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➔ TODAY'S VERSE

Isaiah 30:21 And thine ears shall hear a word behind thee, saying, This is the way, walk ye in it, when ye turn to the right hand, and when ye turn to the left.

Meet Jemma



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Valentine's Day - By The Numbers

With thanks to our good friends at WalletHub, here's a look behind the candy hearts, sentimental cards and romantic intentions at Feb. 14, Valentine's Day!

\$25,800,000,000

Lovesick shoppers shell out more than \$25.8 billion in Cupid's name each year. That makes Valentine's Day the third-priciest holiday on the calendar for U.S. consumers.

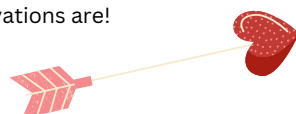


45% of people expect their Valentine to spend at least \$50 on a gift, according to WalletHub's 2024 Valentine's Day Survey. But 60% of people also think irresponsible spending is a bigger turnoff than bad breath.

2X

Men will spend almost twice as much as women, on average, for

Valentine's Day 2024 . . . Gee, we wonder what their motivations are!



32

The percentage of Americans who plan to give a gift of experience (an evening out) this year.

\$369 to \$118

The longer the relationship, the less money spent. For people in relationships of two years or less, they plan on spending \$369 for the holiday. For those in relationships of two to five years, they are aiming for \$207. At five to 10 years, the cost drops to \$187 and for those at 10 years or longer, it's \$118. Hmmmm. What does that tell you?

Go Ahead . . . Spoil Those Grandkids!!!



BUTCH DALE Columnist

My wife and I shopped for some presents and candy for our youngest grandkids this past weekend. When I thought we had purchased enough, of course my wife thought otherwise. Grandmothers are like that. Our grandmothers enjoyed spoiling us when we were young, and I would bet yours

did too. It reminded me of a poem written by Edgar Guest

"I know what makes a Grandma grand--she always has a treat, a cookie or a piece of cake or apple pie to eat, And when we go to visit her she gets the good things out, And we don't have to ask for more as long as she's about. Then Ma will say "That's all today, don't give them any more; You'll make

them ill, I know you will . . . tonight we'll walk the floor."

" A Grandma never punishes or says that we are bad, she always takes us on her knee and tells us she is glad...to have us racing round the house, and when we get too smart, an' Pa and Ma are awful cross, she always takes our part. And once when I had told a lie and

➔ See BUTCH Page A4

➔ TODAY'S HEALTH TIP

Are you having trouble remembering things? Perhaps you're not getting enough sleep.

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



➔ TODAY'S QUOTE

"Love is not only something you feel, it is something you do."
David Wilkerson

➔ TODAY'S JOKE

What message is on candy hearts for cats?
"You're purr-fect!"

➔ THREE THINGS

You Should Know

- On Feb. 8, 1971, Leroy "Satchel" Page was inducted into the Baseball Hall of Fame. Famed slugger Joe DiMaggio said Paige was the "best and fastest pitcher I've faced." Even so, it took Paige 50 years to be honored by the Baseball Hall of Fame as the first Negro League veteran to earn the recognition. According to History.com, Paige was a pitching legend known for his fastball, showmanship and the longevity of his playing career. He pitched an estimated 2,500 games, had 300 shut outs, and 55 no-hitters. In one month in 1935, he reportedly pitched 29 consecutive games.
- IDEM is taking applications and nominations for the 2024 Governor's Awards for Environmental Excellence until 5 p.m. on Friday, March 1. Citizens, government agencies, businesses, organizations, and educational institutions are invited to submit nominations on behalf of others or apply for the award themselves. Nomination forms and instructions are available at idem.IN.gov/partnerships/governors-awards-for-environmental-excellence/. Eligible projects must have occurred in Indiana and been implemented in 2022 or 2023. The awards will be based on project innovation, measurable results, and transferability.
- The U.S. Department of Agriculture announced that most farm loan borrowers will be able to make payments to their direct loans online through the Pay My Loan feature on farmers.gov this month. Pay My Loan is part of a broader effort by USDA's Farm Service Agency to streamline its processes. The Pay My Loan feature can be accessed at farmers.gov/loans.

➔ THE MONTGOMERY MINUTE

West Central Indiana CTE is hosting a Student Job Fair and Community Expo on April 4 from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at Crawfordsville High School. More than 1,000 students from Crawfordsville, North, South and Western Boone will be in attendance. Students are current juniors or seniors, and many are interested in full-time or part-time employment, internships or apprenticeships, seasonal jobs and training opportunities. There is no cost to participate. Each employer/organization will be provided a 6' table and two chairs. We ask that you plan to bring your own table covering and any other promotional items for your booth. Deadline to register is March 15. Contact Samantha Cotten at scotten@cville.k12.in.us for more information.

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The Daily Almanac

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SET: 6:16 pm



High/Low Temperatures

HIGH: 43°F
LOW: 26°F



Today is...

- Lincoln's Birthday
- Paul Bunyan Day



What Happened On This Day

- 1994 Edvard Munch's "The Scream" is stolen. The iconic painting, one of a series of four, was recovered several months later.
- 1912 The last Emperor of China abdicates at the age of 6. Puyi was expelled from the Forbidden City after a military coup in 1924. He died on October 17, 1967 aged 61.



Births On This Day

- 1876 13th Dalai Lama
- 1809 Abraham Lincoln. American lawyer, politician, 16th President of the United States

Deaths On This Day

- 2000 Charles M. Schulz - American cartoonist
- 2000 Screamin' Jay Hawkins - American singer-songwriter, producer, actor

Self Unawareness



DICK WOLFSIE
Funny Bone

After I finished a game of pickleball the other day, a woman approached

proceeded to explain everything to me again. She suggested I take notes this time, to lessen the chances I'd pester her a third time during her California vacation with the family.

me and asked if she could give me a hug. I glanced at her husband who nodded approval of her intended gesture.

Half an hour later I finally had the process down pat. "Thanks, Linda," I said, and I shut off the phone. Or so I thought. And my sister made the identical mistake. I could still hear her talking to her son and daughter-in-law.

"What's that for?" I asked.

"How's Uncle Dick?" asked Barry.

"I read your column every week and I just think you are the most self-deprecating guy in the world."

"Oh, he's fine. But let me tell you something: if you ever want to stop feeling stupid, talk to someone stupider."

"Thanks," I said, cautiously. I assumed and hoped that was a compliment. She went on to say—and rightly so—that the best humor is when you make fun of yourself. Of course, I also skewer my wife, but most of the barbs I write are directed at me.

Yes, that's what she said. My own flesh and blood...whom I love dearly, and thought she cared for and respected me. I wasn't going to take this lying down. But I did. I fell on the floor laughing. I understood exactly what she meant. I also knew this had potential for a column and I remembered what that woman said to me at the pickleball courts. Self-deprecation! Self-deprecation!

I thanked her for reading my column, not realizing that my ability to self-deprecate would soon be put to the ultimate test.

How would I respond to this moment? Well, first I called Linda back and told her that I heard exactly what she said to Barry. At that point Linda began laughing hysterically. I guess that was her way of apologizing.

Last night I was trying to figure out how to download podcasts. That way, I wouldn't have to pay for data if I listened to them while out jogging. My sister, who is very patient with me, had already spent about 20 minutes on the phone the previous week explaining the process, but I had forgotten everything she told me. I had no clue how to do it.

After we hung up, I realized I wasn't finished milking this situation, so I sent her this text: "Linda, like you, I would like to feel smarter by talking to someone dumber than me. The problem is that right now I can't think of anyone I could call."

Linda's son, Barry, is a computer wiz, so I assumed that some of his savvy had rubbed off on her. Of course, the rubbing should go in the other direction: your kids don't rub off on you, you are supposed to rub off on them. In any case, compared to her son, Linda was out of her league when it came to computers.

Be warned, dear reader: if you ever see my name on your caller ID, consider why I might be trying to reach you.

Nevertheless, she

Deery's Education Reform Bill Passes Senate

Major higher education reform legislation authored by State Sen. Spencer Deery (R-West Lafayette) passed the Senate recently by a vote of 39 to 9.

With the goal of reversing the public's declining views of higher education, Senate Bill 202 aims to modernize tenure, promote intellectual diversity and create transparency in regard to Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) spending.

"Recent events and blatant antisemitism have placed a spotlight on the hyper-politicalization and monolithic thinking of American higher education institutions, and many are warning that universities have lost their way," Deery said. "SB 202 prods the leaders of these institutions to correct the course."

Deery said the worry is backed by multiple surveys. Gallup observed that the percentage of Republicans who have confidence in higher education fell 37 percentage points from 2015 to 2023 with only 19% of Republicans now trusting universities. In 2018, the Pew Research Center found that "professors bringing their political and social views into the classroom" was the leading cause of the decline in approval, cited by 79% of Republicans. In Indiana, a 2022 Gallup survey commissioned by the state found that only 46% of politically conservative students in Indiana believe they can openly express their opinions compared to 79% of politically liberal students.

"In recent years, the General Assembly has enacted important reforms to recruit more students into a college path such as requiring high school juniors to take the SAT, and last year, I passed SEA 404 to give students more rights over their transcripts so they can get back into school after dropping out," Deery said. "Those bills are important, but we will never reach our goal of 60% of Hoosiers with a post-secondary degree if we don't also correct the declining views of higher ed."

SB 202 would put into law for the first time, protections for tenured faculty against retaliation for their research, or criticism of administrators. The bill would also require faculty to undergo a post-tenure review every five years to ensure they are meeting adequate performance expectations, as well as encouraging intellectual diversity and refraining from pushing political views in the classroom that are unrelated to the scholar's expertise. SB 202 would also require DEI offices at public universities to include intellectual diversity in their missions and require transparency in spending on DEI initiatives.

"Diversity is an essential part of the university experience, and infringing on academic freedom is a red line we should not cross," Deery said. "That said, we don't need to give up on those values to curb the excessive politicalization and viewpoint discrimination that threaten our state's workforce goals."

Butch Dale's Flashback Trivia



Do you recognize this person?

HINT:
This 1987 North grad just LOVES her little preschoolers!!!

Answer on Page A3

Minnette, Lyon Earn Dean's List

Reagan Minnette and Meagan Lyon of Crawfordsville earned Dean's List honors for the fall 2023 semester at Millikin University. Students who attempt 12 graded credits during a fall or spring semester and earn a grade point average of 3.5 or higher earn Dean's List honors.

Olivia Fichter Earned Dean's List

Olivia Fichter, of Crawfordsville, earned dean's list honors at The University of Tampa for the Fall 2023 semester. Fichter is a Freshman majoring in Criminology and Criminal Justice BS. Students must maintain a GPA of 3.75 or higher to be eligible for the dean's list.

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DO YOU HAVE WHAT IT TAKES TO ANSWER THE CALL?

It's good to have enough, isn't it?



CARRIE CLASSON
The Postscript

My husband, Peter, and I are headed out to Mexico again, and before we do, I thought it was a good time of year to check in with some folks I care about, to see how 2024 had been treating them so far. First, I had dinner with my oldest friend, Andrew. He told me about his mother, who lives alone and has been feeling her 92 years. Her activities are becoming more limited, and she may move into a smaller place. She's figuring out what she is still able to do, and how much is enough. Andrew prepares taxes, and so this is about the last chance I would get to see him in three months, even if I were not leaving for Mexico. He will be working long hours, making most of the money he makes in the year in a short time, and still caring for his mom. "Take care of yourself!" I say because Andrew is single, and I worry he won't get enough rest. I worry he will eat poorly. "I do!" he insists. I don't know if this is true. But I hope he gets enough food and sleep and sunshine during this season of cold and gray and taxes. Then I had lunch with Dane, the cousin who is closest in age to me. This is quite a distinction, because I have 36 cousins. Dane is good about calling me up when he is nearby so we can have lunch. He didn't have a lot of news. Work was going as well as could be expected. He'd had two flat tires hauling a trailer across the country. Dane's sister had successfully nagged him into scheduling a physical and making a will. "You need to have regular physicals!" I told him.

"I know. I've got one scheduled." I did not ask how long it had been since his last one. "I'm getting my teeth cleaned, too," he added, as if he read my thoughts. I was glad to hear he was taking care of himself (with his sister's urging). Then Dane said something unexpected. "I realized the other day how unimportant money is to me." This was a surprising thing for him to say. Dane works hard for his money. He gets up before the sun and does a lot of hard labor and drives a trailer in adverse weather. He's a guy who paid off his mortgage early, doesn't buy new furniture and doesn't take a lot of vacations. "Oh?" "I found a \$20 bill on the sidewalk. I picked it up, and it was wrapped around two \$100 bills." "Wow. Any idea where it came from?" "No idea. I kept it, but I felt bad. Someone was missing a lot of money and I just felt bad there was no way of getting it back to them." I looked at my cousin. Like me, he was getting older. Like me, he had a pretty good life. "It's good to have enough, isn't it?" I said. Dane nodded. Dane is happy with what he has, and he has enough. Peter and I are leaving for Mexico soon. We'll be staying in our little one-bedroom apartment, and I'll be writing at my little green Formica desk. It's not the fanciest place. It's nowhere near as nice as the homes of most of our friends. But every night our landlord, Jorge, will greet us and the colorful suns hanging from the walls around us will smile at us and we will know we have everything we need. We have more than enough. Till next time, Carrie

FOR THE RECORD

SOUTHMONT SCHOOLS BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Notice of Executive Session Board Meeting
Corporation Board Room
6401 US 231 South, Crawfordsville, IN 47933
Monday February 12th, 2024 @ 5:00 pm
The South Montgomery Community School Corporation Board of Trustees will meet in executive session on Monday February 12th, 2024 @ 5:00 pm
at the Corporation's Administrative Office located at 6401 South US 231, Crawfordsville, Indiana 47933.
I. Call to Order
II. Roll Call
AGENDA
Where authorized by state and federal statute; Implementation of safety and security matters; Job performance evaluation of employees.
III. Adjourn.
Future Meetings: .
March 12, 2024 - Regular Board Meeting - Corporation Board Room - 6:00 p.m.
April 8, 2024 - Regular Board Meeting - Corporation Board Room - 6:00 p.m.

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Purdue Extension Column - Dining with Diabetes



MONICA NAGELE
Guest Columnist

Do you have type 2 diabetes? Would you like to learn more about your disease and how to live well reducing your health risks? If so, Purdue Extension has a great program for you! Purdue Extension - Montgomery County is offering Dining with Diabetes again this year. A face-to-face offering will be held on Wednesday, February 21, 28, March 6, and 13 from 5:00 - 7:00 PM. Classes will be held at Fusion 54 in the PNC Conference Room each week. It is best to attend all 4 sessions. The Dining with Diabetes program is open to those with diabetes, their family members and caretakers. The series of four sessions is \$40/person and \$65/couple. Pre-registration and payment are required see details below. The educational programs and cooking school will help adults with type 2 diabetes control their blood sugar to feel better and reduce risk of health complication. Through this program you will learn how to prepare meals that are healthy and easy to prepare that taste good. You will get the opportunity to see several recipes demonstrated and taste each one. Participants of this program will learn up-to-date information on

nutrition, meal planning, exercise and how to understand common diabetes-related medical tests. All participants will be given recipes and handouts. Diabetes is a very serious and costly disease. According to the American Diabetes Association as of 2017, nearly 13% of Indiana's adult population has diabetes. Type 2 diabetes is the most common form of diabetes and is a life-long disease where there is high levels of sugar (glucose) in the blood. Type 2 Diabetes is often associated with older age, obesity, family history of gestational diabetes, impaired glucose metabolism, physical inactivity and race/ethnicity. But research has shown that those who learn to manage their blood glucose (sugar) levels, eat a healthy diet and exercise regularly can lower their risks of complications and lead a healthier and more productive life. Purdue Extension Montgomery County is currently recruiting participants for this program. If you have been diagnosed with type 2 diabetes, or know someone and are part of the support system for an individual and are interested in being a part of this program register at <https://cvent.me/ALAM2W> or log on to Purdue Extension Montgomery County website. Class's will be held at Fusion 54 PNC Conference

Room 2nd Floor. For questions or help registering, please call Purdue Extension office at 765-364-6363 or e-mail Monica at monicanagele@purdue.edu.

Monica Nagele, MS/RD, is the Purdue Extension Montgomery County Extension Director, Health and Human Science Educator

Butch Dale's Flashback Trivia

Answer:
Lisa Groves Long

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ARMY VETERAN

↓ BUTCH From Page A1

had to go to bed . . . without my tea..she came to me . . . and brought me jam and bread."

"Ma says it's funny Grandma acts the way she does today; When she was Grandma's little girl she couldn't disobey, or eat the things she liked an' get the stomach ache, or pick the frosting off an' never touch the cake. When she was bad, she always had the punishment to bear, but we can be much worse than she . . . an' Grandma doesn't care."

"Pa says that Grandmas are alike; their job of training's done, They don't like tears to come along and spoil the children's fun. They love to see the youngsters eat, an' though it isn't right, they never have to walk the floor or stay up all the night. An' children know the times they go to Grandma's house to play, though bad they are . . . their Ma and Pa . . . can't have a word to say."

Well, that poem pretty much sums it up. I dare not stop my wife from spoiling our grandkids. But come to think of it . . .

I love to do it, too! I remember all of the goodies and sweets that my Grandma Dale had when I visited or stayed overnight. She always had sugar cookies or snickerdoodles setting

on the kitchen counter. Grandma also baked all types of pies . . . blackberry, peach, apple, rhubarb . . . but my favorites were custard and sugar cream. In the summer, we could count on homemade ice cream and her sweet tea, which had about a half-inch of sugar settled at the bottom of the pitcher. During winter, she would send me to gather sassafras roots, which she sliced and boiled to make sassafras tea . . . yes, with lots of sugar, too. When we had pancakes for breakfast, she made syrup with just brown sugar and water. At other times, I had toast with honey or some of her homemade preserves. A special delight was her cornstarch pudding or fudge . . . or later in the evening, her crackerjack popcorn made with homegrown popcorn and Karo syrup.

Yes, Grandma Dale spoiled me with her sweet concoctions . . . so my wife and I are just carrying on a family tradition!

John "Butch" Dale is a retired teacher and County Sheriff. He has also been the librarian at Darlington the past 32 years, and is a well-known artist and author of local history.

Cinderella on Stage at Myers Dinner Theatre

Myers Dinner Theatre is thrilled to announce its 2024 Mainstage Season under new ownership. This exciting lineup will feature plays and musicals filled with fairy tales, zany comedy, heart-warming stories, mystery and more. Titles this year include, Rodgers & Hammerstein's "Cinderella," "Love, Sex, & The I.R.S.," "Nonsense II: The Second Coming," "9 to 5, The Musical," "The Andrews Brothers," "Don't Hug Me," "Dial M for Murder" and Meredith Willson's "Miracle on 34th Street."

"In addition to creating theatrical experiences of professional quality, we believe our 2024 season is about forming a bond within a community. We theater professionals foster a sense of belonging and community amongst one another to create a 'theatrical' family," says Artistic Director, Dion Stover. "Many of the shows this season are about characters thrust into situations where they need to come together as a community or a group to solve a problem. We hope you will join us and become a part of our community and theatrical family." Opening the season is Rodgers & Hammerstein's "Cinderella." This enchanting classic musical, directed by Stover, is on stage now and runs until Saturday, March 9. Cinderella, forced into a life of household chores

by her wickedly cruel stepmother and stepsisters, dreams of a better life. The town crier announces a royal ball at which the Prince of the kingdom intends to find a bride, and Cinderella wishes she could attend. When her stepsisters and stepmother go off to the ball, a Fairy Godmother appears and magically grants Cinderella's wish. At the ball, Cinderella and the Prince meet and instantly fall in love, but she abruptly excuses herself at midnight, leaving only a glass slipper on the palace steps. After an extensive search throughout the kingdom, the Prince and Cinderella are magically reunited and blissfully married. This popular musical will feature some newcomers to the MDT stage, along with some returning actors. New to Myers Dinner Theatre will be Victoria Behny (as Cinderella), David Couter (as The Prince), and Danika St. Denis (as Portia). Some returning MDT alumni are Teresa Lynn Ross (Evil Stepmother), Jamie Rediger (Joy), Samantha Bagdon (Fairy Godmother), Benjamin Elliott (King Maximillian), and Liz Daily (Queen Constantina). The timeless enchantment of a magical fairy tale is reborn with the Rodgers & Hammerstein hallmarks of originality, charm and elegance. Originally presented on television

in 1957 starring Julie Andrews, Rodgers & Hammerstein's "Cinderella" was the most widely-viewed program in the history of the medium to that time.

MDT producers, Mark and Misty McGrady, plan to transport the audience back in time to 1957, when millions of viewers gathered in their homes to behold one of the greatest spectacles during the Golden Age of Television. Guests will experience the Hillsboro of a bygone era through vintage memorabilia. The nostalgia continues into a themed menu, inspired by the "new" culinary phenomenon - TV Dinners. Selections will include: pot roast, meatloaf, pork loin, and turkey and dressing, all entrees that could be found in TV Dinners, but which will be prepared from scratch. Special "Princess Tea Party" performances are scheduled for Saturday, Feb. 24 and Saturday, March 2. These matinee shows, which feature a Cinderella meet and greet, will include fare geared toward younger audiences at a reduced price. A special Valentine's evening performance will feature most of the TV dinner offerings, plus chocolate-dipped strawberries and pork steak in red sauce, known around Hillsboro as "Red Meat." Wednesday matinee seating for meals is at



Cinderella (Victoria Behny) flees the steps of the palace as The Prince finds her glass slipper in Rodgers & Hammerstein's "Cinderella" at Myers Dinner Theatre.

11:30 a.m. and curtain at 1:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday evening performances will have seating for meals at 6 p.m. with curtain at 8 p.m. Saturday and Sunday matinees will have seating for meals at noon and curtain at 2 p.m. Tickets may be purchased by phone at 765-798-4902, ext. 2, or by visiting the MDT website at www.myersdt.com. Performance dates vary, so consult the online calendar for show dates and times. Theatre prices are \$59.54 for dinner and show, \$47.50 for students (ages 4-18), and show-only for \$39.50. Prices do not include taxes, handling fees or gratuity for waitstaff. Season tickets; group pricing; bus parking are also available. Myers Dinner Theatre is located at 108 Water St., Hillsboro, and is handicap accessible.

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Lafayette-Built 2024 Subaru Crosstrek Wilderness Loves to Play, Whether Tackling Utah Desert or Indiana Snow



CASEY WILLIAMS
Auto Reviews

The last time I drove the 2024 Subaru Crosstrek Wilderness, it was 95 degrees in Utah where we were driving through desert and mountain trails. That bliss couldn't be further extinguished as I woke to 3" of snow and zero degrees in Indiana this morning. It's all good; the Subie loves to play no matter the weather, and the skills that made it an ace in the desert, kick it across snowy prairie.

attachment points, so it's not all for show.

Check the digits. Wilderness models employ a 2.5-liter "Boxer" four-cylinder engine that routes 182 horsepower and 178 lb.-ft. of torque through a continuously variable transmission. All-wheel-drive is standard. A turbo would be nice, as would a geared transmission, but it's peppy enough and the transmission can be paddle-shifted through eight pre-set ratios for a more natural feel. Better, it can tow up to 3,500 lbs. – enough for a pop-up camper or small boat. Fuel economy rates 25/29-MPG city/highway.

Ready to warm up, I slide inside.

A giant 11.6" tablet-style touchscreen takes center stage, but proper volume and tuning knobs plus buttons for key climate functions add convenience. Devices connect wirelessly through Apple CarPlay and Android Auto.

Charge wirelessly too. Especially today, I'm a fan of the heated StarTex "vegan leather" seats that are all-day comfortable and easy to wipe clean. Crank the crisp 10-speaker Harman Kardon audio! Looking closer, I notice copper accents on the steering wheel, shift knob, gauges, and seat stitching. Open the hatch and flip down the seats to haul bicycles, plants, and hiking gear.

I'd love to engage in all of that, but my daughter must get to piano lessons.

The smattering of snow is no problem as the Crosstrek's ground clearance increased from the standard 8.7" to 9.3" for clearing ruts, logs, snow, and speed bumps. Dual Mode X-Mode, a traction control system that allows the car's AWD system to claw through deep mud/snow, employs hill descent control to automatically creep down steep inclines (in case you need such

things). The enhanced suspension is as adept at soaking up potholed city streets as articulating over rough trails.

Back on snowy pavement, it's comforting to know the Crosstrek Wilderness comes with an extensive suite of safety tech that includes automatic emergency braking, adaptive cruise, lane keep assist, and blind spot warnings. Rear cross path detection with auto brake protects rear fenders while a new three-camera "EyeSight" system detects obstacles ahead and can even steer around them.

When snow falls hard, I love to drive around, busting drifts, and drifting just a little. It always seems the only cars out in snowstorms are Subarus and Jeeps, which closely mirrors brands most likely to actually go off-road. With a short wheelbase, enhanced capability, and substantial ground

clearance, the Crosstrek Wilderness is equally ready to play in the snow, tackle mountain trails, take dogs to parks, or get kids to class.

Base Crosstreds start at \$25,195, but our well-optioned

Wilderness came to \$35,560.

Storm Forward!

Send comments to Casey at AutoCasey@aol.com; follow him on YouTube @AutoCasey.

2024 Subaru Crosstrek Wilderness

Five-passenger, AWD Crossover
 Powertrain: 2.5-liter H4, CVT
 Output: 182hp/178 lb.-ft. torque
 Suspension f/r: Ind/Ind
 Wheels f/r: 18"/18" alloy
 Brakes f/r: disc/disc
 Towing: 3,500 lbs.
 Fuel economy: 25/29 mpg city/hwy
 Assembly: Lafayette, IN
 Base/as-tested price: \$25,195/35,560

Likes

- All-road capability
- Angry style
- Everyday practicality

Dislikes

- No NAV
- No front camera
- Rambunctious powertrain

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CRAWFORDSVILLE COMMUNITY SCHOOL CORPORATION BOARD OF EDUCATION

Crawfordsville Community School Corporation Board of Education – Regular Meeting

Held Last Week on Thursday, February 8, 2024

Laura G. Hose Elementary, 800 Fairview Ave.

Crawfordsville, Indiana

AGENDA

- I. Roll Call
 - II. CHARACTER COUNTS!SM Corporation – Pillar of Citizenship
 - III. Pledge of Allegiance
 - IV. Spotlight on Excellence - Campbell Mason and Kristi Strickland
 - V. Approve Previous Meeting Minutes, Board of Finance Minutes, Construction Accounts Payable Voucher, Payroll Claims Vouchers, Register of Accounts Payable Voucher, and Surplus Items
 - VI. Building Principal Report – Jennifer Hall, Principal, Hose Elementary
 - VII. Old Business
 - VIII. New Business
 - a. Consider CHS Band Trip to Charleston, South Carolina - Jon Tebbe, Band Director
 - b. Consider Distribution of Early Literacy Achievement Grant Funds
 - c. Consider Transportation Handbook
 - d. Consider West Central Career & Technical Education addendum to the Joint Services Agreement – Homeschool Students in CTE programs
 - e. Consider 2025-2026 School Calendar
 - IX. Personnel
 - a. Consider Samantha Cotten Resignation - Student and Stakeholder Engagement Specialist for CTE
 - b. Consider John Wentland Retirement - CHS Biology Teacher
 - c. Consider Kerri Warner Retirement - Nicholson ELL Teacher
 - d. Recommend Ariadna Eufrazio - EL Assistant at Nicholson
 - e. Recommend Maria Angulo - EL Assistant at CMS
 - f. Recommend Donna Harrison - Temporary Evaluation Assistant
 - g. Recommend Cathie Abston - Adult Ed ELL Teacher
 - h. Recommend Jeremiah Alston - Aide at Hoover
 - X. Associate Superintendent Report
 - XI. Superintendent Report
 - XII. Other
 - XIII. Board Members Communication
 - XIV. Patron Comments
 - XV. Adjournment
- Patron's Comments are limited to 3 minutes per spokesperson for a total of 30 minutes.
- The meeting site is fully accessible. Any person requiring further accommodation should contact the Superintendent at the School Corporation's central office.

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City of Crawfordsville

Change of Meeting Date(s)

Historic Preservation Commission

Notice is hereby given that the Historic Preservation Commission of the City of Crawfordsville will hold a special meeting in the Common Council Chambers of the Municipal Building, 300 East Pike Street, Crawfordsville, Indiana on Wednesday, February 21, 2024 at 5:00 p.m.

The Historic Preservation Commission will not meet as scheduled on Wednesday, February 28, 2024 due to the change in meeting date.

Department of Planning & Building Services

City of Crawfordsville

300 E. Pike Street; Floor Two

Crawfordsville, IN 47933

765.364.5152 p.

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Notice Date: February 6, 2024

If you have any questions, please call Mayor Barton's office at 765-364-5160. Also, in accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if anyone wishes to attend, hear or speak at the public meeting and needs reasonable accommodation, please contact the Crawfordsville Department of Planning & Building Services so accommodations can be made. The Department may be contacted at 300 East Pike Street, Crawfordsville, Indiana 47933, Fax No. 765-364-1140, Telephone No. 765-364-5152. Brandy Allen, City of Crawfordsville ADA Coordinator; ballen@crawfordsville-in.gov.

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

Notice of Executive Session Board Meeting

Corporation Board Room

6401 US 231 South, Crawfordsville, IN 47933

Monday February 12th, 2024 @ 5:00 pm

The South Montgomery Community School Corporation Board of Trustees will meet in

executive session on Monday February 12th, 2024 @ 5:00 pm

at the Corporation's Administrative Office located at 6401 South US 231, Crawfordsville, Indiana 47933.

I. Call to Order

II. Roll Call

AGENDA

Where authorized by state and federal statute; Implementation of safety and security matters;

Job performance evaluation of employees.

III. Adjourn.

Future Meetings: .

March 12, 2024 - Regular Board Meeting - Corporation Board Room - 6:00 p.m.

April 8, 2024 - Regular Board Meeting - Corporation Board Room - 6:00 p.m.

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