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Amstutz named IASP's Elementary Teacher of the Year

By SYDNEY KENT

The 2023 Bluffton-Harrison MSD Educator of the Year, Jacob Amstutz, has been recognized at the state level.

Amstutz, a design and innovation teacher at Bluffton-Harrison Elementary School, was named the Indianapolis Indians and the Indiana Association of School Principals Elementary Teacher of the Year during a pre-game ceremony at the May 20 Indians' game.

Amstutz said he wanted to attend the game; however, the date coincided with an event that held a higher priority in his heart.

"I received the email letting me know I was nominated, and I let them know that I was super honored for the recognition and thankful for what they're doing for teachers," Amstutz said. "However, my daughters had a dance recital that same night, and I had to choose that over this, no question."

Amstutz said the IASP still wanted to recognize him at the game, though he did not expect to win any awards.

"Saturday night during the game, I received an email telling me that I won. I was like what? I won what? It turns out, there was another level to it, it wasn't just recognition," Amstutz said. "They then picked a winner from the teachers based on what their superintendents who nominated them wrote. I was at intermission at the dance and thought it was so awesome."

According to Amstutz, BHMSD Superintendent Dr. Brad Yates nominated him for the honor.

"Mr. Amstutz creates a welcoming, trusting environment for students to feel connected to the content as well as the ever-evolving world of technology," Dr. Yates said in a press release this week. "His students engage in

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Amstutz said he chooses a coffee mug to use for the entire year. On the last day of school, he adds the cup to his collection. Amstutz is pictured holding his 10th mug for the last time and with his favorite item in the classroom, an impressive tool intended to introduce students to robotics and engineering. (Photo by Sydney Kent)



School's out

On their last day of school, Ossian Elementary School students boarded their buses home in a parade of cheers, tears and goodbyes. (Photos by Holly Gaskill)

Norwell Middle School construction continues smoothly

By HOLLY GASKILL

Construction on the new Norwell Middle School continues to go well, said Dylan Markley of Weigand Construction.

In the last month, crews have continued demolishing the existing mechanical room, drywalling the front office, installing exterior brick and substrate, and roofing the building. They've also continued to put in non-load-bearing walls, and mechanical, electrical and plumbing components.

Superintendent Mike Springer emphasized how fortunate the project has been.

"In the midst of things, we sometimes take these things for granted," Springer said. "It's a major project, and it's going really well."

Markley said they plan to continue existing work through the next month and start on block wall reinforcement, block walls in the existing school, complete roofing and install a partition track in the multi-purpose rooms.

Later during the meeting, the school board approved the sale of two spare buses to LifeWise Academy for \$1 each.

Springer stated these buses cannot pass inspection due to expensive repairs, and LifeWise Academy had someone lined up to take care of the repairs.

Other updates included:

- \$23,822.23 was raised for Riley Hospital for Children during the dance marathon.

- The approved Melinda Scheumann as education services director.

- Resignations were accepted from Lancaster Central Elementary first grade teacher Erin Newcomb, Norwell High School freshman basketball coach Frank Baute, LES teaching assistant Anah Branham, NMS eighth grade math teacher Hollie Parker, LES

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American Legion hosts Memorial Day events

To honor Memorial Day this upcoming Monday, May 29, the American Legion Post 111 will host four services.

Two abbreviated services will be held at 8 a.m. and 8:30 a.m. in Bluffton. The first will be held at Elm Grove Cemetery and the second will be at Fairview Cemetery.

Following at 9:30 a.m., a full service will be hosted in front of American Legion Post 111 at 111 W. West Washington St. in Bluffton. The service will be led by Father Stephen Felicichia, Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church and School in Fort Wayne, and an Army veteran.

Another full service will take place at 11 a.m. at Oaklawn Cemetery in Ossian.

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Sunny and warm today, beautiful weekend ahead

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Elementary Teacher of the Year

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foundational activities in the areas of science, math, engineering, and technology while adding an unrivaled amount of 'cool factor' as Mr. Amstutz has a unique ability to connect with students and draw them into

the many technology activities in the classroom."

Amstutz says, some things he looks forward to during the summer with his daughters are water balloons, squirt guns, and lots of arts and crafts.

"I'm stoked for it, but it's bitter-sweet. Knowing the fourth graders won't be returning, it can be hard to let them go," Amstutz said. "It's all a part of the ride, I'm so happy to be the one that gets to steer the ship."

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Norwell construction

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special education teacher Hailee Hormann, and Ossian Elementary School Bear Care staff members Kristina Riley and Caitlyn Lewis.

The board approved the employment recommendations of Andrew Johnson as head coach for NHS boys soccer, Laura McCon-

nell as LES guidance counselor, Rick Hoopingarner as NMS seventh grade girls basketball coach, Amy Simmerman as OES teaching assistant, Deb Dilley and Andrea Johnson as elementary summer IREAD-3 teachers, and James Feldheiser, Lexus Newton and Amy Donley as NHS summer school teachers. Kyle

Bailey will also return to NHS summer ag, Ron Harnish to NHS summer ICE and Samuel Wells to NHS summer band.

- A \$200 donation was accepted from the Hiday Automotive group for the NMS robotics club.
- NHS graduation is June 4.

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End of school celebrations

Students and staff enjoying final festivities on the last day of school at Bluffton-Harrison Elementary School. (Photo by Sydney Kent)

Weather

Friday, May 26, 2023

(24-hour observations at 7:44 p.m. Thursday)
High: 66; **Low:** 43; **Precipitation:** None
Wabash River Level (at the Main Street bridge): 1.78 feet at 9:45 p.m. Thursday

Wells County forecast

Today: Sunny, with a high near 72. Northeast wind 10 to 15 mph.

Tonight: Mostly clear, with a low around 46. Northeast wind 10 to 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

Saturday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 77. East wind around 10 mph.

Saturday Night: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 53. East wind around 10 mph.

Sunday: Mostly cloudy, with a high near 77.

Sunday Night: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 55.

Memorial Day: Mostly sunny, with a high near 82.

Monday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 58.

Tuesday: Sunny, with a high near 85.

Tuesday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 61.

Wednesday: Sunny, with a high near 88.

Wednesday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 64.

Thursday: A slight chance of showers and thunderstorms. Sunny, with a high near 89.

Debt ceiling talks on the brink, lawmakers leave for the weekend

By LISA MASCARO, STEPHEN GROVES, SEUNG MIN KIM and KEVIN FREKING

Associated Press
 WASHINGTON (AP) — House Republicans pushed debt ceiling talks to the brink Thursday, displaying risky political bravado in leaving town for the holiday weekend just days before the U.S. could face an unprecedented default hurling the global economy into chaos.

At the Capitol, Speaker Kevin McCarthy said "every hour matters" in talks with President Joe Biden's team as they try to work out a budget agreement. Republican are demanding spending cuts the Democrats oppose as their price for raising the legal debt limit.

"We've been taking to the White House all day," McCarthy, R-Calif., told reporters as he left the Capitol for the evening, with his top negotiators soon to follow. "We're working hard to make it happen."

In remarks at the White House, Biden said, "It's about competing versions of America." Yet both men expressed optimism that the gulf between their positions could be bridged.

The White House said discussions with the Republicans have been productive, including by video conference Thursday, though serious disagreements remained as the president fights for his priorities.

"The only way to move forward is with a bipartisan agreement," Biden said. "And I believe we'll come to an agreement that allows us to move forward and protects the hardworking Americans of this country."

As the deadline nears, it's clear the Republican speaker — who leads a Donald Trump-aligned party whose hard-right flank lifted him to power, and who spoke to the former president this week — is now staring down a potential crisis.

Lawmakers are tentatively not expected back at work until Tuesday, just two days from June 1, when Treasury Secretary Janet Yellen has said the U.S. could

start running out of cash to pay its bills and face a federal default. Biden will also be away, departing Friday for the presidential retreat at Camp David, Maryland, and Sunday for his home in Wilmington, Delaware. The Senate is on recess and will be until after Memorial Day.

Meanwhile, Fitch Ratings agency placed the United States' AAA credit on "ratings watch negative," warning of a possible downgrade.

Democratic lawmakers lined up on the House floor as the workday ended to blame "extreme" Republicans for the risky potential default. "Republicans have chosen to get out of town before sundown," said House minority leader Hakeem Jeffries of New York.

Weeks of negotiations between Republicans and the White House have failed to produce a deal — in part because the Biden administration has resisted negotiating with McCarthy over the debt limit, arguing that the country's full faith and credit should not be used as leverage to extract other partisan priorities.

McCarthy is holding out for steep spending cuts that Republicans are demanding in exchange for their vote to raise the nation's borrowing limit. The White House has offered to freeze next year's 2024 spending at current levels and restrict 2025 spending, but the Republican leader says that's not enough.

One idea is to set those topline budget numbers but then add a "snap-back" provision that enforces the cuts if Congress is unable during its annual appropriations process to meet the new goals.

"We have to spend less than we spent last year. That is the starting point," said McCarthy.

Pressure is bearing down on McCarthy from the House's right flank not to give in to any deal, even if it means blowing past the June 1 deadline.

"Don't take an exit ramp five exits too early," said Rep. Chip Roy, R-Texas, a Freedom Caucus member. "Let's hold the line."

U.S., World News Roundup

Oath Keepers founder sentenced to 18 years for seditious conspiracy

WASHINGTON (AP) — Oath Keepers extremist group founder Stewart Rhodes was sentenced Thursday to 18 years in prison for orchestrating a weekslong plot that culminated in his followers attacking the U.S. Capitol in a bid to keep President Joe Biden out of the White House after winning the 2020 election.

Rhodes, 58, is the first person convicted of seditious conspiracy in the Jan. 6, 2021, attack to receive his punishment, and his sentence is the longest handed down so far in the hundreds of Capitol riot cases.

It's another milestone for the Justice Department's sprawling Jan. 6 investigation, which has led to seditious conspiracy convictions against the top leaders of two far-right extremist groups authorities say came to Washington prepared to fight to keep President Donald Trump in power at all costs.

"The Justice Department will continue to do everything in our power to hold accountable those criminally responsible for the January 6th attack on our democracy," Attorney General Merrick Garland said in a statement.

In a first for a Jan. 6 case, the judge agreed with the Justice Department that Rhodes' actions should be punished as "terrorism," which increases the recommended sentence under federal guidelines. That decision could foreshadow lengthy sentences down the road for other far-right extremists, including former Proud Boys leader Enrique Tarrio, who have also been convicted of the rarely used charge.

DeSantis pushes past embarrassing campaign start, raises \$8.2M

CONCORD, N.H. (AP) — Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis on Thursday sought to push past an embarrassing beginning to his presidential campaign, outlining an aggressive travel schedule as his allies insisted they remain well funded and well positioned for a long Republican primary fight ahead.

While DeSantis supporters privately acknowledged the bungled announcement was an unwelcome distraction, there was a broad sense — even among some Republican critics — that it would likely have limited long-term political consequences, if any at all. For the doubters, the campaign confirmed Thursday night that it had raised \$8.2 million in the 24 hours since entering the race, a massive sum that far exceeded the amount raised

by President Joe Biden over the same period.

"Do they wish they could do it over again? Probably," David Oman, a veteran Republican Iowa operative, said of DeSantis' glitch-ridden opening. "Will we be talking about it in 10 days? Probably not."

DeSantis formally launched his campaign Wednesday night during an online conversation with Twitter CEO Elon Musk. But the audio stream crashed repeatedly, making it difficult for most users to hear the announcement in real time.

On Thursday, the Republican governor announced plans for a three-state blitz next week featuring at least a dozen stops. He's scheduled to campaign Tuesday and Wednesday in Iowa before a trip to New Hampshire on Thursday and South Carolina on Friday.

Guam: no reports of major damage in the aftermath of typhoon

HAGATNA, Guam (AP) — Chainsaws buzzed Friday as neighbors helped neighbors clear toppled trees and began cleaning the wreckage of Typhoon Mawar, which walloped Guam as the strongest typhoon to hit the island in over two decades but appeared to have passed without leaving death or massive destruction in its wake.

While it was still early going in the recovery effort, police Sgt. Paul Tapao said there did not seem to be any major damage, main roads were passable and "Guam has been very blessed to have no storm-related deaths or any serious injuries."

To Tapao, the roar of the mechanical saws was a reminder of the resilience of the storm-prone U.S. Pacific territory and its people.

"Everyone helps out with the cleaning," he said. "That's the Guamanian way — that's embedded in the blood."

He added that there's a saying in Chamorro — the indigenous language of the Mariana Islands — "inafa maolek," that means cooperation, a concept of restoring harmony or order.

Ford electric vehicle owners to get access to Tesla charger network

DETROIT (AP) — All of Ford Motor Co.'s current and future electric vehicles will have access to about 12,000 Tesla Supercharger stations in the U.S. and Canada starting next spring.

Ford CEO Jim Farley and Tesla

CEO Elon Musk announced the agreement Thursday during a "Twitter Spaces" audio chat.

"We think this is a huge move for our industry and for all electric customers," Farley said.

Musk said he didn't want Tesla's network to be a "walled garden" and that he wants to use it to support sustainable transportation.

"It is our intent to do everything possible to support Ford and have Ford be on an equal footing at Tesla Superchargers," Musk said.

UN peacekeeping on 75th anniversary: challenges ahead

UNITED NATIONS (AP) — On the 75th anniversary of U.N. peacekeeping, the United Nations chief said Thursday that peacekeepers are increasingly working in places where there is no peace and praised the more than 4,200 who have given their lives to the cause of peace since the U.N. authorized its first military deployment in 1948.

It was a day to look back at the successes of peacekeeping from Liberia to Cambodia and its major failures in former Yugoslavia and Rwanda, but also to the challenges ahead, including dealing with more violent environments, fake news campaigns, and a divided world that is preventing peacekeeping's ultimate goal: successfully restoring stable governments.

And it was a day to honor the more than 2 million peacekeepers from 125 countries who have served in 71 operations since the U.N. Security Council sent those first military observers to supervise implementation of Israeli-Arab armistice agreements following their war.

At a ceremony honoring the fallen peacekeepers, U.N. Secretary-General Antonio Guterres asked the hundreds of uniformed military officers and diplomats to stand for a moment of silence in their memory and then presented medals for the 103 peacekeepers killed in 2022 to ambassadors from their 39 home countries. And at the start of a U.N. Security Council meeting on peace in Africa shortly after, all those in the chamber stood in tribute to peacekeepers who paid the ultimate price.

The secretary-general told the ceremony, after laying a wreath at the Peacekeepers Memorial on the lawn at U.N. headquarters, that what began 75 years ago "as a bold experiment" in the Mideast "is now a flagship enterprise of our organization." For civilians caught in conflict, he said, peacekeepers are "a beacon of hope and protection."

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Posing in a red Riley Hospital wagon to show support for one of the many children treated by the hospital. (Photo submitted)

Little Red Wagon

BHMSD recognized for contributions to Riley Hospital for Children

By SYDNEY KENT

Bluffton Harrison Metropolitan School District was recognized for its contributions to Riley Hospital for Children during the May school board meeting.

Susan Miles of Riley Hospital says BHMSD is the only school corporation in Indiana that has had a Red Wagon Corporation designation every year since the program started in 2007, according to a press release from BHMSD last week.

"Currently schools need to raise more than \$4,000 to sponsor a Red Wagon at the hospital. That amount will increase to \$5,000 July 1. Not a problem for MSD Bluffton-Harrison Schools," Miles said in an email to the News-Banner. "I also wanted to update you on the school corporation's 30-year Riley gift history. You have an incredibly generous community there in Bluffton."

Miles reported a total donation of \$283,862.83 between the three schools with the following breakdown:

Bluffton High School donations 1995-2023: \$77,926.06.
Bluffton-Harrison Middle School 1993-2023 \$157,382.12

Bluffton-Harrison Elementary 1993-2023 \$48,554.65

"Not only are our students graduating with a wonderful education and certification," Miles told the board. "They're leaving with servant hearts because of the philanthropic opportunities that you have afforded to them and we're very pleased to be the recipient of that at Riley Hospital."

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Police Notebook

INCIDENTS

City:
Wednesday, 2:09 p.m., east Wiley Avenue and south Main Street. Property damage accident. Report to follow.

Wednesday, 2:28 p.m., Walmart. Woman stole a dirt bike.

Wednesday, 3:13 p.m., Wells County Lock-up. Drugs.

Wednesday, 3:32 p.m. Coco China Buffet. Man threatened a woman.

Wednesday, 6:55 p.m., Roush Park. Juvenile was being defiant and disorderly.

Wednesday, 7:02 p.m., Stogdill Road and Old Creek Avenue. Traffic stop. Courtesy transport provided.

Wednesday, 8:08 p.m., residence on Ellingham Pike. Caller reported someone has been driving recklessly and in the Nazarene Church parking lot. Advised subject of complaint. The driver stated he was having issues with the truck and did turn around quickly in the lot.

Wednesday, 9:33 p.m., residence on Capri Court. Complaint of loud music. Apartment advised they would turn down the music.

Thursday, 3:47 a.m., residence on south Williams Street. Report of loud sanding noise. Unable to locate.

Thursday, 8:20 a.m., Bluffton High School. Report of vandalism to a vehicle.

County:

Wednesday, 3:48 p.m., residence on 1000S, Warren. Caller reported a man was coming to pick up a truck that the caller had done work on, but didn't want to pay for the full work. The caller said the man had made threats. The deputy advised they would have to get attorneys for the civil issue.

Wednesday, 2:27 a.m., west Madison Avenue and north Main Street, Bluffton.

Woman reported her husband, Ryan Robert Maxwell, 45, Bluffton, had stolen her vehicle. The vehicle located and it began to accelerate, reaching speeds over 80 mph. The vehicle eventually pulled into the entrance of IMI. Driver was identified as the same man from the report. Field sobriety tests and chemical test conducted. Maxwell was arrested for operating a vehicle while intoxicated, a Class C misdemeanor, and operating a vehicle while intoxicated with a prior conviction, a Class A misdemeanor. Bond set at \$6,500. Bonded.

Wednesday, 4:35 a.m., residence on 100S, Liberty Center. Caller reported their home's door knob had been rattled, but nothing had followed.

Wednesday, 6:26 a.m., west Cherry and South Walmart streets. A man was observed riding a bicycle on the wrong side of the road, and sergeant had to swerve to avoid collision. The rider refused to identify himself. The sergeant told the man he would only receive a warning for riding on the wrong side of the road if he identified himself. The man refused. The sergeant then told the man he would be arrested for failing to identify. The man began backing away, and said he needed to make a phone call before identifying himself. The man continued resisting being taken into custody, and marijuana products were found on his person. The man, later identified as Kyle Alan Whan, 33, Bluffton, was arrested for refusal to self identify while stopped for an infraction, a Class C misdemeanor, resisting law enforcement with a vehicle, a Class A misdemeanor, possession of marijuana, a Class B misdemeanor, and possession of controlled

substance paraphernalia, a Class C misdemeanor. Bond set at \$3,500. When was also found to have an active warrant out of Noble County.

Wednesday, 9:44 a.m., residence on south Meridian Road, Bluffton. Assisted the Wells County Probation Department in a home check. The home smelled of marijuana, and two caps to hypodermic needles and marijuana shake were located in the probationer's room.

Ossian:

Thursday, 12:34 a.m., north Jefferson Street and Davis Road. Traffic stop conducted on a vehicle with its passenger side headlight out. Driver Jadon Kelly Kent, 26, Angola, showed documentation for ownership of the vehicle, but the title had not been switched to his name and the registration expired. Dispatch advised Kent's license also expired. Kent was placed in handcuffs and the vehicle was searched due to the strong smell of marijuana. A vape pen with marijuana and three blunts were found in the vehicle. Kent was arrested for driving while suspended, a Class A misdemeanor, possession of marijuana, a Class B misdemeanor, and possession of paraphernalia, a Class C misdemeanor. He was also cited for expired registration and improper headlights. Booked and released.

Thursday, 2:09 a.m., 506 S Jefferson St. Traffic stop conducted on a vehicle driving without working license plate lights. Driver Ar Bee, 27, Fort Wayne, advised she didn't know it had stopped working. Bee said she had left her driver's license at home, but provided a different name to the deputy. The vehicle's registration returned to a different vehicle, but the deputy was able to connect the driver and vehicle to a previous incident, and found that Bee's license had been suspended. Bee eventually admitted to using a different name. She was arrested for identity deception, a Level 6 felony, driving while suspended with a prior conviction, a Class A misdemeanor, no or improper headlights, a Class C infraction, a Class C license plate lights, a Class C infraction, and false or fictitious registration plate, a Class C infraction. Bond set at \$7,000. Bonded.

Wednesday, 5:05 a.m., north Jefferson Street and Davis Road. Vehicle's license plate returned to a driver with a suspended license. Traffic stop conducted. Lanetra C. Britt, 44, Fort Wayne, was arrested for driving while suspended, a Class A misdemeanor. Booked and released.

Wednesday, 8:23 p.m., Praxis. Fire alarm. Evacuation in progress at 8:29 p.m. Bluffton Fire Department responded. No fire found.

ARRESTS

Dalton Douglas Ridge, 26, Huntington; possession of a legend drug, a Level 6 felony. Bond set at \$5,500.

Quayzeion Traquawn Wilson, 27, Bluffton; operating a vehicle without ever receiving a license, a Class A misdemeanor, and operating without financial responsibility, a Class C misdemeanor. No bond set.

Justin Roger Slone, 35, Huntington; resisting law enforcement with a vehicle, a Class A misdemeanor, intimidation communication, a Level 6 felony, possession of marijuana, a Class B misdemeanor, and public intoxication, a Class B misdemeanor. Bond set at \$8,500.

Joshua Alan Greaf, 40, Markle; probation violation, a Level 4 felony. No bond set.

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Honoring veterans

On Monday, May 22, and Tuesday, May 23, scouts from Markle Troop 128B and Troop 128G leaders Jeremy and Kirsten Lautzenhiser, along with Heather Clampitt, Steve Jackson, and Bluffton Troop 149 members Dean Stephens, Joe Kozlowski, Craig Cavanaugh, and Troop 637 Huntington leaders Herb Scott and Jerry Schmalz, helped scouts place flags on veterans' gravesites at Woodlawn Cemetery and Markle Cemetery. They honored Past Commander Larry Jenks, who passed in 2022 and who was instrumental in placing flags every year for Memorial Day. (Photo submitted)

Indiana doctor's discipline hearing centers on privacy

By TOM DAVIES
Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — A hearing on possible disciplinary action opened Thursday for an Indianapolis doctor who spoke publicly about providing an abortion to a 10-year-old rape victim from Ohio, with finger pointing over how the case became a political flashpoint in the national abortion debate.

Indiana's Republican attorney general has accused Dr. Caitlin Bernard of violating state law by not reporting the child abuse to Indiana authorities. She's also accused of breaking federal patient privacy laws by telling a newspaper reporter about the girl's treatment.

Bernard has consistently defended her actions, and she told the state Medical Licensing Board on Thursday that she followed Indiana's reporting requirements and hospital policy by notifying

hospital social workers about the child abuse — and that the girl's rape was already being investigated by Ohio authorities. Bernard's lawyers also said that she didn't release any identifying information about the girl that would break privacy laws.

The Indianapolis Star cited the girl's case in a July 1 article that sparked a national political uproar in the weeks after the U.S. Supreme Court overturned Roe v. Wade last summer, putting into effect an Ohio law that prohibited abortions after six weeks of pregnancy. Some news outlets and Republican politicians falsely suggested Bernard fabricated the story, until a 27-year-old man was charged with the rape in Columbus, Ohio. During an event at the White House, President Joe Biden nearly shouted his outrage over the case.

Bernard's lawyer Alice Morical told the board Thursday that the doc-

tor reported child abuse of patients many times a year and that a hospital social worker had confirmed with Ohio child protection staffers that it was safe for the girl to leave with her mother.

"Dr. Bernard could not have anticipated the atypical and intense scrutiny that this story received," Morical said. "She did not expect that politicians would say that she made the story up."

Indiana Attorney General Todd Rokita's complaint asked the licensing board to impose "appropriate disciplinary action" but doesn't specify a requested penalty.

Amid the wave of attention to the girl's case last summer, Rokita, who is stridently anti-abortion, told Fox News he would investigate Bernard's actions and called her an "abortion activist acting as a doctor."

Deputy Attorney General Cory Voight argued Thursday that the board must address what he called

an "egregious violation" of patient privacy and Bernard's failure to notify Indiana's Department of Child Services and police about the rape.

"There's been no case like this before the board," Voight said. "No physician has been as brazen in pursuit of their own agenda."

Voight asked Bernard why she discussed the Ohio girl's case with the newspaper reporter and later in other news media interviews rather than using a hypothetical situation.

"I think that it's incredibly important for people to understand the real-world impacts of the laws of this country about abortion," Bernard said. "I think it's important for people to know what patients will have to go through because of legislation that is being passed, and a hypothetical does not make that impact."

During Thursday's hearing, Rokita's office kept

a running commentary on its official Twitter account, with one post saying "When Bernard talked about the high priority she puts on legislation and speaking to the public, she did so at the expense of her own patient. This shows where her priorities are as an activist rather than a doctor."

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A day to remember and honor

Memorial Day rolls around again and we will take the opportunity to enjoy a day with family; perhaps to fire up the backyard grill or enjoy a round of golf or grill a day at the lake. A day to relax as summer begins.

Memorial Day became an official federal holiday in 1971, but it originated in the years following the American Civil War. Some of us remember it as Decoration Day as it was first called; a day meant to honor those who died while serving in the U. S. Military. It was a day to visit their graves in nearby cemeteries, to decorate their final resting places in admiration and appreciation, and perhaps to share a memory or a prayer. It was a day to look at old photographs; to recall the years of our loved one's childhood and youth; to reminisce about happier times.

But technology and our ever-expanding pursuit for knowledge tend to blur the past and focus our attention on the future. These days we live in the moment. The past is long gone. What once was is far



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less important than what is to come.

Even so, we should... *we must...* never forget the sacrifices of the brave men and women who took up the standard to protect our nation against the tyranny and oppressiveness of those who would bring our country to its knees. Many of them made the ultimate sacrifice that we might enjoy a day of peace. Their memory and legacy are to be honored.

The riches of our nation have been coveted by despots around the world for centuries. Only through the dedication and undaunted valor of those who serve has our country endured.

So, relish this day. Not only is it a holiday, it is also a gift from those who have served. It is meant to be enjoyed.

And, if you are of a mind to do so, take a moment to remember with kind thoughts those brave ones who have gone on before us. Possibly a prayer might be in order as well. Perhaps something as simple as this:



Lord, comfort the souls of those who have given their lives in service to our great country. Look with favor upon their families and friends and show mercy to those who cannot understand their sacrifice. May we all abide in your ever-present Grace. Amen.

Have a happy Memorial Day and an enjoyable summer.

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Tackling America's debt and deficit crisis requires Social Security and Medicare reform

While current debt ceiling negotiations largely concern ways to restrain the discretionary parts of the budget, any serious proposal to tackle the emerging debt and deficit crisis must also address our largest mandatory spending programs: Social Security and Medicare. Together, these two programs will be responsible for nearly 80 percent of the deficit's rise between 2023 and 2032, according to Congressional Budget Office (CBO) projections.

Social Security and traditional Medicare (Part A) are both funded by payroll taxes on a "pay-as-you-go basis." That is, current payroll taxes fund today's retirees. Unlike discretionary spending, which must be voted on by Congress every year during the appropriations process, Social Security and Medicare spending are mandated under current law. Mandatory spending in its entirety represents over two-thirds of the current U.S. budget.

An aging U.S. population and a declining worker-per-retiree ratio (now only 3 to 1) have contributed to the cost of financing Social Security and Medicare. Under current law, Medicare's Hospital Insurance Trust Fund will be insolvent by 2031, and Social Security's Old Age, Survivors, and Disability Insurance (OASDI) Trust Fund by 2033. Without reforms, Social Security benefits would be automatically reduced across the board by 20 percent, and Medicare hospital insurance payments would be cut by 11 percent. Absent any reforms, the 2023 Trustees Report shows that a significant payroll tax hike of 4.2 percent would be required to close the current funding gap for OASDI and Medicare.

Given the dire outlook presented in the Trustees Report, policymakers must reform these programs to ensure their long-run stability. Below, we briefly review various proposals over the past decade to reform Social Security and Medicare. The list is not exhaustive, but it illustrates the possibility of tackling this issue with a measured and bipartisan approach.

Social Security Reforms

In 2010, President Obama established the National Commission on Fiscal Responsibility and Reform to develop a plan to reduce the deficit. The bipartisan commission produced what became known as the Simpson-Bowles plan—named after then-Senators Alan Simpson (R-WY) and Erskine Bowles (D-NC)—which proposed significant changes to Social Security to ensure its fiscal sustainability. Although the plan was never enacted, many of its recommendations can be found in other proposals, and for this reason it is worth reviewing in full.

Simpson-Bowles would have slowed benefit growth for high-income earners, making Social Security more progressive. Currently, benefits are calculated using a three-bracket system, where higher earners receive a lower share of their lifetime earnings than lower earners. The plan would have gradually phased in a four-bracket structure of replacement rates



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starting in 2017, reducing the share of lifetime benefits for higher earners even further.

Additionally, the plan would have gradually raised the retirement age. Under current law, the normal retirement age is 67, but retirees can begin collecting benefits as early as 62. Simpson-Bowles would have indexed both the normal and early retirement ages to life expectancy, making the normal retirement age 68 by 2050.

Currently, all Social Security benefits are adjusted for inflation using the Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W). The plan would have switched to chained CPI for cost-of-living adjustments (COLAs) instead. The standard CPI typically overstates inflation as it doesn't account for consumers' ability to switch to cheaper substitutes for goods, whereas the chained CPI better captures these consumption dynamics. Switching to the chained CPI would slow benefit growth and therefore reduce the overall cost of the program.

On the revenue side, the plan would have gradually raised the payroll tax cap. Currently, wages and salaries

in several countries including Sweden and Australia. Lawmakers should look to those experiences for guidance on this promising direction of reform.

Medicare Reforms

Currently, physicians who serve patients under traditional Medicare are reimbursed under a fee-for-service system, where they are compensated for the quantity of services they provide rather than the quality. This leads to physicians often providing unnecessary treatments or tests that do little to improve health outcomes for their patients, driving up the costs of Medicare. Proposals to reform this included switching to a system of bundled payments, where physicians are reimbursed based on a fixed price for specific medical episodes. The Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services began experimenting with such a system for hip and knee replacements in 2016 and announced further expansions for other types of care, but expanding it even more broadly could help keep costs down.

Alternatively, reforms could go even further by switching to a system of capitation, where physicians are paid a set amount per patient, regardless of how much care is provided. Currently, Medicare Advantage (Medicare Part C) functions this way. Under Medicare Advantage, recipients select among a variety of

but no cap on out-of-pocket expenses.

As a result, 90 percent of patients acquire additional private coverage known as Medigap. These plans are often expensive because the government is picking up the tab, and only a few plans are available, leading patients to consume more health care than necessary. The Committee for a Responsible Federal Budget offered a proposal that would implement an out-of-pocket cap and a higher deductible for non-hospital services, reducing the need to purchase additional coverage.

One of the more ambitious plans to reform Medicare is to transition to a "premium support" model. Such a system was proposed by Senators Ron Wyden (D-OR) and Paul Ryan (R-WI) and the Bipartisan Policy Center (BPC) in 2011. The Ryan-Wyden plan would have allowed traditional Medicare plans to compete with private insurance plans in a competitive bidding process, and then the government would have provided vouchers to seniors to purchase coverage. The value of the vouchers would have grown at a rate of GDP plus one percent, and the expectation was that allowing private insurers to compete would help lower costs. To keep costs down even further, the BPC plan would have required Medicare beneficiaries earning above 150 percent of the poverty level to pay higher premiums if spending exceeded the growth limit.

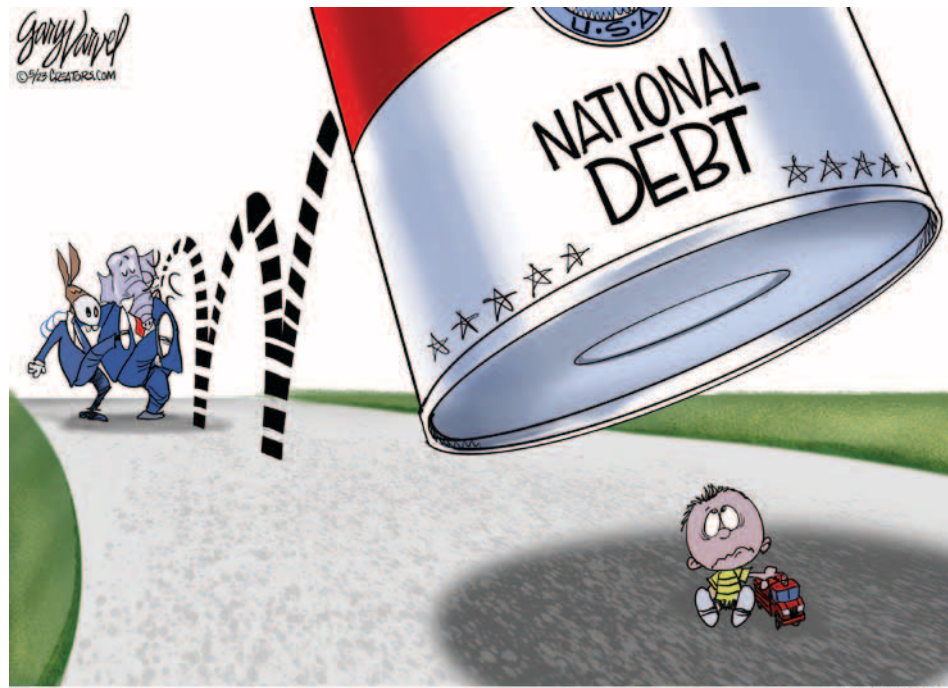
Finally, numerous proposals have been offered to reduce the price of drugs purchased through Medicare. While some of these policies can actually harm innovation in the pharmaceutical sector (e.g., the Inflation Reduction Act's price controls on specific drugs), more modest reforms could encourage physicians to prescribe cheaper generics. Under Medicare B, doctors purchase drugs for their patients and then get reimbursed based on the average sales price of the drug (net of all rebates and discounts), plus 6 percent of the drug cost. This incentivizes physicians to recommend more expensive, branded drugs since they will receive a larger reimbursement.

One proposed reform from the Committee for a Responsible Federal Budget would implement "clinically comparable drug pricing," where physicians would be reimbursed based on a weighted average sales price for clinically similar classes of drugs. This would remove the incentive for physicians to recommend more expensive drugs, as they would incur all the additional costs of purchasing a drug above that weighted average sales price.

Conclusion

While policymakers should also continue to focus on wasteful and counterproductive discretionary spending that continues to raise deficits, we should not lose sight of the fact that Social Security and Medicare are the largest contributors to our growing deficit and debt crisis. For too long politicians on both sides of the aisle have chosen to ignore the problem. The risks to our economy will only continue to grow the longer we wait to address them.

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above \$160,200 do not face the payroll tax for Social Security. As a result, the tax applies to about 83 percent of all wages earned. Simpson-Bowles would have raised the cap to ensure that 90 percent of all wages were covered by 2050.

Another more recent proposal by Senator Bill Cassidy (R-LA) would attempt to shore up Social Security by borrowing \$1.5 trillion and placing it in a diversified investment fund that would be used to replenish the Social Security trust fund. Cassidy characterizes the proposal as a bridge between President Bill Clinton's proposal to invest part of the trust fund in stocks, and President George W. Bush's proposal to partially privatize Social Security. However, the plan does not include private accounts, a key feature in successful pension reforms implemented

mostly managed care plans and private insurers receive a fixed payment through Medicare to cover the medical expenses. This incentivizes doctors to serve their patients in the most efficient way possible.

Other proposals call for simply increasing premiums. Premiums for Medicare Part B (which covers outpatient care) currently only cover about 25 percent of the program's outlays. The CBO estimated that increasing the basic premium to cover 35 percent of the outlays would reduce the deficit by \$406 billion from 2023 to 2032.

Similarly, reforming cost sharing would reduce health-care overutilization and lower expenditures. Under the current system, Medicare patients face a high deductible when admitted to a hospital,

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Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Friday, May 26, the 146th day of 2023. There are 219 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: On May 26, 1972, President Richard M. Nixon and Soviet leader Leonid Brezhnev signed the Anti-Ballistic Missile Treaty in Moscow. (The U.S. withdrew from the treaty in 2002.)

On this date:

In 1864, President Abraham Lincoln signed a measure creating the Montana Territory.

In 1865, Confederate forces west of the Mississippi surrendered in New Orleans.

In 1938, the House Un-American Activities Committee was established by Congress.

In 1940, Operation Dynamo, the evacuation of some 338,000 Allied troops

from Dunkirk, France, began during World War II.

In 1954, explosions rocked the aircraft carrier USS Benning off Rhode Island, killing 103 sailors. (The initial blast was blamed on leaking catapult fluid ignited by the flames of a jet.)

In 1971, Don McLean recorded his song "American Pie" at The Record Plant in New York City (it was released the following

November by United Artists Records).

In 1981, 14 people were killed when a Marine jet crashed onto the flight deck of the aircraft carrier USS Nimitz off Florida.

In 2004, nearly a decade after the Oklahoma City bombing, Terry Nichols was found guilty of 161 state murder charges for helping carry out the attack. (Nichols later received 161 consecutive life sentences.)

Snubbed by my former pastor

Dear Annie: I'm potentially facing an aggressive and lethal type of cancer (esophageal), for which I'm being biopsied next week. I've known about this for just a few weeks. My former pastor and his wife were my friends, though there's been a noticeable distance in the last year. They helped me through my ex-hubby's death, as I'd been caregiving for him for years and sharing a home. Then they helped my close friend while she was dying of cancer.

Despite the year of much less contact, I still felt bonded to them and reached out to the pastor to help me with my illness and possible death. I wrote this plea for help on Facebook Messenger, and you can see when a person views a message. He saw it. He chose not to respond, which stunned and hurt me. I just wanted someone who knew me to be there for spiritual guidance in this most challenging time.

I racked my brain for why he and his wife have been distant when we had been tight. The wife was friends with me on Facebook, and I thought about what posts I made that they might take offense to. Then it hit me like a ton of bricks! The timeline of single-word responses from her to none at all was directly aligned with my coming out of the closet as a bisexual woman after hiding it until I was 56. While I see why a conservative pastor might have an issue with my sexuality, my heart can't understand how they could've liked me a lot before this announcement and then dropped me like a hot rock after, particularly in a situation like this.

I confronted the pastor about this revelation, and he didn't refute it. I'm angry that our congenial relationship has dissolved because I'm finally true to myself. I don't have time left to harbor resentment, but it's challenging! I don't want to be a hater, and I suppose that will keep me from acting like they are. I'm wondering if I should write them a letter to recount the blessings they bestowed on me when we were friends and let them know how painful it was to then be snubbed by them at my time of need, or just let it go. Now that I know they are so narrow-minded, I know

I'm not missing anything by their absence. — Flummoxed by the Leader of the Flock

Dear Flummoxed: I deeply admire your resilience, positive attitude and ability to see what's most important in this situation: your personal peace. Your Facebook message already fell upon deaf ears, and especially now that you know why, I vote you just let it go. Focus on yourself and your health. Lean on those in your circle who know, love and accept all of you. You said it best yourself; while it's no doubt disappointing to learn why your former friends have turned their backs on you, you can feel confident knowing you're not losing out from their lack of presence in your life.

Dear Annie: You gave a nice answer to "Undecided," the woman who did not know what to study in college. I'm a professional astronomer, which is also a tough field to work in as a professional. After teaching college for 18 years, I would add a little bit to your answer if it comes up again.

Yes, follow your passion. If you do, your life won't be "work"; it will be fun, stimulating and fulfilling. But it's always good to have a backup plan in case things don't work for one reason or another. That's why universities offer minors and double majors. I strongly encourage students to follow their passions but also to have something else in hand just in case things don't work out. Keep up the good work! — Astronomy Prof

Dear Astronomy Prof: Lovely advice! I heard from many readers encouraging "Undecided" to follow her dreams, but you're right that it is wise to be ready for any outcome. Hope for the best; prepare for the worst.

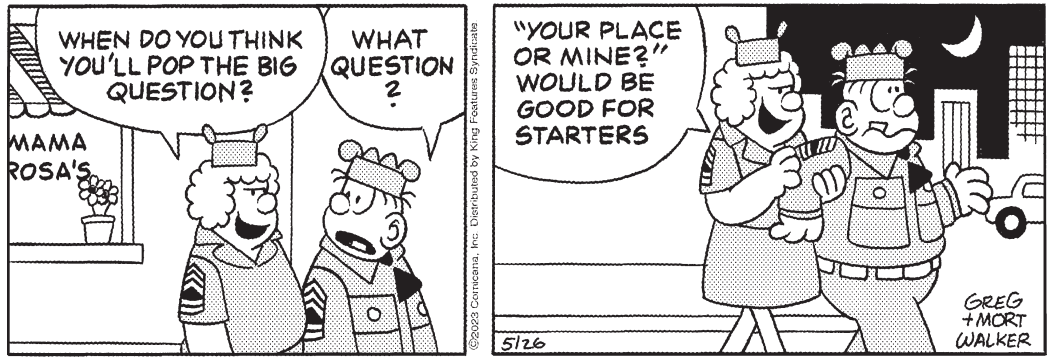
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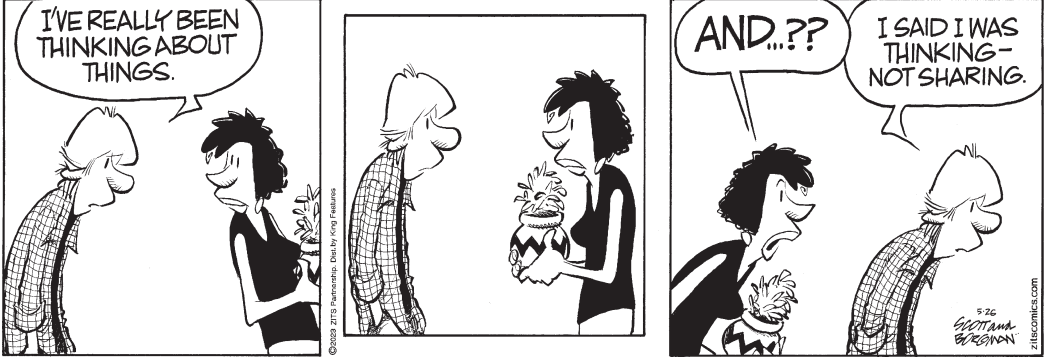
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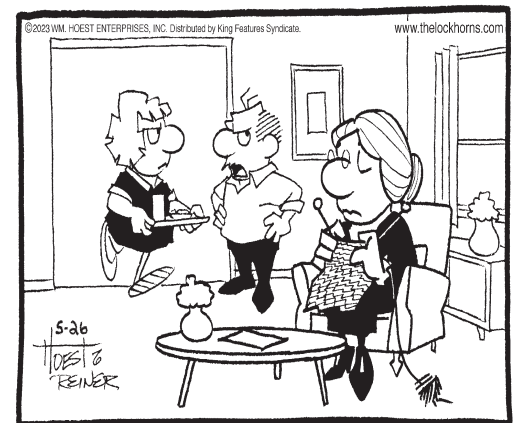
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My Answer

By Dr. Billy Graham



When worry is present, trust cannot crowd its way in

more will he look after you, O you of little faith?" (See Luke 12)

Two conflicting forces cannot exist in one human heart. When doubt reigns, faith cannot abide. Where hatred rules, love is crowded out. Where selfishness rules, love cannot dwell. When worry is present, trust cannot crowd its way in. The very best prescription for banishing worry is found in Psalm 37:5: "Commit your way to the Lord, trust also in Him."

The word commit means to turn over to, to entrust completely. Think of the things you do not worry about. Perhaps you never worry about whether you will be able to get water out of the faucet in your kitchen, or maybe

you do not worry about a tree falling on your house. Now ask yourself why you do not worry about such things. Is it because, in the case of running water, it's always there every time you want it, or that a tree has never fallen on your house before? Certainly breeds trust, doesn't it?

We can be just as certain and just as worry-free about God's love, protection, and provision because He has never gone back on a single one of His promises. He never changes. Great is His faithfulness.

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

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Q: By nature, I'm a worrier. It seems there's something new to worry about every day — like climate control, deadly viruses, whether I should take certain prescription drugs in order to look younger, etc. Now people are recommending stockpiling food. As a Christian, how can I keep from worrying about every potential disaster? — W.D.

A: The birds remind us that food should not be our chief concern and the lilies show us that worrying over appearance does not make us beautiful. Jesus reminded people that God clothes the grass in the field and asks, "How much

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Knights send four events to state meet

By RYAN WALKER

FORT WAYNE — Norwell is heading home with some state qualifiers.

The Knights entered the boys' track and field regional at Carroll High School, hopeful to at least get a few moving on to next week's state championships at Indiana University. By the end of the night, three athletes in four events will make the road trip.

"It's awesome," Norwell head coach Adam Prater said after the meet. "I mean, we're used to one of two. I don't know the last time we've had three on the guys' end, so it's nice."

Winston Frauhiger made it in the high jump at 6-5, placing second in the event, and was one inch short of Angola's Alex Meyer.

Trevon Stoppenhagen made it in with a second-place finish in the 200m dash with a time of 22.12 and as a callback in the 100m dash with a time of 10.93 in fourth-place. He was .03 seconds short of first in the 200m dash.

Finally, Jake Parker placed third in the 110m hurdles with a time of 14.79. Parker hit a personal record and crushed his seed time, which was set at 15.16.

The senior hurdler was happy that he got it out of the way, having some butterflies in the days before the big race.

"It was really good. I was really happy with my 110s and felt great to get it out of the way because I was pretty nervous about this all week. I was happy to advance."

For Frauhiger and Parker, this will be their second go-around at the state meet, but Stoppenhagen is going for the first time.

Coach Prater has seen a fire in the eyes of his sprinter, saying that he knew Stoppenhagen was on a mission to head to Bloomington the moment he stepped onto the track this year.

"For Trev, from day one of stepping foot on the track this year, it was I'm making it to the state," he said. "He made it to the indoor state and got to run with some fast guys, and he just knew. He knew he was going to get there. You could see it in his eyes. 'I'm going to get there.' And he put that work in, and that was the mindset all year for him."

From a team score standpoint, Norwell held its own with a sixth-place finish with 35 points. Churubusco was the winner with 55.

There were a few events from Norwell and one from Bluffton that nearly made the cut.

Tigers shot put thrower Johnny Cruz, the sectional champion last week at Marion, finished fourth with a throw of 50-10.25, less than an inch away from third place and a state qualification.

Tigers' Andrew Hunt also competed at the regional in the 110m and 300m hurdles, finishing outside of the time necessary to make it to the finals in the regional. Hunt ran his best time, according to head coach Brent Kunkel, and he was happy to see that.

Kunkel also said he was happy for both of his athletes representing Bluffton on Thursday but knows Cruz was a little disappointed considering the small margin away from the state meet.

"I'm happy for both Johnny and Andrew to get big meet experience," Kunkel said. "Andrew ran his best 110 hurdles time of the year. You can't ask much more than that. I thought he looked really clean and focused heading into his race. I think he learned a lot that will hopefully pay off for him heading into next season. Johnny would probably be the first to admit that he was a little disappointed with his performance tonight, obviously finishing fourth is not where he wanted to be, but he showed a ton of improvement over the course of the year. I expect big things from him over the course of his senior year."

Parker just missed going in the 300m hurdles with a time of 40.28, and discus thrower Kyle Zeddis placed sixth at 148-4.

The state finals will begin at 3 p.m. Friday, June 2, starting with the pole vault, long jump, and discus.

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Final individual results:

- Trevon Stoppenhagen finished fourth in the 200m with a time of 10.93 and second in the 200m with a time of 22.12.
- Jake Parker finished third in the 110m hurdles with a time of 14.79 and fourth in the 300m hurdles with a time of 40.28.
- Winston Frauhiger finished second in the high jump with a jump of 6-5.
- Johnny Cruz finished fourth in the shot put with a throw of 50-10.25.
- Kyle Zeddis finished sixth in the discus with a throw of 148-4.
- Norwell's 4x800m relay team of Bobby Kwandrans, Kyler Morris, Marin Melcher, and Kline Neuenschwander finished 13th with a time of 8:41.72.
- Zach Waldman finishes 11th in the 1600m with a time of 4:35.91.
- Norwell's 4x100m relay team of Timothy Bonjour, Brady Smith, Ryan Smith, and Alex Fojtik finished 16th with a time of 45.65.
- Cohen Bailey finished 14th in the long jump with a jump of 19-1.50.
- Andrew Hunt 13th in the 110m hurdles with a time of 16.02 and 14th in the 300m hurdles with a time of 42.51.



Norwell sprinter Trevon Stoppenhagen competes in the 100m dash in the boys' regional track meet at Carroll High School Thursday night. He finished fourth and received a callback to head to the state finals at Indiana University next week. (Photos by Ryan Walker)



Norwell's Jake Parker competes in the 110m hurdles, finishing third and qualifying for the state final.

Peru defeats Norwell in softball sectional championship game

By DAVE SCHULTZ

DECATUR — Early in the game, one team made the plays, and the other one didn't.

That pretty much summed up the difference as Peru defeated Norwell 12-4 in the championship game of the girls' softball Sectional 23 Thursday afternoon.

Peru jumped out to a 4-0 lead in the top of the second inning and owned a 10-0 lead in the middle of the fourth inning. Norwell fought back with three runs in the bottom of the fourth to keep the game from ending because of the 10-run mercy rule, but the Knights couldn't catch the Tigers.

Peru, now 9-11-1 on the season, got a commanding performance from pitcher Jaylah Harlan. She faced 10 batters during the first three innings as the Tigers' offense staked her to a big lead. Harlan finished with a complete game, allowing only four hits, striking out seven, and walking only one. Only two of the four runs Norwell scored were earned.

The Knights' pitchers struggled. The trio of Sami Lemler, Kara Brown, and Kayla Watkins were touched up for eight earned runs and nine hits, walking six while striking out three.

"We made some mistakes," Norwell head coach Kevin Baird admitted after the game. However, he said, it was a young group of Knights that took the field Thursday.

"We have a lot of things for them to build on — a new system, a lot of things we tried to accomplish as a team," Baird said.

It should be noted, he said, that Brown and Watkins were freshmen. If there's a bright spot to Thursday's game, it's that lessons — even hard lessons — learned in an eight-run defeat can teach some valuable lessons. He told his players that the season was not a disappointment.

"I think that we will grow from this," he said.

The Knights had 17 players on their tournament roster. Five of them — Emma Bailey, Elle Misch, Rachel Bauermeister, Tessa Garrett, and Delaney Cornett — were

seniors who played in their final game Thursday. The roster also included three juniors, five sophomores, and four freshmen.

Lemler, a junior, was the starting pitcher and gave up four runs in the second inning and left in favor of Brown with two outs in the third and Peru up 6-0. Brown walked a batter, but that turned into a caught-stealing play to get Norwell out of the inning and temporarily slow the Tigers' offense.

Brown didn't make it out of the fourth inning, however, as Peru batted around and boosted the margin to 10-0.

Norwell got on the board three times in the fourth inning, with Jordan Markley reaching on a leadoff double and Leah Werling reaching on a throwing error — an error that allowed Markley to score. Reese Frauhiger had an RBI double to left field to score Werling, and Bailey got down a bunt that allowed Frauhiger to score.

Peru added a run in the fifth inning and another in the seventh, both off of Watkins, to conclude its scoring. Norwell scored one in the bottom of the seventh as Madyson Sonnigsen reached on a bloop hit to right field and came around to score on a fielder's choice later in the inning.

Peru coach Mike Gapski said he told his team before the game that they had to make the routine plays — and, for the most part, they did.

"We said to make the routine plays, to make the easy plays — the hard ones are just extras," he said. "We just got them down quickly, and we stayed ahead."

And Gapski was enthused about Harlan's performance. Harlan "If there was an MVP of this tournament, it's definitely Jaylah Harlan," he said. "She definitely did it all."

Harlan and Kyannah Correll each had two hits for Peru, and Ellie Owens and Emily Ream each drove in two runs. Lemler had two of Norwell's four hits, and Markley and Frauhiger had one each.

Peru hosts the winner of the Delta sectional in regional play Tuesday.

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F1 drivers face new speed limits in double yellow flag zones to improve safety

MONACO (AP) — Formula One drivers will be bound by stricter speed limits while driving behind safety cars in double yellow flag zones in a bid to improve safety, governing body FIA said Wednesday.

The new measures apply to driving behind both safety cars and virtual safety cars being deployed and will begin at this weekend's Monaco Grand Prix. The decision was made following research and reviews of previous incidents and in consultation with the teams and drivers, FIA added in a statement.

Previously, drivers were required only to significantly reduce their speed and not overtake in zones where, for example, debris was blocking the track or where marshals were stood nearby.

"That requirement will become more precise and strictly enforceable, with drivers now being required to meet a set maximum speed limit in areas where double yellow flags are displayed," the FIA said.

The FIA's technical director Tim Goss said things will become easier on track for both drivers and track workers.

"What we want to do is to provide drivers with a tool to help them during incidents and to make races even safer," Goss said.

Drivers will not be taken by surprise since they will receive both visual and audible warnings when approaching a double yellow flag zone. Delta requirements will be reset to zero at the start of a double yellow flag zone, making it easier to follow the new speed limit.

The FIA did not say what the new speed limit will be but head of electronics Olivier Hulot is confident the new measures will work smoothly.

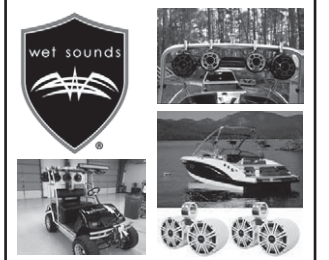
"We have already brought in a system of warnings for yellow and double yellow. The driver gets a warning in the marshalling sector ahead of the yellow or the double yellow," Hulot said. "For the FIA, safety is paramount and when there is a hazard on the track then we have to minimize the risks no matter what."

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High School Calendar

THURSDAY, MAY 25
BOYS GOLF: Bluffton, Norwell at Timber Ridge Golf Course, 4 p.m.; Delta at Southern Wells, 5 p.m.
SOFTBALL: Norwell vs. Peru at Bellmont, 5:30 p.m.
TRACK & FIELD (BOYS): (regional) Norwell, Bluffton at Carroll, 6 p.m.
FRIDAY, MAY 26
No events scheduled.
SATURDAY, MAY 27
BASEBALL: (sectional) Bluffton vs. Bishop Luers at Blackford HS, 1:30 p.m.; Norwell vs.

Peru at Oak Hill HS, 12 p.m.
MONDAY, MAY 29
No events scheduled.
TUESDAY, MAY 30
No events scheduled.
WEDNESDAY, MAY 31
BOYS GOLF: Bluffton at Southern Wells, 4:30 p.m.
THURSDAY, JUNE 1
No events scheduled.
FRIDAY, JUNE 2
TRACK & FIELD (boys): (state finals) Norwell at Indiana University, 3 p.m.

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An end of a great season

The Norwell girls' tennis team ended its season as a group Tuesday, falling to Concordia 4-1 in the regional semi-final. The No. 1 doubles team of Annabelle Johnson and Macy Felger won their match, moving on to the next round. The two fell just short to Leo in the sectional championship as individuals in three sets. The Knights this season on the court had another strong season, winning the Northeast 8 Conference championship, the sectional, all seven varsity players honored to all-conference teams, and an undefeated junior varsity season. (Photo by Chad Kline)

Faedo fans career-best 10, helps Tigers to a win over White Sox

By DAVE HOGG
Associated Press

DETROIT (AP) — Alex Faedo struck out a career-high 10 batters in six innings and the Detroit Tigers beat the Chicago White Sox 7-2 on Thursday night.

Faedo (1-2) has 22 strikeouts and one walk in four starts this season. The 27-year-old right-hander allowed two runs on three hits against the White Sox.

"He was incredible," Tigers manager A.J.

Hinch said. "He had a good fastball, a good slider and he mixed in some changeups late. He got into a lot of chase counts and attacked guys."

Lucas Giolito (3-4) matched a career-high with seven walks and was tagged for four runs in 3 2/3 innings. He allowed six hits, including a home run, and struck out four. He was also called for two pitch-clock violations.

In all, the White Sox walked 11 hitters, but failed to draw any themselves.

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Daily Three-MIDDAY — 03-07-00, SB:00
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Daily Four-MIDDAY — 08-09-02-00, SB: 00
Daily Four-Evening — 07-07-07-03, SB: 05
Quick Draw Evening — 03-04-05-08-12-14-15-18-19-27-33-36-38-41-49-61-67-67-68-73, BE: 14
Hoosier Lotto — Estimated jackpot (for Saturday): \$18.6 million
MEGA MILLIONS
Estimated jackpot (for Friday): \$169 million
POWERBALL
Estimated jackpot (for Saturday): \$211 million

Public Sale Calendar

MAY 27-JUNE 3 - (Online Only Auction) - Schwartz, seller. Great collection of vintage car parts, Ford tractor, dump trailer, Bobcat backhoe & tracts, tools, mower parts, collectibles, construction equipment, much more. Preview: May 31 from 4 p.m.-7 p.m., 1055 US Hwy. 27, Berne. Sale manager, Isaac Stoller, *The Steffen Group Inc.*, 260-824-3006.

BIDDING ENDS MAY 28 - (Online Only Auction) - Life estate of Dorothea Teagle, seller. Clean modern furniture, electric fireplace, Samsung flat screen TV, 1973 Gibson guitar, glassware, Craftsman riding lawn mower, tools, modern appliances, household, Trek tandem bicycle, much more. Pat Carter, sale manager, 260-273-8294, *The Steffen Group Inc.*, http://www.steffengrp.com.

MAY 28-JUNE 4 - (Online Only) - Leffers Family, seller's. Huge complete estate closeout. 2008 Ford F250 Lariat super duty pickup w/35,711 original miles, 2011 Kubota L5240 tractor w/cab, 2018 Diamond C tandem axle dump trailer, tandem axle implement trailer, 2014 Kubota RTV-X utility vehicle, small farm equipment, farm, mechanics and construction tools, Ottawa hit and miss engine, complete windmill, lawn and garden furniture and equipment. Preview: May 30, 4-6pm and June 1, 5-7pm, 12910 Tonkel Road, Fort Wayne. *The Steffen Group Inc.*, www.steffengrp.com, 260-824-3006.

JUNE 6 - 7 p.m. EST - Estate of Ida Hilty, Phillip Hilty, owner. 2499 S US Hwy. 27, Berne. Real estate auction! Modern Amish home with electricity, 3,056 sq. feet building, 1,200 sq. retail shop space w/bath, 1,800 sq. feet living area, 2 bedroom, 1 bath living space, 2+/- acres, 6" walls, beautiful hickory kitchen, built in 2019. Items selling following real estate: 10'x16' shed, propane heater, road sign, stove, refrigerator. *Krueckeberg Auction & Realty LLC*, kjauction.com, 260-724-7402.

BIDDING STARTS CLOSING JUNE 9 - 10 a.m. EST - Secured creditors and various consignors, owners. Online only truck & equipment auction! Offering 300+ lots! 2012-2014 Freightliner M2106 box trucks, dump trucks, day cabs, utility trucks, utility trailer.

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Texas attorney general faces impeachment vote after investigation

By ACACIA CORONADO and JAKE BLEIBERG Associated Press

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton teetered on the brink of impeachment Thursday after years of scandal, criminal charges and corruption accusations that the state's Republican majority had largely met with silence until now.

In an unanimous decision, a Republican-led House investigative committee that spent months quietly looking into Paxton recommended impeaching the state's top lawyer. The House could vote on the recommendation as soon as Friday. If it impeaches Paxton, he would be forced to leave office immediately.

The move sets up what could be a remarkably sudden downfall for one of the GOP's most prominent legal combatants, who in 2020 asked the U.S. Supreme Court to overturn Joe Biden's victory. Only two officials in Texas' nearly 200-year history have

been impeached.

Paxton has been under FBI investigation for years over accusations that he used his office to help a donor and was separately indicted on securities fraud charges in 2015, but has yet to stand trial.

When the five-member committee's investigation came to light Tuesday, Paxton suggested it was a political attack by the House's "liberal" Republican speaker, Dade Phelan. He called for Phelan's resignation and accused him of being drunk during a marathon session last Friday. Phelan's office has brushed off the accusation as Paxton attempting to "save face."

"It's a sad day for Texas as we witness the corrupt political establishment unite in this illegitimate attempt to overthrow the will of the people and disenfranchise the voters of our state," Paxton said in a statement Thursday, calling the committee's findings "hearsay and gossip, parroting long-disproven claims."

By moving against him,

Paxton said, "The RINOs in the Texas Legislature are now on the same side as Joe Biden."

Impeachment requires a majority vote of the state's usually 150-member House chamber, which Republicans now control 85-64, since a GOP representative resigned ahead of an expected vote to expel him over the finding that he had inappropriate sexual conduct with an intern.

It's unclear how many supporters Paxton may have in the House. Since the prospect of impeachment suddenly emerged Wednesday, none of Texas other top Republicans have voiced support for Paxton.

Investigative committee members, which include three Republicans and two Democrats, did not reveal details about the articles of impeachment when they voted to approve them in open session and a copy had not been made public by Thursday evening.

The timing of a vote by the House also is unclear. Rep. Andrew Murr, the

Republican chair of the investigative committee, said he did not have a timeline and Phelan's office declined to comment.

Unlike in Congress, impeachment in Texas requires immediate removal from office until a trial is held in the Senate. Republican Gov. Greg Abbott could appoint an interim replacement. Final removal would require two-thirds support in the Senate, where Paxton's wife's, Angela, is a member.

Paxton, 60, faces ouster at the hands of GOP lawmakers just seven months after easily winning a third term over challengers — among them George P. Bush — who had urged voters to reject a compromised incumbent but discovered that many didn't know about Paxton's litany of alleged misdeeds or dismissed the accusations as political attacks.

Even with Monday's end of the regular session approaching, state law allows the House to keep working on impeachment proceedings. It also could

call itself back into session later. The Senate has the same options.

In one sense, Paxton's political peril arrived with dizzying speed: The House committee investigation came to light Tuesday, followed the next day by an extraordinary public airing of alleged criminal acts he committed as one of Texas' most powerful figures.

But to Paxton's detractors, who now include a widening share of his own party in the Texas Capitol, the rebuke was years in the making.

In 2014, he admitted to violating Texas securities law over not registering as an investment advisor while soliciting clients. A year later, Paxton was indicted on felony securities charges by a grand jury in his hometown near Dallas, where he was accused of defrauding investors in a tech startup. He has pleaded not guilty to two felony counts that carry a potential sentence of five to 99 years in prison.

He opened a legal defense fund and accepted

\$100,000 from an executive whose company was under investigation by Paxton's office for Medicaid fraud. An additional \$50,000 was donated by an Arizona retiree whose son Paxton later hired to a high-ranking job but was soon fired after trying to make a point by displaying child pornography in a meeting.

What has unleashed the most serious risk to Paxton is his relationship with another wealthy donor, Austin real estate developer Nate Paul.

Several of Paxton's top aides in 2020 said they became concerned the attorney general was misusing the powers of his office to help Paul over unproven claims that an elaborate conspiracy to steal \$200 million of his properties was afoot. The FBI searched Paul's home in 2019 but he has not been charged and his attorneys have denied wrongdoing. Paxton also told staff members that he had an affair with a woman who, it later emerged, worked for Paul.

Lawmakers in several states push to loosen child labor laws

By HARM VENHUIZEN Associated Press/Report for America

MADISON, Wis. (AP) — Lawmakers in several states are embracing legislation to let children work in more hazardous occupations, for more hours on school nights and in expanded roles, including serving alcohol in bars and restaurants as young as 14.

The efforts to significantly roll back labor rules are largely led by Republican lawmakers to address worker shortages and, in some cases, run afoul of federal regulations.

Child welfare advocates worry the measures represent a coordinated push to scale back hard-won protections for minors.

"The consequences are potentially disastrous," said Reid Maki, director of the Child Labor Coalition, which advocates against exploitative labor policies. "You can't balance a perceived labor shortage on the backs of teen workers."

Lawmakers proposed loosening child labor laws in at least 10 states over the past two years, according to a report published last month by the left-leaning Economic Policy Institute. Some bills became law, while others were withdrawn or vetoed.

Legislators in Wisconsin, Ohio and Iowa are actively considering relaxing child labor laws to address worker shortages, which are driving up wages and contributing to inflation. Employers have struggled to fill open positions after a spike in retirements, deaths and illnesses from COVID-19, decreases in legal immigration and other factors.

The job market is one of the tightest since World War II, with the unemployment rate at 3.4 percent — the lowest in 54 years.

Bringing more children into the labor market is, of course, not the only way to solve the problem. Economists point to several other strategies the country can employ to alleviate the labor crunch without asking kids to work more hours or in dangerous settings.

The most obvious is allowing more legal immigration, which is politically divisive but has been a cornerstone of the country's ability to grow for years in the face of an aging population. Other strategies could include incentivizing older workers to delay retirement, expanding opportunities for formerly incarcerated people and making child-care more affordable, so that parents have greater flexibility

to work.

In Wisconsin, lawmakers are backing a proposal to allow 14-year-olds to serve alcohol in bars and restaurants. If it passed, Wisconsin would have the lowest such limit nationwide, according to the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism.

The Ohio Legislature is on track to pass a bill allowing students ages 14 and 15 to work until 9 p.m. during the school year with their parents' permission. That's later than federal law allows, so a companion measure asks the U.S. Congress to amend its own laws.

Under the federal Fair Labor Standards Act, students that age can only work until 7 p.m. during the school year. Congress passed the law in 1938 to stop children from being exposed to dangerous conditions and abusive practices in mines, factories, farms and street trades.

Republican Arkansas Gov. Sarah Huckabee Sanders signed a law in March eliminating permits that required employers to verify a child's age and a parent's consent. Without work permit requirements, companies caught violating child labor laws can more easily claim ignorance.

Supreme Court limits federal ability to police wetland pollution

By MARK SHERMAN and JESSICA GRESKO Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Supreme Court on Thursday sharply limited the federal government's authority to police water pollution into certain wetlands, the second decision in as many years in which a conservative majority narrowed the reach of environmental regulations.

The outcome could threaten efforts to control flooding on the Mississippi River and protect the Chesapeake Bay, among many projects, wrote Justice Brett Kavanaugh, breaking with the other five conservatives. Environmental advocates said the decision would strip protections from tens of millions of acres of wetlands.

The justices boosted property rights over concerns about clean water in a ruling in favor of an Idaho couple who sought to build a house near Priest Lake in the state's panhandle. Chantell and Michael Sackett objected when federal officials identified a soggy portion of the property as a wetlands that required them to get a permit before filling it with rocks and soil.

By a 5-4 vote, the court said in an opinion by Justice Samuel Alito that wetlands can only be regulated under the Clean Water Act if they have a "continuous surface connection" to larger, regu-

lated bodies of water. There is no such connection on the Sacketts' property.

President Joe Biden said the court's decision defies science and undermines a law that has been used for a half-century to make American waters cleaner.

"The Supreme Court's disappointing decision in Sackett v. EPA will take our country backwards. It puts our Nation's wetlands — and the rivers, streams, lakes, and ponds connected to them — at risk of pollution and destruction, jeopardizing the sources of clean water that millions of American families, farmers, and businesses rely on," Biden said in a statement.

The court jettisoned the 17-year-old opinion by their former colleague, Anthony Kennedy, allowing regulation of what can be discharged into wetlands that could affect the health of the larger waterways.

Kennedy's opinion covering wetlands that have a "significant nexus" to larger bodies of water had been the standard for evaluating whether permits were required for discharges under the 1972 landmark environmental law. Opponents had objected that the standard was vague and unworkable.

Reacting to the decision, Manish Bapna, the chief executive of the Natural Resources Defense Coun-

cil, called on Congress to amend the Clean Water Act to restore wetlands protections and on states to strengthen their own laws.

"The Supreme Court ripped the heart out of the law we depend on to protect American waters and wetlands. The majority chose to protect polluters at the expense of healthy wetlands and waterways. This decision will cause incalculable harm. Communities across the country will pay the price," Bapna said in a statement.

The outcome almost certainly will affect ongoing court battles over new water regulations, including for wetlands, that the Biden administration put in place in December. Two federal judges have temporarily blocked those rules from being enforced in 26 states.

Congress voted in March to overturn the administration's new water rule and, even though President Biden vetoed the measure, the prospect of legislative action to restore wetlands protections anytime soon is remote.

The head of the Environmental Protection Agency, Michael S. Regan, credited the Clean Water Act with leading to "transformational progress" in cleaning up the nation's waterways. "I am disappointed by today's Supreme Court decision that erodes longstanding clean water protections," Regan said in a statement.

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