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A photographer from Frederick's Photography Inc. of Huntington captures an image of the senior spring sports participants at Norwell High School during their picture day Wednesday afternoon. (Photo by Dave Schultz)

# Dangerous storms, tornadoes may target Midwest, South

### By SETH BORENSTEIN AP Science Writer

A seemingly relentless series of severe storms, likely with deadly tornadoes, are forecast to rip across parts of America's Midwest

and South over the next couple

weeks, especially Friday, meteo-

rologists said.
An unusual weather pattern has set in, last week triggering the devastating tornado that hit Rolling Fork, Mississippi, and meteorolo-

gists fear this Friday will be one of

the worst days, with much more to come. The National Weather Service said 16.8 million people live in the highest risk zone, and more than 66 million people overall should be on alert Friday.

"It's pretty darn clear that somebody is going to take it on the nose on Friday," said Northern Illinois meteorology professor and tornado expert and chaser Victor Gensini. "It's just a matter of where and exactly when."

The weather service is caution-

ing a large area of the country – including parts of Iowa, Missouri, Arkansas, Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Tennessee, Mississippi, Alabama, Louisiana, Alabama, Texas, Oklahoma, Ohio, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Michigan, West Virginia, Georgia and Kansas – to be alert for intense thunderstorms, tornadoes and other damaging winds. Big cities in the highest danger area include Memphis, St. Louis, Des Moines and Little Rock.

Gensini fears Friday's

onslaught will be deadly.

The storms are expected to start Friday afternoon and go overnight, which is particularly dangerous because people can't see them coming and often won't seek shelter, weather service Storm Prediction Center warning coordination meteorologist Matt Elliott said Wednesday.

"The storms will be moving very quickly," Elliott said. "So you won't have a lot of time to react to warnings as well. So now's the time to start preparing."

Though all the ingredients are there for dangerous storms, it's possible they may not combine precisely enough to pose the threat that meteorologists are warning about, Elliott and others said.

Another batch of severe storms, powered by a "firehose" of unstable waves in the atmosphere that keep flowing from the cold west and combine with moist air from the east, could hit next Tuesday

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# The Wells County Leadership Academy accepting applications

The Wells County Leadership Academy is accepting applications for its 2023-24 session.

The WCLA will begin its 16th season in September. Classes will be held from 8 a.m. to noon one morning a month through May.

The academy is for individuals "who want to improve their leadership skills, develop stronger communication skills, and focus on creating a network of peermentor-business relationships," according to an announcement for the '23-'24 session. "Our desire is that these individuals would then make a life-long

commitment to community service, mentor new leaders, and make a positive impact in the work-place."

Class sizes are limited to 20 students. Applications must be submitted by June 9.



For more information, contact Erin Prible, executive director of the Wells County Chamber of Commerce, at 824-0510, ext. 2, or email her at eprible@wellscoc.com

Applications can be downloaded at https://bit. ly/3G6zjEH

# China threatens to retaliate if McCarthy meets Taiwan leader

BEIJING (AP) — China threatened retaliation on Wednesday if U.S. House Speaker Kevin McCarthy meets with Taiwan's president during her upcoming trip through Los Angeles.

President Tsai Ing-wen left Taiwan Wednesday afternoon on a tour of the island's diplomatic allies in the Americas, which she framed as a chance to demonstrate Taiwan's commitment to democratic values on the world stage.

Tsai arrived in New York later in the day and was scheduled to spend Thursday in the city before heading to Guatemala and Belize. She is expected to stop in Los Angeles on her way back to Taiwan on April 5, when a meeting with McCarthy is tentatively scheduled. The planned meeting has triggered fears of a heavy-handed Chinese reaction amid heightened friction between Beijing and Washington over U.S. support for Taiwan and trade and human rights issues.

The spokesperson for China's Taiwan Affairs Office, Zhu Fenglian, denounced Tsai's stopovers and demanded that no U.S. officials meet with her.

"We firmly oppose this and will take resolute countermeasures," Zhu said at a news conference. The U.S. should "refrain from arranging Tsai Ing-wen's transit visits and even contact with American officials and take concrete actions to fulfill its solemn commitment not

to support Taiwan independence," (Continued on Page 2)

# Russia stops sharing missile test info with U.S., opens drills

## By VLADIMIR ISACHENKOV

Associated Press
MOSCOW (AP) — Russia will no longer give the U.S. advance notice about its missile tests as envisioned under a nuclear pact the Kremlin has suspended, a senior Moscow diplomat said Wednesday, as its military rolled missile launchers across Siberia in a show of the country's massive nuclear capability amid fighting in

Deputy Foreign Minister Sergei Ryabkov told Russian news agencies that Moscow has halted all information exchanges with Washington under the last remaining nuclear arms treaty with the U.S. after suspending its participation in it last month.

Along with the data about the current state of the countries' nuclear forces routinely released every six months in compliance with the New START treaty,

the parties also have exchanged advance warnings about test launches and deployments of their nuclear weapons. Such notices have been an essential element of strategic stability for decades, allowing Russia and the United States to correctly interpret each other's moves and make sure that neither country mistakes a test launch for a missile attack.

The termination of information exchanges under the pact marks yet another attempt by the Kremlin to discourage the West from ramping up its support for Ukraine by pointing to Russia's massive nuclear arsenal. In recent days, President Vladimir Putin announced the deployment of tactical nuclear weapons to the territory of Moscow's ally Belarus.

Putin suspended the New START treaty last month, saying Russia can't accept U.S. inspections of its nuclear sites under the

agreement at a time when Washington and its NATO allies have openly declared Moscow's defeat in Ukraine as their goal. Moscow emphasized that it wasn't withdrawing from the pact altogether and would continue to respect the caps on nuclear weapons the treaty

It wasn't immediately clear whether Ryabkov's statement indicated Moscow's intention to ter-(Continued on Page 2)

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# Outside



A nice spring afternoon, chance of rain tomorrow

Today	Friday	Saturday					
High 54	High 61	High 47					
Low 43	Low 39	Low 25					

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# **Dangerous storms**

(Continued from Page 1) and the next few days after that, said Walker Ashley, another meteorology professor at Northern Illinois and Gensini's storm-chasing partner.

"You could see these things coming days in advance," Ashley said. They will be "continual punches, one, two, three, four.'

The weather service is already forecasting another batch of intense storms next Tuesday in the same general area as Friday with fairly high confidence, Elliott said.

At least the first 10 days of April will be rough, said Accuweather meteorologist Brandon Buckingham.

The current persistent pattern of storm ingredients reminds Gensini of the April 2011 tornado onslaught

that killed 363 people in six states, hitting Alabama hardest. That was one of the largest, deadliest and most destructive tornado outbreaks in American history, the weather service said.

Even before Friday, "it's been the most active we've seen in several years" starting around last November, with a large number of winter storms through this year, Elliott said. The deadly storms that hit Rolling Fork were part of that pattern.

Buckingham and the other meteorologists said current conditions come along only once every few years to create the potential for a train of supercells, which spawn the worst of the tornadoes and damaging

Central to this is a fast-

moving rollercoaster-like jet stream, the shifting river of air that moves weather systems, such as storms, from west to east. On the west side of the jet stream is extreme cold air and to the east, parked off Florida and Caribbean, is a very warm and dry high-pressure sys-

"When you kind of combine the two it kind makes those hairs on the back of your neck stand up," Buckingham said. "The ingredients are here. They're primed towards the extreme end of things.

Add to that the Gulf of Mexico, which provides moisture heat and energy for storms, is roughly 2 to 5 degrees warmer than average or more, meteorologists said — "on fire," as Ashley

"The additional warmth and humidity really get these thunderstorms firing up," Buckingham said.

The worst weather will be "underneath the clashing" of hot and cold air, a battleground of sort, Gensini said. Friday's lunchtime forecast at Storm Lake, Iowa, is around 67 degrees but just 140 miles to the northwest, Brookings, South Dakota is forecast to be barely above freezing.

"The greater the temperature gradient, the stronger the storm systems are," Gensini said.

The winds twirling at opposite directions on the west and east of the jet stream battleground add to the problem, the meteorologists said.

# Weather

Thursday, March 30, 2023 (24-hour observations at 10:24 p.m. Wednesday) High: 51; Low: 29; Precipitation: None

Wabash River Level (at the Main Street bridge): 4.72 feet at 8:45 p.m. Wednesday

# Wells County forecast

**Today:** Sunny, with a high near 54. East wind 5 to 10 mph becoming south in the afternoon.

**Tonight:** A 50 percent chance of showers after 2 a.m. Partly cloudy, with a low around 43. Southeast wind 10 to 15 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

Friday: A chance of showers and thunderstorms, then showers and possibly a thunderstorm after 8 a.m. High near 61. Breezy, with a southwest wind around 25 mph, with gusts as high as 40 mph. Chance of precipitation is 100 percent. New rainfall amounts between a tenth and quarter of an inch, except higher amounts possible in thunderstorms. Friday Night: Showers and possibly a thunderstorm

before 2 a.m., then a slight chance of showers and thunderstorms after 2 a.m. Low around 39. Windy, with a south wind 25 to 35 mph, with gusts as high as 45 mph. Chance of precipitation is 90 percent. New rainfall amounts between a quarter and half of an inch possible. **Saturday:** A slight chance of showers and thunderstorms before 8 a.m., then a slight chance of showers between 8

a.m. and 2 p.m. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 47. Windy. Chance of precipitation is 20 percent.

Saturday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 25.

**Sunday:** Sunny, with a high near 55.

**Sunday Night:** Partly cloudy, with a low around 46. **Monday:** A 30 percent chance of showers after 2 p.m.

Mostly sunny, with a high near 66. Monday Night: A 50 percent chance of showers. Mostly

cloudy, with a low around 50. Tuesday: A 50 percent chance of showers. Partly sunny,

with a high near 68. Tuesday Night: Showers likely and possibly a thunder-

storm. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 52. Breezy.

Wednesday: A chance of showers. Partly sunny, with a high near 67. Windy.

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Russia's missile test info

minate all warnings about missile tests or just those envisioned by the New START treaty. Moscow and Washington have exchanged notifications about test launches of ballistic missiles since the Cold War era, and the Foreign Ministry said last month that Russia will keep issuing them in line with a 1988 U.S.-Soviet agreement.

There will be no notifications at all," Ryabkov said in remarks reported by Russian news agencies when asked if Moscow would also stop issuing notices about planned missile tests. "All notifications, all kinds of notifications, all activities within the framework of the treaty will be suspended and will not be conducted regardless of what position the U.S. may take.

U.S. State Department deputy spokesman Vedant Patel said the Biden administration was aware of Ryabkov's comments but it has not "received any notice indicating a change."

He added that Washington has "across-the-board concerns about Russia's reckless behavior as it relates to the New START treaty.'

Heather Williams, director of the Project on Nuclear Issues at the Center for Strategic and International Studies, a Washington think-tank, said Russia's

rhetoric was concerning but fits a pattern of behavior related to Ukraine.

They use nuclear weapons to turn up the volume on a lot of their other activities, and arms control treaties are just the latest way for Russia to try to advance its goals in Ukraine," she said.

Of more concern, Williams said, is that the collapse of New START has caused a severe reduction in communications between Washington and Moscow, which could be dangerous. "One of the biggest tragedies of the breakdown in New START is the loss of the communication channel," she said.

Pavel Podvig, an expert on Russian nuclear forces, tweeted that Ryabkov's reference to the termination of notices in the context of the New START indicated that Russia will keep issuing them in conformity with the 1988 pact.

Ryabkov's announcement followed U.S. officials' statement that Moscow and Washington have stopped sharing biannual nuclear weapons data that were envisioned by the New START treaty. Officials at the White House, Pentagon and State Department said the U.S. had offered to continue providing this information to Russia even after Putin suspended its participation in the treaty, but Moscow told Washington it would not be sharing its own

The New START, signed in 2010 by then-Presidents Barack Obama and Dmitry Medvedev, limits each country to no more than 1,550 deployed nuclear warheads and 700 deployed missiles and bombers. The agreement envisages sweeping on-site inspections to verify compliance.

The inspections have been put on hold since 2020 because of the COVID-19 pandemic. Discussions on resuming them were supposed to have taken place in November 2022, but Russia abruptly called them off, citing U.S. support for Ukraine.

As part of the Russian drills that began Wednesday, Yars mobile missile launchers will maneuver across three regions of Siberia, Russia's Defense Ministry said. The movements will involve measures to conceal the deployment from foreign satellites and other intelligence assets, the ministry

The Defense Ministry didn't say how long the drills would last or mention plans for any practice launches. The Yars is a nuclear-tipped intercontinental ballistic missile with a range of over 6,800 miles. It forms the backbone of Russia's strategic missile forc-

# Beijing claims self-gov-

China threatens

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erning Taiwan is part of its territory and threatens to bring the island under its control by force if necessary.

Speaking later Wednesday, Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesperson Mao Ning said China will "closely follow the development of the situation and resolutely defend national sovereignty and territorial integrity."

Mao said the United States was "conducting dangerous activities that undermine the political foundation of bilateral ties.'

McCarthy, a Republican from California, has said he will meet with Tsai when she is in the U.S. and has not ruled out the possibility of traveling to Taiwan in a show of support.

White House national security spokesman John Kirby told reporters Wednesday that Tsai's brief stops in the U.S. will be "consistent with our longstanding unofficial relationship with Taiwan and is consistent with the United States one China policy, which remains unchanged.'

"Every Taiwan president has transited the United

States. President Tsai Ingwen herself has transited the US six times since taking office in 2016, each time without incident," Kirby said. "The People's Republic of China should not use this transit as a pretext to step up any aggressive activity around the Taiwan Strait. United States and China have differences when it comes to Taiwan. But we have managed those differences for more than 40 years."

Following a visit by then-House Speaker Nancy Pelosi to Taiwan in 2022, Beijing launched missiles over the area, deployed warships across the median line of the Taiwan Strait and carried out military exercises in a simulated blockade of the island. Beijing also suspended climate talks with the U.S. and restricted military-to-military communication with the Pentagon.

Tsai told reporters before boarding her plane that "I want to tell the whole world democratic Taiwan will resolutely safeguard the values of freedom and democracy and will continue to be a force for good in the world, continuing a cycle of goodness, strengthening the resilience of democracy in the world."

# **U.S., World News Roundup**

## **GOP lawmakers override** veto of transgender bill in Kentucky

FRANKFORT, Ky. (AP) — Republican lawmakers in Kentucky on Wednesday swept aside the Democratic governor's veto of a bill regulating some of the most personal aspects of life for transgender young people from banning access to gender-affirming health care to restricting the bathrooms they can use.

The votes to override Gov. Andy Beshear's veto were lopsided in both legislative chambers — where the GOP wields supermajorities — and came on the next-to-last day of this year's legislative session. The Senate voted 29-8 to override Beshear's veto. A short time later, the House completed the override on a vote of 76-23.

As emotions surged, some people protesting the bill from the House gallery were removed and arrested after their prolonged chanting rang out in the chamber. The protesters, their hands bound, chanted "there's more of us not here" as they waited to be taken away from the Capitol.

Nineteen people were arrested and charged with third-degree criminal trespassing after the sergeant of arms requested assistance in restoring order, Kentucky State Police said. Officers gave each person "the option to leave without any enforcement action or be placed under arrest," said Capt. Paul Blanton, a state police spokesperson.

"I think it's unfortunate that it reached that level and certainly they were given, as I've been told since then, multiple opportunities to either quiet their chants or to leave voluntarily," Republican House Speaker David Osborne said later.

### Ukraine's Zelenskyy is 'ready' for Chinese leader to visit

ON A TRAIN FROM SUMY TO KYIV, Ukraine (AP) — Ukraine's president invited his powerful Chinese counterpart, Xi Jinping, to visit his nation, saying they haven't been in contact since the war began and he is "ready to see him here."

"I want to speak with him," Volodymyr Zelenskyy told The Associated Press on Tuesday, the week after Xi visited Russian President Vladimir Putin last week. China had no immediate response about whether a Xi visit to Ukraine would happen.

China has been economically aligned and politically favorable toward neighboring Russia across many decades, and Beijing has provided Putin diplomatic cover by staking out an official position of neutrality in the war. Xi, a powerful leader who commands the resources of the world's most populous nation, is an important player in the Russia-Ukraine conflict, and even China's lack of involvement is a potent statement.

Zelenskyy spoke to the AP aboard a train shuttling him across Ukraine, to cities near some of the fiercest fighting and others where his country's forces have successfully repelled Russia's invasion. Zelenskyy rarely travels with journalists, and the president's office said AP's two night train trip with him was the most extensive since the war began.

## Victims of Nashville school shooting are honored in somber vigil

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Hundreds of people gathered Wednesday at a candlelight vigil in Nashville to honor and mourn the three children and three adults who were killed in a shooting at a Christian school this week.

The downtown ceremony for the victims of the shooting at The Covenant School was largely somber and silent and filled with young people. First lady Jill Biden and singer Sheryl Crow were among those attending, as were civic leaders including the mayor and police chief.

"Just two days ago was our city's worst day," Mayor John Cooper said. "I so wish we weren't here, but we need to be here."

Earlier in the day, Pope Francis sent condolences to the city and offered prayers to those affected.

Police have said a 28-year-old former student drove up to the school Monday morning, shot out the glass doors, entered and began firing indiscriminately.

### **Capitol riot: FBI** informant testifies for **Proud Boys defense**

WASHINGTON (AP) — An FBI informant who marched to the U.S. Capitol with fellow Proud Boys members on Jan. 6 testified on Wednesday that he didn't know of any plans for the far-right extremist group to invade the building and didn't think they inspired the violence that day.

The informant, who was identified in court and in a court record only as "Aaron," was a defense witness at the trial of former Proud Boys leader Enrique Tarrio and four lieutenants charged with seditious conspiracy for what prosecutors said was a plot to keep Donald Trump in the White House after the 2020 presidential elec-

# TWELVE HOUR PRAYER VIGIL

Sonlight Wesleyan Church is hosting a community prayer vigil starting April 7th at 9:00 PM through April 8th at 9:00 AM.

Everyone is welcome to attend and can come and go as individual schedules allow.

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### **OBITUARIES**

### Mary Hendricks, 77

Mary B. Hendricks, 77, of Bradenton Fla., and formerly of Ossian, passed away Sunday evening, March 26, 2023, at her resi-

Mary was born in Bluffton on Sept. 7, 1946, to Eddie and Edna (Vaughn) Myers. She married Glen A. Hendricks in Fort Wayne on Aug. 13, 1966; he survives.

Mary was a 1964 graduate of Elmhurst High School in Fort Wayne. She enjoyed camping, traveling and taking cruises with her family.

In addition to her husband, Mary is survived by two daughters, Kim (David) Schwalm and Kelly Hendricks, both of Florida; a brother, Dave (Pam) Myers of South Bend; along with four grandchildren, Cassandra, Logan, Austin and Gavin, and two great-grandchildren, Bentley

Mary was preceded in death by both of her parents. Visitation will be from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, Apr. 1, 2023, at Goodwin – Cale & Harnish Memorial Chapel in Bluffton, followed immediately by a funeral service at 2 p.m. Pastor Doug Barber will officiate. Burial will follow at Oak Lawn Cemetery in Ossian.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Alzheimer's Association.

Online condolences may be made at www.goodwincaleharnish.com.

# **Southern Wells Jr./ Sr. High School lists** honor roll students

**Quarter 3 High Honor** Roll 2022-23

12th grade — Faith Blair, Hannah Duncan, Kamryn Leas, Meet Patel, Gage Roberts, Ella Rockwell, Kedrik Sonnigsen, Raigen Tarr, Brooke Tonner, and Jadyn Yencer.

11th grade - Perrin Gates, Peyton Long and Tessa Maul.

**10th grade** — Ava Adkins, Avery Gaskill, Alyssa Green, Hana McClain, Ashlie Needler, Alaina Nusbaumer, Collena Reeves, Caroline Ripperger and Derek Rockwell.

**9th grade** — Sydney Alstoft, Jadyn Bannister, Kolbie Beavans, Laura Benbow, Peyton Bertsch, Peyton Ellis, Korbin Eltzroth, Keith Garton, Lilly Garton, Addison Gaskill, Jazlyn Gillum, Lucas Goodrich, Kane Jenkins, Emma Parks, Gracie Reeves, Adeline Sabinske, Dannicka Sorensen, and Braden Yencer.

8th grade - Kinley Allred, Čash Banter, Aliah Carroll and Sophia Meeks.

**7th grade** — Adam Aulbach, Isabelle Homan, Olivia Kahn, Violet McClain, Laren Schneider, Drew Steffen and Abrielle Zigler.

**Quarter 3 Honor Roll** 2022-23

12th grade - Cole Banter, Hailey Duncan, Eliza Eltzroth, Colin Green, DaKodah Hartley, Kayleigh Jones, Lucas Lyons, Katelyn McMillan, Avah Miner, Brooklyn Moore, Jenson Nusbaumer, Kailey Reed, Ashley Renner, Emily Scott, Tucker Stetzel, Caleb Stevens and Cy Westfall.

**11th grade** — Case Boxell, Isabella Bradley, Joshua Bricker, Malaina Culbertson, Brayden Jackson, Benjamin James, Caleb Johnson, Ella Lahr, Gabe McElhaney, Kammy Miller, Evan Pennington, Emma Peterson, Keith Pluimer, Audrey Sweeden, Yazmine Tucker, Karlee Warner, and Tristen

10th grade - Harley Barton, Colten Clark, Quinten Darling, Cole Eltzroth, Tyler Grover, Isabelle Harlan, Colter Kiel, Owen King, Nick Lee, Bailee Moore, Kenzie Paxson, Matthew Pearson, Dominic Ramirez, Brandon Reed and Carson Smith.

9th grade — Bristal Chapman, Lexie Fiechter, Jarin Frauhiger, Miles Garrett, Caleb Gates, Shaylinn Geesaman, Wyatt Hark-er, Lucy Hayes, Haylee Hutchinson, Ronan Jump, Gage Lowe, Isabella Maul, Jonathan McMillan, Miley Michael, Savannah Robertson, Taylor Rogers, Trey Slusher, Emily Steffen, Audrina Stuller, MacKenzie Taylor, and Emmi Walden.

8th grade - Joshua Aulbach, Kelton Barr, Kyah Boots, Rhilyn Bouvier, Jayda Brown, Kaylea Coffel, Sylvie Gilbert, Miranda Holloway, Gavin Howell, Landon Johnson, Samantha Kahn, McKenna King, Carson Liddy, Reagan Needler, Lillia Paxson, Elisabeth Penrod, Catalina Ramirez, Delinda Schortgen, Kila Shelley, and Bailey Trosper.

7th grade — Kaleb Boots, Kaylee Davis, Ellie DeWeese, Harlie Durhman, Hallie Frauhiger, Jacob Hahn, Sophie Heckman, Mary Huffman, Bailey Jenkins, Drew Lahr, Sarah McFarren, Bryson Michael, Addison Miller, Marianne Pease, Evelyn Peterson, Milee Rickard, Mia Vanover, Cadence Watkins, Caylee Williams, and Kendal Zavattaro.

# Indianapolis police shooting leaves suspect critically hurt

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) An officer-involved shooting in Indianapolis left a carjacking suspect hospitalized in critical condition Wednesday afternoon, police said.

The Indianapolis Metropolitan Police Department announced the shooting in a tweet, saying "the suspect involved in this OIS was transported to an area hospital in critical condition."

No officers were injured, IMPD said.

Local news reports said the incident shut down traffic in the area of Interstate 65 and Kessler Boulevard on the city's northwest side.

The shooting came after a pursuit of a carjacking suspect, police said.

IMPD Sgt. Genae Cook

**FOLLOW US ON TWITTER!** twitter.com/newsbanner says the suspect was in a crash and then commandeered a car not involved in the crash. One person in the crash received minor injuries, she said.

Within minutes, IMPD officers found the carjacked vehicle about 2 miles away and the pursuit ensued. A man with a gun in his hand exited the car, and two officers fired their weapons and struck the man, Cook said.

The man's name was not immediately released.

### **INCIDENTS**

City:

Tuesday, 7:57 p.m., residence on West Miller Street. Caller reporting possible

Tuesday, 9:32 p.m., Custom Molded Plastics. Man hitchhiking to the airport. Officer assisted with trans-

Wednesday, 12:01 a.m., residence on West Wabash Street. Possible identity

Wednesday, 10:22 a.m., Bluffton Police Department. Subject turned himself in.

**County:** 

Tuesday, 3:11 p.m. Served warrant at Wells County Jail.

Tuesday, 3:15 p.m., East Logan Street and North Clark Street, Markle. Semi hauling gravel dropping contents on road.

Tuesday, 3:57 p.m., 3678N 100E, rural Bluffton. Amazon vehicle stuck in yard. Pemberton's Towing pulled the vehicle out.

Tuesday, 4:49 p.m., Kroger, Bluffton. Man unable to reach his wife and worries she may have had an issue with her diabetes. The woman's vehicle was located at Kroger and the woman was inside and fine.

Wednesday, 5:19 a.m., 3690 East Market Street, Petroleum. Semi stuck in a ditch facing northbound with

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domestic long hair, neu-

information call 824-6063.

bleach out of a nosy pet's reach.

tered male.

Police Notebook the grass just south of the News-Banner box and hitting bound on Adams Street in a intersection. Driver reported

missing his turn and trying to back up to turn onto 900S when the trailer dipped off the road into the grass.

### Ossian:

Tuesday, 6:59 p.m., residence on North Meridian Road, Ossian. Neighbors shooting toward caller's property.

Tuesday, 8:05 p.m., Tipsy Ditch. Dispatch informed that a man was trespassing at this location. Business owner asked that the man not be arrested due to mental health issues and instead consider Parkview Regional Medical Center. The man was not arrested, but denied medical assistance.

Tuesday, 11:52 p.m., Silo Farms. Report of a confused elderly man driving around. The man's vehicle was located, and told the deputy he had lost his phone and was looking for the house of the person who had cleaned his home a week ago. Deputy assisted the man home and made contact with his emergency contact, who advised the man had not been diagnosed with dementia and did not have any family close by. Deputy contacted Adult Protective Services to inquire about possible assistance but the call disconnected without follow-up.

Wednesday, 2:38 a.m., 8665 North Ind. 1. Vehicle the back end of the trail into left the roadway, striking a

Jet is an eight-month-old,

domestic short hair, neu-

tered male.

an embankment at the driveway of 8713N Ind. 1. Deputy identified the smell of marijuana coming from the vehicle and a handgun located on the floor of the driver's side. Shelby Leepo Humphrey, 24, Fort Wayne, exited the vehicle and said he had fallen asleep on his way home from work. Humphrey blew zero on a portable breathe test, but failed one field sobriety test. He also admitted to having marijuana cigarillos in his breast pocket. Humphrey then consented to a blood draw at Bluffton Regional Medical Center. Raw marijuana and marijuana cigarettes were both located in the vehicle, which was towed from the scene by Freeman's. Humphrey was arrested for operating a vehicle while intoxicated, endangerment, a Class A misdemeanor, operating a vehicle without ever receiving a license, a Class A misdemeanor, and operating a vehicle while under the influence of a controlled substance, a Class C misde-

meanor. Bond set at \$4,500. Wednesday, 7:08 a.m., 502 South Jefferson Street. Citation issued for disregarding a lighted signal.

### **ACCIDENTS** City:

Adams Street at Western Avenue. Jamjai Gallogly, 54, B misdemeanor. Bond set at Decatur, was driving north-

2008 Chevrolet Cobalt and, while attempting to turn left, struck the driver's side of a 2014 Volkswagen Jetta driven by Sabrina Beaty, 39, Winchester. Beaty's vehicle was towed. Damage exceeded \$5,000.

Wednesday, 10:17 a.m., Wabash Village. Fire alarm. Building evacuated. Bluffton Fire Department responded. Faulty smoke head located and system restored.

Wednesday, 11:24 a.m., 1303 West Cherry Street. Gas line hit. NIPSCO on scene at 11:44 a.m. Scene secured at 11:56 a.m.

## **ARRESTS**

Thomas Joseph Schmidt, 53, Fort Wayne; theft, a Level 5 felony. Bond set at \$10,000. Bonded.

Andrew Curtis Dickerman, 37, Fort Wayne; theft of auto parts, a Level 6 felony, unauthorized entry of a motor vehicle, a Level 6 felony, and criminal conversion, a Class A misdemeanor. Bond not set.

Coty Jacob Flores, 31, Bluffton; operating a motor vehicle without ever receiving a license, a Class A misdemeanor. Bond set at

Matthew Blaine Mer-Wednesday, 6:13 a.m., rick, 36, Bluffton; leaving the scene of a crash, a Class

## Sibling, 5, fatally shoots 16-month-old brother

LAFAYETTE, Ind. (AP) - Authorities say a 16-month-old boy was fatally shot by a 5-year-old sibling at a northwestern Indiana apartment. Police said late Tuesday that Isiah Johnson's older sibling accessed a handgun inside the Lafayette apartment and fatally shot the boy Tuesday afternoon. An autopsy was scheduled for Wednesday to determine the child's cause and manner of death. Lafayette police Lt. Matt Gard tells the Journal & Courier that someone outside of the apartment called 911 after the shooting to report that a child was not breathing. Police said no arrests had been made as of Wednesday morning and the case remains under investigation.



Sisco is a seven-monthold, domestic short hair, neutered male.



# **State House moves** Senate Bill 414 on

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County Animal Shelter, 1613 W. Cherry St., Bluffton. For more

The bill has been criticized for reducing wetlands protections

### **By ENRIQUE SAENZ Indiana Environmental** Reporter

Indiana House Republicans defeated an attempt to remove language that weakened the few remaining state protections for wetlands in the state from a bill originally addressing on-site sewage systems.

Senate Bill 414 was originally a widely supported bill establishing state-wide rules for the use of onsite residential sewage discharge disposal systems, but a last-minute amendment by Indiana **Builders Association member** and real estate broker Rep. Doug Miller (R-Elkhart) tightened restrictions on which wetlands could receive state protections.

During the second reading of the bill in a full House session March 27, Rep. Sue Errington (D-Muncie) introduced an amendment to remove those wetland

restrictions from the bill. "If this language stays in the bill, it not only further degrades Indiana's wetlands, it adds to a growing public perception that the General Assembly is not seriously committed to transparency

gains of special interests within the General Assembly, and rushing it through committee process before the public is aware of it creates a loss of public trust in our institution." This story was provided

or to safeguarding against

impropriety," Errington

said when introducing the

amendment. "In the minds

of many, this wetlands lan-

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# The two-party problem: Trying not to stare

I must hang around with the wrong people. Every time I think I have made up my mind on an issue, someone challenges that conclusion. Even worse is when the challenge is to my premises.

I wrote this between sessions at an American Legion conference in Washington D.C. I was about to meet with an enthusiastic young man representing an organization of veterans resolved to break the power of

the two-party system in American politics. Our two-party system has become a problem, no argument there, but I



Mark

have not been able to buy into the solutions offered by this group and others.

So I just admitted I am intellectually lazy. I agree there is a problem but don't make me think too deeply about the solution.

Except I can't walk away from this one. How do we replace the two-party leviathan that has a stranglehold on our political process? Parliamentary multi-party systems don't always work so well either. Note Italy's post-WWII history of what seemed like daily government changes. I don't need to mention Weimar Germany, but then I just did.

A party-less system would be no better, making it difficult for voters to accurately anticipate a successful candidate's legislative actions. There is some value in party discipline, its recent misuse in Congress and the Indiana General Assembly notwithstanding.

Despite my agreement with the problem statement, I just can't march in the solutions parade. These solutions involve ranked choice voting, instant runoff voting, final five voting and top four voting. I hadn't heard of most of these before this meeting so I needed time to think them through. For all my faults no one has ever accused me of being a fast thinker.

One question that comes to mind is whether we want majority election or just plurality? If majority, and that is the one I favor, how many runoffs are needed if there are multiple candidates? The reformers have this covered with their ranked choice option but I am not convinced, at least not yet.

Reading is an addiction, at least the pernicious way it consumes every spare moment of my day. When in doubt, I grab a book. So I read three books which address this issue and advance solutions.

Andy Horning, erstwhile Libertarian candidate in state elections, has his package of solutions to our electoral and legislative dysfunctionalism. See his book, "Relighting the Torch," for a comprehensive list of reforms including the usual open ballot voting stuff but also some rather provocative nullification amendments to the Constitution.

Another approach is offered by Jim Belcher in "Cold Civil War: Overcoming Polarization, Discovering Unity, and Healing the Nation." His point is to move political discourse toward the center and away from the extremes. His analysis of our current malaise is unique and interesting but, again, I'm not sold on his solutions.

Most unusual of the three due to its methodology is "The Politics Industry: How Political Innovation Can Break Partisan Gridlock and Save Our Democracy" by Katherine Gehl and Michael Porter, both connected to the Harvard School of Business. They apply structured business analysis to the political "business" to identify the problem and offer the usual checklist of solutions.

What all these authors have in common is a desire to return to a more civil discourse and a legislative focus on compromise. There is certainly value in that, given the polarization of the last several decades. The problem is that the middle can only hold if there is an honest and open debate on the philosophical underpinnings of the political. In other words we have to clearly explain why we believe the way we do, as both Franklin Roosevelt and Ronald Reagan accomplished. I like what the latter did while deploring the impact of the former's actions but that was one thing I never wanted to discuss with my Depression era father.

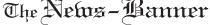
So the salient question remains: Where is the red line between reasonable compromise and dying on the hill of principle? I suggest it is closer to the compromise side than many of my ideological compatriots would want. At the same time it is much closer to the hilltop than my opposites on the other side of the spectrum would accept.

The key to effective and positive compromise is that both sides must give something in order to gain something more valuable. Perfect must not be the enemy of good, and maybe that is what the authors I cited are advising.

History is replete with examples of failed polities which polarized irretrievably. I fear America is closing in on this point of no return.

Nietzsche, not my favorite philosopher, wrote, "When you stare into the abyss, the abyss stares back at you." I am trying very, very hard not to stare into our political abyss.

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# Waiting for a Trump indictment has become an arresting comedy

With apologies to Samuel Beckett, waiting for Donald Trump to be arrested is a bit like waiting for Godot to show up. Only in today's comedy, Trump never shows up for an event that never happens.

Which allows ample time to consider whether this is good, or bad, for Trump.

Keep in mind it was Trump and not Manhattan District Attorney Alvin Bragg who announced that he'd be arrested Tuesday. Then Wednesday came and then Thursday, and the would-be defendant was still on the campaign trail.

The specificity of his doomsday prophesy should have been a hint that he was fundraising rather than girding for a confrontation with a new archenemy. Within short order of posting about his dreamed-for arrest, Trump's campaign raised \$1.5 million. Not a bad take for an election-denying, rabble-rousing loser. Not to put too fine a point on the matter.

No one expects Trump to be handcuffed or perpwalked, though he doubtless would prefer such a show. He would be fingerprinted, however, photographed for a mug shot and swabbed for New York's state DNA data-

And to think it all began with an adult-film star and hush money.

To refresh your memory, Stormy Daniels allegedly had a fling with The Don long before he was The Prez. Concerned that she might spoil everything if Americans found out, especially in the wake of his infamous boasts about assaulting women, Trump allegedly directed his sidekick attorney Michael Cohen to pay her off. More shocking than the deed itself was the cheap thrill he took Daniels for. Only \$130,000 in exchange for the presidency? She should sue for something, though I can't

According to Cohen, who testified before the grand jury, he paid Daniels, whose real name is Stephanie Clifford, with his own money, and Trump reimbursed him for legal fees. (Trump denies everything, including the alleged tryst.) Because the payment was aimed at helping Trump win the 2016 election, Bragg might contend, as prosecutors in the Cohen case did, that the money should have been declared a campaign contribution. Trump did not report the payment, needless to say.

For his part, Bragg may be out of his league. Given Trump's record of deceptions and antagonisms, not the least of which was his role in inspiring the Jan. 6, 2021, attack on the Capitol, one would think it not much of a challenge. But Trump's record also includes countless lawsuits, which he files with the gleeful frequency of a parking-ticket scribbler in the District of Columbia. He loves lawsuits and must be pretty good at the racket or at least at hiring lawyers who are.

When Trump essentially bragged that he'd be arrested Tuesday, it seems he was merely staging a puppet show. He wouldn't be arrested unless he wanted to be. Once an indictment is issued, all he has to do is quietly turn himself in. But where's the fun in that? The puppets were the however-many who crowdfunded his next foray on the hustings.

And the arrest? We wait.

Bragg's case centers on the idea that the Daniels payoff was far above the \$2,700 allowed for individual campaign contributions. By not disclosing it, Trump may have violated federal tax rules that apply to political

Of course, some might think, So the man had a night out and wanted the broad to keep her trap shut. (Speaking gangster here.) Nobody's knees got busted. What's the big deal?

**Parker** 

Well, the United States of America got a little bruised. Never mind the utter seediness of Trump — election laws exist to protect us from thugs and criminals, some of whom wear nice suits and, apparently, own tanning booths. But it seems questionable whether Bragg has a solid indictment — and more's the pity. It's worth noting that Cohen, who pleaded guilty in Manhattan federal court to eight counts, including criminal tax evasion and campaign finance violations, received a three-year prison sentence.

Democrats and other anti-Trumpers have long hoped a criminal conviction would preclude the former president from ever holding public office again. Would that it were so. No law says someone can't run if indicted. Trump could even serve as president, assuming he's not

In 2016, Trump famously told the audience at a Christian college: "I could stand in the middle of Fifth Avenue and shoot somebody, and I wouldn't lose any voters." Whether this remains true isn't clear. As of Wednesday, his "favorable" rating was at 41 percent, unfavorable at 54.8 percent. These numbers have been relatively constant the past two years.

I suppose it's possible Trump could enjoy some time in penitential seclusion, depending on sentencing if convicted, but I wouldn't bet the family goat on it. More likely, if he's indicted at all, Trump will glory in the injustice of Bragg's folly, raising millions more for his second run at the presidency and emboldening his base to save America from traitors.

His arrest could happen any day now. . . . Or, like Beckett's Didi and Gogo, we could wait forever for Trump to have his day in court.

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# Tree removal issues after winter

Winter proved a bit harsh for Angelkeep trees. One thorny unknown variety, which may have actually died the preceding year, took it on the chin from the strong southwesterly winter winds. At least its final position on its side indicated the wind came from that direction. It snapped off at ground level.

The thorn-tree-with-no-name seems significant now that the month for Easter looms so near at hand. Angelkeep's task lay ahead to clear the tree from the area. This work will most likely take place very near, before or after, Easter week. It will be difficult work, no doubt the hands receiving many a stabbing puncture due to all of the thorns even yet trying to protect the tree, and jutting in every direction. Thorns project from half-an-inch in length to a full three. Length makes no difference to the nerve ending when thorn tips penetrate through leather gloves and stab through

skin as easily as a shiny sewing needle. A bit of sadness will linger for the fallen tree as its past nearly annually held a nest for some type of bird. The mother bird seemed always happy for the thorns that kept away predators. And of course Angelkeep will recall the story of Christ on the cross every time a thorn pierces human skin. Unimaginable is the agony Christ must have felt when an entire crown of thorns had been pressed into His head.

Another tree on Angelpond's south shore toppled with in the same direction. The five-inch diameter base simply gave way from the edge of the pond where it grew. It did not die, but with the upper branches resting on the pond's crest, it needs to be cut at the



base and dragged out of the water to become some patio firewood in the summer ahead. Perhaps a hot dog will be roasted in honor of its several years of growth at Angelkeep.

Angelkeep even currently holds a potted evergreen that began a few years ago in the lawn. It's time to find it a permanent home. Trees have become a cycle experience, some to go, while others begin, a good sign of a thriving

Tree planting reminded Angelkeep of a story written three days less than this very day, back in 1942, 81 years ago. Bud Rensberger served his drafted military time in F. D. Roosevelt's alternate service program as a member of Bluffton's C.P.S. No. 13 Camp located at what eventually became Ouabache State Park. The men of C.P.S. No. 13 were just days away from being moved to Medaryville. They worked in deep mud harvesting nursery grown trees that had reached the height of about one foot.

"Diggers," as they were called, wore high boots, wading in the mud and hand-pulling the young trees, root and all, the reason the beds had been turned into soupy mud. Other COs (conscientious objectors) wheelbarrowed them to the Nursery Building's basement level where others stood sorting into groups — large, small, and culls. These



**Daugherty** 

hauled to a sand pile and "heeled in." Heeling meant laying the roots of the clusters close together into the sand and covering them to keep them alive and fresh until they could be delivered to the purchasers. The going price of 31 cents per

bundle for the COs harvested trees included varieties Butternut, Walnut, **Alan** Black Locust, and others. Their March task was to dig and prepare for sale well over half-a-million trees. These trees had actually been planted in previous years by CCC Camp 1592 boys, this group having been moved in April 1941 to Corydon, Indiana.

Angelkeep feels privileged to have to deal with only two fallen trees plus one planting this spring. Without fail, new evergreen sprouts will emerge all over the grassy-dandelion area of Angelkeep's lawn. If prudent, new starts will be lifted by a garden trowel and kept in a pot for growth prior to a permanent planting a couple of years

Angelkeep loves all evergreens. They keep a green hue all winter when deciduous trees drop their leaves. Birds of Angelkeep love the evergreens for their protection from those fierce winter winds. Well, unless they happen to be perched in any tree at the precise moment one of those winter wind

blasts topples the tree. There lies ahead Angelkeep tree work to be done, and the long awaited spring weather to tickle the heart of Angelkeep's gardener. Then, and only then, the patio rocking chair awaiteth.

Mr. Daugherty is a Wells County resident who, along with his wife Gwen, enjoy their backyard and have named it "Angelkeep."

# A slumber party takes everything out of everybody

"Mom, may we have a slumber party?" "Perhaps sometime when you won't have

school the next morning." It was an easy

Time and again the subject would pop up. This afternoon, which was on a Friday, it came up again. "Mom, may we have a slumber party tonight?"

Now I'm not that young anymore and I'm a mom day and night, sun or rain. Slumber parties no longer hold their appeal. Crashing out at night feels only too good.

Now viewing it through their eyes, I told them I would be happy to help them make it work out for tonight, providing we have a conservative curfew. The next day we'll reevaluate everything and take it from there on doing it again, or staying up later.

You know how it goes. Hosanna, Jesse, and Elijah started getting the slightest whiffs of Julia and Austin doing something different. Instantly they were all sold on it.

Taking the older ones aside, I explained that we'll get ready for bed a bit earlier than usual, then after Bible story and prayer the younger ones can join them for a while then head for bed, leaving the oldest ones to play games. While they enjoy interacting with their younger siblings it's a treat for them to play on an eight- and 11-year-old level without distractions.

Now as I write, I hear their happy chatter of all six children downstairs having their 'slumber party' and snacking.

Jesse had asked me about what snack they'll have. I asked him if he was planning on a snack. He got this incredulous look and said, "A slumber party — of course, there's always snack at a party!" Dear Jesse, he can always eat; amazing how much food our

The Amish Cook by Gloria

five-year-old boys can consume. But then, that's OK, they are getting ready to be men.

Hosanna, who loves serving others, was appointed the task of preparing snacks. The supper dishes were washed. I didn't feel like doing more so I handed her a stack of Styrofoam bowls and told her she can slice apples and then place apples and Bugles in the bowls. Soon I heard her going down the basement steps and announcing, "Here comes the snack lady!'

We'll see how it goes, I won't bother going to bed before they are tucked in, I'll just relish a few quiet moments to get in

Yesterday as I was going through mail sent by many of you friends, I so wished I could personally respond to each of you. Since it is not possible I decided to pray especially for each of you who have reached out to us over the course of the past year since Daniel went home to heaven. Surely vou have been a tremendous bright spot in our lives. Sometimes when I'm feeling lonely I walk out our driveway to the mailbox and many times I find encouragement waiting for me there. God bless you!!

Hi, I'm back again. It's Saturday noon. The slumber party was a treat for all, until some gears got shifted and little boys began crying for Daddy. Holding two of them in my arms I rocked, prayed, sang, and talked

tears poured incessantly.

The older ones took turns caring for Joshua while I kept rocking and praying. They both wanted to listen to Daddy's songs which he sung on his parents' voice mail the weeks before he passed. In a jiffy we dialed the song line (618-469-3007). They each clutched a phone and listened to Daddy's strong voice as more tears flowed.

In my heart I knew God would heal their hearts, yet how I ache for them at these

Finally at 11 p.m. they were all sound asleep and with a grateful heart I too, fell into a peaceful slumber.

This morning as I held a little lad on my lap I mentioned something about last night being difficult. He was not ready to talk about it, so I silently lifted him to God in prayer once more.

That is when the phone rang; it was my sister-in-law who wanted to tell me how she and her husband had been praying together before he left for the day. In his prayer he again prayed for our children; at that instant the sun broke through the solid gray sky and shone brightly in their faces. They looked up in wonder, surely the Lord heard.

From several hundred miles away they

had no idea how grief had been hitting harder for all of us. God knew.

Now for a recipe. Before my Grandma passed she made scalloped potatoes many when her children and grandchildren came to their house. Since she did not have exact recipe but dumped and tasted til it was just right, I cannot give you a recipe precisely like hers. Instead we'll do one similar to hers that we have used many times for gather-

(Editor's Note: Gloria notes that she makes her own homemade soups and ranch dressing for the recipe below, but storebought versions work fine too.)

### Potato ranch casserole

1 lb. Diced ham or browned hamburger ¼ cup chopped onions

- 1 cans cream of mushroom soup
- 2 quart cooked and shredded potatoes
- 1 cup sour cream
- 1 cup ranch dressing\*

½ pound mozzarella cheese (or any kind f your choice)

½ pound bacon, fried and crumbled

Mix all but last two ingredients together. Place in a roaster, bake at 325 for 40 minutes or until heated through. Sprinkle bacon and cheese on top, return to oven until cheese has melted.

# May 5K race will benefit family of third-grader at Bethlehem school

The Women of Bethlehem will host a fundraising 5-kilometer run Saturday, May 6, that will start at the pavilion at Archbold-Wilson

The race will have a \$20 entry fee, which will jump to \$25 on the day of the race. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. and the race will begin at 9 a.m.

Proceeds will go to the family of Makayla Berkey. She is a student in Grade 3 at the Bethlehem Lutheran School who was recently diagnosed with Hodgkin's

To register for the 5-kilometer race, visit the www. bethlehemossian.org/5K website.

For more information, call Kathy Nahrwold at 260-705-5257 or Rhonda Flesch at 260-438-9725.

# Saint Joseph Catholic Church will host fish supper on Friday evening

The Saint Joseph Catholic Church, 1300 N. Main St. in Bluffton, will host a benefit fish fry supper from 4 to 7 p.m. Friday,

The event is organized by the Knights of Columbus men's organization. Proceeds from the dinner will benefit two programs the local Imagination Library children's book program and the Foodfight program to assist children with the cost of hot lunches at school.

The menu for the drive-through event includes fish from Dan's Fish Fry, plus cheesy hash brown potatoes, green beans, and dessert. The cost will be \$12 for adults and \$6 for children. Tickets can be purchased today and tomorrow, Thursday and Friday, at the church office.

For more information about the dinner, call the church office at 824-1380 or visit to the church's Facebook page, saintjosephchurchbluffton

# Local sorority offering \$1K scholarship

The Alpha Eta Chapter of Psi Iota Xi Sorority in Bluffton is offering a scholarship of \$1,000 to a student majoring in fine arts, speech

and hearing, or literacy who will be entering their sophomore, junior, or senior year of college in the fall of

To receive an application for the scholarship, email a letter of request by June 15 to j\_peterson76@yahoo.

# Homemakers meeting

## Jefferson Township Homemakers gathered March 8

The Jefferson Homemakers met March 8 at the Ossian branch of the Wells County Public Library. Sharon Snow and Joey Septer hosted the meeting.

Snow gave the inspirational talk on "Promises of Spring" and led the pledge to the flag asnd the Homemakers Creed.

Twelve women answered the roll call by responding to the question, "What do you do to get ready for spring?"

President Mary Ann Ripperger read 10 facts about St. Patrick's Day with the most surprising one being that all leprechauns are male — not a single female among them. Also the shamrock is a symbol of the Trinity of the Christian Church because of its three leaflets bound by a common stalk.

In the absence of Sharon Jump, the health and safety leader, Ripperger read an article titled, "Barely the day started," which focused on don't procrastinate; just take time to do things with family and friends.

The minutes of the February meeting were read by Carol Baker. The treasurers report was given by Margie Huss. The club collection was taken by giving five cents for the word "spring" and the collection for Coins for Friendship/Nickels for Leadership which is voluntary.

Several "Thinking of You" cards were signed for members unable to attend. Several fish dinner dates were shared.

Under old business, Huss and Ripperger delivered the sewn hearts and candy to Ossian School on Feb. 13.

The distribution of gifts to Riley by the local homemakers were:35 fleece blankets, 126 tote bags, 19 walker bags, \$175.00 in dues, and \$485 in cash donations.

The Jefferson Club's responsibility for the Homemaker's Festival on May 18 will be putting together the program and saying grace before the meal.

The volunteer work day will be from 9 to 11:30 a.m. April 20 at the 4-H Park. Those attending are asked to bring a good pair of

Huss gave an informative talk on preventing falling and Ripperger showed ways individuals could work on your balance.

The club's next meeting will be at 1 p.m. Wednesday, April 12. at the Ossian Library with Sharon Jump and Martha Harris hosting and Jump giving the lesson. Guests are

# FW library to host spring concerts

Two spring concerts are scheduled in the theater of the main branch of the Allen County Public Library in downtown Fort Wayne.

On Sunday, April 23, the Alicia Pyle Quartet will be featured with a mix of classical music with Latin and funk grooves with elements of jazz and rock. The con-

cert will begin at 2 p.m. The New Millenium Jazz Orchestra, an 18-piece big band, will play on Sunday, May 21. That concert will also begin at 2 p.m.

Concerts are free. There may be a charge for parking

Also, in the Krull Gallery, work by Purdue Fort Wayne students will be on display with Part I through March and Part II through April. During May and June the works will be by University of Saint Francis students. The gallery is open during regular library hours.

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# 7 California officers charged in death of man in custody

By STEFANIE DAZIO **Associated Press** 

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Prosecutors charged seven California Highway Patrol officers and a nurse with involuntary manslaughter on Wednesday in connection with the 2020 death of a man who screamed "I can't breathe" while multiple officers restrained him as they tried to take a blood sample.

Los Angeles County District Attorney George Gascón announced the charges in the death of Edward Bronstein, which the LA County coroner said was caused by "acute methamphetamine intoxication during restraint by law enforcement."

"The officers had a legal duty to Mr. Bronstein," Gascón said during a news conference. "He was in their custody. We believe that they failed their duty and their failure was criminally negligent, causing his death."

Bronstein, 38, was taken into custody following a traffic stop on suspicion of driving under the influence on March 31, 2020. He died at a CHP station in Altadena, north of downtown Los Angeles, less than two months before George Floyd was killed by police in Minneapolis as he, too, repeatedly told officers, "I

can't breathe."

Luis Carrillo, an attorney representing Bronstein's father, said in an email that his client "is glad that the CHP officers were charged with crimes because the CHP officers took a human life and left a family in grief and sadness.

A nearly 18-minute video showing the officers' treatment of Bronstein was released last year following a judge's order in an ongoing federal lawsuit that the man's family filed against the officers, alleging excessive force and a violation of

Family members have said Bronstein was terrified of needles and believe that's why he was reluctant to comply with the CHP initially as they tried to take a blood sample.

The video, filmed by the sergeant, shows several officers forcing a handcuffed Bronstein to a mat on the floor as he shouts, "I'll do it willingly! I'll do it willingly, I promise!'

He continues screaming as six officers hold him face-down — the lawsuit alleges they put their knees on his back — and pleads for help.

cer replies. "Stop yelling!" another shouts.

"It's too late," one offi-

"I can't breathe!" and "I and Marciel Terry.

can't!" Bronstein cries, and an officer responds, "Just relax and stop resisting!"

But Bronstein's voice gets softer and he then falls silent. While he is unresponsive, the nurse continues to draw blood and the officers keep pinning him down.

After they realize he may not have a pulse and does not appear to be breathing, they slap his face and say, "Edward, wake up." More than 11 minutes after his last screams, they begin CPR.

Bronstein never regained consciousness and was later pronounced dead.

In a statement, CHP Commissioner Sean Duryee extended condolences to the family and said the agency's mission is to prioritize all Californians' safety.

'I am saddened that Mr. Bronstein died while in our custody and care. Any death in custody is a tragedy that we take with upmost seri-ousness," Duryee said. "I recognize this case will now move through the court system, and I respect the judicial process.

The seven CHP agents, who were put on administrative leave Wednesday, were identified as Sgt. Michael Little and Officers Dionisio Fiorella, Dustin Osmanson, Darren Parsons, Diego Romero, Justin Silva

# Remembrances and calls for reform at Irvo Otieno's funeral

By SARAH RANKIN **Associated Press** 

NORTH CHESTERFIELD, Va. (AP) Family, friends and other mourners gathered Wednesday at a Virginia church to remember Irvo Otieno at a funeral service, celebrating his life and calling for mental health care and policing reforms after the 28-year-old Black man's death earlier this month while in custody at a state psychiatric hospital.

"He had an illness. He should have been doctored to, not treated with brutality," said civil rights leader the Rev. Al Sharpton, who delivered the eulogy.

Other speakers recalled Otieno as an empathetic, energetic and wellrespected friend, teammate and musical artist during the service at First Baptist Church of South Richmond, as they vowed to seek justice for his death.

Otieno, whose family said he had long struggled with mental illness, died March 6 after he was pinned to the floor by sheriff's deputies and others while being admitted to Central State Hospital in Dinwiddie County. Seven deputies and three hospital workers have been charged with

second-degree murder in his death, and an investigation is ongoing.

Video released earlier this month shows sheriff's deputies and hospital employees restraining a handcuffed and shackled Otieno for about 20 minutes after he was forcibly led into a hospital room. For much of that time, Otieno was prone on the floor, pinned by a group so large it blocked the camera's view of him at times.

Personnel who realized he appeared limp and lifeless eventually began resuscitation efforts, the video showed. Otieno's family and their attorneys have said he posed no danger and was simply trying to breathe.

Dinwiddie Commonwealth's Attorney Ann Cabell Baskervill has said Otieno was smothered to death. An autopsy is pending.

Wednesday's service was attended by hundreds of mourners that included friends, family, clergy members and representatives from the office of Gov. Glenn Youngkin. An interment was scheduled immediately following the service.

They face one count each of involuntary manslaughter and one felony count of assault under the color of authority. If convicted, they could get up to four years in

It was not immediately clear whether they had lawyers who could speak on their behalf, and the California Association of Highway Patrolmen, the union that represents rank-and-file CHP officers, did not immediately respond to a request for comment.

The registered nurse, Arbi Baghalian, was also charged with involuntary manslaughter.

# FDA approves over-the-counter Narcan. Here's what it means

By GEOFF MULVIHILL **Associated Press** 

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration on Wednesday approved selling the leading version of naloxone without a prescription, setting the overdose-reversing drug on course to become the first opioid treatment drug to be sold over the counter.

It's a move that some advocates have long sought as a way to improve access to a life-saving drug, though the exact impact will not be clear immediately.

Here's a look at the issues involved.

What is Narcan? The approved nasal spray from Gaithersburg, Maryland-based Emergent Bio-Solutions is the best-known

form of naloxone.

It can reverse overdoses of opioids, including street drugs such as heroin and fentanyl and prescription versions including oxycodone.

The drug has been distributed to police and other first responders nationwide.

Advocates believe it's important to get naloxone to the people who are most likely to be around overdoses, including people who use drugs and their relatives.

What does the FDA

approval mean? Narcan will become available over-the-counter by late summer, the com-

Other brands of naloxone and injectable forms will not yet be available over the counter, but they could be

Several manufacturers of generic naloxone that's made similarly to Narcan will now be required to file applications to switch their drugs over the counter as part of a requirement by the

The nonprofit Harm Reduction Therapeutics Inc., which has funding from OxyContin maker Purdue Pharma, already has an

application before the FDA to distribute its version of spray naloxone without a prescription.

### How is Naloxone distributed now?

Even before the FDA's action, pharmacies could sell naloxone without a prescription because officials in every state have allowed it.

But not every pharmacy carries it. And buyers have to pay for the medication either with an insurance co-pay or for the full retail price. The cost varies, but two doses of Narcan often go for around \$50.

The drug is also distributed by community organizations that serve people who use drugs, though it's not easily accessible to everyone who needs it.

Emergent has not announced its price and it's not clear yet whether insurers will continue to cover it as a prescription drug if it's available over the counter.

### **Does making Naloxone** over-the-counter improve access?

It clears the way for Narcan to be made available in places without pharmacies — convenience stores, supermarkets and online retailers, for instance.

Jose Benitez, the lead

executive officer at Prevention Point Philadelphia, an organization that tries to reduce risk for people who use drugs with services including handing out free naloxone, said it could help a lot for people who don't seek services — or who live in places where they're not

Now, he said, some people are concerned about getting naloxone at pharmacies because their insurers will know they're getting it.

"Putting it out on the shelves is going to allow people just to pick it up, not have stigma attached to it,"

# Senate votes to repeal Iraq War approval

**By MARY CLARE JALONICK** Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Senate voted Wednesday to repeal the resolution that gave a green light for the 2003 invasion of Iraq, a bipartisan effort to return a basic war power to Congress 20 years after an authorization many now

view as a mistake. Iraqi deaths are estimated in the hundreds of thousands, and nearly 5,000 U.S. troops were killed in the war after President George W. Bush's administration falsely claimed that Saddam Hussein was stockpiling weapons of mass destruction.

"This body rushed into a

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war" that had massive consequences, said Virginia D-N.J., noted it would be United States. Opponents Sen. Tim Kaine, a Democrat the first time in more than say the repeal could project who has pushed for years to repeal the powers.

Senators voted 66-30 to repeal the 2002 measure and also the 1991 authorization that sanctioned the U.S.-led Gulf War. If passed by the House, the repeal would not be expected to affect any current military deployments. But lawmakers in both parties are increasingly seeking to claw back congressional powers they have given the White House over U.S. military strikes and deployments, and some lawmakers who voted for the Iraq War two decades ago now say that was a mistake.

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50 years that Congress would repeal a war powers vote, since the Gulf of Tonkin resolution that authorized military force in Vietnam was repealed in the early 1970s.

"Americans want to see an end to endless Middle East wars," said Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer, adding that passing the repeal "is a necessary step to putting these bitter conflicts squarely behind us."

Supporters, including 18 Republican senators, say the repeal is crucial to prevent future abuses and to reinforce that Iraq is now

Sen. Robert Menendez, a strategic partner of the weakness as the U.S. still faces conflict in the Middle

"Our terrorist enemies aren't sunsetting their war against us," said Senate Republican leader Mitch McConnell, who is at home recovering from a fall earlier this month and missed the vote. "When we deploy our servicemembers in harm's way, we need to supply them with all the support and legal authorities that we

The repeal's future is less certain in the House, where 49 Republicans joined with Democrats in supporting a similar bill two years ago.

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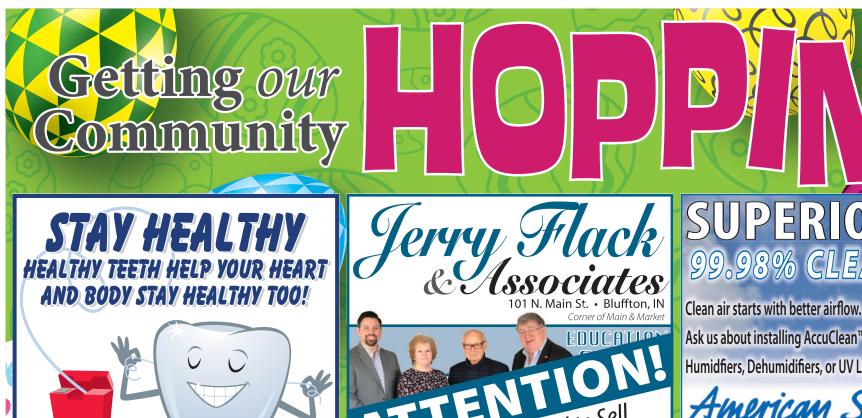
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# Holiday has career-high 51, Bucks beat the Pacers

By PHILLIP B. WILSON Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Jrue Holiday scored a career-high 51 points, Giannis Antetokounmpo had 38 points in a tripledouble and the NBA-leading Milwaukee Bucks beat the Indiana Pacers 149-136 on Wednesday night.

"Obviously, I'm happy about it," Holiday said. "It took me 14 years to get 50 points. It came in a game that we needed to win, so I couldn't be happier."

Antetokounmpo added 17 rebounds and 12 assists to help the Bucks improve to 55-21. The two-time NBA MVP was an assist shy of a triple-double at halftime with 20 points, 10 rebounds and nine assists. He returned after sitting out Monday night in a victory at Detroit because of a sore knee.

"It's hard to come up with the superlatives to describe them," Bucks coach Mike Budenholzer said of his top scorers. "They were phenomenal. Giannis set the tone with his aggressive attacking. Then Jrue for the whole game to have 51, that's hard to do in an NBA game."



Holiday had 18 points in the third quarter, when the Bucks scored a season-high 46 points to build a 12-point lead. He was 20 of 30 from the field with three 3-pointers and hit 8 of 10 free throws. His previous best was 40 points in an overtime victory over visiting Boston on Feb. 14.

"Together with Giannis with 38, those two guys were special, they put us on their backs," Budenholzer said

The 6-foot-5 Holiday scored 30 points in the paint. "I felt like Giannis," Holiday said with a smile. "No

dunks though."
Brook Lopez added 21 points for the Bucks.

Rookie Bennedict Mathurin led Indiana playing without its top three scorers — with 29 points. Aaron Nesmith had 22 and Jordan Nwora 18. Jalen Smith fouled out early in the fourth with 17. Rookie Andrew Nembhard had 15 points and 15 rebounds.

"It starts with Giannis, one of the best players in the world," said Nwora, acquired from the Bucks on Feb. 9. "It's always tough playing a guy like him who is so different. You have to really lock into him. Then other guys get going, Jrue comes in and gets 51. It's tough to beat them on a night like that."

### TIP-INS

Bucks: Forward Khris Middleton (knee) was inactive. He's averaging 15.5 points. ... Averaged 136.2 points in winning season series 3-1.

Pacers: Five inactives included All-Star point guard and leading scorer Tyrese Haliburton (ankle/elbow), center and secondleading scorer Myles Turner (back), and guard Buddy Hield (illness), the NBA's 3-point leader.

### **UP NEXT**

Bucks: Host Boston on Thursday night.

Pacers: Host Oklahoma City on Friday night.

# Cubs' Happ: 'Nothing to report' on negotiations

By ANDREW SELIGMAN AP Sports Writer

CHICAGO (AP) — All-Star outfielder Ian Happ appears poised to enter the season with an expiring contract

after he and the Chicago Cubs were unable to agree on a new deal.

Happ said Wednesday he had "nothing really to report" and "no

real comment

on it." He said

he is not break-

ing off talks,

but added: "That

also doesn't mean

lan Happ

anything."
Happ is eligible for free agency after the upcoming season. Chicago hosts the Milwaukee Brewers on opening day on Thursday

The Cubs did lock in one key player, finalizing a \$35 million, three-year contract infielder Nico Hoerner on Wednesday. That contract begins in 2024. Hoerner is moving to second base after playing shortstop last season with the arrival of All-Star Dansby Swanson on a \$177 million, seven-year contract.

"Super happy for him and that he's really happy about how everything went down, about the fact that he's going to be here with security," Happ said. "That's the most fulfilling part, as a teammate and a friend and having been so close with him for so long. Being able to watch just how excited he is to be here for the next three years is really cool."

Happ, chosen by Chicago with the No. 9 overall pick in the 2015 amateur draft, made his first All-Star team and won his first Gold Glove last season. He set career highs in batting average (.271) and RBIs (72) while hitting 17 home runs.

The Cubs had struggled to re-sign their players in recent years prior to reaching an agreement with Hoerner. They traded Kris Bryant, Anthony Rizzo and Javier Báez at the 2021 deadline, and three-time All-Star catcher Willson Contreras signed with the NL Central rival St. Louis Cardinals in December to replace Yadier Molina.

"You play with other guys that end up other places and it's OK," Happ said. "It's not the end of your career when you're not playing where you came up. There definitely will be moments here and there. It's appreciating that, appreciating getting to play with this group. Those are definitely the things that I learned the last two seasons."

# What did players learn about MLB's new rules this spring?

By DAVID BRANDT AP Sports Writer

PHOENIX (AP) — It was the defining moment of the recently finished World Baseball Classic: Japan's star pitcher Shohei Ohtani vs. United States slugger Mike Trout. Ninth inning. Two outs. Onerun game.

Team USA pitcher
Merrill Kelly said the
storybook scene was
just as dramatic for the
players in the dugout as it
was for fans watching. But
he also admitted there was
a thought that crept through

"How are we possibly going to put a pitch clock on a situation like this?" Kelly said. Well, we're about to find

Major League Baseball's new rules package is set for its regular-season debut Thursday when all 30 teams play their first game. For many fans, it'll be the first time seeing the sport's sizable list of rules changes, including a pitch clock, limits on infield shifts and bigger bases. They've been tested in spring exhibitions but weren't used in the WBC.

"This is the next level
— having the rules applied
in games that matter," said
Diamondbacks three-time
All-Star Evan Longoria.
"Nobody's getting numbers
stamped on the back of a
baseball card during spring

"I think this is going to be a huge adjustment."

The good news for baseball is that the rules changes have been widely praised during spring training. Games move at a noticeably crisper pace: MLB says spring games averaged about 2 hours, 35 minutes through the first three weeks, 26 minutes shorter than spring games last season.

The limitations on the infield shift haven't been a particularly big concern. The bigger bases — which could help curb collisions and injuries — have hardly been noticed.

MLB has also shown a willingness to listen to feedback from players. Last week, the commissioner's office sent a memo trying to clarify some rules issues from spring training.



But everyone knows the real test begins Thursday.

"I think there will be a lot more gamesmanship during the regular season," Cubs pitcher Drew Smyly said.

Some of that showed in spring training. New York Mets ace Max Scherzer and other pitchers tried weaponizing the pitch clock, hurrying hitters or waiting them out within the bounds of the 15-second timer — 20 seconds with someone on base — to mess with their timing.

"Really, the power the pitcher has now — I can totally dictate pace," the three-time Cy Young Award winner said.

The cat-and-mouse game between pitchers and would-be base stealers will be particularly intriguing during the season's opening weeks. Pitchers can only disengage from the rubber twice in each at-bat, meaning limited chances for pickoff attempts. If a pitcher disengages a third time and doesn't record an out, a balk is called and all runners advance one base.

Stolen bases and stolen base attempts during spring training increased about 50% over the numbers from last year's spring games.

And they could jump again in the regular sea-

"We didn't want to tip our hand, to be honest with you," D-backs manager Torey Lovullo said of his team's running strategy. "But trust me, we're working on things behind the

The emphasis on athleticism is at the core of what MLB wants in its 2023 games, and the sport has been aggressive in its marketing. A recent video on MLB.com — with the

cheeky title "Get that shift ... outta here!" — featured 'Breaking Bad' actor Bryan Cranston celebrating the changes.

So far, it seems players and coaches are cautiously optimistic the rule changes will be a good thing.

Los Angeles Dodgers ace Clayton Kershaw said the idea of a pitch clock was much more

scary than the actual pitch clock.
"I find myself staring at it and thinking about it

more than I probably need to," the three-time NL Cy Young winner said. "As we get going into the regular season, I don't think it will affect me."

San Francisco Giants manager Gabe Kapler said

manager Gabe Kapler said he expects the new rules to take some of the mind games out of baseball. "Before you could step

"Before you could step out of the batter's box and catch your breath, look up at the sky, take your time getting back in," Kapler said. "The worst you would get is the umpire saying, 'Let's go'. Now there is a real penalty for it.

"Taking all the thoughts out of your head. I think it will be most advantageous for the athletes."

The Ohtani vs. Trout showdown in the WBC — which ended with Ohtani striking out his Los Angeles Angels teammate to preserve a 3-2 victory for Japan — wasn't subject to this year's rules.

Would the pitch clock make that situation move a little more briskly? Sure.

But Lovullo — the Diamondbacks manager — said the good of the new rules outweighs the bad. He was watching the U.S. play Mexico during the WBC a few weeks ago when he felt the game dragging a little. At first, he thought it was the eighth inning.

Then he realized it was just the third.

Suddenly, a pitch clock didn't sound so bad.

"I've adjusted and I think everyone's adjusted," Lovullo said. "I think the rules are really good."

# High School Calendar

**THURSDAY, MARCH 30** No events scheduled.

FRIDAY, MARCH 31 No events scheduled.

SATURDAY, April 1

BASEBALL: Norwel

BASEBALL: Norwell at Jennings County, 11 a.m.; Norwell vs. Seeger Memorial at Jennings County, 2 p.m.

SOFTBALL: Southern Wells at Wes-Del, 10 a.m.

MONDAY, APRIL 3
No events scheduled.

TUESDAY, APRIL 4

BASEBALL: South Adams at Norwell, 5

p.m.; New Haven at Bluffton, 5 p.m.; Oak Hill at Southern Wells, 5 p.m. SOFTBALL: Eastbrook at Bluffton, 5 p.m.;

Southern Wells at Madison-Grant, 5 p.m. TRACK & FIELD (CO-ED): Bluffton at Eastbrook, 5:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 5
SOFTBALL: Southern Wells at Norwell, 5

p.m.; Bluffton at Bellmont, 5 p.m.

THURSDAY, APRIL 6

BASEBALL: Blackford at Bluffton, 5 p.m. GIRLS TENNIS: Bluffton at Norwell, 4:30

SOFTBALL: Eastbrook at Norwell, 4:30 p.m.

# Jalen Williams' late tip-in gives Thunder win over the Pistons

By CLIFF BRUNT AP Sports Writer

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) — Rookie Jalen Williams' putback with less than a second remaining gave the Oklahoma City Thunder a 107-106 win over the Detroit Pistons on Wednesday night.

The pressure was on for the Thunder, who entered the night two games under .500 and hanging on to the final Western Conference play-in spot. The Thunder lost to the Charlotte Hornets on Tuesday night and couldn't afford another loss to a team near the bottom of the league's standings. And Oklahoma City guard Shai Gilgeous-Alexander — the league's No. 4 scorer with 31.3 points per game — was out with a sprained ankle for the second straight game.

Williams answered the call with 27 points, eight rebounds six assists — and the tip-in on Josh Giddey's miss in the closing seconds. Lu Dort scored 20 points, Aaron Wiggins had 19 and Giddey added 18 for the Thunder.

Jaden Ivey followed his season-high 32-point performance against Milwaukee on Monday with 24 against the Thunder. The Pistons have the league's worst record and have lost seven straight and 18 of 19.

Williams scored two quick buckets in

close to put the Thunder ahead 97-90 with six minutes remaining, but the Pistons rallied and tied it on a 3-pointer by Ivey with 3:35 to play.

The Thunder led 103-100 with just under two minutes remaining when Oklahoma City's Jaylin Williams took a charge from Ivey with 1:48 remaining for Ivey's sixth foul. Williams then hit a short jumper to bump Oklahoma City's lead to five.

Detroit rallied and Cory Joseph hit a 3-pointer with 13.5 seconds left to put the Pistons ahead 106-105, setting up the final sequence.

TIP-INS

Pistons: F Eugene Omoruyi, waived by the Thunder earlier this season, finished with 14 points and five rebounds in 28 minutes. ... C James Wiseman was called for a Flagrant 1 for a hard foul to Jaylin Williams' head in the fourth quarter.

Thunder: G Lindy Waters sat out with plantar fasciitis in his left foot. ... G Isaiah Joe, one of the top 3-point shooters in the league this season, missed all seven of his shots from long range. He made 4 of 5 inside the arc and finished with 12 points.

UP NEXT

Pistons: In Houston to play the Rockets on Friday night.



# 2023-2024 Kindergarten Registration

Southern Wells Elementary School

# Tuesday, April 11, 2023 7 AM – 6 PM

Tours of the building will be available 3:15p-6:00 pm Stop in the elementary office (Door #20) anytime on April 11 to sign up for testing and pick up an information packet.



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# **BASKETBALL**

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Memphis 113, Orlando 108
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Golden State 120, New Orleans 109

Wednesday's Games Milwaukee 149, Indiana 136 New York 101, Miami 92 Brooklyn 123, Houston 114 Philadelphia 116, Dallas 108 L.A. Clippers 141, Memphis 132 L.A. Lakers 121, Chicago 110 Oklahoma City 107, Detroit 106 Utah 128, San Antonio 117 Minnesota at Phoenix, 10 p.m. Sacramento at Portland, 10 p.m. Thursday's Games
Boston at Milwaukee, 7:30 p.m.
New Orleans at Denver, 10 p.m. Friday's Games

Chicago at Charlotte, 7 p.m.
Oklahoma City at Indiana, 7 p.m.
Orlando at Washington, 7 p.m.
Toronto at Philadelphia, 7 p.m. Atlanta at Brooklyn, 7:30 p.m. New York at Cleveland, 7:30 p.m Utah at Boston, 7:30 p.m. Detroit at Houston, 8 p.m. L.A. Clippers at Memphis, 8 p.m. L.A. Lakers at Minnesota, 8 p.m. Sacramento at Portland, 10 p.m. San Antonio at Golden State, 10 Denver at Phoenix, 10:30 p.m.

Saturday's Games Dallas at Miami, 7:30 p.m. L.A. Clippers at New Orleans, 8:30

### **HOCKEY**

### **National Hockey** League

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Bruins

By KEN POWTAK

**Associated Press** 

Predators' team flight took off for Bos-

ton, defenseman Ryan McDonagh wasn't

three young daughters in the shaken com-

in Nashville left six dead, including three

children, McDonagh caught a commercial

flight. Hours after arriving, and with both

teams wearing helmet stickers to remember

the victims, he helped the Predators beat the

nately. When you have kids and it happens

close to home it hits definitely different," McDonagh said. "Like any parent, you do

anything you can to help your family and

phy and Nola — are all under 9 years old.

McDonagh's daughters — Falan, Mur-

"His daughter was close to the school --

Said McDonagh: "Quite frankly there are

"Just a tragedy for those families and

McDonagh said it wasn't just another

"We felt like we needed to go out and do

their school was in lockdown," coach John

really no words that you can say after what

everybody affected. You don't really realize

it until you have kids of your own and the

game as the Predators beat the NHL-leading

went on yesterday in Nashville.

perspective. It hits you," he said.

"It's not really the first shooting, unfortu-

Bruins 2-1 Tuesday night.

BOSTON (AP) — When the Nashville

He stayed home Monday, to be with his

A day after a fatal grade school shooting

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Wednesday's Games No games scheduled

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Thursday's Games
Atlanta at Washington, 1:05 p.m.

Philadelphia at Texas, 4:05 p.m.
Colorado at San Diego, 4:10 p.m.
N.Y. Mets at Miami, 4:10 p.m.
Pittsburgh at Cincinnati, 4:10 p.m.

Toronto at St. Louis, 4:10 p.m. Arizona at L.A. Dodgers, 10:10 p.m

Arizona at L.A. Dodgers, 10:10 p.m. Friday's Games
N.Y. Mets (Peterson 0-0) at Miami (Luzardo 0-0), 6:40 p.m. Colorado (Freeland 0-0) at San Diego (Martinez 0-0), 9:40 p.m. Arizona (Kelly 0-0) at L.A. Dodgers (May 0-0), 10:10 p.m. Saturday's Games

Toronte at St. Louis, 2:15 p.m.

Toronto at St. Louis, 2:15 p.m. Milwaukee at Chicago Cubs, 2:20 p.m.

San Francisco at N.Y. Yankees, 4:05

Atlanta at Washington, 4:05 p.m. Philadelphia at Texas, 4:05 p.m.

N.Y. Mets at Miami, 4:10 p.m. Pittsburgh at Cincinnati, 4:10 p.m. Colorado at San Diego, 8:40 p.m.

Arizona at L.A. Dodgers, 9:10 p.m.

**TRANSACTIONS** 

Wednesday's Transactions BASEBALL

Major League Baseball
American League
DETROIT TIGERS — Sent RI
Garcia outright to Toledo (IL).

HOUSTON ASTROS — Optioned 3B Rylan Bannon, OF Bligh Madris, C

Korey Lee and RHP Brandon Bielak to Sugar Land (PCL). LOS ANGELES ANGELS — Placed

RHP Jose Marte on the 60-day IL.
Placed RHPs Griffin Canning and Chris
Rodriguez on the 15-day IL, retroactive
to March 27. Placed 1B Jared Walsh

and C Max Stassi on the 10-day IL, retroactive to March 27. Selected the

Lake (PCL).
MINNESOTA TWINS — Selected the

Paul (IL) NEW YORK YANKEES — Optioned

RHP Greg Weissert to Scranton/ Wilkes-Barre (IL). Reassigned OF Willie Calhoun and RHP lan Hamilton to

the minor league camp. Released OF

Rafael Ortega. Activated RHP Clarke

SEATTLE MARINERS — Placed 1B Dylan Moore on the 10-day IL, retroac-

TAMPA BAY RAYS — Placed RHPs

Shawn Armstrong, Tyler Glasnow and Shane Baz on the 15-day IL, retroactive to March 27. Traded OF Grant Witherspoon to Detroit.

TEXAS RANGERS — Agreed to terms

with RHP Robert Dugger on a minor league contract. Activated LHP Will

Smith. Reassigned RHP Yerry Rodriguez to the minor leagues. Optioned

LHP John King to Round Rock (PCL). TORONTO BLUE JAYS — Agreed to terms with RHP Jay Jackson to a one-

year contract and optioned him to Buffalo (IL). Placed RHP Chad Green on

the 60-day IL. Reassigned INF Addison Barger to minor league camp.

National League CHICAGO CUBS — Agreed to terms

with INF Nico Hoerner on a three-year

contract extension.

MILWAUKEE BREWERS — Activated
RHP Gus Varland. Placed OF Tyrone
Taylor on the 10-day IL, retroactive to
March 27. Placed RHP Adrian Houser

and LHP Aaron Ashby on the 15-day IL, retroactive to March 27.

ST. LOUIS CARDINALS — Selected the contract of OF Jordan Walker

from Springfield (TL). Designated LHP Anthony Misiewicz for assignment.

SAN DIEGO PADRES — Optioned C Brett Sullivan to El Paso (PCL).

SAN FRANCISCO GIANTS — Named

INDIANA PACERS — Waived G Trev

ATLANTA FALCONS — Signed DL Calais Campbell to a one-year contract. CLEVELAND BROWNS — Signed LB

Anthony Walker Jr.
DALLAS COWBOYS — Re-signed DT Johnathan Hankins to a one-year

contract.
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CHICAGO BLACKHAWKS — Signed LW Brett Seney to a one-year, two-way

contract extension. Returned LW Mike Hardman to Rockford (AHL) from loan.

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Nashville Predators' McDonagh

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remembers shooting victims our job the best we could and sacrifice and leave it all out there and just try to maybe

bring a little bit of inspiration to the city of Nashville," McDonagh said. Hynes spoke to his team about the situ-

"It's something we talked with our guys about, that we're on a platform here as professional athletes and coaches," he said. "The city of Nashville means a lot to these people. We wanted to put an effort for the first responders, for the people that were involved in the incident — the families, the school. We're just really proud of the guys."

The Predators and Bruins wore helmet stickers to show support for The Covenant School, where three 9-year-old students and three adult staffers were killed.

The Bruins also held a moment of silence before the national anthem.

"The Bruins stand alongside the Nashville Predators in solidarity against gun violence and its support of the Nashville community," the PA announcer said.

Nashville is trying to make a run at the eighth and final playoff spot and won for just the third time in eight games.

Hynes talked to his team about the few hours of relief his team could bring to folks back home.

"We did talk to our guys about that," he said. "Sometimes when things are tough in life — part of sports, it is for the players and people involved with it, but I think for the fans, that it's an opportunity to take a few hours and maybe get away from a few things in your life. That was the message that we took into the game."

# **News-Banner Scoreboard** Women making case in for own March Madness TV deal

**By DOUG FEINBERG** AP Basketball Writer

Women's basketball seems to have found a winner with its new Sweet 16 format in March Madness and the timing couldn't be better with looming TV contract negotiations on the horizon.

There was record-setting attendance at the two sites - Greenville, South Carolina and Seattle — along with record numbers for TV ratings. It fueled the momentum heading into a starpacked Final Four lineup in

NCAA selection committee chair Lisa Peterson expects the format success to help in upcoming contract negotiations. The current NČAA TV deal ends next summer.

"It has to," she said. "I'm very much looking forward to seeing those conversations. It only can be good for the game. People are talking about it."

TV ratings for games on Friday and Saturday averaged 1.2 million viewers, a 73% increase over last year. Saturday afternoon's Ohio State and UConn matchup on ABC was the most watched women's Sweet 16 game on record with an average of 2.4 million.

Ratings were also up for the games Sunday and Monday on ESPN — up 43% gain and averaged 2.2 million. Sunday night's Iowa-Louisville contest which featured dynamic guard Caitlin Clark led the way at 2.5 million, making it the most watched Elite Eight game on record.

Tag Garson, Wasserman's senior vice president of properties, said this year's ratings will be one of many pieces that factor into what path the NCAA will take.

"When you're looking at how ratings are performing as you're preparing for a negotiation you don't just look at one year," he said. "You're looking at the historical value while projecting out the future value.

The NCAA is expected to decide by this fall whether to separate the women's tournament or keep it as part of the championships TV package that includes at least 24 sports.

Peterson and her group will have a lot to review.

Arenas in Greenville and Seattle were mostly full which created an entertaining atmosphere. While attendance was expected to be high in Greenville with the undefeated Gamecocks there, the closest team to Seattle was Colorado -1,300 miles away.

The distance didn't stop fans from flocking to Seattle, with strong support from basketball fans around the city thanks in part to the success of the WNBA's Storm over the last two decades. In the end, the Seattle region outdrew its South Carolina counterpart by a few thousand. Overall 82,275 fans took in the Sweet 16 and Elite Eight games, including 43,556 in Seattle.

"It really was a great atmosphere to play in. You love to play in these kind of atmospheres with this kind of crowd and play in a great building like this," said UConn coach Geno Auriemma whose team played in Seattle.

The NCAA also hopes the success leads to more cities bidding to host the regional games and eventually the Final Four.

"The number of cities that had bid (in the past), we didn't have that many more options," Peterson said. "With the success we've had hopefully it opens up new doors so we don't keep going to the same cities." The local organizing

committee in Seattle said that they expected the tournament to generate more than \$8.3 million to the "When we host events

like this there's no playbook to say it's a guaranteed success," Seattle Mayor Bruce Harrell told The Associated Press. "You don't know how the fans are going to come out, but what has been proven time and time again, particularly around women's sports is that they come from all over the state even come from Canada. ... The revenue is incredible for our

tax base. Harrell threw Seattle's hat in the ring for a future women's Final Four, saying he would love it if his city got that opportunity.

One of the next steps the NCAA is planning for upcoming two regional sites is to turn them into "mini Final Fours."

Many fans seemed to enjoy the new format going to more than just their team's games. Dave Lichliter, who is from Pennsylvania, went to games both Friday and Saturday and enjoyed the expanded field.

You get to see more teams," said Lichliter, who was wearing an LSU championship football shirt from 2019. "Next year is Albany (New York) and Portland (Oregon), so we'll see how that goes.'

So will the NCAA.

The two-city format will be in place at least another three years. The next bid cycle starts in July where regional hosting will be decided from 2027-31.

"We're doing this for three years. It's not a permanent deal," Peterson said. 'As always we'll evaluate it. If we feel it doesn't work, we'll see what we need to do to change it. Whether it's changing formats, or if that's adding a day, Whatever that looks like, we'll keep looking at it."

There were a few logistical bumps with the two

With eight schools at one venue required some adjustments by teams and arena staffs. Practice time on the court was cut from 90 minutes to 60 to allow all eight time on the court. It also required a little more coordination when it came to the locker rooms with teams having to double up.

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# Suarez fined \$50,000 by NASCAR for hitting cars on the pit road

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (AP) — NASCAR fined Daniel Suarez \$50,000 on Wednesday for hitting another vehicle on pit road following the race at Circuit of the Americas.



The fine was classified as a behavioral penalty and cited "contact with another vehicle on pit road after the race.

Suarez hit both his Trackhouse Racing teammate Ross Chastain from behind and then Alex Bowman as the cars returned to pit road following Sunday's race on the road course. He spoke with Bowman on pit road after, and leaned into Chastain's car to speak to his teammate through the window. "He just thought I drove in and

tried to drive through him," Bowman said. "Daniel and I, we've been

teammates in the past, raced together a long time. I respect the hell out of him. I'm sure he's still not super happy. Just tried to explain that I wouldn't race him like that, that I was shoved in there.' Suarez finished 27th in a race that went to triple overtime

with 10 cautions in the final 17 laps. The race went seven laps past the scheduled distance. The penalty could be considered light in that Suarez

avoided a points reduction. NASCAR last year fined Ty Gibbs \$75,000 and docked him 25 points for hitting another car on pit road. The penalties are typically intense because of the safety concerns with team personnel and NASCAR officials located on pit road.









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# Out of options in my marriage

kids.

Dear Annie: I am writing to you in a never thought this desperate effort to give my kids a good environment in the midst of a very turbulent marriage.

My wife and I are both in our late 30s. We have one 5-year-old and one toddler. We love them a lot. But it appears that we don't love, respect or trust each other any more.

We have been married for 12 years now and have been with each other for 20 years. My side of the story is that I try my best helping at home, in addition options are to to my work. I pick up and drop off the kids from school and activities and do daily family shopping, yard work, cleaning, giving the kids baths and putting them to bed. I am trying, and I am willing to do more. My wife also works, and she takes care of the kids, cooks dinner and takes the kids to their activities. She also does daily chores.

Maybe I can do more. I have thought about it again and again, but I cannot come to a conclusion about what and how much more I can do in order for her to stop blaming me and saying that I don't help her or I don't do enough.

Lately, her constant nagging — especially that she does all the cooking (I have finally asked her not to cook for me anymore) — and that I don't do much are always accompanied by personal attacks, name-calling, shouting and, recently, hitting. I have tried to keep my calm for my kids because she does this in front of the babies, too.

I am scared that I am reaching my limit of tolerance and patience. I love my kids, and I am ready to endure more. I have tried to change myself to meet her demands, but I am not sure what will meet those expectations. I am also not in favor of divorce because of the kids.

I have offered her living like roommates and clearly defining responsibilities. I don't think overlapping responsibilities will work.

My questions are: 1) What more can I do? 2) Is avoiding divorce for kids' sake a good or bad decision? 3) Can we get back to a normal married life, and if yes, how?

As I am writing, I am shaking, as I

Dear could happen to my Annie family. I am disappointed in myself by Annie Lane and worried for my





Should your children grow up witnessing this type of interaction between you and your wife, they will believe that's what marriage is supposed to look like. That would be the worst possible out-My advice to you is to seek marriage

counseling immediately. It is obvious that you are willing to put in the work, and I commend you for that. Your wife needs to be equally willing.

Sometimes it is not a question of doing things MORE but doing things DIFFERENTLY. Clearly something is not working, and it needs very immediate attention before things get worse. If you are seeking support for your wife's violence against you, I encourage you to call the Domestic Violence Hotline at

And finally, I want to draw attention to the last part of your letter as a PSA for my readers: "Just writing this helps." Journaling is no replacement for therapy, but it is often an incredibly cathartic outlet.

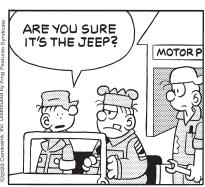
"How Can I Forgive My Cheating Partner?" is out now! Annie Lane's second anthology — featuring favorite columns on marriage, infidelity, communication and reconciliation — is available as a paperback and e-book. Visit http:// www.creatorspublishing.com for more information. Send your questions for Annie Lane to dearannie@creators.com.

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# Graham Q: No wonder Christmas is a more favored holi-

By Dr. Billy

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day than Easter. Christmas speaks of a new life [the infant Jesus] that brought joy. Easter brings thoughts of death [His gruesome death], yet there is the new life found in resurrection, which is curious. What does the Bible verse mean when it says that death is swallowed up in victory? -B.I.

A: Think about the holes children make when they dig in the sand on the seashore. When the waves come in, the holes are swallowed up by the ocean. Similarly, when we know Christ, our physical death is overwhelmed by

# Only the Lord has conquered death

the love and grace of God. Death is swallowed up in the victory of Christ. Death is an incident, not an end. It is a transition for a Christian, not a

terminus. In death, we are freed from all that burdens us here. We lay aside the outward "tent" of our body, and we inherit a building from God, "a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens" (2 Corinthians 5:1). Here our lives are filled with suffering and confusion. We experience pain and problems, and sometimes life seems to have no meaning or purpose. But the resurrection of Jesus Christ changed all that. It gives purpose and meaning to life, and life's greatest joy comes from discovering His will and

fulfilling it. His resurrec-

tion also gives us hope hope right now, and hope beyond the grave.

Only the Lord has conquered death and made it a source of freedom where it once brought only fear. Because of Christ, we can approach life and death with hope, knowing that greater things await those who know Him as personal Lord and blessed Savior. The Bible says that if we seek Him, we will find Him. "You will seek Me and find Me, when you search for Me with all of your heart" (Jeremiah 29:13).

(This column is based on the words and writings of the late Rev. Billy Graham.)

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### **VEHICLES**

### Auto/Trucks

1994 CHEVROLET SUBUR-2500, 184,000 miles, BAN, white/blue, 4x2, 6.5 turbo diesel, new paint, loaded. Reese hitch, trailer brakes, original, 260-450-2432.

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primitives, tools, wicker patio furniture, rare Victor III talk-ing machine, designer home

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benches/tool boxes & much

more! Preview by appointment,

815 Adams Street, Decatur.

Krueckeberg Auction & Realty

LLC, kjauction.com, 260-724-

APRIL 8 - 9 a.m. - Multiple

consignors. 6632 N. 500 W.,

Decatur. Power tools, shop

tools, hand tools, guns, crys-

tal, china, glassware, Royal

Copenhagen "Blue Fluted"

Denmark vintage china,

antiques, collectibles, toys,

furniture, yard equipment,

camping, hunting & fishing equipment, Stampin Up rub-

ber stamps and more! We will

be following the COVID-19

CDC guidelines at our auctions. Preview April 7, 10 a.m.-

5 p.m. Wiegmann Auctioneers,

wiegmannauctioneers.com, 260-

APRIL 9-APRIL 16 - (Online

Only Auction) - Various con-

signors, seller. Large collec-

tion of antique console and

table top radios, railroad items

447-4311

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p.m., 102 South Jefferson St.,

Ossian, IN, (Steffen Group

Auction Gallery). The Steffen Group Inc., Steffengrp.com,

APRIL 13 - 6 p.m. - Adams County Commissioners,

owner. Adams County 4H Park dining hall, 160 W. Washington

St., Monroe. Land located on

N 200E between US Hwy. 33

132+/- acres offered in multiple

tracts, Washington Township,

Section 13, Adams County, Decatur. Tract 1: 9.96+/- till-able. Tract 2: 29.96+/- tillable. Tract 3: 29.94+/- tillable. Tract

4: 61.42+/- tillable. Land sold

as individual tracts or any

combination! Possession to be

taken immediately! Kruecke-

berg Auction & Realty LLC,

kjauction.com, 260-724-7402. APRIL 14-APRIL 21 - (Online

Only Auction) - Harkelroad Buildings, LLC, seller. 8,142 SF multi tenant office build-

ing that has been well main-

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for an owner occupant or as a

multi tenant investment prop-

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County location. Open house: April 11 and 18 from 4 p.m. to

Wayne, IN. The Steffen Group

Inc., steffengrp.com, 260-426-

APRIL 15 - Ian Freds, Auction Mgr. 260.227.1121. D & B Storage Rental Inc. will be

offering at Live Public Auc-

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tioneers, 260-356-3911, www.

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- 6 p.m. EST - Robert Shutt

Estate, Brian & Andy Shutt,

owners. Real estate sells at 6

p.m. 1,506 sq. ft., 3 bedroom, 1.5 bath, 26'x22' detached

garage, 10'x10' shed, .27 acre

lot, Fort Wayne Community

Schools, Wayne Township.

Section 74, Allen County. Per-

sonal property sells at 6:30.

Furniture, household, collect-

ibles, tools, kitchen appliances

& more. Auction preview April

p.m. 6717 Fernwood Ave., Fort

Wayne. Krueckeberg Auction

& Realty LLC, kjauction.com,

**BIDDING CLOSING APRIL** 

19 - 6 p.m. EST - Estate of

Leonard G. Edwards, owner,

Leonard G. Edwards II Exec-

utor. Large amount of Crafts-

man & various hand tools,

Craftsman tool box, lawn &

garden items, tiller, snow-

blower, mower, neon signs &

bar advertisements, fishing &

outdoor items, household, col-

lectibles, antiques, furniture,

cast iron banks & much more!.

Auction preview April 18, 5-6

p.m. Pick up April 20, 3-6 p.m.

& April 21, 9 a.m.-noon. 417

Homestead Court, Bluffton.

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## Public Notices

STATE OF INDIANA COUNTY OF WELLS SS: IN THE WELLS CIRCUIT COURT CAUSE NO. 90C01-2303-EU-000011 IN THE MATTER OF THE

UNSUPERVISED ESTATE OF REX BIBERSTINE,

# DECEASED. NOTICE OF UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION Notice is hereby given that ZACHARY HARROLD and KEN-

DRA S. BAUMGARTNER were, on the 15th day of March, 2023, appointed personal representatives of the estate of REX BIBERSTINE, deceased, who died on November 13. 2022, and were authorized to administer said estate without court supervision.

All persons who have claims against this estate, whether or not now due, must file the claim in the office of the clerk of this court with-in three (3) months from the date of the first publication of this notice, or within nine (9) months after the decedent's death, whichever is earlier, or the claims will be forever barred.
Dated at Bluffton, Indiana, this

15th day of March, 2023. Beth Davis

Clerk, Wells Circuit Court Attorney for the Estate: Timothy K. Babcock Attorney No. 21526-90 DALE, HUFFMAN & BABCOCK 3 0 Premier A venue Bluffton, Indiana 46714 (260) 824-5566 Attorney for Estate

nb 3/23, 3/30

# This Week's Garage Sales

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614 MEADOW LANE ANNU-AL MULTI FAMILY GARAGE SALE Annual Multi Family Garage Sale 4/1 - 4/8 Apr. 01 7:00 AM-6:00 PM, Apr. 08 7:00 AM-1:00 PM Rain or

1515 CLARK AVE BLUFFTON, IN 46714 ANNU-INDOOR SALE Bluffton Nazarene Church HUGE sale! Something for everyone! 4/1 9:00 AM-1:00 PM Rain or

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## **Lottery Numbers**

Wednesday's Drawings HOOSIER LOTTERY

Lotto Plus — 02-05-07-

Cash 5 — 02-09-12-18-

15-19-37

**Cash4Life** — 02-13-16-39-46, Cash Ball: 03

Quick Draw Midday -01-07-09-11-17-18-23-25-33-35-45-46-48-51-56-57-59-61-64-76, BE: 17

Daily Three-Midday — 02-05-07, SB: 04

Daily Three-Evening —

07-08-09, SB: 00 Daily Four-Midday —

09-08-05-00, SB: 04 Daily Four-Evening —

01-09-08-00, SB: 00 Ouick Draw Evening — 02-06-09-24-25-28-29-31-33-34-38-44-50-51-63-64-

69-71-72-79, BE: 29 Hoosier Lotto — 06-19-20-26-31-45

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Estimated jackpot (for Friday): \$355 million **POWERBALL** 

04-09-24-46-66 Powerball: 07; Power Play: 3X

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The voters of WELLS County are notified in accordance with Indiana

Code 3-8-2-19 that a primary election will be held within the county on May 2, 2023, with the polls open from 6:00a.m. until6:00 p.m., prevailing local time. I certify that based on the declarations of candidacy filed in the office of the county election board (or the Lake, Porter, or Tippecanoe County Boards of Elections and Registration), and the public questions certified to me by the State of Indiana or this county's election board, the following individuals and public questions will be placed on the primary

**DEMOCRATIC PARTY PRIMARY CANDIDATES** Candidate name and address Office sought

### **REPUBLICAN PARTY PRIMARY CANDIDATES** Candidate name and address John S Whicker 510 Channing Way Bluffton, IN 46714-1274 Office sought Mayor of Bluffton

Michelle Simon Bluffton City Clerk Treasurer 206 Briarcrest PI Bluffton, IN 46714-1030 Robert J Bate 505 Truxton Ct Bluffton, IN 46714-1272 Rick O Elwell Bluffton City Judge Bluffton City Common Council, 704 W Dustman Rd Bluffton, IN 46714-1177 Blake Fiechter

Bluffton City Common Council, Po Box 16 At Large
Bluffton, IN 46714-0016
Ronald J (Ron) Neuenschwander Bluffton City Common Council,
2436 Summerwood Ct At Large
Bluffton, IN 46714-9280
Ethan A Sommerfeld Bluffton City Common Council,
208 E Central Ave

At Large

Bluffton City Common Council, District 1

Bluffton City Common Council,

Bluffton City Common Council, District 3

Bluffton City Common Council,

Bluffton City Common Council,

Bluffton, IN 46714-9789

PUBLIC QUESTIONS TO BE SUBMITTED TO VOTERS
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Bluffton, IN 46714

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DATED, THIS 8th DAY OF MARCH, 2022. Beth Davis

Circuit Court Clerk (or Lake County or Porter County Election Director) oj, nb 3/30

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### Summary of the Annual Performance Report for Bluffton-Harrison MSD Corporation Data

Student Enrollment (K-12)
A-F Accountability Grade
Financial Information & Various School Cost Factors
Building-Level Data Bluffton High School Student Enrollment (9-12)

https://www.in.gov/omb/2495.htm 98.25

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Non-Waiver Grad Rate Attendance Rate 95.6 Percentage Meeting Academic Standard (Math Grade 10) Percentage Meeting Academic Standard (Language Arts Grade 10)
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A-F Accountability Grade
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A-F Accountability Grade 43.6 29.1 N/A

**Bluffton-Harrison Elementary School** Student Enrollment Attendance Rate

Percentage Meeting Academic Standard (Math Grade 3)
Percentage Meeting Academic Standard (Language Arts Grade 3)
Percentage Meeting Academic Standard (Math Grade 4)
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A-F Accountability Grade

N/A Full annual performance report can be accessed by navigating to https://www.bhmsd.org/notices

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