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A lifetime hobby, a lifetime award

Brian Daugherty's archeological work receives statewide recognition

By MARK MILLER
 Brian Daugherty had stepped outside for a few minutes during the annual Peru show of the Indiana Archeological Society, held the first Saturday of April at the Miami County Fairgrounds.
 "I got a text from my wife that said 'Get back in here!'" he says. When he re-entered the hall, he heard someone reading a brief biography to the crowd that sounded famil-

iar. They were presenting the organization's annual "Lifetime Achievement Award."
 "I was shocked. I guess I still am," he says. "It's pretty neat."
 Although he was surprised by the award, considering the number of years he's been involved in the hobby and in the state's organization of native artifact gathering and collecting, it is certainly well earned. A member since 2000, he has gone through the organization's officer chairs, including several years in a vice-president role and his turn as president in 2008 and 2009.

He most recently stepped down as the state treasurer in 2021 after fulfilling those duties for several years. He continues to host the group's annual show in Winchester, making sure the site is secured and all the details arranged.

"I think there are about five or six shows in Indiana, but we also try to get to several others in the Midwest each year also," he explains. The "we" he referenced



Brian Daugherty of Ossian displays a number of his local native artifacts along with the Lifetime Achievement Award he was presented earlier this month by the Indiana Archeological Society. The display case at his right contains a number of arrowheads and other cutting tools made of flint. The case under his left hand are ornamental objects, essentially jewelry worn by local natives, made of banded slate. In front are several "hardstone" tools, generally granite, made for chopping or for making other objects. All of these samples were found in Wells County. (Photos by Mark Miller)



Amateur archeologists traditionally mark their finds by location and names. This sample was found in Wells County by an H. McDaniel.

is his wife Crystal, who has become another "archi" — as the hobbyists refer to each other — after their marriage 12 years ago. "Yes," he adds, "she's really gotten into it, too."

Daugherty, 60, grew up in Uniondale but now lives in Ossian. The 1981 Norwell grad found his first arrowhead at age 15, a day he remembers in detail.

"It was on mom and dad's field, just

behind the baseball diamond," he recalls, referencing the baseball field that is still in use on Uniondale's west side. "I was just walking along with a friend, I looked down and said something like 'What's this?'"

It was a small one, about the size of a silver dollar, but it sparked an interest that

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Local high school artists showcase art

Best of Show to Elizabeth Wheeler

BY BARBARA BARBIERI
 On Sunday, the Tri Kappa High School Art Show opened at the Wells County Commerce & Visitors Centre. A ceramic project by Bluffton High School senior Elizabeth (Ella) Wheeler took Best of Show honors.

The spring showcase for high school artists, sponsored by the members of Beta Phi chapter of Tri Kappa, has been a yearly event since 1966. In the early years the site of the exhibit would rotate between the three Wells County high schools. It will be on view through May 4, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Others taking awards in one or more of the 10 categories include:

Ceramics (hand built)

1st and 2nd: Elizabeth Wheeler (BHS); 3rd: Avery Hunt (BHS) and Honorable Mention: Sierra Holmes (BHS)

Ceramics (wheel thrown)

1st: Keturah Bradford (BHS), 2nd: Dalton Tomasek (NHS), 3rd: Izzy Herrera (NHS) and Honorable Mention: Damian Bower (NHS)

Drawing (black & white)

1st: Shae Brooks (NHS), 2nd & Honorable Mention: Isaiah Salazar San Juan (BHS), 3rd: Elizabeth Wheeler (BHS)

Drawing (color)

1st, 2nd and Honorable Mention: Makenna DeRoo (BHS) and 3rd: Keturah Bradford (BHS)

Mixed Media

1st: Elizabeth Wheeler (BHS), 2nd:



Bluffton High School senior Elizabeth (Ella) Wheeler's hand built ceramic "Goat Feed" entry received Best of Show honors at the Tri Kappa High School Art Show Sunday afternoon at the Wells County Commerce & Visitors Centre. (Photo by Barbara Barbieri)

Keturah Bradford (BHS), 3rd: Isaiah Salazar San Juan Honorable Mention: Makenna DeRoo (BHS)

Open Category

1st & 3rd: Keturah Bradford (BHS), 2nd: Mya Kinsey, Cambri Leas, Yazmin Tucker (SWHS) and Honorable Mention:

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Early voting at the courthouse
 Early voting for the primary election was held Saturday at the Wells County Courthouse. Shown above, Christopher Gase verifies his information, while Bonnie Fisher, left, and Sonja Clark assist. Early voting is available at the Clerk's Office during regular business hours and again this upcoming Saturday, May 4, from 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. (Photo by Jonathan Snyder)

LiGHT 'lightens up' with speaker Julie Meitzler

By BARBARA BARBIERI
 LiGHTEN UP! 2024 was celebrated by the members of the group Friday evening at Timber Ridge Event Center. Groups who received grants from LiGHT reported on their use, and Julie Meitzler, assistant superintendent at Bluffton-Harrison Metropolitan Schools, spoke.

Kim Gentis reported that over the years, LiGHT has been able to award over \$95,000 in grants to organizations that serve women and children in the county. Membership in the group is \$25, half of which goes into an endowment — now at \$130,000 — and the rest is available for grants. All expenses for the group are covered by the Wells County Foundation. LiGHT currently has 289 members.

The group's steering committee has become active in two other projects — the Wells County Prom Dress Exchange and the Weekend Backpack program. In addition, they've partnered with the Wells County Women in Leadership program which offers meaningful programs for women.

Jessica Beste introduced representatives from the organizations who had received grants in 2023.

- The groups included:
- The Adams Wells Crisis Center — assisted a homeless mother and child find a home.
 - The Camp Watcha Wanna Do group — offered camperships to three campers.
 - Family Centered Services — assisted more mothers in the Mentor Mom program.

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A lifetime hobby

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has been an important part of his life now for 45 years. He still has that arrowhead, stored in what he calls "the rock room" in their Ossian home. Arrowheads and other artifacts found in Indiana, he discovered, date back 5,000 or 6,000 years — some as much as 10,000 years.

"I've just been fascinated with this ever since," he says.

He and his wife continue to hunt, "not as much as we'd like," he adds. As a packaging machinist specialist at the Hershey Salty Snacks plant in Bluffton, his work schedule — basically two 12-hour days on and two off — gives him ample time to work with his collection of about 3,000 specimens and go hunting for more.

Looking for artifacts is limited to what is called "surface hunting" in Indiana, permitted only on private land. Indiana law only allows for certified archeologists to dig. "And of course," he adds, "you must get the landowner's permission."

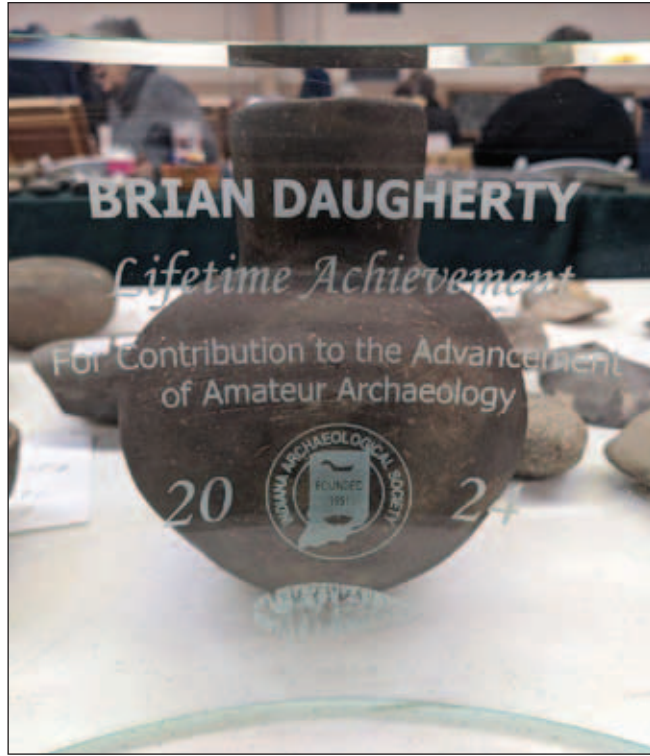
"I think that law came about in the early 1980s,"

he says. Meanwhile, he and Crystal have made field trips to neighboring states where, in Illinois, for example, it is allowed for "amateurs" to make archeological digs. "But we don't do that often by any means," he adds.

Most of the roughly 800 specimens he has found himself have been in local farm fields. The process of a field being plowed and worked will often bring things to the surface.

"So the best time to go is in early spring and late fall," he shares, but the growing popularity of no-till farming has made that somewhat more difficult. He has found some pieces in wooded areas, "but that's pretty rare."

When Daugherty's two children were younger and in elementary school, he would often set up an educational display for the school. He and Crystal continue to display their specimens and peruse shows for more artifacts. The shows combine displays and networking with a buy-sell-trade opportunity. Most of Daugherty's collection came from these, but he limits his artifacts to



Brian Daugherty's state award was presented in Peru on April 6. It was photographed on his display table of Indiana artifacts. (Photo provided)

those found in Wells and its surrounding counties.

While he and his fellow enthusiasts will not use the term "amateur archeologist" — "I'm just an amateur," he says — he will refer to himself as an "archi" and admits to some wishful

thinking. "If I knew then what I know now," he says, "if I had to do it all over again, I would have gone to school and done this full time somehow. It's just amazing. It's so much fun."

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Weather

Monday, April 29, 2024
(24-hour observations at 10:03 p.m. Sunday)
High: 81; Low: 65; Precipitation: 0.03 inches of rain
Wabash River Level (at the Main Street bridge): 2.49 feet at 8:45 p.m. Sunday

Wells County forecast

Today: A slight chance of showers, then a chance of showers and thunderstorms after 11 a.m. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 75. South wind 15 to 20 mph, with gusts as high as 30 mph. Chance of precipitation is 50%.

Tonight: Showers likely and possibly a thunderstorm before 2 a.m., then a slight chance of showers. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 55. Southwest wind 10 to 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph. Chance of precipitation is 60%. New rainfall amounts between a tenth and quarter of an inch, except higher amounts possible in thunderstorms.

Tuesday: A 10% chance of showers before 8 a.m. Mostly sunny, with a high near 72. Northwest wind 5 to 10 mph.

Tuesday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 53. Northwest wind around 5 mph becoming southeast in the evening.

Wednesday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 79.

Wednesday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 59.

Thursday: A 20% chance of showers and thunderstorms after 2 p.m. Mostly sunny, with a high near 82.

Thursday Night: A 30% chance of showers and thunderstorms, mainly after 2 a.m. Partly cloudy, with a low around 63.

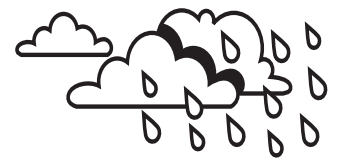
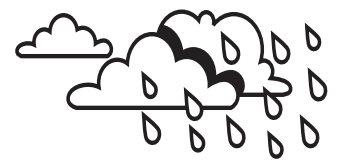
Friday: A chance of showers and thunderstorms, then showers likely and possibly a thunderstorm after 2 p.m. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 74. Chance of precipitation is 70%.

Friday Night: Showers and thunderstorms likely. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 54. Chance of precipitation is 60%.

Saturday: A 20% chance of showers. Mostly sunny, with a high near 70.

Saturday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 50.

Sunday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 70.



Art showcase

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Alaina Nusbaumer and Collena Reeves (SWHS)

Painting (oil/acrylic)
1st: Elizabeth Wheeler (BHS); 2nd: Elsie Schaden (BHS), 3rd: Shae Brooks (NHS) and Honorable Mention: Alex Mechling (BHS)

Photography (non-portrait)
1st: Keturah Bradford (BHS); Jordan Troyer (BHS), 3rd: Caleb Dailley (BHS) and Honorable Mention: Griffin Linderwell (BHS)

Photography (portrait)
1st: Keturah Bradford (BHS); 2nd and Honorable Mention: Cruz Rinckenberger (BHS); 3rd: Thessaly Huy (BHS)

Sculpture
1st: Zach Pemberton (BHS); 2nd: Zoey Schmidt (BHS) and 3rd: Jenna Osborn (NHS)

Other students having items in the exhibit include:

Bluffton High School
Katelynn Bedwell, Owen Bonn, Rose Brubaker, Jacob Chenard, Phoenix Cook, Olivia Donascimento, Kinzie Fiechter, Emma Frauhiger, Adriana Huffman, Izzy Irelan, Evie Larson, Dakota Lee, Taylor McFarren, Kayla Morgan, Zoe Morrison, Ava Osborn, Lily Pulfer, Isa Rhoderick, Jasmine Rupel, Lily Rupel, Laney Sawyer, Tyrah Shaw and Madison Smith.

Norwell High School
Dani-Lynn Allen, Ava Cavanaugh, Kayla Dillon, Benji Garrett, Kylee Nevilus, Jack Orta, Addilynn Page, Katherine Richerd, Rebecca Settle, Jade-Lin



Above, first place ribbons in both Non-portrait and Portrait Photography were awarded to Bluffton High student Keturah Bradford. She also took first places in hand-built ceramics and open category.

At left, taking first place in the Black and White Drawing category was this drawing by Norwell High School artist Shae Brooks. (Photos by Barbara Barbieri)

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Volz and Carly Wolf. **Southern Wells Jr./Sr. High School**
Ava Adkins, Keith Gartin, Regan Gilbert, Drayton Michael and Maddy Scott.

Tri Kappa members were hostesses for the open house Sunday. Art instructors were high school teachers Vicki ManMatre (Bluffton) and Joseph Van Zandt (Norwell).

LiGHT

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• Helping Hands — secured more training for an individual who works with first-time mothers and their needs.

• The Wells County 4-H Backpack program — provided more fresh foods for their bags for Wells County students.

In her "Lighten Up" remarks Meitzler said there were three things to remember — connect with others, laugh often and live life to the fullest. She then gave examples from her own life as she told of chapters from her book project detailing it all.

The next gathering of the group will be Oct. 14.

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LiGHT speaker Julie Meitzler, assistant superintendent at Bluffton-Harrison MSD at right, is with Jessica Bricker, BHMSD communications specialist, at left. (Photo by Barbara Barbieri)

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OBITUARIES

Carol Sue Huffman, 79

Carol Sue Huffman, 79, of Bluffton, passed away Friday afternoon, April 26, 2024, at River Terrace Estates in Bluffton. She was born on July 18, 1944, in Bluffton to Paul W. and S. Charlotte (Bonner) Kizer. Carol Sue graduated from Petroleum High School and worked as a talented seamstress in a sewing shop in her home and for a company that sewed show choir costumes for many years.



She absolutely loved gardening, fishing, driving her International 756 tractor and spending time with her great-grandchildren and spoiling them. She spent her days flipping through magazines and reading the newspaper. Her favorite TV shows were Little House on the Prairie, The Waltons and Heartland.

On Nov. 24, 1965, in Spencer, Ind., Carol Sue and David H. Huffman were married. They shared 47 years of marriage before he preceded her in death on March 11, 2012.

Survivors include her children, Michelle

A. Neal and Dawn M. Huffman, both of Bluffton; along with two grandchildren, Jessie (Josh) Jones of Bluffton and Sierra (Spencer) Campbell of Lynn; along with 4 great-grandchildren, Aleeah, Walker, Mallory, Mia and Laney.

She is preceded in death by her parents; and a brother, Ralph W. Kizer in 2019.

Funeral services will take place at 10:30 a.m. Thursday, May 2, 2024, at the Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home in Bluffton with Rev. Lyle Breeding officiating. Burial will follow at Stahl Cemetery in rural Bluffton.

Visitation will be held from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Wednesday, May 1, 2024, at the funeral home.

Memorials may be made to the charity of the donor's choice.

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

John James McMillan, 91

John James McMillan, 91, of Grant County, went to be with his Lord and Savior on April 25, 2024.



John was born to Paul and Zada (Banter) McMillan on Oct. 17, 1932. John graduated from Jackson Center High School in 1950 in Jackson Township of Wells County.

John worked as a crane operator and a member of the Operators Union for over 60 years, working 26 years at J&J Erectors in Marion. John enjoyed staying busy working around his home and raising a garden. He had lived for several years at Heritage Pointe Communities in Warren. John loved to mow grass and could be found most recently outside of Warren at his brother Claire McMillan's helping mow his property. John was a 50+ year member of the Van Buren Masonic Lodge No. 711, serving once as Master, and a Mizpah Shriner. He was past Commander of the Sons of the American Legion Post 95, Jonesboro, and a member of Grace Community Church in Marion.

John was preceded in death by his father and mother; and two sons James Roscoe and John Robert "Bob" McMillan. He is survived by five children; Joe

McMillan of Upland, Jeni (Bruce) Hirsch of Plymouth, Jane Stout of Bloomington, Julie Webb of Huntsville, Ala., and Jeremy (Jan) McMillan of Gas City; two brothers Claude (Judy) McMillan and Claire (Sharon) McMillan. He is also survived by fifteen grandchildren and several great-grandchildren.

Visiting hours will be held Tuesday, April 30, 2024, at Glancy-H. Brown & Son Funeral Home, located at 203 N. Matilda St. Warren, from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. A Masonic service will begin at 7:45 p.m. at the funeral home.

A service to celebrate John's life will be held on Wednesday, May 1, 2024, at 11:00 a.m., with viewing one hour before the service. Rev. Dr. Tom Mansberger will officiate, and burial will follow in the Farville Cemetery in rural Grant County.

Memorial donations in honor of John's life may be directed to Shriners Hospitals for Children, 2900 Rocky Point Drive, Tampa, FL 33607 US, <https://lovetotherecue.org/superheroes>.

Arrangements have been entrusted to Glancy Funeral Homes.

Please visit www.glancyfuneralhomes.com to sign our online guestbook or leave a condolence to the family.

Mollie J. Wenger, 50

Mollie J. Wenger, 50, of Bluffton, passed away Friday morning, April 26, 2024, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.



She was born July 10, 1973, in Decatur, to Steve D. and Pam (Koos) Hakes.

A 1992 graduate of Belmont High School, Mollie earned a degree in interior design from Purdue University. She also earned her R.N degree from the University of St. Francis and her B.S in nursing from Indiana Wesleyan University.

Mollie was a registered nurse for 25 years, working at Lutheran Hospital and Bluffton Regional Medical Center. Currently, she was working at Edward Jones in the Portland, Ind. office.

She was most proud to be a loving wife and mother, supporting her family in any way. Mollie was proud to cheer on her children at various events and could be found spending the week with her children as they showed livestock at the Wells County 4-H Fair. She was an avid Purdue fan!

On July 11, 1998, Mollie and Mick Wenger were married at St. Mark's Church in Decatur. They have shared the last 25 years together, raising their family.

Survivors include her husband, Mick; and children, Aubrey, Madeline "Maddy", Hunter and Fletcher Wenger, all of Bluff-

ton. She is also survived by her parents, Steve and Pam Hakes of Decatur; and two sisters, Julee (Gary) Wyatt of Decatur and Mandy Hakes of Ossian; along with her in-laws, Jim and Sandra Wenger, Eric (Amy) Wenger and Cari (Shane) Midlam, all of Bluffton; and several nieces and nephews.

Visitation will be held from 2 p.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesday, April 30, 2024, at the Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home in Bluffton.

Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Wednesday, May 1, 2024, at St. Mark's Church, 546 West Highway 224, Decatur, Ind., with Pastor Jeff Taylor officiating. Burial will follow at Six Mile Cemetery in Bluffton.

Memorials may be made in Mollie's memory to: Bluffton Athletic Boosters, for the Football Program, Wells County 4-H Program to be used in the Cattle & Swine Barns or to an educational funds for Mollie's children and can be made out to Mick Wenger.

Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the care of Jeff & Jamie Lemler - Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home in Bluffton.

Friends can send online condolences to the Mollie's family at www.thomarich.com.

Wells Court Docket

Wells Superior Court Criminal Cases

Deon Morris, 41, Bluffton, was sentenced to one year at the Indiana Department of Correction with no time suspended. Morris pled guilty to two counts of theft, both Level 6 felonies. He will receive 134 days of jail credit towards his sentence. Morris is also required to pay court costs and filing fees in the amount of \$189.

Eileen L. Wagner, 32, New Palestine, was sentenced to one year at the Wells County Jail with all but two days suspended. The sentence was issued after Wagner pled guilty to one count of operating

a vehicle while intoxicated, endangering a person, a Class A misdemeanor. Wagner is required to complete 363 days on probation and pay court costs and filing fees in amount of \$389.50.

Mallory Eileen Lommatzsch, 30, Yoder, pled guilty to one count of possession of methamphetamine, a Level 6 felony. Lommatzsch is scheduled for a sentencing hearing in the matter at 9 a.m. on July 12 in the Wells Superior Court.

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BIDDING ENDS 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, 260-824-3006.

BIDDING STARTS CLOSING MAY 5 - 6 p.m. - James Koons, owner. Online only personal property auction! 100+ lots that include general household items, glassware, furniture, Samsung washer, Basset bedroom suite, solid oak table, garden items, Stihl chainsaw, Yard Machine snow blower & much more! Pick up May 6, 2-6 p.m., 808 N. Jefferson St., Ossian. **Krueckeberg Auction & Realty LLC**, 260-724-7402, kjauction.com.

MAY 9 & 10 - 9 a.m. - Secured creditors & various consignors, owners. Two day truck & equipment auction. Day 1 online bidding only: 100+ various skid loader attachments, tool boxes, workbenches, iron gates, chains & binders, 1 trip 40' high side shipping container w/inside doors, dome shelter containers, various truck take off parts, plumbing, electrical and mechanical surplus including urinals, toilets, electrical components, more! Day 2 onsite and online bidding offering 700+ lots! 100+/- municipal units! Cars, SUV, 1/2 ton & 3/4 ton pickups, cargo & passenger vans, large group of Chevy Impalas, Tahoes & Dodge Chargers, Harley-Davidson motorcycles, dump trucks, 2012-2014

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Financial Focus

Younger workers must balance financial priorities

If you're a younger worker, you've got tremendous personal and professional opportunities ahead of you. But you will need to make some key decisions — especially about your financial priorities.

For starters, consider your debts. You'll want to prioritize paying down student loans to avoid late fees and other problems. Enrolling in autopay can help you stay current with your loan and possibly earn a rate reduction.

You may also have short-term savings goals, such as a wedding or a down payment on a home. For these goals, you may want to save money in a low-risk, liquid account that protects your principal.

Finally, even though you may be decades away from retirement, saving for this goal should still be a priority. If your company offers a 401(k) or similar retirement plan at work, try to put in whatever you can afford — at least enough to earn an employer's matching contribution if one is offered.

Prioritizing these goals, and striving to meet them with the appropriate solutions, can certainly be challenging. But as a young worker, you have the greatest — and most irreplaceable — asset on your side: time. So, make the most of it.

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Consider this curmudgeon confused about diplomas

It finally happened — I have become my father. Specifically, I find myself talking about how things were when I was growing up. For instance, when I went to high school, everyone got the same diploma and it gave you a rounded knowledge base to prepare you for your future, whatever that may have looked like.



Niki Kelly

But diplomas have been specialized and complicated in recent decades. In some ways, the Indiana Department of Education's move to streamline Indiana's diploma system will alleviate some of that.

Hoosier Opinions

The state would move from four or five types of diplomas to two: Indiana GPS Diploma and GPS Diploma Plus.

State officials and stakeholders also want more kids taking more college classes and getting workplace credentials. It seems Indiana students are having trouble completing high school coursework proficiently and yet we are pushing them to do even more.

But the formula to earn a diploma would still be complex, involving words like pathways, work-based learning and apprenticeships. And slowly, education seems more about training workers than teaching students.

Pinning down students too early

My primary issue with the whole debate is that the system wants to pin down students so early in their K-12 careers. You pretty much must know what avenue you want to go down by 8th grade.

How many people knew exactly what they wanted to be at 14 years old? It happens, but it's rare. It is much more logical that you use middle school and even the beginning of high school to learn a variety of things and see what piques your interest. We called those elective courses in my days (the early 1990s, if you must know).

You could take journalism or drama or industrial arts, for instance. I always knew I loved the written word, but my high school journalism class solidified how I wanted to move forward. Other students found that they loved working with their hands.

Nowadays, some of those elective courses might be more technical, such as computer programming and business classes. But the idea is the same — trying a variety of things to find your passion.

Is there even any room for electives anymore? State education officials say the proposed changes would actually allow electives to count toward other credits and make them more of a focus, not less. If so, I applaud that.

I also don't know why, suddenly, young adults can't seem to handle basic tasks. Or at least that's what employers are saying. Going to school itself taught me about showing up on time, completing my work, communicating with others on projects and the consequences of a bad grade when I slacked off. All those things translate into the workforce.

But if they didn't, that's why we had part-time jobs. For me, it was dipping ice cream and ringing up gas sales at a convenience store or selling CDs and, gasp, vinyl records at a music store in the mall.

Why, suddenly, does that need to be part of my diploma?

Willing to learn

I have read so much on this topic because so many people I respect and admire are telling me this new path is necessary. So, I am trying to be open to the proposals. I know that some students learn better by actually doing an activity or task rather than sitting in a classroom hearing about it.

And I know Indiana is doing nothing different than other states. The Education Commission of the States reports that nearly all states have moved past simple minimum credit requirements to a focus on skills and college and career readiness.

For instance, at least 21 states have identified multiple diploma options or pathways to graduation in state policy:

At least 46 states and the District of Columbia identify minimum credit requirements to earn a standard diploma.

At least 44 states and the District of Columbia permit students to substitute specific courses, assessments or other experiences for existing credit requirements.

At least 34 states require students to complete specific assessments as a graduation requirement.

I am a bit of an old dog, but am willing to learn new tricks. I will keep reading, learning and trying to understand how this will make Indiana students better and more prepared.

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Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Monday, April 29, the 120th day of 2023. There are 246 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: On April 29, 1429, Joan of Arc entered the besieged city of Orleans to lead a French victory over the English.

On this date:

In 1916, the Easter Rising in Dublin collapsed as Irish nationalists surrendered to British authorities.

In 1945, during World War II, American soldiers liberated the Dachau concentration camp.

Adolf Hitler married Eva Braun inside his "Führerbunker" and designated Adm. Karl Doenitz president.

In 1946, 28 former Japanese officials went on trial in Tokyo as war criminals; seven ended up being sentenced to death.

In 1957, the SM-1, the first military nuclear power plant, was dedicated at Fort Belvoir, Virginia.

In 1991, a cyclone began striking the South Asian country of Bangladesh; it ended up killing more than 138,000 people.



The 'Victory' metaphor eludes Hoosier GOP women

Almost 300 feet above the skyline in the center of our state stands Victory, a classic Greek-inspired sculpture envisioned to be the Hoosier version of Nike, the goddess of war. In flowing robes, standing astride a star-studded ball with her hair in a 19th-century style bun, she hoists a torch of enlightenment, while gripping a sword by her side after a mythical battle triumph.

Victory has been above us since 1902, some 122 years before Caitlin Clark arrived, and she could serve as a metaphor for Hoosier women, but the stark reality is that power has been dominated in this state by White guys for more than two centuries.

Indiana is one of 18 states to have never elected a woman governor. The Hoosier State has had four female lieutenant governors in its 207-year history, but Suzanne Crouch is the only one to steer a gubernatorial campaign into the primary election homestretch.

U.S. Rep. Susan Brooks came close in July 2016, losing a Republican Central Committee caucus gubernatorial nomination (after Gov. Mike Pence resigned to run for vice president) by a single vote to then-Lt. Gov. Eric Holcomb.

According to the Center for American Women and Politics, only 24 Hoosier women have held statewide elective executive branch positions in over two centuries, and seven were appointed.

Indiana ranks 40th in the nation in women in the General Assembly (40 out of 150 seats for 26.7%, well below their 50% population status). Only Sen. Vi Simpson has led a General Assembly party caucus. There has yet to be a female House speaker, Senate president pro tempore or chair of the House Ways and Means, Senate Finance or Senate Appropriations committees, where the real financial clout is wielded.

Only nine Hoosier women have been elected to Congress in more than two centuries, and none to the U.S. Senate.

Indiana's two major political parties have only been chaired by two women, Democrat Ann DeLaney in the 1990s and current Republican Chair Anne Hathaway. She also heads the Lugar Excellence in Public Service Series, designed to prepare Hoosier women to run for political office. Though a number of Lugar Series graduates have been elected to Congress, the Statehouse constitutional offices, the General Assembly and local positions, the governorship and positions of true power have eluded them.

Indiana's two major political parties are moving in opposite directions when it comes to gender power inclusion.

Last week, Fort Wayne Democrats elected Councilwoman Sharon Tucker to become the city's second female mayor (and first Black) following the death of Tom Henry. Prior to her upset victory of House Minority Leader Phil GiaQuinta and six others, she told precinct officials, "Today you had the opportunity to make history by electing the first 5-foot-3 mayor."

Last November, Democrat Black female candidates excelled. Vanderburgh County Councilwoman Stephanie Terry won the open seat in Evansville to become the first female mayor, while Councilwoman Angie

Nelson Deutch defeated Republican Michigan City Mayor Duane Parry with 60% of the vote the same day. In Lawrence, Councilwoman Deb Whitfield topped Republican Deputy Mayor David Hofmann.

On May 7, Hoosier Democrats are expected to nominate Jennifer McCormick to become their second female standard-bearer (Jill Long Thompson was nominated and lost to Gov. Mitch Daniels in 2008).

For Lt. Gov. Crouch, the Indiana Republican Party is proving to be difficult territory for a female candidate for governor. In a State Affairs/Howey Politics Indiana poll released April 11, Crouch received just 10% support from likely Republican and Republican-leaning independent female voters, compared with 38% for U.S. Sen. Mike Braun, 9% for Eric Doden, 7% for Brad

Chambers and 2% for Curtis Hill. The other woman in the GOP primary race, Jamie Reitenour, received zero support from surveyed female voters.

Crouch was viewed as 20% unfavorable among women, compared to 22% for Braun. But the last data point may be determinative: 58% of female respondents said they were unfamiliar with the seven-year lieutenant governor, compared with just 23% for Braun.

And we've seen this scenario play out before. In 1999, Sue Anne Gilroy in Indianapolis and Linda Buskirk in Fort Wayne lost mayoral races, in part, due to a lack of support from female Republican voters.

Am I suggesting that voters use a litmus test, and vote for a candidate simply because they are Black or a woman? No. I'm just pointing out historical trends.

I've known Suzanne Crouch for years. In 2009, she flagged the deaths of people unable to navigate a new computer-driven welfare system, prompting Gov. Daniels to regroup and forge a new hybrid model that is still functioning well today. I included her in my 2019 "Indiana Profiles in Courage" feature.

She has collaborated with then-Mayor Lloyd Winnecke to revamp downtown Evansville with a cornerstone multi-university medical campus, designed to meet the healthcare needs of Southwestern Indiana. She has been an advocate for the mentally ill, the addicted, and families with disabled children who have lost benefits.

Following the final debate earlier this week, Crouch was frustrated that her story and resume weren't finding traction. "When I travel the state, I'm just disappointed and discouraged by the lack of interest, the lack of enthusiasm and probably the lack of participation in the first competitive Republican race that many of us have seen in our lifetime," she said.

The Indiana GOP has long been gender-inclusive in their party hierarchy: If there's a male county chair, then there's a female vice chair.

When will that extend to the actual warrens of power?

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Brian Howey

Politicking

Adding to the Title IX law

What the Biden administration is doing to the Title IX civil rights law, the purpose of which is, among other things, to ensure equality between men's and women's sports, reminds me of a childhood game. We kids would sit in a circle and one would whisper something to the one next to them, who would repeat it to the next one and so on. Then the last child would say what she or he had heard. It usually bore little resemblance to what the first whisperer had said. That was the joke.

Something similar occurs with much of the legislation coming out of Congress. Regulators, who are accountable to no one, slip in things that expand the law beyond its original intent.

Regulators are adding a new regulation to Title IX that prohibits discrimination and harassment based on sexual orientation, gender identity, and sex characteristics in federally funded education programs... said the Education Department fact sheet. As reported by The Washington Times, "the final rule takes effect Aug. 1." (just in time for the



Cal Thomas

new school year). The department stressed that the regulation "do(es) not address transgender eligibility in scholastic sports, which will be covered in a separate rule expected to be released after the presidential election in November."

Of course it will. Why add to President Biden's sagging poll numbers on the border, inflation, gas and grocery prices and mortgage rates which last week reached 7 percent?

One can predict that the regulators will add transgender "protections" so they might share locker rooms and showers currently reserved for those born male or female. Never mind what the girls and women think, or the boys and men. This is about continuing to undermine what's left of the moral foundations of the country. The government will require us to ignore the obvious. Worse, it will impose a worldview in conflict with the worldview of a majority of Americans, most especially those with school-age daughters.

I wonder how many of these anonymous regulators have daughters and granddaughters in public

schools and universities? Has anyone asked them if they are fine with transgender women sharing their locker rooms and showers? I doubt it, but a reporter should ask the question and let the rest of us know.

These days, we are told everyone has their own "truth" and that nothing is objectively true or false.

Anyone not blinded by the cultural Klieg lights can see how athletes born male are beating athletes born female when allowed to compete against them. This is political correctness at its worst and can deny women athletes scholarships, recognition, and commercial endorsements.

We are starting to see some female athletes boycotting school sporting events that include biological males. That should spread to other schools. The best approach would be to pull females out of public schools and start separate private leagues.

If there is no standard by which even a woman can be defined then anything will eventually be tolerated, even mandated. It's all a matter of conditioning. Is there nothing the Biden administration and secularists won't oppose? And if they do oppose anything, what standard will they use?

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*****Audition Announcement*****
Announcing auditions for Parlor City Shakespeare's 2024 Shakespeare on the Plaza production, "Much Ado About Nothing", Sunday, May 19 and Monday, May 20 at 7 p.m. Creative Arts Council, 428 S Oak St, Bluffton, IN. Enter door 10 and follow the signs. Directed by Hayley E. Johnson.

For more information regarding auditions please visit <https://www.facebook.com/parlorcityshakes>

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Readers' Brown Bag Luncheon: Meeting the last Tuesday of the month at noon at Life Community Church, enter door 10. All readers are welcome. Feel free to call the office for more information.

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Zanesville News

by Melba Edwards

As I write this column it is sunshine and the birds are singing. It is a little chilly though. Everyone is out mowing their lawns and working in their yards and gardens.

The Lions Club needs volunteers to mow the grass at the park. If you can mow, even one time, give me a call at 638-4327 and a date you will be available. The diamond is now being used and they mow inside the fence. Left is the grass on the south part of the property and the grass south of the pavilion and east of the clubhouse. If you want to help in any way to keep the park looking good please call me.

Don't forget to get your East Union Center reservations in as alumni is Saturday, May 4.

Coming up soon is the Zanesville Lions Club 5K Run Walk on Saturday, May 25, at 8 a.m. I will put more news about this in the next column.

Mailings have been sent out to sponsors of both the

5K and the Car Show on July 27 that is held during the Lions Club Summer Festival. If you have something to add to the Festival Day please let me know.

Don't forget that Mother's Day is coming up on May 12 and Memorial Day on May 27. If you need wreaths, the Lions still have some to sell at \$5 each and we also have apple dumplings for sale for \$3 each at County Line Pizza and Pub and by calling also.

We now have choices for inside dining and carryout at Sis & Bub's and County Line Pizza and Pub. You can also buy all kinds of good food for a picnic from Lengerich and nearby you can eat it in the Lions Club Pavilion out back. It is hard to make a choice of spots as all of these serve good food and great hospitality.

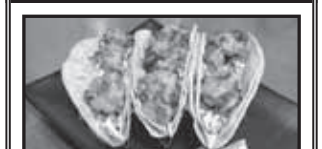
Sis & Bub's Kitchen (little new Zanesville diner) will be having a grand opening on Saturday, May 11, just in time

for you to bring Mom out to celebrate Mother's Day. They will have their new hours, new menu and will be giving away T-shirts, cups, gift cards, and more all day. Ask about our patio club. Join us on Facebook at Sis & Bub's and feel free to post pictures and leave positive remarks.

Stop by and get the new menu to take home for carry out orders that you can call in at 260-409-5187 or come on down and dine in at our full service restaurant at 3010 W. Scott Street, Zanesville. We are family owned and operated with homemade family recipes and daily specials.

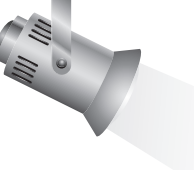



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Norwell ICE Spotlight award Kate Tudor

Senior Kate Tudor has been selected to receive the Norwell High School ICE Student of the Week Spotlight award. She has been employed at the Children's Corner Daycare in Ossian this entire school year with her supervisor Laurie Stucky. Kate is the daughter of Adam and Dawn Tudor of Craigville.

Guaranteeing a safe environment for preschool children has been Kate's main responsibility at the facility. She also helps to encourage positive behavior attributes, hygiene, snack time duties, and various cleaning throughout the daycare.

After graduation, Kate plans to attend Olivet Nazarene University in Illinois to study elementary education. Her ultimate career goal is to study psychology helping under privileged children

Kate Tudor
in the Peace Corp.



Historical county apparel

People attending the recent Wells County Historical Society's annual meeting were given the opportunity to purchase T-shirts and hoodies printed with Wells county related themes. Among the logos were ones featuring a bison and Captain William Wells. Showcasing the items for creator Joe Beste of the Wells Legacy Apparel Company was Eleanore McAfee. Beste may be contacted on Facebook or by calling 260-273-1655. (Photo by Barbara Barbieri)

A Talk with Tego






Luna is an eight-month-old, Border Collie/Blue Heeler mix female.

Lexi is an eight-month-old, Border Collie/Blue Heeler mix female.

Tinkercat is a six-month-old, domestic long hair female.

Tegocat

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Arrests roil campuses as protesters demand Israel ties be cut

By CAROLYN THOMPSON and MARGERY BECK Associated Press

Protests are roiling college campuses nationwide as schools with graduation ceremonies next month face demands they cut financial ties to Israel because of the Israel-Hamas war.

Many campuses were largely quiet over the weekend but protesters on both sides of the issue shouted and shoved each other during dueling demonstrations Sunday at the University of California, Los Angeles. About 275 people were arrested on Saturday at various campuses including Indiana University at Bloomington, Arizona State University and Washington University in St. Louis. The number of arrests nationwide approached 900 since New York police removed a pro-Palestinian protest encampment at Columbia University and arrested more than 100 demonstrators on April 18.

Since then, students have dug in at dozens of pro-Palestinian encampments around the country, prompting a range of responses from administrators: arrests and criminal charges, student suspensions or simply continued pleas to leave. The plight of students has become a central part of

protests, with both the students and a growing number of faculty demanding amnesty for protesters. At issue is whether the suspensions and legal records will follow students through their adult lives.

Faculty members at universities in California, Georgia and Texas have initiated or passed largely symbolic votes of no confidence in their leadership.

White House national security spokesman John Kirby said President Joe Biden "knows that there are very strong feelings" but would leave managing the protests to local authorities.

"People should have the ability to air their views and to share their perspectives publicly but it has to be peaceful," Kirby said on ABC's "This Week."

In an interview that aired Sunday, Senate Republican Leader Mitch McConnell called it "a dangerous situation" and placed the responsibility with college administrators.

"There's also antisemitism, which is completely unacceptable. I've been shocked to see that in this country," he said on NBC's "Meet the Press."

Early protests at Columbia University in New York City sparked pro-Palestinian demonstrations across the country and students and

administrators there have engaged in negotiations, the university said in a statement Saturday night.

Columbia has set a series of deadlines for protesters to leave the encampment — which they have missed — but bringing back police "at this time" would be counterproductive, the school wrote in an email to students.

On Sunday, students walked among dozens of colorful tents that continue to stand.

At the University of California, Los Angeles, police set up barricades before hundreds of demonstrators on both sides joined a growing crowd Sunday near where pro-Palestinian students have been staying around-the-clock in tents. Counter-protesters who organized a "Stand in Support of Jewish Students" rally said their goal was to "stand up against hatred and antisemitism."

Across town, the University of Southern California said it was open Sunday after being shut down a day earlier because of what the university called vandalism and disruptions.

USC drew criticism after refusing to allow the valedictorian, who has publicly supported the Palestinian cause, to make a commencement speech. Administrators then scrapped the keynote

speech by filmmaker Jon M. Chu. Last week the school announced the cancellation of its main graduation event, a day after more than 90 protesters were arrested by police in riot gear.

In the northern part of the state, officials on Saturday ordered an "enforced

hard closure" of California State Polytechnic University, Humboldt. Two halls remained occupied by pro-Palestinian demonstrators. The school said Sunday that the cost of the occupation — including damage done by "theft, vandalism and graffiti" — was estimated to

be in the millions.

Washington University in St. Louis locked some campus buildings and arrested protesters Saturday. Photos showed uniformed police attempting to remove masked protesters as others, also wearing masks, linked arms to thwart the efforts.

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Spring CAR CARE

How to identify a vehicle that fits you

Buying a vehicle is a significant financial investment. It is not a decision to take lightly, especially given the historically high prices of new cars in recent years.

Finding a vehicle that is the perfect fit requires consideration of a host of variables, including personal preference. What is perfect for one individual may not work for another. When the time comes to shop for a new car, people can ask themselves a few questions in an effort to find a vehicle that best suits their needs.

• What are your needs? Are you looking to carpool the kids to and from school or do you want a car for commuting that will not cost you an arm and a leg in fuel? Identifying the main purpose of the vehicle will eliminate certain cars or trucks right off the bat.

• What is your budget? It is a good idea to get a pre-approval loan statement from a financial provider to figure out what you can afford to pay for a vehicle. The popular automotive resource Edmunds says the general rule is the monthly new-car payment should not exceed 15 percent of your monthly take-home pay. Lease payments should be less than 10 percent of monthly take-home pay. Calculate these numbers and potential interest rates prior to shopping for a vehicle.

• What are your fuel preferences? Today's

vehicles come in electric, unleaded gasoline, diesel, and hybrid options. How the car or truck is powered may be important to you and will help identify the best vehicle for you.

• What is the cost of ownership? Certain vehicle brands may be more expensive to maintain than others. According to Motor1.com, luxury and premium

brands are typically the most expensive to maintain, with European brands like BMW, Porsche and Mercedes-Benz typically carrying high maintenance costs. This can be prohibitive when parts or service is needed.

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IHSAA releases baseball, softball sectional pairings set for May

By RYAN WALKER

The IHSAA released the baseball and softball pairings for each team during its annual selection show Sunday night.

The random draw correctly matched all but one pairing between the two sports, so there will be some similar matchups.

The sectional tournament is set to begin May 22 and run through May 27 for the championship games. Dates and start times have not been determined. Norwell's baseball team is the only defending champion of the six-team field in the county.

Below is a list of the results for all three schools in the county.

Baseball

Norwell (8-4) vs. Peru (8-2): The Knights will get another opportunity to knock off the Tigers after beating them 5-1 last year in the sectional semifinal. This year, Peru has reloaded and has had a decent campaign this season sitting at 8-2. This time, Norwell will play host in this sectional.

Norwell is coming off of a sectional and regional title and looking to go further with a new unit. Only three players from the starting lineup last year returned, but the Knights have proved that they're going to be just fine under new head coach Christian Bohata.

For the rest of the bracket, the winner of Bellmont and Oak Hill will play Norwell/Peru. Mississinewa and Maconaquah drew byes and will face each other in the semi-final.

Bluffton (8-5) vs. South Adams (5-5): The Tigers perhaps got the best path to the championship game of all teams in both sports. After what was a panicky 1-4 start to the season, coach Jason Pierce's Tiger cats have rolled

off seven of their last eight, including five in a row. One of the wins included a 10-0 thumping to their future sectional opponent in the Starfires, who have been riddled with injuries this season.

The two drew byes in the South Adams hosted sectional, and the winner heads straight for the championship game. On the other side of the bracket, Bishop Luers meets with RV Adams Central, arguably the two best teams in the field. Eastbrook and Blackford are the other quarterfinal games.

Bluffton is seeking to avenge its 12-0 loss to Bishop Luers last year.

Southern Wells (2-9) vs. Liberty Christian (0-7): The Raiders drew a favorable matchup with Liberty Christian in the Wes-Del sectional. Southern Wells won 14-3 in the recent meeting between the two.

The Raiders have hit a lull in the middle of the season, falling in eight of their last 10 games, but this draw could provide a spark to the young Evan Huffman-led squad.

The winner of that game will play No. 2 Wes-Del and Anderson Prep. Then, RV Daleville and Cowan's winner will face the lone team with a bye, which is Tri-Central.

Softball

Norwell (3-4) vs. Peru (10-5): The Knights got the best of the Tigers 12-4 in last year's sectional 12-4, but Peru seems to have put things together this season after a 9-12-1 campaign.

So far, the Knights have only been able to play seven games due to rain. Their first was only two weeks ago when they traveled to play the No. 4 team in South Adams and lost both games. The inconsistency of the schedule has put a halt on figuring out who the Knights are and where we could

expect them to be by the end of the year.

This sectional will be hosted by Oak Hill, who will await the winner of this game. Maconaquah drew the other bye on the other side of the bracket and will face either Bellmont or Marion.

Bluffton (6-6) vs. South Adams (9-1)/Adams Central (6-4): The Tigers got a rough draw this season, where they'll likely face the reigning sectional champion No. 4 South Adams. The Starfires will still have to get past their county and conference rival Adams Central, but they're on a mission this season after falling to Eastside in the regional.

After this year's sectional, which is hosted by South Adams, Bluffton will have played the Starfires four times in the past two years. The three completed contests have gone for 7-plus run losses for the Tigers.

The winner will advance to the championship game. On the other side of the bracket, Manchester and Whitko will battle for the right to face Bishop Luers.

Southern Wells (2-9) vs. Liberty Christian (0-7): The Raiders got a favorable draw here in the first round of the sectional with the so-far winless Liberty Christian Lions. Southern Wells will also have a home-field advantage this year. The two will get a long look at one another on May 11, as the Raiders travel for a doubleheader with the Lions.

Last season, the Raiders lost 13-1 in the first round to Wes-Del.

The winner of Southern Wells/Liberty Christian will get to play either Tri-Central or Cowan. On the other side of the bracket, Anderson Prep plays Daleville with the winner taking of Wes-Del.

Sports Roundup

Tigers place 5th in tennis invite

Bluffton took fifth at the DeKalb Invitational in girls' tennis on Saturday.

No. 1 doubles was the top group of the five, placing second. Emma Schwartz and Kinzie Fiechter defeated Snider 8-4, DeKalb 8-5 and lost to Northwood in the finals 8-2.

In No. 2 singles, Eve Corkwell went 1-2 for fourth place. Corkwell defeated Bellmont 8-4, and fell 8-0 to Westview and 9-8 (16-14 to Lakewood Park.

In No. 3 singles, Gretchen Crist went 1-2 in fourth place. Crist beat Lakewood Park 8-5, then fell 8-0 to Northwood and 8-6 to Westview.

In No. 2 doubles, Alexis Grover and Sophie Eisenhut finished in sixth place. The two lost to Westview 8-0, then won 8-3 over Northrop. Then, Avery Hunt and Emily Drayer came in and lost 8-4 to Snider in the final round.

In No. 1 singles, Hazel Pfister fell in her two matches. Pfister lost 8-2 to DeKalb and 8-4 to Lakewood Park.

Bluffton will be at Bellmont at 4:30 p.m. Monday, April 29.

Raiders split in weekend baseball

Southern Wells split their two baseball games at the Dylan Williams Memorial Tournament on Saturday. In the first game, the Raid-

ers won 4-1 over Cambridge City Lincoln 4-1.

The Raiders had two hits in the game, one a two-RBI single by Landon Johnson and the other an RBI single for Robby Freimuth.

Johnson got the win on the mound, tossing a complete seven innings and allowing one unearned run, one hit, one walk and hurled 14 strikeouts.

In Game 2, Southern Wells fell 12-2 to Union City.

The Raiders did not have stats available online at the time of print.

Southern Wells will be at Randolph Southern at 5 p.m. Tuesday, April 30.

Raiders fall twice in weekend softball

Southern Wells fell in both games of the Dylan Williams Memorial Tournament in softball on Saturday.

In Game 1, the Raiders fell 3-2 to Union City.

Emma Parks and Gracie Reeves had the lone hits for the team, both singles.

Maddy Sutton was charged with the loss.

In Game 2, Southern Wells fell 13-0 to Shenandoah.

Kaylea Coffel, Morgan Jones, Gracie Reeves and Collena Reeves had hits in the game.

Southern Wells will finish its regular season contest at home against Bluffton at 5 p.m. Monday, April 29. The game was 8-0 Tigers in the third inning before being postponed due to rain.

Pacers hit franchise playoff best 22 3-pointers to beat Bucks, take 3-1 lead in series

By MICHAEL MAROT
AP Sports Writer

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Myles Turner scored 29 points, Tyrese Haliburton added 24 and the Indiana Pacers made a franchise playoff record 22 3-pointers as they pulled away late for a 126-113 victory over the Milwaukee Bucks on Sunday night.

The win gave the Pacers a 3-1 lead in the best-of-seven series. Indiana has won three straight since losing the opener and can reach the Eastern Conference semifinals for the first time since 2014 — with a win Tuesday at Milwaukee.

Indiana is 7-2 this season against the Bucks, who are trying to avoid a second straight first-round exit.

Haliburton posted a career playoff scoring high for the second straight game while Turner matched a playoff career high that he set in Friday night's over-

time win. Turner also had nine rebounds and four assists against a Bucks squad that was missing two injured All-Stars, Giannis

Antetokounmpo and Damian Lillard.

It's unclear if either will be available in Game 5. Antetokounmpo hasn't played since straining his left calf April 9.

Lillard injured his Achilles tendon Friday night and had a protective walking boot covering his right foot this weekend.

Brook Lopez led the Bucks with 27 points and nine rebounds, and Khris Middleton added 25 points, 10 rebounds and five assists.

But the Bucks depth took even bigger hits with Middleton playing much of the second half with four fouls and forward Bobby Portis Jr. being ejected with 5:01 left in the first quarter after he and Andrew Nembhard

were involved in a shoving match. Portis drew two technical fouls on the play, part of a six-technical first half.

Still, the Pacers struggled to take advantage, finishing the back-and-forth first half with just a 67-64 lead.

But after Lopez's opened the third quarter with a basket, Haliburton responded with three straight 3s to give the Pacers a 76-66 lead. The Bucks never completely recovered as Indiana extended the margin to 95-78 on Obi Toppin's layup with 2:24 left in the quarter.

Milwaukee opened the fourth with seven straight points to close to 98-92. Indiana answered with a 10-2 run to rebuild a 108-94 cushion with 7:25 to play and the Bucks couldn't get within single digits the rest of the game.

Nembhard finished with 15 points and nine assists for the Pacers and Pascal Siakam added 13 points, nine rebounds and seven assists.

Malik Beasley added 20 points for Milwaukee.



High School Calendar

MONDAY, APRIL 29
BASEBALL: Norwell at DeKalb, 5:30 p.m.; Bluffton at Churubusco, 5:30 p.m.; Southern Wells at Randolph Southern, 5 p.m.
GIRLS TENNIS: Norwell at Carroll, 4:30 p.m.; Bluffton at Bellmont, 4:30 p.m.
SOFTBALL: New Haven at Norwell, 5:30 p.m.
TUESDAY, APRIL 30
BASEBALL: Norwell at New Haven, 5:30 p.m.; Bluffton at Adams Central, 5 p.m.; Southern Wells at Randolph Southern, 5 p.m.
BOYS GOLF: East Noble at Norwell, 4:30 p.m.; Woodlan at Bluffton, 5 p.m.; Southern Wells at South Adams, 4:30 p.m.
GIRLS TENNIS: Norwell at New Haven, 5 p.m.; South Adams at Bluffton, 5 p.m.

SOFTBALL: Bluffton at Adams Central, 5 p.m.; Southern Wells at Randolph Southern, 5 p.m.
TRACK & FIELD (CO-ED): Huntington North at Norwell, 5 p.m.; Heritage/South Adams at Bluffton, 5:30 p.m.; Southern Wells at Woodlan, 5:30 p.m.
WEDNESDAY, MAY 1
BASEBALL: Southern Wells at Oak Hill, 5:30 p.m.
BOYS GOLF: Huntington North at Norwell, 4:15 p.m.
GIRLS TENNIS: Northfield at Bluffton, 5 p.m.; Norwell at South Adams, 4:30 p.m.
SOFTBALL: Norwell at East Noble, 5:30 p.m.; Southern Wells at Monroe Central, 5 p.m.

O'Neill's bloop single lifts Boston Red Sox past Chicago Cubs

By KEN POWTAK
Associated Press

BOSTON (AP) — Tyler O'Neill hit a game-ending bloop single, and the Boston Red Sox topped the Chicago Cubs 5-4 on Sunday night.

Jarren Duran hit a two-run triple and Connor Wong drove in two runs with a pair of two-out singles, helping Boston to the win in the rubber game of weekend set. The Red Sox beat the Cubs 17-0 on Saturday.

Chicago trailed 4-1 before Mike Tauchman hit a tying three-run homer against Chris Martin in the eighth inning. Matt Mervis hit an RBI single in the seventh for the Cubs' first run of the game.

For the second straight day, a large gathering of Cubs fans that made the trip to Fenway Park were unable to wave their "W" flags, a staple after wins at Wrigley Field.

Duran led off the ninth with a walk against Mark Leiter Jr. (0-1). He raced to third on Rafael Devers' single.

O'Neill then hit a shallow fly toward left field. Shortstop Dansby Swanson tried to make sliding catch, but it went off his glove and landed in the outfield grass.

Red Sox right-hander Tanner Houck struck out nine in 6 2/3 innings. He was charged with one run and four hits. Kenley Jansen (1-0) worked the ninth for the win.

Duran's triple into the center-field triangle made it 4-0 in the sixth.

Boston shortstop Ceddanne Rafaela went 1 for 4 a day after going 4 for 4 with a two-run homer and driving in seven runs.

Despite dealing with injuries to their starting rotation, the Red Sox entered the day with a majors' best 2.63 ERA, their lowest at this point of a season since 1920.

Red Sox right fielder Wilyer Abreu made a nice running catch on Swanson's fifth-inning fly ball, and second baseman Emmanuel Valdez had a diving play on Hoerner's grounder the following inning.



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BASKETBALL

NBA

FIRST ROUND
(Best-of-7; x-if necessary)
Saturday, April 20
Cleveland 97, Orlando 83
Minnesota 120, Phoenix 95
New York 111, Philadelphia 104
Denver 114, L.A. Lakers 103
Sunday, April 21
Boston 114, Miami 94
L.A. Clippers 109, Dallas 97
Milwaukee 109, Indiana 94
Oklahoma City 94, New Orleans 92
Monday, April 22
Cleveland 96, Orlando 86
New York 104, Philadelphia 101
Denver 101, L.A. Lakers 99
Tuesday, April 23
Minnesota 105, Phoenix 93
Indiana 125, Milwaukee 108
Dallas 96, L.A. Clippers 93
Wednesday, April 24
Miami 111, Boston 101
Oklahoma City 124, New Orleans 92
Thursday, April 25
Orlando 121, Cleveland 83
Philadelphia 125, New York 114
Denver 112, L.A. Lakers 105
Friday, April 26
Indiana 121, Milwaukee 118, OT
Dallas 101, L.A. Clippers 90
Minnesota 126, Phoenix 109, Minnesota leads series 3 - 0
Saturday, April 27
Orlando 112, Cleveland 89, series tied 2 - 2
Oklahoma City 106, New Orleans 85, Oklahoma City leads series 3 - 0
Boston 104, Miami 84, Boston leads series 2 - 1
L.A. Lakers 119, Denver 108, Denver leads series 3 - 1
Sunday, April 28
New York 97, Philadelphia 92, New York leads series 3 - 1
L.A. Clippers 116, Dallas 111, series tied 2 - 2
Indiana 126, Milwaukee 113, Indiana leads series 3 - 1
Minnesota at Phoenix, late
Monday, April 29
Boston at Miami, 7:30 p.m.
Oklahoma City at New Orleans, 8:30 p.m.
L.A. Lakers at Denver, 10 p.m.
Tuesday, April 30
Indiana at Milwaukee, TBA
Orlando at Cleveland, TBA
Philadelphia at New York, 7 p.m.
x-Phoenix at Minnesota, TBA
Wednesday, May 1
Miami at Boston, 7:30 p.m.
x-New Orleans at Oklahoma City, TBA
Dallas at L.A. Clippers, 10 p.m.
Thursday, May 2
x-Milwaukee at Indiana, TBA
x-New York at Philadelphia, TBA
x-Denver at L.A. Lakers, TBA
x-Minnesota at Phoenix, TBA
Friday, May 3
x-Boston at Miami, TBA
Cleveland at Orlando, TBA
x-Oklahoma City at New Orleans, TBA
L.A. Clippers at Dallas, 9:30 p.m.
Saturday, May 4
x-Indiana at Milwaukee, TBA
x-Philadelphia at New York, TBA
x-L.A. Lakers at Denver, TBA
x-Phoenix at Minnesota, TBA
Sunday, May 5
x-Miami at Boston, TBA
x-Orlando at Cleveland, TBA
x-Dallas at L.A. Clippers, TBA
x-New Orleans at Oklahoma City, TBA

HOCKEY

NHL

FIRST ROUND
(Best-of-7)
(x-if necessary)

Saturday, April 20

Carolina 3, N.Y. Islanders 1
Boston 5, Toronto 1
Sunday, April 21
Florida 3, Tampa Bay 2
N.Y. Rangers 4, Washington 1
Winnipeg 7, Colorado 6
Vancouver 4, Nashville 2
Monday, April 22
Toronto 3, Boston 2
Carolina 5, N.Y. Islanders 3
Vegas 4, Dallas 3
Edmonton 7, Los Angeles 4
Tuesday, April 23
N.Y. Rangers 4, Washington 3
Florida 3, Tampa Bay 2, OT
Colorado 5, Winnipeg 2
Nashville 4, Vancouver 1
Wednesday, April 24
Boston 4, Toronto 2
Vegas 3, Dallas 1
Los Angeles 5, Edmonton 4, OT
Thursday, April 25
Florida 5, Tampa Bay 3
Carolina 3, N.Y. Islanders 2
Friday, April 26
N.Y. Rangers 3, Washington 1, N.Y. Rangers wins series 4 - 0
Vancouver 2, Nashville 1
Colorado 6, Winnipeg 2
Edmonton 6, Los Angeles 1, Edmonton leads series 2 - 1
Saturday, April 27
N.Y. Islanders 3, Carolina 2, 2OT, Carolina leads series 3 - 1
Tampa Bay 6, Florida 3, Florida leads series 3 - 1
Boston 3, Toronto 1, Boston leads series 3 - 1
Dallas 3, Vegas 2, OT, Vegas leads series 2 - 1
Sunday, April 28
Colorado 5, Winnipeg 1, Colorado leads series 3 - 1
Vancouver 4, Nashville 3, OT, Vancouver leads series 3 - 1
N.Y. Rangers 4, Washington 2, Edmonton at Los Angeles, late
Monday, April 29
Tampa Bay at Florida, 7 p.m.
Dallas at Vegas, 9:30 p.m.
Tuesday, April 30
Toronto at Boston, 7 p.m.
N.Y. Islanders at Carolina, 7:30 p.m.
Colorado at Winnipeg, 9:30 p.m.
Nashville at Vancouver, 10 p.m.
Wednesday, May 1
x-Florida at Tampa Bay, TBA
Los Angeles at Edmonton, TBA
Vegas at Dallas, TBA
Thursday, May 2
x-Carolina at N.Y. Islanders, TBA
x-Boston at Toronto, TBA
x-Winnipeg at Colorado, TBA
Friday, May 3
x-Edmonton at Los Angeles, TBA
x-Vancouver at Nashville, TBA
x-Dallas at Vegas, TBA
Saturday, May 4
x-N.Y. Islanders at Carolina, TBA
x-Tampa Bay at Florida, TBA
x-Toronto at Boston, TBA
x-Colorado at Winnipeg, TBA
Sunday, May 5
x-Los Angeles at Edmonton, TBA
x-Nashville at Vancouver, TBA
x-Vegas at Dallas, TBA

BASEBALL

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East Division

W	L	Pct	GB	
New York	19	10	.655	—
Baltimore	17	10	.630	1
Boston	16	13	.552	3
Toronto	14	15	.483	5
Tampa Bay	13	16	.448	6

Central Division

W	L	Pct	GB	
Cleveland	19	9	.679	—
Kansas City	17	12	.586	2½
Detroit	16	12	.571	3
Minnesota	14	13	.519	4½
Chicago	6	22	.214	13

West Division

Saturday, April 20

Seattle 15, Los Angeles 5
Texas 15, Oakland 12
Los Angeles 10, Houston 9
Saturday's Games
L.A. Dodgers 4, Toronto 2
Baltimore 7, Oakland 0
Cincinnati 8, Texas 4
Boston 17, Chicago Cubs 0
Detroit 6, Kansas City 5
Houston 12, Colorado 4
N.Y. Yankees 15, Milwaukee 3
Cleveland 4, Atlanta 2, 11 innings
Chicago White Sox 8, Tampa Bay 7, 10 innings
Seattle 3, Arizona 1
Minnesota 16, L.A. Angels 5
Sunday's Games
Detroit 4, Kansas City 1
Toronto 3, L.A. Dodgers 1
Chicago White Sox 4, Tampa Bay 2
Oakland 7, Baltimore 6
Atlanta 4, Cleveland 3, 10 innings
Texas 4, Cincinnati 3
N.Y. Yankees 15, Milwaukee 5
Houston 8, Colorado 2
Arizona 3, Seattle 2
Minnesota 11, L.A. Angels 5
Boston 5, Chicago Cubs 4
Monday's Games
N.Y. Yankees (Schmidt 2-0) at Baltimore (Rodriguez 3-1), 6:35 p.m.
St. Louis (Matz 1-2) at Detroit (Mae-da 0-1), 6:40 p.m.
Kansas City (Bowlan 0-0) at Toronto (Rodriguez 0-1), 7:07 p.m.
Minnesota (Ryan 1-1) at Chicago White Sox (Crochet 1-4), 7:40 p.m.
Tampa Bay (Peipot 2-2) at Milwaukee (Wilson 2-0), 7:40 p.m.
Philadelphia (Sanchez 1-3) at L.A. Angels (Canning 1-3), 9:38 p.m.
Atlanta (Fried 2-0) at Seattle (Miller 3-2), 9:40 p.m.
Pittsburgh (Falter 2-1) at Oakland (Boyle 1-4), 9:40 p.m.
Tuesday's Games
N.Y. Yankees at Baltimore, 6:35 p.m.
St. Louis at Detroit, 6:40 p.m.
Kansas City at Toronto, 7:07 p.m.
San Francisco at Boston, 7:10 p.m.
Minnesota at Chicago White Sox, 7:40 p.m.
Tampa Bay at Milwaukee, 7:40 p.m.
Washington at Texas, 8:05 p.m.
Cleveland at Houston, 8:10 p.m.
Philadelphia at L.A. Angels, 9:38 p.m.
Atlanta at Seattle, 9:40 p.m.
Pittsburgh at Oakland, 9:40 p.m.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

East Division

W	L	Pct	GB	
Atlanta	19	7	.731	—
Philadelphia	19	10	.655	1½
New York	14	13	.519	5½
Washington	13	14	.481	6½
Miami	6	23	.207	14½

Central Division

W	L	Pct	GB	
Milwaukee	17	10	.630	—
Chicago	17	11	.607	½
Cincinnati	15	13	.536	2½
Pittsburgh	14	15	.483	4
St. Louis	13	15	.464	4½

West Division

W	L	Pct	GB	
Los Angeles	18	12	.600	—
San Francisco	14	15	.483	3½
San Diego	14	17	.452	4½
Arizona	13	16	.448	4½
Colorado	7	21	.250	10

Saturday's Games
L.A. Dodgers 4, Toronto 2
Cincinnati 8, Texas 4
Boston 17, Chicago Cubs 0
Washington 11, Miami 4
St. Louis 7, N.Y. Mets 4
Houston 12, Colorado 4
N.Y. Yankees 15, Milwaukee 3
Cleveland 4, Atlanta 2, 11 innings
Philadelphia 5, San Diego 1
Pittsburgh 4, San Francisco 3, 10 innings
Seattle 3, Arizona 1

Sunday's Games

Toronto 3, L.A. Dodgers 1
Atlanta 4, Cleveland 3, 10 innings
N.Y. Mets 4, St. Louis 2, 11 innings
Washington 12, Miami 9
Texas 4, Cincinnati 3
N.Y. Yankees 15, Milwaukee 5
Houston 8, Colorado 2
San Francisco 3, Pittsburgh 2
Arizona 3, Seattle 2
Philadelphia 8, San Diego 6
Boston 5, Chicago Cubs 4
Monday's Games
St. Louis (Matz 1-2) at Detroit (Mae-da 0-1), 6:40 p.m.
Washington (Irvin 1-2) at Miami (Rogers 0-3), 6:40 p.m.
Chicago Cubs (Taillon 2-0) at N.Y. Mets (Severino 2-2), 7:10 p.m.
Tampa Bay (Peipot 2-2) at Milwaukee (Wilson 2-0), 7:40 p.m.
Philadelphia (Sanchez 1-3) at L.A. Angels (Canning 1-3), 9:38 p.m.
Atlanta (Fried 2-0) at Seattle (Miller 3-2), 9:40 p.m.
Cincinnati (Lodolo 2-0) at San Diego (Waldron 1-2), 9:40 p.m.
L.A. Dodgers (Paxton 2-0) at Arizona (Henry 1-1), 9:40 p.m.
Pittsburgh (Falter 2-1) at Oakland (Boyle 1-4), 9:40 p.m.
Tuesday's Games
Colorado at Miami, 6:40 p.m.
St. Louis at Detroit, 6:40 p.m.
Chicago Cubs at N.Y. Mets, 7:10 p.m.
San Francisco at Boston, 7:10 p.m.
Tampa Bay at Milwaukee, 7:40 p.m.
Washington at Texas, 8:05 p.m.
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Hamlin holds off Larson late to win NASCAR Cup race

By DAN GELSTON
AP Sports Writer

DOVER, Del. (AP) — Denny Hamlin called his shot ahead of Dover, guaranteeing a win on his podcast, then followed through on his bold boast that would have made the Bambino proud and held off Kyle Larson down the stretch to park his Toyota in victory lane.
Hamlin wiggled past lapped traffic and never let Larson squeak by him over the final laps in a showdown between two of NASCAR's elite drivers and won the Cup race by about a quarter of a second Sunday at Dover Motor Speedway.
"You better win if you're going to open your mouth, that's for sure," Hamlin said.
Hamlin has the victory lane celebration down pat this season. He celebrated last week at Talladega Superspeedway in his role as co-owner of 23XI Racing when Tyler Reddick took the checkered flag. Hamlin's contribution was a bit overshadowed by his fellow team owner — Michael Jordan. For the first time since he became a NASCAR Cup team owner, Jordan was at the track to savor in person a victory by one of his drivers.
Hamlin took his turn in the spotlight this week with the Monster trophy as a driver for Joe Gibbs Racing at Dover.
"It is a little bit different when you win it yourself versus as a car owner," Hamlin said.
Hamlin knew the win was coming. Or at least, publicly he was willing to say he did, going so far as to call his shot — he even referenced Babe Ruth on the podcast — that he would master the Monster Mile.
"I'm going to call it now. We're going to win Dover," Hamlin said last week on "Actions Detrimental." "Got it? Got it."
"Hopefully some listeners of 'Actions Detrimental' maybe cashed in today," Hamlin said.
Hamlin led 136 of the 400 laps and won at Dover for the second time in his career.
Perhaps fittingly, the Babe wore No. 3 for the New York Yankees — and there was Hamlin and the rest of his No. 11 team flashing three fingers in tribute to the team's third win of the season.
Hamlin's three wins tie him with William Byron for most this season in the series. Hamlin also picked up his 54th career Cup win, all with Joe Gibbs Racing. He's tied with Lee Petty for 12th on the career Cup list.
"I couldn't hold Lee Petty's helmet," Hamlin said.

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East Division

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Great Lakes	14	07	.667	—
Lake County	11	09	.550	2½
Lansing	10	11	.476	4
Dayton	09	12	.429	5
Fort Wayne	08	12	.400	5½
West Michigan	08	13	.381	6

West Division

W	L	Pct.	GB	
Quad Cities	15	06	.714	—
Wisconsin	15	06	.714	—
Beloit	11	09	.550	3½
Cedar Rapids	10	10	.500	4½
Peoria	07	14	.333	8
South Bend	06	15	.286	9

Saturday's Games
Great Lakes 14, Fort Wayne 3
Lake County 8, West Michigan 1
Beloit 9, Cedar Rapids 4, 1st game, 8 innings
Cedar Rapids 8, Beloit 1, 2nd game
Quad Cities 12, South Bend 7
Dayton 5, Lansing 4
Wisconsin 14, Peoria 6
Sunday's Games
Lansing 10, Dayton 9
Great Lakes 8, Fort Wayne 3
Lake County 9, West Michigan 4
Beloit at Cedar Rapids, canceled
Quad Cities 8, South Bend 2
Wisconsin 14, Peoria 6
Monday's Games
No games scheduled
Tuesday's Games
Quad Cities at Beloit, 2:05 p.m.
South Bend at Lansing, 6:05 p.m.
Fort Wayne at Lake County, 6:35 p.m.
West Michigan at Dayton, 7:05 p.m.
Peoria at Cedar Rapids, 7:35 p.m.
Great Lakes at Wisconsin, 7:40 p.m.
Wednesday's Games
South Bend at Lansing, 11:05 a.m.
Fort Wayne at Lake County, 12:05 p.m.
Quad Cities at Beloit, 12:10 p.m.
Great Lakes at Wisconsin, 1:10 p.m.
West Michigan at Dayton, 7:05 p.m.
Peoria at Cedar Rapids, 7:35 p.m.

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Laughter and connection in the digital age

Dear Annie: The recent letter about giving children experiences instead of things really struck a chord. When the writer said, "One of the most beautiful sounds in the world is the laughter of a child. You can almost hear their brain enjoying life," it nearly brought me to tears.

I've been a "recess teacher" at the local primary school (kindergarten through fourth grade) for nearly 32 years. I've spent countless hours on the playground, watching and listening to those priceless little ones, and one of our favorite games is when I look at them real serious and say "Don't laugh!" Of course, we all start laughing.

I feel so blessed to have found my niche, and after all these years, there are now children coming through who I can tell, "I was your dad's (or mom's) recess teacher." — Laughter of Children

Dear Laughter: Your letter put a smile on my face. Thank you for sharing how grateful you feel getting to work with children. Laughter is the same in all languages. I hope that laughing doesn't end in childhood and that, as adults, we find lots of joy and laughter.

Dear Annie: I was very happy to receive a lovely bridal shower invitation in the mail this week.

Last year, I went to a total of four baby/wedding showers. Three of those invitations were sent via text,

one by email. I took umbrage by the impersonal, thoughtless manner in which they were sent. After all, I will be setting an afternoon aside from my schedule and spending \$50-\$100 on a gift.

Am I old-fashioned, or is this rude? — Annoyed by the Invites

Dear Annoyed: It is acceptable to send out a beautiful paperless post via email. A text message, less so. The invitation sets the tone of the shower.

If it is to be very casual, then a text could suffice, but if it is very over-the-top, then a paper invitation, or a very nice paperless post, is better. What is rude is not saying "thank you" for your gifts. Showing gratitude to your guests is always in style.

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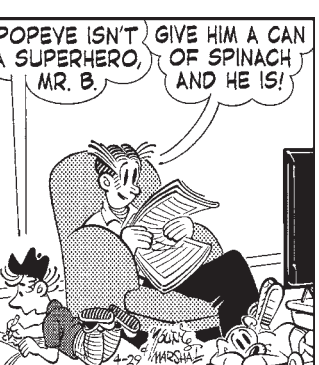
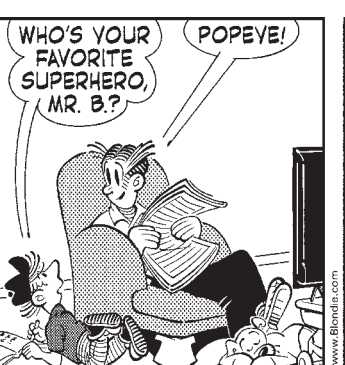
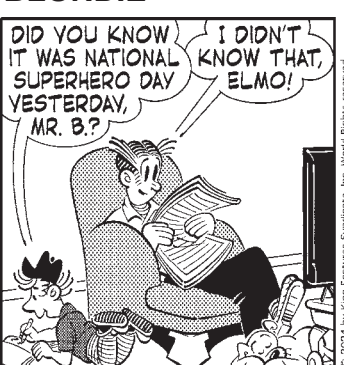
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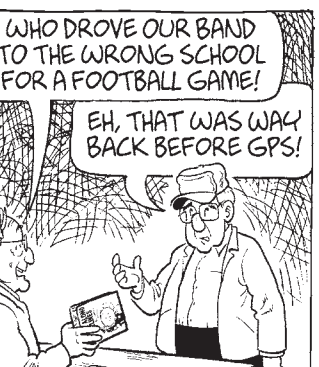
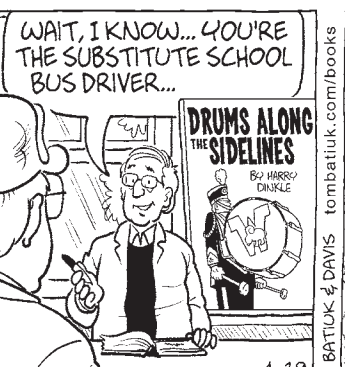
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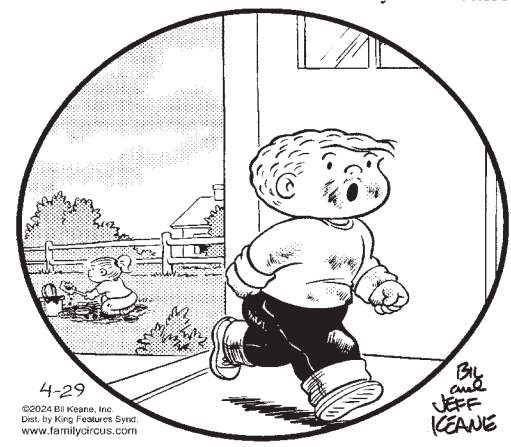
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THE FAMILY CIRCUS

By Bil Keane

The LOCKHORNS



My Answer

By Dr. Billy Graham



No one is beyond the reach of God

Question: My doctoral thesis looks at narcissism as a mental disorder, elaborating on celebrities in all fields of industry who successfully turned away from its trappings. Is there an example of a great man or woman in the Bible who walked away from the trappings of celebrity? — C.S.

Answer: "By faith Moses ... refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter, choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God than to enjoy the passing pleasures of sin" (Hebrews 11:24-25, NKJV).

The culture has had much success in infiltrating people's minds by centering thoughts on themselves. The Bible is filled with testimo-

nies of those who, by God's grace, were victorious over Satan's power. No one is beyond the reach of God.

Hebrews 11 is often referred to as one of the Bible's great chapters. Some call it "The Bible's Hall of Fame." Noah and Abraham come to mind from the Old Testament. Only Noah and his family survived the great flood. Abraham was brought into an unknown land and became the father to many nations by the power of God. These men were faithful to God through obedience, and they had faith in Almighty God.

The Apostle Paul was nearly shipwrecked, stoned and left for dead, but the Lord raised him up. The Apostle Peter, imprisoned for preach-

ing the Gospel, was rescued by an angel. His chains fell off and an angel escorted him out of prison. Peter remembered how Jesus saved him from being buried at sea when he took his eyes off the Lord on that miracle walk on the water.

Why did these men remain faithful? Because their faith was in God and His promises — not in their feelings or accomplishments. If our faith is merely built on our feelings, we will also sink. "If anyone thinks himself to be something ... he deceives himself" (Galatians 6:3, NKJV).

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

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Table with columns for time slots (4:29 to 12:30) and various TV channels (WINM, CBS, Antenna, ABC, NBC, etc.) listing programs and their details.

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

Crossword puzzle grid with clues for Across and Down words. Includes a solution time of 21 mins. and Saturday's answer 4-29.

Grid for Saturday's crossword puzzle answer 4-29, showing numbers 1 through 59.

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3	7		4					

Difficulty: ★

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- Saturday's Drawings HOOSIER LOTTERY**
Cash 5 — 24-31-34-37-40
- Cash4Life — 05-07-28-44-52, Cash Ball: 01
- Lotto Plus — 03-07-12-27-32-45
- Quick Draw Midday — 01-06-07-08-18-20-47-49-53-56-57-64-66-69-71-74-75-76-78-79, BE: 64
- Daily Three-Midday — 02-08-04, SB: 03
- Daily Three-Evening — 07-09-00, SB: 01
- Daily Four-Midday — 02-00-01-04, SB: 03
- Daily Four-Evening — 07-01-04-03, SB: 01
- Quick Draw Evening — 06-13-14-19-22-32-33-35-36-40-41-44-45-51-52-55-62-64-69-74, BE: 22
- Hoosier Lotto — 01-12-19-28-38-43
- POWERBALL**
09-30-53-55-62; Powerball: 23; Power Play: 3X

Sunday's Drawings HOOSIER LOTTERY

- Cash 5 — 01-26-36-42-43
- Cash4Life — 02-21-32-49-52, Cash Ball: 02
- Quick Draw Midday — 03-09-16-17-18-20-23-26-27-28-31-34-43-45-48-54-62-64-79-80, BE: 20
- Daily Three-Midday — 08-07-04, SB: 01
- Daily Three-Evening — 02-01-07, SB: 08
- Daily Four-Midday — 06-09-07-06, SB: 01
- Daily Four-Evening — 08-09-06-01, SB: 08
- Quick Draw Evening — 05-06-07-13-18-22-23-30-33-34-53-58-62-63-66-68-71-72-76-77, BE: 53
- Hoosier Lotto — Estimated jackpot (for Wednesday): \$11.3 million
- MEGA MILLIONS**
Estimated jackpot (for Tuesday): \$257 million
- POWERBALL**
Estimated jackpot (for Wednesday): \$164 million

SUDOKU ANSWER

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