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# **Commissioners approve** Ossian business zoning

By HOLLY GASKILL

Wells County Commissioners unanimously approved the rezoning of 10350 North State Road 1 in Ossian, allowing Jason and Cassandra Meyer to use the property for their business.

The rezoning from residential to business comes with three provisions: potential business uses are limited to Meyer Renovation and similar businesses, development plans will be filed within 120 days, and a septic permit will be filed within 30 days.

The Area Plan Commission had given a unanimous "do pass" recommendation to the commissioners with these provisions. However, County Commissioner Blake Gerber expressed some hesitation in approving the request as a similar petition for the property had been rejected by the commis-

"This is a tough call for me," Gerber said. However, he recognized their intentions for the property were more clear now.

APC Executive Director Mike Lautzenheiser said the APC initially had some worries but believes that Meyer Renovation would not be a high-traffic building that would adversely affect the area. Additionally, the zoning provisions limited the property from being sold to a more disruptive

Jason Meyer, who was present Monday, added that he had received notice from the Health Department that they were permitted to use a temporary holding tank until the sewer lines were installed and ready to use.

The commissioners added to the pro-(Continued on Page 2)



Commissioner Blake Gerber discusses the Ossian rezoning request with residents after Monday's vote. (Photo by Holly Gaskill)

# **Detour OK'd for State Road** 1, Bonar provides updates

By HOLLY GASKILL

Wells County Commissioners approved a detour for State Road 1 south of Bluffton.

The Indiana Department of Transportation will replace a small structure and small structure pipe liner in Craven Ditch, 3.5 miles north of S.R. 218, and Pope Joy Ditch, 2.18 miles north of S.R. 218. INDOT indicated work could begin as early as spring 2025, but did not provide a timeline.

The detour will divert traffic from S.R. 1 to Spring Street, then Clark Avenue, County Road 200 East, and 450 South. This route was also approved by Highway Supervisor Shawn Bonar, who was not present Monday.

Bonar provided a written department update to the commissioners, including the

upcoming reconstruction of Bridge 170 on CR 900S west of Adams County. In two weeks, the stretch of road between 700E and 800E will be closed for 90 days.

Additionally, Bonar said he is still working out issues with the HVAC system in the office portion of the new highway garage building. The department is also continuing to look for a generator. Commissioner Jeff Stringer said the county may use part of the remaining American Rescue Plan Act funds, however, several departments have made requests for the remaining approximately

Bonar also stated that dust control signups will be open through May 1. The cost is \$2.02 per foot.

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# Indiana voter registration ends Monday, April 8

Indiana residents have through Monday, April 8, to register for the upcoming Tuesday, May 7, primary election. To check your voter registration status and ballot information, visit indianavoters.

Early voting begins April 9. The Clerk's Office at the Wells County Courthouse will be available for early voting 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. weekdays through May 3, as well as 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, April 27, and Saturday, May 7, and 8 a.m. to noon on Monday, May 6.

Early voting will also be available from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Monday, April 29, and Tuesday, April 30, at the Wells County 4-H Park; 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, April 27, and Saturday, May 4, at Presbyterian Church; and 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Thursday, May 2, and Tuesday, April 30, at Lighted

from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. May 7. Voting

- Wells County 4-H Park, 1240 4-H Park Rd. in Bluffton
- Presbyterian Church, 215 E Dustman Rd. in Bluffton
- Lighted Gardens, 10794 N S.R. 1 in
- Zanesville Tower Life Center, 11811 N Wayne St. in Zanesville
- Southern Wells Community Church, 9450S 300W in Poneto

Mail-in ballot applications are available at wellscounty.org/elections. Applications are due to the Clerk's Office or Indiana Election Division by the end of the day April

Contested offices in the primary election are:

- Wells County Commissioner, District 3 (R): Jeff Stringer and Tamra
- County Council, three At-Large Election Day vote centers are open (R): Vicki Andrews, Scott Elzey, Seth

# Channel opened for clearing debris at Baltimore bridge

By LEA SKENE and TASSANEE VEJPONGSA **Associated Press** 

BALTIMORE (AP) — The U.S. Coast Guard has opened a temporary, alternate channel for vessels involved in clearing debris from the collapsed Francis Scott Key Bridge in Baltimore, part of a phased approach to opening the main shipping channel leading to the vital port, officials said Monday.

Crews are undertaking the complicated work of removing steel and concrete at the site of the bridge's deadly collapse after a container ship lost power and crashed into a supporting column. On Sunday, dive teams surveyed parts of the bridge and checked the ship, and workers in lifts used torches to cut above-water parts of the twisted steel superstructure.

Officials said the temporary channel is open primarily to vessels that are helping with the cleanup effort. Some barges and tugs that have been stuck in the Port of Baltimore since the collapse are also scheduled to pass through the channel.

Authorities believe six workers plunged to their deaths in the collapse, including two whose bodies were recovered last week.

Maryland Gov. Wes Moore said at a Monday afternoon news conference that his top priority is recovering the four remaining bodies, followed by reopening shipping channels to the port. He said he understands the urgency but that the risks are significant. He said crews have described the mangled steel girders of the fallen bridge as "chaotic wreckage."

"What we're finding is it is more complicated than we hoped for initially," said U.S. Coast Guard Rear Admiral Shannon Gil-

Moore said crews used a large crane to lift a 200-ton span of the bridge, a task that took 10 hours. He said the piece was considered a "relatively small lift" in the grand scheme of the recovery effort, which he called enormous.

Moore said crews would lift another 350ton piece from the bridge later Monday as weather allows.

Officials earlier said the temporary channel would have a controlling depth of 11 feet, a horizontal clearance of 264 feet and a vertical clearance of 96 feet.

"This marks an important first step along the road to reopening the port of Baltimore, Capt. David O'Connell, the federal on-scene coordinator of the response, said in a statement Monday. "By opening this alternate route, we will support the flow of marine traffic into Baltimore."

Two additional larger channels are planned as more debris is removed from the waterway. Officials declined to provide a projected timeline for those channels being

Meanwhile, the ship remains stationary, and its 21 crew members remain on board for the foreseeable future, officials said. Twenty of them are from India, and one is from Šri Lanka, said Will Marks, a spokesperson for the crew. He said they're currently busy maintaining the ship and cooperating with investigators from the National Transportation Safety Board and the U.S. Coast Guard.

Marks said it's unclear how long the crew will remain on board.

Officials in Baltimore said the crew has plenty of supplies. They said parts of the (Continued on Page 2)

# U.S. pushes alternatives to Rafah invasion in Hamas talks

By ZEKE MILLER **AP White House Correspondent** 

WASHINGTON (AP) —  $\hat{T}$ op American and Israeli officials held virtual talks Monday as the U.S. pushed alternatives to the ground assault against Hamas under consideration by Israelis in the southern Gaza city of Rafah, a move the U.S. opposes on humanitarian grounds and that has frayed relations between the two allies.

President Joe Biden and his administration have publicly and privately urged Israel for months to refrain from a large-scale incursion into Rafah without a credible plan to relocate and safeguard noncombatants. Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu has insisted that Israeli forces, which are trying to eradicate Hamas after the Oct. 7 attack on Israel, must be able to enter the city to root out the group's remaining battalions.

The more than two-and-a-half-hour meeting by secure video conference was described by both sides as constructive and productive, as Washington encourages the Israelis to avoid an all-out assault on the city, where an estimated four battalions of Hamas fighters are dispersed among more than 1.3 million civilians. The White House has instead pushed Israel to take more targeted actions to kill or capture Hamas leaders while limiting civilian impacts.

The potential operation in the city has exposed one of the deepest rifts between Israel and its closest ally, funder and arms supplier. The U.S. has already openly said Israel must do more to allow food and other goods through its blockade of Gaza to avert famine.

'They agreed that they share the objective to see Hamas defeated in Rafah," the U.S. and Israeli teams known as the Strategic Consultative Group said in a joint statement released by the White House. "The U.S. side expressed its concerns with various courses of action in Rafah. The Israeli side agreed to take these concerns into account and to have follow up discussions between experts overseen by the SCG. The follow-up discussions would include in person SCG meeting as early as next week.'

The virtual meeting came a week after planned in-person talks were nixed by Netanyahu when the U.S. didn't veto a U.N. resolution that called for an immediate cease-fire in Gaza.

U.S. national security adviser Jake Sullivan and Secretary of State Antony Blinken chaired the meeting for the U.S. side. The Israeli side was led by Israeli national security adviser Tzachi Hanegbi and Minister for Strategic Affairs and Netanyahu confidant Ron Dermer.

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# **Voter registration**

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• U.S. Representative, District 3 (R): Grant Bucher, Wendy Davis, Mike Felker, Jon Kenworthy, Tim Smith, Marlin A. Stutzman, Eric Whalen and Andy Zay.

• U.S. Representative, District 3 (D): Kiley M. Adolph and Phil

• Governor (R): Mike Braun, Brad Chambers, Suzanne Crouch, Eric Doden, Curtis Hill and Jamie Reiten-

• U.S. Senator (D): Marc Carmichael and Valerie McCray.

Three precincts also have contested races for Republican committeemen Brandon Harnish and Tami Runyon are filed for Bluffton 5; Mike Lautzenheiser Jr. and Preston Wright for Bluffton Lancaster East; and Kathy Peeper and Ashley Peterson for Lancaster

Heather Barkley, Joshua Barkley, Tamra Boucher, Case Ferree, Sandra Garcia, Brandon Harnish, Rebecca Holdman, Travis Holdman, Josh Hunt, Scott Mentzer, Daphne Mygrant, Ashley Peterson, Kerry Roberts, Laura Roberts, Zach Rodgers, Joan Whicker and Preston

The following individuals have

filed for 12 Republican conven-

tion delegate seats: Ethan Bailey,

# **Baltimore bridge collapse**

(Continued from Page 1) ship that were damaged in

the crash didn't include the crew's living quarters or kitchen.

President Joe Biden will visit the collapse site Friday, White House press secretary Karine Jean-Pierre announced Monday. He will meet with state and local officials and get an "onthe-ground look" at federal response efforts, Jean-Pierre

Moore said he expects the president will leave with a better understanding of the task at hand.

"He's going to see the fact that we have a ship that is almost the size of the Eiffel Tower, that weighs about as much as the Washington Monument, that's in the middle of the Patapsco River," Moore said. "He's going to see a bridge that has been in existence since I was alive — I don't know what that skyline looks like without the Key bridge -

and he is going to come and he's going to see it sitting on top of a ship.

Also Monday, the Small Business Administration opened two centers in the area to help companies get loans to assist them with losses caused by the disruption of the bridge col-

lapse. Yvette Jeffery, a spokesperson for the agency's disaster recovery office, said affected businesses can receive loans for as much as \$2 million. She said the effects could range from supply-chain challenges to decreased foot traffic in communities that depended heavily on the bridge.

The bridge fell as the cargo ship Dali lost power March 26 shortly after leaving Baltimore on its way to Sri Lanka. The ship issued a mayday alert, which allowed just enough time for police to stop traffic, but not enough to save a roadwork crew filling potholes on the

Two workers survived, two bodies were found in a submerged pickup, and four more men are presumed dead.

The Dali is managed by Synergy Marine Group and owned by Grace Ocean Private Ltd., both of Singapore. Danish shipping giant Maersk chartered the Dali.

Synergy and Grace Ocean filed a court petition Monday seeking to limit their legal liability, a routine but important procedure for cases litigated under U.S. maritime law. A federal court in Maryland will ultimately decide who is responsible and how much they owe.

The filing seeks to cap the companies' liability at roughly \$43.6 million. It estimates that the vessel itself is valued at up to \$90 million and was carrying freight worth over \$1.1 million in income for the companies. The estimate also

deducts two major expenses: at least \$28 million in repairs and at least \$19.5 million in salvage.

Officials are trying to determine how to rebuild the major bridge, which was completed in 1977. It carried Interstate 695 around southeast Baltimore and became a symbol of the city's working-class roots and maritime culture.

Congress is expected to consider aid packages to help people who lose jobs or businesses because of the prolonged closure of the Port of Baltimore. The port handles more cars and farm equipment than any other U.S. facility.

Baltimore Mayor Brandon Scott said it won't happen overnight, but the city and its port will recover.

"It will be likely a very hard road," he said. "But we here in Baltimore are built with grit ... and we're going to show the world what that truly means."

to remember those who lost

back and pay respect to

them and give them the top

honors that they deserve,

"It's always good to come

Though many treated

"The 2,403 men that died

the shrinking group of Pearl

Harbor survivors as heroes,

are the heroes. And we've

got to honor them ahead of

everybody else. And I've

said that every time, and I

think it should be stressed,"

Conter told The Associated

Press in a 2022 interview at

his California home.

Conter refused the label.

their lives.

# Wayne International Airport)

Weather

Tuesday, April 2, 2024

(24-hour observations at 11:54 p.m. Monday at Fort

**High:** 48; **Low:** 42; **Precipitation:** 0.92 inches of rain Wabash River Level (at the Main Street bridge): 6.06 feet at 8:45 p.m. Monday

# Wells County forecast

**Today:** Showers and possibly a thunderstorm before noon, then a chance of showers and thunderstorms between noon and 3 p.m., then showers likely and possibly a thunderstorm after 3 p.m. Some of the storms could produce heavy rain. High near 64. East wind 10 to 15 mph becoming south in the afternoon. Chance of precipitation is 90%. New rainfall amounts between a half and three quarters of an inch

**Tonight:** Rain showers likely before 5 a.m., then a slight chance of rain and snow showers. Some thunder is also possible. Cloudy, with a low around 37. West wind around 20 mph, with gusts as high as 30 mph. Chance of precipitation is 60%. Little or no snow accumulation expected.

Wednesday: A chance of rain and snow showers before 2 p.m., then rain showers between 2 p.m. and 5 p.m., then rain, possibly mixed with snow showers after 5 p.m. High near 41. West wind 15 to 20 mph, with gusts as high as 30 mph. Chance of precipitation is 90%. Little or no snow accumulation expected.

Wednesday Night: Rain and snow showers, mainly before 2 a.m. Low around 33. West wind around 15 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph. Chance of precipitation is 80%. Little or no snow accumulation expected.

Thursday: Rain likely, possibly mixed with snow showers before 2 p.m., then a chance of rain showers. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 44. Chance of precipitation is 60%. Little or no snow accumulation expected.

Thursday Night: A 30% chance of showers before 8 p.m. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 31.

Friday: Partly sunny, with a high near 45.

# Lou Conter, last survivor of USS Arizona from Pearl Harbor attack, dies at 102

By AUDREY McAVOY **Associated Press** 

HONOLULU (AP) Lou Conter, the last living survivor of the USS Arizona battleship that exploded and sank during the Japanese bombing of Pearl Harbor. has died. He was 102.

Conter passed away on Monday at his home in Grass Valley, California, following congestive heart failure, his daughter, Louann Daley said, adding she was beside him along with two of her brothers, James and Jeff.

The Arizona lost 1,177 sailors and Marines in the 1941 attack that launched the United States into World War II. The battleship's dead account for nearly half of those killed in the attack.

Conter was a quartermaster, standing on the main deck of the Arizona as Japanese planes flew overhead at 7:55 a.m. on Dec. 7 that year. Sailors were just beginning to hoist colors or raise the flag when the assault began.

Conter recalled how one bomb penetrated steel decks 13 minutes into the battle and set off more than 1 million pounds of gunpowder stored below.

The explosion lifted the battleship 30 to 40 feet out of the water, he said during a 2008 oral history interview stored at the Library of Congress. Everything was on fire from the mainmast forward, he said.

"Guys were running out of the fire and trying to jump over the sides," Conter said. "Oil all over the sea was burning."

His autobiography "The Lou Conter Story recounts how he joined other survivors in tending to the injured, many of them blinded and badly burned. The sailors only abandoned ship when their senior surviving officer was sure they had rescued all those still

The rusting wreckage of the Arizona still lies where it sank. More than 900 sailors and Marines remain entombed inside. Only 335 Arizona crew members survived.

Conter went to flight school after Pearl Har-

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bor, earning his wings to fly PBY patrol bombers, which the Navy used to look for submarines and bomb enemy targets. He flew 200 combat missions in the Pacific with a "Black Cats" squadron, which conducted dive bombing at night in planes painted black.

In 1943, he and his crew where shot down in waters near New Guinea and had to avoid sharks. A sailor expressed doubt they would survive, to which Conter replied, "baloney."

"Don't ever panic in any situation. Survive is the first thing you tell them. Don't panic or you're dead," he said. They were quiet and treaded water until another plane came hours later and dropped them a lifeboat.

In the late 1950s, he was made the Navy's first SERE officer — an acronym for survival, evasion, resistance and escape. He spent the next decade training Navy pilots and crew on how to survive if they're shot down in the jungle and captured as a prisoner of war. Some of his pupils used his lessons as POWs in Vietnam.

Conter retired in 1967 after 28 years in the Navy.

Conter was born in Ojibwa, Wisconsin, on Sept. 13, 1921. His family later moved to Colorado where he walked five miles one way to school outside Den-

He enlisted in the Navy after he turned 18, getting \$17 a month and a hammock for his bunk at boot

Conter had been getting weaker and weaker in recent months and was hospitalized for 10 days in February, his daughter said. He had been in hospice since returning home.

He told his family he loved them, thanked them for being with him and taking care of him at home. "I'm glad he's at peace.

I'm glad he didn't suffer. I know when he transitioned over, he had so many people there waiting for him his wife Val, who he loved dearly," Daley said.

Conter is also survived by another son, Tony, and a stepson Ron Fudge, and many grandchildren, greatgrandchildren, nieces and nephews. Funeral arrangements were pending. The family plans to bury him in Grass Valley, next to his late wife Valerie, who died in 2016 after they had been married for 45 years.

With Conter's death, there are now 19 survivors of the Pearl Harbor attack still living, according to Kathleen Farley, the California state chair of the Sons and Daughters of Pearl Harbor Survivors. About 87,000 military personnel were on Oahu on Dec. 7, according to a rough estimate compiled by military historian J.

Michael Wenger. In his later years, Conter became a fixture at annual remembrance ceremonies in Pearl Harbor that the Navy and the National Park Service jointly hosted on the anniversaries of the 1941 attack. When he lacked the strength to attend in person, he recorded video messages for those who gathered and watched remotely from his home in California.

In 2019, when he was 98, he said he liked going

### **Business zoning** (Continued from Page 1) going to continue," Commissioner Jeff Stringer said.

visions that a community well near the easement will remain as an "unapproved structure." The matter had been discussed by Surveyor Jarrod Hahn, also an APC board member, during the preceding drainage board meeting. Hahn said this may cause issues during excavation or other factors.

Meyer said moving the community well was estimated at \$16,000.

"We can leave it there, it's just that risk it had is

meeting, several area property owners spoke against the rezoning petition, some of

At the March 22 APC

whom were present Monday. However, there was no public comment on the matter. Gerber and Stringer were in person for the discussion; Commissioner Mike Vanover was absent from the drainage board meeting

but attended the commissioner meeting via Zoom. holly@news-banner.com





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### **OBITUARIES**

## Denise Jackson, 67

Denise Jackson, 67, of Ossian, passed away Friday evening, March 29, 2024, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort

Denise was born May 10, 1956, in Bluffton to Darnell and Mary (Carroll) VanOver and attended Bluffton High School.

She was a talented seamstress and worked at McHenry Knitting in Bluffton. Denise was the director of housekeeping

and laundry services at Ossian Health Care for many years. She enjoyed doing crafts, arranging flowers and wreaths, crocheting, quilting and had a great talent for decorating. She enjoyed "Junking" at many garage and barn sales to find new treasures.

On June 25, 1994, Denise and Jerry Wade Jackson were married in Ossian. Survivors include her husband, Jerry "Wade" Jackson of Ossian; and children Athena Salyers of Fort Wayne, Kristian

Mertz of Churubusco, Robin (Erin) Salyers

of Fort Wayne, Travis (Denise) Jackson



of Ossian. Denise was a loving grandma to eight grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. She is also survived by her siblings, Curt (Lori) VanOver of Huntington, Shelia (Dave) Stanton of Geneva and Jolene (Gary) Kessie of Columbia City.

She is preceded in death by her parents; and a daughter, Misty (Jackson) Kent in 2017.

A Service to Celebrate Denise's Life will be held at 3 p.m. Sunday, April 7, 2024, at the Thoma/

Rich, Lemler Funeral Home in Bluffton with Chaplin Kris McPherson officiating. The family will receive friends from noon on Sunday until 3 p.m., the time of service.

Memorial may be made in Denise's memory to St. Jude Children's Hospital and can be directed to the funeral home.

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

# Safety, traffic measures encouraged for solar eclipse

The partial eclipse on April 8 will start at 1:53 p.m. in Wells County and will return to full sunlight around 4:24 p.m. The total eclipse will take place for approximately 2 minutes and 33 seconds starting at 3:08

Although you may be overwhelmed with the amount of news regarding this event, it's not one to dismiss. Visitors from outside the country flock to the eclipse path of totality for viewing. Campgrounds are full and many neighboring counties in the path of totality are prepared for the same influx of

Residents - plan to stick around home/ work from 1-5 p.m. as the roads will likely be congested. Purchase protective eyewear designed specifically for the eclipse in advance. Spread the news about the eclipse to your friends/family/coworkers in the area, so they are aware and not alarmed of this event taking place.

Limit 911 calls to emergencies only on April 8. Those who are not aware of or expecting the eclipse may bog down emergency lines.

There is a chance that cellular towers could be overwhelmed by the influx of visitors using data that are not usually utilizing the grid in our area. If you have friends/family planning to visit for the eclipse, be sure they plan to pack for traffic congestion with a full tank of gas, flashlight, water, snacks, medications, physical maps, first aid kits, and a lot of patience. Secure your animals as this event can cause unpredictability. All Wells County schools will be virtual or non-synchronous on April 8.

Businesses (retail/restaurant) — be fully staffed and prepared to pull in reinforcement if a large influx of visitors are in our area for the days leading up to April 8. Historically, Solar Eclipse event visitors will spend time before the event and scatter immediately after. This is a great opportunity to reach a new audience. Note that card readers and ATM's may have connectivity issues due to large number of users on the same network.

Manufacturing Business & Trucking/ Deliveries — Remind customers, delivery drivers, and staff in the upcoming weeks about the date as it may affect their travel times. It is better to educate often to prevent frustration or shock the day of the eclipse

Wells County is prepared for a large turnout and prefers to provide adequate education than to scramble at the last minute and miss an opportunity to welcome visitors who contribute to the local econ-

Viewing parties, events and information for businesses regarding the Solar Eclipse in Wells County can be found at: visitwellscounty.com/solareclipse2024 and visitindiana.com/eclipse2024, and follow @VisitWellsCounty on social

# Indy police fatally shoot man after he fired shots following standoff

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Indianapolis police fatally shot a man after he fired shots following a standoff with a SWAT team, police said Monday.

The man was taken to a hospital Sunday night where he later died, police said. He was identified as Luis Duran-Ruano, 31, by the Marion County Coroner's

Office. Police were called to the city's west side around 7:30 p.m. about a man reportedly firing shots into the air, the Indianapolis Metropolitan Police Department

Officers tried to stop the man from driving away in a car but he led them on a brief pursuit that ended outside a home. The man then got out of the car armed with a gun, which he held to his head, police said.

A SWAT team was called to the scene and a sergeant began communicating with the man, trying to get him to put the gun down. But after about an hour, police said the man began walking away from the home.

When SWAT team officers fired bean bag rounds, the suspect then fired gunshots and three officers returned fire, fatally wounding the man, police said. Officers recovered a gun at the scene.

The shooting will be investigated by an IMPD Critical Incident Response Team and internal affairs. The officers who fired their guns have been placed on administrative leave, police said.

# **Obituary Policy**

The News-Banner and Ossian Journal publishes "basic" obituaries free of charge for "local" deaths. "Basic" obituaries will include the deceased's name, age, community of record, date and place of death, basic genealogical information, the date, time and location of calling hours and services and the name of the funeral home handling arrangements

If additional information and/or a photo is desired to be included, or if the deceased does not meet the

definitions of a "local" person, there is a charge. Area funeral homes will provide details on the policy and will coordinate obituary publication.

# **Police Notebook**

### **INCIDENTS**

Friday, 4:41 p.m., Wells County Jail. Officer requested to document children refusing to go with their mother for court purposes.

Friday, 5:17 p.m., Valley Park Apartments. Woman advised she believed someone broke into her apartment.

Friday, 6:28 p.m., EZ Bowl. Driver cited for expired plates.

Friday, 8:23 p.m., South Mulberry and East Market streets. Report of two males having a contained fire on side of river. No issues found.

Friday, 10:42 p.m., Premier Flats. Report of a vehicle outside running for two hours. Both subject inside advised they had not seen each other in a while and were talking.

Saturday, 1:06 p.m., All American. Welfare check requested for man sleeping in his car.

Saturday, 9:14 p.m., Premier Flats. Report of an aggressive dog, advised to talk to management.

Saturday, 10:30 p.m., Budget Inn. Caller reported male family member tried to rape her, told her not to say anything.

Saturday, 11:39 p.m., Capri Apartments. Caller reported someone smoking or burning something in Sunday, 12:40 a.m., 1000

block of West Washington. Caller reported friends took their vehicle with permission to get toilet paper, but did not return and are believed to be headed towards Baltimore.

Sunday, 12:42 a.m., 1500 block of South Wayne Street. Report of loud music coming from apartment.

Sunday, 4:41 a.m., 700 block of McArthur Drive. Officer assisted with domestic disturbance.

Sunday, 7:18 p.m., West Wabash and North Union streets. Caller reported she heard a single gunshot. Unable to locate.

Monday, 1:33 a.m., 100 block of North Johnson Street. Caller reported hearing a noise from his fire escape.

County:

Friday, 12:39 p.m., 2800 West 400 North, Markle. Caller reported a former exchange student was on their property, relationship did not end well. Subject advised he wanted to apologize for his behavior.

Friday, 12:52 p.m., 292 I-69 Southbound, Roanoke. Woman with children in vehicle, ran out of gas. Officer brought more gas.

Saturday, 4:02 a.m., West 1000 South and South 500 West, Montpelier. Officer had abandoned vehicle in roadway removed.

Sunday, 12:30 a.m., Walmart. Officer assisted with traffic stop following a

Sunday, 9:18 a.m., Villa North Mall. Driver cited for no valid license, parked vehicle and made arrangements. Sunday, 4:58 p.m., 2400

North 800 East, Craigville. Caller reported someone drove onto his property. Sunday, 5:56 p.m., 800

block of South Johnson Street, Bluffton. Protection order served to Justin Foss. Ossian:

Saturday, 7:00 a.m., 10000 North S.R. 1, Ossian. Report of a vehicle that crashed into a tree. Driver said he fell asleep and is a

single father, blew a .000 PBT. Driver also admitted to not having insurance, which happened in a previous incident. Officer advised prosecutor for charges.

he would send paperwork to Saturday, 7:45 p.m., 300 block of West Mill Street, Ossian. Caller reported neighbors are trying to stick

### face and arguing with them. ARRESTS

their hands in the caller's

Amanda Anne Ali, 38, Bluffton; strangulation, a Level 6 felony, and battery bodily injury, a Class A misdemeanor. Bond set at

Danial Ray Kajune, 18, Fort Wayne; resisting law enforcement, a Level 6 felony, operating with controlled substance in body, a Class C misdemeanor, possession of marijuana, a Class B misdemeanor, and operating a vehicle while intoxicated endangerment, a Class A misdemeanor. Bond set at \$7,500.

Cody Andrew Howe, 24, Ossian; two counts of operating while intoxicated, both Level 6 felonies, and invasion of privacy, a Class B misdemeanor. Bond set at \$5,000.

Cody Michael Cox, 32, Bluffton; theft, a Class A misdemeanor. Bond set at

Torrelle Christian Hardy, 20, Fort Wayne; possession of marijuana, a Class B misdemeanor, and possession of paraphernalia, operating with a controlled substance, and operating while intoxicated, all Class C misdemeanors. Bond set at \$2,000.

Johan R. Bracho-Romero, 28, Bluffton; operating without receiving a license, a Class C misdemeanor.

# Police believe multiple involved in Indy shooting that injured 7 youths

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) Police investigating a shooting in downtown Indianapolis that wounded seven young people — all 16 years and under — said Monday that they believe more than one person fired shots.

Officers patrolling the area soon after 11:30 p.m. Saturday heard shots fired near Circle Centre Mall and found "a large group of juveniles" at the scene, police said. Seven youths were treated at hospitals for gunshot wounds, but none appeared to have life-threatening injuries, police said.

Two 16-year-old boys,

14-year-old girls, and a 12-year-old boy were wounded in the shooting, the Indianapolis Metropolitan Police Department said in an emailed statement Monday. Mayor Joe Hogsett said

a 16-year-old girl, three

he was "heartbroken" in a statement Sunday evening. "Let me be clear: a

12-year-old child has no business being out late at night anywhere without parental or adult supervision. As important, there is no reason why a young person at any age should be in possession of a gun," Hogsett added.

On Monday, IMPD said

detectives "believe there was more than one shooter involved" and that two juveniles were arrested for resisting law enforcement after Saturday's shooting. The police statement said "detectives are actively following up on multiple leads, reviewing surveillance footage, and have applied for multiple search warrants."

Deputy Chief Tanya Terry said Sunday that police had not identified or arrested any shooting suspects.

Police asked members of the public to reach out with any information about the shooting.

# Plane crashes onto trail near Indiana airport, injuring pilot and 2 pedestrians

MUNCIE, Ind. (AP) — A pilot and two pedestrians were hurt Monday when a small plane missed an airport runway in Indiana and crashed onto a trail, authorities said.

Two of the three people injured including the pilot suffered serious injuries and were expected to be transferred to an Indianapolis hospital from the Muncie hospital where all three had been taken, authorities said. The condition of the third person was not immediately available.

A Piper Cherokee traveling from Bloomington crashed at 10:24 a.m. about half a mile from a runway approach at Delaware County Regional Airport, Tim Baty, director of the Delaware County Airport Authority, told a news conference. The pilot was the only person aboard.

Two people on the Cardinal Greenway rail trail also were injured, Baty said. The names of those

injured were not immediately released.

The pilot was entrapped

in the plane wreckage before he could be recued. Muncie Fire Chief Dan Burford said.

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# Mourning a busted bracket but this time from Spain

As another year of March Madness makes us all a bit crazy, it's time for this reporter to empty his notepad.

Backeeteoleoegy (noun): The practice or study of predicting the participants in or outcomes of competitions

especially in NCAA college basketball. Let's just say I won't be adding that skill to my resume anytime soon.

Once again this year, the only word to describe my NCAA Tournament bracket is busted.

It didn't even survive the first round of this year's tournament, as I had 10 bad picks. I'm pretty sure my golden retriever and Bernese mountain dog could have better predicted this year's winners than yours truly. I'm going to put that theory to the test next year.

Several friends from my college days in Arizona and I have been doing a bracket competition for about two decades; it's now expanded to include family members.

I had decent picks and even won a time or two when we first stated the annual competition about 20 years ago. For the past several years, however, I've been on the losing end. At the moment, I'm in 10th place out of 24. Three of the players ahead of me in our Arizona friend and family pool can't even drive yet but they know how to fill out a winning bracket.

You know your picks were bad when your friends send you a screenshot of your annual NCAA bracket standings and end the message by saying, "Justin, I still don't see your name. Where are you at?"

The biggest heartbreak for me was Thursday night when the Clemson Tigers defeated the Arizona Wildcats. I thought this was the year for Arizona to make it to the Final 4 and maybe even the championship game. Here's hoping that dream comes true next

Now, however, it's time to cheer on the Boilermakers, who earned their spot in the Final FOur Sunday afternoon.

Jen and I try to travel as often as we can, and one of our favorite spots to visit is Spain.

We found an incredible deal on airfare to southeast Spain a couple of months ago and jumped at the opportunity to fly to Europe for cheaper than what it would have cost to go to Florida.

We're listening to the church bells ring from our Airbnb this Easter morning as I write this column before we head out to attend a Spanish mass and watch a seaside Easter procession.

It seems like every other day there is a story on the news about unruly passengers or bad travel stories that people feel they need to share on social media. We had just the opposite experience on our journey across the pond last weekend.

Our seven-hour flight from Detroit to Amsterdam was uneventful and smooth. We had a seven-hour layover in Amsterdam — the perfect place to spend so many hours, as the airport has more stores than most malls. Shortly after we boarded our connecting KLM flight in Amsterdam, however, the captain shared that the emergency oxygen system in the cockpit wasn't working and that the maintenance crews that had boarded the plane to repair the device could not fix it.

The captain exited the cockpit to share the news with all of us as he stood in front of the plane and made eye contact. He did not believe it was safe to fly this airplane and said that the airline was trying to find another one for us to use. Afterward, he walked down the aisle to answer any questions passengers had - stopping to chat with anyone who wanted more information.

Jen and I both travel a lot and were so impressed at how the captain handled the unfortunate situation that was out of his control. Before he could make it to the back of the plane, however, his cell phone rang. The airline had located a new plane for us to take to Spain. Within an hour, we were in the air.

I was so impressed that I gave KLM and the crew a shout-out on X (formerly known as Twitter). I'm guessing that a computer or some form of AI monitors their account, as the response I received was an apology for the inconvenience and a pledge to help us sort out the

I'll count that as a win for humans and a loss for AI. At least I'm 1-0 in something this week since my bracket didn't survive this year's March Madness.

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# Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Tuesday, April 2, the 93rd day of 2024. There are 273 days left in

Today's Highlight in History: On April 2, 2005, John Paul II, the Polish pope born Karol Józef Wojtyła, who became one of the most influential leaders of the 20th and early 21st centuries while working to build a moral foundation in the modern world and playing a crucial role in overthrowing communism, died in his Vatican apartment at age 84. On this date:

In 1792, Congress passed the Coinage Act, which authorized establishment of the U.S. Mint.

In 1865, Confederate President Jefferson Davis and most of his Cabinet fled the Confederate capital of Richmond, Virginia, because of advancing Union

In 1912, the just-completed RMS Titanic left Belfast to begin its sea trials eight days before the start of its ill-fated maiden voyage.

In 1917, President Woodrow Wilson asked Congress to declare war against Germany, saying, "The world must be made safe for democracy." (Congress declared war four days

In 1982, several thousand troops from Argentina seized the disputed Falkland Islands, located in the south Atlantic, from Britain. (Britain seized the islands back the following June.)



Justin Peeper



# RONNA MCDANIEL

# Peacock network ruffled feathers by hiring McDaniel, then laid an egg by firing her

As a journalist in the center who often gets frustrated by the inner workings of a profession that I still adore, I consider it my duty to inform colleagues when they do something that reflects badly on them, the rest of us, and our line of work.

Alas, this particular assignment could be a fulltime job. I am often asked why the mainstream media has fallen on hard times. We didn't fall, I say. We tripped over our own feet.

The recent debacle at NBC News over the hiring and then abrupt firing of former Republican National Committee chair Ronna McDaniel is just the latest example.

Just how hard are these times? Magazines, radio stations and television networks have laid off thousands in the past few decades. According to a report released in November by the Medill School of Journalism at Northwestern University, in 2023, 2.5 local newspapers closed each week. Researchers found that, since 2005, the media industry has lost 2,900 newspapers and 43,000 journalists.

One reason for our troubles is that public trust in the media is plummeting. According to Gallup's 2023 Honesty and Ethics poll, which surveyed how Americans feel about 23 professions, only 19 percent rate the honesty and ethics of journalists to be "high" or "very high." That's down from 23 percent in 2022, and 28 percent in 2019. Journalists are seen in a better light than lawyers, politicians and those who sell cars. But we fall short of the level of trust and respect generated by nurses, police officers, and college professors.

Journalists didn't get here by accident. We've made a lot of mistakes. We've tried to be leaders, peacemakers and social engineers. We have become combatants and climbed into the arena. We've worn our political leanings on our sleeves.

One of the biggest errors is surrounding ourselves with the like-minded and doing our best to silence or stifle opposing views. It's ironic that a group of people who claim they want readers, listeners and viewers to consider different views and engage in critical thinking is so reluctant to lead by example and show every-

one how it's done. We should not expect the suits at NBC News - including MSNBC President Rashida Jones or NBCUniversal News Group chair Cesar Conde — to teach workshops on leadership. They don't seem to grasp that the concept is more about principle than popularity. Both Jones and Conde initially blessed the

decision to hire McDaniel as a paid contributor as part of an effort by the network to present its audience with different points of view. Then — once the feathers began to fly at the Peacock network amid complaints by anchors and other on-air personalities who mistakenly thought they'd gone from talent to management — the network brass terminated the deal and ghosted McDaniel.

That could prove to be a costly mistake, given that the Republican appears to be rethinking the wisdom of her party's longstanding opposition to litigation and tort



Ruben **Navarette** 

According to Politico, McDaniel has met with superstar lawyer Bryan Freedman, who has built a successful practice helping broadcast stars — including Chris Cuomo, Tucker Carlson, Don Lemon and Megyn Kelly — negotiate their exits from network contracts. At the very least, sources told Politico, McDaniel wants her contributor contract paid out, at a cost of \$300,000 annually for two years. Politico also reported that she is exploring the idea of suing for defamation and the emotional distress of putting up with a hostile work environment.

So what's this story really about? It's about the dangers of groupthink. It's about poor leadership by well-paid but weak-kneed network bigwigs. And it's about a successful attempt by liberal media bullies to kick out of their clubhouse someone with a different

I can also tell you what it's not about. It's not really about, as McDaniels' critics claim, the fact that she helped former president Donald Trump spread the "big lie" that the 2020 election was stolen, or that she herself misled reporters while heading the RNC. If that were true, who would throw the first stone? The media is full of former political operatives who — in previous gigs — lied to reporters on behalf of some politician, and then got hired by one of the same media companies they misled. ABC News anchor and host George Stephanopoulos — a former senior adviser to Democratic president Bill Clinton — is just one example.

It's a crazy system. And it's just another self-inflicted injury by a media that is so busy telling everyone else's story that it can't see that its own biography is being written — in crayon.

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# **Checking the Black Box**

Two men with decidedly different political outlooks have been my go-to sources on race in America. They are Dr. Thomas Sowell of the Hoover Institution at Stanford University and Dr. Henry Louis Gates Jr., professor and director of the Hutchins Center for African and African American Research at Harvard University.

Dr. Gates has just published his latest book, "The Black Box." The title is a reference to a box on hospital forms for newborns which one must check to confirm their race. Gates rightly calls this an "absurdity," largely because there are no racial "purebreds," and regardless of how we look on the outside, we are all equal on the inside.

My first reaction upon reading his book was surprise that I didn't learn much of what he writes about in high school or college. My second reaction was anger because I didn't. One reason, I think, is that all of my teachers were white and textbooks sanitized the past in order to promote a "my country right or wrong" patriotic narrative.

Dr. Gates uses the black box as a metaphor for how African Americans were once "locked in" when it came to expressing themselves in writings and, in some instances, locked them-



**Thomas** 

selves in by accepting this type of racial censorship as 'the way it is.'

As with his other books and PBS films, Dr. Gates exposes not only the thoughts and beliefs of some of the nation's Founders, but of equal importance he uncovers the works of African American slaves and other Black people who were often censored by white society. It is hard to believe

in today's world that the writings of some Black authors had to be validated by committees made up of white people, the rationale being that many believed "Negroes" too dumb to be able to express themselves. The opposite, of course, is true as the author brilliantly shows us.

Practically everyone knows about Thomas Jefferson's flaming phrase in the Declaration of Independence: "... all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights...' but how many know Jefferson's beliefs about Black people? In his "Notes on the State of Virginia" (1785), Jefferson claimed their racial features, intellect and morals were "fixed in human nature" and so must necessarily be ruled over "by the fine mixtures of red and white." There's more from that work and it's even worse.

"Consider this paradox," Dr.

Gates writes: "Blackness was an arbitrary category invented by Europeans and Americans in the Enlightenment to justify the horror show of Black subjugation ... the very concept of race is the child of racism." Thanks to advances in DNA research, "what we popularly call 'race' is a social construct." As has been said by others, the only true race is the human race.

About "The Philosophy of History," published in 1837, Dr. Gates writes, "G.W.F. Hegel wrote that Africa 'is no historical part of the World; it has no movement or development to exhibit." Hegel claimed - falsely — "that Africa lacked a tradition of writing, either in European languages or indigenous African languages ... (like others) He ignored the Black written tradition in Arabic at the University of Timbuktu. It didn't fit his thesis.'

It didn't fit his thesis could be said about supporters and practitioners of the slave trade and Jim Crow laws that kept Blacks from voting in the

"The Black Box," along with the writings of Thomas Sowell, ought to be mandatory reading in every high school and American University, in large part to make up for the suppressed writings of talented and intelligent Black people of the past. They deserve the attention and praise most were denied in their time.

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# Nutritional support for beautiful skin

Also: How to prevent UTIs

Question: My skin is getting drier, duller and wrinklier. Could my *nutrition* — *not the best, I confess* — *be* affecting my skin quality? - Fran D., Charleston, South Carolina

Answer: Your skin is the body's largest organ and helps fend off infection, regulate temperature and produce vitamin D. But it's easy to

You may know that you should wear an SPF 35 sunscreen for all but about 30 minutes of sun exposure daily, not smoke anything, use moisturizer daily, stay hydrated, and never sleep in your makeup. But you may not understand how much influence what you eat has on the quality of your skin.

A non-inflammatory diet is the foundation of healthy skin — that means no added sugars, red or processed meats or ultra-processed foods. And specific vitamins and polyphenols in food can provide added benefits.

• Beta carotene (it's converted into vitamin A in your body) protects skin from free radicals (they cause fine lines, wrinkles and sagging). Beta carotene comes from leafy green and orange and yellow vegetables, fruits like papaya, tomato products, and some vegetable oils. You can get vitamin A from herring, salmon, and fortified milk and cereal.

• Foods loaded with omega-3s promote heart health and help preserve your collagen — a protein in skin that keeps it firm and resilient. Get omega-3s from walnuts, avocados, chia seeds, salmon, herring and canola oil.

• Vitamin Č also helps maintain collagen. You can get a dose of C from citrus fruits.

• Vitamin E is an antioxidant that prevents cell damage. You can get E



Mehmet Oz, M.D. and Mike Roizen, M.D.

from almonds and sunflower seeds.

• Polyphenols are antioxidants that show up in coffee, tea, grapes and dark chocolate (70 percent cacao) to help protect you from sun-caused skin aging.

TIP: If you use skin lotions/creams with vitamin A or C in them, apply them only at night. Sunlight will oxidize the vitamins and trigger inflammation. And for info on getting these nutrients from supplements, visit LongevityPlaybook. com and the iHerb.com blog, "Skin Care Starter Pack: Collagen, Antioxidants, Hydration.'

Question: I keep getting UTIs even though antibiotics seem to cure them when they show up. What can I do to help prevent them instead? — Elsie R., White Plains, New York

Answer: UTIs (urinary infections) are very common. More than 50 percent of women get at least one in their lifetime and up to 40 percent of women who get a UTI have another one in the next six months. Women

are 30 times as likely to have a UTI as men are. They're caused by bacterial overgrowth in the bladder and urethra that triggers pain or irritation when urinating, an urge to pee when there's nothing there, and can even cause blood in the urine, as well as mental confusion and fatigue. According to the Office on Women's Health, if you get a fever, the infection has reached your

In postmenopausal women, UTIs are usually caused by a drop in estrogen levels. Loss of estrogen causes thinning of tissue and weakens the muscles in your urethra so bacteria can sneak up into your urinary tract more easily and it reduces the level of healthy bacteria in your urinary tract, making it harder to fight off the bad guys.

You can help prevent the infection by adopting the following routine:

• Don't go longer than three to four hours without urinating. Drink six to eight glasses of water a day.

• Don't douche or use feminine sprays but do wash your genital area well daily.

Wipe from front to back.

• If you use birth control spermicides, ask your gyno about trying another type of birth control. And urinate after sex.

 Wear cotton underwear. • Take a probiotic daily

• The Cleveland Clinic says cranberry extract supplements can decrease your risk for UTIs. And a 2023 review of 50 studies in JAMA Network found that cranberry products, including liquid extract and capsules, reduce the risk of UTIs in women with recurrent infections by 26 percent.

• And check out iHerb.com's blog, "15 Natural Ways to Support Urinary





### In closing we'll wrap up with a family favorite rice The Amish Cook casserole. Most folks who

Tonight, six-year-old Elijah came in from doing his chores to report that Miss Putter, our turkey hen, is sitting on the nest. Sounds too good to be true! A couple of weeks ago, the children were impressed when a gentleman from the area offered to gift us with his two turkeys, a tom and a hen. "The tom is tame," he explained. Now, seeing is believing. This big black tom is truly as tame as a cat. Even little Joshua can go out there and pet the strutting tom. One day, when I heard Joshua's urgent cries, I went to investigate to find Joshua hanging onto one of his wings in an attempt to get him back in his pen. This big bird will follow you around the yard like he feels at home whenever he's with people.

equals new names. We debated, at last we decided Strutter and Putter will do. Since the hen started laying eggs I've been telling the children we'll need to get an incubator to hatch some eggs, now if Miss Putter does it herself we won't need to worry about that. The ducks have been laying eggs in the same nest, what will happen now?

was at last peeking through would be sure to cut the the clouds. We decided to chill again, "Mom the sun all sit outside to celebrate. came out again, could we sing in nursing homes.

by Gloria Yoder

Thanks to Aunt Mary from Ohio, who had made pizza on her visit last week. The leftovers had been frozen and provided an easy supper for six hungry children. As the last bits of pizza were scraped from the plates the sun was hiding behind the clouds once more, so we opted to go for the living room floor in front of the heater for ice cream.

I marveled: life is so different now that the babies are growing to be children, old enough to add their personal contributions to the family, whether it be helping around the house, tell-Of course new pets ing stories to each other, or playing games together.

"When you were younger, and I needed a babysitter, I had to get two sitters."

Why?" Hosanna wanted

We don't remember what it was like to be toddlers, do

I kept it simple "It takes a lot of care to make sure little ones are well taken care of."

One of the older children By supper time, the sun noticed the sunshine which

leave the dishes for now and go in the front yard to play softball?

"It will just take us a jiffy to do them right away," I

After our song they sprang into action and in minutes the dishes were

Now as I write I hear the ding of a bat hitting a softball. And Hosanna, from her perch on a bar stool on the front porch is singing her heart out. Surely, it's worth it all! She loves singing for her imaginary audience. Before she could read she'd chicken take a song book and turns its pages, intently 'reading the words' as she sang song after song by memory.

Tonight we all want to walk over to the school house where the youth will

be practicing for a program. I'm back again, it's 9:30, the children are all tucked into bed. We loved listening to the program and with several girls missing I even got to help sing for a portion of it. It brought back fond memories of my youth years and the times we would go

Gloria offers a glimpse of a recent Friday evening don't care so much for rice will go for the second helping of this yummy dish. Daniel liked when I added a dash of liquid smoke and tossed in some extra onions and peppers.

Easy Oven Rice

2 cups parboil rice ½ cup butter

½ teaspoon salt 2 tablespoons chicken

2 tablespoons minced

onion or ½ cup chopped onion 2 tablespoons minced

1 tablespoon parsley

3 cups cooked diced

2 cups shredded cheese of your choice (optional)

1. Place all ingredients in a greased 9 by 13 inch baking dish. 2. Pour 4 cups water over

everything. 3. Cover and bake at 350

for 1 hour.

4. Carefully remove lid from steaming rice and

\*Chopped peppers, mushrooms, peas, or any other chopped veggies may be added.

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# Clark's 41 points leads Iowa to Final Four over LSU

By DOUG FEINBERG ÅP Basketball Writer

ALBANY, N.Y. (AP) — Caitlin Clark put up another sensational performance to carry Iowa to its second straight Final Four.

The Hawkeyes' superstar guard, whose record-breaking exploits have brought unprecedented attention to women's basketball, made nine 3-pointers and finished with 41 points and 12 assists as Iowa knocked defending national champion LSU out of the NCAA Tournament with a 94-87 victory on Monday night.

"This one probably feels a little bit better. It's my senior year, with this group," Clark said. "A lot of people counted us out at the beginning of the year with the people we lost. And all we did was work really hard. To get back here is really hard. This regional was loaded with so much talent. The job's

Top-seeded Iowa (33-4) will play either UConn or Southern California in the national semifinals Friday night in Cleveland.

Monday's highly anticipated matchup was a rematch of last year's national championship game won by LSU, which drew a record 9.9 million viewers. Both teams wished that this meeting had come later in the tournament instead of with a Final Four berth at stake, but that was out of their con-

Clark, who also scored 41 points in the regional finals last year, and Angel Reese of

LSU put on a memorable show for the soldout crowd and the millions watching.

'There's not a lot of strategy. You've got to guard her. Nobody else seems to be able to guard her," LSU coach Kim Mulkey said. "We didn't even guard her

last year when we beat them. She's just a generational player, and she just makes everybody around her better."

With the game tied at 45 after an entertaining first half, Clark took over in the third quarter. The NCAA Division I all-time scoring leader hit four 3-pointers, each deeper than the previous one. Her fourth of the quarter, from her signature logo range, made it 61-52. It also was the 538th of her career, which made her the all-time leader in that category among NCAA Division I players, passing Oklahoma's Taylor Robertson.

Flau'jae Johnson scored 23 points for No. 3 seed LSU (31-6), which fell short of becoming the first repeat champion since UConn in 2016.

Tonight, I knew it was going to be a night for the ages," said Reese, who finished with 17 points and 20 rebounds before fouling out with 1:45 left.

Kate Martin scored 21 points for Iowa and Sydney Affolter added 16.

Iowa's lead ballooned to 65-52 before LSU scored six straight points. The Tigers trailed 69-58 heading into the fourth quarter before scoring the first five points to get within 69-63. But they

no closer as Clark wouldn't let the Hawkeyes lose. Her ninth 3-pointer, which tied the March Madness single-game record, made it 80-69 with 5:05 left. She pumped her chest as she ran back down the court and yelled to the adoring

"We really knew it was on the defensive end. We knew we were going to be able to be fine on offense," said Clark, who was named the region's Most Outstanding Player. "We've been fine on offense all year. I think it was just getting stops and being physical. They rebounded the ball really well, but we weathered every storm. You've got to give them a lot of credit. They had a great year."

Clark has already declared for this year's WNBA draft. Reese, too, will have a decision to make about whether to turn pro or come back for one more season.

The game got off to a quick start and the first quarter was an offensive clinic by both teams. Clark got the scoring going early, much to the delight of a pro-Iowa crowd. She hit a 3 to start the game, breaking a tie with Diana Taurasi for most 3-pointers in women's NCAA Tournament history.

Iowa led 17-9 before Mulkey called timeout. That seemed to settle her team down as the Tigers outscored the Hawkeyes 22-9 the rest of the quarter behind Reese, who finished the opening 10 minutes with 10 points, five rebounds and three assists to go along with two steals.

The Tigers got a scare in the second quarter when Reese went down trying to block Clark's shot. She rolled her right ankle on a TV camera on the baseline and hopped off the court. The trainers looked at it and she rode a stationary bike for a few minutes before returning to the game. Reese was a little slower getting up the court but otherwise appeared unaffected.

Johnson made an acrobatic shot just before the halftime buzzer to tie the game. Clark had 19 points in the first half.

### MORĖ CLARK RECORDS

Clark broke the NCAA Tournament assists record of 136 that was held by Temeka Johnson of LSU. Clark has 140. She matched Courtney Moses of Purdue in 2012 and Kia Nurse of UConn in 2017 with her nine 3-pointers.

### **UP NEXT**

The Hawkeyes only played in the national semifinals one time previously before last season, and that was in 1993.

# Former Dolphins, Colts player **Vontae Davis found dead in his** South Florida home at age 35

SOUTHWEST RANCHES, Fla. (AP) — Former Miami Dolphins and Indianapolis Colts cornerback Vontae Davis was found

**Vontae Davis** 

home Monday.

dead in his South Florida home on Monday, but police say no foul play is suspected.

Police in the Fort Lauderdale suburb of Davie said they responded to a medical emergency at Davis' home Monday morning, but the 35-year-old was dead when officers arrived. No cause of death has

been released pending autopsy results. Police said in a statement that the investigation is still active.

Davis played for 10 seasons in the NFL after being drafted 25th overall by the Dolphins in 2009 out of Illinois. 'We are heartbroken by the sudden pass-

ing of former Dolphins CB Vontae Davis and extend our deepest condolences to his family & loved ones during this difficult time," the Dolphins wrote in a statement on social media.

Davis played three seasons for Miami before being traded to Indianapolis just

No, reaching the NIT semifinals is not a

"We talked about going into our prepara-

surprising "Hoosiers" experience. It's what

Indiana State expected to do after being left

tion that week between the MVC Tourna-

ment and the NCAA Selection Show where

we didn't know if we were going to be in

(the NCAA Tournament and we said we were

going to be prepared to try to prove the com-

mittee right hopefully by being in the tourna-

ment and advancing or preparing to prove the committee wrong," Schertz said Monday.

"Turns out we had to prepare to prove the

The Sycamores (31-6) have spent all sea-

In the MVC preseason poll, they were

picked fourth. When they were written off

after falling into an 18-point, second-half

deficit in the MVC title game, the Sycamores

valiantly fought back before losing 84-80 to

Drake. And when the NCAA selection com-

mittee ignored their high NET ranking, Indi-

The Sycamores decided to chase history.

semifinal would tie Indiana State's longest

postseason winning streak in its Division I

Beating Utah (22-14) in Tuesday night's

out of the NCAA Tournament.

committee wrong."

ana State didn't fret.

son proving people wrong.

before the 2012 season. He played six seasons with the Colts. Team owner Jim Irsay offered his prayers to Davis' family in a statement and shared a photo of Davis in a Colts jersey on social media.

"Extremely saddened to hear of the passing of Vontae Davis. A great guy, teammate, player," Irsay wrote.

The Colts also issued a statement saying they were devastated to hear of Davis'

"He was a standout player in his six seasons with the Horseshoe, but he was an even better teammate who carried a smile and positive energy every day," the team said.

The Washington, D.C., native signed with the Buffalo Bills for 2018 but left the team at halftime of the season's second game. He released a statement announcing his retirement after the game, saying that after multiple injuries and surgeries, "Reality hit me fast and hard: I shouldn't be out there anymore.'

The Bills said they were saddened to learn of Davis' death and that they were "thinking of his friends, family, and loved ones during this difficult time."

Davis played in 121 games, intercepting 22 passes and returning one for a touchdown. He was selected for the Pro Bowl in 2014 and 2015 while a member of Indianapolis.

# **High School Calendar**

**TUESDAY, APRIL 2** 

BASEBALL: Norwell at South Adams, 5 p.m.; Bluffton at New Haven, 5 p.m.; Southern Wells at Oak Hill, 5 p.m.

SOFTBALL: Bluffton at Eastbrook, 5:30

TRACK & FIELD (CO-ED): Eastbrook at Bluffton. 5:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 3

SOFTBALL: Norwell at Southern Wells, 5 p.m.; Bellmont at Bluffton, 5 p.m.

TRACK & FIELD: Eastbrook at Bluffton,

**THURSDAY, APRIL 4** 

BASEBALL: Bluffton at Blackford, 5 p.m.; Southern Wells at Liberty Christian, 5 p.m. GIRLS TENNIS: Norwell at Bluffton, 4:30

SOFTBALL: Eastbrook at Norwell 5:30 TRACK & FIELD (CO-ED): Southern

Wells/Madison-Grant at Daleville Invite, 5 p.m. FRIDAY, APRIL 5 BASEBALL: Eastbrook at Norwell, 5 p.m.;

Bluffton at Howard County Invitational vs. Rossville at Northwestern High School, 7:30

SOFTBALL: Bluffton at Eastbrook, 5:30

SATURDAY, APRIL 6

BASEBALL: Bluffton at Howard County Invitational vs. TBD, 10 a.m.; Wes-Del at Southern Wells, 10 a.m.

SOFTBALL: Bluffton at Central Noble, 12 p.m.; Southern Wells at Winchester, 11 a.m. TRACK & FIELD (CO-ED): Southern Wells

at Muncie Burris Owl Invite, 10 a.m. **MONDAY, APRIL 8** 

SOFTBALL: Bluffton at Oak Hill, 5:30 p.m. **TUESDAY, APRIL 9** 

BASEBALL: Mississinewa at Norwell, 5 p.m.; Bluffton at Manchester, 5 p.m. BOYS GOLF: Wayne/Bellmont at Norwell,

5 p.m.; Adams Central at Bluffton, 4:30 p.m. GIRLS TENNIS: Norwell at Columbia City,

5 p.m.; Bluffton at Mississinewa, 5 p.m. SOFTBALL: Bluffton at Manchester, 5

# Shota Imanaga stars in MLB debut as Cubs beat Rockies Hudson said.

By JAY COHEN AP Baseball Writer

CHICAGO(AP) - Forhis warmup music ahead of his first major league start, Shota Imanaga

picked The Fratellis' "Chelsea Dagger" — the goalscoring song for the NHL's Chicago Blackhawks.

It sure sounds as if he is feeling at

home in Chicago. Imanaga pitched six sparkling innings in his

major league debut, and the Cubs used another defensive mistake by Nolan Jones to beat the Colorado

Rockies 5-0 on Monday. Working in short sleeves on a cold, gray afternoon, Imanaga struck out nine in Chicago's home opener. The Japanese left-hander, who signed a \$53 million, fouryear contract with the Cubs in January, allowed two singles and walked none — throwing

65 of his 92 pitches for strikes. "What he did really well today is something that he's always done well is he threw a ton of strikes," said manager Craig Counsell, who won his home debut with Chicago after he was hired in November. "And then with the conditions today, the walk is kind of one of the worst things you can do from a pitching standpoint."

Dakota Hudson also was impressive in his first start for Colorado, but a pair of errors on Jones on one play in the sixth sent the right-hander to

With one out and runners on first and second in a scoreless game, Christopher Morel lined a single into left field. The ball went under the glove all the way to the wall.

Ian Happ and Seiya Suzuki raced home as the Wrigley Field crowd of 40,072 roared its approval. Jones' throw

from the warning track got away from second baseman Brendan Rodgers in the outfield grass, and Morel scored on a headfirst slide.

dropped a routine fly ball during Sunday's 5-1 loss at Arizona, leading to two unearned

also

Jones

**Shota Imanaga** 

"I just think I didn't get my glove down," he said. "It's two days in a row that I've made mistakes in the outfield and lost us games. It's unacceptable and I need to be better for our team."

Cody Bellinger added a two-run single in the seventh as Chicago earned its second straight win after dropping the first two games of the season at Texas.

Hudson (0-1) was charged with three unearned runs and four hits in 5 1/3 innings. He agreed to a one-year deal with Colorado in free agency.

'Good to get out there. .. Just trying to eat up some innings and keep the ball on the ground the best I could," Yency Almonte worked

the seventh for Chicago before Drew Smyly finished the three-hitter.

Imanaga (1-0) was working on a no-hitter before Charlie Blackmon singled to center with two out in the sixth inning. Rodgers followed with another base hit, but Imanaga escaped the jam by fanning Jones.

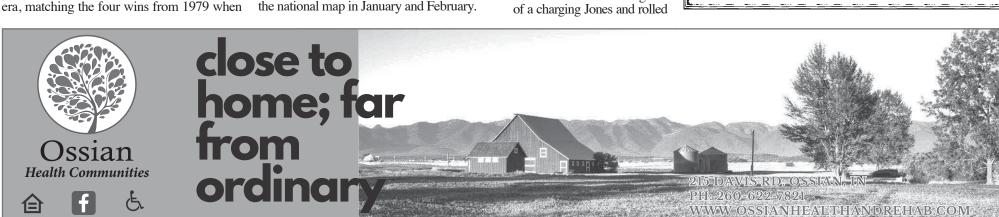
"It was a unique atmosphere, especially in the last strikeout," Imanaga said through a translator. "And it might have not been the best pitch (with) regards to pitch speed, but getting the support from the fans I was able to get that strikeout.'

Colorado got its first baserunner when Kris Bryant reached on third baseman Morel's error in the second. But Ryan McMahon and Elias Díaz struck out swinging before Ezequiel Tovar flied out, ending the inning.

# **UPNEXT**

Colorado left-hander Kyle Freeland and Chicago righthander Javier Assad take the mound on Tuesday night. Freeland (0-1, 38.57 ERA) was rocked for 10 runs and 10 hits in 2 1/3 innings in a 16-1 loss at Arizona on Thursday on opening day. Assad is making his first appearance of the season.





NIT semifinals is no 'Hoosiers' for Sycamores – It's what they expect By MICHAEL MAROT AP Sports Writer INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Indiana State coach Josh Schertz left the measuring tape at

In the midst of a 31-win season that included a Missouri Valley Conference regularseason title and the school's first AP Top 25 appearance in nearly half a century, Schertz found it unnecessary to show his players the free-throw line, the rim or even the 3-point championship. line at Hinkle Fieldhouse were any different from what they have at home.

But the Sycamores don't look like any of the other men's teams that survived March. The others are all power-conference schools.

Indiana State starts four guards, leads the nation in 3-pointers made (403), has just two players topping 6-foot-8 and boasts one of college basketball's most unusual and intrigu-

At 6-10, 240 pounds, the goggle-wearing Avila has become a star on and off the court with social media followers nicknaming him everything from "Cream Abdul-Jabbar" to

averages 17.3 points, 6.5 rebounds and 4.1 assists, said it all began after a Thanksgiving tournament in Las Vegas before hitting a fever pitch when Indiana State bega re-emerging on the national map in January and February.

the unbeaten Sycamores marched to the national championship game with Larry Bird. Schertz said the Hall of Fame forward has followed the tourney run but isn't sure if Bird will return to his home state for this week's

Beating Utah and either Georgia or Seton Hall in Thursday's championship game would match the program's single-season school record for victories and bring the school its first postseason crown since the 1950 NAIA

And with just 85 miles separating NIT host Butler University from Bird's statue outside the Hulman Center, the last mid-major team still playing is expected to have a decided home-court advantage.

"I feel like we really don't view it as that," guard Ryan Conwell said. "I feel like we view it as we're just a really good team, and I feel like we also just believe in one another, and I feel like that's what's been keeping us, you know, pushing and allowed us to keep play-

ing stars, sophomore center Robbie Avila.

"Milk Chamberlain" and "Larry Blurred."

Avila, a first-team all-MVC selection who

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Tuesday's Games L.A. Lakers at Toronto, 7 p.m. Milwaukee at Washington, 7 p.m. New York at Miami, 7:30 p.m. Oklahoma City at Philadelphia, 7:30 p.m. Houston at Minnesota, 8 p.m.

Cleveland at Utah, 9 p.m.
San Antonio at Denver, 9 p.m.
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Tuesday's Games Florida at Montreal, 7 p.m. Pittsburgh at New Jersey, 7 p.m. Washington at Buffalo, 7 p.m. Chicago at N.Y. Islanders, 7:30

Boston at Nashville, 8 p.m. Ottawa at Minnesota, 8 p.m. Anaheim at Calgary, 9 p.m. Vancouver at Vegas, 10 p.m.

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# Bird flu continues to spread through U.S. dairies to Michigan and Idaho

**Agriculture** 

**By AGDAILY** 

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Sunday's Games

Highly pathogenic avian influenza has been found on dairy herds in Michigan and Idaho, indicating further spread to other U.S. states. At the same time, The Washington Post has reported that a person in Texas is being treated for the illness after coming in contact with dairy cows - the second such case in a human.

The National Veterinary Services Laboratories confirmed the presence of bird flu in the Michigan herd on Friday after the herd had recently brought in cows from Texas. The strain confirmed was similar to those found in Texas and Kansas dairies.

Presumptive positive test results have also been received for additional herds in New Mexico, Idaho, and Texas.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture will share updates if those tests are confirmed positive by the national laboratories. "Federal and state agencies continue to conduct additional testing in swabs from sick animals and unpasteurized clinical milk samples from sick animals, as well as viral genome sequencing, to assess whether HPAI or another unrelated illness may be underlying any symptoms," the USDA wrote in a news release on Friday.

It is believed that the strain confirmed in Texas and Kansas herds was introduced by wild birds (H5N1, Eurasian lineage goose/Guangdong clade 2.3.4.4b). Initial testing has not found changes to the virus that would make it more transmissible to humans. While cases among humans in direct contact with infected animals are possible, this indicates that the current risk to the public remains low.

The spread of symptoms within the Michigan cattle herd suggests that HPAI transmission among cattle is possible. The USDA and its partners closely monitor the situation and have advised veterinarians and producers to adhere to strict biosecurity measures.

This includes testing animals before any necessary movements, reducing animal transfers, and isolating sick cattle from the herd. Among the affected dairies, the symptomatic animals have recovered after being isolated, with minimal to no

associated deaths reported. There is no concern regarding the safety of the commercial milk supply since all products undergo pasteurization before reaching the market. Therefore, this situation does not pose a risk to consumer health. Dairies are mandated to send only milk from healthy cows for human consumption.

Milk from affected animals is either diverted or destroyed to prevent it from entering the human food chain. Pasteurization has effectively deactivated bacteria and viruses, including influenza, in milk. Pasteurization is mandatory for any milk intended for interstate commerce. The FDA has long held the view that unpasteurized, raw milk can contain harmful microorganisms that pose significant health risks to consumers. In light of the HPAI detections, the FDA is reminding consumers about the associated risks of consuming raw milk.

Due to the limited information on HPAI transmission through raw milk, the FDA advises the industry against producing or selling raw milk or unpasteurized milk cheese products made from cows exhibiting signs of illness, including those infected with or exposed to avian influenza.

The FDA says that they are unaware of any milk or food product from symptomatic cows entering interstate commerce. Furthermore, if milk from symptomatic cows is intended for calf feeding, the FDA strongly recommends heat treatment to eliminate harmful bacteria or viruses, such as influenza. For more information on food safety from the FDA, including details about the sale and consumption of raw milk, click here.

So far, the milk loss resulting from symptomatic cattle has been minimal and is not expected to significantly impact the supply or the price of milk and other dairy products. Additionally, due to increased seasonal production, the U.S. typically has an ample milk supply during the spring months.

In collaboration with state and industry partners, federal agencies encourage farmers and veterinarians to promptly report any cattle illnesses to monitor potential additional cases and minimize the impact and risk to farmers, farmworkers, consumers, and other animals. Producers are advised to consult with their veterinarians to report cattle illnesses and implement enhanced biosecurity measures promptly.



# U.S. farmers expect to plant less corn, more soybean acres in 2024

By AGDAILY

Producers surveyed across the United States intend to plant 90 million acres of corn in 2024, down 5 percent from last year, according to the Prospective Plantings report released by the National Agricultural Statistics Service.

Planted acreage intentions for corn are down or unchanged in 38 of the 48 estimating states. Acreage decreases of 300,000 acres or more from last year are expected in Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Minnesota, Missouri, Ohio, South Dakota, and Texas. If realized, the planted area of corn in Arizona and Oregon will be the largest on record.

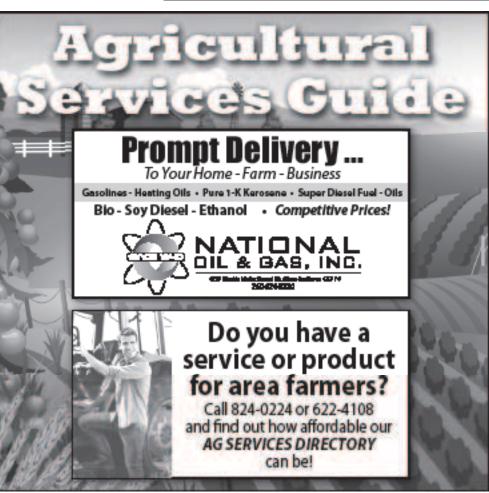
Soybean growers intend to plant 86.5 million acres in 2024, up 3 percent from last year. Acreage increases from last year of 100,000 or more are expected in

Arkansas, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kentucky, Louisiana, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, North Dakota, Ohio, and South Dakota. Record high acreage is expected in Kentucky and New York.

"The increase in soybean acreage was kind of expected going into this report,' said Betty Resnick, American Farm Bureau Federation economist. "In a time of declining prices, farmers really turn to soybeans as they are a lower input, less risky crop overall, so they make sense in a time of price uncertainty."

The Prospective Plantings report provides the first official, survey-based estimates of U.S. farmers' 2024 planting intentions. NASS's acreage estimates are based on surveys conducted during the first two weeks of March from a sample of nearly 72,000 farm operators across the nation.





# Worried about how lonely my life will be

Dear Annie: I am very confused. I stop with birthhave a friend who is 70 and is in the hospital. She has put a mutual friend, "Dorothy," down as her daughter. She has a son, but he is a man-child.

Our friend Dorothy has so many obligations as it is. Dorothy and I are close, and we are similar ages. I do not have siblings, since my brother passed away at a young age. I have an 85-year-old father who has been both mother and father to me.

I have had "Fred" as my life partner for nine years already!

You see, after my father passes, I will have Fred to lean on. But when Fred passes, I will not have anyone. Dorothy says that she will always be there for me. I don't want to burden things I have bought. Those things will not comfort me in my lonely

Do you have any thoughts on this subject? — Feeling Alone

Dear Alone: You seem to be worrying about things you can't control in the future. It sounds like you have generalized anxiety and may need the help of a professional therapist. You sound like a loving person who has family and a life partner as your support system — more than many people have. Try to focus on the present day instead of worrying about the future. The present is a present.

and read it every day.

I have been blessed with several grandchildren and was wondering if I could get some ideas on when to

Dear Annie by Annie Lane



birthday, I will just go with Christmas gifts. I have heard stories where grandparents end up buying gifts for the spous-

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es of their grandchildren and then the great-grandchildren.

I truly can afford the gifts, but I would like to get out of this constant whirlwind. Do you have any suggestions? — Confused Grandmother

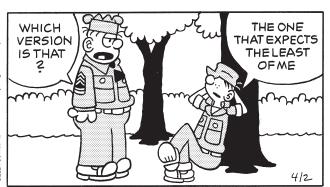
Dear Confused Grandmother: anyone. I have finances of my own. I My suggestion for you is to stop givwon't need monetary things. I do not ing gifts when you feel like not givhave anyone to leave my things to. ing gifts. It really doesn't matter if I hate to think of myself alone with it's birthday or Christmas or both. It truly is the thought that counts. But if you are going to start to feel resentful because it is a burden, then don't give the gifts. Rather, if you love the idea of your grandchildren — even grown grandchildren — opening something from you, then keep giving. In this case, to each his own makes the most sense.

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

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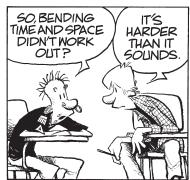
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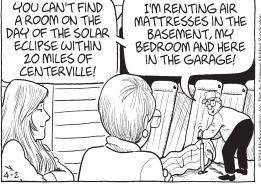
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# **My** Answer

By Dr. Billy Graham

Question: I was asked by a co-worker what the Gospel of Jesus is. I couldn't explain it clearly. What's the most concise way to be an effective witness? I want to be faithful in speaking God's truth. - R.W.

Answer: The Bible says, "Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, and that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day" (1 Corinthians 15:3-4,NKJV) and that by this gospel "you are saved" (1 Corinthians 15:2, NKJV).

The love of Jesus Christ is so great for mankind that He came

# God will help us be witnesses for His Name

among people to demonstrate His love. His three-year public ministry led

Him to the cross where He shed His blood for us. The sins of mankind were placed upon Him who took our penalty for sin. Jesus bore our sins to set us free from sin. He conquered death and was resurrected for the purpose of giving eternal life to all who will submit to Him. What must we do to receive His great salvation?

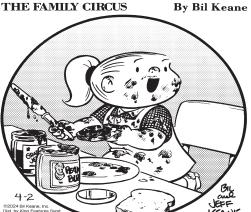
Repent. This means to acknowledge our sin and receive God's forgiveness and to determine with His help — to live for Him by faith. When we come to Christ in childlike faith and surrender to Jesus, we comturn from sin and walk toward Him, desiring to obey His Word and follow Him. He empowers us to do this. We won't be perfect, but His Spirit will guide us joyfully.

No one ever hears the Gospel proclaimed without making some kind of decision. The Spirit of God will go ahead of us when we witness — preparing the way, giving us the words, and granting us courage to speak His truth. Not everyone will accept Him, but God will help us be witnesses

for His Name. (This column is based on the words and writings of the late Rev. Billy

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day of March, 2024 appointed Per sonal Representative of the Estate Richard deceased, who died on February 18, 2024.

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

Dated at Bluffton, Indiana, March 20, 2024

Clerk, Wells Circuit Court Troy C. Kiefer, 27910-50 Beers Mallers, LLP 110 West Berry Street, Suite 1100 Fort Wayne, IN 46802 Telephone: (260) 426-9706 Facsimile: (260) 420-1314 Attorneys for Personal Represen-

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STATE OF INDIANA SS: **COUNTY OF WELLS** IN THE WELLS CIRCUIT COURT **2024 TERM** CAUSE NO 90C01-2403-EU-000012 IN THE MATTER OF THE UNSUPERVISED ESTATE OF LORENA E. SPAULDING, deceased

NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION Notice is hereby given that Richard E. Spaulding and Gregory A. Spaulding, were on March 21, 2024, appointed Co-Personal Representatives of the Estate of Lore-na E. Spaulding, deceased, who died on March 5, 2024. All persons who have claims

against this estate, whether or not now due, must file the claim in the office of the Clerk of this Court within three (3) months from the date of the first publication of this notice, or within nine (9) months after the decedent's death, whichever is earlier, or the claims will be

forever barred.
Dated at Bluffton, Indiana, this
March 21, 2024.

Clerk, Wells Circuit Court Colin Z. Andrews #26767-49 Andrews & Crell, P.C. 116 South Main Street Bluffton, Indiana 46714 (260) 824-4049 Attorney for the Estate

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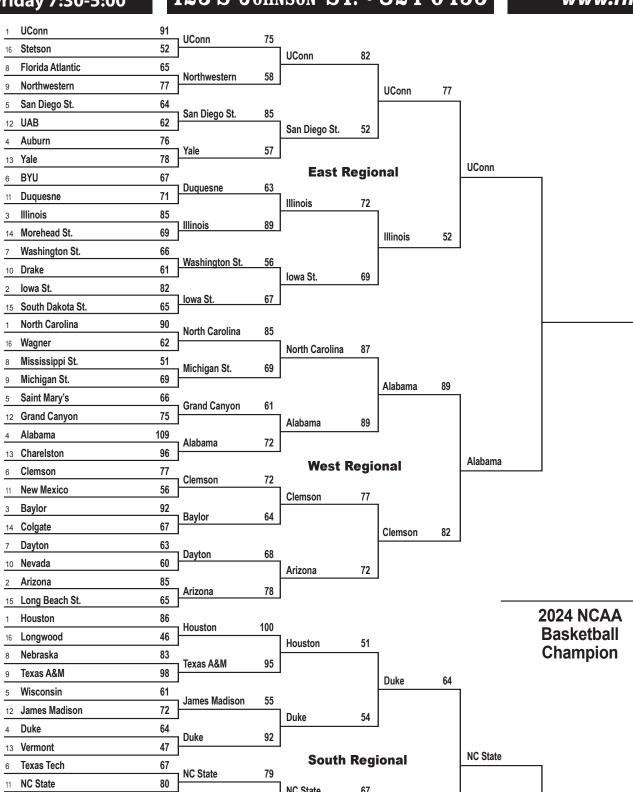
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