this weekend! Starts Friday at 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Join the community for fun activities, good food, live music and more! See you there!

TODAY'S QUOTE

"I watched my mom and dad build everything that matters – a family, a home and a good name."
-Mike Pence, born on this date in 1959

TODAY'S JOKE

If two vegetarians get into an argument, is it still called a beef?

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TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN	MON

OBITUARIES

Beverley Jane (White) Turner

July 21, 1936, Sunday, June 4, 2023

Beverley Jane (White) Turner, age 86 of Crawfordsville, passed away on Sunday, June 4, 2023 at Brookdale Carmel Senior Living. She was born in Plymouth, Indiana on July 21, 1936 to the late John C. & Savannah (Barkley) White.



Beverley graduated from Plymouth High School in 1954 and Purdue University in 1959 with a Master's degree in Education from the School of Home Economics. Throughout the years she was a teacher and started out teaching Kindergarten at Walnut Elementary and then Home Economics at Ladoga High School, then retired from Southmont High School. She loved teaching and loved her students.

She was a member of Calvary Chapel, Past President of the Extension Homemakers Club, and Past President of Volunteers for Mental Health. She loved everything outdoors; gardening, mowing, trimming her trees, and was passionate about volunteering.

She is survived by her children, John Hubert (wife-Fawn) Turner of Wisconsin, David Wayne (wife-Sally) Turner of New Ross, Robert Eugene (wife-Beth) Turner of Crawfordsville, and Marcia Lynn Kendall of Indianapolis; a sister-in-law, Nola White of Ohio; 14 grandchildren; 7 great grandchildren and one on the way; a niece, Savannah (husband-Ron) Boege; and two nephews, John (wife-Cindy) White and Steve (wife-Nicole) White.

She was preceded in death by her parents; a daughter, Patricia Ann Turner; a sister, Judy Albert; a brother, John White; and a grandson, Landon Gerald.

Visitation will be a Sanders Priebe Funeral Care, 315 S Washington St, in Crawfordsville on Friday, June 9, 2023 from 5:00pm - 7:00pm. The funeral service will be at the funeral home on Saturday, June 10, 2023 at 10:00am with Pastor Ivan Brown and Pastor Dave Kee-see officiating.

She wanted her students to come and share the crazy stories of her and wanted to remind her students that she will return as a bird.

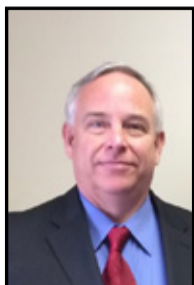
The service will be live-streamed and recorded which can be viewed on her obituary page at www.SandersFuneralCare.com. Burial will follow at Waynetown Masonic Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be given to Volunteers for Mental Health Montgomery County, PO Box 491, Crawfordsville, IN 47933.

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

Jerry Epperson

December 7, 1958, Sunday, May 28, 2023

Jerry Epperson, age 64, went to be with his Lord and Savior on Sunday, May 28, 2023, in Lexington, KY. He was born in Crawfordsville on December 7, 1958, to the late Leland and Dolores Epperson.



Jerry graduated from Southmont High School in 1977, where he played football and wrestled. He then graduated from Purdue University in 1981 with a BS Degree in Ag Econ. He joined the Navy after college, working his way up to Lieutenant. He had over 30 years of management in the food industry with companies including Frito-Lay, General Mills, Tyson Foods, ConAgra Food, Pacific Cheese, and Bremna Food Group. He was also an Insurance Agent at Bankers Life & Casualty. He was presently the General Manager of Hydroponic Farms and President of the Non-Profit Christian Organization, Restore3, which will restore land and communities impacted by abandoned coal mines.

He was a member of Whitesville Christian Church, and his faith was an important part of his life. He was also a member of the Tennessee American Legion Post 2000. He was raised on a farm, was a 10 year 4-H member, and loved the outdoors, nature, and animals. He had a passion for cooking and loved oysters and more mushrooms. He made friends everywhere he went and brought joy into their lives. Everyone who knew him adored him.

He is survived by 2 sisters, Amy Sanders (Ken Sweek) and Joni Keeling (Doug) both of Crawfordsville; 2 nieces, Mindy McCutchan and Jenna Justus; 5 nephews, Mathew Epperson, Sam Epperson, Kyle McCutchan, Lyndon Keeling, and Flynt Keeling; and a special friend Kawuna Lane.

He was preceded in death by his parents and brother, Larry Epperson.

Visitation will be at Sanders Funeral Care in Crawfordsville on Saturday, June 10, 2023, from 1:00 pm until the time of the Funeral Service at 3:00 pm with Tim Davis officiating.

The service will be live-streamed and recorded which can be viewed on his obituary page. Burial of cremains will follow at Indian Creek Hill Cemetery where Military Honors will be held by the United States Navy and American Legion, Post 72.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be given to the Leland and Dolores Epperson & Family Fund at the Montgomery County Community Foundation. Share memories and condolences online at www.SandersFuneralCare.com

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Pastor Micah Beckwith Launches Bid For Lieutenant Governor

By Leslie Bonilla Muniz
Indiana Capital Chronicle

Conservative pastor and influencer Micah Beckwith on Monday announced a bid for Indiana's second-highest post of lieutenant governor — unprecedented in a state where partisan delegates, not voters at large, choose the nominee.

“During these turbulent times, the people of Indiana deserve a Lt. Governor who is more than a ceremonial appointment or yes person,” Beckwith said in a news release. “They need a proactive Lt. Governor who will fight for our constitutional rights, lead the war against the woke culture and get the politics out of the classroom.”

Beckwith is a pastor at Life Church's Noblesville campus and co-hosts a podcast called “Jesus, Sex and Politics” with another pastor — alongside other activities — according to the release. He previously ran for the Fifth Congressional District in 2020 but lost the primary election to sitting Rep. Victoria Spartz.

Nearly 2,000 Republican Party delegates vote on a candidate for lieutenant governor at an insular annual nominating convention. That nominee faces a delegate-nominated Democrat at the general election — although the GOP has dominated statewide races in recent years.

An unusual maneuver Hopefuls usually campaign to some degree — but more privately, said Andrew Downs, an emeritus associate professor of political science at Purdue University Fort Wayne and a longtime political analyst.

“Those individuals have spoken with party insiders, and they've done things to try and appeal to gubernatorial candidates. That's always been going on,” Downs said. “The difference here is how publicly it's happening.”

“I think part of the

reason it's happening so publicly is because it's just so gosh darn easy to do now.” Downs added, citing technological advances that have made key campaign elements like websites easy and inexpensive to set up.

Nominating conventions often take heat for their insulation from the general electorate. After the behind-the-scenes maneuvering, victors are often — but not always — foregone conclusions.

“The Democrats and Republicans in Indiana have really set up some pretty high walls to keep the non-establishment anointees from running, and I don't like that,” Beckwith told the Capital Chronicle. “I want it to be an easier process.”

Beckwith said he'd been considering a public bid since the state's pandemic-era shutdown. He said he thought Gov. Eric Holcomb “overstepped his constitutional authority” at that time, and disagreed with vetoes on a transgender girls sports ban and a permitless handgun carry bill.

“It hit me: why does the governor get to anoint their pick for lieutenant governor, and why do the delegates just go along with that?” Beckwith asked. “And I thought if the delegates would have had their voices represented and picked who they thought was best in the executive branch for the last four years, maybe Gov. Holcomb wouldn't have done what he's done.”

Campaigning to 2,000 people, for now

Despite the public start to his bid, Beckwith said his campaign would be “laser-focused” on delegates, with mailers, phone calls and coffee invitations.

Based on other statewide races in which delegates choose nominees — auditor, treasurer, secretary of state and attorney general — Beckwith said his campaign was aiming to

raise between \$200,000 and \$500,000.

But who's officially a delegate in an election cycle isn't clear until after the primary election, Downs said. Candidates can get close, however: delegates often reprise their roles, and current or former local party officials are typically influential among them.

Beckwith said he'd spoken with the current slate of Republican gubernatorial candidates: socially conservative U.S. Sen. Mike Braun, Lt. Gov. Suzanne Crouch, Fort Wayne businessman Eric Doden and the devout Jamie Reitenour.

Asked who he'd support, Beckwith said he could work with any, “championing” strengths and filling in weaknesses.

Beckwith also acknowledged rumors that he'd like former Indiana Attorney General Curtis Hill as his gubernatorial running-mate, saying, “I'm going to the convention. I like Curtis but I don't know with 100% certainty if he's actually going to get in the race.”

But if Beckwith amasses enough delegate support, there's the potential for him to act as a kingmaker, according to Downs.

“If he has enough people who are saying they will back him at the state convention, and they begin to say, ‘Well, wait a minute, which one of these candidates do you want as the governor?’ Now he's in a very different position than if he had quietly been doing things,” Downs said.

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How To Protect Your Favorite Outdoor Gear

(StatePoint) With warmer weather here, more and more people are spending time on their decks, patios, and in their gardens and yards using outdoor products. From grills to furniture to mowers, 88% of Americans have invested in products dedicated for outdoor use and 65% of those that have use them at least several times a week, according to an Allstate Protection Plans survey.

Unfortunately, 83% of those surveyed who own outdoor products have experienced damage to one or more of them. That damage has been more than a little expensive: Americans have spent over \$44 billion repairing or replacing their outdoor products.

“It's no surprise that the outdoor products we use so much this time of year, that make life so great during the warmer months, can be especially vulnerable to damage,” says Jason Siciliano, vice president and global creative director at Allstate Protection Plans. “What

some people may not realize is that the same protection plans that are available for indoor furniture, electronics and major appliances are also available for outdoor products. They can be a great way to protect your investments in the great outdoors.”

The survey found that 65% of Americans do not have a protection plan for any of their outdoor products, and 56% were not even sure they could purchase one. With American households spending hundreds and, in some cases, thousands of dollars a year on outdoor equipment, furniture and supplies, adding protection can be a smart idea.

Beyond purchasing protection plans, Siciliano also recommends taking steps to extend the life of your outdoor products. For example, use the proper fuel in lawn care equipment, clean your grill and cover it when it's not in use, and apply protectant to furniture to guard against rust and sun

damage. For specialty items like fire pits and patio heaters, be sure to read the instruction manuals and follow the manufacturer's care and maintenance recommendations. Finally, at the end of the summer, store seasonal items in your garage or shed.

For more information about product protection, look for Allstate Protection Plans at your favorite retailers. You can also visit www.allstateprotectionplans.com, which features tips and resources for making the most of your outdoor products, as well as tips and advice on maintaining your home electronics and appliances.

“When we take care of the outdoor items that make summer enjoyable and relaxing, we're also protecting ourselves against the expensive repairs that can pop up every spring if we don't,” says Siciliano. “That means more in our budgets for popsicles and lemonade.”

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PUBLIC NOTICES

Crawfordsville District Public Library, Crawfordsville, IN Request for Proposal (RFP) Page 2 2023/2024 Two Websites and Logo/Branding

PROJECT REQUIREMENTS

Website Requirements

- The following are requirements for the library and museum websites:
• Content Management System (CMS): A system that supports multiple users; authorized staff who may have only basic to little knowledge of HTML will need access to the CMS for future content updates.
• Quick Load Time: 3 seconds or less
• Responsive design: The website must be able to work responsively on various-sized devices and within multiple browsers. Prefer mobile-first approach.
• Browser concerns: Website must work within multiple browsers, have no intrusive pop-ups, not Flash-based.
• Accessibility: The website must be reader friendly, adhering to WCAG (2.1) - Level AA accessibility standards.
• Security: Website pages must have Secure Socket Layer (SSL) encryption protocols so as not to appear as "non-secure" in any browser.
• Search Engine Optimization (SEO): Pages should be indexed appropriately.
• Domain: The museum website will be moved to its own domain, which needs to be created. May need to coordinate with CDPL's IT consultants.
• Special features for library website: library catalog integration, Wowbrary widgets, events/announcements slideshow, library card registration form, interactive location map/directions for both locations, volunteer signup form, fee payment capability, monetary and in-kind donation capability, Facebook feed, calendar of events (Assabet)
• Special features for museum website: Interactive location map/directions, Email/mailling list signup form, volunteer signup form, membership form with fee payment capability, monetary and in-kind donation capability, Facebook feed, calendar of events (Assabet)
• Language: ability to choose language/translation for site
• Analytics: Google Analytics is preferred.
• Style Sheets: Website must have easy-to-use style sheets for consistency of design across all pages/sections that allow for adjustments when needed.
• Software: Provider should list any other software that will be used to create the site, including graphics software, and indicate any software licenses or maintenance the District will need to purchase, as well as cost, if applicable.
• Hosting: Provider (CDPL currently uses iPage) should be reliable and robust, in accordance with industry standards and practices, and should have been in operation for several years. If vendor offers hosting services, please include as a separate line item.
• Site Maintenance Package: Please include options for site maintenance/support as a separate line item.
• Training: Basic training for a minimum of five employees (one group session) and administrator training for 2-3 individuals should be included.
• Ownership: CDPL will retain ownership and copyright of both websites.

PROPOSAL REQUIREMENTS

Response Components

- The CDPL Board of Trustees would like to consider proposals that cover two scenarios: (1) designing both websites/logos at the same time or (2) completing the museum's website in 2023 and waiting until after 2024 strategic planning to complete the library's.
Each respondent interested in submitting a proposal must include the following information:
1. Company Overview and Qualifications: Provide a two-to-three paragraph description of your company which includes the scope of services you provide, years of experience in website design/development and ancillary services, a description of the company's capability to provide the desired services and why your company is most qualified for this project.
2. Project Team: Include brief biographies for key individual(s) and subcontractors assigned to this account, including tenure with your company, qualifications, and relevant technical experience.
3. Scope of Services: Describe the proposed work by task, including any tasks to be performed by subcontractors.
4. Provide three (3) references on recent similar projects.
5. Pricing Schedules: Please provide three (3) pricing schedules: one for both websites and branding packages; a second for the Museum only; and a third for the Library only.

- Include a schedule of fees for all pertinent aspects of the project. Identify fixed, negotiable and optional costs for each feature in the website and branding design process. At a minimum, the schedule of fees should include prices for each of the following:
a. Every phase of each website and branding design process must be included. This includes preliminary information gathering and kick-off meetings, design development, content development, training, testing, and final launch. Each phase should identify the tasks involved and the total price for that phase.
b. Prices for advanced features not included in the standard development price of a website(s) must be identified and itemized.
c. List a price for the CMS and subsequent training sessions. Price should be based on cost per session, or a number of sessions included in the total project costs. Additional training outside of the total project cost should be identified per session.
d. Costs for annual software updates and upgrades and for hosting the site(s) should be included.
6. Implementation and Delivery Schedule: Provide a proposed process and timeline to work with the CMMC/CDPL team to fully redevelop the applicable websites and branding.

SUBMISSION DELIVERY AND CONTACT INFORMATION

Submission Information

Response Deadline: The deadline for proposal submissions is Wednesday, June 21, 2023 at 4:30 p.m. The deadline will be strictly enforced. Proposals submitted after the deadline will not be considered.

Response Format: Submittals must be clearly identified as "2023/2024 CDPL and CMMC Websites and Logo/Branding RFP". Proposals shall be submitted via email in a digital file (PDF preferred) to ttyner@cdpl.lib.in.us or hard copies can be mailed to the following contact:

2023/2024 CDPL and CMMC Websites and Logo/Branding RFP

c/o Theresa Tyner
Crawfordsville District Public Library
205 S. Washington St.
Crawfordsville, IN 47933-2445

Questions about this RFP should be directed to Theresa Tyner, ttyner@cdpl.lib.in.us, 765-362-2242, ext. 103.

Team Roles

Theresa Tyner, CDPL Director, and Janna Bennett, Curator, will be CDPL's and CMMC's main points of contact throughout the project.

Theresa Tyner, Director of Library Services
ttyner@cdpl.lib.in.us
765-362-2242, ext. 103

Janna Bennett, Museum Curator
jbennett.carnegie@cdpl.lib.in.us
765-362-4622

The preferred method of communication throughout the project will be through Theresa Tyner, Director of Library Services, ttyner@cdpl.lib.in.us, 765-362-2242, ext. 103.

EVALUATION AND SELECTION

Evaluation Committee and Criteria

This RFP is an open and competitive process. Respondents will be contacted during the process if further information is needed; and respondents will be accorded fair and equal treatment with respect to any opportunity for discussion and revisions of proposals. A committee consisting of CDPL and CMMC staff and board members will open and review all submissions after the proposal deadline. The proposals will be opened in such a way as to avoid disclosure of contents to competing vendors during the process of negotiation. Using a list of criteria outlined below, the committee will select a final vendor to recommend to the Crawfordsville District Public Library Board of Directors for final approval. The committee may choose to interview one or more firms before the final selection is made. The selected vendor will be notified the day following the CDPL Board of Directors meeting.

Following the notification of the selected vendor, CDPL will work directly with the selected vendor to overview contracts and determine an appropriate timeline for the project.

This RFP does not commit the CDPL to award a contract, pay any costs incurred in the preparation of a proposal based on this request, or procure or contract for services. All proposals submitted become the property of CDPL. CDPL reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals or portions of proposals received as a result of this request, or cancel in part or in its entirety the RFP, if it is in the best interest of the organization. No reasons shall be given for any decision by CDPL to accept or reject any or all terms of any submitted proposals.

If awarded, the purchase contract shall be made to the responsive and responsible respondent whose proposal is determined in writing to be the most advantageous to CDPL, taking into consideration price and the other evaluation factors set forth in the request for proposals. Note: The purchase may be awarded to more than one respondent. CDPL may require the selected company to participate in discussions concerning contract price or the nature and extent of services to be provided. Proposals will be evaluated on the following list of criteria:

- Functionality: Based on ability to meet the design and project requirements listed in this RFP.
• Qualifications/Account Team/References: Based on the contractor's company profile including organizational size, structure and account team. Also based on demonstrated experience and substantiated website design work that has been done for other clients.
• Overall Cost: Based on total fee to provide the services for the logo and website designs including CMS, implementation, installation, training, data migration, additional hardware, licensing, ongoing technical support, and other miscellaneous costs. Proposals will be compared using the base bid costs only; optional costs are provided for information purposes only.
• Implementation: Based on availability of quality training, user documentation and online assistance.

Proposed Schedule

Date/Timeframe

May 22

June 21 at 4:30 p.m.

June 30

July 13

July 14

December 31

March 31

The CMMC has a goal to launch its new website by the end of 2023; CDPL's goal is to launch by the end of the first quarter of 2024.

General Terms and Conditions

Communications: It is extremely important that all potential respondents are given clear and consistent information. Questions about the interpretations of specifications or the RFP process must be directed in writing to Theresa Tyner, Director of Library Services, at ttyner@cdpl.lib.in.us.

Included Cost: The Crawfordsville District Public Library is not responsible for any costs incurred in preparation of a response to this RFP.

Confidentiality: Proposals are subject to the Indiana Access to Records Act, I.C. 5-14-3-1, et seq. Contracts are subject to review by Crawfordsville District Public Library.

Subcontractors: Contractors may utilize the services of subcontractors to complement the expertise for specialty services. Subcontractors should be noted in the proposal. Crawfordsville District Public Library reserves the right to deny use of a subcontractor at any time for any reason. The contractor shall be responsible for replacement of a subcontractor, if required.

Reserved Rights: Crawfordsville District Public Library reserves the right to negotiate specifications, terms and conditions which may be necessary or appropriate to the accomplishment of the purpose of this RFP. CDPL may seek clarification from a respondent at any time, after the submission date, and failure to respond promptly is cause for rejection. CDPL reserves the right to reject any or all proposals for any reason.

Non-Discrimination and Other Laws and Regulations: Contractors shall comply with all applicable state, federal, and local laws and regulations. The Contractor shall ensure subcontractor compliance with all laws.

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SECTION 00 02 00 - NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Kettelhut Construction, Inc. shall accept bids for the New Administration Building and Site Improvements project located in Crawfordsville, Indiana, pursuant to Indiana Code 5-32.

BID PACKAGES:

- No. 1 - General Trades
No. 2 - Wood Framing / Wood Truss - Materials
No. 3 - Masonry
No. 4 - Structural Steel / Metal Fabrications
No. 5 - Woodwork / Casework / Countertops - Materials
No. 6 - Waterproofing / Dampproofing
No. 7 - Joint Sealants
No. 8 - Roofing
No. 9 - Doors / Frames / Hardware - Materials
No. 10 - Entrances / Storefronts / Glazing
No. 11 - Gypsum Board / Insulation / Ceilings
No. 12 - Tiling
No. 13 - Resilient Base / LVT / Carpeting
No. 14 - Painting
No. 15 - Specialties - Materials
No. 16 - Signage
No. 17 - Residential Appliances - Materials
No. 18 - Projection Screens - Materials
No. 19 - Roller Shades
No. 20 - Mechanical
No. 21 - Electrical
No. 22 - Earthwork / Site Utilities
No. 23 - Asphalt Paving
No. 24 - Fencing & Gates
No. 25 - Landscaping

BID SUBMISSION

Kettelhut Construction, Inc. will receive bids for all Bid Packages included herein on Tuesday, July 18, 2023 until 2:00 p.m. EDT.

All bids must be submitted via Kettelhut Construction Inc.'s secure Pipeline bidding site prior to the 2:00 deadline. Bid will not be accepted after the deadline. All bidders shall contact Kettelhut's office (765-447-2181 or kci@kettelhut.com) a minimum of five days prior to this deadline to verify they are actively registered in their Pipeline database and have received an Invitation to Bid which are both required in order to submit a bid on this project. In order to submit a bid, the actual person submitting the bid on Pipeline must have received an e-mailed invitation sent directly to their address. Please see Sections 00 01 00 Instructions to Bidders and 00 01 10 Supplementary Instructions to Bidders of the project specifications for additional instructions and requirements for submitting bids on this project.

Bids combining multiple Packages are allowed, but will only be accepted if the bidder also includes bids for each individual Package included. All Packages included in combination bids must be clearly identified on the Pipeline Combination Bid Form and separate Bid Forms must be submitted for each individual Package and combination thereof.

See critical dates and times listed below (all Eastern Standard Time):

- 1. Documents Issued for Bid: Monday, June 19, 2023
2. Pre-Bid Meeting: Tuesday, June 27, 2023 at 1:30 p.m. EDT
3. Bids Due: Tuesday, July 18, 2023 at 2:00 p.m. EDT

The following documents are required to be completed in full and submitted with each bid proposal by the above referenced bid issue due date and time:

- 1. Indiana Contractors Bid for Public Work Form 96 (Attachment C)
2. Bid Package Bid Form (On Pipeline)
3. Drug Testing Affidavit (Attachment D)
4. Bid Bond - 5% of Bid Amount - Not required if Bid Package is less than \$200,000.00

The following documents are required to be completed in full and submitted for each bid proposal within 24 hours after bid due date and time. Deliverable via email to Greg Helms at gmh@kettelhut.com.

- 1. M/W/VBE Participation Forms
• Statement of Proposed M/W/VBE Utilization
• Waiver Application - Good Faith Effort
2. List of Subcontractors with Corresponding Scope of Work (Section 00 43 00)
3. List of Material Suppliers (Section 00 43 00)

All Bid Packages over \$100,000.00 will be required to include an add alternate for Performance and Payments Bonds for 100% of their base bid, including alternates. Performance and Payment Bonds may be required for select Bid Packages based on Owner and Kettelhut Construction, Inc.'s discretion.

The project has established goals for Minority Business Enterprises, Woman Business Enterprises, and Veteran Business Enterprises. Each bidding contractor shall reference Section 00 11 00 - Supplementary Instructions to Bidders.

PREQUALIFICATION OF BIDDERS

1. All bidders will be required to complete the Kettelhut Construction Prequalification Form prior to submitting a bid proposal. Please verify prequalification status by contacting Kettelhut Construction, Inc. kci@kettelhut.com

2. Kettelhut Construction, Inc. reserves the right to receive and review financial statements during the bidding process and throughout the duration of the Project

ACCESS TO BIDDING DOCUMENTS

1. Access to Bidding Documents will be provided by Kettelhut Construction through their Pipeline website. Invited bidders will be able to access, view, download and print Bidding Documents free of charge.

2. Bidders must contact Kettelhut Construction in order to access the Bidding Documents through the Pipeline website.

3. Contact Ms. Jennifer Suite at jas@kettelhut.com with inquiries regarding use of the Pipeline website.

4. One set of Bidding Documents consists of one set of specifications and one complete set of drawings; and shall be made available via electronic media as noted above. Hard copies are to be printed at the bidder's expense.

The Construction Manager reserves the right to reject any and all bids and/or to waive any irregularities and informalities in the bid responses.

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Interestingly, Dr. King had one Indian school principal introduce him as “a fellow untouchable from America”— comparing him to a Dalit, the lowest caste group in India. Dr. King’s initial disequilibrium inspired him to note that the injustices based on caste, ethnicity, race and poverty worldwide impacted one another.

It’s no coincidence that dozens of rights movements cascaded from the fight to end Jim Crow and passing the Civil Rights Amendment. Chalk up the notable movements: the Poor People’s Campaign, the American Indian Movement and the fight for the Equal Rights Amendment – notably the League of Women Voters still asks you to support the ratification of the ERA by calling your representatives. Furthermore, there were feminist demonstrations, the Stonewall riots and the activism of Harvey Milk and Marsha P. Johnson among other LGBTQ activists.

Harvey Milk commissioned the PRIDE flag, asking Gilbert Baker to create one because a flag draws people together. It is a signal of identity and unity. CNN reports that the first rainbow flag flew on June 25, 1978, and contained the eight colors in the rainbow spectrum. Baker assigned a meaning to each of the colors: hot pink for sex, red for life, orange for healing, yellow for sunlight, green for nature, turquoise for magic, blue for harmony and violet for spirit. Baker sewed the 30 by 60-foot flag himself.

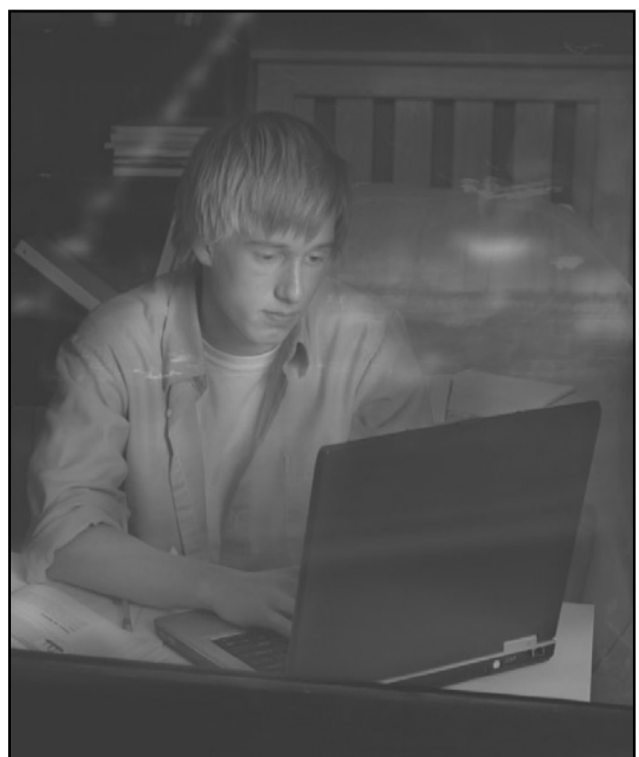
When it was quickly adopted, Baker saw that everyone in his community had a kind of ownership of the flag; however to mass produce it, he dropped the hot pink and turquoise. In a 2015 CNN interview, he revealed the rationale of his design saying “We needed something to express our joy, our beauty, our power. And the rainbow did that,” he said. “We picked something from nature. We picked something beautiful.” What the community needed was hope and a promise. Underneath the surface, LGBTQ people faced horrific violence that had occurred for centuries and tragically endured afterward. The beating, torture and murder of

Matthew Shepherd in 1998 made headline news of the kinds of violence, antagonism and harassment that LGBTQ people have long endured. It hadn’t been alleviated in the decades after Stonewall or Shepard’s murder or the Pulse Nightclub mass murder and even now it’s boiling in various forms close to home and abroad.

For some religious members of the LGTBQ community, the moniker of pride is complicated. Pride has an upside and a downside. It’s one of those qualities that harms relationships when it’s unchecked. Yet it’s also a quality that acknowledges that people matter, they belong, they have dignity, and, for LGBTQ people, they can rise above their mistreatment and marginalization. For one gay Christian, the PRIDE movement mattered to him because he realized it wasn’t for just gay people but an extension of a thirst for justice and civil liberties that brought many of our grandparents and great-grandparents to America. When he first heard men and women marching, saying “Two, four, six, eight, gay is just as good as straight,” he heard people claiming their human dignity because others denied it.

So PRIDE month and the rainbow flag represent the promise of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness for yet more Americans yearning to breathe free. Our nation’s identity is based on the philosophical principle that democracy will allow us all to hammer out differences and preserve liberty and justice for all. As Paul D. Miller writes in *The Religion of American Greatness*: “So long as we live in a democracy, it is good to love our neighbors politically by pursuing justice together in the public square.” It is good to celebrate, or at least honor, the civil rights and human dignity of our fellow Americans.

-The League of Women Voters is a nonpartisan, multi-issue political organization which encourages informed and active participation in government. For information about the League, visit the website www.lwvmontcoin.org; or, visit the League of Women Voters of Montgomery County, Indiana Facebook page



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or iced tea. It brought to mind the hours and hours we spend on social media and electronic games.

I looked at my cart again. Pre-packaged frozen meals and salads? Even buying green beans and corn? Chicken salad? Heck, I remember Grandma telling my Mom that chicken and ham salads were ways to make sure nothing went to waste. Pick the meat off the bones, put it in the grinder and add some chopped up veggies and eggs and such and voila! My grandparents grew and made most everything they consumed. They stored dozens and dozens of Mason jars with canned corn and beans and such in the root cellar. Paying a dollar for a plastic bottle of water – or more? Paying several bucks for a cup of coffee? Heck, on the rare occasions they did go out to eat, their entire meal probably didn’t total \$5.

What would they think if they could see our society now?

After getting out of the Army, Grandpa worked two jobs for a while – and later three. I was told that he slept where and when he could. By the time I came along in the 1950s, he was back down to two jobs, farming and working as a mechanic. I remember one Christmas when I was home from college. I got a hand-held electronic football game. You remember those? The screen was only a couple of inches in size and small electronic dots and dashes represented the players.

My Dad and I took turns while my grandpa looked

on. Later that day, as he was pulling on a heavy coat to head out to tend to something in the barn I was still playing. I remember he shook his head and said something about wasting time.

Obviously, he didn’t get it, I thought. This game was the future (if only I knew just how much) and Grandpa was old and stuck in his ways.

Today, we spend far more time on electronic devices. There are actually recognized disorders for the panic people feel when they lose or can’t use their phones. From games to TikTok to FaceBook, InstaGram and a gazillion other social platforms – we spend a huge amount of time . . . and have what exactly to show for it? What do we accomplish during that time? Hey, cute kitten videos have value, but they’re not putting food on the table or a roof over our heads.

My Grandpa has been long gone . . . but he spent his extra time driving a truck, repairing the tractor, working as a mechanic at Dorner’s Garage. Idle time for him did not mean “liking” the most recent post from one of the Kardashians.

What would my Grandpa – or yours – think if they could see us today? I’ll bet we have an idea.

-Two cents, which is about how much Timmons said his columns are worth, appears periodically on Wednesdays in The Paper. Timmons is the publisher of The Paper and can be contacted at timmmons@thepaper24-7.com.

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work for less than current construction estimates indicate.

The drainage board will formally act on the city’s request at their June 21 meeting, and I fully anticipate legal authority for the Shelley Drain being transferred to the city. This is a hugely important step in finally addressing the long-standing drainage challenges on the east side of Crawfordsville stemming from failing infrastructure in the most cost-efficient and equitable manner for all involved while not sad-

dling affected property owners with an additional assessment.

I strongly encourage property owners within the Shelley watershed to express their support for this plan to members of the Montgomery County Drainage Board and to attend the board meeting on June 21.

Todd D. Barton, Mayor

-Todd Barton is the Mayor of Crawfordsville and is located at 300 E Pike St. Contact the Mayor’s Office at 765-364-5160.

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