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Hartford City man sentenced for outburst, resisting police

By SYDNEY KENT

Robby Lee Bullard, 38, Hartford City, was sentenced to five years in the Indiana Department of Correction with two years suspended.

In September of last year, Bullard was charged with battery with bodily injury to a public safety official, a Level 5 felony, three counts of resisting law enforcement, all Level 6 felonies, and

resisting law enforcement and criminal trespassing, both Class A misdemeanors.

The charges were filed in connection to a 911 call. According to a probable cause affidavit, Bullard's family member called the police when he refused to leave the property. The family member stated that he appeared to be on an intoxicant and potentially hallucinating as well, and even refer-

enced someone who is no longer alive.

Officers reportedly directed Bullard to leave the residence on multiple occasions; he refused. His vehicle was also parked in a no-parking zone on Silver Street. He was eventually taken to the Wells County Jail without incident. However, when Bullard arrived, his behavior became irrational and aggressive.

After multiple altercations and attempts to resist officers, Bullard was tased. He then needed medical clearance. The police report noted that after Bullard returned to the jail, his behavior escalated. Bullard was again tased multiple times, yet continued to disobey commands. He eventually complied with the commands. When the handcuffs were fully removed, Bullard lay on the floor of the jail

cell and "screamed unintelligibly," the affidavit reads.

During the hearing, Bullard claimed that he was not on any drugs at the time of the incident. He also told the court that he was days away from the end of his probation for a charge involving methamphetamine use.

Bullard requested to serve the entirety of his sentence on house (Continued on Page 2)

Norwell hosts ribbon cutting for precision machining class

By HOLLY GASKILL

Norwell High School celebrated the addition of its precision machining program Friday with a special ribbon-cutting ceremony.

The program was made possible through a \$480,000 grant from the Don Woods Foundation and local partnerships. The school was able to purchase multiple types of industry-standard equipment to develop a large breadth of transferable skills. It also joins the expanding list of career and technical courses available to all Wells County students.

Susan Mendenhall, vice president of programs at the Don Wood Foundation, was present Friday to mark the occasion.

"Young people can't be what they can't see," Mendenhall said. "And this is an opportunity to invest in the future of individuals who are going to join our workforce and help build thriving communities in Wells County and beyond. We're just so pleased to have that opportunity."

"From the manufacturers of Wells County, we're all very excited," said Greg Roembke of the Adams Wells Manufacturing Alliance. "Every company in Wells County that's in manufacturing has been a part of this process, through

helping spec out equipment, to the layouts, to giving advice for what we're looking for in new hires. I guarantee you, every single manufacturer in Wells County is hiring right now — every single one. And these are phenomenal jobs."

In the program's inaugural year, about 20 students have taken the course from teacher Dusty Clifton. Clifton worked in the industry for over 20 years and has relished the opportunity to introduce students to a possible career pathway. With what might be considered a rather technical role, the hours spent with students discovering their passion and ability have tugged on Clifton's heartstrings.

Clifton particularly commended two students, Calvin Cozad and Landon Daniel, who used the machine tools to make keychains for the classroom's guests. The keychains were rectangular metal tags etched with the words "Norwell Precision Machining" and attached to a key ring.

Multiple school administrators and leaders credited Kloer as a driving force in the project's completion.

"If it wasn't for (Kloer), championing this program, it wouldn't have happened," said Chad (Continued on Page 2)



The precision machining instructor, Dusty Clifton, showed administrators and community members how the students use a piece of equipment to engrave a design during a ribbon cutting Friday. At far left, Susan Mendenhall, representing the Don Wood Foundation, shares her excitement for the program. At left is Brittany Kloer, Area 18 CTE director, who has championed the project to fruition (Photos by Holly Gaskill)

Markle to have fiber-optic internet connectivity

By JONATHAN SNYDER

Downtown Markle will have new fiber-optic cables set underground, providing a more stable option for the town. The digging process will hopefully begin in April, according to Citizens Telephone Corporation General Manager Neil Laymon.

Through the outskirts of Markle, TWN Communications in partnership with Heartland REMC, has provided internet service since late 2019. While TWN's service has been good, customers who were unable to get TWN have relied on service from either Fiberhawk or Frontier Internet.

"It was just spotty," said Markle Operations Manager Mike Grant, "There are some areas that might get decent speeds, they might get 40 to 50 megabits per second, there are others that might only get two — and that could be within the same block."

Seeing the need, Citizens out of Warren decided to add Markle to their list of fiber-optic installed areas. They have put cable in Lancaster, Mount Etna and Majenica, all in Huntington County.

"REMC has done a lot of fiber in the county so we're kind of looking to go where they haven't gone," said Laymon. "So we've been looking at Markle for a while on and off and ... Grant did call me at some point and said, 'Have you guys thought about this?'"

The project is expected to cost Citizens

\$1.5 million. Markle did try for a grant to bring the cost down, but their application was denied because of the other services in the area.

"The grant system works on a point system," said Laymon. "And since they (Markle) already had some form of service, you don't get very many points."

"It was difficult unless you could show that pretty much the whole area was really slow," said Grant. "Because we had areas that had good service it dropped our point value down significantly."

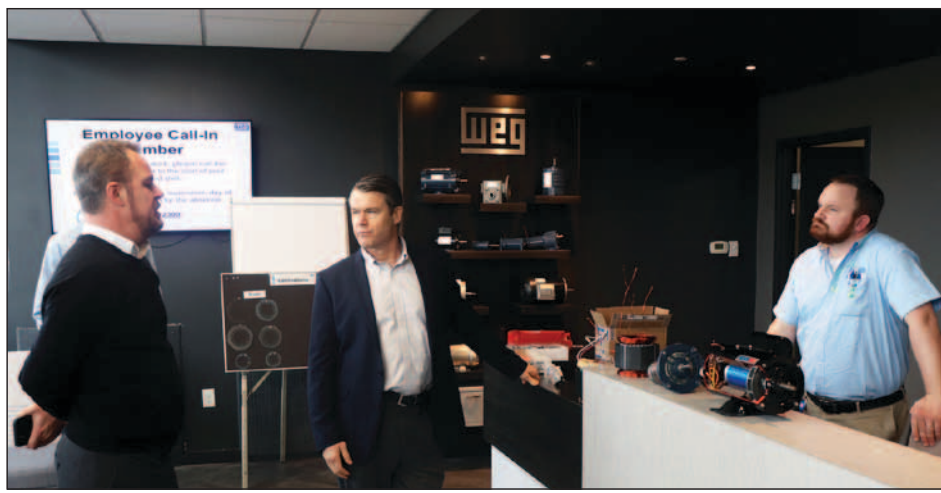
Laymon hopes that the project will be completed by July or August. Laymon stated that one crew could connect four or five in one day, but Citizens could have two crews working to speed the process up.

Citizens will use directional boring to put the fiber-optic cables underground. This method will avoid road closures and keep the ground from being disturbed.

"You don't have to chop up road," said Laymon. "(There's) no pavement and no sidewalk work."

Prices start at \$48 monthly for 50 megabits per second speed for internet only. Prices increase along with the speeds, with the max speed being one gigabit per second at \$120 monthly. There are also options for landline phone service only and bundle packages.

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'Made in Indiana' tour

Above, U.S. Senator Todd Young, middle, was shown around the WEG facility in Bluffton by Managing Director Silvio Billo, left, Finance Manager John Stauffer, right and Industrial Manager Gustavo Slongo. WEG has seen \$20 million of investment over the last five years and is working to optimize the production process of electrical motors. Young mentioned Bluffton being in a manufacturing intensive region of Indiana and wishes to make advanced manufacturers thrive in Indiana. (Photos by Jonathan Snyder)



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Chance of morning snow, cold and gusty tonight

Today	Sunday	Monday
High 32	High 50	High 59
Low 24	Low 32	Low 51

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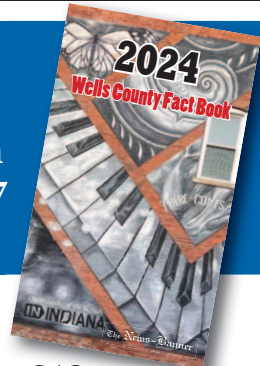
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Hartford City man

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arrest. The reason for this, he said, was to continue the "close relationship" he had with his teenage daughter.

During the hearing, Judge Kenton Kiracofe seemed perplexed at this reason.

"Is this the same daughter that called the police?" Kiracofe questioned.

"Yes, it was — I didn't know she was there," Bullard confirmed. "I didn't know she called the police."

"I've dealt with your daughter in juvenile court quite a bit," Kiracofe continued. "I don't recall ever seeing you be here."

Bullard said that he was not able to be there due to his divorce and work schedule. He also said he didn't know when his daughter had court.

"You would have received a summons to be here," Kiracofe said. "You've never thought about being involved in your daughter's court cases? Do you go to probation meetings?"

Bullard said he believed he had taken her to one meeting before. Prosecutor Colin Andrews took

issue with Bullard's claim that he was sober at the time of the incident.

"I don't believe him," Andrews sat pointedly. "I think drug use was going on. I think that is what happened here, and if he's not going to be honest with the court I think he needs to serve some time. That's the only way that what he did makes sense — is that he was high."

"Mr. Bullard said it wasn't drug-related," responded Patrick Miller, Bullard's public defender. "There's nothing to indicate that it was. For whatever reason, he didn't handle this well."

"He's not well situated to be in community supervision," Andrews summarized. "His bizarre behavior and lack of an explanation for it leads the state to believe he is a danger to himself and to this community."

Andrews also emphasized that if the crime had occurred as a result of drug use or significant mental health issues, the state would be well-positioned to address those issues. However, due to his insistence that he was of the right mind, Bullard was unable to receive any help.

"If I'm given this opportunity," Bul-

lard said during his final statement, "I won't re-offend, and I will do whatever it takes. I'm very sorry for what happened."

"All along this period of time, Mr. Bullard had the ability to prevent this from going any further," Kiracofe said before he issued the ruling. "He was asked to leave. He was transported to jail, and he was fine. He became really, really difficult. He went from literally no criminal charges to, at best, criminal trespassing. And then to where we are now, which is that he committed battery to where the officers involved had to tase him. He controlled this situation, and at every stage, he increased the level of the problem. I don't know what happened that day. His explanation doesn't make sense."

Kiracofe ultimately decided that home detention was not a viable option due to Bullard's resistance to law enforcement. However, Kiracofe stated that should Bullard do well in prison, he may consider a transition program toward the end of his sentence.

Bullard was also ordered to pay court costs and filing fees.

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Weather

Saturday, February 24, 2024

(24-hour observations at 10:41 p.m. Friday)

High: 51; Low: 32; Precipitation: None

Wabash River Level (at the Main Street bridge): 2.91 feet at 9:45 p.m. Friday

Wells County forecast

Today: A 30% chance of snow before 7 a.m. Mostly sunny, with a high near 32. North wind 5 to 15 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

Tonight: Partly cloudy, with a low around 24. South wind 5 to 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

Sunday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 50. South wind 15 to 20 mph, with gusts as high as 30 mph.

Sunday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 32. Southwest wind 5 to 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

Monday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 59.

Monday Night: A 30% chance of rain and thunderstorms after 1 a.m. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 51. Breezy.

Tuesday: A 50% chance of rain and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 65. Breezy.

Tuesday Night: Rain and possibly a thunderstorm. Low around 38. Windy. Chance of precipitation is 80%.

Wednesday: A 40% chance of rain before 1 p.m. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 48. Breezy.

Wednesday Night: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 27.

Thursday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 45.



Some of the program's first students were present to help Area 18 CTE Director Brittany Kloer (at left) and Superintendent Mike Springer (at right) ceremonially cut the ribbon and open the completed classroom. (Photo provided)

Ribbon cutting

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Kline, executive director of Wells County Economic Development.

Kloer herself was rather sentimental, calling it "five years in the making." She described how seeing the students interact with the machinery or hearing them

explain how they etched the keychains gave her "hope for the next generation."

"We want to have something for all students, regardless of what the interest might be, what the need might be, what their goals might be," Norwell Com-

munity Schools Superintendent Mike Springer stated. "We want to have a program for everybody, and so this is a big part of that."

Roembke added, "This is going to really help the community train the kids and want them to stay here as well because then they're

gonna get exposed to all the opportunities that Wells County has."

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Private US spacecraft is on its side on the moon with some antennas covered up, company says

By **MARCIA DUNN**
AP Aerospace Writer
CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — A private U.S. lunar lander tipped over at touchdown and ended up on its side near the moon's south pole, hampering communications, company officials said Friday.

Intuitive Machines initially believed its six-footed lander, Odysseus, was upright after Thursday's touchdown. But CEO Steve Altemus said Friday the craft "caught a foot in the surface," falling onto its side and, quite possibly, leaning against a rock. He said it was coming in too fast and may have snapped a leg.

"So far, we have quite a bit of operational capability even though we're tipped over," he told reporters.

But some antennas were pointed toward the surface, limiting flight controllers' ability to get data down, Altemus said. The antennas were stationed high on the 14-foot lander to facilitate communications at the hilly, cratered and shadowed south polar region.

Odysseus — the first U.S. lander in more than 50 years — is thought to be within a few miles of its intended landing site near

the Malapert A crater, less than 200 miles from the south pole. NASA, the main customer, wanted to get as close as possible to the pole to scout out the area before astronauts show up later this decade.

NASA's Lunar Reconnaissance Orbiter will attempt to pinpoint the lander's location, as it flies overhead this weekend.

With Thursday's touchdown, Intuitive Machines became the first private business to pull off a moon landing, a feat previously achieved by only five countries. Japan was the latest country to score a landing, but its lander also ended up on its side last month.

Odysseus' mission was sponsored in large part by NASA, whose experiments were on board. NASA paid \$118 million for the delivery under a program meant to jump-start the lunar economy.

One of the NASA experiments was pressed into service when the lander's navigation system did not kick in. Intuitive Machines caught the problem in advance when it tried to use its lasers to improve the lander's orbit. Otherwise, flight controllers would not

have discovered the failure until it was too late, just five minutes before touchdown.

"Serendipity is absolutely the right word," mission director Tim Crain said.

It turns out that a switch was not flipped before flight, preventing the system's activation in space.

Launched last week from Florida, Odysseus took an extra lap around the moon Thursday to allow time for the last-minute switch to NASA's laser system, which saved the day, officials noted.

Another experiment, a cube with four cameras, was supposed to pop off 30 seconds before touchdown to capture pictures of Odysseus' landing. But Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University's EagleCam was deliberately powered off during the final descent because of the navigation switch and stayed attached to the lander.

Embry-Riddle's Troy Henderson said his team will try to release EagleCam in the coming days, so it can photograph the lander from roughly 26 feet

away.

"Getting that final picture of the lander on the surface is still an incredibly important task for us," Henderson told The Associated Press.

Intuitive Machines anticipates just another week of operations on the moon for the solar-powered lander — nine or 10 days at most — before lunar night-fall hits.

The company was the second business to aim for the moon under NASA's commercial lunar services program. Last month, Pittsburgh's Astrobotic Technology gave it a shot, but a fuel leak on the lander cut the mission short and the craft ended up crashing back to Earth.

Until Thursday, the U.S. had not landed on the moon since Apollo 17's Gene Cernan and Harrison Schmitt closed out NASA's famed moon-landing program in December 1972. NASA's new effort to return astronauts to the moon is named Artemis after Apollo's mythological twin sister. The first Artemis crew landing is planned for 2026 at the earliest.

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Local Roundup

Bluffton Board of Works to meet Tuesday afternoon

follow the regular board agenda.

The Bluffton Board of Public Works and Safety will meet at 4:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 27, in the meeting room on the first floor of City Hall, 128 E. Market St.

- Topics on the agenda will include:
- A discussion regarding a shooting range, brought by Sally Haus.
 - Personnel and financial matters.

Norwell school board to hold executive session

The board of the Northern Wells Community Schools will meet at 4:45 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 27, at Norwell High School, 1100E. U.S. 224, for an executive session. The reason for the session was cited as to either receive information about an individual's misconduct or to determine the status as an employee, student, physician or bus driver under the board's jurisdiction.

Norwell school board will meet Tuesday evening

The board of the Norwell Community Schools will meet at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 27, at Norwell High School, 1100E. U.S. 224.

- Topics on the agenda will include:
- Personnel and financial matters.
 - A revisited conversation regarding latchkey services on April 8.
- A strategic planning session will directly

Wells County BZA will meet Tuesday evening

The Wells County Board of Zoning Appeals will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 26, in Room 214 on the ground floor of the Wells Carnegie Government Annex, 223 W. Washington St. in Bluffton.

- Topics on the agenda will include:
- Election of officers.
 - A request from Todd Fiechter and Aaron Isch to reduce road frontage from 25 ft. to zero feet on a R-1 property located on the east side of Wayne Street and south of Harrison Street in Bluffton.
 - 2023 annual report.

PSAP Advisory Board will meet Wednesday morning

The advisory board for the Public Safety Answering Point (911 Dispatch) will meet at 8 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 28, in Room 105, the multi-purpose room on the lower level of the Wells Carnegie Government Annex, 223 W. Washington St.

- Topics on the agenda include:
- Discussion and approval of an executive committee.
 - Organization of the board and approved meeting dates.
 - Discussion regarding radio encryption, brought by Director Mike Miller.
 - A director's report from Miller.
- A policy committee meeting will directly follow the regular agenda.

Bluffton Parks & Rec News & Notes



By Brandy Fiechter

Destination Recreation

Wow! Last Sunday was so much fun at the Mother/Son Nerf War and the Daddy-Daughter Dance. It was a very long day for us, but it was totally worth it when you saw the smiles on everyone's faces. Special thanks to our volunteer crew, who, between everyone's time, put in about 122 hours of work.

The **Earth Day 5K** is coming back this year and will be held Saturday, April 20, at 9 a.m. Enjoy a no-frills, no-fuss, inexpensive 5K race while we care for the planet. In honor of Earth Day, we will recycle old event shirts and SWAG by giving them away until they're gone. No plastic water bottles, no new race bibs, and no extra waste for this event! Follow us on Facebook for registration details.

YOGA at the Washington Park Pavilion — We are partnering with Glow Up Wellness on yoga classes. Class times are Monday and Wednesday from 6-7 p.m. and again Wednesday from 7:15-8:15 p.m. You can buy a 10-class punch card for all yoga classes for \$60 (good for two months). Payable at the door.

Monday 6-7 p.m. — Vinyasa Yoga
 Wednesday 6-7 p.m. — 30/30 CLASS — 30 minutes of strength training set to fun music. Using hand weights to build strength, tone muscle, shred fat, and burn calories. Thirty minutes of pure relaxation. *Props, like blocks, bolsters, and straps, are used to support you comfortably in your gentle pose. You will then hold the pose for an extended period. Set to beautiful music and yummy aromatherapy. All levels.

Wednesday 7:15-8:15 p.m. Restorative Yoga — This class will combine gentle yoga stretches and postures to stretch and strengthen the body, reduce stress, and make you feel more balanced. All levels.

2024 Kehoe Concert Sponsorship opportunities: This year marks the 33rd year of the Kehoe Park Summer Concert Series! This highly anticipated series has developed a reputation for featuring quality bands and expert musicianship that draw visitors to Bluffton. To bring talent

from across the country, we rely on local sponsors who believe in showcasing our community to audiences that can reach our attendance of more than 1000. The Kehoe Park Summer Concert Committee is dedicated to reaching a broad audience by offering free concerts. We can only keep these shows free with the generosity of our local businesses, organizations, and private donors. Would you like to get the word out about your business at the same time as you give back to the community?

Donations of \$1,200 or more will be recognized as a Concert Sponsor at one of the performances. Additionally, Concert Sponsors will be announced during the show, have printed yard signs in the park, listed on the digital sign at the Common's Parking lot, and shared on the City's website and social media pages. Concert Donors who contribute a gift of any size will be listed on the flyer shared on the City's Website and social media pages. All donors who reply by March 15 will be listed on the printed flyer distributed throughout town. Contributions supporting the Kehoe Park Summer Concert Series are tax-deductible and may be directed to the Wells County Foundation, Inc. (Please note Kehoe Park Summer Concert Series in the memo section of your check.)

Baseball, Softball, and any team organizers who wish to request diamond rentals during 2024 must attend the next Park Board meeting scheduled on Thursday, March 14, at 6:30 p.m. on the second floor of City Hall to coordinate schedules. Rental agreements can be sent in advance by request by calling 824-6069.

We want to thank the Huggins-Mann Pretzels, Inc. Legacy Fund for their recent unrestricted donation to the parks and the Howard and Beverly Rich Endowment Fund for providing a donation to the Kehoe Summer Concerts! We appreciate all the help we receive to improve our parks and events!

Have a great week!



Teeing off at the second hole on the mini golf course at the Wells County Public Library was Isaac Smith, at right, as the rest of his team waited a turn. A family member, at the left, was keeping score for the group. (Photos by Barbara Barbieri)

Mini golf at the Wells library

By BARBARA BARBIERI

Mini Golf at the main branch of the Wells County Public Library got underway Friday, during regular library hours.

The 18-hole course led the golfers through the library stacks — starting by the Arts Prints to Loan area and ending up with their balls being "eaten" by a book return bin.

Just as at regular golf events, each of the holes had a sponsor and the sponsors included: Emshwiller & Emshwiller, Erin Daugherty State Farm, Honegger Ringger & Co. Inc, Adams Wells Internet Telecom, Auctionit, Bluffton Family Eye Care, Daniel's Jewelers, Eyecare Associates of Bluffton, Family Ford of Bluffton, First Bank of Berne, Four Star Services, Inc., Iteva Products LLC, Parlor City Cabinetry, Kim Gentis/Raymond James, Lowe's Bluffton, Meyer Building, National Oil & Gas Inc., The Parlor City Brewing Company, Renovate Counseling Services LLC, Star Engineering & Machine Co., Ben Burman State Farm Agent and Wells County Land Title.

Cost to play a round of golf was \$5 at the door. All proceeds from the event will benefit the Friends of the Library — the group that helps fund library programs and events.

The mini course was also open on Saturday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.
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Declaring "bragging rights" for their winning golf scores and posing for a group photo, taken by their escort Scott, at right, were Courage, Khaleesi, Karrane and Chauntelle Garmon.



It was a family event as brothers Asher and Dalton Shotzman took turns teeing off at hole six, as their mother, at left, waited for her turn and their dad, out of camera range, kept score.

Police Notebook

INCIDENTS

- City:**
 Wednesday, 3:41 p.m., North Main Street and Wil-lowbrook Trail. Officer escorted subject to Auto Doctor.
 Thursday, 5:42 a.m., Lowes. Report of a person sleeping in demo shed on side of lot. One subject taken to the ER and then jail.
 Thursday, 1:10 p.m., Wells County Food Bank. Report of pushing and shoving.
 Thursday, 3:32 p.m., East Washington and South Scott streets. Officer stayed with vehicle until tow truck came.
 Thursday, 5:09 p.m., 500 block of South Indiana Street. Report of a window broken, caller had photo of juvenile that did it.
 Thursday, 5:45 p.m., Wells county Jail. Caller concerned about subject released from jail. Subject found a ride to the Rescue Mission in Fort Wayne.
 Thursday, 9:17 p.m., 70 block of Sunset Drive. Report of a vehicle on fire.
 Thursday, 10:01 p.m., 800 block of Melody Lane. Caller advised she wanted to see her child, parents with temporary guardianship would not allow it. Advised to go back to court.

- Friday, 2:14 a.m., Sun N Suds. Door was found propped open.
 Friday, 2:25 a.m., South Main and East Spring streets, Bluffton. Report of a dark-colored Chevy truck picking up speed on Main street. Jyler Morphew arrested for resisting law enforcement, reckless driving, and operating while intoxicated.
 Friday, 9:08 a.m., 600 block of Westfield Drive. Caller reported child locked family out of the home. Denace the menace no was no match for the caller, who found a way in through the window.
 Friday, 10:21 a.m., 300 block of East South Street. Report of a domestic issue.
County:
 Thursday, 3:04 p.m., 1000 North 300 West, Markle. Report of harassment and threats to harm people.
 Thursday, 3:53 p.m., Wells County Jail. Report of a man stretching in the rain by a mailbox. The man allegedly had a camouflage coat and a mustache, which seemed suspicious.
 Thursday, 7:51 p.m., East 100 North and 100 East, Bluffton. Report of an abandoned vehicle.
 Friday, 12:25 a.m.,

- Uniondale Volunteer Fire Department. Driver cited for no valid license.
 Friday, 6:04 a.m., South 300 West and Ind. 218, Bluffton. Report of an unoccupied vehicle. Owner advised they ran out of gas and would collect the car during the day.
 Friday, 6:55 a.m., Ind. 1 and East 400 North, Bluffton. Driver reported they fell asleep at the wheel and their vehicle made contact with a mailbox and then another mailbox, and eventually landed in a ditch. No injuries probably, driver refused EMS.
Ossian:
 Friday, 2:16 a.m., 600 block of Greenwood Trail, Ossian. Report of a dark colored Chevy truck driving at high rate of speed and squealing tires.

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Free markets – and capitalism – are essential

Jesus: a Socialist or a Capitalist? It's complicated. Some of our Lord's harshest statements were about wealth and the rich:

"How hard it is for the rich to enter the kingdom of God!" (Luke 18:24)

"Now listen, you rich people, weep and wail because of the misery that is coming on you." (James 5:1)

"There were no needy persons among [the Christians]. For from time to time those who owned land or houses sold them, brought the money from the sales and put it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to anyone who had need." (Acts 4:34-35)

Marx adapted that last one: "From each according to his ability, to each according to his needs."

With such strong statements by Jesus against wealth, it might seem like a contradiction that He could be a free-market capitalist. But capitalism is only a few hundred years old. Its major contribution to economics is the idea that markets should be allowed to function based on freedom, cooperation and decentralization, not centralized governmental control. It allows people to take risks to create, innovate, satisfy others wants and needs and, thereby, build wealth.

Back in Jesus' day, however, wealth was evil. In Jesus' day, different assumptions informed economic behavior:

- A zero-sum approach to wealth.
- A coercive economic system wherein wealth was intertwined with "extractive imperial policies."

Under Rome, only about 2 percent or 3 percent of the population ruled. And they did so largely by hereditary control of land and labor, consuming most of the production and confiscating most of what's left for peasants.

No surprise, then, wealth was seen as theft. Add to this exploitative picture the grim fact most of the non-wealthy were slaves it's not hard to understand why the rich were hated. Every poor person was oppressed, and every rich person was an oppressor — or the willing recipient of the fruits of oppression.

Such systems of oppression produce only limited amounts of goods. They obstruct innovation and dull the motivation for personal profit. There is only so much to go around, and the powerful take most of it. Surviving — let alone thriving — without free markets really is zero-sum.

By contrast, private property rights, unbiased rules and free trade create the conditions for upward mobility. Those at the bottom have opportunities to advance. Wealth grows and is spread around, even to the poorest.

In the short life of capitalism so far, these principles have borne results beyond what any ancient could have imagined. Bailey and Tupy, in "Ten Global Trends Every Smart Person Should Know" refer to capitalism creating "The Great Enrichment," since the world's economy has grown more than a hundredfold since 1820.

Compared with the stagnation of the previous 1,800 years, this number is incredible. Despite critics' frustration, growth has transcended the wealthy. Consider Bailey and Tupy's data:

In 1820, nearly 84 percent of humans suffered extreme poverty; by 1910, only 66 percent; by 1950, only 55 percent; by 1981, 42 percent; and by 2018, 8.6 percent.

In short, capitalism builds wealth — and human flourishing. But too many today, even among Christians, begrudge capitalism. We need better language to convince people of capitalism's successes. Milton Friedman tried. How's this: Be "pro free-enterprise," not just "pro-business . . ."

Business people too often favor free enterprise for everybody else but want special governmental protection for themselves. Much like the Roman elites of Jesus's day, corporations that lobby politicians try to rig the system.

Of course, there are limits to what even free enterprise can do. Illness, disability, disaster and other unforeseen challenges happen. But if we're serious about alleviating the hardships of others, free markets are essential.

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Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Saturday, Feb. 24, the 55th day of 2024. There are 311 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: On Feb. 24, 1942, the SS Struma, a charter ship attempting to carry nearly 800 Jewish refugees from Romania to British-mandated Palestine, was torpedoed by a Soviet submarine in the Black Sea; all but one of the refugees perished.

On this date:

In 1803, in its Marbury v. Madison decision, the Supreme Court established judicial review of the constitutionality of statutes.

In 1981, a jury in White Plains, New York, found Jean Harris guilty of second-degree murder in the fatal shooting of "Scarsdale Diet" author Dr. Herman Tarnower. (Sentenced to 15 years to life in prison, Harris was granted clemency by New York Gov. Mario Cuomo in December 1992.)



Mark Franke

Hoosier Opinions



If Republicans want to help Trump, they should pass Ukraine aid now

Donald Trump says that, if elected, he will negotiate a deal to end the Ukraine war. "I'll have that done in 24 hours," he has said.

If Republicans want to give him the leverage to deliver on that promise, they need to approve military aid to Ukraine — and fast.

Last year, thanks to U.S. weaponry, Russia made no military gains on the ground while Ukraine succeeded in wiping out nearly one-third of Russia's Black Sea Fleet. But as aid has stalled in Congress, Ukrainian fighters have been forced to ration artillery, allowing Russia to start taking territory again and launching new offensives on five different lines of attack.

Why would pro-Trump Republicans want him to inherit a dire military situation? They should be helping put Trump in the strongest position to negotiate a peace agreement when he takes office. If Republicans cut off weapons for Kyiv, and Russia makes major battlefield advances over the coming months, it will be impossible for Trump to negotiate that stable, lasting peace. Without U.S. arms, Vladimir Putin's forces could break through Ukraine's defenses, march on Kyiv again, and potentially reach NATO's borders. Ukraine could be so weak in 11 months time that Putin wouldn't see any need to negotiate.

Setting aside the Trumpian bluster of "24 hours," it's worth doing something the former president's reflexive critics so often fail to do — look closely at what he has actually said. Far from seeking to appease Putin, Trump's message has been: Stop your aggression and agree to peace, or he will help Ukraine win the war. In fact, Trump has threatened to increase U.S. aid. "I would tell Putin: If you don't make a deal, we're going to give [the Ukrainians] a lot. We're going to give them more than they ever got, if we have to," told Fox News's Maria Bartiromo last July.

But that threat will be empty if Putin has already all but won on the battlefield by the time Trump takes office. For Trump's warning to be credible, Ukraine needs to hold on to the territory it has taken back since Russia's full-scale invasion two years ago. Even better if Ukraine is on the offensive.

Trump does not share the hostility that some on the anti-Ukraine right maintain toward President Volodymyr Zelensky and his country. Quite the opposite. During a 2022 speech at the Conservative Political Action Conference, Trump called Putin's invasion appalling. "It's an outrage," he said, "and an atrocity that should never have been allowed to occur." He called Zelensky "a brave man." During a CNN town hall event last May, he said, "I have a very good relationship with President Zelensky because, as you know, he backed me up ... with the phony impeachment ... when he said the president didn't do anything wrong. And Trump told Bartiromo in July: "I know Zelensky very well. I felt he was very honorable because when they asked him about the perfect phone call that I made, he said it was indeed, he said it was."



Marc Thiessen

Unlike the anti-interventionist right, Trump has shown that he will flex American muscle against Russia. During a 2019 Oval Office interview, he told me that he ordered U.S. military forces to kill hundreds of Russian Wagner Group fighters in a February 2018 firefight in eastern Syria, and authorized a covert cyberattack against Russia's Internet Research Agency, the St. Petersburg-based troll farm that spearheaded Russian interference in the 2016 presidential election. He imposed crippling sanctions that halted construction of Russia's Nord Stream 2 natural-gas pipeline with Germany — until Joe Biden took office and greenlighted the project to please Berlin.

And don't forget: Trump provided Ukraine with lethal aid while he was in office. "I sent a massive number of antitank busters," he told me. "I sent them military equipment and [President Barack] Obama sent them nothing" but nonlethal aid. He's right. After Putin's 2014 invasion of Crimea, the Obama-Biden administration refused Ukraine's request for weapons, instead sending blankets, Humvees and night-vision goggles. ("One cannot win a war with blankets," Ukrainian President Petro Poroshenko complained to Congress at the time.) In December 2017, however, Trump approved the transfer of \$47 million in Javelin antitank missiles. Those weapons might have saved Ukraine when Russia invaded again on Biden's watch, helping Zelensky stave off Putin's attempt to march on Kyiv in 2022.

Now, some Republicans want to cut military aid to Ukraine, which would allow Putin to finish that march on Kyiv. "He's going for the big one, he's going for all of Ukraine, not a little piece," Trump said on Tuesday night. Republicans have the power to stop that from happening — and in so doing set Trump up for a major foreign policy victory.

To be clear, I'd like to see the United States do everything in its power to help the people of Ukraine, and it doesn't matter who gets the credit. But House Republicans might consider the narrative Trump will have if he successfully negotiates a peace deal, as he has vowed to do: Russia would have never invaded if Trump had been reelected in 2020. It was Biden's weakness on the world stage (including his disastrous withdrawal from Afghanistan) that emboldened Putin to try to take Ukraine. Biden then slow-rolled weapons to Ukraine, with no strategy for victory, allowing Putin to run roughshod over the country — until Trump potentially returns to the White House to set things straight. It would be a diplomatic triumph and foreign policy vindication.

But for that to happen, the GOP needs to give Ukraine weapons now. If they don't, they — not Biden — will own Ukraine's military collapse, and they would leave Trump with a weak hand if he retakes the Oval Office.

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Willis vs. Wade vs. euphemisms

During questioning of Fulton County, Georgia prosecutor Nathan Wade about his "relationship" with District Attorney Fani Willis there was a moment that cut through all the euphemisms we have become accustomed to when it comes to human behavior.

Scott Sadow, an attorney for Donald Trump, who is trying to get an indictment against Trump dismissed for Trump's alleged interference in the 2020 presidential election, received an answer to a question that appeared to surprise him. Asked about his "relationship" with Willis, Wade said "do you mean intercourse?" Sadow said he wasn't going to use that word, but since Wade brought it up, then yes, that's what he meant.

It was a classic example of how euphemisms are increasingly used to soften the meaning of questionable behavior.

A forceful Willis tried to obfuscate her relationship with Wade, even calling him at one point a "Southern gentleman." But in an earlier court filing, she admitted to an affair (meaning sex) with Wade, who she put on the payroll as part of her Trump prosecution team.

Radio host Dr. Laura Schlessinger receives calls from women who speak of living with their boyfriends. "In other words," she said, "you're



Cal Thomas

shacking up."

One woman replied, "I wouldn't put it that way." Schlessinger then asked, "How would you put it?"

The woman had no answer.

That was once called telling the truth.

So many descriptions of human behavior have been modified or changed to gloss over their real meaning. In part, I think, it is to avoid judgment which

can lead to a change in behavior that benefits individuals and the wider culture. Failing to identify certain behavior for what it is can have the effect of legitimizing that behavior in the eyes of people who are engaging in it and in the wider culture that refuses to accept a standard defining right and wrong.

How many speak of cheating on one's spouse, as Wade is alleged to have done, as "adultery"? Today's preferred description is "a romantic relationship." Going on "vacation" with a woman not your wife or a man not your husband is now considered as legitimate as a married couple enjoying a similar experience.

Could we also stop saying "boyfriend" and "girlfriend" when speaking of adults? These are not dating teenagers. They are mature people who have presumably been exposed to what used to be called the right way to live, but who have chosen

another way.

Lying doesn't always bring the consequences it once did, even when witnesses take an oath to tell the truth. It is more than fishy that Wade and Willis exchanged cash and have no receipts or other records to back up their claims of legal behavior and propriety. Wade refused to say where he keeps his cash, but suggested some of it might be under his pillow. Willis said she once paid Wade \$2,500 in cash that came from her pocketbook. Who carries around that kind of money? Wade even obfuscated on whether he used a credit card and how he was reimbursed for part of his expenditures when he and Willis traveled together. Who doesn't keep receipts, especially for tax purposes? Will the IRS investigate?

Two of the Ten Commandments prohibit adultery and bearing false witness. Those two forms of behavior are increasingly allowed in our "non-judgmental" culture. We see daily the corrosion violating these commands have caused.

Using words that accurately describe behavior, instead of euphemisms, can have the effect of limiting that behavior. It once seemed to. Approving, or at least failing to reject such behavior, contributes to more of it. As one translation of Proverbs 29:18 puts it, "If a nation is not guided by God, the people will lose self-control (ERV)."

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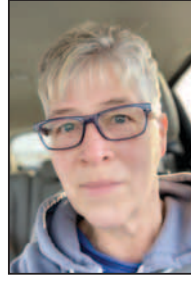
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Time to Take a Devotional Break

THE BEAUTY OF GOD
"Beauty is in the eye of the beholder." All of us have used this phrase at one time or another to explain why something that appears beautiful in our eyes may seem unattractive to someone else. Personal preferences apply to many things in life: food, colors, fashion, music, even people, to name a few. But what ultimately determines true beauty?



by Martha Paxson

Recollect for a moment the most colorful, brilliant sunrise you've ever witnessed. Or consider an especially memorable vacation spot, filled with nature's wild magnificence. Maybe you find beauty to be in special moments spent with cherished loved ones, or a breathtaking musical performance that left you speechless.

Now, imagine those same incomparable occasions and natural vistas marred by pollution, the cacophony of construction equipment, or hidden behind scarred, stained plastic windows. What began as splendor meant to delight the senses and soul turned to frustrating imitations of the "real thing."

Human beings can find the most supreme beauty

known to man in God, Himself. David described what he considered to be the most glorious of visions when he wrote about "gazing on the beauty of the Lord and seeking him in his temple" (Psalms 27:4) and later the "splendor, majesty, strength, and beauty" that is found in God's sanctuary (Psalm 96:6). While creation, our consciences, and the Word of God reveal God's majesty to us, the ultimate revelation comes in the person of Jesus Christ, God's Son (John 1:18).

Unfortunately, the idols of this world — entertainment, busyness, even worthy pursuits — can keep us from experiencing fully the glory and radiance that is our Creator. In the same way that photos of nature's beauty or the recording of symphonic music captures only part of the actual place or event, so our contentment with the temporary pleasures of life keep us from fully comprehending the richness of God.

Seek God's face. Inquire in His temple. Choose to put aside the temporary as you intentionally revel in and contemplate the true beauty of God through time alone with Him.

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Knights outlast Spartans for overtime victory

By ANDREW FEEBACK
FORT WAYNE — The defense did not rest for the Norwell Knights Friday night, as they clamped down on the hosting Homestead Spartans late to emerge with a 49-43 overtime win.

Homestead (12-12) failed to score over the final 6:47 of regulation and didn't make a field goal the rest of the game.

Norwell (14-8) did not even take its first lead until overtime, but gradually worked its way back from an early deficit with a zone defense that had the Spartans off-balance for much of the night.

When Homestead got out to a 15-5 lead early in the second quarter, Norwell called a timeout.

Following that timeout, the Knights switched to a zone defense.

"We were struggling offensively, and we just couldn't get it going," coach Mike McBride said. "(Will) Jamison was getting some good downhill attacks. We were getting beat to the rim, so we changed to the 2-3, which we had used at Concordia because they were really good drivers. It changed the tempo of the game for us. They didn't seem to have the same rhythm offensively."

And that was noticeable right away, as the Knights kept the Spartans off the board for the next four minutes.

Norwell trailed by seven at the break, but quickly had it down to three after a couple buckets from Cohen Bailey.

The teams traded baskets for much of the third quarter, which ended with the Spartans up 35-30.

Mack Welker began the fourth quarter with a three-pointer before Norwell got a layup from Adam McBride

and two free throws from Ashton Federspiel.

At the 6:47 mark, Welker's layup gave Homestead a 40-34 lead.

Two buckets in the paint from Cade Shelton brought Norwell within two points.

The score remained that way for the next four minutes before Shelton tied it with 1:20 to play.

Homestead had 13 consecutive possessions that ended with either a missed shot or a turnover, spanning the last few minutes of regulation and overtime.

The Knights got it back with less than a minute to play when McBride came up with a steal near mid-court, but Bailey's jumper from the free throw line was off the mark, and an extra session ensued.

Then, in a rather strange twist, every single point scored in overtime came from the free throw line, and Norwell's all came from the same player.

Federspiel made the first of two at the 2:20 mark to give Norwell its first lead. After his second one missed, Shelton rebounded it and got it back to Federspiel, who was fouled again and made both shots.

"He was great tonight," McBride said. "He kept us in it in the first half, and I thought he did a great job staying focused in the second half. He did a good job of being able to get to the free throw line, and that was a big key for us. He had some big blocks and rebounded well for us."

In recent years, it hasn't been often that the Knights have had the best player on the court when they've faced the Spartans.

But it was certainly the case Friday, with Federspiel leading all scorers with 25 points, grabbing 10

rebounds and going 13-14 from the foul line.

He made four more to push Norwell's lead to 47-40. Homestead still had some life when Will Jamison was fouled on a three-point shot with 27 seconds left. He made all three, then the Spartans stole the inbound pass. But they missed their next attempt, and Federspiel made two more to end it.

"Defensively, we were really good in the fourth quarter and overtime," McBride said. "We did switch back to man-to-man, because Jamison got in a little rhythm there against the zone. We've been working on our zone in practice all year. It's not something we normally do in our program, but it's helping us now and we're getting better at playing it."

"I thought our kids really battled, really played hard, and I was proud of their effort tonight," he continued.

Shelton chipped in 10 points for the Knights while Bailey added nine.

Jamison topped the Spartans with 20 while Welker had 10.

Norwell will take a five-game winning streak into sectional play next week, where the Knights will face Peru in the second game Wednesday evening at Mississinewa.

The junior varsity game went to Homestead, 46-40. Nick McBride scored 22 points, while Garry Riley scored seven and Caiden Petrie added six.

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**NORWELL 49,
HOMESTEAD 43, OT**
At Homestead

NORWELL (14-8): Cade Shelton 5-11 0-0-10, Caiden Petrie 0-0-0-0, Garry Riley 0-0-0-0, Brady Smith 0-0-0-0, Kaedyn Quintanilla 0-2-0-0

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Norwell's Ashton Federspiel (left) drives and draws a blocking foul from Homestead's Aidan Good in overtime Friday at Spartan Arena. (Photo by Glen Wering)

Bluffton ends regular season with win over Southwood

By RICK SPRUNGER

A strong second-half charge propelled the Bluffton Tigers to a 53-47 win over Southwood on Senior Night and the last regular season basketball game.

Trailing 28-19 early in the second half, the Tigers hit Southwood with an 11-0 run to surge into the lead.

Then, down 46-45, Bluffton closed out the Knights with a 9-2 run in the game's last two minutes to secure the win.

Bluffton improved to 11-11 going into next week's sectional; Southwood fell to 7-15.

"We did a much better job of taking care of the basketball in the second half," said Bluffton coach Craig Teagle after the game.

The Tigers had committed 14 turnovers in the first half against

an effective 2-2-1 press thrown at them by Southwood.

The Knights continued with the press in the second half but with decidedly different results.

"We pass-faked better, we came to the ball, and we were just more aggressive and less passive," said Teagle.

The first of Bluffton's big runs started early in the second quarter with a trio of hoops underneath, the first by Tucker Jenkins and two in a row by Kaleb Green.

That drove Southwood coach Christian Perry to a timeout.

But Cameron Williams rebounded a Bryce Wilcox miss and went coast to coast for a layup that got the Tigers within one point.

Andrew Hunt then stepped up with a dagger, a three-pointer from

the right wing that gave Bluffton its first lead of the game, 30-28.

"I was really proud of Andrew Hunt," said Teagle later. "He had been sick the last two days, and he got worn down in the first half. But he stepped up in the second half and hit that huge three for us and played great defense."

Not only was Bluffton handling Southwood's pressure better at that point, it was also limiting the Knights to one-and-done shot opportunities on their end.

The Tigers finished with a crippling 31-16 advantage on the boards to help themselves an opportunity to win down the stretch.

Bluffton maintained a 36-35 edge heading into the fourth quarter after Declan Grieser canned one of two free throws with 0:01

left in the period.

Kaleb Green inched the lead to 37-35 with another free throw 44 seconds into the fourth quarter.

Unfortunately for Bluffton, Green was not the one fouled. Jenkins was, but Jenkins was slow getting up and had to be helped to the sideline.

Green came off the bench to shoot the free throws while Jenkins retreated to the locker room.

When he re-emerged, he had an ice pack taped to a swollen left ankle, his evening's work finished.

"We don't know yet," said Teagle about Jenkins' availability for next week. "It looked like he stepped on someone's foot and turned his ankle."

Bluffton soldiered on without its wounded warrior and watched Southwood sneak into a 45-44

lead with 3:40 to play on a three-pointer by Maddox Marshall and a 15-footer by Will Winer, who led all scorers with 19 points.

Axton Beste tipped in a Hunt miss, then rifled a three-pointer to put the Tigers up, 49-45, with 1:07 remaining.

Marshall knocked down a pair of free throws to keep Southwood close.

But a charity flip by Williams, a layup by Green, and another free throw by Grieser closed it out.

Things were different in the first half, however, when Bluffton struggled against Southwood pressure.

The Tigers turned the ball over on five of their first six possessions and fell into a quick 8-2 hole.

The turnovers continued to mount in the second quarter, and

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Blackhawks spoil Raiders Senior Night despite comeback

By RYAN WALKER

PONETO — An 18-point comeback still was not enough to salvage a heartbreaker on Southern Wells' Senior Night in a 47-44 defeat over Cowan.

As Raiders' (8-14) head coach Joel Roush described it, his team scratched and fought through a Blackhawks (10-11) team that had the three of the tallest players on the floor at all times, led by 6'10" Cole Duncan.

"That's the thing I've never not been proud of this team," Roush said after the

game. "They scrap and fight and we're outsized, and tonight pretty significantly. We battle and we scrap and we fight and it means something to these guys and I want those guys on my side all the time. I don't want guys that just do it because they enjoy it. This place means something to our people, to this school. Those are the people I want in my life."

The Raiders did have their chances to tie it. Cowan's Mason Kidd missed three of his four free-throw attempts with 12 seconds remaining in the game, aided by Duncan's offensive rebound. His only make was the third shot to make it a guaranteed three-point chance at the buzzer for the Raiders to tie.

Roush used a timeout to design a play for Chandler Oswald, who got a slightly contested spot on the right wing that went just right of the rim to end the game.

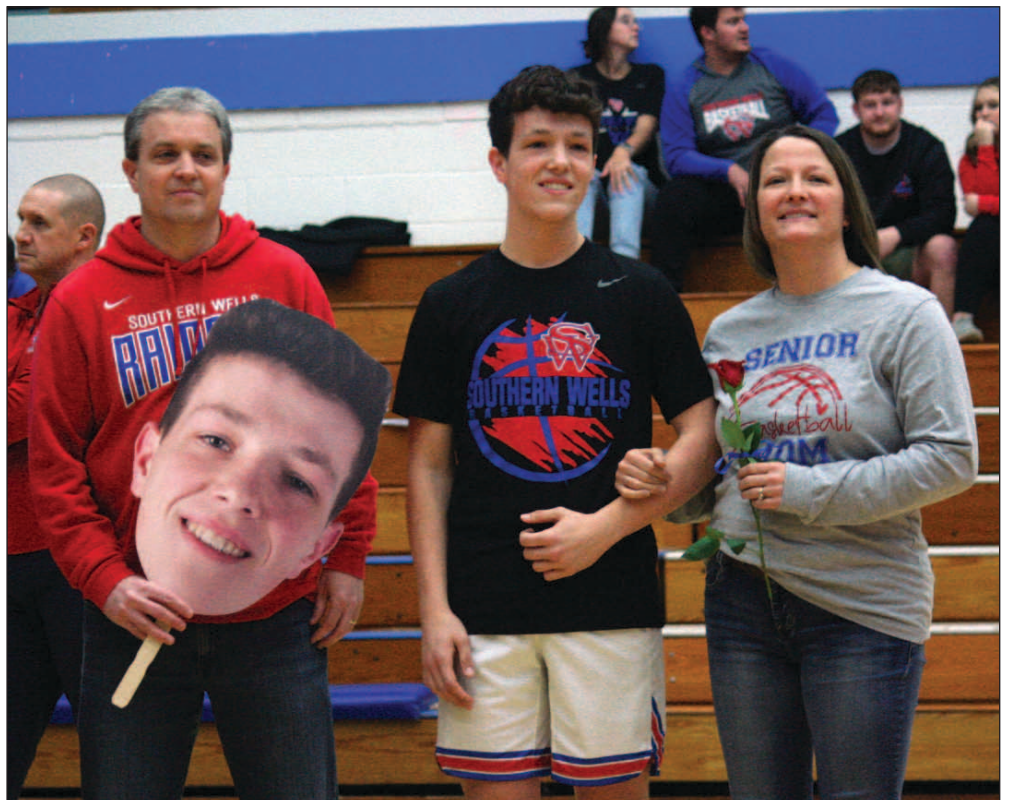
"We wanted to get Evan (Pennington) off of a ball screen with Perrin (Gates), and then we wanted him to come down and hit Chandler's man and get it on a dribble handoff. And you saw we executed it pretty real well, but it just didn't go."

Cowan played bully ball with Southern Wells the entire night. It took an early advantage midway through the first quarter and not letting go for a long time.

As a team, Cowan outrebounded Southern Wells 45-30 — Duncan with 19, Griffin Smith with nine and Gentry Graves with six, who would all be the tallest Raider on the team if they swapped uniforms.

The Raiders tried to play physical and disrupt the 6'10" big man, but Duncan got his double-double late in the second quarter.

At halftime, it was a close, but not promising nine-point deficit, and the Blackhawks



Southern Wells' senior Caleb Johnson (middle) stands with his family, holding a headshot of himself Friday night at the Raider Dome. Cowan spoiled the fun and won 47-44 in a tight game to cap off the regular season. (Photos by Ryan Walker)

came out hot in the third.

Duncan got two buckets in a row in the middle of Smith's free throws and a make by Zack Lawson. The lead stretched out to 18 at the time, and Roush needed to put out the fire with a timeout.

Not only did he put out the fire, but they caught it too.

CJ Reber got free for a quick jump shot

in front of the basket on an inbounds play. Then, Duncan picked up his third foul and checked out of the game. After he left, the Raiders ramped up their pace of play and ran with it.

Reber knocked down a triple, and Gates scored underneath without the big wall to stop them.

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Cowan's 6'10" Cole Duncan (right) towers over Southern Wells' tallest, player Perrin Gates, in the post. Duncan was a thorn in the side of the Raiders, scoring a game-high 20 point and 19 rebounds for the Blackhawks.

Knights outlast Spartans

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O, Adam McBride 2-7 0-0 5, Trace Moser 0-0 0-0 0, Owen Wallis 0-0 0-0 0, Cohen Bailey 3-9 0-0 7, Nick McBride 1-2 0-0 2, Ashton Federspiel 6-12 13-14 25, Ryne Thornton 0-0 0-0 0. TOTALS: 17-43 13-14 49.

HOMESTEAD (12-12): Will Jamison 7-19 3-3 20, Aidan Good 0-1 0-0 0, Josh Rodgers 1-3 0-0 3, Alex Graber 0-1 0-0 0, Owen Smith 0-0 0-0 0, Levi Selking 0-0 0-0 0, Michael Raudenbush 2-8 0-3 4, Payton Rhinehart 0-0 0-0 0, Mack Welker 4-6 0-0 10, Mar-shawn Warfield 0-0 0-0 0, Ayle Taylor 0-0 0-0 0, Wyatt Weaver 3-7 0-0 6, Jake Coolman 0-0 0-0 0. TOTALS: 17-47 3-6 43.

Norwell 5 8 17 10 9 — 49
Homestead 10 10 15 5 3 — 43

Three-point Field Goals: Norwell 2-12 (Adam McBride 1-6, Bailey 1-2, Federspiel 0-2, Quintanilla 0-1, Nick McBride 0-1), Homestead 6-23 (Jamison 3-9, Welker 2-3, Rodgers 1-5, Raudenbush 0-5, Good 0-1). Rebounds: Norwell 30 (Federspiel 10, Shelton 8, Quintanilla 5, Adam McBride 5, Bailey 1, Nick McBride 1), Homestead 21 (Jamison 6, Weaver 6, Raudenbush 4, Rodgers 2, Welker 2, Good 1). Turnovers: Norwell 12, Homestead 9. Fouls: Norwell 11, Homestead 17. Fouled out: Graber. Technicals: None. JV: Homestead 46, Norwell 40.

Bluffton ends regular season

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Southwood increased its margin to nine points on two occasions, first at 19-10 and then at 23-14.

A three-point play by Grieser cut the margin to 23-17 with 0:53 left, and Bluffton got the ball back and played for one shot to end the half. But Wilcox stepped in front of a pass and fired the ball to Bo Liddick for a layup just ahead of the horn and a 25-17 Southwood halftime edge.

It was then that Bluffton came out with guns blazing in the second half and rallied around the Knights for the win. The Tigers were 20-35 from the field for the game for a red-hot .571 shooting percentage.

“We shot the ball well because we took good shots,” observed Teagle. “Unfortunately, we weren’t so hot from the free throw line.”

Nope. The Tigers were 9-20 from there.

Green scored 15 points and Beste and Grieser 13 each to lead Bluffton in scoring. Marshall joined Winer in double figures for Southwood with 14 points.

The Knights were 15-for-42 from the field for a .357 per-

centage.

Bluffton won the reserve game, 35-30.

Jared Moser scored 10 points, Nolan Lambert and Benjamin Maggard eight apiece, Coleson Teeple three, and Jude Baumgartner, Eli Bertsch, and Easton Blair two each for the Tigers.

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BLUFFTON 53, SOUTHWOOD 47

At Bluffton
SOUTHWOOD (7-15): Maddox Marshall 5-11 2-2 14, Will Winer 6-9 7-8 19, Jaret Denney 1-6 0-0 3, Bryce Wilcox 1-12 2-6 4, Dalton Barney 0-0 2-2 2, Bo Liddick 2-4 0-0 5, Caleb Wyatt 0-0 0-0 0. TOTAL: 15-42 13-18 47.
BLUFFTON (11-11): Andrew Hunt 1-3 0-0 3, Cameron Williams 1-2 1-3 3, Tucker Jenkins 3-7 0-2 6, Axton Beste 5-7 0-0 13, Kaleb Green 6-8 3-4 15, Declan Greiser 4-7 5-11 13, Elijah Garrett 0-0 0-0 0, Hunter Wenger 0-1 0-0 0. TOTAL: 20-35 9-20 53.
Southwood 12 13 10 12 — 47
Bluffton 6 11 19 17 — 53
Three-point shooting: Southwood 4-11 (Marshall 2-4, Denney 1-2, Wilcox 0-2, Liddick 1-3), Bluffton 4-8 (Hunt 1-3, Williams 0-1, Beste 3-3, Wenger 0-1). Rebounds: Southwood 16 (Wilcox 5), Bluffton 31 (Jenkins 7, Grieser 5). Turnovers: Southwood 11, Bluffton 21. Personal fouls: Southwood 18, Bluffton 15. Fouled out: Barney. Technical fouls: None.
Junior varsity: Bluffton 35, Southwood 30.

Blackhawks spoil Senior Night

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Cowan head coach Aaron Graves threw Duncan back into the game after only sitting for two minutes, but the Raiders were still rolling.

Oswalt hit on back-to-back threes to trickle the lead down to 36-29. Pennington split free-throw attempts and Reber hit a fastbreak layup. Duncan ended the third quarter with a basket close to the hoop, but Southern Wells did its damage and turned a once 18-point deficit to a manageable 38-32 score all within the same quarter.

On his Senior Night, the fourth quarter was Pennington’s time.

The Raiders’ second-leading scorer of the season scored six of the next eight points and regained the lead with 4:10 left. The Blackhawks didn’t see any points until Jayden Terry’s three went in right after.

The two traded leads over the next three minutes, but then Kidd sized up his defender, squared off a deep three at the top of the key and swished it home. That put Cowan up 46-44, and ended up being the dagger.

It spoiled what could have been a miraculous comeback story in front of the packed Raider Dome. Roush wasn’t disappointed in his team, rather, he was quite proud of the group he watched grow as an assistant and now as a head coach.

“We talked before the game — we wanted to leave a good impression on our fans, on our student body, on our parents and on our community,” Roush said. “And I thought our effort

tonight was really, really good, and I feel like we made those people proud. I’m so proud of our seniors, they’ve really committed. They’ve done what we’ve asked them to do, and they’ve accepted the roles that we’ve asked them to accept and honestly, it’s been an honor to coach them.”

Pennington led the Raiders with 15 points and four rebounds. Oswalt finished with 11 points and four rebounds.

The Raiders have now dropped two in a row heading into sectionals.

Southern Wells will kick off the sectional its hosting at 6 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 27 against Southwood.

Southern Wells won the junior varsity game 20-18 in two quarters. Trey Slusher and Landon Johnson scored seven points each.

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COWAN 47, SOUTHERN WELLS 44

At Southern Wells
COWAN (10-11): Cole Duncan 10-17 0-3 20, Jayden Terry 2-8 0-0 10, Mason Kidd 3-12 1-6 9, Griffin Smith 3-9 1-2 7, Zack Lawson 2-3 0-1 2, Gentry Graves 1-4 0-0 2. TOTALS: 21-55 2-12 44.
SOUTHERN WELLS (8-14): Evan Pennington 7-9 1-5 15, Chandler Oswalt 4-20 0-0 11, CJ Reber 3-8 2-2 9, Perrin Gates 2-4 0-0 4, Andrew Aker 1-10 0-0 3, Joshua Aulbach 1-10 0-2, Caleb Johnson 0-1 0-0 0, Landon Johnson 0-3 0-0 0. TOTALS: 18-56 3-7 47.
Cowan 11 14 13 9 — 47
S. Wells 9 7 16 12 — 44
Three-point FG: Cowan 3-13 (Kidd 2-7, Terry 1-2, Smith 0-3, Graves 0-1), Southern Wells 5-24 (Oswalt 3-10, Reber 2-6, Aker 1-7, L. Johnson 0-1). Rebounds: Cowan 45 (Duncan 19, Smith 9, Kidd 6, Graves 5, Terry 4, Lawson), Southern Wells 30 (Aker 9, Gates 7, Reber 5, Oswalt 4, Pennington 4, C. Johnson 1). Turnovers: Cowan 11, Southern Wells 4. Fouls: Cowan 9, Southern Wells 10. Fouled out: None. Technicals: none. JV: 18-16 Southern Wells.



Habegger competes at state

Bluffton bowler Miken Habegger finished in 12th place at the singles state bowling tournament on Saturday. He bowled a total series of 771, and was enough to be selected to the all-region team for high school bowling. The all-state scholarship tournament in Kokomo on March 9. (Photo provided)

Tigersharks, Heyerly race at swim state

Bluffton and Norwell were represented on day one of the IHSAA’s boys’ swimming state finals Friday night.

All events took place at the IUPUI Natatorium.

The Tigersharks, who won the setional as a team last weekend at Jay County, had two events and two relays on display.

The Knights had Rylan Heyerly competing in both the 200 and 100-freestyle races after taking first in the sectional as a freshman.

Here’s how each of them did:

- Bluffton’s 200-yard medley relay team of Noah

Brooks, Dalton Rodgers, Elija Robles and Isaac Wheeler finished 29th with a time of 1:46.18.

- Norwell’s Heyerly finished 29th in the 200-yard freestyle relay with a time of 1:50.10. Then, he finished 30th in the 100-yard freestyle with a time of 49.54.

- Bluffton’s Wheeler finished 31st in the 100-yard butterfly with a time of 55.51.

- Brooks finished 32nd in the 100-yard backstroke with a time of 58.16.

- Bluffton’s 400-yard freestyle relay team of Brooks, Griffin Linderwell, Rodgers and Wheeler 31st with a time of 3:38.45.

Knights top Braves in MS swim & diving

The Norwell swim and dive team for the middle school beat Belmont at home on Wednesday night 122-58 on the boys’ side and 146-39 on the girls.

First-place finishers were:

- Boys
 - Ben Peterson in the diving events.
 - Tyler Zent in the 200-yard freestyle.
 - Wyatt Goulet in the 50-yard freestyle.
 - Evan Swallow in the 400-yard freestyle.
 - Goulet, Zent, Swallow and Peterson in the 200-yard freestyle relay.
 - Zent in the 100-yard backstroke.
 - Easton Reinhard in the 100-yard breaststroke.
- Girls
 - Katelyn Troutt in the diving event.

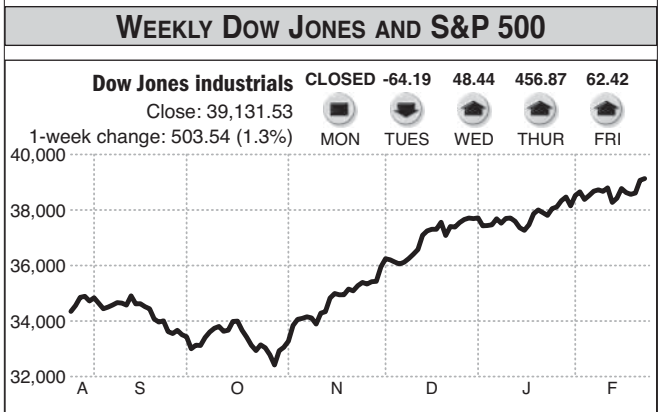
- Faith Grant, Haiflich, Emma Easley and Kurtz in the 200-yard medley relay.
 - Layken Miakowski in the 200-yard freestyle.
 - Grant in the 100-yard IM.
 - Easley in the 50-yard freestyle.
 - Mia Kurtz in the 50-yard butterfly.
 - Hoppingarner, Holmes, Holte and Grisafo in the 200-yard freestyle relay.
 - Grant in the 100-yard backstroke.
 - Elle Bales in the 100-yard breaststroke.
 - Grant, Kurtz, Easley and Miakowski in the 300-yard freestyle relay.
- The team will swim next at Huntington’s YMCA against Crestview and Riverview at 5 p.m. Monday, Feb. 26.

BASKETBALL SECTIONAL PREVIEW

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THE WEEK IN REVIEW



STOCK MARKET INDEXES

High	Low	Name	Last	Wk Chg	Wk %Chg	YTD %Chg	12mo %Chg
39,282.28	31,429.82	Dow Jones Industrials	39,131.53	+503.54	+1.30	+3.83	+19.24
16,717.04	13,400.45	Dow Jones Transportation	15,921.02	+291.83	+1.87	+1.4	+8.83
979.98	765.47	Dow Jones Utilities	849.05	+4.65	+0.55	-3.70	-8.55
17,642.10	14,471.08	NYSE Composite	17,616.02	+206.73	+1.19	+4.53	+13.91
16,134.05	10,982.80	Nasdaq Composite	15,996.82	+221.17	+1.40	+6.56	+40.39
5,111.06	3,808.86	S&P 500	5,088.80	+83.23	+1.66	+6.69	+28.18
2,866.85	2,322.38	S&P MidCap	2,858.02	+29.72	+1.05	+2.75	+9.90
51,337.12	37,776.71	Wilshire 5000	51,154.39	+702.98	+1.39	+5.92	+28.88
2,071.78	1,633.67	Russell 2000	2,016.69	-16.06	-0.79	-5.1	+6.68
17,665.22	12,426.88	Lipper Growth Index	17,628.13	+177.88	+1.02	+8.70	+37.09

STOCK EXCHANGE HIGHLIGHTS

NYSE GAINERS (\$2 OR MORE)				NYSE LOSERS (\$2 OR MORE)				NYSE ACTIVES (\$1 OR MORE)			
Name	Last	Chg	%Chg	Name	Last	Chg	%Chg	Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
EmergBio	2.74	+1.18	+75.6	Unisys	5.25	-2.72	-34.1	Palantir	2660463	22.97	-1.47
Owlet rs	6.17	+1.71	+38.3	Sunovon	7.44	-3.83	-34.0	Nu Hldg	2004631	10.22	-1.4
Canava A	69.23	+16.75	+31.9	Teladoc	14.50	-6.53	-31.1	FordM	1590206	12.14	-1.6
MativHl	16.32	+3.72	+29.5	CntyHlt	2.93	-1.12	-27.7	AT&T Inc	1462026	16.80	-1.7
MediaAlp	20.02	+3.90	+24.2	GrayTelef	6.14	-2.17	-26.1	BkofAm	1460457	33.92	-1.7
Univ Insur	21.09	+3.77	+21.8	Starret	9.85	-3.45	-25.9	Pfizer	1379659	27.76	-1.4
TPG RE	6.85	+1.20	+21.2	Medifast	40.73	-9.26	-18.5	SnapInc A	1329690	10.80	-3.7
Square	78.92	+13.28	+20.2	BrdjInp	7.26	-1.58	-17.9	Vale SA	1197782	13.47	-1.6
ArmstrWld	122.37	+17.28	+16.4	QuadGrph	5.34	-1.16	-17.8	Carnival	1111363	15.23	+4.3
ArcusBio	19.53	+2.73	+16.3	TorridHl	4.11	-0.89	-17.8	Square	967288	78.92	+13.28

STOCKS OF LOCAL INTEREST

Name	Div	Last	Wk Chg	Wk %Chg	YTD Chg	YTD %Chg
AFLAC	2.00	80.41	+1.03	+1.3	-2.5	+94.0
AT&T Inc	1.11	16.80	-0.17	-1.0	+1	+5.5
AMD	1.60	176.52	+2.65	+1.5	+19.7	+5.1
Amazon	...	174.99	+5.48	+3.2	+15.2	+4.5
AEP	3.52	82.45	+1.10	+1.4	+1.5	-28.3
Apple Inc s	0.96	182.52	+2.1	+0.1	-5.2	+2.1
ApldMatl	1.28	197.16	-2.09	-1.0	+21.7	+4.4
BP PLC	1.74	35.38	-0.7	-0.2	-1	+9.1
BkofAm	0.96	33.92	-1.7	-0.5	+7	+282.4
BrMySq	2.40	51.66	+1.80	+3.6	+7	-7.0
CampSp	1.48	42.45	+1.00	+2.4	-1.8	-1.6
Canoo Inc	...	12	-0.3	-17.7	-54.9	-12.7
Caterpillar	5.20	323.88	+1.97	+0.6	+9.5	+9.2
Chevron	6.52	154.66	+0.3	...	+3.7	+2.7
Cisco	1.60	48.86	+4.2	+0.9	-3.3	+9.2
Citigroup	2.12	55.93	+1.08	+2.0	-8.7	+5.9
CocaCola	1.84	61.20	+1.81	+3.0	+3.9	+3.8
DxSOXBr	...	4.09	-3.0	-6.8	-29.9	-1
DxSOXBI	...	40.17	+1.84	+4.8	+27.9	-3.6
Disney	30	107.74	-3.86	-3.5	+19.3	+0.1
Eaton	2.92	284.93	+7.41	+2.7	+18.3	+17.6
ELiLily	5.20	769.54	-12.52	-1.6	+32.0	-5.3
ExxonMbl	3.80	103.84	+1.1	+0.1	+3.9	-5.1
FordM	60	12.14	-1.6	-1.3	-4	+3.8
FrankElec	90	100.48	+2.0	+0.2	+4.0	+6.8
FrptMcM	30	38.96	+1.3	+0.3	-8.5	-3.6
GenElec	32	153.33	+4.17	+2.8	+20.1	-17.9
GrabHl A	...	3.16	-3.7	-10.5	-6.2	-7.5
HP Inc	1.02	29.27	+0.89	+2.4	-2.7	+7.2
HomeDep	9.00	331.96	+9.61	+2.7	+7.3	-2.1
ShChinaLC	87	24.12	+1.05	+4.6	+4	-22.7
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Nikola	...	0.76	+0.2	+3.2	-12.7	-12.7

Feeling like I'm falling short

Dear Annie: I am the sole caregiver of my partner of 30 years who started suffering from dementia five years ago. I am at a point where I do nothing all day if I can avoid it. I read compulsively. I start stressing days ahead of when I know I'll have to make a trip to town — 40 miles roundtrip for groceries, etc.

My partner doesn't require me to be on my feet all day. He just lays in his chair and listens to audiobooks. He can still make his way to the bathroom and back with his walker. I just make sure he has his meals and meds at certain times. Right now, he is dealing with a back injury due to a fall. When his back is better, it'll be either his teeth or his stomach we are dealing with. I don't have enough energy to clean the house, cook good meals, do laundry or take care of the truck.

I dread having to do anything or think about anything. I have become an absolutely worthless human being. It takes everything I have in the way of energy to just feed him, take care of the animals, the bills and groceries, etc. How can I be so tired when I am doing less and less every day? I am so ashamed of myself. — Caregiver Not Good Enough

Dear Caregiver: Consider what local resources and support groups are at your disposal. Socialization and time out of the house will no doubt improve your mental health and provide you an outlet beyond just caring for your sick partner. Lean on your family and friends for support and allow them to help you if they can. Don't be a hero.

Being the sole provider for another human being is a challenging, exhausting role to hold. Don't belittle this; show yourself some compassion and remember that your productivity is not an indication of your value.

Dear Annie: A few years ago, I responded to a letter in your column from a widower, "Missing Love," who wanted to date again but felt it was a "problem" that he still loved his late wife. I said it was not a problem, but a blessing, and if he ever did find love

again, it would exist alongside his love for his wife, not replace it. That was my theory, anyway. I was a widow of four years who was NOT looking for love! But here is my update.

I decided to join an online dating site six years after my husband died, when my life was finally happy and fulfilling as it was. I wasn't looking to be rescued or taken care of, so I could date light-heartedly: I had no expectations but nothing to lose, either, so it was easy.

I met a few men who didn't click, and then, three months in, I met a wonderful man who instantly did! His wife had also died six years before. We married six months later. We found "The Princess Bride" style true love, much to our continuing amazement.

I can say from experience now that indeed, the new love lives happily beside the old, which is not at all diminished or set aside. We speak easily and with great fondness of our first spouses, and our families and longtime friends are most happy for us. I hope "Missing Love" has the same great good fortune. — Buttercup

Dear Buttercup: Thank you for sharing your sweet story. It's truly a testament to the fact that we can experience and celebrate new relationships while still treasuring ones that have come before. When it comes to love, there's always room for a second chance.

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by Annie Lane



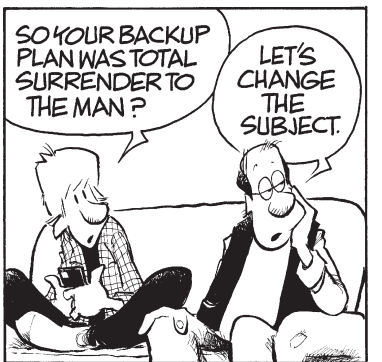
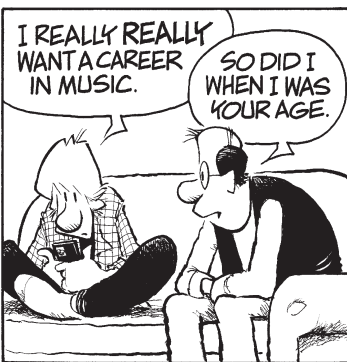
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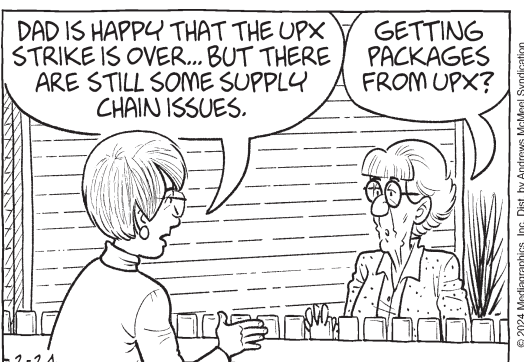
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My Answer

By Dr. Billy Graham



Jesus Christ opened Heaven's door for us by His death on the cross

Question: My family visited the Ark Encounter in Kentucky. We were fascinated to learn that there was only one point of entry in Noah's ark. What is the spiritual significance of this? — O.W.

Answer: Every house and building has at least one entrance. Every nation has points of entry. The children of Israel entered the Promised Land by way of the Jordan River. God had delivered them out of slavery and persecution into a better country, and that entry point still remains today.

The Kingdom of God also has an entrance — only one — and it is Jesus Christ. He proclaims, "I am the door. If anyone enters by Me, he will be

saved" (John 10:9, NKJV). The human heart has an entrance as well, but many have it bolted, defiantly refusing to let Christ come in. The Bible says, "Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him" (Revelation 3:20, NKJV).

God formed our hearts and wants to dwell there, but many have locked their hearts up, ignoring the Savior who says, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me" (John 14:6, NKJV). Still, many refuse His salvation by claiming that they don't believe there is only one way to God.

In 1971, when the crew of Apollo 15 returned to the earth's atmosphere

after a journey of nearly 300 hours and almost half a million miles, they had to re-enter the earth's atmosphere through a corridor less than 40 miles wide. That is a narrow passage. This illustrates what Jesus said: "Enter by the narrow gate; for wide is the gate and broad is the way that leads to destruction" (Matthew 7:13).

Jesus Christ opened Heaven's door for us by His death on the cross and by His resurrection from the grave. When He knocks, do not turn Him away.

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

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THE FAMILY CIRCUS

By Bil Keane



Little Billy turns in another revealing look at Daddy-turned-carpenter.

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Yesterday's answer 2-24

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WINM (12)	11	26	63		Swan's Place	Let's Take It Outside	A Fishing Story	Life's Highway	Living the Dream	Divine	Life	Sue Thomas F.B. Eye "Simon Says"	Founda-tion		Pacific Garden Mission		CURE America		BillyGr-aham.TV	The Listen	
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Antenna WANE-2 (152)	106	20			Law & Order: SVU "Betrayal's Climax"	Law & Order: SVU "Wednesday's Child"	Law & Order: SVU "Comic Perversion"	Law & Order: SVU "Gambler's Fallacy"	Law & Order: SVU "Gridiron Soldier"	Law & Order: SVU "Gambler's Fallacy"	Law & Order: SVU "Criminal Stories"	Law & Order: SVU "Downloaded Child"	Law & Order: SVU "Beast's Obsession"		Law & Order: SVU "Criminal Stories"	Law & Order: SVU "Downloaded Child"	Law & Order: SVU "Beast's Obsession"		Law & Order: SVU "Beast's Obsession"		
ABC WPTA (21)	4	3	21	21	ABC21 News at 6 (N)	ABC World News (N)	Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing	NBA (L) (N)	NBA Basketball Boston Celtics at New York Knicks From Madison Square Garden in New York. (L) (N)					ABC21 (N)	Investig-ateTV (N)	Seinfeld	Mod Fam "Sleeper"			
NBC WPTA-2 (212)	7	8	14		(3:00) PGA Golf Mexico Open, Third Round (N)	News (N)	NBC News (N)	Family Feud	Family Feud	The Wall "Monet and Keven"	Weakest Link				Saturday Night Live	News (N)	Saturday Night Live Shane Gillis; 21 Savage (L) (N)	Law & Order: SVU "Sanctuary"			
MNT WPTA-3 (213)	10	9	56	34	World Chase Tag	Chicago Fire "You Choose"	Chicago Fire "You Choose"	Chicago Fire "Make This Right"	9-1-1 "May Day"	The Rookie "Day in the Hole"					Crimes "Dismissed With Prejudice"	Murdoch Mysteries "Murdoch on the Couch"	"Sanctuary"	Law & Order: SVU "Sanctuary"			
CW WISE (33)	8	4	33	33	To the Rescue	College Basketball Virginia Tech at Pittsburgh Littlejohn Coliseum in Pittsburgh. (L) (N)	(45) College Basketball Florida State at Clemson From Littlejohn Coliseum in Clemson, S.C. (L) (N)								The Liquidator	TMZ (N)		*** Glory '89) Denzel Washington, Matthew Broderick.			
PBS WFAA (39)	13	5	39	39	Journey Indiana from Above	Tribute Lawrence Welk regulars & special guest stars celebrate the band leader from the Grand Ole Opry.	Special Security & You With Mary Beth Franklin			Bees Gess-Time Following the Bees Gess-Time from their roots in England to superstardom on a global scale.	College Basketball Villanova at Connecticut From Harry A. Gampel Pavilion in Storrs, Conn. (L) (N)				Ancient Remedies With Dr. Josh	You, Happier With Daniel Amen, MD		NOVA "Hunt for the Oldest DNA"			
PBS WFPB (49)	3				(4:30) MLS Soccer Seattle Sounders FC at Los Angeles FC From BMO Stadium in Los Angeles. (N)	FOX College Hoops Tip-Off (L) (N)									FOX 55 News First at 10 (N)	The Floor "You Can Run but You Can't Hide"	Two and a Half Men	Two and a Half Men			
FOX WFTF (55)	6	5	55	55																	
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LIFE	23	113	108	252	(4:00) Wendy Williams: The Movie	Wendy the Life of her notorious feud with celebrities.	Where is Wendy Williams? New questions arise about Wendy's career and her family life. (N)								(05) W. Williams "I'm Not a Crier"	(05) Where Is Wendy Williams?	W. Williams "I'm Not a Crier"				
FX	24	132	136	148	*** Captain America: The Winter Soldier (14) Chris Pratt.	*** Guardians of the Galaxy (14) Chris Pratt.									*** Guardians of the Galaxy (14) Chris Pratt.	*** Guardians of the Galaxy (14) Chris Pratt.					
TVLAND	25		106	304	Mike & Molly	Mike & Molly	Mike & Molly	Mike & Molly	Mike & Molly	Mike & Molly	Mike & Molly	Mike & Molly	Mike & Molly	Mike & Molly	Mike & Molly	Mike & Molly	Mike & Molly	Mike & Molly	Mike & Molly	Mike & Molly	
E!	26	142	114	236	*** Men in Black: Tom Cruise	*** Men in Black: Tom Cruise	*** Men in Black: Tom Cruise	*** Men in Black: Tom Cruise	*** Men in Black: Tom Cruise	*** Men in Black: Tom Cruise	*** Men in Black: Tom Cruise	*** Men in Black: Tom Cruise	*** Men in Black: Tom Cruise	*** Men in Black: Tom Cruise	*** Men in Black: Tom Cruise	*** Men in Black: Tom Cruise	*** Men in Black: Tom Cruise	*** Men in Black: Tom Cruise	*** Men in Black: Tom Cruise	*** Men in Black: Tom Cruise	*** Men in Black: Tom Cruise
PARMT	30	241	241	241	*** Indiana Jones and the Last Crusade (1989, Adventure) Sean Connery, Denholm Elliott, Harrison Ford.	*** Indiana Jones and the Last Crusade (1989, Adventure) Sean Connery, Denholm Elliott, Harrison Ford.	*** Indiana Jones and the Last Crusade (1989, Adventure) Sean Connery, Denholm Elliott, Harrison Ford.	*** Indiana Jones and the Last Crusade (1989, Adventure) Sean Connery, Denholm Elliott, Harrison Ford.	*** Indiana Jones and the Last Crusade (1989, Adventure) Sean Connery, Denholm Elliott, Harrison Ford.	*** Indiana Jones and the Last Crusade (1989, Adventure) Sean Connery, Denholm Elliott, Harrison Ford.	*** Indiana Jones and the Last Crusade (1989, Adventure) Sean Connery, Denholm Elliott, Harrison Ford.	*** Indiana Jones and the Last Crusade (1989, Adventure) Sean Connery, Denholm Elliott, Harrison Ford.	*** Indiana Jones and the Last Crusade (1989, Adventure) Sean Connery, Denholm Elliott, Harrison Ford.	*** Indiana Jones and the Last Crusade (1989, Adventure) Sean Connery, Denholm Elliott, Harrison Ford.	*** Indiana Jones and the Last Crusade (1989, Adventure) Sean Connery, Denholm Elliott, Harrison Ford.	*** Indiana Jones and the Last Crusade (1989, Adventure) Sean Connery, Denholm Elliott, Harrison Ford.	*** Indiana Jones and the Last Crusade (1989, Adventure) Sean Connery, Denholm Elliott, Harrison Ford.	*** Indiana Jones and the Last Crusade (1989, Adventure) Sean Connery, Denholm Elliott, Harrison Ford.	*** Indiana Jones and the Last Crusade (1989, Adventure) Sean Connery, Denholm Elliott, Harrison Ford.	*** Indiana Jones and the Last Crusade (1989, Adventure) Sean Connery, Denholm Elliott, Harrison Ford.	
ESPN	31	50	140	206	(4:00) Basketball Texas at Kansas From Allen Fieldhouse in Lawrence, Kan. (L) (N)	College Basketball Texas at Kansas From Allen Fieldhouse in Lawrence, Kan. (L) (N)	College Basketball Texas at Kansas From Allen Fieldhouse in Lawrence, Kan. (L) (N)	College Basketball Texas at Kansas From Allen Fieldhouse in Lawrence, Kan. (L) (N)	College Basketball Texas at Kansas From Allen Fieldhouse in Lawrence, Kan. (L) (N)	College Basketball Texas at Kansas From Allen Fieldhouse in Lawrence, Kan. (L) (N)	College Basketball Texas at Kansas From Allen Fieldhouse in Lawrence, Kan. (L) (N)	College Basketball Texas at Kansas From Allen Fieldhouse in Lawrence, Kan. (L) (N)	College Basketball Texas at Kansas From Allen Fieldhouse in Lawrence, Kan. (L) (N)	College Basketball Texas at Kansas From Allen Fieldhouse in Lawrence, Kan. (L) (N)	College Basketball Texas at Kansas From Allen Fieldhouse in Lawrence, Kan. (L) (N)	College Basketball Texas at Kansas From Allen Fieldhouse in Lawrence, Kan. (L) (N)	College Basketball Texas at Kansas From Allen Fieldhouse in Lawrence, Kan. (L) (N)	College Basketball Texas at Kansas From Allen Fieldhouse in Lawrence, Kan. (L) (N)	College Basketball Texas at Kansas From Allen Fieldhouse in Lawrence, Kan. (L) (N)	College Basketball Texas at Kansas From Allen Fieldhouse in Lawrence, Kan. (L) (N)	
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FSMW	33		418	671	Adventure Snow Motion	MLB Baseball Miami Marlins at St. Louis Cardinals From Roger Dean Stadium in Jupiter, Fla.	College Basketball Texas TBA (L) (N)	College Basketball Texas TBA (L) (N)	College Basketball Texas TBA (L) (N)	College Basketball Texas TBA (L) (N)	College Basketball Texas TBA (L) (N)	College Basketball Texas TBA (L) (N)	College Basketball Texas TBA (L) (N)	College Basketball Texas TBA (L) (N)	College Basketball Texas TBA (L) (N)	College Basketball Texas TBA (L) (N)	College Basketball Texas TBA (L) (N)	College Basketball Texas TBA (L) (N)	College Basketball Texas TBA (L) (N)	College Basketball Texas TBA (L) (N)	
USA	34	133	105	242	(4:30) College Basketball George Mason at Loyola-Chicago (L) (N)	911 Crisis Center (N)	9-1-1 "Red Flag"	9-1-1 "In Another Life"	9-1-1 "Recovery"						9-1-1 "Mixed Feelings"	9-1-1 "Performance Anxiety"	9-1-1 "Death and Taxes"				
DISC	35	72	182	278	(4:00) Aftaid XL "Mutiny in the Jungle"	Aftaid XL and Steven's new camp is stalked by a jaguar, a survivor leaves the group to go solo.	Naked and Aftaid XL A distant fishing hole means a punishing journey for a team's next meal.	Naked and Aftaid XL A distant fishing hole means a punishing journey for a team's next meal.	Naked and Aftaid XL A distant fishing hole means a punishing journey for a team's next meal.	Naked and Aftaid XL A distant fishing hole means a punishing journey for a team's next meal.	Naked and Aftaid XL A distant fishing hole means a punishing journey for a team's next meal.	Naked and Aftaid XL A distant fishing hole means a punishing journey for a team's next meal.	Naked and Aftaid XL A distant fishing hole means a punishing journey for a team's next meal.	Naked and Aftaid XL A distant fishing hole means a punishing journey for a team's next meal.	Naked and Aftaid XL A distant fishing hole means a punishing journey for a team's next meal.	Naked and Aftaid XL A distant fishing hole means a punishing journey for a team's next meal.	Naked and Aftaid XL A distant fishing hole means a punishing journey for a team's next meal.	Naked and Aftaid XL A distant fishing hole means a punishing journey for a team's next meal.	Naked and Aftaid XL A distant fishing hole means a punishing journey for a team's next meal.	Naked and Aftaid XL A distant fishing hole means a punishing journey for a team's next meal.	
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SYFY	41	135	122	244	(4:00) The Hunt (2014, Thriller) Betty Gilpin, Emma Roberts, Ike Barinholtz.	*** Men in Black 3 (2012, Action) Will Smith, Rip Torn, Tommy Lee Jones.	*** Men in Black 3 (2012, Action) Will Smith, Rip Torn, Tommy Lee Jones.	*** Men in Black 3 (2012, Action) Will Smith, Rip Torn, Tommy Lee Jones.	*** Men in Black 3 (2012, Action) Will Smith, Rip Torn, Tommy Lee Jones.	*** Men in Black 3 (2012, Action) Will Smith, Rip Torn, Tommy Lee Jones.	*** Men in Black 3 (2012, Action) Will Smith, Rip Torn, Tommy Lee Jones.	*** Men in Black 3 (2012, Action) Will Smith, Rip Torn, Tommy Lee Jones.	*** Men in Black 3 (2012, Action) Will Smith, Rip Torn, Tommy Lee Jones.	*** Men in Black 3 (2012, Action) Will Smith, Rip Torn, Tommy Lee Jones.	*** Men in Black 3 (2012, Action) Will Smith, Rip Torn, Tommy Lee Jones.	*** Men in Black 3 (2012, Action) Will Smith, Rip Torn, Tommy Lee Jones.	*** Men in Black 3 (2012, Action) Will Smith, Rip Torn, Tommy Lee Jones.	*** Men in Black 3 (2012, Action) Will Smith, Rip Torn, Tommy Lee Jones.	*** Men in Black 3 (2012, Action) Will Smith, Rip Torn, Tommy Lee Jones.	*** Men in Black 3 (2012, Action) Will Smith, Rip Torn, Tommy Lee Jones.	
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TNT	44	131	138	245	*** American Gangster (2007, Crime) Russell Crowe, Chiwetel Ejiofor, Denzel Washington.	*** American Gangster (2007, Crime) Russell Crowe, Chiwetel Ejiofor, Denzel Washington.	*** American Gangster (2007, Crime)														

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Cash4Life — 09-36-41-46-47, Cash Ball: 02
Quick Draw Midday — 04-06-15-18-19-24-25-26-28-29-31-38-51-57-67-68-69-76-77-79, BE: 06
Daily Three-Midday — 07-08-04, SB: 03
Daily Three-Evening — 08-08-09, SB: 00
Daily Four-Midday — 01-04-03-09, SB: 03
Daily Four-Evening —

09-08-00-02, SB: 00
Quick Draw Evening — 01-02-03-07-09-11-14-16-18-24-32-37-39-42-44-53-54-72-76-77, BE: 76
Hoosier Lotto — Estimated jackpot (for Saturday): \$5.2 million
MEGA MILLIONS
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Public Notices

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NOTICE OF UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION

IN THE WELLS CIRCUIT COURT OF WELLS COUNTY, INDIANA DOCKET NO. 90C01-2401-EU-000007

Notice is hereby given that LYNETTE E. JOHNSON, KAYLEEN J. REUSSER and CAMILLE E. HAVENS, were on February 9 2024, appointed co-personal representatives of the estate of EVELYN JOAN BREWER, deceased, who died on the 11th day of January, 2024, and were authorized to administer her estate without Court supervision.

All persons who have claims against this estate, whether or not now due, must file those claims in the office of the Clerk of the Wells Circuit Court within three (3) months after the date of the first publication of this notice, or within nine (9) months after the decedent's death, whichever is earlier, or those claims will be forever barred.

Dated at Bluffton, Indiana, this 9th day of February, 2024.

Beth Davis
 Clerk, Wells Circuit Court
 Matthew P. Hayes
 Attorney for Co-Personal Representatives
 Attorney No. 32002-02 GORDON & ASSOCIATES PROFESSIONAL CORPORATION
 119 East Oak Forest Drive Bluffton, IN 46714
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SOUTHERN WELLS SUPERINTENDENT CONTRACT

On Tuesday, March 5, 2024 at 4:00 PM in the High School Media Center, 9120 S 300 W; Poneto, IN 46781, the School Board will meet to discuss and hear objections to and support for the proposed Superintendent's contract for employment.

EFFECTIVE CONTRACT DATES: July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2026

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IN RE: THE MARRIAGE OF:)
) COREY LEE HARRIS
) Petitioner
) vs.
) TRINA M. (HARRIS) KRAMER)
) ORDER FOR SUMMONS
) BY PUBLICATION

The Court, having read and examined the Praecipe for Notice by Publication, and being duly advised, now Orders that the Notice of Filing of Petition to Modify Child Support in this matter be served upon Trina M. (Harris) Kramer by publication.
 Dated this 2/9/2024
 Kenton W. Kiracofe
 Judge, Wells Circuit Court

Distribution:
 David G. Crell
 STATE OF INDIANA)
) SS:
 WELLS COUNTY)
) IN THE WELLS
) CIRCUIT COURT
) CAUSE NUMBER:
) 90C01-1101-DR-0014

ON RELATION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILD SERVICES CHILD SUPPORT BUREAU IN RE: THE MARRIAGE OF: COREY LEE HARRIS Petitioner

vs.
 TRINA M. (HARRIS) KRAMER Respondent

To: COREY L. HARRIS
 P.O. Box 127
 124 1/2 E. Craig St.
 Ossian, IN 46777
 AND
 To: TRINA M. HARRIS
 ORDER TO APPEAR

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a MODIFICATION hearing will be held in the above captioned cause on the 19th day of April, 2024 at 10:00 A.M. in the Wells Circuit Courtroom, Wells County Court House, Bluffton, IN 46714. The Court being duly advised in the premises hereby ORDERS you to appear at said hearing. Your failure to appear as ordered may result in a bench warrant being issued for your arrest.

EXAMINED, ORDERED and DECREED this 2/9/2024

Kenton W. Kiracofe
 JUDGE
 WELLS CIRCUIT COURT

Note:
 Personal Service on Petitioner Required by Sheriff
 Service by Publication on Respondent

cc:
 Wells Co. Child Support
 STATE OF INDIANA)
) SS:
 WELLS COUNTY)
) IN THE WELLS
) CIRCUIT COURT
) CAUSE NUMBER:
) 90C01-1101-DR-000014

IN RE: THE MARRIAGE OF COREY LEE HARRIS Petitioner and TRINA M. (HARRIS) KRAMER Respondent

PETITION FOR MODIFICATION
 Comes now the Indiana Department of Child Services, by the Prosecuting Attorney for the 28th Judicial Circuit, and respectfully petitions the Court for a modification of the child support order heretofore entered in this cause, and in support of its petition, the State alleges and says:

1. That on the 3rd day of DECEMBER, 2013, the Court entered an order for the support of the children herein in the amount of \$75.83 per week.

2. That a change of circumstances has occurred since the creation of this order that is substantial and continuing in nature and renders the original order entered herein unreasonable.

3. That the support order previously entered on the 3rd day of DECEMBER, 2013, should be modified in an amount consistent with the best interest of the children herein.

Therefore, it is respectfully requested that the Court modify the previous support order in a manner consistent with the best interests of the children and provide any and all other relief just and proper in the premises.

Respectfully submitted,
 David G. Crell
 Prosecuting Attorney
 Child Support Division

Certificate of Service
 I certify that on the 1st day of December, 2023, service of a true and complete copy of the above forgoing pleading was made upon all parties of record by depositing the same in the U.S. Mail in an envelope properly addressed and with sufficient first class postage affixed.

WELLS COUNTY PROSECUTING ATTORNEY'S OFFICE
 David G. Crell
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White House, tribal leaders hail deal to restore salmon runs in Pacific Northwest

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Biden administration, leaders of four Columbia River Basin tribes and the governors of Oregon and Washington celebrated on Friday as they signed papers formally launching a \$1 billion plan to help recover depleted salmon populations in the Pacific Northwest.

The plan, announced in December, stopped short of calling for the removal of four controversial dams on the Snake River, as some environmental groups and tribal leaders have urged. But officials said it would boost clean energy production and help offset hydro-power, transportation and other benefits provided by the dams should Congress ever agree to breach them.

The plan brokered by the Biden administration pauses long-running litigation over federal dam operations and represents the most significant step yet toward eventually taking the four Snake River dams down. The plan will strengthen tribal clean energy projects and provide other benefits for tribes and other communities that depend on the Columbia Basin for agriculture, energy, recreation and transportation, the White House said.

“Since time immemorial, the strength of the Yakama Nation and its people have come from the Columbia River, and from the fish, game, roots and berries it nourishes,” Yakama Nation Chairman Gerald Lewis said at a White House ceremony.

“The Yakama Nation will always fight to protect and restore the salmon because, without the salmon, we cannot maintain the health of our people or our way of life,” Lewis said, adding that Columbia Basin salmon are dying from the impacts of human development.

“Our fishers have empty nets and their homes have empty tables because historically the federal government has not done enough to mitigate these impacts,” he said. “We need a lot more clean energy, but we need to do development in a way that is socially just.”

Lewis was among four tribal leaders who spoke at the hourlong ceremony at the White House complex, along with Washington Gov. Jay Inslee, Oregon Gov. Tina Kotek and an array of federal officials.

The agreement, formally known as the Columbia Basin Restoration Initiative, “deserves to be celebrated,” said Jonathan W. Smith, chairman of the Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs Reservation.

The settlement “takes the interests of all the stakeholders in the Columbia Basin into account,” he said. “It lays out a pathway to restore salmon and steelhead to healthy and abundant levels and moves forward with the necessary green energy transition in a socially just and equitable way.”

Corinne Sams of the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation called the signing ceremony a historic moment, not just for the tribes, but also for the U.S. government “and all Americans in the Pacific Northwest. My heart is big today.”

The Columbia River Basin, an area roughly the size of Texas, was once the world’s greatest salmon-

producing river system, with at least 16 stocks of salmon and steelhead. Today, four are extinct and seven are listed under the Endangered Species Act.

Dams are a main culprit behind the salmon’s decline, and federal fisheries scientists have concluded that breaching the dams in eastern Washington on the Snake River, the largest tributary of the Columbia, would be the best hope for recovering them, providing the fish with access to hundreds of miles of pristine habitat and spawning grounds in Idaho.

Conservation groups sued the federal government more than two decades ago in an effort to save the fish. They have argued that the continued operation of the dams violates the Endangered Species Act as well as treaties dating to the mid-19th century ensuring the tribes’ right to harvest fish.

Friday’s celebration did not include congressional Republicans who oppose dam breaching and have vowed to block it.

Dams along the Columbia-Snake River system provide more than one-third of all hydropower capacity in the United States, said Rep. Cathy McMorris Rodgers, a Washington Republican who chairs the House Energy and Commerce Committee. In Washington state, hydropower accounts for 70% of electricity consumed.

The Snake River dams “helped transform Eastern Washington into one of the most productive agricultural regions in the world,” including 40% of America’s wheat, Rodgers said in a statement.

She denounced “secret negotiations” led by White House senior adviser and climate envoy John Podesta, saying he and other officials “worked behind closed doors with a select group of radical environmentalists to develop a secret package of actions and commitments” that advance “efforts to remove the four Lower Snake River dams.”

Biden officials “ignored the concerns of people who live in the Pacific Northwest and who would be significantly impacted if these dams were breached,” Rodgers said.

Podesta and other speakers at the White House ceremony looked past those concerns, with few even mentioning the dams.

“President Biden understands that the Columbia River is the lifeblood of the Pacific Northwest, for its culture, for its economy and for its people,” said Brenda Mallory, chairwoman of the White House Council on Environmental Quality.



Living history

Sixth grade students at Southern Wells Elementary School hosted a “Wax Museum” during school Friday, wherein they presented to the other classrooms and held open performance times for a public audience. The students researched a historical figures and memorized a presentation, and often donned a costume to complete the image. Pictured above are three of the historians, Carlie Billman as Betsy Ross, Tenley Fiechter as Dr. Suess and Aubree Neuenschwander as Queen Elizabeth I. (Photos by Holly Gaskill)

Trump’s lawyers call for dismissal of classified documents case, citing presidential immunity

WASHINGTON (AP) — Former President Donald Trump urged a Florida judge to dismiss the criminal case charging him with illegally retaining classified documents, claiming in part that presidential immunity protects him from prosecution even as that sweeping argument has so far failed in federal courts in a separate case.

In one of a slew of motions attacking the case brought by special counsel Jack Smith, Trump’s lawyers late Thursday echoed arguments that were roundly rejected by a federal appeals court this month in his 2020 election interference case in Washington. Trump has asked the U.S. Supreme Court to intervene in that case as the Republican presidential primary front-runner seeks to delay the trial until after the November election.

Trump’s lawyers wrote that the classified documents charges turn on his alleged decision to designate the papers as “personal” records under the Presidential Records Act, and argued that he cannot be prosecuted since that was an “official act” made while he was still in the White House.

Trump has denied wrongdoing in all four of the criminal cases he is facing, and has cast himself as the victim of a politically motivated justice system as he seeks to reclaim to the White House in November.

Washington’s federal appeals court in its decision this month was unsparing in its repudiation of Trump’s novel claim that former presidents enjoy absolute immunity for actions that fall within their official job duties. But Trump’s lawyers argued that the appeals

court decision was wrong, telling U.S. District Judge Aileen Cannon not to follow the court’s “poorly reasoned decision” in the classified documents case.

In other court filings late Thursday, Trump’s lawyers argued that Attorney General Merrick Garland’s appointment of special counsel Smith to investigate the former president was “unlawful” and grounds for dismissing the documents case. They also are attacking the law Trump is accused of violating as “unconstitutionally vague” as applied in his case.

The case accuses Trump of illegally hoarding classified documents at his Mar-a-Lago estate and obstructing government efforts to retrieve them. A June 2023 indictment charging him with dozens of felony counts alleges investigators found boxes of sensitive documents recklessly stored at Mar-a-Lago in spaces including a ballroom, a bath-

room and shower, his bedroom and a storage room.

Prosecutors have said the documents he stowed, refused to return and in some cases showed to visitors risked jeopardizing not only relations with foreign nations but also the safety of troops and confidential sources. They’ve also accused Trump of asking a staffer to delete camera footage at his Florida estate in an effort to obstruct the federal investigation into his records.

The case is currently scheduled to go to trial in May, but Judge Cannon has pushed back multiple other deadlines and signaled an openness to revisiting the trial date during a pivotal pretrial conference set for March.

Smith’s other case against Trump, accusing him of scheming to overturn his 2020 election loss, was supposed to go to trial in March, but that date was canceled while the former

president pushed his claims of presidential immunity. Trump’s lawyers have asked the Supreme Court to keep the case on hold while he continues to fight his presidential immunity claim.

The Supreme Court has previously held that presidents are immune from civil liability for official acts, and Trump’s lawyers have for months argued that that protection should be extended to criminal prosecution as well.

The justices’ decision on what to do and how quickly they act could determine whether the 2020 election case goes to trial before the November election. It carries enormous political ramifications, as Trump — if he wins — could potentially use his authority as head of the executive branch to try to order a new attorney general to dismiss the federal cases. Or he potentially could seek a pardon for himself — something that’s a legally untested proposition.

Public Sale Calendar

BIDDING ENDS FEBRUARY 25 - (Online Only Auction) - Thomas and Mary Woodward and other consignors, seller. Outstanding collection of vintage pickle casters & brides baskets, condiment sets, cut & pressed glassware, toothpick holders, sterling silver, antique & modern furniture, vintage toys, primitives, shop tools, generator. Sale manager, Patrick Carter, *The Steffen Group Inc.*, www.steffengrp.com, 260-824-3006.

FEBRUARY 25-MARCH 3 - (Online Only Auction) - The Estate of Alan Johnson, seller. 2021 Jeep Grand Cherokee Limited w/3,600 miles. (2) Vintage Triumph motorcycles, modern furniture, antiques, beer signs, model ships, quality tools, Schwinn Airdryne exercise bike, household, 2017 Grasshopper zero turn mower, 2018 Sure-Trac enclosed trailer. Preview: Feb. 25 from 2 p.m.-4 p.m. and Feb. 29 from 4 p.m.-6

p.m., 3651 E. 1000 N., Ossian. Sale manager, Brandon Steffen, *The Steffen Group Inc.*, 260-824-3006, www.steffengrp.com.

FEBRUARY 27-MARCH 5 - (Online Only Auction) - The Estate of Alan Johnson, seller. Northern Wells, 3 bedroom ranch home on 1/2 acre with 2,384 square feet and 1 full bathroom. Preview: Feb. 25 from 2 p.m.-4 p.m. and Feb. 29 from 4 p.m.-6 p.m., 3651 E. 1000 N., Ossian. Sale manager, Brandon Steffen, *The Steffen Group Inc.*, 260-824-3006, www.steffengrp.com.

MARCH 2 - 9 a.m. - Consignment auction. 6632 N. 500 W., Decatur, IN. Personal property: Furniture, antiques, jewelry, household, holiday decor, knife decor, collectibles, die cast, Scooby Doo, Betty Boop, books, vintage clothing, and more. Preview March 1, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. *Wiegmann Auctioneers*, wiegmannauctioneers.com, 260-447-4311.

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