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Mindy Fetterman
1380 Georgette Road
Marion Center, PA 15759
12/13, 12/20, 12/27

NOTICE

The Indiana County Board of Assessment Appeals, pursuant to Section 8584 of the Homestead Property Exclusion Act, hereby gives NOTICE that applications to designate real property as Homestead Property or Farmstead Property are available at the Indiana County Tax Assessment Office. The deadline for filing such applications is March 1, 2025. If you previously applied and were not denied, you do not need to reapply.

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Ellderton State Bank to Freeman J. Miller and Mary M. Miller, West Mahoning Township, \$26,000

Wesley T. Kordish and Kristin A. Kordish to Seth E. Pearce and Charlotte C. Sheridan, Homer City Borough, \$116,600

Julie G. Meyer to Tracey Stroupe, South Mahoning Township, \$294,000

Gary D. Small and Mary L. Small to Gary D. Small, Green Township, \$1,000

Habitat for Humanity of Indiana County aka Habitat for Humanity to Jennifer L. Schmader, Marion Center Borough, \$94,000

Diane M. Rebysanski EST to Dell L. Dotts, Jodi L. Dotts, Kaityn R. Dotts and Kristy L. Dotts, Armstrong Township, \$170,000

Violet Myers to Jeremy Lynn Boring, Green Township, \$1,000

Ryan P. Dunne and Laura A. Dunne to Natasha McGary, White Township, \$275,000

Mark Anderson and Kamala L. Anderson to Jacob Forrest and Jessica L. Forrest, Rayne Township, \$246,887

Kevin R. Hoover and Amber Hess aka Amber Hoover to Amber Hess aka Amber Hoover, North Mahoning Township, \$1,000

Frank L. Fairman EST to Dakota Wise, Ernest Borough, \$1,000

Frank L. Fairman EST to Cory Geer, Creekside Borough, \$12,000

Leo J. Kay II to Jacob Fairman and Jessica Fairman, White Township, \$13,000

Harold Edmiston Jr EST and John Edmiston Jr EST aka John H. Edmiston Jr EST to Steven Johnston, Brushvalley Township, \$230,500

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Patricia Smith by POA to Kenneth B. Stile Jr and Mary D. Stile, Washington Township, \$178,000

Marcie Lynn Hampton aka Marcie L. Reinard and Joseph C. Reinard to Joseph C. Reinard, White Township, \$10,000

Rudy R. Swartzentruber and Clara A. Swartzentruber to Rueben B. Miller and Jemima E. Miller, West Mahoning Township, \$110,000

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INVITATION FOR BID

The Indiana County Commissioners will receive sealed bids for **600 Philadelphia Street Indiana Roof Replacement Project** until 11:00 a.m. prevailing local time on **January 14, 2025**, at the Commissioners Hearing Room, Second Floor Courthouse, 825 Philadelphia St., Indiana, PA 15701, at which time and place all bids will be publicly opened and read aloud. Faxed bids will not be accepted.

Install a minimum R30 insulation and new membrane over existing 6,000 SF bituminous roof on a commercial building located at 600 Philadelphia St., Indiana, PA 15701.

Copies of the Bidding Documents may be obtained at the office of Thomas R. Harley, Architects, LLC, 541 Philadelphia Street, Indiana, PA 15701, beginning on 12/9/24. Incomplete sets of Bidding Documents will not be issued. Payment for the hard copy of Bidding Documents will be \$30.00 per set or \$30.00 per CD with all checks made payable to "Thomas R. Harley, Architects, LLC". An electronic copy is available via Dropbox at a charge of \$15.00 per set. The Owner and Architect assume no responsibility for delay or loss due to mailing. There will be no refund for returned Bid Documents. Contact Lisa Shick 724-349-2520 or email lshick@upstreetarchitects.com.

A certified check or bank draft, payable to the order of the County of Indiana, or negotiable U.S. Government Bonds (at par value), or a satisfactory Bid Bond executed by the Bidder and an acceptable surety (appearing on the Treasury Department's most current Circular 570 list and authorized to transact business in the State of Pennsylvania), in an amount equal to 10 percent (10%) of the total of the Bid shall be submitted with each bid to guarantee the Bidder's entrance into a contract if given the award. No bid bond shall be waived or returned because the Bidder has failed to or cannot comply with any requirements set forth in the plans, specifications, or any applicable statutes of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, or any applicable municipal ordinances. No bid may be withdrawn for sixty (60) calendar days after the scheduled closing time for receipt of bids.

A Nonmandatory pre-bid will be held on 1/6/25 at 10:00 a.m. at the project site. The successful bidder will be required to furnish and pay for satisfactory Performance and Payment Bonds on the forms provided, each in the amount of one hundred percent (100%) of the Contract Price and executed by an acceptable surety company.

Project Financial Assistance provided by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Honorable Josh Shapiro, Governor.

The Indiana County Commissioners reserve the right to reject any or all bids or to waive any informalities in the bidding. **AWARD CRITERIA AND BASIS FOR REJECTION** will be in accordance with the Instructions to Bidders of the contract and technical documents.

R. Michael Keith, Chairman
Bonnie Dunlap
Sherene Hess
Indiana County Board of Commissioners

12/16, 12/20

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Sealed proposals will be received by the **Buffington Township Supervisors** 2nd Class of Indiana County PA at the Municipal Building, Route 403, 1 mile South of Strongtown or by mailing them to the following address:

1010 Route 403 Hwy S, Homer City PA 15748.

Bids to be accepted until 7:00 P.M. on January 6, 2025, for the following:

3/4 or 1 Ton Pickup Gas engine, 4x4, Automatic, Single rear wheels, Under 150,000 miles.

The Municipality reserves the right to reject any or all proposals. Please contact Michael Dill at 814-341-1048 regarding any questions. 12/10, 12/20

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ASTROGRAPH

Your Birthday

SATURDAY,
DECEMBER 21, 2024

By Eugenia Last

Take nothing for granted. Strategize, reorganize and define the lifestyle that suits your needs. Putting your desires, time and energy into what makes you happy will allow you to embrace what you feel passionate about and make a difference. This year, your choices will be challenging.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — Don't step into an emotional trap. Be a good listener, keep your cards close to your chest, and don't assume anything. Leave yourself open to take advantage of an opportunity.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Take the path that promises the most memorable journey. Your experiences will change your perspective on earning, spending and saving money. Nurturing is the way to win affection.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — A little charm mixed with living up to your promises will pay off. Completing your tasks will give you more downtime with someone you love. Get out there and get things done.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — Put a budget in place before leaving home. Indecisiveness will lead to costly emotional mistakes. Overreacting and expecting too much from others will isolate you.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — Pay attention to the sidelines. A social event or fundraiser will bring you in contact with someone who piques your interest. Connect the dots and consider the potential outcomes before

you make a move.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

— Force your way forward and finish what you start. Time is of the essence, and wasting it on petty disagreements won't calm your nerves. Choose compromise over stubbornness.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

— Spruce up your surroundings and update your look. A new look will attract attention and give you the confidence to impress someone you'd like to get to know better.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

— Consider what you want to do next. A look at what's trending professionally will offer insight into how to redirect your energy. Use intelligence and experience to pursue your goal.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

— You'll need an outlet for pent-up energy. Whether you are still playing catch up and trying to take care of business or enjoying all the festive events, doing so with gusto will satisfy your soul.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

— A unique conversation with an elder will help you gain insight into possibilities you need to be aware of; however, verify information first to avoid overspending. A commitment will change how or where you live.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)

— Get into the spirit of the season and take advantage of any downtime. Communication and travel will encourage you to consider new possibilities or potential moves.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)

— Take a step back and observe. Discipline, focusing on something or someone you feel passionate about, or closing one door while opening another is in your best interest.

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BRIDGE

North 12-20-24

♠ K J 7
♥ Q 10 9
♦ 6 5 3 2
♣ A Q 4

West East
♠ 9 8 5 2 ♠ Q 10 6 3
♥ 6 3 2 ♥ 8
♦ K Q 7 ♦ A 9 8 4
♣ 10 8 7 ♣ K J 9 2

South
♠ A 4
♥ A K J 7 5 4
♦ J 10
♣ 6 5 3

Dealer: South
Vulnerable: Both

South West North East
1 ♥ Pass 2 ♣ Pass
2 ♥ Pass 4 ♥ All pass

Opening lead: ♦ K

FRIDAY,
DECEMBER 20, 2024

By Phillip Alder

GIVE HIM THE LEAD
WHEN IT HELPS YOU

Francois de La Rochefoucauld, a French writer, said, "Nothing is impossible; there are ways that lead to everything, and if we had sufficient will, we should always have sufficient means. It is often merely an excuse that we say things are impossible."

It is a wild overbid to say that nothing is impossible. But if we stick to realistic goals, we can often succeed — especially if we have the right thought at the key moment.

How is that relevant in today's deal? South is in four hearts. West opens with the diamond king. When East encourages with the nine, West cashes the diamond queen and leads his third diamond. After ruffing, how should South proceed?

North wanted to respond two no-trump to show a balanced

Instead, after drawing trumps ending on the board, South called for the last diamond, and when East produced the eight, declarer discarded a club.

East was endplayed, forced to lead a black suit and concede a 10th trick to South.

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NOTICE

The Burrell Township Supervisors of Indiana County will be holding their annual Organizational Meeting on Monday January 6, 2025 at 6:00 pm at the Burrell Township Building, 120 Blaire Road, Black Lick, Pa 15716.

Mandy Hoover
Secretary

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CELEBRITY CIPHER

by Luis Campos

Celebrity Cipher cryptograms are created from quotations by famous people, past and present. Each letter in the cipher stands for another.

"Y M Y P H V R J R T R U H V B Y A Z Z R R J
H F H G O J W O R K U O M Y K H , W A J Y
L W A A W M H W F H V B H H W G V B X H V V H G
V B W A Y K R N A J Y V . " — I B Y I B Y
G R J G Y Z N H C

Previous Solution: "A story is not like a road to follow ... it's more like a house. You go inside and stay there for a while." — Alice Munro

TODAY'S CLUE: A sjænbe f

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Joshua A. Filler to Daniel Palazzone and Valerie Jane Palazzone, Indiana Borough 2nd Ward, \$210,000

Patricia L. Adams Special Needs Trust by TR and Patricia L. Adams Irrevocable Trust by TR to Jeremy Murphy and Angela Murphy, South Mahoning Township, \$98,000

Mary Jane Piccolini to Ronald Kelley Jr and Samantha Kelley, Center Township, \$230,000

Latasha Laura Liddle, Bonnie L. Liddle and Thomas J. Liddle to Amber D. Dollman and Steve Arthur Dollman, Center Township, \$75,500

Carol B. Graham to James P. Emigh and Mary Lou Emigh, White Township, \$275,000

BYT Pack Investments LLC to Denise Marie Joyner and Kaela O. Niel, Center Township, \$110,000

Ida M. Hutchinson by POA, Joseph D. Hutchinson Jr and James D. Hutchinson to Joseph D. Hutchinson Jr and James D. Hutchinson, West Wheatfield Township, \$1,000

Joseph A. Skursky and Linda K. Skursky to Jeffrey M. Skursky and Patricia S. Skursky, Armstrong Township, \$1,000

Samuel D. Clutter IV to Donna Wiley and Joseph Wiley, Blacklick Township, \$150,000

Edward T. Horel by POA, Pauline T. Horel by POA, Patricia Ann Horel and Thomas Lee Horel to Ronald A. Guidas, Armstrong Township, \$215,000

21st Mortgage Corporation to Louise Sharif, West Wheatfield Township, \$130,000

Robert G. Williams and Mary Ann Williams to Jarret Crise, Pine Township, \$76,703

Jeffrey A. Brown to Annie K. Croak and John E. Croak, Cherryhill Township, \$167,000

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Todd Smeltzer to Landon Harmon, Center Township, \$123,000

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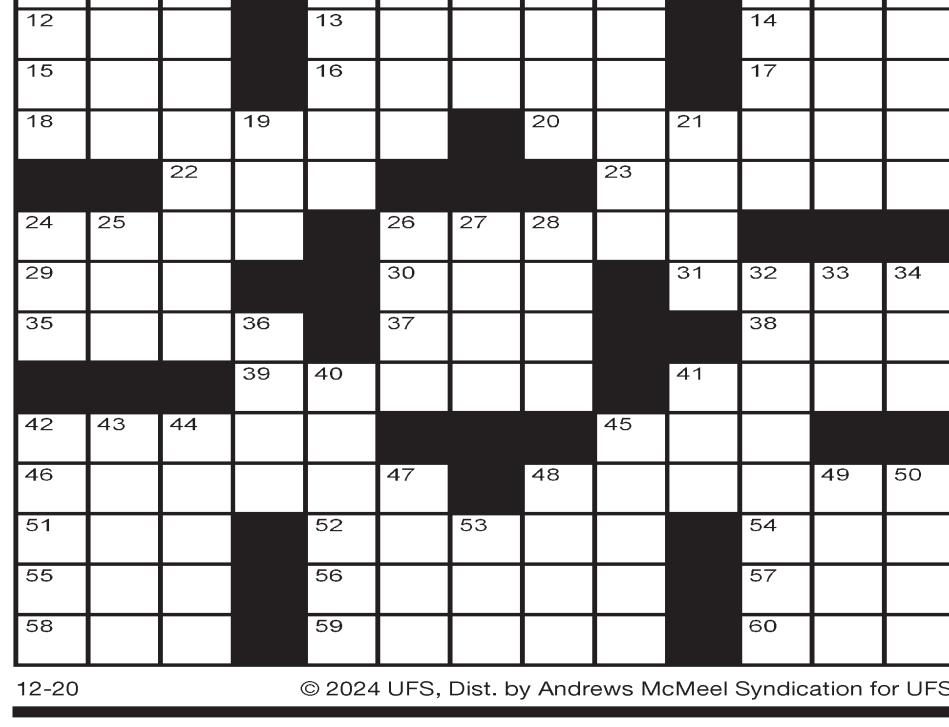


Answer to Previous Puzzle



ACROSS

- 1 Spice mix for barbecuing
- 4 — -Tropez
- 9 Dance type
- 12 Nest-egg letters
- 13 Fruity drink
- 14 "I — you one!"
- 15 Bud
- 16 Came to be
- 17 Flowed
- 18 Detective — Queen
- 20 Maneuver
- 22 Snoop
- 23 Eat a little of
- 24 Get top billing
- 26 Remains
- 29 Lend an —
- 30 Male swan
- 31 Writer — Lazarus
- 35 Stopped snoozing
- 37 Time
- 38 Fed. agency
- 39 Outdoor art
- 41 Greek mountain
- 42 LA's Sunset —
- 45 Mean dwelling
- 46 Detest
- 48 Keg
- 51 Illusionist — Geller
- 52 Far-out paintings (2 wds.)
- 54 Critical care dept.
- 55 Homo sapiens
- 56 Embankment
- 57 "Eureka!"
- 58 Bashful
- 59 Actions
- 60 Body-builder — Ferrigno
- 7 Cozy home
- 8 Pact
- 9 Legal wrongs
- 10 Be in the cards for
- 11 Peter's —
- 19 Go wrong
- 21 Box
- 24 Stitch
- 25 Chinese "way"
- 26 Permanent mark
- 27 Old garment
- 28 O.T. name
- 32 Courtroom event
- 33 Feminine title
- 34 — rule
- 36 Exude
- 40 Sustain
- 41 "Days of — Lives"
- 42 Urban renewal targets
- 43 Pentateuch
- 44 Wet
- 45 Despises
- 47 Fencing item
- 48 Born and —
- 49 Reverberate
- 50 Hawaiian feast
- 53 " — Maria"



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The managing editor will oversee all editorial operations, ensuring the quality, accuracy and timeliness of our content. This position reports directly to the newspaper's publisher. The role requires a collaborative leader who is passionate about journalism, embraces innovation, and thrives in a fast-paced environment. The managing editor will also be responsible for about five to seven hours of weekly page design work and must be open to working night shift when necessary.

Key Responsibilities:

- Lead and manage the editorial team, including reporters, editors and freelance content producers.
- Oversee the planning, assignment, and execution of daily and long-term editorial content.
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- Collaborate with department heads to optimize workflows across print, digital, and multimedia platforms.
- Monitor breaking news and ensure timely, accurate coverage.
- Edit and approve content for publication, maintaining a high standard of quality.
- Analyze audience metrics to guide content strategies and improve reader engagement.
- Develop and implement policies, procedures and best practices for the newsroom.
- Mentor and train staff, fostering professional growth and teamwork.
- Work with the advertising team to coordinate the production of special projects.

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- Bachelor's degree in journalism, communications, or a related field is preferred but not required.
- 5+ years of experience in journalism, with at least 2 years in an editorial leadership role.
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- Strong news judgment and familiarity with current events and industry trends.
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