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## Bluffton farmer to present winning milk bottle at Indy 500

By HOLLY GASKILL

Bluffton's own Neu-Hope Dairy will present the coveted milk bottle to the winner of the Indianapolis 500 this Sunday.

Alex Neuenschwander, a fourth-generation dairy farmer, was chosen by the American Dairy Association of Indiana for the honor three years ago. He started as a "rookie-elect," and then as a rookie last year, handing off a milk bottle to the chief mechanic and team owner. He'll capstone the experience on Sunday with the winning driver in victory lane.

The Indy 500 is well-known for its many traditions in the racing world, including the winner's wreath and singing of "Back Home Again In Indiana", but the winning milk bottle has become one of the most famous. It dates back to 1936 when driver Louis Meyer was photographed drinking buttermilk after winning the race.

Now, the drivers can put in their pick of either skim, 2% or whole milk before the race. The milk itself is actually sourced locally in Indianapolis and is kept away for

the presentation.

"We'll have a couple interviews (where we'll be carrying around the milk cooler — it's just not actually like the actual one. That's away and locked up," Neuenschwander said. "But people love it. They take pictures with us and the milk."

It's particularly special for Neuenschwander to be part of the tradition, having grown up watching the Indy 500 with his grandfather, Don Gerber. His grandfather loved the race and fostered that in the rest of the family. Neuenschwander laughed, "My grandpa loved it so much he would even be out in the parking lot listening to it on the radio over church."

In 2008, Neuenschwander continued the family business by starting Neu-Hope Dairy on County Road 500 East, south of State Road 124 in Bluffton. However, it wasn't until Neuenschwander had attended the Indy 500 with his sons a few years ago that he tossed his hat into the ring for the job.

"(My sons were), 'This is awesome, Dad — if you can be that person up there



Alex Neuenschwander, owner of Neu-Hope Dairy in Bluffton, will be presenting Sunday's winner of the Indianapolis 500 with a bottle of milk, as per the race's tradition. (Photo by Holly Gaskill)

doing that, that'd be really cool," he recalled. "And I said, 'Yeah, I probably could.' So actually, my son asked the CEO of the American Dairy Association, 'Hey, wouldn't it be cool if my dad could do that?' And she said, 'Yes, it would be.'"

Neuenschwander was selected by the association committee that next year.

Thinking back to watching the race as a kid, Neuenschwander thinks his grandpa

would be "rolling in his grave," — in a positive sense — to know the farm was being honored in such a national way. "I don't even know what he would do (if he knew)," Neuenschwander said with a smile. "He always had a weak heart, so he probably would have a heart attack ... He would be super proud."

While a high honor, it's not without its responsibilities. Since being selected,

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## Carrying a legacy

141 students graduate in Bluffton High School Class of 2024

By HOLLY GASKILL

On Friday night, 141 Bluffton High School seniors sat together in the Tiger Den one last time for graduation. Walking out as graduates, they entered a new chapter of their lives, carrying on the legacy of all the BHS graduates before them.

As a reminder, Principal Steve Baker invited three school alumni to present their words of wisdom to the students.

The first was Kevin Daily, a 2004 graduate, who read from an article he had written about his classmates 20 years earlier: "As we leave this stage of our lives, we take memories, lessons and experiences that will mold the rest of our lives. On our paths of life, we will take many different routes to fulfill our purpose. We will find that purpose in serving something higher than ourselves or in serving others. That is where our joy will lie. Wherever you find purpose, pursue it with your whole heart, mind and soul. And then, make it a great life or not — the choice is yours."

The second was 1963 graduate Jerry Murray, reading from "12 Choices for the Graduate ... from a wise Janitor" by Todd Gongwer. He read: "Choose to embrace struggles — every trial you face is an opportunity for growth. Choose to exceed expectations — give your best, and opportunity will follow. Choose to grow — find good mentors, seek honest feedback and guard your heart. Your input affects your output."

The final guest, present only in spirit, was the first BHS Class of 1883. Baker had spoken about the first BHS graduates when the class committed to graduate high school as freshmen, and on Friday, reminded them of all the many things those first graduates went on to accomplish.

Baker then presented each student with a key representing the key to the door, that reportedly over 11,400 other BHS graduates have walked through.

"You have been handed a legacy that started 141 years ago," Baker said. "It is now your responsibility to continue that legacy of tradition and excellence for generations to come. Take this key as you create your own legacy. How do you want to be remembered 20, 61 or 142 years from now?"

This year, the graduating class sports co-valedictorians, Claire Craighead and Connor Collins.

In her address, Craighead drew from her faith to

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Principal Steve Baker invited two school alumni to share with the Bluffton High School Class of 2024 — Kevin Daily ('04), at right, and Jerry Murray ('63), far right. **Additional photos on Page 10.** (Photos by Holly Gaskill)

## Four sentenced in Wells County predator catcher cases

By SYDNEY KENT

If recent cases are any indication, those caught attempting to solicit a child for sex in predator catcher stings in Wells County will result in three years in prison. That is, for those without a prior criminal conviction.

Patrick Langland, 52, Lincoln

Park, Michigan, was the most recent subject slated for sentencing for the now-standard Level 4 felony for child exploitation. Langland was sentenced to six years in prison with three years suspended, and a period of probation.

The charge originates from a sting, arranged by the nonprofit

Predator Catchers Indianapolis. A member of the group poses as a decoy. The decoy's age is typically a 12-14 year old girl. A "meet-up" is arranged at a local business if the subject engaging with the decoy begins to solicit the alleged child for sex. When the perpetrator arrives, so does local law enforce-

ment. According to a probable cause affidavit, Langland drove two and a half hours to meet who he believed to be a child at Pizza Hut, located in Bluffton.

As the narrative goes, PCI handed local law enforcement a binder containing incriminat-

ing screenshots of Langland's conversations with the decoy. He has remained incarcerated at the Wells County Jail since his arrest on Aug. 12, for which he received a 277-day jail credit for his time awaiting disposition of the case.

Jill Sweeney, 46, Elise,

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**Outside**

Small chance of showers, mainly sunny and warm

Today	Sunday	Monday
High 79	High 81	High 73
Low 53	Low 63	Low 55

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# Bluffton farmer

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Neuenschwander has done numerous interviews with the media about the tradition, honor, and representing the American Dairy Association. This weekend, Neuenschwander traveled to Indianapolis on Friday, participated in the Saturday parade, and will do more interviews on Sunday morning before the race.

Neuenschwander said the dairy association prepared him for all the attention, but it's still been a bit overwhelming. He said the crowd went wild for the dairy farmers last year during the parade, which took him off-guard. He jokingly noted that while he's more prepared this time around, he also knows what to be more nervous about.

That said, there's one moment he's definitely looking forward to.

"Last year, the guy ... went up and gave it to (the winner), gave him a big hug — and it was dead quiet up until that point,"



Neu-Hope Dairy is located on County Road 500 East in Bluffton, south of State Road 124. (Photo by Holly Gaskill)

Neuenschwander said. "As soon as he took that milk and started drinking it, the whole circle just erupted ... it just exploded, everybody was screaming."

Neuenschwander is also, of course, looking forward to the race itself. He and his wife, Shauna, will watch

from a suite, but Neuenschwander plans to spend the time in the stands.

But most of all, it's been a great experience to represent his local farm, Bluffton, and all of Wells County.

"It's exciting to represent us, but then on a bigger level, I love this com-

munity," Neuenschwander said. "We have an amazing community here in Bluffton, Wells County. I love representing this area as well. And I tell that everywhere I go, 'Hey, I'm from an amazing community there in Bluffton.'"

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# Closures listed for Memorial Day holiday

Memorial Day on Monday brings with it a host of closures.

The offices of the City of Bluffton and Wells County governments will be closed. The Ossian and Bluffton locations of the Wells County Public Library are closed Saturday, May 25, and Monday, May 27.

There is no mail delivery and The News-Banner does not publish Monday. The office will not be open. Normal publication and office hours will resume Tuesday.

# Weather

Saturday, May 25, 2024

(24-hour observations at 11:16 p.m. Friday)

High: 85; Low: 59; Precipitation: 0.36 inches

Wabash River Level (at the Main Street bridge): 1.86 feet at 8:45 p.m. Friday

# Wells County forecast

**Today:** A 30% chance of showers and thunderstorms, mainly before 9 a.m. Mostly sunny, with a high near 79. Southwest wind around 10 mph.

**Tonight:** Mostly clear, with a low around 53. North wind around 5 mph becoming calm in the evening.

**Sunday:** A slight chance of showers and thunderstorms before 2 p.m., then showers likely and possibly a thunderstorm between 2 p.m. and 5 p.m., then showers and thunderstorms likely after 5 p.m. Partly sunny, with a high near 81. South wind 10 to 15 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph. Chance of precipitation is 70%. New rainfall amounts between a quarter and half of an inch possible.

**Sunday Night:** Showers and thunderstorms likely before 8 p.m., then showers and possibly a thunderstorm between 8 p.m. and 2 a.m., then a chance of showers and thunderstorms after 2 a.m. Low around 63. Southwest wind around 15 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph. Chance of precipitation is 90%. New rainfall amounts between three quarters and one inch possible.

**Memorial Day:** A chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly sunny, with a high near 73. Chance of precipitation is 40%.

**Monday Night:** A slight chance of showers before 8 p.m., then a slight chance of showers and thunderstorms between 8 p.m. and 2 a.m., then a slight chance of showers after 2 a.m. Partly cloudy, with a low around 55. Chance of precipitation is 20%.

**Tuesday:** A 30% chance of showers and thunderstorms after 2 p.m. Sunny, with a high near 72.

**Tuesday Night:** A 30% chance of showers and thunderstorms, mainly before 8 p.m. Partly cloudy, with a low around 50.

**Wednesday:** A 20% chance of showers after 8 a.m. Mostly sunny, with a high near 68.

**Wednesday Night:** Partly cloudy, with a low around 47.

**Thursday:** Sunny, with a high near 73.

**Thursday Night:** Mostly clear, with a low around 50.

**Friday:** Sunny, with a high near 79.



# Bluffton High School Class of 2024

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address her peers, citing Proverbs 3:3-6 as guidance for their next steps in life. Like the verses instruct, she invited the class to choose love in their interactions with others and trust God would guide them into this next journey.

She concluded, "I would like to thank you all for being here to support the Class of 2024, and I wish you leave here with the drive to have love, faith and trust. My hope is that each of you will feel valuable and confident in your God-given purpose."

Collins reminded his classmates of a phrase from a boys' golf coach — "GMOB." The acronym stands for "get my opportunity back," referring to the work needed after shanking a putt in the wrong direction.

"You simply need to shake off that last disappointing shot and focus on the next one ahead," Collins said. "The Class of 2024, I present a challenge to you — when an opportunity slips away from your fingertips, that next day, get back out there and look for another opportunity to strive for."

Collins likened life to a rollercoaster, consisting of thrill-seeking highs, valleys and falls, and a continual climb. "This rollercoaster at Bluffton High School has come to a stop," he said. "Now it is time for each of us to venture to the next ride of our lives. May you look forward to that next incline and enjoy the view."

The class's motto is from Albert Einstein: "Learn from yesterday, live for today,



Jordan Troyer looks towards the stage after turning his tassel. (Photo by Holly Gaskill)

dream for tomorrow." Their class song is "Where'd All

the Time Go" by Dr. Dog.

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# UN court orders Israel to halt military offensive in Rafah, though Israel is unlikely to comply

THE HAGUE, Netherlands (AP) — The United Nations' top court ordered Israel on Friday to immediately halt its military offensive in the southern Gaza city of Rafah, but stopped short of ordering a cease-fire for the enclave. Although Israel is unlikely to comply with the order, it will ratchet up the pressure on the increasingly isolated country.

Criticism of Israel's conduct in the war in Gaza has been growing, particularly since it turned its focus to Rafah. This week alone, three European countries announced they would recognize a Palestinian state, and the chief prosecutor for another international court requested arrest warrants for Israeli leaders, along with Hamas officials.

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu is also under some pressure at home to end the war, which was triggered when Hamas-led militants stormed into Israel, killing 1,200 people, most civilians, and taking roughly 250 hostage. Thousands of Israelis have joined weekly demonstrations calling on the government to reach a deal to bring the hostages home, fearing time is running out.

"The charges of genocide brought

by South Africa against Israel at the International Court of Justice in the Hague are false, outrageous and morally repugnant," Netanyahu's government said in response to the ruling, maintaining its position that the military hasn't and won't target civilians.

South Africa was able to bring its case because it and Israel are signatories to the U.N.'s Genocide Convention, which includes a clause allowing the court to settle disputes over it.

Although the ruling is a blow to Israel's international standing, the court doesn't have a police force to enforce its orders. In another case on its docket, Russia has ignored the court's 2022 order to halt its full-scale invasion of Ukraine.

The sharply focused decision sent a three-pronged message to Israel, ordering a halt to the Rafah offensive, access to Gaza for war crimes investigators, and a big and immediate increase of humanitarian aid to the region, parts of which are enduring famine.

Rafah is in the southernmost part of the Gaza Strip, on the border with Egypt, and over 1 million people sought refuge there in recent months after fleeing fighting elsewhere, with

many of them living in teeming tent camps. Israel has been vowing for months to invade Rafah, saying it was Hamas' last major stronghold, even as several allies warned that an all-out assault would spell disaster.

Israel started issuing evacuation orders about two weeks ago as it began operations on the edge of the city. Since then, the army says an estimated 1 million people have left as forces press deeper inside.

Rafah is also home to a critical crossing for aid, and the U.N. says the flow of aid reaching it has plunged since the incursion began, though commercial trucking has continued to enter Gaza.

The court ordered Israel to keep the Rafah crossing open, saying "the humanitarian situation is now to be characterized as disastrous."

"This legally binding and very specific ruling leaves Israel with very little wiggle room," said Reed Brody, a veteran human rights lawyer and prosecutor.

Benny Gantz, a popular centrist member of Netanyahu's war cabinet, appeared to indicate that Israel would not change its course regarding Rafah.

# Four sentenced

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Michigan, was the first woman to be charged with the crime in the county. Sweeney's sentence is an exact copy of Langland's, with one caveat. She was recommended for the Sex Offender Management and Monitoring Program in prison. With this, Sweeney has the opportunity for an ever shorter sentence upon completion of the program.


The act of traveling across state lines has been cited as an aggravating factor in multiple cases. However, it is unclear how much weight this holds at sentencing. For example, Ronald Comer, a 50-year-old Wells County resident, received the same sentence of six

years in prison with three years suspended. Comer also did not have a prior criminal conviction of child abuse.


Austin T.W. Phillips, 43, Bluffton, was caught by PCI in Bluffton while out on bond for the same crime in Grant County. He also received a sentence of six years in prison with three years suspended. Phillips' other case is pending with a jury trial slated to begin on July 9.

One subject with a significant criminal history including child molesting and possession of child pornography received a habitual offender enhancement, which resulted in a 26-year prison sentence.


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OBITUARIES

Shelby Jean Evans, 63

Shelby Jean Evans, 63, of Bluffton, passed away Thursday evening, May 23, 2024, at her residence in Bluffton, surrounded by her loving family.

Shelby was born on Sept. 28, 1960 in Fort Wayne, to James Wayne and Nancy G. (Turnbow) Chandler. She graduated from Elmhurst High School in 1979.

She worked as an associate for L.S. Ayres and JCPenney. She was a CNA at Miller's Merry Manor, a QMA for American Nursing, and retired from the Norwell High School cafeteria.

On Sept. 10, 1983, Shelby and Burk Evans were married at Holy Cross in Fort Wayne. They shared 40 years of marriage together.

Survivors include her husband, Burk, of Bluffton; her children, Tara Jean (Matthew) Hattery of Cumming, Ga., Jerod Wade (Kaitlin) Evans and Megan Shelby (Tyler) Morrow, all of Ossian; along with eight grandchildren who lovingly called her "MaMaw", Arianna Callantine, Shyan-



na Morrow, Kade Sarrazin, Kinsey Evans, Ollie Hattery, Sutton Evans, Waylon Evans and Burkley Morrow. She is also survived by her stepmother, Ruth Ann Chandler of Ossian; along with her siblings, Rebecca (Marshal) Kunderd, of Fort Wayne, Scott (Jeni) Chandler, of Huntington and Stephanie (Drew) Sauers, of Columbia City.

She is preceded in death by her parents James and Nancy; and her brothers, Stephen DeWayne Chandler, James Michael Chandler and Wayne Edward Chandler.

Per Shelby's request, no formal services will be held.

Memorial may be made to Cancer Services and directed to the funeral home.

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 Evans family at www.thomarich.com.

Bluffton Parks & Rec News & Notes



By Brandy Fiechter

Destination Recreation

Yay! We made it to summer. Splash pads are now up and running at Roush Park (925 W Silver) and Pickett's Run Park (304 E Washington) from 11 a.m.-7 p.m. Hours at the Wells Community Pool are 1-6 p.m. every day, weather permitting. You can now begin calling for private swim lessons by dialing 824-1550. Be sure to follow the Wells Community Pool on Facebook for weather-related updates. We hope to see you today on our opening day.

We are just a few weeks away from our first set of **Kehoe Concerts**. In last week's article, we talked about Bayou County, a CCR Tribute band coming June 7, so this week, we want to highlight our second concert.

Mellencougar is the only tribute to John Mellencamp that has featured members of John's actual band. Mellencougar is made up of musicians from the Midwest who have an appreciation for the danceable poetry of John Mellencamp.

Join us for a free concert on Friday, June 14, at Kehoe Park from 8-10 p.m. Bring your lawn chair and a few dollars to purchase something from the onsite food trucks Kenzie's Cones and Big Dipper or for drinks from 2 Pour Guys. (ID required)

Special thanks to Title Sponsors Wells County Foundation and ProFed Federal Credit Union. If needed, Bluffton High School, #1 Tiger Trail, will be the rain site.

We are happy to announce that Bluffton-Harrison MSD will continue bringing its summer meal program to Roush Park again this year. Join them for a **Picnic in the Park** on weekdays from June 3-July 26 (closed July 4-5). Thanks to a federally funded program, meals are free to children of any school district age 18 and under and must be eaten on sight. Adults

who want to purchase a meal can do so for \$3.40. Make sure you thank the kind cafeteria staff at Bluffton for working this summer to provide good nutrition for our community's children.

Our popular **Foam Party** is scheduled for June 12, from 2:00-3:00 p.m. at Pickett's Run. Bring a towel and wear your swimsuit to the Splash Pad on the corner of Washington and Bennett Street to play in huge piles of bubbly foam. This is a FREE drop-in event. Children will be invited into the foam by age groups, starting with the smallest visitors.

There is still time to sign up for the **Summer Miles Challenge**. Choose your challenge and complete your miles between June 1-Aug. 31. You can walk or run 100 miles, bike 250 miles, OR bike 500 miles.

Everyone gets a challenge t-shirt and a medal for completing their miles and joins our Strava group to track their miles automatically. Sign up online at <https://tinyurl.com/yzexj7he>.

Now that the weather is nice, we have sold many more K-9 Kommon's Dog Park keys. To buy one for your furry family members, stop by the Parks Department office on the 2nd floor of City Hall (128 E Market). The cost is only \$25 and covers all the dogs in your household. Membership runs Jan.-Dec. each year. You must provide verification that your dog has current vaccinations and parasite preventative. The dog park is located at 805 W Market Street.

Don't forget that a four-page list of all summer Parks Department events can be found at <https://tinyurl.com/5dntuk9b>.

Wishing you a beautiful Memorial weekend as we honor all our veterans. May we never forget that freedom isn't free.

Have a great week!

Local Roundup

Bluffton Board of Works to meet Tuesday afternoon

The Bluffton Board of Public Works and Safety will meet at 4:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 28, in the Council Chambers on the second floor of City Hall, 128 E. Market St.

Items on the agenda include:

- Nuisance dog update.
- Request from Animal Shelter.
- Lancaster Park updates.
- Financial matters.

Norwell school board will hold executive session

The board of the Norwell Community Schools will have an executive session at 4:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 28, at Norwell High School, 1100E. U.S. 224.

The purpose of the session was stated as: for discussion of the assessment, design, and implementation of school safety and security measures, plans, and systems.

Norwell school board will meet Tuesday evening

The board of the Norwell Community

Schools will meet at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 28, at Norwell High School, 1100E. U.S. 224.

Items on the agenda include:

- Updates regarding the Norwell Middle School Preparing for College and Careers Lab, Bridges Learning Program and On My Way Pre-K Approval.
- Personnel and financial matters.
- Discussion of the student handbook and extracurricular activities code of conduct.
- Renewal of school contracts for food service and the resource officer.
- Declaration of no-value items.

Wells County BZA will meet Tuesday evening

The Wells County Board of Zoning Appeals will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday, May 28, in Room 214 on the ground floor of the Wells Carnegie Government Annex, 223 W. Washington St. in Bluffton.

Items on the agenda include:

- A request from James Klopfenstein and Debra L. Klopfenstein to reduce side yard setback from 20 ft. to 4 ft. for a new home at 2855N 450E in Craigville.

Holcomb, Eli Lilly announce additional \$5.3 billion investment in LEAP

By NIKI KELLY  
Indiana Capital Chronicle

Gov. Eric Holcomb joined Eli Lilly and company Chair and CEO David A. Ricks Friday to announce Lilly's plans to more than double its investment at the LEAP Research and Innovation District in Lebanon.

The new \$5.3 billion expansion brings Lilly's total LEAP investment to \$9 billion and will enhance the company's capacity to manufacture active pharmaceutical ingredients for its latest type 2 diabetes and obesity medicines, a news release said.

"Lilly continues to play a transformational role in shaping Indiana's opportunity economy, and I couldn't be more proud about their pole position leadership in developing the LEAP Research and Innovation District in Lebanon, Indiana. Lilly has long been driving global innovation and economic growth that will be felt for decades here at home," Holcomb said. "As an international company, headquartered in Indiana, Lilly had a world of options to consider before making this investment, and choosing Indiana once again reinforces the incredible environment we've cultivated and the talented workforce we have to carry Lilly's success forward. I can't wait to see the incredible benefits this investment leads to for patients around the world, knowing they were made in Indiana."

In addition to the new, multi-billion-dollar

investment, Lilly also committed to create another 200 new, full-time jobs for highly skilled workers, such as engineers, scientists, operating personnel and lab technicians, bringing the company's total planned new jobs at LEAP to 900.

"Today's announcement tops the largest manufacturing investment in our company's history and, we believe, represents the single largest investment in synthetic medicine API manufacturing in U.S. history," said Ricks. "This multi-site campus will make our latest medicines, support pipeline growth and leverage the latest technology and automation for maximum efficiency, safety and quality control. Importantly, we are investing in our home state of Indiana, creating high-wage, advanced manufacturing, engineering and science jobs for hundreds of current and future Hoosier families."

The LEAP district in Lebanon has been fraught with controversy as the Indiana Economic Development Corporation has bought up thousands of acres of land at prices exceeding assessed value. A plan to possibly pipe in millions of gallons of water from Tippecanoe County also stirred controversy. So far, Lilly remains the only company publicly committed to LEAP.

Since breaking ground at LEAP in April 2023, Lilly has transformed a significant portion of its 600 acres at the site into an active construction site and expects to begin making medicines there in late 2026.

State announces \$100M growth-stage fund as Global Economic Summit starts

By LESLIE BONILLA MUÑIZ  
Indiana Capital Chronicle

Startups, rejoice. The state of Indiana and a local venture capital company plan to launch a \$100 million venture capital fund targeted toward growth-stage firms, officials announced Thursday. The announcement came minutes after Indiana Gov. Eric Holcomb opened the state's second Global Economic Summit.

Indiana under Holcomb dedicated \$250 million to start-ups in 2017. But officials said there was still a gap.

"Now, in addition to being able to help cultivate and foster the growth from a start-up, now Indiana will continue to be able to play a key role in having that innovation go from ... one stage to the next," Holcomb said.

"This is filling that void that's been there," he added.

Elevate Ventures CEO Christopher Day indicated the fund was a long-held goal.

"In the state of Indiana, we have never had a growth-stage fund. I've been dreaming about this literally for 16 years," he said.

Day said he believed Indiana could be the "innovation capital of the world," highlighting the state's infrastructure, talent, cost of

living and other key factors.

Elevate Ventures will anchor the fund with a \$25 million commitment from its returns, according to a news release. The company plans to raise an additional \$75 million through the private market.

It plans to begin forming the fund late in the second quarter — which stretches from April to June — and make its first investments in 2025, per the news release.

Most of the investments will be in fast series A start-ups, or Series B and beyond, Day said. That's generally companies with \$7-\$8 million or more in revenue, he added. They'd use the funds to scale product development, marketing and sales.

**More deals close**

Holcomb also joined Purdue University President Mung Chiang and Elanco CEO Jeff Summins Thursday afternoon to announce a new OneHealth Innovation District in Indianapolis.

Greenfield-based Elanco, an animal health firm, is building a new headquarters on the former GM stamping plant site located near downtown, on the White River's west bank.

The sprawling plant closed in 2011. After demolition, the site — which required environmental remediation — lay vacant

for years. A previous proposal to redevelop the property died and a legal fight ensued, according to the Indianapolis Star.

Elanco's new headquarters would now be accompanied by a shared-use research facility with space for offices, wet labs and incubators.

"The research facility will propel the state's vision to anchor our regional technology hub as a key addition to the One Health Innovation District aimed at accelerating collaborative innovation in our life sciences," Holcomb said in a news release. "The partnership marks a rare and noteworthy move wherein a global health company, a university and a government come together with a shared vision. The district will create an ecosystem that is focused on talent, applied research and innovation that can be sustained for generations to come."

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2 CORINTHIANS 5:12-21 SATURDAY | MAY 25

We are therefore Christ's ambassadors... We implore you on Christ's behalf: Be reconciled to God. [2 CORINTHIANS 5:20]

TELL THEM WHAT GOD DID

My college friend Bill Tobias has served as a missionary on a Pacific island for many years. He tells the story about a young man who left his hometown to seek his fortune. But a friend took him to church where he heard the good news Jesus offers, and he trusted Christ as his Savior.

The young man wanted to take the gospel to his people who were "steeped in sorcery," so he looked for a missionary to reach them. But the missionary told him to simply "go tell them what God did for you" (SEE MARK 5:19). And that's what he did. Several people in his hometown received Jesus, but the biggest breakthrough came when the town's witch doctor realized that Christ was "the way and the truth and the life" (JOHN 14:6). After he put his faith in Jesus, he told the whole town about Him. Within four years, the witness of one young man had led to the establishment of seven churches in the region.

In 2 Corinthians, Paul sets forth a clear plan for introducing the gospel to those who don't yet know Christ—and it aligns with what that missionary told the young believer in Jesus. We are to be "Christ's ambassadors"—His representatives "as though God were making his appeal through us" (5:20). Every believer has a unique story to tell of how Jesus made them "a new creation... who reconciled them to God (VV. 17-18 NASB). Let's tell others what He's done for us.

DAVE BRANON

What does salvation in Jesus mean to you?

How can you be better prepared to share your story with others?

Dear God, please help me share my faith story with others.

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## 'Earn this ... earn it.'

A year ago, after writing a story about a local family's loss, my intent had been to make that an annual project: Identify a local soldier who had lost his life in defense of our country and tell his story — hopefully with the help of some surviving family members — on Memorial Day weekend.

### Saturday's Sub

However, life sometimes gets in the way. I could blame it on property taxes, but those seem trivial in relation to what these soldiers and their families experienced. Perhaps next year.

Realizing too late that I had not enough time to do that, Plan B had been to expand on some thoughts I'd had regarding how we should approach this summer-opening holiday weekend, but thankfully I found two essays that do a much better job.

I wonder if it can be a coincidence that both Nate Lamar and George Will built their observations around those who sacrificed during World War II. "Saving Private Ryan" has become a Memorial Day evening tradition; I recently finished watching the "Band of Brothers" series and am just beginning "Masters of the Air."

Of all those, I can think of no better instructions on how to properly honor these men and women than with the admonition given by Tom Hanks' character, Capt. John Miller, to Matt Damon's Private James Francis Ryan: "Earn this."

Have I properly honored them this past year? Am I earning it?

— Mark Miller

## On this 80th anniversary of D-Day ...

June 6 will mark the 80th anniversary of the Allies' D-Day invasion of France during World War II. As many years as it has been, most of us here today are familiar with D-Day only through Hollywood, whether it be the film, "Saving Private Ryan," or the HBO miniseries, "Band of Brothers."

Two years ago, following a trade show in Paris, I was fortunate to take a few vacation days, rented a car, and drove to the far northwest of France to visit Pierrick Benoist, an exchange student in our home my senior year at Hagerstown High School. He and his wife, Marie-Cecile, live in a 200 year-old home on the Atlantic coast near the border between France's historic regions of Brittany and Normandy.

While visiting them, Pierrick took me to the Brittany-American cemetery, where he has "adopted," by periodically decorating, the graves of two Indiana soldiers who are buried there. When we went there, he took flowers from his garden, along with the U.S. and Indiana flags for each grave.

The day before D-Day, General Dwight Eisenhower sent his Order of the Day which began, "Soldiers, Sailors, and Airmen of the Allied Expeditionary Force! You are about to embark upon the Great Crusade, toward which we have striven these many months. The eyes of the world are upon you."

The night before D-Day, 13,348 paratroopers of the 82nd and 101st Airborne Divisions of the U.S. Army, along with paratroopers from the British and Canadian armies, were dropped behind enemy lines in Normandy. This included soldiers of the 506th Parachute Infantry Regiment, whose E Company (or Easy Company) surviving members were interviewed throughout "Band of Brothers." The mission was to destroy as much as possible the German defenses on the high ground above the beaches.

Pierrick drove us into Normandy, where we first visited the town of Sainte-Mère-Église (meaning "Holy Mother Church" in French). While most Americans know of the June 6, 1944 D-Day landings on Omaha Beach and Utah Beach, fewer are familiar with what happened in this small town.

Thirty paratroopers from the 82nd Airborne Division landed in Sainte-Mère-Église. Private John Steele of the 505th Parachute Infantry Regiment jumped from his aircraft. His parachute got tangled in the pinnacle of the church tower. He pretended to be dead for two hours. But German soldiers eventually cut down his cords and took him prisoner. Four hours later, he escaped through a window and rejoined his regiment, which liberated the town. Today a replica of John Steele and his parachute hangs from the church! Thanks to his efforts, and those of other members of the 82nd "All-American" Airborne Division, Sainte-Mère-Église became the first town liberated after D-Day.

Pierrick then drove us to the Normandy American Cemetery. It sits peacefully atop the cliffs above Omaha Beach. On Omaha Beach, they have left some of the Germans' giant steel barricades, which made it even more difficult for Allied landing craft, not to mention the many exiting soldiers.

General Eisenhower ended his Order of the Day with, "And let us all beseech the blessing of Almighty God upon this great and noble undertaking."

We cannot fully appreciate what members of the Greatest Generation went through on D-Day, and elsewhere, to secure our freedom and that of so many others. On this Memorial Day, let's especially remember those we lost in World War II.

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## On Memorial Day, let's remember the price paid for what we have

Nevertheless they are heard ...

They say, Our deaths are not ours: they are yours: they will mean what you make them.

— Archibald MacLeish,

"The Young Dead Soldiers Do Not Speak" (1940)

This year, the most geopolitically ominous since World War II, do something that is, we should admit, rarely done on Memorial Day: remember.

Those who fly in or out of Reagan National Airport, across the Potomac from the nation's capital, are reminded, if only fleetingly. The more than 400,000 gleaming white headstones that, row on row, lace Arlington National Cemetery's green fields actually do speak. Their silent eloquence tells us what we usually forget to remember — the price paid for what we have.

Which includes the freedom to forget how menacing the world is becoming. And how fast dangers multiply, the more we forget.

From Flanders to the Philippines, the globe is girded with U.S. military cemeteries. The one above the Normandy beaches contains only one soldier who did not die during the Normandy campaign. In 1955, Quentin Roosevelt, killed while a World War I pilot, was reinterred next to his brother, Gen. Theodore Roosevelt Jr., who suffered a fatal heart attack in France five weeks after leading U.S. troops at Utah Beach.

As you read this, Navy vessels are underway, on and under the oceans in 22 of 24 time zones, often close to being in harm's way. To glimpse the demanding tempo of naval operations, read Mark Helprin's 2023 novel "The Oceans and the Stars: A Sea Story, a War Story, a Love Story." It, like Herman Wouk's "The Winds of War" and "War and Remembrance," is a celebration of the military virtues that the nation regularly decides have become dispensable anachronisms — until, suddenly, it cannot survive without them. Thus the importance of Helprin's many literary reminders of what he calls "the eternal presence of battle."

For Memorial Day viewing, try Apple TV Plus's new nine-episode "Masters of the Air." It is a worthy successor to the lacerating realism of the 1998 movie "Saving Private Ryan," and HBO's 10-part 2001 miniseries "Band of Brothers," about the actual experience of Easy Company of the 101st Airborne from Normandy to the Battle of the Bulge and beyond.

One wonders how many, if any, of today's cosseted young critics of Israel's conduct of its war to destroy



George Will

Hamas have even an inkling of what war inevitably involves. And what the Allied war aim of unconditional surrender of Germany and Japan meant for civilians in Hamburg, Dresden, Tokyo, Hiroshima and Nagasaki.

South Dakota Sen. George McGovern, who is buried in Washington's Rock Creek Cemetery, was eligible for burial nine miles away in Arlington. Two decades before he became a leading opponent of the Vietnam War, he flew 35 B-24 bomber missions over German-held territory in a war where U.S. bomber crews suffered higher casualties than did Marines on the Pacific islands. McGovern had standing to speak his mind about a war.

Arlington's Tomb of the Unknown Soldier received its first remains in 1921, on Armistice Day, as it was then generally known: Nov. 11. The unidentifiable soldier had been killed on the Western Front in what was called the Great War until a greater one arrived. Perhaps in 1921 it was presumed that this unknown soldier would be the only one in the Tomb. Then, on Memorial Day, 1958, it received two remains, from World War II and the Korean War. In 1984, an unknown from the Vietnam War was added, but his identity was later established. He was reburied in Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery in St. Louis, and the tomb's Vietnam crypt has been left empty, to honor the missing from that war.

Forty percent of those who died to prevent the nation from fracturing — the Union dead in the Civil War — were never identified. "Nevertheless," as Archibald MacLeish wrote of all young dead soldiers, "They are heard in the still houses ..."

Rick Atkinson — the nation's finest military historian, living or dead — has written of the 291,557 American lives lost in World War II combat: "Each death is as unique as a snowflake or a fingerprint. The most critical lesson for every American is to understand, viscerally, that this vast host died one by one by one; to understand in your bones that they died for you." Remember this, and also the mostly young military men and women who this day, as every day, are in peril on the sea, and under it, and elsewhere.

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## Two contrasting Congressional days

Last Friday in Washington there was evidence of why only 16 percent of the public approve of the job Congress is doing, according to a Gallup poll.

During a House Oversight Committee hearing on whether to hold Attorney General Merrick Garland in contempt of Congress for refusing to comply with a subpoena, several House members resorted to schoolyard taunts and raucous name-calling. Rep. Marjorie Taylor Greene (R-Ga.) started it by claiming to Rep. Jasmine Crockett (D-TX) couldn't see the resolution being discussed because "... your fake eyelashes are messing up what you're reading."

Crockett, who is Black, responded by calling Greene, who is white, a "racist." It went downhill from there.

Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez (D-NY) quickly joined the fight: "How dare you attack the physical appearance of another person," she shouted.

"Are your feelings hurt?" Greene asked facetiously.

"Oh girl, oh, baby girl, don't even play," Ocasio-Cortez shot back, leading Greene to say, "oh really, baby girl?"

Committee Chairman James Comer (R-KY) appeared flummoxed, as though he had no idea how to gain control of the situation.

Order was eventually restored. House Speaker Mike Johnson (R-LA) later issued a statement about the incident, saying he was disappointed by the name-calling and that

"it was not a good look for Congress." That's an understatement.

Sen. John Fetterman (D-PA) had the best response: "In the past, I've described the U.S. House as 'The Jerry Springer Show.' Today, I'm apologizing to 'The Jerry Springer Show.'"

Personal, even physical attacks, are not new in Congress. In the 19th century Rep. Preston Brooks (D-SC), a slaveholder, used his cane to beat unconscious fervent abolitionist Sen. Charles Sumner (R-MA), after Sumner had delivered an anti-slavery speech.

As the History Channel notes, members during this time "commonly carried knives and guns" on the floor. "There were more than 70 violent incidents between congressmen, writes Yale history professor Joanne B. Freeman in "The Field of Blood: Violence in Congress and the Road to the Civil War."

Fortunately, last Friday's name-calling didn't end in a physical confrontation.

Perhaps if those members had attended an event the day before in Statuary Hall they might have acquired some humility. The event was the unveiling of a statue honoring the late Evangelist Billy Graham. Speaker Johnson, North Carolina Governor Roy Cooper (a Democrat), and four other House members spoke. Graham's humility, his friendships with presidents and politicians of both parties and his faithfulness to the Gospel were mentioned. Speakers noted Graham boldly displayed leadership at the dawn of the civil

rights era, refusing to speak anywhere stadiums were not integrated and rejecting an invitation to visit South Africa, as long as apartheid existed. Graham was also a friend of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Graham told me that King said to him about confronting segregation: "You take the stadiums and I'll take the streets."

The event was in stark contrast to what followed on Friday. If people felt shame for anything they say or do these days, the Friday fiasco would qualify for a truckload of it dumped on the participants.

Many are crying out for civility and humility in our leaders, but they aren't getting it. That includes Donald Trump and Joe Biden, who engage in name-calling and put-downs of each other.

Where are the great orators, like Daniel Webster, Winston Churchill, Abraham Lincoln, Frederick Douglass, Franklin Roosevelt, John F. Kennedy, Martin Luther King Jr., Rep. Barbara Jordan, and many others who encouraged us to embrace the "better angels of our nature" instead of our worst devils?

Instead of members of Congress who shout others down, we need people who lift us up, overcoming evil talk with kind, encouraging and optimistic words.

You've probably seen Greene's deplorable behavior on television, as well as Crockett's and AOC's angry responses. If you missed the Graham statue dedication "live," you can watch it at C-SPAN.org. Note the difference between those two days and pray for (and demand from your representatives) better and more civil behavior.

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## A Joyful Noise ...

**STILL LEARNING**  
I graduated from high school 25 years ago, and I graduated from Ball State University 20 years ago, and I made the same mistake both times.

by Chet Baumgartner

Both times, I forgot I was ignorant. Without in any way dismissing the value of my classes at Bluffton High School and BSU (well, many of classes at Ball State), I confess that I graduated with the assumption that my future employers needed me more than I needed them.

Arguably, I could write strong leads; I could frame a picture based on strong composition principles; active and passive voices could be distinguished by me.

By God's grace, I could bless someone with this knowledge.

But I still needed wisdom, which recognizes how much those someone could bless and teach me — even if they hadn't officially learned as much as me.

Like the Apostle Paul, when he still went by Saul, I primarily defined myself and my value by my knowledge and so-called expertise, and I wanted first and foremost for people to recognize that knowledge — and, of course, my value.

And then one day, I took a walk down Damascus Road.

Specifically, my employer asked me to take a photo of a coworker, and I decided to employ a bird's-eye view, in which the photographer looks down on his subject.

Knowledge assured me that this perspective adds variety to the shot and makes the picture more memorable.

Wisdom, however, questioned if this perspective respectfully portrayed a man with more head than hair.

My employer, speaking on behalf of wisdom, gently encouraged me to try a different perspective, and the small sliver of humility in me agreed once I recognized his reasoning.

With some protest, I took the picture wisely, but to my shame, I resented it. My pride fumed that he had defied my knowledge — my expertise — and unlike the Apostle Paul, I didn't repent right away.

And I don't want the class of 2024 to make the same mistake. I want them to seek wisdom that harnesses knowledge — and tempers it too.

Fortunately, they don't need to endure yet another graduation speech promis-

ing that their generation will change the world (every generation does that ... for better or worse).

Instead, "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom, and the knowledge of the Holy One is understanding," King Solomon wrote in Proverbs 9:10.

And the Bible has much more to say about wisdom, and not just for graduates.

"But we preach Christ crucified, to the Jews a stumbling block and to the Greeks foolishness, but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. Because the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men" ~ 1 Corinthians 2:23-25

"Therefore I also, after I heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for all the saints, do not cease to give thanks for you, making mention of you in my prayers: that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give to you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him ..." ~ Ephesians 1:15-17

"Therefore whoever hears these sayings of Mine, and does them, I will liken him to a wise man who built his house on the rock: and the rain descended, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house; and it did not fall, for it was founded on the rock." ~ Matthew 7:24, 25

"So teach us to number our days, that we may gain a heart of wisdom." ~ Psalm 90:12

"But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality and without hypocrisy. Now the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace." ~ James 3:17, 18

"Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom, teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord. And whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him." ~ Colossians 3:16, 17

"Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God and keep His commandments, for this is man's all." ~ Ecclesiastes 12:13

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9 a.m. - Sunday School & Adult Bible study. 10 a.m. - Worship.

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9 a.m. - Worship.

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1100 S. SR 1  
9:30 - Sunday School.  
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9 a.m. - Worship, Worship child care nurse. 10 a.m. - Fellowship. 10:15 - Adult Sunday School.

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10 a.m. - Connection. 11 a.m. - Worship.

**ZANESVILLE COMMUNITY CHURCH OF GOD**  
11984 N. Marzane Rd.  
9 a.m. - Bible Class. 10 a.m. - Worship.

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9 a.m. - Worship. 10:30 - Sunday School.

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3092 W. Broadway  
9 a.m. - Sunday School. 10 a.m. - Worship.

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# Raiders strike 23 runs on Lions in sectional first round

By RYAN WALKER

GASTON — When it rains in baseball, it pours. For Liberty Christian, it was a complete downpour and then some.

Southern Wells (4-17) drilled the Lions (7-17) 23-1 in the first round of the baseball sectional hosted by Wes-Del High School. The offensive onslaught produced 14 runs in the third inning for the Raiders and a total of 18 hits for the game.

A win may have been expected, as the Raiders won 14-3 in the regular season meeting in early April, but one of that caliber was not.

When asked, head coach Evan Huffman couldn't believe the 14 runs in one inning occurrence Friday night.

"I've never been a part of one (high scoring inning like this), and definitely don't think I've ever seen one with that many hits," Huffman said after the game. "It's good to be on the offensive side of that one."

The game was practically done in four innings, as a giant blob of storm clouds hovered in the distance in left field and was heading toward Gaston. Southern Wells took the inning off and purposefully struck out, flailing at every pitch to speed up time. The umpires and coaches attempted to finish the fifth inning to have an officially completed game, but a gust of wind and a temperature drop forced the umpires to call the game completed before the bottom of the fourth inning. It's unknown if Liberty Christian forfeited the game or not.

The zero spot in the fifth for the Raiders wasn't the first, believe it or not. The team left the bases loaded and couldn't take advantage of a pair of errors by the Lions. By the second inning, the bats warmed up and turned red hot.

Caleb Johnson plated Case Boxell to score the first of the 23 runs. An error aided the second, and Jakob Gearheart hit a single to score the third. With the bases loaded, Robby Freimuth walked for the four-run lead.

Then, down came the rain on offense.

A short recap of the inning had RBI extra-base hits from Landon Johnson and Wyatt Yoder. Hits with RBI included Freimuth, Boxell and Caleb Johnson. Outside

of those runs, only three of the 14 were mistakes by the Lions, which means the Raiders earned every bit of it.

Huffman shared that he's been implementing a new strategy at the plate by simplifying the count and hunting for fastballs. Friday night, the Raiders smashed a lot of fastballs.

"We talked a lot about the last few weeks about ambushing fastballs and getting the counts where the fastball is favorable — 2-0 counts, 3-1 counts, even 0-0, we're looking to ambush fastballs," Huffman said. "They really adjusted to that approach. Tonight was just the best example that we've had, really getting in fastball counts and taking advantage of that."

Of the 18 hits, Both Johnson's, Freimuth and Yoder had three-hit games. Gearheart had two. Caleb Johnson drove in four runs, while Landon Johnson, Freimuth and Yoder had three.

With the win, the Raiders will take the weekend off games before returning to Wes-Del and facing the hosting school on Monday. The Warriors (12-10) might have an edge as the favorite to win the sectional but will have to face a Raiders' team that's red-hot at the plate, will be fresh with its best-starting pitchers and seeking revenge.

In the first game of the regular season, one game before playing Liberty Christian, Southern Wells fell 8-2 to Wes-Del, who at the time ranked fourth in 1A.

Now, 20 games later, Huffman's guys are chomping at the bit to get another crack at them.

"I think for the first time all year, they're more excited than I am to play a baseball game," Huffman said. "Last time, we left a few stones unturned as far as what we could have done and what we ended up doing, so I think if we show up and execute, we're going to have a good chance. The boys are riding a little bit of momentum for the first time this year. I hope that plays a factor in it."

The game will be at 5 p.m. Monday, May 27 with the championship game at 5 p.m. the same night. The other side of the bracket features Cowan and Tri-Central.

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## Runs, runs and more runs

The Southern Wells Raiders touched home plate 23 times in their 23-1 victory over Liberty Christian in the first round of the baseball sectional at Wes-Del High School. At top, the Wes-Del scoreboard shines after the top of the third inning, where the Raiders put up a "4," but was actually 14 runs. Above left, Landon Johnson (left) slaps fives with Wyatt Yoder after scoring a run during the second inning. Above left, Case Boxell comes around third and heads for home to add another run to the scoreboard. (Photos by Ryan Walker)

# Dixon and Castroneves lead final Carb Day practice for Indy 500

By DAVE SKRETTA  
AP Sports Writer

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Scott Dixon and Helio Castroneves turned the fastest laps on Carb Day during final practice for the Indianapolis 500 on Friday, while pole sitter Scott McLaughlin and Team Penske teammates Josef Newgarden and Will Power had stress-free days.

Dixon and Castroneves, who have five Indy 500 wins between them, will start way back in the seventh row Sunday after their Honda-powered cars struggled to keep up with the Chevrolet might of Penske and the Arrow McLaren bunch in qualifying.

Yet in race setup, Chip Ganassi Racing and Meyer Shank Racing — along with Colton Herta and the rest of Andretti Global — have proven they can compete. Herta was fourth on the speed chart as Honda cars nailed down five of the six fastest laps Friday, and Pato O'Ward in third was the lone Chevrolet to break up the manufacturer stranglehold.

"It seems more level," said Dixon, who had a fast lap of 227.206 mph, before adding: "Many times the fastest car doesn't win."

It's difficult to guess how speed Friday will translate to Sunday, too, given the expected change in the weather. Carb Day dawned warm and sunny, but the forecast for the race calls for cooler temperatures and a strong chance of storms.

The dire forecast didn't dampen Castroneves' mood as he tries to win his record fifth Indianapolis 500.

"That was great. It

was very, very good. Very strong," he said. "I'm glad we had this practice and this weather. Hopefully we'll cross our fingers and the weather will hold on. We'll have some work to do in the race, but the whole vibe is incredible."

It was an eventful final practice for Kyle Larson, the NASCAR star who is trying to become the second driver and first since Tony Stewart in 2001 to complete every lap of the Indy 500 and Coca-Cola 600 in Charlotte on the same day.

Larson turned 74 laps

during the two-hour practice, spending much of his time running in traffic — including a stint jockeying with Herta for position. Larson also spent a lot of time on pit stops, which are a bit different than they are in a stock car; during one of the practice stops, the left-front lug nut was loose when Larson took off, so he had to hit the brakes and get it fastened.

"I felt comfortable with all that," said Larson, who will start in the middle of Row 2. "Felt like we

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## High School Calendar

**SATURDAY, MAY 25**  
BASEBALL: Belmont at Norwell, 11 a.m.; Bluffton at South Adams, 1 p.m.  
**MONDAY, MAY 27**  
BASEBALL: (Sectional) Southern Wells at Wes-Del, 12 p.m. (championship at 5 p.m.); Bluffton/South Adams vs. Bishop Luers/Eastbrook at South Adams, 11 a.m.; Norwell/Bellmont vs. Mississinewa/Maconaquah at Norwell, 1 p.m.  
BOYS GOLF: Bluffton, Southern Wells at Southwood Knights Invitational, 10 a.m.  
**TUESDAY, MAY 28**  
BOYS GOLF: Adams Central at Norwell, 4:30 p.m.; Southern Wells at Bluffton, 4:30 p.m.

SOFTBALL: (Regional) Norwell at TBD, 6 p.m.  
**WEDNESDAY, MAY 29**  
No events scheduled.  
**THURSDAY, MAY 30**  
No events scheduled.  
**FRIDAY, MAY 31**  
BOYS GOLF: (Sectional) Bluffton, Norwell and Southern Wells at Timber Ridge, 9 a.m.  
TRACK & FIELD: (Girls state) Norwell at Robert C. Haugh Track & Field Complex, Indiana University, 3 p.m.  
**SATURDAY, JUNE 1**  
TRACK & FIELD: (Boys state) Norwell at Robert C. Haugh Track & Field Complex, Indiana University, 3 p.m.

# Pacers put their unbeaten home playoff record on the line in Game 3

By MICHAEL MAROT  
AP Sports Writer

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — The Indiana Pacers can read the numbers.

They're down 2-0 in another best-of-seven series and are heading home, where they are a perfect 6-0 during this season's playoff run. They need a win in Saturday's pivotal Game 3 to get back in this series, just as they did last week against New York. And, yes, they're facing the top-seeded Boston Celtics, who are a perfect 4-0 on the road this postseason.

The bleakest part of this equation for Indiana is the possibility of losing All-NBA guard Tyrese Haliburton. The league's assist champ departed in the third quarter of a Game 2 loss after re-injuring his left hamstring. He did not return.

Yet this Pacers team, largely composed of playoff newcomers or newcomers to high-profile postseason roles, has not blinked when others wrote them off — and they do not intend to start now with so much at stake this weekend.

"Our fans give us so much energy," said Indiana forward Pascal Siakam, a midseason acquisition from Toronto where he won an NBA title. "Obviously, for me, I'm experiencing for the first time the energy and they're so passionate about our team. We can't wait to go out there Saturday and just the energy they're going to bring to support us."

Haliburton's status could change everything. The Pacers listed him as questionable on Friday's injury report. While the injury could dampen the mood in Indy, it won't change the fact this will be the city's biggest weekend in years.

The 108th running of the Indianapolis 500, the world's largest single-day sporting event expected to draw a crowd of nearly 300,000, is sandwiched in between Saturday's Game 3 and Monday's Game 4.

Should rain force the race's first postponement since 1997, it would be rescheduled for Monday — creating a wildly rare Pacers and racers Memorial Day doubleheader.

The conflagration of a show built for speed, like the Pacers, isn't lost on these guys, most of whom are sharing Indy's May stage with the IndyCar stars and the Colts, who have been holding offseason workouts in town. The only missing feature is Caitlin Clark, who is on a West Coast trip with the WNBA's Indiana Fever.

But make no mistake: The Pacers are eager to shake things up every bit as much as the Greatest Spectacle in Racing — with or without Haliburton.

"Like I said, losing sucks," Pacers guard Andrew Nembhard said after playing four games in seven days in three cities. "It was a long road trip. I think it will be nice for all of us to get back in our own beds. We're excited to play in front of our fans, and it's going to be a big weekend with the race in there. So we can't wait to get back on our home court."

The Celtics, meanwhile, come to town with a different kind of advantage.

They won twice at Miami in the first round before returning home to close out the Heat in five games. Then in the conference semifinals, they won twice at Cleveland before eliminating the Cavaliers in five games. If they win the next two, Bos-

ton will be back in the NBA Finals for the second time in three years, courtesy of a conference finals sweep.

Clearly, the math works — even if Boston doesn't expect things to go quite so smoothly.

"They were down 2-0 in a series that went to Game 7. They do a great job defending their home court," Celtics coach Joe Mazzulla said. "So it's going to take a lot more to get the job done. I know they're going to respond, so it's up to us to do the same."

Boston has other issues to sort out, too.

While Jaylen Brown matched his playoff career high with 40 points in Game 2 after being left off the All-NBA teams, Jayson Tatum struggled to get going early.

The Celtics also lost backup center Luke Kornet with a sprained left wrist Thursday. He's listed as

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**MAY 26-JUNE 2 - (Online Only Auction) - The Estate of John F. Holbrook, seller.** 200+ pcs. Roseville, The Rockwood, Hull, McCoy, VanBriggle, antique & modern furniture, 1950 Ford Sedan, Coca Cola vintage signs & collectibles, antique tools, 2-pc. Oak kitchen cabinet, JFK political buttons and advertising, vintage toys. Auction preview: May 30 from 3-6 p.m., 10421 W. Yoder Rd., Roanoke, IN. Patrick Carter, sale manager, [The Steffen Group Inc.](http://TheSteffenGroup.com), [www.steffengrp.com](http://www.steffengrp.com), 260-824-3006.

**JUNE 1 - 8:30 a.m. - E & M Blacksmith Shop.** 2404 W 350 S, Berne, IN. 13th annual consignment auction. Horses, ponies, horse-drawn machinery, produce equipment, buggies, harness, carts, new tack, saddles, shop tools, lawn & garden tools, sausage grinders & stuffers, new & used furniture, washing machines, hay, straw & firewood. Accepting consignments every evening that week from 4-8 p.m., all day May 30, and May 31 from 7 a.m.-8 p.m. [Troyer Auctions, LLC](http://TroyerAuctions.com), 260-768-7246, ext. 3.

**JUNE 1 - 9 a.m. - Multiple consignors.** 6632 N. 500 W., Decatur. Personal property: Jewelry (gold, silver, costume), toys, collectibles, furniture, household, antiques, trailer, Flow Blue, glassware, Star Wars. Preview May 31, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. [Wiegmann Auctioneers](http://WiegmannAuctioneers.com), 260-447-4311, [wiegmannauctioneers.com](http://wiegmannauctioneers.com).

**JUNE 1 - 11:30 a.m. - Ardith Smith estate, Cheryl Herl estate & Sonja Bartlett, sellers.** 320 Sparks St., Markle, IN. Live onsite. One story, two bedroom home on 1.6 acres, 1,144 sq. ft., 10x18 detached garage. Steve Ness, auction manager, 260-417-6556, [SteveNess@NessBros.com](http://SteveNess@NessBros.com), [Ness Bros. Realtors & Auctioneers](http://NessBros.Realtors&Auctioneers.com), [www.NessBros.com](http://www.NessBros.com).

**JUNE 4 - (Online Only Auction) - Bidding Opens at 9 a.m. and will close at 6 p.m. - Holbrook estate, seller.** 300 W. Markle, IN. Explore the potential of this property! 6.79+/- acre tract of land in Northern Wells, Union Township, easy access to I-69, 435' of road frontage on Wells County Road, rare opportunity for homesite or mini-farm. Inspection: Feel free to walk the property at any time. Patrick Carter, sale manager, 260-273-8294, [The Steffen Group Inc.](http://TheSteffenGroup.com), [www.steffengrp.com](http://www.steffengrp.com), 260-824-3006.

**JUNE 5-JUNE 12 - (Online Only Auction) - Huston Watters, seller.** Well cared for modern furniture, wood working tools, household, 2003 Chevy Impala, lawn and garden equipment, outdoor furniture. Open House June 10 from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m., 1338 Manor Dr., Bluffton, IN. [The Steffen Group Inc.](http://TheSteffenGroup.com), 260-824-3006, [www.steffengrp.com](http://www.steffengrp.com).

**BIDDING STARTS CLOSING JUNE 9 - 6 p.m. EST - Berry estate, owner.** Online only real estate & personal property! 6 p.m. real estate: 1 1/2 story craftsman style home w/covered porch, 1,700+/- square ft. w/ornate woodwork throughout, partial basement, 3-4 bedrooms, 2 1/2 bath, detached 24x24 two-car garage, several older outbuildings all sitting on 6+/- acres, Adams Central School District. 6:30 p.m. personal property: Antique tractors, farm machinery, tools, antiques, primitives, vehicles, furniture, household items, more! Preview May 30, 5-6 p.m., 4854 N 400 W, Decatur. Pick up June 10, 2-6 p.m. [Krueckeberg Auction & Realty LLC](http://KrueckebergAuction&RealtyLLC.com), 260-724-7402, [jauction.com](http://jauction.com).

**JUNE 15-JUNE 22 - (Online Only Auction) - The Estate of Glen Bowen, seller.** Clean 2005 Buick Lesabre Custom with 77,000 miles, 2004 Toyota Sienna mini van, 1987 Riviera Cruiser 24' pontoon, 2004 Yamaha XLT jet ski, floating WaveRunner dock, modern furniture, tools. Open House: June 9 from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. and June 22 from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m., 500 Lane 101 Jimmerson Lake, Angola, IN. [The Steffen Group Inc.](http://TheSteffenGroup.com), 260-824-3006, [www.steffengrp.com](http://www.steffengrp.com).

**JUNE 16-JUNE 23 - (Online Only Auction) - The Estate of Marilyn McQueary, seller.** 2023 GMC Terrain Denali, AWD Edition with 2,130 miles (like new), clean like new modern furniture, antiques, collectibles, tools, jewelry, designer purses, much more. Open Houses: June 18 and June 20 from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m., 102 S. Jefferson St., Ossian, IN. [The Steffen Group Inc.](http://TheSteffenGroup.com), [www.steffengrp.com](http://www.steffengrp.com), 260-824-3006.

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Connecticut 83, Minnesota 82, OT

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CONFERENCE FINALS

(Best-of-7; x-if necessary)
Wednesday, May 22
Florida 3, N.Y. Rangers 0

Thursday, May 23
Edmonton 3, Dallas 2 (2OT)

Friday, May 24
N.Y. Rangers 2, Florida 1

Sunday, May 26
N.Y. Rangers at Florida, 3 p.m.

BASEBALL

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East Division

W L Pct GB
New York 35 17 .673 —

Baltimore 31 18 .633 2½

Boston 26 25 .510 8½

Tampa Bay 25 27 .481 10

Toronto 23 27 .460 11

Central Division

W L Pct GB
Cleveland 33 17 .660 —

Kansas City 33 19 .635 1

Minnesota 27 23 .540 6

Detroit 24 27 .471 9½

Chicago 15 37 .288 19

West Division

W L Pct GB
Seattle 27 25 .519 —

Texas 24 28 .462 3

Houston 22 28 .440 4

Oakland 21 31 .404 6

Los Angeles 20 30 .400 6

Thursday's Games

N.Y. Yankees 5, Seattle 0

Philadelphia 5, Texas 2

Oakland 10, Colorado 9, 11 innings

Toronto 9, Detroit 1

Baltimore 8, Chicago White Sox 6

Friday's Games
Washington 6, Seattle 1

Kansas City 8, Tampa Bay 1

Detroit 6, Toronto 2

Minnesota 3, Texas 2

Milwaukee 7, Boston 2

Baltimore 6, Chicago White Sox 4

Cleveland at L.A. Angels, late

Houston at Oakland, late

N.Y. Yankees at San Diego, late

Saturday's Games
Toronto (Berrios 5-3) at Detroit (Olson 0-5), 1:10 p.m.

Baltimore (TBD) at Chicago White Sox (Fedde 4-1), 2:10 p.m.

Texas (Lorenzen 2-3) at Minnesota (Paddock 4-2), 2:10 p.m.

Seattle (Gilbert 3-2) at Washington (Williams 4-0), 4:05 p.m.

Houston (Arrighetti 2-4) at Oakland

(Sears 3-3), 4:07 p.m.

Kansas City (Singer 4-2) at Tampa Bay (Civale 2-4), 4:10 p.m.

Milwaukee (Rea 3-2) at Boston (Pivetta 2-2), 4:10 p.m.

Cleveland (Bibee 2-1) at L.A. Angels (Soriano 2-4), 9:38 p.m.

N.Y. Yankees (Stroman 3-2) at San Diego (Cease 5-3), 9:40 p.m.

Sunday's Games
Toronto at Detroit, 11:35 a.m.

Milwaukee at Boston, 1:35 p.m.

Seattle at Washington, 1:35 p.m.

Kansas City at Tampa Bay, 1:40 p.m.

Baltimore at Chicago White Sox, 2:10 p.m.

Texas at Minnesota, 2:10 p.m.

Cleveland at L.A. Angels, 4:07 p.m.

Houston at Oakland, 4:07 p.m.

N.Y. Yankees at San Diego, 4:10 p.m.

National League

East Division

W L Pct GB
Philadelphia 37 14 .725 —

Atlanta 29 19 .604 6½

Washington 22 27 .449 14

New York 21 29 .420 15½

Miami 17 34 .333 20

Central Division

W L Pct GB
Milwaukee 29 21 .580 —

Chicago 27 24 .529 2½

St. Louis 23 26 .469 5½

Pittsburgh 24 28 .462 6

Cincinnati 21 30 .412 8½

West Division

W L Pct GB
Los Angeles 33 20 .623 —

San Diego 27 26 .509 6

San Francisco 26 26 .500 6½

Arizona 24 26 .480 7½

Colorado 16 33 .327 15

Thursday's Games

San Francisco 7, Pittsburgh 6

Philadelphia 5, Texas 2

San Diego 6, Cincinnati 4, 10 innings

Atlanta 3, Chicago Cubs 0

Oakland 10, Colorado 9, 11 innings

Friday's Games
Washington 6, Seattle 1

Pittsburgh 11, Atlanta 5

Milwaukee 7, Boston 2

San Francisco 8, N.Y. Mets 7

Cincinnati 9, L.A. Dodgers 6

Philadelphia at Colorado, late

Miami at Arizona, late

N.Y. Yankees at San Diego, late

Chicago Cubs at St. Louis, p.p.d.

Saturday's Games
San Francisco (Hicks 4-1) at N.Y. Mets (Severino 2-2), 1:40 p.m.

Atlanta (López 2-1) at Pittsburgh (Keller 5-3), 4:05 p.m.

Seattle (Gilbert 3-2) at Washington (Williams 4-0), 4:05 p.m.

Milwaukee (Rea 3-2) at Boston (Pivetta 2-2), 4:10 p.m.

Chicago Cubs (Taillon 3-2) at St. Louis (Liberatore 1-2), 7:15 p.m.

L.A. Dodgers (Buehler 1-1) at Cincinnati (Greene 2-2), 7:15 p.m.

Philadelphia (Nola 6-2) at Colorado (Hudson 1-7), 9:10 p.m.

N.Y. Yankees (Stroman 3-2) at San Diego (Cease 5-3), 9:40 p.m.

Miami (Sánchez 0-2) at Arizona (Montgomery 2-2), 10:10 p.m.

Sunday's Games
Atlanta at Pittsburgh, 1:35 p.m.

Milwaukee at Boston, 1:35 p.m.

Seattle at Washington, 1:35 p.m.

L.A. Dodgers at Cincinnati, 1:40 p.m.

San Francisco at N.Y. Mets, 1:40 p.m.

Philadelphia at Colorado, 3:10 p.m.

Miami at Arizona, 4:10 p.m.

N.Y. Yankees at San Diego, 4:10 p.m.

Chicago Cubs at St. Louis, 7:10 p.m.

Midwest League

Wednesday, May 22
Fort Wayne 12, Lansing 5

Thursday, May 23
Lansing 8, Fort Wayne 2

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Daily Three-Midday — 06-03-03, SB: 02  
Daily Three-Evening — 09-02-09, SB: 09  
Daily Four-Midday — 04-09-05-05, SB: 02  
Daily Four-Evening — 06-01-07-07, SB: 09  
Quick Draw Evening — 01-03-06-07-13-14-15-16-18-19-30-35-54-59-63-69-76-77-78-80, BE: 14  
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### Notices

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IN THE MATTER OF THE COMMISSION'S TRIENNIAL REVIEW OF THE INDIANA UNIVERSAL SERVICE FUND

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If an accommodation is required to allow an individual with a disability to participate, please contact the Office of the Executive Secretary of the IURC at 317.232.2701 or TDD 317.232.8556 at least 48 hours in advance.

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Husband prioritizes blood family over wife

Dear Annie: I have been married now for just over three decades to who I thought was the love of my life. For years, I have noticed that my husband regards his birth family to be No. 1 and our immediate family No. 2.

He was hooked on his beautiful and caring mom until she was tragically taken back home to rest with our Lord. Now it seems that his wonderful sister has become like his mom. He discusses EVERYTHING with her. As you can tell from my letter, I absolutely adore my in-laws, and I do not mind sharing the ups and downs of my birth family with them, but on my own time, not my husband's.

I have been very patient with him over the years through his addictions and ailments. I have stuck by his side. Now he's been unemployed for over a year. Although he picks up all the slack at home, which is something I really appreciate, I can no longer sleep next to him in good conscience. I know that we could use a good therapist, but what I really want to know is if it's time to throw in the towel.

Dear Last to Know: After three decades together, feeling like a secondary priority in your husband's life must be particularly painful and isolating.

Given your husband's current unemployment and previous struggles, it's possible that his leaning on his sister represents a search for stability or escape rather than a deliberate neglect of your relationship. However, he should still be making room for you in the same ways he does for his sister, and did for his mother before her.

Before deciding to throw in the towel, I would strongly recommend, as you mentioned, exploring therapy. If therapy is not an option or doesn't lead to improvement, then it might be time to consider more serious changes. Whatever decision you make, be sure it is one that puts your emo-

tional and mental well-being as top priorities. You deserve to feel valued and central in your marriage.

Dear Annie: I'm writing in response to "Protective of Pets," the woman whose husband shows great disdain for her dogs but somewhat tolerates the animals their granddaughter brings around. She said her husband "allows her" to have only one pet inside. Allows her? This sounds like a marriage where she cooks, cleans and does the majority of the family's emotional and social business. I am sure she is working more than 40 hours each week and the house is likely equally her domain, so she should decide the rules.

I deeply regret my early years of marriage when my husband declared, "I don't want a dog in the house," and my dog lived outside for two years. I am sure this shortened my pup's life.

"Protective" needs to stand up and advocate for her pets as it is her home as well. She needs to fight the patriarchy in this situation and get what she needs emotionally on a daily basis, which sounds like her dog as a companion and not her husband. — Up With Pets, Down With Patriarchy

Dear Up With Pets: I agree it's very likely that this woman's husband is controlling in more ways than just this one, which can only be putting more of a strain on their marriage. Couples counseling, if possible, would be the best next step.

And as much as "Protective" loves her pets, the life they have been subjected to — living outside — is an unfair one. Many other readers suggested rehoming these dogs to families who can love and care for them in the way they deserve. I wholeheartedly echo them.

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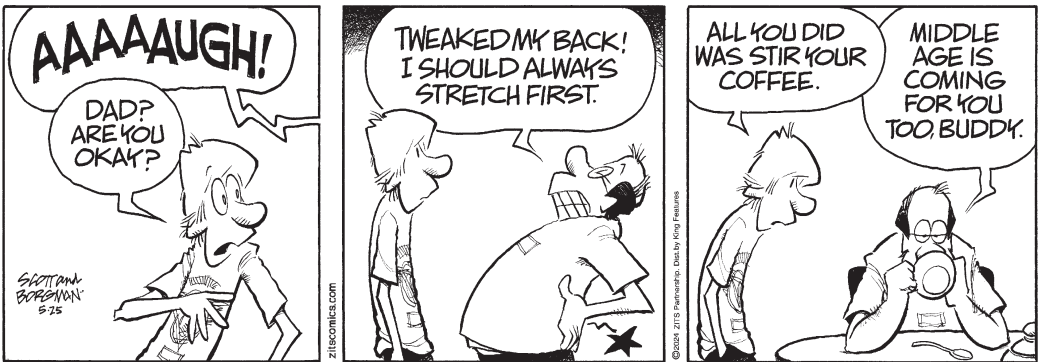
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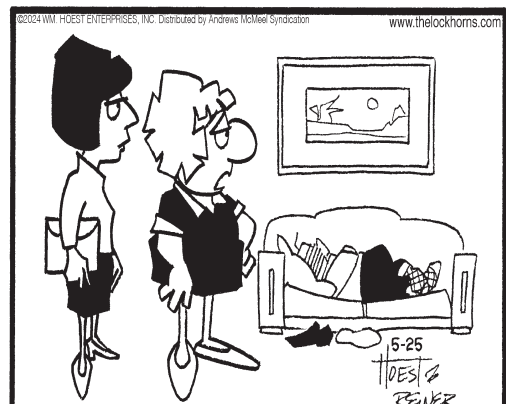
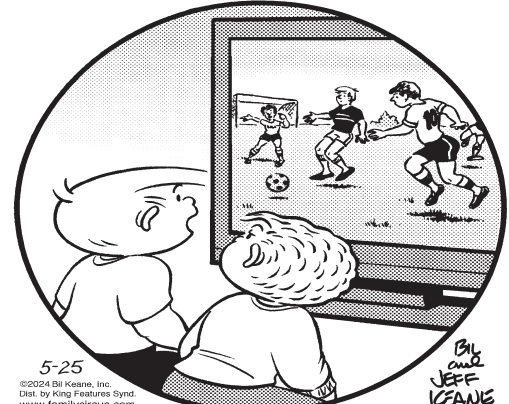
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THE FAMILY CIRCUS

By Bil Keane

The LOCKHORNS



My Answer

By Dr. Billy Graham



Children respond to what they are exposed to

of most moral values." Loving parents are wise to expose their children to the Scriptures. The Bible says, "Assemble the people before me to hear my words so that they may ... teach them to their children" (Deuteronomy 4:10, NIV). In Old Testament times, Scripture was read publicly. On one occasion, Ezra the scribe mounted a high platform that had been built for the occasion and read God's Word to the men, women, and children (see Nehemiah 8:1).

Children respond to what they are exposed to. Children want to be guided; it gives them a sense of belonging and a sense of security.

The story is told of a little boy sitting in silence

for a long time with a book on his lap. His mother asked him what he was thinking about. With his head hovering over the pages of the Bible, he answered, "Oh, I'm watching Jesus raise Lazarus from the dead!"

How we need to encourage our children to spend time in God's Word. The Bible tells us to "diligently" teach Scripture to our children, to sit and talk with them about it, and then live it in the home (see Deuteronomy 6:6-9, ESV). This is so important. The Word of God gives instruction to people of all ages.

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

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Question: My children have been invited by my neighbors to go to Sunday school. My biggest concern is that my children, 11 and 13 years old, are too young to understand the Bible, and I fear they may be taught something that I won't even understand. Am I being too protective? — W.M.

Answer: Parents have allowed electronic babysitters to infiltrate their homes and their children's minds. Young people are influenced by high-tech gadgets. Violent crimes are committed by children. A doctor said, "We have kids 13 years old that are as hardened as anyone in a penitentiary. Look into their eyes and you'll see cold blank stares, void

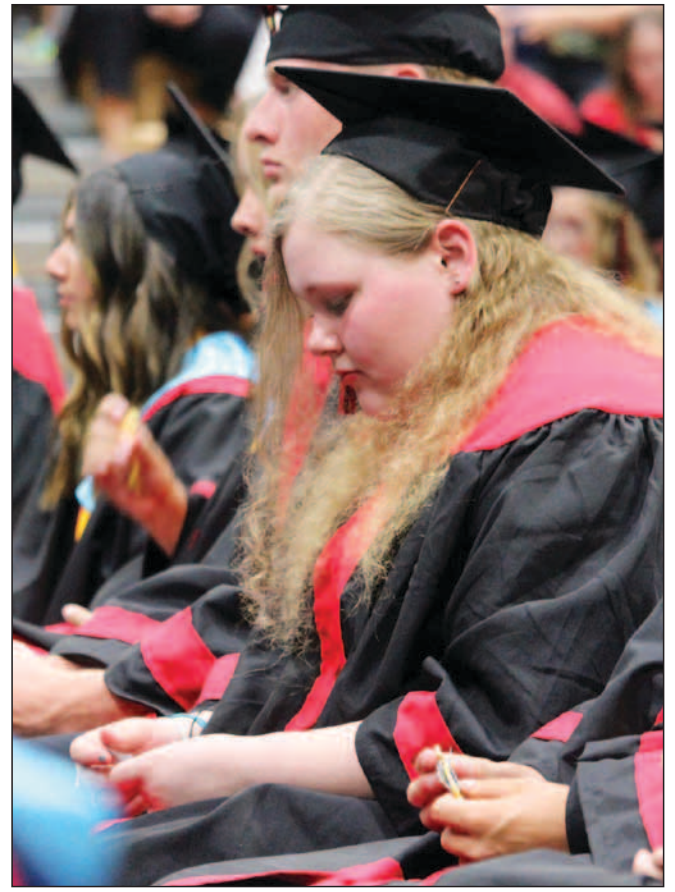
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CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

Crossword puzzle grid with clues for Across and Down. Includes a solution time of 26 mins and a grid for yesterday's answer.

Grid for yesterday's crossword answer, showing numbers 1 through 51.

BLUFFTON HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 2024 GRADUATION CEREMONY



Keturah Bradford receives her diploma from Principal Steve Baker at left. Above, Allyeha Brubaker examines the key Baker had given all the students as a reminder of the legacy they carry for Bluffton High School. (Photos by Holly Gaskill)



Co-valedictorians Claire Craighead (far left) and Connor Collins (at left) give their respective speeches to their peers.



At right, Clayton Straub and Landon Crist listen to Principal Steve Baker's address about legacy. Noah Zoll looks to the stands as the class applauds the teachers, families and community members who helped them through high school, at far right.



Missionary couple from U.S. among 3 killed by gunmen in Haiti's capital

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti (AP) — A U.S. missionary couple and a Haitian man who worked with them were shot and killed by gang members in Haiti's capital after they were attacked while leaving a youth group activity held at a local church, a family member said Friday.

The attack happened Thursday evening in the community of Lizon in northern Port-au-Prince, Lionel Lazarre, head of a Haitian police union, told The Associated Press.

The slayings occurred as the capital crumbled under the relentless assault of violent gangs that control 80% of Port-au-Prince while authorities await the arrival of a police force from Kenya as part of a U.N.-backed deployment aimed at quelling gang violence in the troubled Caribbean country.

Two of the victims were a young married couple, Davy and Natalie Lloyd, according to a Facebook posting from Natalie Lloyd's father, Missouri state Rep. Ben Baker. The third victim was Jude Montis, who was the country's director of Missions In Haiti Inc.

"My heart is broken in a thousand pieces," Baker

wrote on Facebook on Thursday. "I've never felt this kind of pain. Most of you know my daughter and son-in-law Davy and Natalie Lloyd are full time missionaries in Haiti. They were attacked by gangs this evening and were both killed. They went to Heaven together."

Hannah Cornett, Davy Lloyd's sister, told the AP that her brother was 23 years old and Natalie Lloyd was 21. They were going to celebrate their two-year anniversary in June and his birthday in early July.

Cornett said her parents are full-time missionaries in Haiti, and that she and her two brothers grew up there.

"Davy spoke Creole before he spoke English. It was home," she said in a phone interview. "Haiti was all we knew."

Cornett, 22, said her parents run an orphanage, school and church in Haiti, and that she and her brothers grew up with the orphans: "It was just one big happy family there."

She said her older brother was outgoing, had built a garden and raised a lot of animals. While he went back to the U.S. for Bible college and then got married, he returned to Haiti with Natalie Lloyd to do

more humanitarian work. "They just had a lot of love for Haiti, and they just wanted to help the people there," Cornett said. "That's their calling."

Cornett noted that Montis worked with her parents for 20 years and left behind two children, ages 2 and 6.

She said the night of the attack, three vehicles carrying gang members stopped the Lloyds and Montis as they crossed the street, hitting her brother in the head with the barrel of a gun. They forced him upstairs, stole their belongings and left him tied up. As people were helping untie Davy Lloyd, another group of armed gunmen showed up.

"Nobody knows what happened," she said.

An unidentified person got shot and the gunmen opened fire as the Lloyds and Montis fled to the house where her parents live, Cornett said.

"They tried to take cover in there, but the gang shot up the house," she said, adding that they were killed and their bodies set on fire.

Cornett said her mother flew back from Haiti about a month ago, and that her father and younger brother flew out Wednesday because things had been so

calm in the neighborhood. On Friday afternoon, Baker posted on Facebook that the bodies of Davy and Natalie Lloyd were safely transported to the U.S. Embassy.

The couple worked for Missions In Haiti Inc. The Claremore, Oklahoma, organization was founded by David and Alicia Lloyd, Davy Lloyd's parents. Natalie Lloyd's Facebook

page said the couple married on June 18, 2022, and she began working with the missionary organization in August 2022. She frequently posted photos of Haitian children on her page.



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