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Budget experts recommend caution before tax overhaul

Indiana lawmakers hope to cut income tax, examining other taxes

By **LESLIE BONILLA MUÑIZ**
Indiana Capital Chronicle
Key Indiana Republicans heard tepid support on Friday for their hopes to cut or scrap the state's individual income tax. Witnesses instead encouraged greater focus on the property tax system and proactive avoidance of short-term budget shortfalls or structural deficits. "I wonder when we talk about eliminating that," former Sen.

Luke Kenley — a budget hawk — said of the individual income tax. "(It) is pretty fashionable because everybody's looking at ... Texas and Florida, which have some other forms of revenue. I wonder if that's really going to hold up." He spoke at the Interim State and Local Tax Review Task Force's second meeting, before former partners and proteges alike. "Alaska was the last state to eliminate its income tax. That was

back in 1980. I don't know if it's really applicable to Indiana," Josh Goodman — senior officer of the Pew Charitable Trust's state fiscal health project — told the task force. "That was because they have all this revenue from oil," he said, adding that non-income tax states generally have unique and large alternate revenue sources or have high sales taxes. An inflection point for Indiana

States' pandemic-era surpluses are dissipating, according to Goodman. Although Indiana is in a "better position than most states" financially, he cautioned that Hoosiers "aren't immune to challenges." If lawmakers seek impactful, long-term policy changes, they'll need to avoid both temporary budget shortfalls and extended structural deficits. Goodman recommended that Indiana experiment with budget stress tests, in which officials iden-

tify hypothetical budget-crunching scenarios, analyze their potential impacts and consider which financial tools could help close the theoretical gaps. Long-term budget assessments, he said, could also guide deeper shifts. Rhode Island has used such an approach to figure out what it could afford in tax cuts, while New Mexico began saving millions to head off expected drops in oil production, for example. Indiana is one of 30 states that
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Autumn comes to Wells County

Autumn is making an appearance on Wells County trees and fields, but summer weather continues to linger. For more weather see Page 2. (Photo by Carrie Penrod)



State panel meets to take on plunge in road revenue

Action likely won't happen until 2025 budget session

By **LESLIE BONILLA MUÑIZ**
Indiana Capital Chronicle

Indiana's road funding money comes largely from motor fuel taxes, and with that revenue expected to drop, lawmakers and transportation experts convened Thursday to figure out how to finance the state's future infrastructure needs.

The Indiana General Assembly slipped a three-year extension of an annual 1-cent tax hike into the state budget this year, but it's a stopgap during the hunt for a longer-term solution.

The Indiana Department of Transportation manages 29,800 lane miles of roadway and nearly 6,000 bridges. Of its state funding, 82 percent comes from fuel taxes. Local units of government cover an additional 190,000 lane miles and 13,000 bridges.

As more Hoosiers buy electric vehicles or more fuel-efficient gas-guzzlers, state leaders are expecting less in the bank — but it's unclear how much.

"You could ask 80 different people for a forecast and they would get back to you with probably 82 different answers," INDOT Chief Financial Officer Joe Gustin told the Funding Indiana's Roads for A Stronger Safer Tomorrow Task Force on Thursday.

INDOT projects that around the year 2038, about half of Indiana's registered vehicles will be electric — meaning a "billion-plus" loss in state revenues and drops in local revenues too, Gustin said.

Fuel consumption is expected to begin a long-term decline starting in 2025, according to Build Indiana Council Executive Director Brian Gould. His organization represents road and bridge builders.

And while plug-in electric vehicles use no gasoline and hybrid versions use little, even owners of traditional gas-powered vehicles are likely to need less gasoline in the future — and will therefore pay less in taxes.

That's because federal fuel efficiency standards set how far automakers must ensure their products can go per gallon of gasoline. And the National Highway Safety Transportation Administration is working on stricter standards for cars and pickup trucks made 2027–2032, and heavy-duty vehicles 2030–2035.

Gould said that update is expected to result in a 4 percent–5 percent reduction in gasoline consumption annually.

"So I will tell you: there is an Achilles heel with our infrastructure plan that we have in Indiana. It's that ... as we put more money into the system, it definitely became more reliable on the consumption of gasoline," Gould continued.

He said that reliance could "force our hand" in the next 5–10 years when it comes to road funding.

Some states have experimented with shifts from gasoline-based taxes to taxing based on vehicle miles traveled, but some witnesses pointed out concerns about data reliability.
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Jimmy Carter celebrates 99th birthday

By **BILL BARROW**
Associated Press

ATLANTA (AP) — Jimmy Carter has always been a man of discipline and habit. But the former president broke routine Sunday, putting off his practice of quietly watching church services online to instead celebrate his 99th birthday with his wife, Rosalynn, and their children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren in Plains.

The gathering took place in the same one-story structure where the Carters lived before he was first elected to the Georgia Senate in 1962. As tributes poured in from around the

world, it was an opportunity for Carter's family to honor his personal legacy.

"The remarkable piece to me and I think to my family is that while my grandparents have accomplished so much, they have really remained the same sort of South Georgia couple that lives in a 600-person village where they were born," said grandson Jason Carter, who chairs the board at The Carter Center, which his grandparents founded in 1982 after leaving the White House a year earlier.

Despite being global figures, the younger Carter said his grandparents

have always "made it easy for us, as a family, to be as normal as we can be."

At The Carter Center in Atlanta, meanwhile, 99 new American citizens, who came from 45 countries, took the oath of allegiance as part of a naturalization ceremony timed for the former president's birthday.

"This is so impressive, and I'm so happy for it to be here," said Tania Martinez after the ceremony. A 53-year-old nurse in Roswell, Martinez was born in Cuba and came to the U.S. from Ghana 12 years ago.

"Now, I will be free forever," she
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Biden: there's 'not much time' to keep aid flowing to Ukraine

Congress must 'stop the games'

By **KEVIN FREKING**
and COLLEEN LONG
Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Joe Biden said Sunday that American aid to Ukraine will keep flowing for now as he sought to reassure allies of continued U.S. financial support for the war effort. But time is running out, the president said in a warning to Congress.

"We cannot under any circumstances allow America's support for Ukraine to be interrupted," Biden said in remarks from the Roosevelt Room after Congress averted a government shutdown by passing a short-term funding package late Saturday that dropped assistance for Ukraine in the battle against Russia. "We have time, not much time, and there's an overwhelming sense

of urgency," he said, noting that the funding bill lasts only until mid-November. Biden urged Congress to negotiate an aid package as soon as possible.

"The vast majority of both parties — Democrats and Republicans, Senate and House — support helping Ukraine and the brutal aggression that is being thrust upon them by Russia," Biden said. "Stop playing games, get this done." But many lawmakers acknowl-

edge that winning approval for Ukraine assistance in Congress is growing more difficult as the war grinds on. Republican resistance to the aid has been gaining momentum and the next steps are ahead, given the resistance from the hard-right flank.

While Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer, D-N.Y., has begun a process to potentially consider legislation providing additional Ukraine aid, House Speaker Kevin

McCarthy, R-Calif., faces a more difficult task in keeping the commitment he made over the objections of nearly half of his GOP majority.

He told CBS' "Face on the Nation" that he supported "being able to make sure Ukraine has the weapons that they need," but that his priority was security at the U.S.-Mexico border.

"I firmly support the border first," he said. "So we've got to find
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Budget experts

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has conducted neither, although it does regularly release two-year projections. Goodman suggested extending those further out in time.

And he lauded Indiana's Legislative Services Agency for being a "leader" in tax incentive evaluation, and a "model for other states."

"The big question, because you aren't immune to challenges, is: what comes next?" Goodman asked. "And, what kind of long-term path are you on?"

Four state agencies also presented on the basics of Indiana's tax system and recent legislative history, geographic information systems in tax collection and more.

They were largely informational, leaving the analysis to lawmakers — and Kenley.

Former budget chief pushes for property tax pivot

Kenley, who served in Indiana's Senate for 25 years and chaired the chamber's appropriations committee for eight of them, asked lawmakers to "reform the reform" he helped lead in 2008 on property taxes.

"It's been 15 years now since we really reformed the system, put in the constitutional caps, and we're starting to leak," Kenley told the committee.

He held up broad bases, low rates and worthwhile proceeds as essential tenets of good tax systems. For Kenley, income taxes were "easiest" because those making money can hand some over.

"If you eliminate either the state or the local income tax ... when you hit the next recession, the first thing that's going to happen is they're going to reinstate — even on a temporary basis — an income tax, and it will probably have progressive rates to it," said Kenley, an ardent supporter of the current flat rate.

Property taxes, in contrast, consider value but not necessarily owners' ability to pay, Kenley asserted.

And he identified two other complications: local school operating referendum levies aren't necessarily working as intended, he said, and local units and their legal advisers have found "ways to play the system."

Until next time

Sen. Travis Holdman, who chairs

the interim committee, has repeatedly said that he's willing to consider every solution when it comes to Indiana's tax system.

Asked if he'd considered marijuana legalization and associated taxes as a potential backfill, he told reporters to observe a separate interim committee on commerce, but added. "Nothing's off the table."

But, he said, lawmakers should leave at least the local income tax alone, because the property tax caps prevent local units of government from using that revenue source to make up losses.

He expected further testimony on school operating referendums and levies.

The two-year task force meets next on October 20, and will feature speakers from several more national think tanks: the conservative-leaning Tax Foundation and the American Legislative Exchange Council, along with the liberal-leaning Institute on Taxation and Economic Policy and the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities.

Policy recommendations are due to the General Assembly ahead of the 2025 budget-writing session.

Road revenue

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ity, and public willingness to even share that data.

Inflation has already swelled transportation project costs far above their original budgets.

Indiana Metropolitan Planning Organization Council Deputy Director Pamela Drach said the organization had needed to borrow money recently from another MPO

to cover the costs of a project ballooned by inflation.

Drach said the organization might have to start doing projects in phases, which she said is less cost-effective overall.

INDOT also bemoaned the impacts of inflation, citing triple digit inflation rates for some types of steel, gas, diesel and more.

Though Thursday's

meeting was a scene-setter, full of details on the status quo, the task force must put together a report with recommendations by January.

Rep. Jim Pressel, who chairs the House's roads committee during the legislative session, said he wouldn't expect action this legislative session, however, because it's a short, non-

budget one.

Although alternative fuels and fuel efficiency standards loomed large over the meeting, Pressel urged a measured approach.

"I think we've got a little bit of time to make sure we get this right," he told reporters. "It's coming. I just don't think it's going to happen tomorrow."

Jimmy Carter

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said, tears welling.

Celebrating the longest-lived U.S. president this way was inconceivable not long ago. The Carters announced in February that their patriarch was forgoing further medical treatments and entering home hospice care after a series of hospitalizations. Yet Carter, who overcame cancer diagnosed at age 90 and learned to walk after having his hip replaced at age 94, defied all odds again.

"If Jimmy Carter were a tree, he'd be an towering, old Southern oak," said Donna Brazile, a former Democratic national chairperson and presidential campaign manager who got her start on Carter's campaigns. "He's as good as they come and tough as they come."

Jill Stuckey, a longtime Plains resident who visits the former first couple regularly, cautioned to "never underestimate Jimmy and Rosalynn Carter."

His latest resilience has allowed Carter a rare privilege even for presidents: He's been able to enjoy months of accolades typically reserved for when a former White House resident dies. The latest round includes a flood of messages from world leaders and pop culture figures donning "Jimmy Carter 99" hats, with many of them focusing on Carter's four decades of global humanitarian work after leaving the Oval Office.

Katie Couric, the first woman to anchor a U.S. television network's evening news broadcast, praised Carter in a social media video for his "relentless effort every day to make the world a

better place."

She pointed to Carter's work to eradicate Guinea worm disease and river blindness, while advocating for peace and democracy in scores of countries. She noted he has written 32 books and worked for decades with Habitat for Humanity building houses for low-income people.

"Oh, yeah, and you were governor of Georgia. And did I mention president of the United States?" she joked. "When are you going to stop slacking off?"

Bill Clinton, the 42nd president and first Democratic president after Carter's landslide defeat, showed no signs of the chilly relationship the two fellow Southerners once had.

"Jimmy! Happy birthday," Clinton said in his video message. "You only get to be 99 once. It's been a long, good ride, and we thank you for your service and your friendship and the enduring embodiment of the American dream."

Musician Peter Gabriel led concertgoers at Madison Square Garden in a rendition of "Happy Birthday," as did the Indigo Girls at a recent concert.

In Atlanta, the Carter Library & Museum and adjacent Carter Center held a weekend of events, including the citizenship ceremony. The museum offered 99-cent admission Saturday. The commemoration there was able to continue Sunday only because Congress came to an agreement to avoid a partial government shutdown at the start of the federal fiscal year, which coincides with Carter's birthday.

Jason Carter said his grandfather

has found it "gratifying" to see reassessments of his presidency. Carter's term often has been broad-brushed as a failure because of inflation, global fuel shortages and the holding of American hostages in Iran, a confluence that led to Republican Ronald Reagan's 1980 romp.

Yet Carter's focus on diplomacy, his emphasis on the environment before the climate crisis was widely acknowledged and his focus on efficient government — his presidency added a relative pittance to the national debt — have garnered second looks from historians.

Indeed, Carter's longevity offers a frame to illuminate both how much the world has changed over his lifetime while still recognizing that certain political and societal challenges endure.

The Carter Center's disease-eradication work occurs mostly in developing countries. But Jimmy and Rosalynn Carter were first exposed to river blindness growing up surrounded by the crushing poverty of the rural Deep South during the Great Depression.

The Center's global democracy advocacy has reached countries that were still part of various European empires when Carter was born in 1924 or were under heavy American influence in the decades after World War II. Yet in recent years, Carter has declared his own country to be more of an "oligarchy" than a well-functioning democracy. And the Center has since become involved in monitoring and tracking U.S. elections.

Aid to Ukraine

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a way that we can do this together."

By omitting additional Ukraine aid from the measure to keep the government running, McCarthy closed the door on a Senate package that would have funneled \$6 billion to Ukraine, roughly one-third of what has been requested by the White House. Both the House and Senate overwhelmingly approved the stopgap measure, with members of both parties abandoning the increased aid in favor of avoiding a costly government shutdown.

Now Biden is working to reassure U.S. allies that more money will be there for Ukraine.

"Look at me," he said turning his face to the cameras at the White House.

"We're going to get it done. I can't believe those who voted for supporting Ukraine — overwhelming majority in the House and Senate, Democrat and Republican — will for pure political reasons let more people die needlessly in Ukraine."

Foreign allies, though, were concerned. European Union foreign policy chief Josep Borrell said Sunday from Kyiv that he believed it wouldn't be the last word, but he noted the EU's continued substantial financial support for Ukraine and a new proposal on the table.

The latest actions in Congress signal a gradual shift in the unwavering support that the United States has so far pledged Ukraine in its fight against Russia, and it is one of the clearest examples yet of the Republican

Party's movement toward a more isolationist stance. The exclusion of the money for Ukraine came little more than a week after lawmakers met in the Capitol with Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy. He sought to assure them that his military was winning the war, but stressed that additional assistance would be crucial.

After that visit, Schumer said that one sentence summed up Zelenskyy's message in his meeting with the Senate: "If we don't get the aid, we will lose the war," Schumer said.

McCarthy, pressured by his right flank, has gone from saying "no blank checks" for Ukraine, with the focus being on accountability, to describing the Senate's approach as putting "Ukraine in front of America."

The next funding deadline, which comes during the U.S.-hosted meeting in San Francisco of Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation leaders, is likely to become a debate over border funding in exchange for additional Ukraine aid.

This was the scenario that Mitch McConnell, the Senate Republican leader who has championed Ukraine aid, was trying to avoid back in summer when he urged the White House team not to tangle the issue in the government shutdown debate, according to people familiar with his previously undisclosed conversations with the administration who spoke on condition of anonymity to discuss the private talks. Now, all sides are blaming the other for the failure, straining to devise a path forward.

Weather

Monday, October 02, 2023

(24-hour observations at 7:29 p.m. Sunday)

High: 81; Low: 51; Precipitation: None

Wabash River Level (at the Main Street bridge): 1.43 feet at 7:45 p.m. Sunday

Wells County forecast

Today: Patchy fog before 10 a.m. Otherwise, sunny, with a high near 84. Southeast wind around 5 mph becoming calm.

Tonight: Clear, with a low around 57. East wind around 5 mph.

Tuesday: Sunny, with a high near 84. South wind around 5 mph.

Tuesday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 60. South wind around 5 mph.

Wednesday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 84.

Wednesday Night: A 20 percent chance of showers after 2 a.m. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 63.

Thursday: Showers likely, with thunderstorms also possible after 2 p.m. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 72. Chance of precipitation is 60 percent.

Thursday Night: A chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 51. Chance of precipitation is 40 percent.

Friday: A slight chance of showers before 8 a.m., then a slight chance of showers after 2 p.m. Mostly sunny, with a high near 65. Chance of precipitation is 20 percent.

Friday Night: A 20 percent chance of showers. Partly cloudy, with a low around 42.

Saturday: A 20 percent chance of showers. Mostly sunny, with a high near 56.

Saturday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 38.

Sunday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 57.

Attempt to pass tanker may have led to deadly Illinois chemical crash

By JOHN O'CONNOR and COLLEEN SLEVIN
Associated Press

SPRINGFIELD, Ill. (AP) — The tanker truck crash in central Illinois that killed five people may have started when another vehicle tried to pass the chemical-laden truck, a federal transportation official said Sunday.

The tanker truck was carrying caustic anhydrous ammonia when it jackknifed Friday night, and hit a utility trailer parked just off the highway, according to Tom Chapman, a member of the National Transportation Safety Board. The tank carrying anhydrous ammonia hit the trailer hitch of the other vehicle, which punched a six-inch hole in the chemical container, Chapman said during news conference Sunday.

Chapman said the tanker truck's driver pulled to the right and ran off the road as it traveled west on U.S. 40 in Teutopolis, a small community about 110 miles northeast of St. Louis.

"It happened in a relatively short period of time," Chapman said. "This was a rapid sequence of events."

The accident occurred about 8:40 p.m. local time, Chapman said, revising the 9:25 p.m. time authorities originally gave. The crash spilled roughly half the truck's 7,500 gallon load. The rest was drained and moved to a "secure location" for the NTSB's investigation, authorities said late Saturday, as area residents were allowed to return to their homes after being evacuated.

Effingham County Coroner Kim Rhodes said the five dead included three from the same family: one adult and two children under 12. The other two were adult motorists from out of state, Rhodes said.

Additionally, five people were airlifted to hospitals, their conditions unknown.

Names of the victims were not released, nor would authorities discuss causes of death.

About 500 residents within a 1-mile radius of the crash site were evacuated after the accident, including northeastern parts of Teutopolis.

Emergency crews worked overnight after the accident on Friday trying to control the plume from the leak and struggled to get near the crash site. Private and federal environmental contractors were summoned to recommend a cleanup procedure in Teutopolis, a town of 1,600 people.

The accident caused "a large plume, cloud of anhydrous ammonia on the roadway that caused terribly dangerous air conditions in the northeast area of Teutopolis," Effingham County Sheriff Paul Kuhns said. "Because of these conditions, the emergency responders had to wait. They had to mitigate the conditions before they could really get to work on it, and it was a fairly large area."

Although not strong, crews working overnight struggled against shifting wind.

"The wind changed three or four different times on us," said Tim McMahon, chief of the Teutopolis Fire Protection District. "That's another reason we got crews out in different places, reporting back on which way the wind's going."

Traffic, including the tanker, was pushed onto U.S. 40, which bisects Teutopolis, earlier Friday because of another truck crash on Interstate 70.

Phillip Hartke, 75, who lives in Teutopolis but farms with his son outside of town, said U.S. 40 was jammed after the I-70 closure. Hartke finished harvesting corn about 9:30 p.m. Driving home, as he neared the center of town, he could smell anhydrous ammonia. When he reached U.S. 40, emergency vehicles swarmed the area.

"Firefighters advised us right there: 'Evacuate to the west,'" Hartke said.

Hartke estimated 85 percent of Teutopolis was subject to the evacuation. He and his wife were staying with his son. Such familial ties should serve most evacuees well.

"T-Town" is a tight-knit community," Hartke said. "Many people have sons and daughters, aunts and uncles within five or six miles of town."

Anhydrous ammonia is used by farmers to add nitrogen fertilizer to the soil and as a refrigerant in the cooling systems of large buildings such as warehouses and factories. According to the American Chemical Society, it is carried around the United States by pipeline, trucks and trains.

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OBITUARIES

Frank H. Osborn, 77

Frank H. Osborn, 77, of Fort Wayne, passed away Friday morning, Sept. 29, 2023, at Brookdale Senior Living Community in Fort Wayne.



Frank was born in Fort Wayne on Dec. 3, 1945, to John Howard and Leita A. (Smith) Osborn. Both parents preceded him in death.

Frank graduated from Lancaster Central High School in 1964 and later received his bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering from Purdue University. He worked as a mechanical engineer for International Harvester in Fort Wayne for 34 years, retiring in 2004.

Frank was a former member of Prospect United Methodist Church in Wells County. He was an avid Purdue basketball and football fan and was a member of the Purdue Alumni Association and John Purdue Club. His hobbies included gardening, playing tennis, bicycling on greenway trails, and playing checkers and chess. He enjoyed traveling, and especially enjoyed traveling to Arabian horse shows, as a member of a grooming team. He also was a car collector,



and even owned a DeLorean.

Survivors include three sisters, Lillian Krider of Fort Wayne, Rose Williams of Bluffton, and Glenna (Don) Raber of Fort Wayne; a long-time friend, Linda Bohn of Fort Wayne; along with several nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents, Frank was preceded in death by three brothers, Bernard Osborn, Herman Osborn, and Estal Osborn; and a sister, Ellen Armstrong.

Private family services are being held at Goodwin - Cale & Harnish Memorial Chapel, 3220 East State Road 124, Bluffton, IN, with Pastor Elisha Stuckey officiating. Burial will follow at Prospect Cemetery in Wells County. To view Frank's funeral service, a Facebook Live link will be posted at the top of Frank's obituary page at www.goodwincaleharnish.com on Tuesday evening.

Memorial contributions may be made to Prospect Cemetery Association, and can be mailed directly to the funeral home.

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

Laura L. Ray, 44

Laura L. Ray, 44, of Markle, passed away Friday evening, Sept. 29, 2023, at her residence, surrounded by her family.



She was born Dec. 20, 1978, in Marion, Ind. to James W. Lewis and Melanie Irwin. Laura was a 1997 graduate of Southern Wells High School and worked as a CNA for Heritage Pointe in Warren for many years. She graduated from Ivy Tech Community College in Fort Wayne in 2017 with her degree as a respiratory therapist and started working at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Laura was a talented artist and enjoyed painting and crafts. She was an amazing cook and was always looking for new recipes to try. Laura enjoyed music, traveling, gardening and enjoyed the flowers in her gardens!

On May 5, 2023, Laura and Courtney M. Bourne were married in Huntington.

Survivors include her spouse, Courtney of Markle; and her former husband/best friend and devoted caregiver, Aaron M. Ray of Huntington. She is also survived by

her sister, Kathryn (Jonah) Siegel of Indianapolis; and her stepfather, James (Jennifer) Boots of Upland.

Laura is a huge animal lover and is survived by her two dogs, Stewie and Ivy; and four cats, Fern, Blanche, Charlie, and Artie.

She is preceded in death by her parents.

Funeral services will take place at 7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 5, 2023, at the Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home in Bluffton. Visitation will be held from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. Thursday, at the funeral home, prior to the service.

A private family burial will take place at Mossburg Cemetery in Liberty Center, Indiana.

Memorial may be made in Laura's memory to the Friends of the Wells County Animal Shelter and can be directed to the funeral home.

Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the care of the Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home in Bluffton. Friends can send online condolences to the family at www.thomarich.com.

Ashley Marie Traynor, 27

Ashley Marie Traynor, 27, of Bluffton died Monday afternoon, Sept. 25, 2023, at her residence.

She was born Nov. 11, 1995, in Fort Wayne, to Walter Dever and Amy Foster. She was raised by her grandmother, Julie Perry, from a very young age.

On Feb. 20, 2016, in Bluffton, Ashley and Aaron C. Traynor were married.

Survivors include her husband Aaron Traynor of Bluffton; and 2 children, Mason Alexander Traynor and Morgan Amaretto

Trayner, both of Bluffton; along her father, Walter Dever of Fort Wayne; mother, Amy Foster of Fort Wayne; and her grandmother, Julie (John) Perry of Fort Wayne; along with extended family.

A Celebration of Life Service will take place at 7 p.m. Friday, Oct. 6, 2023, at the Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home in Bluffton with Father David Violi officiating.

Friends can visit with the family on Friday, from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m., prior to the service.

Shatterproof, a national nonprofit organization dedicated to ending addiction, to launch Treatment Atlas. Indiana's participation is funded by the Indiana Family and Social Services Administration's Division of Mental Health and Addiction.

The dashboard allows individuals seeking treatment for substance use disorders to search for and compare participating programs using criteria such as location, services offered, populations served and insurance accepted so they can make an informed decision.

It lists all 605 addiction treatment facilities certified by the state and measures addiction treatment facilities' use of evidence-based practices.

Hoosiers can take an anonymous 10-question Addiction Treatment Needs Assessment to help identify and understand the level of care they need.

Wells Court Docket

Wells Superior Court Criminal Cases

Stephanie Lynn Jarrett, 29, Bluffton, was ordered to serve 365 days in the Indiana Department of Corrections with all but 68 days suspended and 297 days of probation. Jarrett pled guilty to one count of domestic battery, a Level 6 felony. She received 68 days of jail time towards her sentence. Jarrett is also required to pay court costs and filing fees in the amount of \$239.

Marcus Kristofer Bishop, 31, Ossian, was sentenced to 730 days in the Indiana Department of Corrections with all but 228 days suspended and 502 days of probation. The sentence was issued after Bishop pled guilty to two counts of battery against a public official, a Level 6 felony. As part of the plea agreement, charges for strangulation, resisting law enforcement, battery, criminal mischief, and disorderly conduct were dismissed.

Victor Waters, 57, Toledo, Ohio, was sentenced to 1,095 days in the Indiana Department of Correc-

tions will all but 30 days suspended and 730 days of probation. The sentence was issued after Waters pled guilty to operating a vehicle while intoxicated — endangering a person, a Class A misdemeanor and admission to being a habitual vehicular substance offender (HVSO). Waters was also given time served towards his sentence, leaving 26 days left to execute.

Alyssa Sue Hartman, 26, Fort Wayne, appeared in the Wells Superior Court for a dispositional hearing. Hartman was ordered to serve 60 days of her previously suspended sentence after she admitted to violating the terms of her probation. In February of last year, Hartman pled guilty to possession of a narcotic drug, a Level 6 felony, and was sentenced to 730 days with all but 162 days suspended and 568 days of probation. After she serves the 60 days of her suspended sentence, probation will terminate for Hartman.

Brook Leann Jupin, 46, admitted to violating the terms of her probation during her dispositional hear-

ing on Friday. She was terminated from probation as a result. In July of last year, Jupin was sentenced to 730 days at the Indiana Department of Corrections with all time suspended for two separate Level 6 felonies. One charge was for theft and another for failure to appear. She was also ordered to serve 731 days of probation. Jupin has an additional pending case for possession of cocaine, a Level 6 felony, resisting law enforcement, and unlawful use of a police radio, both criminal misdemeanors.

Wells Circuit Court Criminal Cases

Quinten P. Byrd, 34, Bluffton, was sentenced to 1,095 days in the Indiana Department of Corrections after he pled guilty to battery resulting in bodily injury to a pregnant woman, a Level 5 felony. Byrd received 58 days of jail credit towards his sentence.

According to a probable cause affidavit, the charge was filed after Byrd strangled and abused a woman during an argument with her over his sleeping position relative to that of a baby they have in common.

Brock Meyer named executive director of Youth for Christ

BIGJAWs Youth for Christ is pleased to announce that Brock Meyer has been selected to serve as the chapter's next Executive Director.



Brock Meyer

Cory M. Powell, chairman of BIGJAWs' board of directors, said, "Getting to know Brock and his family over the last several weeks has been a gift. I'm excited to have a front-row seat to see what God will do in the lives of our youth through Brock and the rest of the amazing BIGJAWs team."

Previously, Meyer was director of employee engagement with TLC Management, where he founded the Chaplain program and served TLC's 3,000 plus employees in its skilled nursing, assisted living, and independent living facilities. Brock has also served as the Lead Pastor at Fairmount Friends Church since 2012.

When asked about his new role, Brock said, "Youth For Christ is a min-

istry with a long legacy. And our local chapter of BIGJAWs is loaded with excellent leaders. I look forward to learning from and leaning into them as we reach a hurting world for Christ."

Brock and his wife Alissa come with over 20 years of ministry experience. Their three children, Judah, Roni, and Nora, are excited about what God is going to do through Youth For Christ.

BIGJAWs YFC operates in Blackford, Grant, Jay, Adams, and Wells counties with the goal of reaching every one of the 12,500 young people in the area with the hope of Christ. BIGJAWs works with local churches and other like-minded partners to raise up lifelong followers of Jesus who lead by their godliness in lifestyle, devotion to the Word of God and prayer, passion for sharing the love of Christ, and commitment to social involvement.

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sion of AWAKENING the gospel within middle and high school students in your community, visit bigjawsyfc.org or call (260) 824-1330.

Financial Focus

What should you ask a financial advisor?

Investing can be challenging, so it may be a good idea to work with a financial advisor — but how can you choose the right one? You'll need to ask some questions of any advisor you're considering.

For starters, ask if a prospective financial advisor has experience working with people who are similar to you in terms of income, assets and family situations.

Next, ask how an advisor will communicate with you. Will they have annual or semi-annual reviews? Can you contact them with questions at any time?

Here's another question: How does a financial advisor define success? You'll want to work with someone who views success as the ability to help you meet your important goals, such as a comfortable retirement.

Finally, ask how an advisor is compensated. Different advisors may work on fees, commissions or a combination of both. You should know which method is used, right from the beginning of your relationship.

When you're trusting someone to help you with your important financial goals, you want to be completely comfortable with that individual — so ask all the questions you want.

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Governor unveils new site to help Hoosiers find addiction treatment

By NIKI KELLY
Indiana Capital Chronicle

Hoosiers struggling with substance use disorder will now be able to use a free, confidential, first-of-its-kind tool to find appropriate addiction treatment services in Indiana.

Gov. Eric Holcomb on Friday announced the launch of Shatterproof Treatment Atlas at an event celebrating the end of National Recovery Month.

"Hoosiers with substance use disorder deserve timely access to quality care as soon as they're ready to accept help," he said. "Treatment Atlas puts recovery within immediate reach, giving Hoosiers and their loved ones a trusted resource to find evidence-based, high-quality treatment that meets their unique needs, anywhere in the state."

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Metric, schmetric: Still, it makes sense

The metric system makes sense. It's probably the wave of the future for those of us who live in the United States of America, something we've been hearing for years. It's logical and it eventually becomes understandable the more it's used.

In the short term, however, I found that it can drive me nuts.

Geography lesson: I recently traveled by car from Detroit, Mich., to Buffalo, N.Y. The most direct route between those two cities involves international travel — across a portion of southern Canada, in fact.

"Make sure you bring your passport, Dad," my daughter told me.

So we made the midweek trek a few weeks ago, and it was "Fun With Math" time for most of the trip.

Most of you know that Canada uses the metric system. It's a system of weights and measurements, one of two in common usage around the world. The other one, much less popular on the world stage, is the imperial system. It used to be known as the English system, but the United Kingdom, for the last 28 years, has flip-flopped to primarily using the metric system.

The metric system uses terms such as kilometers for distances, meters and centimeters and even millimeters for smaller measurements, and liters for volume. Temperatures are measured in degrees Celsius.

There's also the matter of weights. There are kilograms, and grams, and milligrams.

The beauty of all of this is that it can be instantly translated to easily understood decimal points. Ten centimeters equals a meter. One thousand meters equals a kilometer. Therefore, a centimeter is 0.1 of a meter. A meter is .001 of a kilometer.

This is counterbalanced in American culture as we use inches, miles, and gallons. Temperatures are in Fahrenheit. That system uses much more unwieldy numbers for conversion such as 3, 12, 5,280, and 212 degrees.

We Americans are somewhat familiar with the metric system, but only in limited uses. Track and field competitions no longer run the 100-yard dash but the 100-meter dash. There's the 400-meter relay. Instead of the two-mile run, there's the 3,200-meter run. Recreational runs, such as those sponsored by non-profit organizations and the Parks Department, are measured as 5-kilometer or 10-kilometer distances.

Drugs, legal and not, are often measured by the metric system. I take several medications (legal) for my various ailments, and they're usually measured in milligrams, or MG, as they say on the pill bottles.

For illicit substances, the measurements are usually in grams as well. The laws on cocaine and methamphetamines, for instance, draw a bright line at 3 grams. If you possess less than that, it's a Class D felony. If it's more than that, it's a Class C felony. Three grams, by the way, is just over an ounce (imperial). It's not much.

Anyway, back to the metric system, which has limited use in this nation but is widely accepted elsewhere, such as Canada.

As we were driving through The True North Strong and Free, we're reading speed limit signs of 90 kph. I'm turning mental gymnastics. Five kilometers, I know, equals 3.1 miles. Therefore — and while I was figuring this out, I ran out of fingers to count on — we were doing about 56 miles per hour.

We stayed overnight in London, Ontario. As we're having breakfast in the hotel's lobby, the weather guy on TV had a smile on his face as he told us that the current temperature was 11 degrees Celsius to an expected high of 20 degrees. Linda Kay and I got out our smartphones this time and converted everything to Fahrenheit. That more-understandable range was 51 to 68 degrees. We could live with that. I mean, we were in Canada and we knew that we were in the northern climes, but still — 11 degrees?

I'm definitely of two minds about this.

First, certainly, the United States of America *should* move to the metric system. We *should* be citizens of the world. I understand that the currently *en vogue* phrase is "America First," but let us not think that we can't do our best to fit in. Adopting the metric system would be a step in the right direction. I understand that, and I agree with it.

On the other hand, I plead for an exception. Taking baby steps into my eighth decade of life, I am having and will continue to have a hard time adjusting to this degree of change. Much as in all things computer related, I am an analog native trying to make a go of it in a digital world. I have turned much of that transition over to the younger generation. If the conversion to metric follows the same path, my youngest son will be the captain of the ship as I navigate the transition. His son, my grandson, is almost three years old. He'll probably be the first mate on that ship.

The Associated Press, among others, has been setting the course. When the AP has written about a location, they put the standard for the location in the story and then make a parenthetical note about the "other" system — for instance, a U.S. story might say that Bluffton is approximately 25 miles (40 kilometers) south of Fort Wayne. I'd take out the kilometers reference. Why? Because few of us around here use it.

I now apologize for that removal.

Nevertheless, for all of its superiority, the metric system mystifies me. A day and a night in Canada underscored that.

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Dave Schultz



Trump is laying it all on the table

As things stand today, former President Donald J. Trump is the prohibitive favorite to win his third Republican presidential nomination next year. He leads the Real Clear Politics national polling composite by a resounding and unprecedented 53%. He leads Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis by 33% in Iowa and Nikki Haley by 31% in New Hampshire.

Despite accumulating 91 criminal charges in four jurisdictions, Trump's polling numbers among Republican voters are actually going up.

And he is picking up steam. Indiana's U.S. Sen. Mike Braun endorsed him last week, saying: "Don-

ald Trump is a businessman and outsider. Together we took on the Washington swamp with a historic victory in the 2018 Indiana Senate race. We installed constitutional conservatives on the Supreme Court who have protected the unborn and our 2nd Amendment rights, and we disrupted the cozy, self-serving Washington elites who are bankrupting our country. I give Donald Trump my endorsement for President of the United States."

Bankrupting the country?

The national debt increased \$7.8 trillion during President Trump's four years in office to \$28 trillion, amounting to \$23,500 in new federal debt for every American.

On Sept. 24, Trump urged congressional Republicans to shut the government down this weekend. "The Republicans lost big on Debt Ceiling, got NOTHING, and now are worried they will be BLAMED for the Budget Shutdown," Trump said. "WRONG!!! Whoever is President will be blamed. Unless you get everything, shut it down."

For 35 days in late 2018 and 2019 when Trump was in the White House and Republicans held congressional majorities, Republicans shut the federal government down over a \$5.7 billion impasse on funding for the Mexican border wall, something Trump had repeatedly insisted that Mexico would pay for.

A 2019 CBS News poll found that 71% of Americans considered the border wall "not worth the shutdown" and a Washington Post/ABC News poll found that 53% of Americans blamed Trump and Republicans.

In 2013, the congressional Republican majority forced a 16-day government shutdown under President Barack Obama. According to a Washington Post/ABC News poll conducted several months afterward, 81% of Americans disapproved of the shutdown and 53% held Republicans in Congress accountable.

That ill-fated shutdown prompted then-U.S. Rep. Marlin Stutzman of Indiana to tell the Washington Examiner, "We're not going to be disrespected. We have to get something out of this. And I don't know what that even is."

We all know what happened afterward: Republicans lost the White House and U.S. Senate in 2020.

Conservative commentator Hugh Hewitt writes in his Washington Post column, "I'm tempted to call

what's happening a 'Seinfeld shutdown' because it's a shutdown about nothing ... other than some politicians' wretched self-interest."

A few days after Braun's endorsement of the former president, Trump on Truth Social suggested that Gen. Mark Milley, the outgoing chair of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, should be executed. He cited Milley's phone call to reassure China in the aftermath of the Jan. 6 insurrection as "an act so egregious that, in times gone by, the punishment would have been DEATH."

Actually, Milley had two calls to Chinese Gen. Li Zuoqiang, the last one two days after the attempted U.S. coup d'état that President Trump instigated. Milley's call on Jan. 8, 2021, was conducted with the knowledge of then-Chief of Staff Mark Meadows, Secretary of State Mike Pompeo, Defense Secretary Mark Esper, and acting Defense Secretary Christopher Miller, according to Politico.

"My task at that time was to de-escalate," Milley told the Senate Armed Services Committee hearing of the calls that were revealed in Bob Woodward and Bob Costa's book "Peril." Milley told senators that the "specific purpose" of his phone calls to Li "was generated by concerning intelligence which caused us to believe the Chinese were worried about an attack by the U.S."

Milley told CBS "60 Minutes" in an interview airing Sunday, "As much as these comments are directed at me, it's also directed at the institution of the military. And there is 2.1 million of us in uniform. And the American people can take it to the bank, that all of us, every single one of us from private to general, are loyal to that Constitution and will never turn our back on it no matter what."

Last weekend, Trump called for the investigation of NBC and affiliates for treason. "They are almost all dishonest and corrupt, but Comcast, with its one-side and vicious coverage by NBC NEWS, and in particular MSNBC, often and correctly referred to as MSDNC (Democrat National Committee!), should be investigated for its Country Threatening Treason," Trump wrote. "They are a true threat to Democracy and are, in fact, THE ENEMY OF THE PEOPLE!"

MSNBC "Mornin' Joe" host Joe Scarborough accused Trump of extending "an invitation for his people to step up and assassinate" leaders like Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell and Milley. "That's not a dog whistle," Scarborough said. "That is an invitation. Just like 'come on Jan. 6, it's going to be wild.'"

Donald J. Trump is openly conveying to his supporters — and all of us — what his intentions will be if he is returned to the White House in 2024.

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Brian Howey

Politicking

Our new Black Republican leaders

Recently I wrote about Mesha Mainor, who represents a deep blue district in Atlanta in the Georgia state legislature, announcing that she is switching parties and becoming a Republican.

Mainor specifically noted her frustration with the Democratic Party in its opposition to improving education through parental choice and ongoing Democratic weakness in building strong law enforcement. I cannot claim a new wave of Black Democrats like Mainor becoming Republicans. But there is certainly a trend.

We now have a meaningful new announcement from Dallas Mayor Eric Johnson that he is switching parties and becoming a Republican.

Johnson was elected mayor in Dallas in 2019 and recently won reelection, running unopposed and capturing 98.7% of the vote. He is enormously popular because his leadership has been enormously successful.

In a column in The Wall Street Journal, in which Johnson discusses his party change, he ticks off the success he has had in reducing violent crime and in creating a business-friendly Dallas with tax cuts and a family-friendly environment through infrastructure.

In a recent Gallup poll, which Johnson cites, Dallas was rated by those polled as the safest city in the country in which to live or visit. Seventy-four percent rated Dallas safe. It's said that there are two kinds



Star Parker

of people: those who want to be someone and those that want to do something. Politics too often attracts the former. However, those who make a better world are those of the latter variety — those selflessly looking for truth and how to make things better. Eric Johnson is clearly someone driven to make things better.

When he writes "American cities need Republicans — and Republicans need American cities," it is not because he sees a more promising career path for himself in the Republican Party. It's because he truly believes that America's cities need mayors "to champion law and order and practice fiscal conservatism."

If we want to see an example of the opposite of what Eric Johnson and Dallas' citizens have achieved, look no further than Chicago. Earlier this year, Chicago Mayor Lori Lightfoot, who served from 2019 to 2022, became the first Chicago mayor in 40 years not to get reelected. Over this period, serious crime in Chicago increased 33%.

Lightfoot's rejection seemed like the lights were going on among Chicago voters that the progressive agenda is not going to solve their horrible crime problem.

Paul Vallas, a conservative Democrat running on law and order and strengthening police enforcement, finished first in the February mayor election in which Lightfoot finished third. However, with no candidate

capturing a majority, the election moved to a runoff, and progressive Brandon Johnson, who finished 11 points behind Vallas in the first round, edged him out 52.2%-47.8% in the runoff.

Johnson brought in socialist Sen. Bernie Sanders and successfully peddled the same failed progressive message to Black and Hispanic voters in Chicago. In the same Gallup poll in which Dallas was selected as the safest city in America, Chicago came in next to last, with only 27% saying that Chicago is safe.

For sure, Chicago voters bought more of the same and will get more of the same failures.

Last year, Whole Foods closed its store in the Englewood neighborhood of Chicago and Walmart has closed four stores. All because of crime.

What is Mayor Brandon Johnson's solution? Government-run grocery stores.

"The city of Chicago is reimagining the role government can play in our lives by exploring a public option for grocery stores," said a spokesperson for Chicago's Economic Security Project.

For sure this is an idea destined for failure.

Citizens of all ethnicities in Chicago deserve leadership that they will not get from their Black Democrat mayor that Dallas is getting from their Black Republican mayor. Safe and prosperous communities. Limited government, individual freedom, rule of law and traditional family values. Conservatism is the answer.

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Norwell Internship Spotlight award Hannah Shane

Senior Hannah Shane has been selected to receive the Norwell Internship Spotlight award. Hannah is doing her experience in the Norwell High School technology department with her mentor Mr. Thomas Wolf. She is the daughter of Michael and Michelle Shane of Ossian.

Observing Mr. Wolf early in the semester has allowed Hannah to help troubleshoot various technology issues incurred

by teachers and students. These challenges are seen with smartboards, computers, monitors, and iPads. Teachers can fill out tickets that explain their technology needs. Students will come to the technology help-desk to get their issues solved.

Upon graduation, Hannah plans to attend Huntington University to study computer science. Her ultimate career goal is to work with cyber security.



Hannah Shane

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The Creative Arts Theater will present “The Legend of Sleepy Hollow” Oct. 27 and 28 in the auditorium at 428 S. Oak St. Three performances are scheduled, at 7 p.m. Friday, Oct. 27, at 3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 28 and 7 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 28. Tickets are \$15 per adult and \$10 for 12 and under. Tickets can be purchased online at https://www.wellscocreativearts.com/the-legend-of-sleepy-hollowtickets-reservations

CREATIVE ARTS THEATER Auditions for ‘White Christmas’

Auditions for “White Christmas” will be held at 6 p.m. Friday, Oct. 6, and at 9 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 7, at Creative Arts, 428 S Oak St. in Bluffton. Pre-register your audition spot at: https://www.wellscocreativearts.com/holiday-production.

Please plan to be there on your registered audition spot (or top of each hour) and be prepared to read and to sing. Enter door 10 and follow the signs. Ages 12 and up are welcomed.

Performance dates are Dec. 7-9.

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CREATIVE ARTS COUNCIL OF WELLS COUNTY

Church. All forms of creativity are welcome — painting, drawing, needlework, and more. Spend the morning working on your craft and socialize with other artists. Enter Door 1 or Door 10. The Creative Crew meets in the café.

Readers’ Brown Bag Luncheon: Meeting the last Tuesday of the month at noon at Life Community Church; enter Door 10. All readers are welcome. Call the CAC office for more information.

Important Scheduling Note: Changes can occur after the Creative Happenings column has been published. Please confirm dates and times before planning to participate in programs and activities.

Creative Arts Council activities are supported by memberships, sponsors and grants from funders including Arts United, a regional agency; the Indiana Arts Commission, a state agency; and the National Endowment for the Arts, a national agency.

by Melba Edwards

Zanesville News

What a busy September this has been. It seems that we just get done with one thing and the next day we need to start preparing for another!

I do not have anything special to report about town news except that our three new signs are up with one to go. Thanks to all those involved in the placing of them and we hope they will still be in good shape for our 200 anniversary in 2248. Just think that is not too long to look forward to for many of you who live in Zanesville now!

I will accept any names that are willing to become the sort of historical committee for Zanesville and are willing to work on different town activities. We would be glad to include you as a member of the Zanesville Lions Club. You need not live in town to join. We meet on the second Monday of the month in the fall and winter and have no meetings unless called in the summer as we are busy with the park then. The dues for the club are \$60 per year for individuals and \$90 for couples. Your dues makes you a member of Lions International. You can look us

up on the internet to see all the good we do all over the world. (You need not join the Lions Club to help with the historical committee.) Call me at 638-4327.

Things still going on: Apple dumplings are still available from the Lions Club.

Commemorative 175 year buttons are still available for \$2 each.

I have a few Zanesville History Books 1976 ready to sell for the price it takes to print them of \$20 each.

Things to mark on your calendar:

Zanesville Lions Halloween Party Monday, Oct. 30.

Zanesville Lions Community Christmas Party and Lighting Contest judging Monday evening, Dec. 18.

Zanesville Lions partici-

pation in the Wonderland of Lights at Ouabache Park every evening in December. (Will need help with setting this up.)

There is a single white Egret now making its home at the McBride pond south of Zanesville. This is the first time in all my life I have seen this as the only ones I have seen are on the wetlands as we go to Fort Wayne on 69.

I am now looking forward to a grandson’s wedding in Franklin before I begin the month of October!

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Editor’s note: This is being reprinted to include the time.



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Gaetz says he will seek to oust McCarthy as speaker this week

BY KEVIN FREKING
Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Rep. Matt Gaetz said Sunday he will try to remove House Speaker Kevin McCarthy, a fellow Republican, from his leadership position this week after McCarthy relied on Democratic support to pass legislation that avoided a government shutdown. "Bring it on," McCarthy responded.

Gaetz, a longtime McCarthy nemesis, said in broadcast interviews that McCarthy was in "brazen, material breach" of agreements he made with House Republicans in January when he ran for speaker. As a result, Gaetz said he would be filing a "motion to vacate the chair," as House rules permit.

McCarthy's response: "So be it. Bring it on. Let's get over with it and let's start governing."

No speaker has ever been removed from office through such a move. Procedural votes could be offered to halt the motion or it could trigger a House floor vote on whether McCarthy, R-Calif., should remain speaker.

"I think we need to rip off the Band-Aid," said Gaetz, R-Fla. "I think we need to move on with new leadership that can be trustworthy."

Republicans just ended a tumultuous week in which Congress flirted with a government closure and the majority party in the House could not even pass its own bill in an effort to avoid a shutdown. Many GOP lawmakers complained the House waited too long to take up annual spending bills, squandering an opportunity to force the Senate to negotiate on spending and policy priorities.

McCarthy has consistently worked to placate the conservative wing of his conference during his nearly nine months on the job. Last month, he launched an impeachment inquiry into President Joe Biden without a House vote, though the speaker had in the past said the failure to have such a vote created a process devoid of legitimacy. McCarthy also has pushed spending levels for next year that are far below the caps he agreed to with Biden on a deal to extend the nation's debt ceiling so that the government could pay its bills.

On Friday, he brought a short-term plan to fund the government that would enact steep spending cuts of nearly 30 percent for many agencies and strict border security provisions. But that was deemed insufficient by some Republicans, and 21 joined with every Demo-

crat in voting against the package. McCarthy pivoted on Saturday to a bill that would draw Democratic support. It keeps agencies funded at current levels into mid-November and provides \$16 billion in disaster relief for states and communities dealing with hurricanes and other natural disasters. Democrats jumped at the chance to keep the government open and both chambers passed the bill by overwhelming margins.

Gaetz had threatened to file his ouster motion if McCarthy worked with Democrats and he said the spending package blew past spending guardrails that McCarthy had agreed to previously.

McCarthy has the support of a large majority of House Republicans, but because the GOP holds such a slim 221-212 majority, he may need votes from some Democrats to keep his job. When asked how many Republicans he had on board, Gaetz said he had enough to ensure that if McCarthy retains the speakership he would "be serving at the pleasure of the Democrats."

"The only way Kevin McCarthy is speaker of the House at the end of this coming week is if Democrats bail him out," Gaetz said.

Democratic Rep. Alexandria

Ocasio-Cortez of New York said she would vote to oust McCarthy as speaker if such a vote occurs, calling him a "weak speaker" who had "lost control of his caucus." But she also left open the opportunity for negotiations, saying that if there is Democratic support for McCarthy, it would come at a price.

"You don't just vote for a Republican speaker for nothing. That's not what we were elected here to do," Ocasio-Cortez said.

Biden declined to weigh in when asked if Democrats should help McCarthy keep his job.

"I don't have a vote on that matter," Biden said at the White House on Sunday. "I'll leave that to the leadership in the House and the Senate."

Gaetz's tactics have generated considerable scorn from many House Republicans. Rep. Mike Lawler, R-N.Y., spoke of Gaetz's "diatribe of delusional thinking" and said Gaetz was acting for "personal, political reasons." McCarthy made a similar accusation, saying that Gaetz was "more interested in securing TV interviews than doing something."

Still, McCarthy is unpopular with some within his party. That was on display in January when it took 15 rounds of voting to gain

the support he needed within his conference to become speaker.

The rules of the House allow for any single lawmaker — Democrat or Republican — to make a "motion to vacate the chair," essentially an attempt to oust the speaker from that leadership post through a privileged resolution.

In January, as he ran for speaker, McCarthy agreed to give as few as five Republican members the ability to initiate a vote to remove him. But when that was not good enough for his critics, he reduced that threshold to one — the system that historically has been the norm.

Proponents of allowing a lone lawmaker to file the motion said it promotes accountability, noting its long history in the House. The last use of the motion was in 2015, when then-Rep. Mark Meadows of North Carolina, a Republican who later became President Donald Trump's White House chief of staff, introduced a resolution to declare the speaker's office vacant. Two months later, Boehner, R-Ohio, said he would be stepping down.

McCarthy expressed optimism Sunday that Gaetz would fail and said that Gaetz has been after him since he ran for speaker.

"Yes, I'll survive," McCarthy said.

Turkey strikes suspected Kurdish militant targets in northern Iraq

ANKARA, Turkey (AP) — Turkish warplanes carried out airstrikes on suspected Kurdish militant targets in northern Iraq on Sunday following a suicide attack on a government building in the Turkish capital, Turkey's defense ministry announced.

Some 20 targets of the Kurdistan Workers' Party, or PKK, were "destroyed" in the latest aerial operation, including caves, shelters and depots, the ministry said, adding that a large number of PKK operatives were "neutralized" in the strikes.

Earlier on Sunday, a suicide bomber detonated an explosive device near an entrance of the Interior Ministry, wounding two police officers. A second assailant was killed in a shootout with police.

The PKK, which main-

tains bases in northern Iraq, claimed responsibility for the suicide bombing, according to a news agency close to the rebel group. Turkey's Interior Ministry also identified one of the assailants as a member of the outlawed group. It said efforts were still underway to identify the second attacker.

The attack happened hours before Turkey's Parliament reopened after its three-month summer recess with an address by President Recep Tayyip Erdogan.

The two assailants arrived at the scene inside a light commercial vehicle, which they seized from a veterinarian in the central province of Kayseri, according to the Interior Ministry. The pro-government daily Sabah reported that they shot the man in the head and threw

his body into a ditch by the side of the road. They then drove the vehicle to Ankara, roughly 200 miles away.

"Our heroic police officers, through their intuition, resisted the terrorists as soon as they got out of the vehicle," Interior Minister Ali Yerlikaya told reporters. "One of them blew himself up, while the other one was shot in the head before he had a chance to blow himself up."

"Our fight against terrorism, their collaborators, the (drug) dealers, gangs and organized crime organizations will continue with determination," he said.

Police found plastic explosives, hand grenades and a rocket launcher at the scene, a ministry statement said.

Erdogan gave his speech

in Parliament as planned and called the attack "the last stand of terrorism."

"The scoundrels who targeted the peace and security of the citizens could not achieve their goals and they never will," he said.

The president reiterated his government's aim to create a 20 mile safe zone along Turkey's border with Syria to secure its southern border from attacks.

Turkey has conducted numerous cross-border offensives against the PKK in northern Iraq. It has also launched incursions into northern Syria since 2016 to drive away the Islamic State group and a Kurdish militia group, known by the initials YPG, and controls swaths of territory in the area.

Turkey views the YPG as an extension of the PKK,

which is listed as a terror group by Turkey, the United States and the European Union. The PKK has waged an insurgency against Turkey since 1984. Tens of thousands of people have died in the conflict.

Last year, a bomb blast in a bustling pedestrian street in Istanbul left six people dead, including two children. More

than 80 others were wounded. Turkey blamed the attack on the PKK and the YPG.

Security camera footage on Sunday showed the vehicle stopping in front of the Interior Ministry, with a man exiting it and rushing toward the entrance of the building before blowing himself up. A second man is seen following him.

Chicago is keeping hundreds of migrants at airports while waiting on shelters and tents

CHICAGO (AP) — Hidden behind a heavy black curtain in one of the nation's busiest airports is Chicago's unsettling response to a growing population of asylum-seekers arriving by plane.

Hundreds of migrants, from babies to the elderly, live inside a shuttle bus center at O'Hare International Airport's Terminal 1. They sleep on cardboard pads on the floor and share airport bathrooms. A private firm monitors their movements.

Like New York and other cities, Chicago has struggled to house asylum-seekers, slowly moving people out of temporary spaces and into shelters and, in the near future, tents. But Chicago's use of airports is unusual, having been rejected elsewhere, and highlights the city's haphazard response to the crisis. The practice also has raised concerns about safety and the treatment of people fleeing violence and poverty.

Some migrants stay at O'Hare for weeks, then are moved to police stations or manage to get into the few shelters available. Within weeks, Chicago plans to roll out winterized tents, something New York has done.

Up to 500 people have lived at O'Hare simultaneously in a space far smaller than a city block, shrouded by a curtain fastened shut with staples. Their movements are monitored by a

private company whose staff control who enters and exits the curtain.

Sickness spreads quickly. The staffing company provides limited first aid and calls ambulances. A volunteer team of doctors visited once over the summer and their supplies were decimated.

Chicago offers meals, but only at specific times and many foods are unfamiliar to the new arrivals. While migrants closer to Chicago's core have access to a strong network of volunteers, food and clothing donations at O'Hare are limited, due to airport security concerns.

Most of the 14,000 immigrants who have arrived in Chicago during the last year have come from Texas, largely under the direction of Republican Gov. Greg Abbott.

As more migrants arrived, the city's existing services were strained. Officials struggled to find longer-term housing solutions while saying the city needed more help from the state and federal governments. Brandon Johnson took office in May and has proposed tents. Many migrants are from Venezuela, where a political, social and economic crisis in the past decade has pushed millions of people into poverty. At least 7.3 million have left, with many risking an often-harrowing route to the United States.

Maria Daniela Sanchez

Valera, 26, who passed through Panama's dangerous, jungle-clad Darien Gap with her 2-year-old daughter, arrived at O'Hare days ago. She fled her native Venezuela five years ago for Peru, where her daughter was born. After her daughter's father was killed, she left.

"We come here with the intention of working, not with the intention of being given everything," she said. A recent Biden Administration plan to offer temporary legal status status, and the ability to work, to Venezuelans doesn't apply to her because she arrived after the deadline.

She tries to keep the toddler entertained with walks around the terminal. On a recent day, a staff member told Valera to make her daughter stop running or else they would be kicked out. The company, Favorite Healthcare Staffing, said employees treat new arrivals with respect and it would investigate further.

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Norwell won its first sectional championship in boys' tennis since 2016, marking a seven-year drought in a 3-2 victory over Bluffton Saturday afternoon. The Knights did so on their home court. (Photo by Ryan Walker)

Norwell brings home 1st boys' tennis sectional title since 2016

By RYAN WALKER

Norwell finally got it done. The Knights captured their first sectional championship since 2016 in a 3-2 effort over county rival on Bluffton Saturday afternoon.

The first three matches to be completed all went in favor of Norwell to lock up the title without any drama.

Grant Mishler won over Anthony Hartman at No. 1 singles, Bodie Zimmer won over Nolan Lambert at No. 2 singles, and Jaden Payne and Jake Hoover won over Kade Abbott and Ben Maggard at No. 2 doubles.

Over the past seven years, Huntington North has been a thorn in the side of the rest of the sectional field with a strong program. This year, the Vikings switched to Marion's region, leaving the door wide-open.

The win was especially sweet for alumni and head coach Noah Tobias, who spent four seasons as a player from the 2012-13 season to 2015-16, and is now in his

fourth year as head coach.

Since the last sectional was in the fall of his graduating year, this was his first taste on top of the sectional in his tenure.

"First time in seven years," Tobias said with a crowd of players and their families behind him, taking pictures with the trophy and celebrating. "(I) Never got the opportunity to do it as a player, but it feels really good to do it as a coach."

The next steps for Norwell will be in the regional semifinal against the No. 8 ranked Homestead Spartans at Peru High School. The match will be on Tuesday at 5:15 p.m.

The Spartans will be a tall task for the Knights to beat, but Tobias wants his group to leave it all on the table.

"We literally have nothing to lose," Tobias said. "We just need to go out there. We need to give ourselves a chance because as soon as you walk onto that court,

we have a chance. I mean, we just have to believe that."

The Knights skipper admired his team's fight to win the first three matches, but, was complimentary of the opposing Tigers, who picked up wins in the last two matches.

The Tigers lost 4-1 just three weeks ago to the Knights, winning with Jacob Ribich at No. 3 singles and nearly winning at No. 2 doubles.

This time around, Coy Lantz and Dane Schlagenhauf got the better of Eddie Archbold and Ayden Quintanilla at No. 2 doubles. Ribich secured another win over Gavin Reynolds at No. 3 singles.

"A couple of our guys had a couple of really tough matches in Bluffton," Tobias said. "I mean, they got a lot better from the first time we played them this year to now., and I mean, kudos to them."

"We made them earn it," Bluffton head coach Robert Vanderkolk said. "(Norwell's) believed that

they won the sectional title. My guys gave them everything they got. They made them earn it. That's what I talked about last night; even if we're going to go down, we're going to go down swinging."

The Tigers didn't have the fairytale ending with an upset over the Knights, but it did set the tone for what's to come for next year and beyond.

Vanderkolk had some figuring out to do, as last year's team graduated seven players on the varsity team and left nobody. The coach went through many lineup changes trying to piece together a puzzle by the end of the season without a home match due to the courts getting redone.

All things considered, the Tigers took home their second conference crown in a row by way of a tiebreaker over Jay County. The team went from question marks all over the court to the ACAC and giving Norwell a run

for its money.

"We shouldn't have the success that we have this year, and that's me being a pessimist," Vanderkolk said. "If you'd have told me on August 1 we're going to lose three to the sectional championship, I would have laughed. I said there's absolutely no way we just don't. We don't have the guys yet."

Now that the Tigers have seen a glimpse of what it could be, Vanderkolk isn't holding back on any early-season predictions. A growing program will return every player on varsity and junior varsity, and some, including upcoming freshmen.

"I've got my top 18 coming back, plus some eighth-graders are chomping at the bit to get after it," Vanderkolk said. "Some people are going to give me crap for this. I don't care. This is my style. It's been my style for 20 years. You're interviewing next year's sectional champion coach."

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Tigers win Bluffton XC Invitational led by Godwin, Johns, Baumgartner 1-3

Bluffton hosted its first annual Bluffton XC Invitational on Saturday, and the boys ended up on top.

The Tigers were led by Tyler Godwin, Levi Johns, and Jude Baumgartner, who placed 1-3 individually.

In the first-place effort, Bluffton scored 31 points, while Heritage took second with 56 points.

Southern Wells ran as well, finishing fifth with 96 points.

In the girls' race, Bluffton placed fifth, and Southern Wells ran with an incomplete score with four runners.

Individual placers

Bluffton

Boys: Tyler Godwin finished in first place with a time of 16:38.3, Levi Johns second (16:58.6), Jude Baumgartner third (17:22.5), Ayden Teeple 11th (18:06.9), Aidan Graves 14th (18:16.3), Ryan Schlagenhauf 24th (18:48.2), Jackson Rockwell 25th (18:50.1), Brett Kuhlbeck 26th (18:53.7), Griffin Linderwell 33rd (19:22.5), Rhett Gerber 41st (19:37.4), Elliott Brown 43rd (19:45.0), Manning Nash 47th (20:13.6), Maksym Vaishevkin 52nd (21:07.9), Owen Left 53rd (21:15.2), Matthew Tierney 54th (21:31.1), Clayton Brubaker 55th (21:59.0), and Dalton Rodgers 62nd (25:15.8).

Girls: Dakota Lee finished in 15th place with a time of 23:00.3, Reagan Harris 24th (24:17.3), Amarah Robles 29th (24:57.1), Kierstynn Reed 31st (25:32.5), Lucia Corkwell 32nd (25:39.8), Alydia Bertsch 38th (29:04.6), and Sophia Mayne 39th (29:50.4).

Southern Wells

Boys: Andrew Aker finished in first place with a time of 17:40.7, Jarin Frauhiger 13th (18:10.6), Kelton Barr 20th (18:37.8), Colter Kiel 23rd (18:46.1), Miles Garrett 35th (19:30.3), Peyton Ellis 39th (19:33.5), Dalton Stephan 40th (19:35.4), Kane Jenkins 44th (20:00.1), Aiden Carroll 51st (20:48.0), Braden Yencer 58th (23:22.0), and Perrin Gates 60th (23:51.0).

Girls: Alexis Leidig finished in 25th place with a time of 24:23.4, Chanie Mounsey 36th (28:00.6), Ella Lahr 37th (28:13.0), and Shaylynn Geesman 40th (30:11.0).

Team results

Boys: Bluffton came in first with a team score of 31 points, Heritage second (56), Hamilton Heights third (73), South Adams fourth (91), Southern Wells fifth (96), Woodlan sixth (145), and Tippecanoe Valley seventh (203).

Girls: Hamilton Heights finished first with a team score of 27, South Adams second (58), Tuooecanoe Valley third (82), Woodlan fourth (88), Bluffton fifth (109), Heritage and Southern Wells incomplete.

The next meet for both the Tigers and Raiders will be at the ACAC meet at Bluffton High School, starting at 11 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 7.



Bluffton runners Tyler Godwin (left), Jude Baumgartner (middle), and Levi Johns (right) lead the Tigers to the first win in Bluffton Invitational history Saturday morning. The three finished 1-3 in the race as individuals. (Photo by Jessica Bricker)

Sports Roundup

IHSAA volleyball pairings released

The IHSAA released its pairings for the 2023 volleyball state tournament Sunday night.

Below are the results. Times and dates are according to MaxPreps.

3A (Norwell)

Norwell (15-9) vs. Peru (4-17-1), 6 p.m. Oct. 12.

The Knights and Tigers did not play during the regular season. Other quarterfinal matchups include Mississinewa and No. 1 Belmont and Maconaquah and Northwestern. Oak Hill received the lone bye.

2A (Bluffton)

Bluffton (9-18) vs. Whitko (14-11), 7:30 p.m. Oct. 12.

The Tigers and Wildcats didn't play during the regular season. The winner will play No. 5 South Adams in the semifinal. Other quarterfinal matchups

include Winchester Community vs. Muncie Burris, Lapel, and Wapahani. West Del received the lone bye and will play the winner between Lapel and Wapahani.

1A (Southwood)

Southern Wells (0-20) vs. Lakeland Christian (7-9), 7 p.m. Oct. 12.

The Raiders face the Cougars in the regular just one day after the pairings were released. The winner will face Northfield in the semifinal. The other side features No. 4, Southwood, and Caston.

Tigers drop 2 at Jay County v-ball Invite

Bluffton fell in both games at the Jay County volleyball Invitational on Saturday.

The Tigers lost to Marion and Wabash, falling to 9-18 on the season.

The Tigers lost in three sets to Marion (25-21, 25-13, 25-12) and in three

sets to Wabash (25-21, 25-13, 25-12).

Stat leaders for the day were Maryn Schreiber with 28 kills and 11 blocks, Haley Gibson with seven aces and 48 assists, and Marly Drayer with 47 digs.

The junior varsity team fell at Adams Central, South Adams, and Heritage and defeated Southern Wells.

Bluffton will head to Norwell at 7:00 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 2.

Knight boys place 4th, girls 5th at NE8 XC meet

Norwell competed at the Northeast 8 Conference meet at Columbia City High School Saturday morning.

Results were not sent or available online.

The boys finished fourth, while the girls finished fifth.

Norwell will be at the Delta Eagle Invite at Taylor University starting at 8:30 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 7.

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Miami	3	1	0	.750	150	119
N.Y. Jets	1	3	0	.333	65	84
New England	1	3	0	.250	55	97
South						
W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA	
Houston	2	2	0	.500	96	79
Indianapolis	2	2	0	.500	97	99
Jacksonville	2	2	0	.500	80	82
Tennessee	2	2	0	.500	72	70
North						
W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA	
Baltimore	3	1	0	.750	99	58
Cleveland	2	2	0	.500	76	60
Pittsburgh	2	2	0	.500	62	100
Cincinnati	1	3	0	.250	49	94
West						
W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA	
Kansas City	3	1	0	.667	101	60
L.A. Chargers	2	2	0	.500	110	104
Denver	1	3	0	.250	100	150
Las Vegas	1	3	0	.250	62	101
NATIONAL CONFERENCE						
East						
W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA	
Philadelphia	4	0	0	1.000	118	90
Dallas	3	1	0	.750	124	41
Washington	2	2	0	.500	89	120
N.Y. Giants	1	2	0	.333	43	98
South						
W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA	
Tampa Bay	3	1	0	.750	84	68
Atlanta	2	2	0	.500	62	77
New Orleans	2	2	0	.500	62	76
Carolina	0	4	0	.000	67	102
North						
W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA	
Detroit	3	1	0	.750	106	83
Green Bay	2	2	0	.500	100	96
Minnesota	1	3	0	.250	90	95
Chicago	0	4	0	.000	75	137
West						
W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA	
San Francisco	4	0	0	1.000	125	58
Seattle	2	1	0	.667	87	88
L.A. Rams	2	2	0	.500	98	85
Arizona	1	3	0	.250	88	102

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Sunday's Games

Jacksonville 23, Atlanta 7, London, GBR
 Baltimore 28, Cleveland 3
 Buffalo 48, Miami 20
 Denver 31, Chicago 28
 Houston 30, Pittsburgh 6
 L.A. Rams 29, Indianapolis 23, OT
 Minnesota 21, Carolina 13
 Philadelphia 34, Washington 31, OT
 Tampa Bay 26, New Orleans 9
 Tennessee 27, Cincinnati 3
 L.A. Chargers 24, Las Vegas 17
 Dallas 38, New England 3
 San Francisco 35, Arizona 16
 Kansas City 23, N.Y. Jets 20
Monday's Games
 Seattle at N.Y. Giants, 8:15 p.m.
Thursday, Oct. 5
 Chicago at Washington, 8:15 p.m.
Sunday, Oct. 8
 Jacksonville vs Buffalo at London, GBR, 9:30 a.m.
 Baltimore at Pittsburgh, 1 p.m.
 Carolina at Detroit, 1 p.m.
 Houston at Atlanta, 1 p.m.
 N.Y. Giants at Miami, 1 p.m.
 New Orleans at New England, 1 p.m.
 Tennessee at Indianapolis, 1 p.m.
 Cincinnati at Arizona, 4:05 p.m.
 Philadelphia at L.A. Rams, 4:05 p.m.
P.m.
 Kansas City at Minnesota, 4:25 p.m.
 N.Y. Jets at Denver, 4:25 p.m.
 Dallas at San Francisco, 8:20 p.m.
 Open: Cleveland, L.A. Chargers, Seattle, Tampa Bay
Monday, Oct. 9
 Green Bay at Las Vegas, 8:15 p.m.

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Richardson takes significant step forward in Colts' OT loss to Rams

By MICHAEL MAROT
 AP Sports Writer

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Having Anthony Richardson in the starting lineup was a welcome sight for the Indianapolis Colts.

Seeing him finish a game for the first time was nice, too.

Yet it was what Richardson showed between introductions and postgame handshakes Sunday that provided the most promising signs yet of what the Colts have in their 21-year-old rookie quarterback.

He comfortably navigated a 23-point rally that eventually fell short. Still, it was progress.

"I think with a young player, you're learning things and you're seeing new looks and different things," Colts coach Shane Steichen said after Indy's 29-23 overtime loss to the Los Angeles Rams. "But once he gets rolling, he gets rolling."

And when he plays his game, he's tough to defend.

Richardson is off to a better start than some expected.

The critics looked at 13 career college starts, a less than stellar completion percentage at Florida, his unique athletic gifts and tabbed Richardson as someone who needed to add some polish to his unvarnished talent to be a success.

So far, he appears to be playing better than the numbers suggest. He was 11 of 25 with 200 yards and two TD passes Sunday while rushing 10 times for 56 yards and another score.

The Colts, like everyone else in the AFC South, are 2-2.

Richardson already has one head-to-head win over Houston quarterback C.J. Stroud, who was taken No. 2 overall, and the fourth overall pick already is demonstrating the difficulty in game-planning for a 6-foot-4, 244-pound quarterback capable of making all the throws and all the runs, even when it seems he's buried.

Los Angeles (2-2) learned that lesson the hard way Sunday.

While Colts fans roared each time Richardson slid or ran out of bounds, avoiding the kind of hit that sent him into the concussion protocol at Houston and kept him out of last week's victory in Baltimore, not much went right for Richardson & Co. over the first 2 1/2 quarters.

The Rams scored touchdowns on their first two possessions, field goals on their next two and didn't punt until nearly midway through the fourth quarter.

Indy's offense also was stuck in neutral, missing its only scoring chance when Matt Gay pushed a 46-yard field goal wide right late in the first half.

And yet, Richardson simply changed everything after three good runs by Zack Moss. Richardson threw a perfect pass to Mo Alie-Cox, who barreled in for a 35-yard score, and then hooked up with Moss for the 2-point conversion. Two series later, it was a 36-yard dart to Alec Pierce and a personal foul call that set up Richardson's 1-yard TD run to make it 23-15.

He's the first quarterback of the Super Bowl era to have a rushing score in his first three games, the first ever with four TDs during that same span and the first quarterback in Colts history to ever run for a TD in three consecutive games.

"We stopped shooting ourselves in the foot with penalties and we started working the offense the way we thought we should have been doing in the first half," Richardson said, describing what changed. "We're focusing on each and every play, and in the first half we didn't do that."

Richardson wasn't finished. When Indy got the ball back with 7:28 to go, Richardson calmly led the Colts down the field against three-time AP Defensive Player of the Year Aaron Donald and eventually hooked up with Drew Ogletree for a 5-yard score and Michael Pittman Jr. for the tying conversion with 1:56 left in regulation.

No, Richardson couldn't close out the victory — throwing three straight incompletions and taking only 23 seconds off the clock when Indy got the ball back with 1:32 to go. And he only touched the ball one more time, a kneel down on the final play of regulation.

But it was good enough to give everyone a glimpse of how much progress he's already made.

"We just didn't kind of click on certain plays when we were in that last two-minute drive," Richardson said, referring to the next to last possession. "Partially it was on me, just getting too excited trying to win the game. You learn from it and hopefully we can get the next one."

High School Calendar

MONDAY, OCT 2
 VOLLEYBALL: Bluffton at Norwell, 7:30 p.m.; Southern Wells at Lakeland Christian, 7:30 p.m.
TUESDAY, OCT 3
 BOYS SOCCER: (sectional at Woodlan) Norwell vs. Heritage, 5 p.m.
 GIRLS SOCCER: (sectional) Woodlan at Norwell, 5 p.m.



Bluffton XC Invite champs

The Southern Wells girls cross country team was the champion at the first Bluffton XC Invitational. The Raiders scored a 29, 16 points better than Bluffton to claim the trophy. Aubrey Neuschwander was the top individual at the race, running a 12:13.7. Pictured from left to right are Parker Bryant, Keely Miller, Grace Rogers, Ellie Nichols, Aubrey Neuschwander, Sarah McFarren, Anna McFarren, Marianne Pease, Hazel Leas, Kameron Hawkins, Carly Pease, Grace Rockwell, and Sophie Heckman. (Photo provided)

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My boyfriend is also able to keep his money from his 30-year marriage to pass down to his children. Due to our not marrying, his children have decided to not allow me to go to their homes.

How do I handle the hurt this situation causes me? — Trying to Do the Right Thing

Dear Trying to do the Right Thing: You really are trying to do the right thing, and it is understandable that you would be hurt by his children's actions.

cussed and felt. The first step is to meet his children with kindness and empathy and go slowly. Be patient with them as they heal.

Dear Annie: Our grown daughter has decided to keep us from seeing our grandchildren. She is determined to cut all ties with us.

I am sick about this situation. As grandparents, we feel totally alienated from our grandchildren. And then to add insult to injury, we believe our daughter stole our property.

Dear Heartbroken: Keeping your grandchildren from their grandparents is cruel, unless there is a good reason that she is cutting you off.

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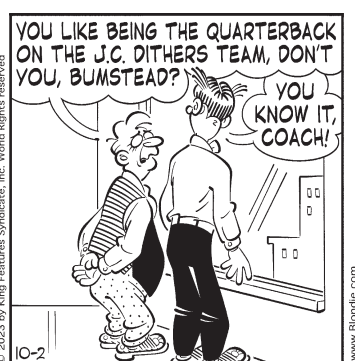
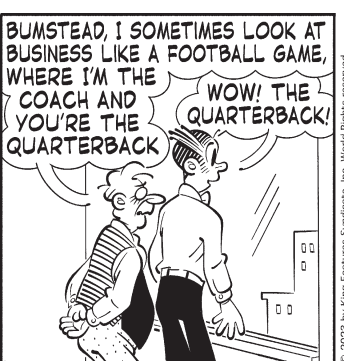
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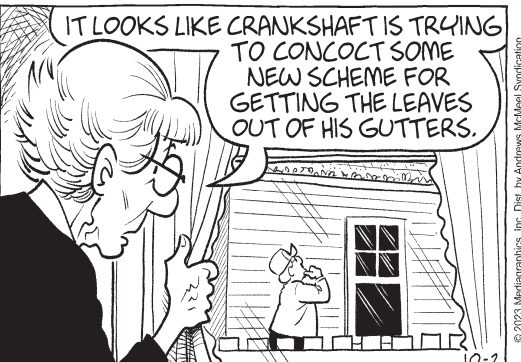
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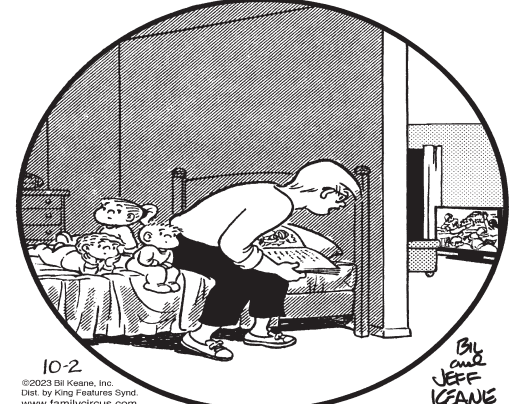
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THE FAMILY CIRCUS

By Bil Keane

The LOCKHORNS



My Answer

By Dr. Billy Graham



Those who reject Christ are under the influence of the devil

Q: Is it true that Satan is the great deceiver and is indeed "the god of this age"? If so, where is that found, and can we overcome the devil's power? — F.R.

A: The Bible says that the whole cosmos (world) is under the control of Satan, and he is the great deceiver (see Revelation 12:9).

before Satan. Men and women are unable to chain him. The church cannot dethrone him. Legislation is impotent.

This indeed is very bad news. But one marvelous fact cannot be overlooked — there is One who is more powerful than Satan!

saying to mankind from the cross, "I love you. I want to forgive you of all of your sins. I want you to be My child and one day be with Me in Heaven."

Christ are under the influence of the devil who is still in charge of the evil and chaos in the world. All the injustices, all the crime, all the wickedness, come from the god of this age.

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

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Saturday's Drawings HOOSIER LOTTERY
Cash 5 — 05-06-31-35-42
Cash4Life — 10-1315-23-40, Cash Ball: 01
Lotto Plus — 10-15-29-31-41-43
Quick Draw Midday — 04-06-08-15-16-17-18-23-35-36-47-49-51-57-58-59-60-64-70-80, BE: 58
Daily Three-Midday — 04-09-01, SB: 07
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Daily Four-Midday — 00-05-09-09, SB: 07
Daily Four-Evening — 05-01-00-08, SB: 08
Quick Draw Evening — 06-09-12-15-16-19-23-27-28-33-35-44-48-49-51-54-65-69-70-72, BE: 49
Hoosier Lotto — 05-12-30-31-33-46
POWERBALL
19-30-37-44-46; Powerball: 22; Power Play: 2X

Sunday's Drawings HOOSIER LOTTERY
Cash 5 — 11-28-35-38-39
Cash4Life — 03-41-42-46-53, Cash Ball: 03
Quick Draw Midday — 04-06-08-16-17-20-26-28-31-33-36-41-42-45-50-51-53-70-77-79, BE: 04
Daily Three-Midday — 02-08-07, SB: 06

Daily Three-Evening — 00-06-07, SB: 00
Daily Four-Midday — 07-05-09-09, SB: 06
Daily Four-Evening — 07-03-01-07, SB: 00
Quick Draw Evening — 06-07-11-17-19-21-34-41-43-50-53-55-58-60-64-66-71-77-78-80, BE: 77
Hoosier Lotto — Estimated jackpot (for Wednesday): \$35.7 million
MEGA MILLIONS
Estimated jackpot (for Tuesday): \$300 million
POWERBALL
Estimated jackpot (for Wednesday): \$1.040 billion

Public Sale Calendar

OCTOBER 1-8 - (Online Only) - Estate of Robert Isch, seller. 1978 White 2-50 diesel tractor, 2015 Ex-Mark Laser-Z zero turn riding lawn mower, 2002 Simplicity lawn mower, 2006 Simplicity Legacy riding lawn mower, single axle utility trailer, tandem axle trailer, 14' hay wagon, 3 bottom plow, Winco generator, lawn and garden, tools, antique & modern furniture, antiques, primitives, glassware, household. Preview: Sept. 28, Oct. 5, from 3-6 p.m., 601 E St. Rd. 124, Monroe. Sale manager, Patrick Carter, The Steffen Group Inc., 260-824-3006, www.steffengrp.com.

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OCTOBER 15-OCTOBER 22 - (Online Only Auction) - Michael & Jane Michaud, seller. Gravelly zero turn riding mower, 2018 Family Farm Home single axle utility trailer, Craftsman portable air compressor, Craftsman & DeWalt power tools, late model appliances, antique furniture, assorted household, Christmas decorations, Berkley fishing boat w/14' trailer, assorted fishing. Preview: Oct. 12 from 3 p.m.-6 p.m. and Oct. 19 from 3 p.m.-6 p.m., 1791 E 1100 S, Warren. Sale managers, Patrick Carter & Nick Huffman. **The Steffen Group Inc., www.steffengrp.com, 260-824-3006.**

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OCTOBER 22-OCTOBER 27 - (Online Only Auction) - Michael & Jane Michaud, seller. Single story home situated on 4.55 Acres w/ outbuildings. 3 bedroom and 2 full bathrooms with 1,880 square foot and an attached 2 car garage. Open houses: Oct. 12 from 3-6 p.m., Oct. 19 from 3-6 p.m., Oct. 26 from 4-6 p.m., 1791 E 1100 S, Warren. Pat Carter & Nick Huffman, sale managers. **The Steffen Group Inc., 260-824-3006, www.steffengrp.com.**

OCTOBER 22- OCTOBER 29 - (Online Only Auction) - Harvey E. & Wilma D. King, seller. H&D Repair Center & Body Shop retirement auction. Automotive & body shop equipment, pickup truck, tractor, Rotary Lift 9,000-lb. capacity 2-post hydraulic lift, mower. Preview: Oct. 19 from 3 p.m.-6 p.m. and Oct. 26 from 3 p.m.-6 p.m., 300 Standard Oil Blvd., Montpelier. Sale manager, Patrick Carter, **The Steffen Group Inc., www.steffengrp.com, 260-824-3006.**

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(C) all penalties due on the delinquencies; and
(D) an amount prescribed by the county auditor that equals the sum of:
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No property listed below shall be sold if, at any time before the sale, the Total Amount for Judgment is paid in full. If the real property is sold in the tax sale, the amount required to redeem such property will be 110% of the minimum bid for which the tract

or real property was offered at the time of sale, if redeemed not more than six (6) months after the date of sale, or 115% of the minimum bid for which the tract or real property was offered at the time of sale, if redeemed more than six (6) months after the date of sale, plus the amount by which the purchase price exceeds the minimum bid on the real property plus five percent (5%) per annum interest on the amount by which the purchase price exceeds the minimum bid on the property. All taxes and special assessments upon the property paid by the purchaser subsequent to the sale, plus five percent (5%) per annum interest on those taxes and special assessments, will also be required to be paid to redeem such property.

In addition, IC 6-1.1-25-2 (e) states the total amount required for redemption may include the following costs incurred and paid by the purchaser or the purchaser's assignee or the county before redemption: (1) The attorney's fees and cost of giving notice under IC 6-1.1-25-4.5; (2) The costs of title search or examining and update the abstract of title for the tract or item of real property. The period of redemption shall expire on Thursday, October 31, 2024 for certificates sold in the tax sale. For certificates struck to the county, the period of redemption may expire Wednesday, February 28, 2024.

If the tract or item of real property is sold for an amount more than the minimum bid and the property is not redeemed, the owner of record of the property who is divested of ownership at the time the tax deed is issued may have a right to the tax sale surplus.

The Auditor and Treasurer specifically reserve the right to withhold from the sale any parcel which has been listed in error, or which otherwise becomes ineligible for sale either prior to 10/31/2023 or during the duration of the sale.
This notice of real property tax sale, and the tax sale itself are undertaken and will be conducted pursuant to the requirements of the laws of the State of Indiana which regulate the sale of land for delinquent taxes, pursuant to I.C. 6-1.1-24-1 et seq.
The County does not warrant the accuracy of the street address or common description of the property, and a misstatement in the key number or street address does not invalidate an otherwise valid sale.
Minimum bid amounts are prescribed by law and are subject to change prior to the auction date.
Pursuant to IC 6-1.1-24-3(e), property descriptions may be omitted for properties appearing on the certified list in consecutive years. A complete property list may be obtained at www.sriservices.com or in an alternative form upon request.
Registration For Bidding On the Tax Sale:
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NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION TO CREDITORS
ESTATE NO. 90001-2309-EU-000042

THE CIRCUIT COURT OF WELLS COUNTY

Notice is hereby given that JILL M. KOTTLOWSKI was on the 22nd day of September, 2023, appointed as Personal Representative of the ESTATE OF SUSAN E. DUNN, deceased, who died on the 2nd day of July, 2023.

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 within three (3) months from the date of the first publication of this notice, or within nine (9) months after decedent's death, whichever is earlier, or the claims will be forever barred.

DATED AT BLUFFTON, INDIANA, THIS 22nd DAY OF September, 2023.

Beth Davis
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR WELLS COUNTY, INDIANA
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