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# Visitors commission celebrates county eclipse tourism

By HOLLY GASKILL

On the tail end of the total solar eclipse, the Wells County Convention and Visitors Commission celebrated the opportunity for tourism and outreach.

The eclipse, as well as many local eclipse-watching events, brought visitors from across the

country and globe, as well as those throughout Indiana.

"We should do this every other year," quipped board member Steve Higgins.

Jay Esparza, representing Ossian Parks, reported roughly 800 people were at Ossian's event at Archbold-Wilson Park. Most

were from Allen County, which fell just outside of the path of totality. Bluffton Parks Superintendent Brandy Fiechter said the parking lot of Lancaster Park was full and then some. Vehicles also parked along both sides of the Rivergreenway, many of which were from Allen County and Michigan.

Tourism Coordinator Audry Dudley had heard several businesses in the county were overflowing with visitors. Board member Zane Herr of Dash-90 Wines said the day was very fruitful for the business, which sold a special "total blackout berry" wine slushie.
The Wells County Commerce

and Visitors Centre had a "very busy day," Dudley said, directing visitors and selling eclipse glasses.

Higgins said he was out helping at Ouabache State Park and spoke with someone who lived in Huntington County. "She said before she started researching about the (Continued on Page 2)

# Norwell schools partner 'character building' curriculum with LifeWise

By HOLLY GASKILL

Norwell Community Schools are continuing to adapt its schedule and curriculum as it continues its partnership with LifeWise Academy.

LifeWise Academy is a Christian faith-based program that utilizes federally protected "release time" for elective religious instruction off-campus. The district began allowing release time at Ossian Elementary School last spring and has since expanded to multiple grades at both OES and Lancaster Elementary School. The release time occurs once weekly during the time typically used for "specials," like gym or art.

Superintendent Mike Springer said a community member had previously criticized that this program pulls students away from learning in their special classes. However, he told the board Tuesday that the district is implementing a similar "character building skills" curriculum for those who do not attend LifeWise.

The curriculum, "SecondStep," encourages social and emotional learning, including goal setting,

emotional management, empathy, kindness and problem solving. The LifeWise curriculum does so similarly but through the chronological study of the Bible. For example, students discussed compassion through the story of baby Moses.

Multiple school administrators and school board members emphasized the importance of these skills, regardless of which curriculum students receive.

"If you can start 'soft skills' as early as possible, I mean, that's the biggest thing that seems to be getting lost," said board member Chad Kline. "On the employer side of things, that's the No. 1 thing they say (as an impediment).'

The implementation of SecondStep differs slightly between OES and LES, which vary in their student participation in LifeWise. LES Principal Ginger Butcher said students who do not attend Life-Wise solely work on SecondStep, whereas OES Principal Theresa Casto said the SecondStep curriculum is integrated with specials.

"So either kids will go to Life-(Continued on Page 2)





# Saluting the scholars

Wednesday night was the 25th annual Wells County Scholars Dinner hosted by the Wells County Foundation and the Bluffton Rotary Club. Students from the three county schools were honored for their achievements and volunteer work. Pictured at top, Seth Whicker introduces juniors and their achievements. (Photo by Carrie Penrod) Above, the crowd enjoys their dinner before the award ceremony. More photos on Page 3. (Photo by Jonathan Snyder)



# Open house

Above, Chad Kline talks with guests during an open house to celebrate his years at the Wells County Chamber of Commerce on Wednesday. His last day is Friday. (Photos by Sydney Kent)



# **FSSA enacts waitlist** for Aged and Disabled **Waiver services**

By WHITNEY DOWNARD **Indiana Capital Chronicle** 

The Family and Social Services Administration last week announced a waitlist for the Aged and Disabled Waiver, meaning that Hoosiers in need of skilled nursing care and other services will be forced to wait.

In January, the agency warned that a waitlist could be imminent as it sought to reconcile a nearly \$1 billion shortfall in Medicaid.

Previously, the agency said it maintained waiver slots at "approximately" 50,000 and would expand to 55,000 in 2025. However, those numbers weren't included in the April 4 release.

"The Aged and Disabled Waiver has a maximum capacity each year for individuals to receive services through the Aged and Disabled Waiver. This number is determined in the state's Aged (Continued on Page 2)

# **RediMed changes locations**

By JONATHAN SNYDER

Local urgent care facility RediMed has moved from 1980 North Main St. to Bluffton Regional Medical Center's Emergency Department.

According to Director of Community and Media Relations Joy Lohse, this move allows RediMed to quickly give patients access to a higher level of care if needed. The site will be available 24 hours a day, seven days a week, 365 days a year.

Lohse noted that RediMed patients who need prescription refills and other non-urgent attention are encouraged to see their primary care providers, but the

Ememrgency Department can provide care at any time if there are more serious issues.

Lohse did not comment on why the decision was made, but repeatedly issued the same statement via email: "We continually evaluate ways to best serve the community. Our recent consolidation of urgent care services from the former Bluffton RediMed into Bluffton Regional Medical Center's Emergency Department also offers patients the benefit of on-site access to a higher level of care if needed — and is available

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# **Visitors commission**

eclipse she never knew Ouabache State Park existed — "No, really," he said. "It's like, wow, we need a light in the sky or something.

"That's the point of this, right?" smiled Executive Director of Economic Development Chad Kline, referring to the commis-

commission The expressed hope that the event had promoted local attractions to neighboring counties, bringing a longlasting benefit to northeast Indiana tourism.

Additionally, they emphasized that events took place generally without a hitch. Higgins noted that even clean-up at Ouabache, which was full by noon, was fairly minimal.

The commission will

have more concrete data regarding the tourism impact in several months when they receive a collection of the innkeeper's tax, a 5% tax on temporary overnight stays in Wells County. Many area overnight accommodations were booked through the weekend before the eclipse, Dudley said.

Looking forward, the board discussed what tourism assets seemed missing among the visitors. Several board members stated it would be helpful to have postcard advertisements of local attractions or a QR code for the tourism website. Michelle Blount, who operates a local Airbnb, said the items would be helpful to leave for her guests as

The group said a billboard on a main highway in Allen County would increase organizational awareness. Dudley also said the updated visitor guide would soon be completed; the magazine was set back after the designer lost her home in a tornado.

With Kline's last day with the organization on Friday, he also affirmed that the commission's work would continue. He said some projects and priorities under Economic Development could be picked up by the visitors commission, like including talent attraction in visitor attraction. He also stated that marketing materials contracted with LC Media through Economic Development would be delivered to the visitors commission.

Kline also anticipated the visitors commission working more with northeast Indiana economic development. Dudley added, "A thought we usually have to reframe for people is that visitors and residents don't usually care about county lines ... they're looking at the region and what that benefit is to their families."

They also noted that Dudley's email address would soon change but that her Economic Development email would remain active during the transition.

Board members present were Esparza, Fiechter, Higgins, Herr, Blount and Scott Elzey; Jon Winne, Jeff Reed and Justin Osborne were

The board's next meeting is 8 a.m. May 8 at the Wells County Commerce and Visi-

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# 'Character building' curriculum

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Wise during that time or go to a special area teacher — ours will be divided because we have more kids that don't go," Casto explained. "And then our teachers are going to kind of take those second step lessons and kind of filter it through either library, music, art or P.E., and those kids will kind of be doing an activity through those mediums related to those (SecondStep) concepts."

Springer stressed that the Second-Step curriculum "wasn't anti-Life-Wise," but provided another avenue to learn those skills. "It's still the same conversations that you're talking about in terms of how we want to treat one another and how we want to approach life," he stated.

Springer continued, "There have been some frustrations with implementing LifeWise, as there probably are going to be when you're pulling something out of school to do something separate. So do we just give up on that possibility there for kids to make connections beyond what we're doing academically in class, within something that our community is really supporting and wanting to see happen? Or do we think a little bit more about how can we be a little bit more intentional about how we structure our day to be a more seamless thing?

Board member Corey Krug also pushed back on the criticism that students might be "missing out" on their specials. "To me, that's a great time as a parent to have a discussion with your child, 'Hey we're prioritizing 'x' as opposed to 'y" ... At some point, as a community, we have to sit back and take responsibility and say, 'Look, 3rd grade teacher Allyson Schwartz

there are things that you might miss out on sometimes, and that's OK. Because you're getting something else," he

Krug and the rest of the board gave enthusiastic support for the Second-Step curriculum.

Also during the meeting, the board recognized recent accomplishments for the high school girls' basketball team and show choirs.

Girls' basketball head coach Eric Thornton was recently honored as District 1 Indiana Basketball Coaching Association Coach of the Year, and each board member took a moment to compliment his leadership, initiative and humbleness in leading the girls' team. They also recognized players Kennedy Fuelling, selected to play in the Hoosier Gym All Star Classic, Mackenzie Fuess, selected to play in the Nancy Rehm All Star game, and Vanessa Rosswurm, selected to the Indiana Futures Game.

The board also:

- Expressed their condolences for long-time bus driver Connie Clark, whose husband, Richard, passed in an accident this weekend.
- Heard a Quarter 1 financial update from Springer. He advised the district was in a fiscally strong position and making headway in building up its Rainy Day Fund.
- Recognized the retirements of technology director Jeff Miller, effective July 19; transportation director Stephanie Rohr, effective July 5; 7th grade social studies teacher Karrie Hamilton; and bus driver Sue Hupp, effective at the end of the school year.
- Accepted the resignations of LES

and OES 2nd grade teacher Carey Behne, both effective at the end of the school year, high school assistant soccer coach Amanda May, middle school yearbook teacher Holly Kimball, bus driver Dave Myers, OES teaching assistant Mallannie Brandon and NHS freshman basketball coach Drew Fed-

- Approved the employment recommendations of Rachel McBride as LES teacher, Kurt Gray as NHS spring sports supervisor, Alex Murray as NMS volunteer assistant boys' soccer coach, Elise Boomershine as LES Bobcat Care assistant, Joy Groat as bus driver, Davis Miller as NHS assistant boys' golf coach, Rob Fuess as NHS assistant boys' soccer coach, Abbey Boyer as varsity assistant volleyball coach, Lanette Mason as OES special education part-time nurse, Debra Long and Melissa Stech for NHS food service, and Lisa Bates as a food service substitute.
- Accepted anonymous donations of \$4,000 and \$400 for NHS girls basketball state rings, a \$100 donation from Rube Goldberg for student activities, and a \$300 donation from Psi Iota Xi to the LES music depart-
- Approved an overnight trip request to Indianapolis for the SkillsUSA competition for NHS auto service technology April 19-20.

The board will meet next on Tuesday, April 23, first for a tour of the middle school construction site at 4:15 p.m., then for their regular meeting in the high school. A strategic planning meeting will follow the regular agenda.

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# Weather

Thursday, April 11, 2024 (24-hour observations at 9:51 p.m. Wednesday) High: 65; Low: 49; Precipitation: 0.30 inches of rain Wabash River Level (at the Main Street bridge): 4.04 feet at 9:45 p.m. Wednesday

# Wells County forecast

Today: Showers and possibly a thunderstorm. Some of the storms could produce heavy rain. High near 65. East wind 10 to 15 mph becoming southwest in the afternoon. Winds could gust as high as 25 mph. Chance of precipitation is 90%. New rainfall amounts between three quarters and one inch possible.

**Tonight:** Showers likely and possibly a thunderstorm. Some of the storms could produce heavy rain. Cloudy, with a low around 44. West wind around 20 mph, with gusts as high as 35 mph. Chance of precipitation is 60%.

**Friday:** Showers likely, mainly before 2 p.m. Cloudy, with a high near 54. Breezy, with a west wind 20 to 25 mph, with gusts as high as 35 mph. Chance of precipitation is 70%. New precipitation amounts between a tenth and quarter of an inch possible.

Friday Night: A 30% chance of showers before 8 p.m. Partly cloudy, with a low around 40. West wind 15 to 20 mph, with gusts as high as 30 mph.

**Saturday:** Sunny, with a high near 65.

Saturday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 52. **Sunday:** Mostly sunny, with a high near 74. Breezy.

**Sunday Night:** A 20% chance of showers and thunderstorms before 2 a.m. Partly cloudy, with a low around 56.

# Holcomb scheduled for economic development trip to Brazil, Mexico

By WHITNEY DOWNARD, Indiana Capital Chronicle

Gov. Eric Holcomb will take another privately funded economic development trip in the coming weeks - this time to Brazil and Mexico.

A release from the governor's office states that the trip aims to cultivate "innovation and growth of the agbioscience and agricultural economy." It will be his first official trip to both countries and is covered by private donations to the Indiana Economic Development Foundation.

'Indiana agriculture and agbiosciences continues to be a catalyst for economic and community growth, contributing \$58.1 billion annually to the state's economy," said Holcomb in a release. "Brazil and Mexico both represent opportunities to collaborate and mutually advance trade, innovation and investment across the sector, spurring developments across food safety, security and sustainability that are critical to the global economy of the future."

According to the release, Indiana trade with Brazil and Mexico exceeded \$1.7 billion and \$13.4 billion in 2023, respectively. The state is home to 14 Brazil-based and 13 Mexico-based business establishments.

Holcomb, First Lady Janet Holcomb, representatives from the Indiana Economic Development Corporation and agriculture officials will leave on Friday, April 12 and return one week later — spending five days in Brazil and three in

The Brazil leg of the trip starts in Rio de Janeiro and São Paulo, building and identifying relationships and opportunities in government, academia and industry. Holcomb will meet with U.S. Ambassador to Brazil Elizabeth Bagley along with Solinftec, a digital agriculture company that announced in 2018 it would establish its U.S. headquarters in West Lafayette.

Holcomb and others will pitch the state to industry leaders at two roundtables hosted by the Federation of Industries of the State of São Paulo in partnership with global life sciences corporation Bayer. Additionally the delegation will meet with Indiana-based companies operating in Brazil, including Corteva and Elanco. Consul General David Hodge, with the U.S. Embassy, will also host a Friends of Indiana Reception for the group.

On April 17, the Holcombs will leave Brazil for Mexico City, where the governor will meet with officials — including U.S. Ambassador to Mexico Ken Salazar and Mexican Secretary of Economy Raquel Buenrostro. On the business side, the group will meet with the American Chamber of Commerce of Mexico and participate in a roundtable focused on meat processing.

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# FSSA enacts waitlist

(Continued from Page 1) and Disabled Waiver application, which is approved by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services. FSSA has reached the currently allowed limit and must implement a waiting list for individuals seeking to access services through the Aged and Disabled Waiver," an FSSA website

The five-page document included 21 "frequently asked questions" for impacted Hoosiers and emphasized that currently enrolled Hoosiers weren't affected. FSSA advised those placed on the waitlist that it didn't have estimates for the wait, which it said depended on waiver capacity and eligibility category.

To get on the list, FSSA directed Hoosiers to their local Area Agency on Aging institutions who warned that state insertion into rate setting could jeopardize their futures earlier this month.

#### What is an Aged and Disabled Waiver?

As the state agency tasked with administering Medicaid and its services, FSSA assists Hoosiers in need of services whether they're elderly, impoverished or disabled. The Arc of Indiana, which advocates for disabled Hoosiers and their families, offers a

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FSSA offers, from community integration to traumatic brain injuries.

The Aged and Disabled Waiver, often shortened to A&D, serves Hoosiers over the age of 65 or people with substantial disabilities that would otherwise require care at a nursing facility with home- and communitybased services. To qualify, one must have an income below \$2,349 a month (equal to 300% of Social Security Income) and be in need of direct assistance for certain daily tasks, like eating or bathing.

Services can include attendant care, home-delivered meals, transportation and more — depending on the individual.

According to Arc, FSSA currently has waiting lists for both the Family Supports Waiver and the Traumatic Brain Injury Waiver. Individuals can track their application status with FSSA.

Still, the agency didn't deny the possibility that some individuals may need to seek institutional care without access to the Aged and Disabled Waiver Service, though it encouraged Hoosiers to speak to their AAA to explore options.

Your placement on the Aged and Disabled Waiver waiting list will be main-

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guide to the bevy of waivers tained while you are in a nursing facility," the agency

said. Stakeholders have long acknowledged it is more expensive to care for someone in a nursing home than

at home with supports. Those on the waitlist who aren't yet enrolled in Medicaid will still be able to apply. A rejection from Medicaid also doesn't impact one's spot on the waiting list. Hoosiers can be on multiple waiting lists but may only receive services from one waiver at a time.

In addition to AAAs, Hoosiers may reach out to local Aging and Disability Resource Centers through the INconnect Alliance. FSSA additionally has a resource list of several other programs Hoosiers can utilize while waiting.

# Ties to the \$1B shortfall

Though FSSA says the waitlist is due to its maximum capacity under approval from the federal government, the January warning was part of a multi-pronged approach to mitigating a nearly \$1 billion "variance" from the December Medicaid forecast.

The agency said the package of moves could save roughly \$300 million over the two-year budget.

Much of the growth came from spending on the Aged and Disabled Waiver, the agency said previously, specifically in attendant care services for parents of disabled children.

While the decision to curb the use of that program for families was met with outcry repeatedly during the legislative session, other changes haven't attracted the same attention, including a pause on a 2% indexing — or increase — for certain Medicaid services, including dental. Due to the "interdependent" nature of the changes, FSSA has said it can't break down costs by each category.

Arc, in an email broadcasting the waitlist to its stakeholders, vowed to continue its advocacy and assist Hoosiers in need of services.

"The Arc of Indiana will monitor the waiting list closely as we are always concerned when people are not getting the supports and services they need to live as independently as they can and wish to. We realize that the state needs to make some difficult financial decisions due to the December Medicaid Forecast, but we hope that Indiana will continue to prioritize home and community- based supports for our most vulnerable Hoosiers," Kim Dodson, the organization's CEO, said in a statement.







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# WELLS COUNTY SCHOLARS DINNER



## Freshmen

Back row, left to right: Joshua Aulbach, Heath Johnson, Sophie Eisenhut, Alexandria Koby, Michael Baker, Adam Mahnensmith and Isabella Swineford. Front row, left to right: Sophia Meeks, Elliott Brown, Addison Yates, Kylee Hannie, Bria Reinhard and Ashlyn Bertsch (Photos by Carrie Penrod)

Not pictured: Stella Butcher, Lillia Paxson and Haley Williamson.



# Sophomores

Back row, left to right: Christian Werling, Hayden Alfeld, Aaron Jessup and Owen Lesh. Front row, left to right: Lexie Fiechter, Addison Gaskill, Samantha Evans, Aubrey Meyer, Libby Arnett and Alyssa Hartman.

Not pictured: K. Zane Borne, Emily Davis, Cohen Garrett, Campbell Sloan, Lora Smith and Braden Yencer.



# **Juniors**

Back row, left to right: Hayden Jolloff, Benjamin Maggard, Grant Reifsteck, Griffin Linderwell, Ryan Ewing, Owen King, Hannah Rusu and Karrigan Melcher. Front row, left to right: Elise Boomershine, Ali Mygrant, Amarah Robles, Avery Gaskill, Colby Winkler and Madison Mashuda.

Not pictured: Jasper Kreigh and Dominic Ramirez.



# Seniors

Back row, left to right: Caleb Gerber, Zoey Schmidt, Jordyn Xayyachack, Perrin Gates, Clayton Straub, Isaiah San Juan and Jaden Payne. Front row, left to right: Emma Dodane, Case Boxell, Bree Ulfig, Lauren Mann, Lillian Norris, Riley Dettmer and Kabyn Peterson.

Not pictured: Grace Gerber and Evan Pennington.

**INCIDENTS** 

assist with traffic control.

Monday, 12:33 p.m., East 100 North and North 100 East, Bluffton. Officer advised driver on side of roadway to move to a parking lot to view the eclipse for safety.

Monday, 1:37 p.m., S.R. 116 and North Meridian Road, Bluffton. Officer observed multiple vehicle parked along roadway, causing cars to cross the entire roadway to avoid hitting them. Officer located as many of the drivers as possible and told them of alternative parking.

Monday, 3:44 p.m., 6300 South 600 West, Warren. Woman reported a man was hitting her car with a shov-

Monday, 7:16 p.m., West 100 South and South 400 West, Liberty Center. Report of animal manure all over the roadway.

Tuesday, 12:41 p.m., North 700 East and East 300 North, Craigville. Report of a rock that hit windshield and shattered it. Tuesday, 4:05 p.m., West

way streets. Driver cited for driving with suspended license. Driver walked home. Tuesday, 4:33 p.m., Silo Farms. Driver reported a

Washington and South Mid-

daughter. Tuesday, 5:59 p.m., South 1100 West and West 900 South, Marion. Report of a semi driving in a no truck

man threatened her grand-

#### route area. **ACCIDENTS**

**County:** 

Tuesday, April 2, 6:33 a.m., I-69, Zanesville. A 2016 Freightliner Cascalia driven by Eric J. Cicotte, 53, Hale, Michigan, rear ended a 2013 GMC Yukon driven by Thomas D. Boris, 47, Fort Wayne. Cicotte advised the Yukon had slammed on its brakes suddenly and he was unable to avoid hitting the bumper; he also had dashcam footage of the accident. Boris initially claimed he had slowed because he saw a deer: however, when the deputy asked if that's what the dashcam footage would show, Boris said no. Boris' vehicle was towed from the scene. Damage did not exceed \$10,000.

Saturday, 4:25 a.m., CR 100W, Uniondale. Benjamin E. Frantz, 22, Decatur, struck a deer with his 2018 Chevrolet Malibu. The vehicle was towed from the scene. Damage did not exceed \$10,000.

# **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.

#### **FIRES**

County: Saturday, 8:38 a.m., Monday, 12:13 p.m., S.R. Ossian Elementary 201 and South 450 East, School. Fire alarm. Dust Bluffton. Office requested to from construction triggered alarm.

## **ARRESTS**

Maria De Los Angeles Aguilera, 39, Fort Wayne; operating a vehicle without ever receiving a license, a Class C misdemeanor. Booked and released.

Rosanna Alane Wright, 36, Bluffton; perjury, a Level 6 felony, false reporting and unlawful use of 911, both Class A misdemeanors. Bond set at \$5,000. Bonded.

Robert Andrew Dasilva, 25, Bluffton; possession of stolen property, a Class A misdemeanor. Bond set at \$1,500.

Andrew Lee Culy, 18, Geneva; reckless driving, a Class C misdemeanor. Booked and released. Jordan Dwuan Jackson,

27, Benton Harbour, Michigan; pickpocketing, valued more than \$750 and less than \$50,000, a Level 6 felony. Jose Carlos Martinez-

Tapia, 23, Fort Wayne; operating a vehicle without ever receiving a license, a Class C misdemeanor. Dontrell Lamar Anderson, 46, Bluffton; probation

violation and invasion of privacy, both Class A misdemeanors. Bond not set. Ryan Michael Budde, 37, Bluffton; domestic

battery, a Level 6 felony, intimidation with a deadly weapon, a Level 5 felony, and possession of marijuana, a Class B misdemeanor. Bond not set. Benjamin Tyler Haines, 36, New Haven; resist-

ing law enforcement using a vehicle and possession of marijuana, both Level 6 felonies, and reckless driving and leaving the scene of a crash — property damage, both Class B misdemeanors. Bond set at \$12,000.

Randall Jay Foy, 58, Montpelier; possession of marijuana, a Class B misdemeanor.

Johan Rafael Bracho Romero, 28, Bluffton; theft, a Class A misdemeanor.

Justin Michael Adams, 42, Bluffton; operating a vehicle while intoxicated - prior, a Level 6 felony, operating while intoxicated and operating with an ACE of .15 or more, both Class A misdemeanors. Bond set at \$5,000.

Javiar Panzo Tlehuactle, 23, Indianapolis; operating without ever obtaining a license, a Class C misdemeanor.

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# The world has changed and so should high school

Indiana high school students today are experiencing high school in much the same way their peers did a century ago — despite decades of attempts by policymakers to move diploma requirements forward.

The high school experience has languished and become less rigorous despite major changes in our workforce, with a rise in jobs that require higher-level social and analytical skills and greater preparation. These skills

can come through education, experience or other forms of training.

It's little surprise that when asked in a recent Gallup survey, nearly a third of Indiana parents of

high school seniors said their child is still not prepared for their next step.

Alan

Hubbard

Hoosier

**Opinions** 

Our education policymakers are trying to solve this challenge with a high school redesign that will reshape how young adults experience the last years of their K12 educational journey and set them up for real success as they transition into college or the workforce.

The Indiana State Board of Education recently heard a proposal that breaks down the high school redesign into three focus areas: diploma requirements that are more relevant to what students need in the real world; access to high-quality work-based learning opportunities; and an increase in the completion of high-value postsecondary credentials in high school.

Our current diploma requirements were designed four decades ago for a workforce from another era. They are rigid and focused on course-based instruction instead of ensuring students are mastering concepts they need to succeed beyond graduation.

Those requirements must be more flexible, but this does not mean our high schools should lower their standards or make coursework less rigorous. We must keep expectations high while providing more opportunities for students to engage in purposeful learning that aligns with jobs that are available today and well into the future.

The two remaining components of the state's high school redesign are critical to that goal because they focus on bridging the gap between K12 and what comes

What do we do once a student has the foundational math, science, social studies and English they need in middle and early high school?

Traditionally, we've offered them more of the samein the exact same classroom setting.

Under Indiana's new approach, a student's last two years of high school will look very different, focusing on high-quality work-based learning opportunities and credentials of value.

What do those terms mean?

Often, work-based learning only is associated with internships completed by high school juniors and seniors, and there is a common misconception that workbased learning opportunities only lead into manufacturing and skilled trades roles.

In reality, all students can benefit from high-quality work-based learning programs, which are implemented along a continuum of progressive experiences across K12 and postsecondary, allowing students to engage with employers and industries throughout a strategic career exploration and planning process.

Similarly, there's a difference between credentials and credentials of value. Indiana policymakers are focused on the latter, making sure students will be earning industry-recognized or postsecondary credentials that validate the knowledge and skills required for success in a specific occupation or industry.

Right now, only 53.3% of Hoosiers between the ages of 25 and 65 have a postsecondary credential or highvalue industry certification beyond high school.

The best news: Indiana has case studies to build on as we look toward the future of high school.

A partnership between Evansville Vanderburgh

School Corporation and global packaging leader Berry Global brings juniors and seniors on-site, culminating in a year-long, paid work-based learning program.

In Gibson County, a partnership between multiple school corporations and Toyota is exposing students to on-the-job training and hands-on learning in advanced manufacturing production during their junior and senior years. Seniors spend two hours a day, four days a week at the Toyota Manufacturing facility and are paid for their training hours.

This is no small task we are undertaking. Indiana is on track to be the first state in the nation to significantly redesign our high school diploma and experience. It will take time and collaboration to ensure Hoosiers — especially parents and students —understand why we need a new path forward.

Aligning our K12 system with in-demand jobs and postsecondary opportunities is an exciting prospect. This is our moment to lead as a state and show by example that we can work together to ensure success for our students for decades to come.

Hubbard serves on the ExcelinEd Board of Directors. He is cofounder and chairman of E&A Companies. He has served on the boards of Hoosiers for Quality Education, The Indiana Commission on Higher Education and The Lumina Foundation.

# Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Thursday, April 11, the 102nd day of 2024.

There are 264 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: On April 11, 1968, President Lyndon B. Johnson signed into law the Civil Rights Act of 1968, which included the Fair Housing Act, a week after

the assassination of Martin Luther King Jr. On this date: In 1865, President Abraham Lincoln spoke to a crowd outside the White House, saying, "We meet this evening, not in sorrow, but in gladness of heart." (It was the

# last public address Lincoln would deliver.)

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# Trump gets it right on abortion

Donald Trump is under fire from some in the prolife movement for his decision to oppose a federal abortion limit, declaring instead that abortion should be left to states. We "took [abortion] out of the federal hands and brought it into the hearts, minds and vote of the people in each state," Trump said Monday in a Truth Social video. "Now it's up to the states to do the

As a pro-life conservative, I get the disappointment. But Trump is right.

Let's start with the reason we can restrict abortion at all today: Trump is the only pro-life president in six decades with a perfect record in Supreme Court appointments. The decisive 6-to-3 conservative majority he created overturned Roe v. Wade, the seemingly impossible goal of the antiabortion movement for nearly half a century. As president, he defunded the U.N. Population Fund over its support for abortion in China, allowed states to withhold federal funds from Planned Parenthood, implemented the Protect Life Rule prohibiting Title X family-planning funds from going to clinics that perform abortions, and defended the religious liberty of the Little Sisters of the Poor. And Trump was the first president to speak in person at the annual March for Life. No president more openly embraced the pro-life movement, or delivered it more victories, than Donald Trump.

Second, he is being honest with pro-life voters: Passing a 15-week federal abortion ban is not possible in Congress anytime soon. That's because doing so requires 60 votes to overcome a Senate filibuster, and there is zero chance Republicans will win that kind of majority in the next four years. So campaigning on a federal abortion limit would be an empty promise to pro-life Americans — one that Trump would be pow-

That has not stopped Democrats from demagoguing the issue. President Biden has warned that "Trump will ban abortion nationwide." Biden served for decades in the Senate, so he knows that is a lie. By leaving abortion to the states, Trump takes this dishonest argument away from Democrats.

Indeed, by taking a federal abortion ban off the table, Trump is turning the tables and positioning Republicans to make clear that Democrats are the abortion extremists. The Democratic Party used to treat abortion as a necessary evil that should be "safe, legal and rare," but today it is something to be celebrated (as when Kamala D. Harris became the first vice president to visit an abortion clinic). The new Democratic consensus that taxpayer-funded abortion should be permitted up to the moment of birth is a position supported by less than one-third of Americans. Republicans can now go on offense on abortion and focus the debate on the Democrats' radical posi-

Finally, Trump is setting the pro-life movement up for victory in the long-term battle for hearts and minds. For decades, conservatives assured the American people that overturning Roe would not ban abortion but simply send the issue back to the states. Voters now see many of those same conservatives saying they want to federalize the issue after all. They understandably feel misled.

The pro-life movement needs to meet Americans where they are — not where we wish they were — on abortion. Polls show that most want to keep abortion legal. But 66

percent support placing limits on abortion, according to a Knights of Columbus-Marist poll in January. What should those limits be? The good news is that 58 percent support limiting abortions to the first three months of pregnancy or less. The bad news is that is down from 69 percent a year earlier. Support for restricting abortion has slipped as Americans have grown concerned about Republican overreach.

The best way to bring those numbers back up is keeping the debate in the states, our laboratories of democracy. When abortion is decided at the state level, far more Americans end up with the abortion policy they want. Red states will get stricter abortion policies, blue states will have the opposite, and voters in purple states will demand a middle ground. And even at the state level, the pro-life movement should focus on incremental change as it seeks to convince more Americans over time of the sanctity of unborn human life. If pro-lifers push too far too fast, they will end up electing more pro-abortion Democrats who will take our country in the opposite direction.

Indeed, if Democrats succeed in using the threat of a federal abortion ban to keep control of the Senate in November, then the pro-life cause could suffer an irreparable blow. With Sens. Joe Manchin III (D-W. Va.) and Kyrsten Sinema (I-Ariz.) both retiring, Democrats likely would finally have the votes to eliminate the legislative filibuster — allowing them to codify Roe with a simple majority if they flip the House and Biden is reelected. That would unleash chaos: From that point on, abortion policy would swing from one extreme to another depending on who controlled Congress and the presidency, with every election representing an existential threat to either side.

"At the end of the day, this is all about the will of the people," Trump correctly said. And the best way to persuade more people to support the cause of life is to leave abortion decisions where conservatives once promised they would be decided: in the states.

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# Dem bones, dem bones, dem dry bones

Somewhere back in time the words of a song were forever implanted in this writer's brain. The origin had long been for-

gotten. Perhaps Lancaster Central High School Choir. Maybe it was a vinyl recording played over and over until the words were eternally brain-inscribed.

Fred Waring and his Pennsylvanians recorded it on a 78 rpm exactly one score days short of a full year prior to this writer's birth. Grandma Wolf had a console player and many 78s that were joyfully played repeatedly. Also ingrained in memory from her platters was "Santa Got Stuck in the Chimney."

Research proved "Dem Bones" was a spiritual song inspired by Ezekiel 37:1-14 well before any Pennsylvanian sing-songed. And remember, Pennsy's brought us Punxsutawney Phil. Duh.

Holy scripture ended with, "And shall put my spirit in you, and ye shall live, and I shall place you in your own land: then shall ye know that I the Lord have spoken it, and performed it, saith the Lord.'

A resurrection of deer from bones could not be fathomed when a box 6x12x24" became filled to overflowing with dem dry bones.

Approximately a year ago three deer perished in a collision w,ith a Norfolk Southern engine. Two of the deceased cast aside during the impact landed in Angelkeep territory. The News-Banner's Mark Miller was contacted at the time with the question as to appropriateness of the disaster being covered in an Angelkeep Journals' column. Was it too gruesome for print, newspapers



discriminatory today than a century prior? As a result, it became front page News-Banner coverage. At the same time Norfolk Southern

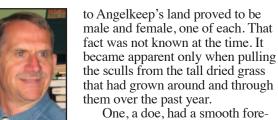
was struggling to contain an Ohio derailment that threatened an entire

So. . . Angelkeep labored at cleaning up the bones entangled in the grass after having been stripped by buzzards and flies and bleached by the sun. Dem bones, dem bones, dem thigh bones could destroy a lawn mower blade. The tune could not be erased during the harvesting of all of the bones scattered due to the buzzards pulling the carcasses to and from for days on end. Weeks!

Scrimshaw. The idea became as mentally attached as Dem Bones' tune and lyrics. Free scrimshaw lessons were found on U-Tube. Loss of life from 12 months past could become memorial pieces with images of Angelkeep roses, dragonflies, birds, a large mouth bass, a bygone snowflake, or even a pin oak leaf. Perhaps a Deam Oak leaf would be more historical.

Thigh bones could be cut, halved, and turned into pendants as a forever memory of all of the deer that found Angelkeep over the decades past. Key rings? Earrings? Dem bones dem boggle dem potentialities.

The two deer ricocheted eastward



One, a doe, had a smooth forehead. Fortunately these two deer were hit from the rear, still an instant death, but no damage done to the sculls. The second deer landing on Angelkeep's side of the railroad tracks had the start of inch-long tines on the brow just atop the two eye sockets.

Brow tines appeared first on young bucks. The full antlers came later, after the yearling had time to grow, thus saving it from the risk of the harvesting of hunters for a season

It proved a huge surprise to realize how small some of the bones of a deer look without the muscle and hide attached. For instance the blade of the shoulder barely covered the palm of a hand. This would make a fine scrimshaw amulet. Tiny bones at the joint near a deer's hoof, discovered through research to be identified as "phalanges of lateral digit" were so small and light they could have been guessed to be molars. But deer's teeth are unlike human molars.

Scrimshawed with miniature black roses and adding jewelry wire would make a unique set of earrings. Sh-hh-h-h, don't tell Gwen. This will be a huge surprise. Mother's day is just around the corner.

Dem bones, dem bones, dem scrimshawed bones, may they rest in 'peace-s.'

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



# WELLS COUNTY TOTAL SOLAR ECLIPSE 2024 SUBMITTED PHOTOS



Pictured is the Bummies Staff. (Photo submitted by Sara Baumgartner)



Pictured left to right is Caven Brown and Ryker Brown. (Photo submitted by Katie



Attending the eclipse party at the First Presbyterian Church in Bluffton were Mario and Patrica Cester from Turin, Italy, pictured at left. They were guests of Jim and Julie Nixon, formerly of Bluffton, pictured at right. (Photo submitted by Elizabeth Oakes)



Pictured left to right are Camdyn Gerber, Everly Daugherty, Delaney Gerber, Beckett Gerber, and Owen Keller watching the eclipse in Ossian. (Photo submitted by Brittany Gerber)

# A Talk with Tego



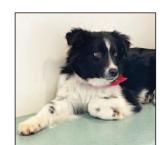
T.J. is a two-year-old, Torbie female.

**Tego's Tips:** Some dogs knead an object with their paws before falling asleep.



Marley is a litter of six Lab/ Border Collie mixes.

These are just a few pets available for adoption at the Wells County Animal Shelter, 1613 W. Cherry St., Bluffton. For more information call 824-6063.



Levi is an eight-month-old, Border Collie mix male.



# Parks Department Earth Day 5K registration

Registration is open for the Bluffton Parks Department's annual Earth Day 5K.

Join Bluffton Parks & Recreation for our minimal footprint 5K to celebrate Earth

Saturday, April 20th at 9 a.m. at the Bluffton City Gym.

The race is designed with a minimal footprint which includes no new shirts, bibs, or plastic. Previously unused event shirts and bibs are being recycled in addition to live plants and trees for awards and prizes.

Cost is \$10 and includes event registration, all the free past event t-shirts and swag you can hold, and overall and age group awards. Runners and Walkers are welcome.

Sign up now at https://raceroster.com/ events/2024/86614/earth-day-5k.

For more information visit blufftonindi-

# FWMA features Dellosso retrospective

Work by the artist Gabriela Gonzalez Dellosso will be featured at the Fort Wayne Museum of Art from April 20 through July

The retrospective, the first for the artist, will feature over 60 works from every stage

of her 30-year career.

On Friday, April 19, the Mastranglo Lecture Series will feature artist Dellosso. Admission is \$20 for non museum members (\$8 for students with ID.) RSVP to 260-422-6467.

# **Community** LSM hosts 'An evening with Dr. Gary Chapman'

Loving Shepherd Ministries will be hosting "An Evening with Dr. Gary Chapman" on Tuesday, June 25, at 5:30 p.m. at the LSM Event Center at 1935 North Main St.

Chapman is the author of more than 50 books, including "The 5 Love Languages," that sold more than a million copies and is on the New York Times best seller list. He has been a family counselor for more than calling 260-824-9000.

40 years and recently retired after being a senior associate for 50 years.

His talk here will be about how to strengthen families and vulnerable children through the Gospel. A freewill offering will be taken to further LSM's impact around the

Tickets are now available for purchase at \$50 per individual (\$350 for table for 8) by

# **Harvest Farm** Wagon The Community Har-

vest Farm Wagon visits Life Community Church every Tuesday at 9 a.m. to give fresh food to needy families. The church address is 428 S. Oak St. in Bluffton. Enter the parking for at the south entrance off of Oak Street.



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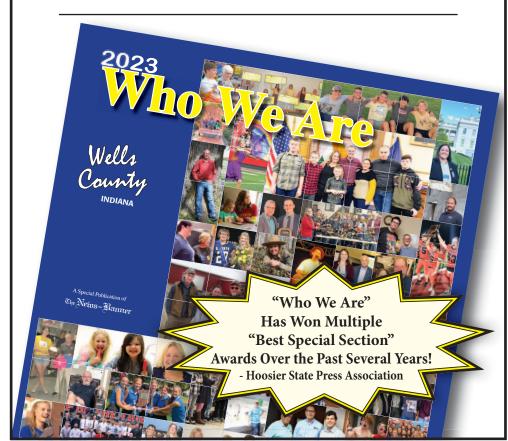
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# Tigers, Generals rained out

Bluffton and Wayne all but made it to the third inning of Wednesday's softball contest before rain grew heavy and postponed the

The Tigers were up 6-2 before the umpires called it. This game will resume at a later date with the same score and point of the game. The teams were about to begin the third inning.

In those two innings, Bluffton got its

offense rolling. Tressa Renner and Marly Drayer picked up RBI singles in the two frames and later scored on wild pitches. Tyrah Shaw's sacrifice fly finished the scoring.

Carrillo and Jamala Tucker scoring on a sac fly. Blufton's next scheduled game will be at 12 p.m. Saturday, April 13 against New

Wayne got its run on a double by Gabby

# **Sports Roundup**

# Knights split with Bulldogs in away track and field meet

Norwell split the road track meet with New Haven Wednesday night.

The Knight boys won 75-56, while the girls lost 55-52.

#### **Individual Results:**

#### **Boys**

- The 4x800m relay team.
- Elijah Nunn third in the 110m hurdles with
- Trevon Stoppenhagen second in the 100m with a time of 11.32 and Jase Harmon third at 11.69
- Caden Morgan second in the 100m with a
- Luke Johnson first in the 1600m with a time of 5:04.85.
  - The 4x100m team second.
- Ryan Smith first in the 400m with a time of 54.24 and Matthew Hernandez second at
- Zane Borne first in the 300m hurdles with a time of 45.38, Cohen Garrett second at 46.51 and Nunn third at 58.53.
- Gavin Threewits second in the 800m with a time of 2:15.76.
- Harmon second in the long jump at 20-6.75 and Cohen Bailey third at 19-3.
- Alex Fojtik second in the shot put at 39-3.75 and Luke Harkless third at 37-8.
- Will Gerber second in the discus at 108-1 and Ayden Billiard third at 100-8.
- Jaycie Grzych second in the 100m hurdles with a time of 18.52 and Hallie Smith third in
- Haley Williamson second in the 100m with a time of 14.29 and Carlee Strunk third at
- The 4x100m team second.
- Alivia Green first in the 400m with a time of 1:15.16.
- Grzych first in the 300m hurdles with a time of 55.35 and Lillian Mann third at 59.41.
- Elizabeth Norris first in the 800m with a time of 2:51.03, Ali Riley second at 2:52.63
- and Brooklyn Meyer third at 2:53.54. • Emerson Meredith first in the pole vault at 9-6 and Kendall Dunwiddie second at 8-0.
- Makenzie Fuess first in the long jump at 14-7.50, Ryland Graft second at 14-2 and Williamson third at 13-11.
  - Fuess second in the shot put at 30-0.25.
- Kaylee Eicher third in the discus at 86-1. Norwell will travel to Bluffton for the Wells County meet at 5:30 p.m. Thursday, April 11.

# Apaches outscore the Tigers in baseball

Bluffton fell to 1-4 on the baseball diamond at Wabash 23-13 Wednesday night.

In addition to the 33 total runs, both teams combined for 25 hits and 11 errors.

Axton Beste went 2-5 at the plate with three RBI in the leadoff spot, while AJ Streveler went 2-4 with three RBI. Easton Blair had a 2-3 night with two RBI. Braxton Betancourt and Nick Pastore had the other RBI.

On the mound, the Tigers walked 14 batters and allowed 13 hits.

Streveler picked up the loss.

Bluffton will host Oak Hill at 10 a.m. Saturday, April 13.

# Panthers score 6 in the 6th inning to beat Raiders

Southern Wells fell to 1-2 on the baseball season with a 8-4 defeat to Eastbrook at home Wednesday.

The Raiders held a 4-2 lead before a six-run, sixth inning from the Panthers. The seventh inning was not played.

Southern Wells had two hits in the game: one by Landon Johnson and one from Robby Freimuth. Jakob Gearheart walked three times in

On the mound, Wyatt Yoder threw four innings and allowed two runs (one earned), struck out six, gave up one hit and walked

Southern Wells will host South Adams in a nonconference game at 5 p.m. Monday, April

# Parks homers, but Raiders lose to Spartans in softball

Southern Wells fell on the road to Homestead 14-4 in softball Wednesday night.

The Raiders fall to 0-3 on the season.

The team got a three-run blast from Emma Parks, her second of the season, in the game, along with an RBI single by Collena Reeves and a double by Kyah Thomas. Gracie Reeves and Morgan Jones added singles.

Southern Wells will host Easbtrook pending weather at 5:30 p.m. Thursday, April 11.

# Tigers go 1-1 in track meet with Vikings, Braves

The Bluffton track team split its season opener at Huntington North on Tuesday.

The boys earned a 115-106 win over the Vikings, while Bellmont scored 21 points. The girls finished third with 27 points. Huntington North scored 150 points to claim the victory, while Bellmont had 65 points.

# **Individual results:**

• Alex Mechling third in the 100m with a time of 11.99, Trey Bustos fourth at 12.27 and Cooper Craig eighth at 12.51.

 Khamel Moore third in the 200m, Ben Ramseyer fourth and Coleson Teeple seventh. Times were not posted.

 Maksym Laishevkin second in the 400m with a time of 54.97, Elijah Kerner third at 55.25 and Jonah Geisel sixth at 1:02.19.

 Jackson Rockwell third in the 800m with a time of 2:17.43, Brett Kuhlenbeck fourth at 2:17.51 and Manning Nash fifth at 2:18.43.

 Aidan Graves second in the 1600m with a time of 5:12.56 and Ryan Schlagenhauf seventh at 5:37.72.

• Tyler Godwin first in the 3200m with a time of 10:39.60, Levi Johns second at 10:42.94, Jude Baumgartner third at 10:46.76 and Ayden Teeple fourth at 11:07.08.

• Andrew Hunt first in the 110m hurdles with a time of 15.95, Bertsch fourth at 17.92, Rhett Gerber sixth at 20.10 and Aiden Miller eighth at

• Hunt second in the 300m hurdles with a time of 42.87, Bertsch third at 46.15 and Miller eighth at 51.54.

• The 4x100m relay team of Mechling, Ramseyer, Trey Bustos and Moore with a time

• The 4x400m relay team of Kerner, Gerber, Hunt and Laishevkin first with a time of 3:42.93.

• Bertsch second in the high jump at 5-8, Austin Geimer third at 5-8, Geisel fifth 5-2 and Gerber eighth at 5-0. • Buston second in the long jump at 20-0,

Laishevkin fifth at 18-9.5, Moore sixth at 18-1 and Craig 17-3.

• Johnny Cruz first in the shot put at 45-4.75, Drayvin Shoemaker second at 44-3.5, Mechling 42-2.25 and Deontae Eskridge fifth at 40-.25.

 Tavin Frees first in the discus throw at 129-10, Shoemaker second at 118-9 and Chris Kramer eighth at 88-5.

#### Girls

- Rylynn Penick third in the 100m with a time of 13.92, Olivia Schreiber sixth at 14.23 and Haley Gibson eighth at 14.46.
- Schreiber fifth in the 200m with a time of 29.74, Penick eighth in the 200m at 30.84 and Shak Eskridge ninth at 32.90.
- Maryn Schreiber fourth in the 400m with a time of 1:07.04, Madelyn Funk fifth at 1:08.71 and Addison Yates seventh at 1:12.53. • Alydia Bertsch third in the 800m with a
- time of 3:05.12 and Reagan Harris fourth at
- Amarah Robles sixth in the 1600m with a time of 7:28.46.
- Lucia Corkwell first in the 3200m with a time of 15:14.99.
- Sophie Schwartz fourth in the 100m hurdles with a time of 19.09 and Dakota Lee sev-• Lee fourth in the 300m hurdles with a time
- of 55.14 and Schwartz sixth at 55.51. • The 4x100m relay team of Gibson, Olivia
- Schreiber, Lee and Penick second with a time of • The 4x800m relay team of Yates, Bertsch,
- Harris and Corkwell third in the 4x800m relay.
- Gibson fourth in the long jump at 13-10.75. Alexandria Koby fourth in the shot put at 29-2.75, Rori Drayer fifth at 28-7.25 and Libby
- Arnett 10th at 24-8.75. • Corina Rader third in the discus at 98-1, Drayer fifth at 83-2 and Koby sixth at 82-9.

Bluffton will host the Wells County track meet at 5:30 p.m. Thursday, April 11.

# Norwell torches Eagles in JV softball by 12 runs

Norwell's junior varsity softball team doubled up Columbia City 24-12 Tuesday night.

The Knights had 19 RBI on 19 hits and walked 10 times in the contest.

Ayla Nern went a perfect 5-5 on the night with six RBI. She hit two triples and a double. Carli Fausz and Bria Reinhard tallied three hits each and two RBI. Kaitlee Reinhard and Brielle Foss also had two hits and added three total

Other hitting contributions came from Alli Crowwent 1-1 with a triple and two RBI. Angie Rogers, Ella Smith and Allie Dillion had

Bria Reinhard picked up the win in her three innings. She allowed seven runs (all unearned) and gave up one hit with five walks.

# Knights win middle school tennis match over Eagles

The Norwell tennis team opened the season with a 5-0 sweep over Indian Springs Tuesday.

- **Results:** • Levi White won 6-1 at No. 1 singles.
- Julian Torres won 6-2 at No. 2 singles. • Emma Easley won 6-2 at No. 3 singles.
- Mallory Young and Chloe Comer won 7-6 at No. 1 doubles.
- Jorden Mills and Kayden Robbins won 6-1 at No. 2 doubles.

Norwell will host DeKalb at home at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 17.

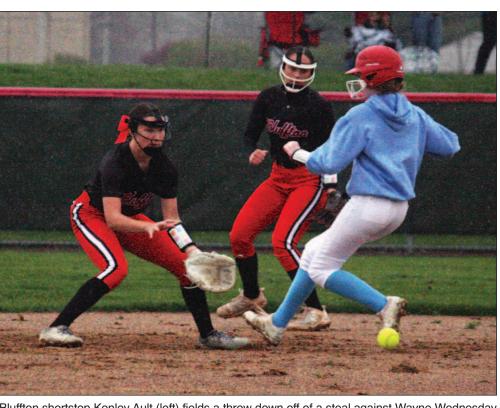
# Knights fall in both soccer matches to Barons

The Norwell boys' and girls' soccer teams dropped their season openers to DeKalb Tues-

The boys lost 3-2 and the girls lost 2-1. Blake Fuess scored both of the goals for the

Knights, while Leah Randol scored the one for the girls, assisted by Annabelle Gill. Both teams will travel to New Haven at 5

p.m. Thursday, April 11.



at home. The Tigers and Generals were rained out before the third inning began. Bluffton was up 6-2 and will finish the game at a later date. (Photos by Ryan Walker)

## **THURSDAY, APRIL 11**

BASEBALL: Norwell at Heritage, 5:30

BOYS GOLF: Norwell at Columbia City, 5 p.m.; Blackford/Marion at Bluffton, 5 p.m.; Southern Wells at Mississinewa, 5 p.m.

4:30 p.m.; Bluffton at Jay County, 5 p.m. SOFTBALL: Eastbrook at Southern Wells,

TRACK & FIELD (CO-ED): Wells County meet at Bluffton, 5:30 p.m. FRIDAY, APRIL 12

GIRLS TENNIS: Snider at Norwell, 5:30 p.m. SOFTBALL: Jay County at Norwell, 5:30 **SATURDAY, APRIL 13** 

10::30 a.m. & 12 p.m.; Wabash at Southern Wells, 11 a.m.; New Haven at Bluffton, 12

TRACK & FIELD (CO-ED): Norwell at IPT Relays at Heritage High School, 9 a.m.; Bluff-

BASEBALL: Bluffton at Norwell, 5 p.m.; South Adams at Southern Wells (non-conference), 5 p.m.

GIRLS TENNIS: Adams Central at Norwell,

SOFTBALL: Norwell at Adams Central, 5 p.m.; Bluffton at Southwood, 5 p.m.; Southern Wells at Wayne, 5:30 p.m.

#### **TUESDAY, APRIL 16**

BASEBALL: Norwell at Jay County, 5 p.m.; Bellmont at Bluffton, 5 p.m.; Jay County at Bluffton, 4:30 p.m.; Southern Wells at Southwood, 5 p.m.

GIRLS TENNIS: Norwell at South side, 5:30 p.m.

SOFTBALL: Norwell at Bishop Luers, 5:30 p.m.; Bluffton at Wabash, 5:30 p.m.

TRACK & FIELD (CO-ED): Bellmont at Norwell, 5 p.m.; Bluffton at Jay County, 5:30 p.m.; Southern Wells at Heritage, 5:30 p.m.

# Arkansas hires John Calipari to coach the Razorbacks, a day after stepping down from Kentucky

FAYETTEVILLE, Ark. (AP) — Arkansas hired John Calipari as men's basketball coach on Wednesday, a day after the Hall of Fame coach stepped



John Calipari

down from the Kentucky program he led to the 2012 NCAA championship. The 65-year-old

Calipari signed a five-year contract with an annual base salary of \$7 million through April 2029 with a maximum of two automatic rollover vears for NCAA Tour-

nament appearances that would extend the contract to 2031.

The deal includes a \$1 million signing bonus and features retention bonuses of \$500,000 each year of the contract along with one-time bonuses for making the NCAA Tournament, reaching the second round, Sweet 16, Final Four and winning a national championship.

Kentucky had been paid Calipari \$8.5 million annually.

Calipari is the winningest active coach in men's college basketball, with a career record of 855-263 in stops at Massachusetts, Memphis and Kentucky. He has led his programs to six Final Fours and three national championship games. He has won numerous awards, including AP Coach of the Year

Arkansas vice chancellor and director of athletics Hunter Yurachek announced Calipari's hiring in a news release on Wednesday. Yurachek noted Calipari's reputation as an elite recruiter and success in the Southeastern Conference as contributing factors

"As I visited with coach Calipari during this process, he acknowledged the tremendous opportunity we have at the University of Arkansas to attract and retain top players and compete for championships," Yurachek said in a statement.

An introductory news conference is scheduled for Wednesday evening in Fay-

Calipari replaces Eric Musselman, who left for the job at Southern California. Calipari inherits a program that went 16-17 last season after three consecutive NCAA Tournament appearances, including the Sweet 16 a year ago and the Elite Eight in 2021 and

Arkansas, like Kentucky, has a rich history. The Razorbacks have been to six Final Fours, won the national title in 1994 and lost in the final in 1995. Calipari announced that he was stepping

own as Kentucky coach on Tuesday ing in a video that the program "needs to hear another voice.' He left the Wildcats after going 410-123 in 15 years, including 23-10 this past season. But the past few campaigns have been

disappointing by Kentucky standards with

a 1-3 mark in its last three NCAA trips,

including first-round losses to No. 14 seed

Oakland last month and No. 15 seed Saint Peter's two years ago. The Wildcats were top-three seeds both times. The most recent NCAA loss set off immediate calls to fire Calipari before athletic director Mitch Barnhart stated soon after that Calipari would return next season. Doing so would've triggered a buyout of

more than \$33 million to dismiss him under

the terms of a 10-year, "lifetime" contract

signed in 2019. Money is no longer an issue for Kentucky with Calipari's announcement and Arkansas' seismic move that at first glance makes the Razorbacks immediate SEC contenders given the coach's track record. Kentucky won six conference tournament championships and six regular season titles, though it hasn't won the tournament title

since 2017. 'It was my dream job," Calipari said in the video. "Anybody in our profession looks at the University of Kentucky in basketball and said, 'that is the bluest of blue.' The last few weeks we've come to realize that this program probably needs to hear another voice that the university as a whole has to have another voice giving guidance about this program that they hear and the fans need to hear."

# Caitlin Clark's next big move could be helping Indiana Fever

#### By MICHAEL MAROT **AP Sports Writer**

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — John Meinen has been an avid Iowa basketball fan for

The 61-year-old former hoops player never lost touch with the sport, his home state or his beloved Hawkeyes' men's or women's teams, even after moving to India-

napolis. So with the Indiana Fever expected to draft Caitlin Clark with the No. 1 overall pick Monday night, Meinen can't hide his excitement over seeing the potential of a game-changing player suddenly making the Fever relevant again after a seven-year playoff drought.

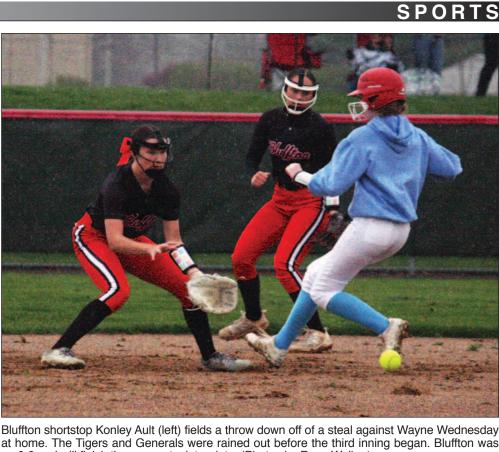
"She's Bob Cousy meets Steph Curry. I

mean there just hasn't been anyone, certainly in the women's game, who plays the way she does," Meinen said. "I don't know her, I've never met her, but she seems like a very nice person. The other piece of it is she's got a little Taylor Swift in her because girls just look up to her." He's not alone.

Fever guard Erica Wheeler told social media fans Clark was the real deal after attending one Iowa game in February 2023. Another Fever guard, Grace Berger already knows Clark's scouting report after chasing her around Big Ten courts for three seasons.

Neither had any idea back then, though, that the Fever would win a second straight draft lottery that would allow them to team

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**High School Calendar** 

GIRLS TENNIS: South Adams at Norwell,

BASEBALL: Norwell at Athenian Invite at Crawfordsville, 10 a.m. and vs. Logansport, 12:30 p.m.; Oak Hill at Bluffton, 10 a.m.

SOFTBALL: Norwell at South Adams,

ton at Oak Hill Invitational, 11 a.m. **MONDAY, APRIL 15** 

4:30 p.m.; Wabash at Bluffton, 5 p.m.

# **News-Banner Scoreboard** Clark to lead Fever

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Denver 111, Utah 95 New Orleans 110, Portland 100 L.A. Clippers 105, Phoenix 92 Golden State 134, L.A. Lakers 120 Wednesday's Games Cleveland 110, Memphis 98

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Chicago at Detroit, 7 p.m. New York at Boston, 7:30 p.m Houston at Utah, 9 p.m. Golden State at Portland, 10 p.m. New Orleans at Sacramento, 10

Friday's Games
Chicago at Washington, 7 p.m.
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# **HOCKEY**

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Winnipeg 4, Nashville 3, OT
Dallas 3, Buffalo 2 Colorado 5, Minnesota 2 Anaheim 3, Los Angeles 1 Seattle 5, Arizona 0 Calgary 3, San Jose 2, OT

Wednesday's Games St. Louis 5, Chicago 2 Vegas at Edmonton, late Arizona at Vancouver, late
Thursday's Games

Columbus at Florida, 7 p.m. Detroit at Pittsburgh, 7 p.m. New Jersey at Toronto, 7 p.m.
Ottawa at Tampa Bay, 7 p.m.
Philadelphia at N.Y. Rangers, 7 p.m.
Washington at Buffalo, 7 p.m.
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N.Y. Rangers,

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## **BASEBALL**

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Baltimore 7, Boston 5 Miami 5, N.Y. Yankees 2 Kansas City 11, Houston 2 Texas 6, Oakland 2

Thursday's Games Minnesota (López 1-1) at Detroit (Skubal 1-0), 1:10 p.m. Houston (Brown 0-1) at Kansas

City (Singer 1-0), 2:10 p.m. Oakland (Sears 0-1) at Texas Gray 0-0), 2:35 p.m.
Baltimore (Rodriguez 2-0) at Boston (Whitlock 1-0), 7:10 p.m.

Friday's Games

Minnesota at Detroit, 6:40 p.m. San Francisco at Tampa Bay, 6:50

Milwaukee at Baltimore, 7:05 p.m Colorado at Toronto, 7:07 p.m. Kansas City at N.Y. Mets, 7:10

L.A. Angels at Boston, 7:10 p.m. N.Y. Yankees at Cleveland, 7:10 p.m. Cincinnati at Chicago White Sox,

7:40 p.m. Texas at Houston, 8:10 p.m. Chicago Cubs at Seattle, 9:40

Washington at Oakland, 9:40 p.m. NATIONAL LEAGUE East Division L 3 6 7 7 Atlanta 2 Philadelphia Washington 6 5 500 Miami **Central Division** GB Pittsburgh 1½ 2 Milwaukee Chicago .727 ati 6 6 .5 s 6 7 .4 **West Division** Cincinnati 500 .462 St. Louis Pct **L** 5 Los Angeles 10 San Diego 7 8 7 8 San Diego San Francisco 5 Colorado

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Wednesday's Games Minnesota 3, L.A. Dodgers 2 Philadelphia 4, St. Louis 3 San Francisco 7, Washington 1 Arizona 5, Colorado 3 Milwaukee 7, Cincinnati 2 San Diego 10, Chicago Cubs 2 Miami 5, N.Y. Yankees 2 N.Y. Mets at Atlanta, ppd.

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Friday's Games
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p.m. Cincinnati at Chicago White Sox, 7:40 p.m. Chicago Cubs at Seattle, 9:40

St. Louis at Arizona, 9:40 p.m. Washington at Oakland, 9:40 p.m. San Diego at L.A. Dodgers, 10:10

# **TRANSACTIONS**

Wednesday's Transactions BASEBALL

Major League Baseball
CHICAGO WHITE SOX — Placed
3B Yoan Moncada on the 10-day IL.
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Transferred RHP Shane Bieber from the 15-day IL to the 60-day IL. Optioned RHP Wes Parsons to Colum-

# Preparations are being made for potential NHL team in Salt Lake City

#### By STEPHEN WHYNO **AP Hockey Writer**

Preparations are being made behind the scenes and in the public eye in case an NHL team is in Salt Lake City sooner than later, perhaps as early as this fall.

After prospective owner Ryan Smith earlier this week solicited suggestions for a team name, word emerged Wednesday that the league has been working on contingency plans in case the Arizona Coyotes move this

The NHL has been working on two schedule drafts for next season in case the team is in Arizona or playing under a different name in Utah, according to a person familiar with the planning. The person spoke to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity because no decisions have been made.

The schedule for next season is usually released in late June, after the Stanley Cup is handed out, around the draft and before free agency opens July 1. Commissioner Gary Bettman, when asked last month about the schedule and the possible contingency plans, said only, "We still have some time."

While the NHL, Coyotes and Smith Entertainment Group declined comment on the dual-schedule report, other machinations are underway to prepare for possible relocation. According to multiple published reports, the league sent a memo to owners updating them on the situation while cautioning there are moving parts and nothing

If a sale to Smith happens soon, it would come after months of speculation after the owner of the NBA's Utah Jazz announced in January not only his interest in having an NHL club in Salt Lake City but the ability to make that happen immediately. Smith's group asked at the time for the initiation of an expansion process, something multiple groups in Atlanta are also eager for.

The timing, while preparations are underway for Salt Lake City to host the 2034 Winter Olympics, coincided with continued uncertainty surrounding the Coyotes, who

are playing a second season in a 5,000-seat arena and are still looking for a long-term home

NHL Players' Association executive director Marty Walsh has repeatedly expressed frustration over the Coyotes' current situation as the second tenant in a building on Arizona State's campus in Tempe. Bettman has said owner Alex Meruelo is working on it.

"It's hard work, and he's committed to it," Bettman told The Associated Press last month. "I think people are craving certainty. And we are, too, but this isn't a 60-minute game where the light goes on and the game's over."

The Coyotes last week said they're committed to winning an auction for a plot of land in Phoenix that would house a 17,000seat arena and entertainment district. The Arizona State Land Department set the auction for June 27 with a starting bid of \$68.5

An arena already exists in downtown Salt Lake City, and the Jazz ownership plan calls for using the Delta Center as a temporary home for a hockey team until a new building is constructed. That group has been talking to the league since 2022.

During conversations over the course of the past two years, we have been impressed by Ryan and Ashley Smith's commitment to their community and their passion and vision for Utah, not only as a hockey market but as a preeminent sports and entertainment destination," the NHL said in a statement in January. "Utah is a promising market, and we look forward to continuing our discussions.

One plan, according to Daily Faceoff, which first reported the schedule contingency, involves Meruelo selling to Smith for \$1 billion or more with the ability to bring the Coyotes back as an expansion team once an arena is built.

The NHL has said it has no current plans to expand beyond 32 teams, despite speculation over potential additions in Salt Lake City, Atlanta and Houston.

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up with the 2023 unanimous rookie of the year Aliyah Boston and the greatest scorer in Division I history.

This young, star-studded combination suddenly makes last season's 13-win team a must-watch team, a title Indiana last held during Tamika Catchings' final season in 2016. So fans in Indianapo-

lis and around the Hoosier State are focused on how quickly Indiana can rise in the standings and become a legitimate contender. "I think she's in the right

situation here," Meinen said. "Indiana is all about basketball, they're going to embrace her. They have a good young core. I think the future's very, very bright for this team."

Clark's transformation from generational college superstar to becoming the face of a WNBA franchise has been eagerly anticipated since Clark and the Hawkeyes started selling out arenas while getting record TV ratings over the past two seasons.

That is expected to continue at the pro level.

While the Fever have declined to release ticket sales or merchandising information - or discuss expectations for Clark on the court because she is not yet officially on the team's roster, that has not stopped other

Two-time defending WNBA champion Las Vegas

matchups against Clark.

teams from promoting their

already has announced the Indiana game on July 2 will be played at T-Mobile Arena, which seats about 6,000 more fans than its traditional home venue.

The Phoenix Mercury also have dubbed the June 30 date against the Fever as "The GOAT vs. The Rook," capitalizing on a seemingly thinly veiled rivalry between Diana Taurasi and Clark.

"Reality is coming," Taurasi recently said on ESPN. "You look superhuman playing against some 18-year-olds, but you're going to come play with some grown women that have been playing professional basketball for a long time.'

How quickly and smoothly Clark adapts to bigger, stronger, more experienced opponents is a serious concern.

While most evaluators believe Clark's shooting and passing skills will travel to the WNBA, there are questions about her defense and how the 6-foot, 155-pound point guard will deal with established stars unlikely to give the newcomer the red carpet treatment.

She'll also have only a short break between the end of a demanding 39-game schedule that included becoming the focal point of every opposing defense and a highly publicized recordbreaking scoring quest, and the mid-May start of a 40-game WNBA schedule. Playing on the U.S. Olympic Team also remains a possibility, too.

"I know what's next is soon," Clark said after losing Sunday's NCAA championship game, which Meinen watched on his phone just before the NBA's Indiana Pacers and Miami Heat tipped off in Indy.

Life certainly is coming at Clark quickly.

Indiana opens preseason play May 3 at Dallas with the regular-season opener set for May 14 at Connecticut. If all goes as expected Monday, Clark's home debut would come May 16 against New York, last season's WNBA runner-up.

For women's basketball fans, Clark's pro career can't start soon enough. And in Indy, Clark looks like the perfect answer for a franchise that's had 58 wins in the past seven seasons.

She'll learn the rookie ropes from a poised point guard such as Wheeler while teaming up with Boston, forward NaLyssa Smith, the No. 2 overall pick in 2022, and shooting guard Kelsey Mitchell, the No. 2 overall pick in 2018.

"I don't know if they'll make the playoffs right out of the box," Meinen said. 'She's going to make them better. She'll make them instantly more fun to watch. You can be really fun to watch, and it doesn't mean that your game translates into wins. But I think she's going to be really, really good. I just can't imagine that she's not going to be

# Guardians walk off ChiSox, Phillies top the Cardinals bases loaded, Bo Naylor, who

Cleveland 7, Chicago White Sox 6 (extras)

Bo Naylor singled home pinch-runner Tyler Freeman from third base with one out in the 10th inning to give the Cleveland Guardians a 7-6 win over the Chicago White Sox. Josh Naylor tied it earlier in the inning with an RBI double before turning it over to his little brother — on National Siblings Day. With the

hit a two-run homer earlier in the same inning his brother connected — singled to right as the Guardians completed a comeback after trailing 5-0. The Guardians improved to 9-3, their best start since 2002. Gavin Sheets had five RBIs as the White Sox fell to 2-10. Philadelphia 4, St. Louis 3

J.T. Realmuto had two hits and scored two runs and Aaron Nola pitched six innings, leading the Philadelphia Phillies to a 4-3 victory over the St. Louis Cardinals. Realmuto was back in the starting lineup, hitting cleanup. He left Tuesday's game after he was hit in the throat area on a Zack Wheeler wild pitch in the seventh inning. Brandon Marsh and Nick Castellanos each drove in a run in the sixth to break a



# AutoTrader EchoPark Automotive 400

**Site**: Fort Worth, Texas.

Schedule: Saturday, practice, 10:30 a.m., and qualifying, 11:20 a.m.; Sunday, race, 3:30 p.m. (FS1).

Track: Texas Motor Speedway.

Last race: Byron held onto the lead during a twolap dash to the finish and led a 1-2-3 finish for Hendrick Motorsports at Martinsville, the first for a team in the track's storied history.

Next race: April 21, Talladega, Alabama. NASCAR XFINITY SERIES **Andy's Frozen Custard 300** 

Site: Fort Worth, Texas.

**Schedule**: Friday, practice, 6 p.m., and qualifying, 6:30 p.m.; Saturday, race, 1:30 p.m. (FS1).

**Track**: Texas Motor Speedway.

Last race: Aric Almirola grabbed the lead by going three-wide on the outside in a two-lap overtime dash to the finish and won at Martinsville.

Next race: April 20, Talladega, Alabama.

NASCAR TRUCK SERIES SpeedyCash.com 250

Site: Fort Worth, Texas. Schedule: Friday, practice, 4:05 p.m., qualifying, 4:35 p.m., and race, 8:30 p.m. (FS1). Track: Texas Motor Speedway.

Last race: Christian Eckes rallied from 19th and outran

pole-winner Ty Majeski at Martinsville. **Next race**: May 4, Kansas City, Kansas.

**FORMULA ONE** Last race: Max Verstappen won for the third time in

# four races this season. The win in Japan was also his 22nd

in the last 26 races Next race: April 21, Shanghai, China. **INDYCAR** Last race: Two-time and reigning IndyCar champion

Alex Palou won the Thermal \$1 Million Challenge, lead-

ing all 20 laps of IndyCar's first non-points race since 2008.

# Next race: April 21, Long Beach, California.

NHRA DRAG RACING Last event: Shawn Langdon won in Top Fuel and Austin Prock won in Funny Car in Arizona.

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# Struggles with sweating

Dear Annie: I am 76 years old, have feelings will pass taught school for over 40 years and have given thousands of lessons in the classroom. I have officiated for more the quicker they than 50 years, preached for over 20 years and given hundreds of sermons, more peaceful including at funerals and weddings.

But the main issue I have had since I was 8 years old is sweating profusely when feeling enclosed or trapped or when highly anxious. It started in front human is a guest of the class in fourth grade.

My parents took me to doctors, going out to a big hospital in Minnesota, and tried hypnotism, therapy, pills and so many other things. No one can figure it out.

If it is cold enough or windy enough, if there are fans going or if the speech is short in time, then I feel safer. I'm not sure if this is fixable ever, but maybe?

I have spent lots of time and money and gotten myself into such a lather looking ahead to what I have to do. I am wondering if there is any way out of this.

I've tried everything else, and I am writing to you to ask how others have handled this. — Lifetime Sweating

Dear Lifetime: I'm going to print your letter to see if others have solutions for you. In the meanwhile, I would recommend that you read a great book called "The Body Keeps the Score" by Bessel van der Kolk, M.D. The book addresses the issue of traumas that are hidden in the body and can have physical symptoms when not dealt with psychologically.

Dear Readers: Below is a poem by Rumi called "The Guest House." If you are in therapy or are dealing with any big emotions, I hope this poem brings you comfort - to know that the

and that the more you allow them in, will change into feelings.

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Dear

Annie

by Annie Lane

al.joy, depression, a meanness.

some momentary awareness comes As an unexpected visitor. Welcome and entertain them all! Even if they're a crowd of sorrows, who violently sweep your house empty of its furniture, still treat each guest honorably. He may be clearing you out for some new delight. The dark thought, the shame, the

meet them at the door laughing, and invite them in. Be grateful for whoever comes, because each has been sent as a guide from beyond."

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# **My** Answer



Graham

Question: My daughter is on a pursuit of finding happiness and though she grew up in church, she is on the wrong path. As her father, I see destruction ahead for her because she is running after the things society tells her will make her successful and happy. My part in it is that I've enabled her to experience travel and adventure. She says she is absolutely his life was still empty sure that God is directing her this way and that whatever she does wrong, God will make it right in the end. She believes this is the message of the *Bible* — to experience life to the fullest. I'm at a loss how to communicate that this is a dangerous interpretation of Scripture. –

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# True contentment comes to those who delight in the Lord

Answer: King Solomon was convinced he knew how to find happiness — and because he had vast resources at his command, he was able to pursue it. Wealth, fame, pleasure, power, lavish houses, a reputation for wisdom — you name it, he achieved it. And yet after gaining everything he had ever wanted, he reluctantly concluded that and without meaning. His search for lasting happiness had failed and his soul was still empty.

Solomon himself had vowed to live according to God's wisdom, but pursuing the things of the world misled him, deceived him. He wrote, "Whatever my eyes desired I did not keep

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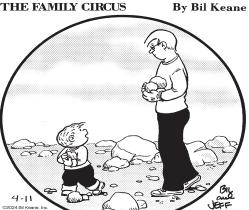
from them. I did not withhold my heart from any pleasure, for my heart rejoiced in all my labor ... . Then I looked at all the works that my hands had done ... and indeed all was vanity and grasping for the wind" (Ecclesiastes 2:10–11, NKJV).

The world makes a lot of empty promises concerning happiness — what it looks like and how to obtain it. But the truth is that true contentment comes to those who delight in the Lord and meditate on God's Word.

(This column is based on the words and writings of the late Rev. Billy Gra-

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# Services

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Excavating-Drainage Driveways-Demolition
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## **EMPLOYMENT Help Wanted**

**WELLS COUNTY SHERIFF'S** 

OFFICE is currently seeking applicants for the position of Full Time Deputy Sheriff. Applicants must be a US Citizen, at least 21 years of age upon graduation from police acade-my, possess a high school diploma or equivalent as well as a valid Indiana Operators License. Applicant can't have any felony convictions. Applicants must pass all aspects of the hiring process including physical agility testing, written examination, background investigation, oral interview, polygraph and psychological evaluation. Selected applicant must be able to graduate from the Indiana Law Enforcement Academy. ILEA certified applicants do not have to attend the physical agility and written examination portion of the process. 20-year matrix salary range for a Deputy Sheriff (no rank) is \$56,600 - \$68,400. Years of service and experience will be honored for a starting salary up to five years

in the pay matrix. Application can be found on our website at www.wellscountysheriff.com. Once application is completed, details on the testing date and location will be emailed to the applicant. The application must be completed by April 20,

# **Public**

APRIL 12-APRIL 19 - (Online Only Auction) - The Estate of Dr. Hugh and Rhea Glidewell, seller. Huge jewelry and coin auction. Seven Rolex watches, fine diamond rings, necklaces, earrings, 14ct, 18ct and 22ct gold jewelry, sterling silver jewelry, 350+ Invicta luxury watches, coin collection. Auction preview: April 14 from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m., 2926 Smith Rd., Fort Wayne, IN. The Steffen Group Inc., 260-824-3006, www.steffengrp.com.

APRIL 13-APRIL 20 - (Online Only Auction) - The Estate of Dr. Hugh and Rhea Glidewell, seller. Major personal property auction. 2008 Mercedes sedan, large quantity of high-end camera equipment, professional telescope, new high end his and her golf clubs and accessories, huge qty. of power and hand tools, modern furniture, sterling silver flatware set, Smith and Wesson revolver, jewelers safes, much more. Auction preview: April 14 from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m., 2926 Smith Rd., Fort Wayne, IN. The Steffen Group Inc., 260-824-3006, www.steffengrp.com

BIDDING ENDS APRIL 14 - (Online Only Auction) - Unique Blue Bar and Grill (Formerly Stag Bar), seller. Ongoing needs. Outstanding collection of beer signs, neon signs, beer taps, collectibles, tools, much more. Preview: April 11 from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m., 205 W. Market St., Bluffton, IN. The Steffen Group Inc., 260-824-3006, http://www.steffengrp.com.

BIDDING ENDS APRIL 15 - (Online Only Auction) - Fort Wayne Community Schools, seller. Excess needs of FWCS Transportation Department. Mechanic and shop equipment, shelving, computer monitors and electronics, office furniture, parts washer, air compressor, much more. The Steffen Group

Inc., 260-824-3006, www.steffengrp.com.
BIDDING NOW OPEN AND STARTS CLOSING APRIL 16 STARTING AT 6 PM EST - Howard Williams, owner. Real estate 6 p.m.: 915 sq. feet, 3 bedroom, 1 bath, 2 car detached garage, sitting on .15 acre city lot, Adams Central Community School, Monroe Township, Adams County, Indiana. Personal property 6:30 p.m.: 2007 Ford Five Hundred, tools, hand tools, appliances, furniture, lawn/garden, household items, collectibles & much more! Pick up April 17, 2-6 p.m., 113 W. Washington St., Monroe. Krueckeberg Auction & Realty LLC, 260-724-7402,

kjauction.com. APRIL 20 - 10 a.m. - (Live Auction) - Marc and Valerie Hamman, seller. 6530 S. 300 E., Hamilton, IN. Three lots adjacent to Hamilton Lake with 2 car 26'x28' garage. This is the perfect prop-

erty to build a new home, extra storage and parking. *The Steffen Group Inc.*, 260-824-3006, www.steffengrp.com. APRIL 20-APRIL 27 - (Online Only Auction) - By order of the secured creditor, seller. Over 400+ designer wedding and bridesmaid dresses, designed by Christina Wu, Morilee, Allure Bridal, Maddison James, Maggie Sottero, and more, all size and styles. Preview: April 17 and April 24 from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m., 215 E. Market St., Bluffton, IN. *The Steffen Group Inc.*, 260-824-

3006, www.steffengrp.com.

APRIL 21-APRIL 28 - (Online Only Auction) - The estate of Loring and Sandra McCay, seller. Huge antique and primitive auction. Outstanding collection of antique furniture including primitive cupboards, dry sinks, pie safes, large qty. of country primitives, feather light sewing machines, early quilts, 100's of fabric bolts, crocks, vintage Christmas, costume jewelry. Preview: April 18 and April 25 from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m., 102 S. Jefferson St., Ossian. Pat Carter, sale manager, The Steffen Group Inc., www.

steffengrp.com, 260-824-3006.

APRIL 22 - 6 p.m. - Kevin Reinhard, seller. Wells County 4-H Park, 1240 4-H Park Rd., Bluffton. Property: From Bluffton travel 3 miles southwest on Hoosier Highway. Online bidding available. 75+/-A offered in 5 tracts or any combination, Wells County, Harrison Township. Buyer will have 2024 farming rights. Productive farmland in great location (southwest of Bluffton). Development potential. Truck farm opportunity. Inspection: April 16 4-6 p.m. Auction manager Al Pfister, 260-760-8922, Schrader Real Estate and Auction Company, Inc., 800-451-2709, schraderauction.com. APRIL 28-MAY 5 - (Online Only Auction) - Various consignors, sellers. Over 4,000+ older and newer comic books, sports trading cards, vintage toys including Cabbage Patch dolls, vintage toys, 45 records, much more. Preview: April 30 and May 2 from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m., 118 E. Craig St., Ossian. Rod Fetters, sale manager, The Steffen Group, Inc., www.steffengrp.com 260-824-

## **Help Wanted**

**WELLS COUNTY HIGHWAY** Seeking Full Time Bookkeep-er. Salaried, eligible for health benefits & pension. Computer knowledge quired. Must be proficient with Microsoft Word and Excel. Willing to learn new software programs.

Ability to communicate effectively with employees and public. Ability to keep accurate records, organize and maintain office files. Knowledge of county road locations.

Application and more inforavailable mation wellscounty.org/highway department/ or at the highway office. Send application to 828 E 200 S, Bluffton or highway@wellscounty.org. Accepting applications until April 15th.

#### **LOOKING FOR EMPLOYEES?**

Place a 20 word line classified ad for a month for \$52. Add a graphic or photo for an additional \$5. Contact the Bluffton News-Banner, 260-824-0224, 125 N. Johnson St., or online at www.news-banner.com and click on classifieds

AMERICAN LEGION POST 111 in Bluffton is looking to hire bartender for days from 11 Tuesday through Friday. Must have current Indiana state license and be nonsmoker.

Also wanted to hire short order cook for 24 hours a week 10:30-1, 4-7:30 Tuesday through Friday. Non-smoker only apply and must be dependable.

Ideal positions for recently reperson and can be trained if the person is motivated. Applications available at the Post on 111 W. Washing-ton St. (EAP1)

HELOISE HINT: If you are facing a performance review, don't panic. Instead, prepare for it and be ready to consider your manager's comments. Assure your supervisor that you are working diligently and will improve on the suggestions made. Send your job-success story to HELOISE@Heloise.

## FOR SALE

## Pets

**HELOISE HINT:** Bought a scratching post for your cat, but they just won't use it? You can change that if you sprinkle a bit of catnip over it. Write to HELO-ISE@Heloise.com.

# May 7, 2024 Primary Election Vote Center Locations:

4-H Park, 1240 4-H Park, Bluff-ton, IN 46714

Presbyterian Church, 215 E
Dustman Road, Bluffton, IN 46714
Lighted Gardens, 10794 N
State Road 1, Ossian, IN 46777

Zanesville Tower Life Center, 11811 N Wayne St., Zanesville, IN

Southern Wells Community Church, 9450 S 300 W, Poneto, IN 46781

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# NOTICE

The Wells County Property Tax Assessment Board of Appeals (PTABOA) will hold a meeting on Monday May 6, 2024. It will be in the Commissioner's room in the Courthouse Annex at 223 W Washington St. Bluffton, Indiana beginning at 8:45 am. The Board will consider exempt properties that have been filed and scheduled for

Upon completion of the business at hand, the Board will recess sine die until the next scheduled

This is an open meeting unless private financial information of the appellant is being presented.

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# NOTICE

TowerNorth Development, LLC is proposing to construct a 254-foot self-support Lattice Tower telecom-munications tower at 100 N Washington St, Bluffton, Wells County, Indiana 46714 (40 47 43.9921 N / 85 12 09.8427 W). The tower is anticipated to have FAA Style E, med/dual. Interested persons may review the application for this project at <a href="https://www.fcc.gov/asr/applications">www.fcc.gov/asr/applications</a> and entering Antenna Structure Registration (ASR) Form 854 File Number "A1279968" and may raise environmental concerns about the project by filing a Request for Environmental Review with the Federal Communications Commission. Requests for Environmental Review must be filed within 30 days of the date that notice of the project is published on the FCC's website. The FCC strongly encourages interested parties to file Requests for Environmental Review online at <a href="https://www.fcc.gov/asr/environmentalrequest">www.fcc.gov/asr/environmentalrequest</a>. Parties wishing to submit the request by mail may do so by addressing the request to: FCC Requests for Environmental Review, Attn: Ramon Williams, 45 L Street NE, Washington, DC 20554. Parties wishing to submit the request by mail may do so by addressing the request to: FCC Requests for Environmental Review, Attn: Ramon Williams, 45 L Street NE, Washington, DC 20554. Public comments regarding potential effects on historic properties may be submitted within 30 days from the date of this publication to: EBI Consulting, c/o Project 010478-PR- ST, EBI Consulting, 21 B Street, Burlington, MA 01803, or at 248.390.9151

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#### Pets

REHOMING AKC CHOCO-LATE & YELLOW LAB PUP-PIES Be ready April 26th.

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EVEREST VX3 ICE & WATER VENDING MACHINE This Everest VX3 water/ice vending machine is the perfect addition to any business looking to boost their profits. With the ability to dispense both water and ice, this unit is sure to be a hit with customers. The machine is in great working condition and has been slightly used, making it a cost-effective option for those looking to invest in a vending machine. This unit is made in the United States and comes with a unit quantity of 1. Included is an all season insulation package, ice shield ozone disinfection, and cold fusion energy recovery. It is perfect for placement in other beverage and snack vending locations, as well as in restaurant and food service settings. Don't miss out on the opportunity to make extra money with this Everest VX3 vending machine. \$45,000.00 260-273-7020 glacierpure@outlook.com

## **Guaranteed Sold**

A 20 word, "For Sale" or "Automotive", line classified ad runs until your item is sold for only \$39! (six-month maximum, excludes real estate). imited to one-item, private party only. Contact the Bluffton News-Banner office, 125 N. Johnson St.,

260-824-0224 or www.news-banner. com and click on classifieds.

# Public Notices

STATE OF INDIANA

COUNTY OF WELLS )
IN THE WELLS COUNTY
CIRCUIT COURT
CAUSE NO. UAUSE NO. 90D01-2403-MI-000008 IN RE THE NAME CHANGE OF: ) DEVON LEE BRICKLEY Petitioner

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR CHANGE OF NAME
Devon Lee Brickley, whose mailing address is: 326 1/2 N. Marion St., Bluffton, IN 46714, and if different, my residence address is: in the Wells County, Indiana, bereby gives patice that Devon hereby gives notice that Devon Lee Brickley has filed a petition in the Circuit Court requesting that last name be changed to Devon

Lee Castano.

Notice is further given that the hearing will be held on said Petition on May 9, 2024 at 9:00 a.m.

Devon Brickley Petitioner 03/12/24 Date Kenton W. Kiracofe Judicial Officer nb 4/4, 4/11, 4/18 hspaxlp

### NOTICE OF HEARING FOR BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS 04/05/2024

Notice is hereby given that the AREA PLAN COMMISSION will hold a Public Hearing in Con-ference Room 105 in the Wells Carnegie Government Annex, 223 W. Washington St., in the City of Bluffton, IN at 7:00 o'clock P.M. on the 23rd day of April, 2024, for the purpose of reviewing and hearing comments on the petition(s) listed

1. Request of Solid Rock Rentals LLC, 515 S SR 201, Bluffton, IN 46714 for the purpose of a Vari-

Current Zoning: R-3
Proposed Variance: To reduce the overhead door setback from 20' to 14.5'.

Common Location: The subject property is located at Corner of South and Union in Bluffton, Indiana. 46714

Brief Legal: The subject property is described as 0.18 ac in the NW/4 4-26N-12E in Harrison Township of Wells County.

2. Request of Dustin & Melissa Kelly, 504 W Cherry, Bluffton, IN 46714 for the purpose of a Variance.

**Current Zoning: R-2 Proposed Variance:** To increase the size allowance for an accessory structure from 1500 sq ft to 2400 sq ft.

Common Location: The subject property is located at 528 W Washington St., Bluffton, Indiana, 46714 Brief Legal: The subject

property is described as Lots 11& 12 of Townley & Silver's West Addition in the NW/4 4 26N-12E in Harrision Township of Wells County. Dated this 5th day of April,

> WELLS COUNTY AREA PLAN COMMISSION Michael Lautzenheiser, Jr., Director oj, nb 4/11

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# This Week's Garage Sales **Clip & Save**

GARAGE SALE APRIL April 12, 8am-5pm & April 13, 8am-12, 2694 N 450 E, Craigville. Juniors, Women small, Girls 3-4T & 7-10, Boys 4T & 7-10, Bedding, Queen Mattress, Foosball table, Sectional sofa, Home Decor, Baseball items

**GARAGE-BAKE** SALE, rain or shine, Thursday, Friday, Saturday, April 11, 12, 13, 8 a.m. to ?, 1533 Bell Brook, off Dustman Road. Tons of baby-kids up to adult clothes, most in like new condition (Adidas, Nike, Maurices, Under Armour, Victoria's Secret, Kancan, Silver, Express), lot of kids and adult shoes (new and like new), Kate Spade, Michael Kors purses and wallets, like new deep freezer, diaper bags, bag items, bouncer, Legos, American Girl items, toys, decor, movies and much more, homemade pies and cookies.

# **Lottery Numbers**

Wednesday's Drawings **HOOSIER LOTTERY** Cash 5 — 07-24-28-32-

Lotto Plus — 01-14-16-24-32-35

**Cash4Life** — 17-24-39-40-41, Cash Ball: 01

Quick Draw Midday – 03-05-13-14-20-22-25-26-27-35-43-44-49-54-63-64-68-73-74-77, BE: 13

Daily Three-Midday — 03-02-08, SB: 06

Daily Three-Evening — 05-05-01, SB: 05

Daily Four-Midday — 00-03-02-02, SB: 06

Daily Four-Evening — 00-01-08-08, SB: 05

Quick Draw Evening — 02-05-09-13-14-20-22-24-25-34-37-38-43-44-52-54-61-67-74-80, BE: 09

Hoosier Lotto — 02-12-20-21-35-36 **MEGA MILLIONS** 

Estimated jackpot (for Friday): \$120 million

**POWERBALL** 

06-07-12-24-36 Powerball: 15; Power Play: 2X

**LEGAL NOTICE OF PRIMARY ELECTION** 

The voters of WELLS County are notified in accordance with Indiana Code 3-8-2-19 that a primary election will be held within the county on May 7, 2024, with the polls open from 6:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m., prevailing local time. I certify that based on the declarations of candidacy filed in the office of the county election board (or the Lake, Porter, or Tippecanoe County Boards of Elections and Registration), and the public questions certified to me by the State of Indiana or this county's election board, the following individuals and public questions will be placed on the primary election ballot:

DEMOCRATIC PARTY PRIMARY CANDIDATES

Candidate name and address Office sought
Joseph R Biden Jr.

US President **Joseph R Biden Jr.** US Presid PO Box 58174 Philadelphia, PA 19102 Marc Carmichael
United States Senator from Indiana
3251 N. Pennsylvania St. Apt. C Indianapolis, IN 46205
Valerie McCray
United States Senator from Indiana
1075 Broad Ripple Ave #220 Indianapolis, IN 46220
Jennifer G. McCormick
Governor
1341 W County Road 50 N New Castle, IN 47362

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Kiley M. Adolph United States Representative, Third District 3300 E 300 N Fremont, IN 46737

Phil Goss United States ...,
6311 Smith Road Fort Wayne, IN 46809
5-5 Swisher State Representative, District 050 United States Representative, Third District G311 Smith Road Fort Vision State Representative, District Cost PO Box 281 Wabash, IN 46992

Brian Hollingsworth Wells County Council, At Large 817 E 350 S Bluffton, IN 46714-9676

REPUBLICAN PARTY PRIMARY CANDIDATES

Candidate name and address Office sought
Nikki R. Haley
US President
186 Seven Farms Drive, Suite F-370 Daniel Island, SC 29492
Donald J. Trump
US President
P.O. Box 13570 Arlington, VA 22219
Jim Banks
United States Senator from Indiana

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# **Creative Arts Council of Wells County honored** as the Chamber April Member of the Month

The Wells County Chamber of Commerce staff and Ambassadors are thrilled to announce Janiece Lipsey, Executive Director of the Creative Arts Council of Wells County, as the April Member of the Month. The Creative Arts Council of Wells County, located at 428 S Oak Street in Bluffton, is being honored for its outstanding contributions to the community.

Established in 1974, the Creative Arts Council of Wells County is set to celebrate its 50th anniversary this year. The council's journey began when local doctors and executives from Franklin Electric sought to enrich Wells County with arts and culture, sparing residents the need to travel to Fort Wayne. Initially, the council started with an art gallery and simple music concerts featuring ensembles like string quartets and the Philharmonic.

In 1976, Beth Lampton introduced the ballet program, expanding the council's artistic offerings. From humble beginnings with small ballet classes, the council's arts initiatives blossomed. In 2011, a partnership with the community theater further enhanced the council's offerings. Despite relocating programs to the Arts, Commerce & Visitors Centre on Water Street in 2004, the council outgrew its space due to exponential growth. Consequently, in 2022, the council moved to Life Community Church on Oak Street to accommodate expanding dance and music programs.

Janiece Lipsey, Executive Director since

2019, has been an integral part of the council's evolution. Lipsey's tenure began during her college years at Huntington University, where she began teaching programs and eventually assumed office duties. Upon receiving her graduate degree, Lipsey became Executive Director, steering the council's growth trajectory. Under her leadership, the council introduced new programs such as the Children's Choir and expanded theater productions.

Today, the Creative Arts Council of Wells County offers diverse dance programs, including modern, tap, and conditioning, alongside classical ballet. With programs offered in spring, summer, and fall, individuals of all ages have the opportunity to participate in classes or performances. Notably, the council held a school matinee performance of "The Legend of Sleepy Hollow," providing local middle school students with a unique arts experience.

Looking ahead, the council aims for continued growth, seeking to expand programming and increase community involvement. With aspirations for a performing arts center featuring an auditorium, black box theater, and rehearsal spaces, the council envisions a hub of artistic opportunities accessible to all Wells County residents.

To learn more about the Creative Arts Council of Wells County and its programs, visit wellscocreativearts.com, follow them on Facebook, or contact them at (260) 824-



Pictured in the photo from left are Ben Rekenberger of United Way of Wells County, Hattie Wondercheck of the Wells County Chamber of Commerce, Kevin Sills of Farm Bureau Insurance, Rachel Reinhard of the Wells County Chamber of Commerce, Doug Brown of The News-Banner, Alyssa Brown of Archbold & Lewis, Elizabeth Seder of Creative Arts of Wells County, Kevin Pritchard of Ruoff Mortgage, Mike Downey, Janiece Lipsey and Ted Smith of Creative Arts of Wells County, Nick Huffman of Steffen Group, Tammy Ray of Creative Arts of Wells County, Erica Lehman of Lehman Appraisals, Erin Daugherty of State Farm Insurance, Casey Robbins of F&M Bank and Wells County Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Erin Prible. (Photo submitted)



## Edge of totality

The image above was captured by the weather balloon launched from Bluffton High School during the solar eclipse Monday. The balloon followed and photographed the shadow cast on the Earth by the eclipse. (Photo provided)

# **WELLS COUNTY TOTAL SOLAR ECLIPSE 2024**



Colleen and Paul Henry (back row, far left and center) and their daughter Aubrey (at right, front row) traveled all the way from Las Vegas to view the eclipse. They flew into Fort Wayne and stayed with Colleen's brother, Kevin Bolger (back row at right) and his wife Colleen (front left), and then drove down to Bluffton to attend the watch party at the YMCA. Colleen also made the t-shirts for the group. This is the third solar eclipse the Henry couple has witnessed. Also with them is the Bolgers' granddaughter, Gabby (front center) who just recently earned a first prize award at her elementary school's science fair. Her subject: the eclipse. (Photo by Mark Miller)



Pictured is Broderick Esparza at Archbold-Wilson Park in Ossian. (Photo submitted by Jay



Eye safety required all paws on deck for the solar eclipse. (Photo submitted by Megan

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