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# Painting at Roush's pavilion

Paints and stamps were the tools of choice as kids painted various designs at Roush Park Tuesday. From left to right, Kenzie Barnes, Bella Quinn and Elsie Quinn all look off each other's designs for inspiration. (Photo by Jonathan Snyder)

# **BOW** open bids for electric substation, OK's extension on Hershey's agreement

By JONATHAN SNYDER

Bids for transformers and breakers meant for the new electric substation on Cherry Street were opened by the Board of Public Works and Safety on Tuesday.

Three bids for transformers and three bids for breakers were opened and read to the public by Bluffton Engineering Consultant Jake Yatzo of Power System Engineering. Transformer bids came from WEG Transformers, who had the low bid at \$4,650,800 for the transformer itself, but with a 140-week delivery timeline. Virginia Transformer's bid came in at \$4.9 million with a 60- to 66-month warranty, but with a 65- to 70-week delivery timeline. Power Line Supply's bid came in at \$5,246,386 with an optional warranty included and a 38-week delivery

Bids for the breakers ran around \$250,000, with Meiden America Switchgear having the low bid for two 69KV circuit breakers, valued at \$210,822.22 with an 18-month warranty period and a 34- to 38-week delivery timeline. Siemen's bid came in at \$216,955.56 with no warranty period and a 75- to 87-week delivery timeline. Irby Utilities bid \$249,000 with a 60to 66-month warranty period at an additional \$9,965 cost and a 96- to 100-week delivery timeline.

No bids were approved by the board at Tuesday's meeting. Yatzo stated that his company will look over each bid in more detail and give a recommendation to the board. Yatzo hopes that next Tuesday's board meeting will see an approval for both the transformers and breakers.

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# Ossian receives \$2.5M loan for housing infrastructure

By HOLLY GASKILL

Ossian was awarded \$2.5 million in the first round of low-interest loans from the the Indiana Finance Authority through the Residential Infrastructure Fund.

The funds will be used toward public infrastructure for a new addition in northern Ossian, Fawn Meadows, which is anticipated to have 168 lots.

The housing development was the only one in Wells County and one of 11 statewide to be awarded in the first round. In a press release Monday, it was announced that \$51 million would be loaned to the 11 developments to "provide infrastructure to support housing"

The RFI guidelines state that applicable

uses for the loan are: a water distribution system; water treatment plant; wastewater treatment plant; sanitary sewer system; storm sewer system; lift station; street, road, or bridge; curb, gutter, or sidewalk; traffic signal; street light; and electric or gas distribution line.

Other recipients were located in Fort Wayne, Goshen, Gas City, Auburn, Jamestown, Vincennes, Churubusco, Indianapolis, Clarksville and Michigan City.

In 2023, the Indiana General Assembly established the RIF program in hopes of reducing infrastructure costs for residential housing in communities that show a need for additional housing.

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Pictured in the photo from left are Samantha Creager, media manager; Hattie Wondercheck, program manager; Erin Prible, executive director; and Rachel Reinhard, accounting manager

# Chamber nets two awards for Excellence in Innovation

The Wells County Chamber of Commerce is proud to announce that it has recently received two prestigious awards from the Indiana Chamber Executives Association for Excellence in Innovation. These annual Excellence Awards recognize innovative new projects introduced by chambers in the past year, highlighting programs that bring fresh ideas and solutions to their communities.

The first award was granted for the formation of the Wells County Drug Taskforce Committee. This initiative emerged in response to an urgent need to tackle drug concerns within the community. The Wells County Chamber of Commerce took on the leadership role in creating this taskforce in August 2023. The committee is a diverse coalition of nearly 40 individuals representing various sectors of the community. They convene monthly, with sub-committees dedicated to raising awareness, disseminating information, and developing programs tailored for employers, youth, parents and the broader community.

The second award recognized the introduction of the Real Colors Team Building workshop in the workplace. Erin Prible, who received certification as a Real Colors instructor, offers these workshops to local businesses and organizations. Real Colors is a personality assessment tool that enhances communication and collaboration by helping participants understand personality dynamics. The workshops provide a userfriendly and practical approach to uncovering individual temperaments — Gold, Green, Blue, or Orange — and leveraging this knowledge to improve interpersonal

relationships and teamwork. Through the Real Colors personality assessment, our engaging workshops serve as a platform for participants to uncover their individual temperament and that of others. Armed with this invaluable insight, individuals can cultivate enhanced communication abilities and foster stronger relationships, both within and beyond the pro-

fessional realm," explained Prible. Erin Prible and her team are excited to share this award with the community and Chamber Members. "Our goal is to continue to offer programs and resources that are rel-

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# Iowa floodwaters breach levees as more rain hits

By HANNAH FINGERHUT, **DAVE COLLINS** and MARGERY A. BECK

**Associated Press** DES MOINES, Iowa (AP) — Tornado warnings, flash flooding and large hail added insult to injury for people in the Midwest already contending with heat, humidity and intense flooding after days of rain.

The National Weather Service on Tuesday afternoon and evening issued multiple tornado warnings in parts of Iowa and Nebraska as local TV news meteorologists showed photos of large hail and spoke of very heavy rain.

Earlier on Tuesday, floodwaters breached levees in Iowa, creating dangerous conditions that prompted evacu-

A vast swath of lands from eastern

Nebraska and South Dakota to Iowa and Minnesota has been under siege from flooding from torrential rains since last week, while also being hit with a scorching heat wave. Up to 18 inches (46 centimeters) of rain have fallen in some areas, and some rivers rose to record levels. Hundreds of people were rescued, homes were damaged and at least two people died after driving in flooded areas.

The sheriff's office in Monona County, near the Nebraska border, said the Little Sioux River breached levees in several areas. In neighboring Woodbury County, the sheriff's office posted drone video on Facebook showing the river overflowing the levee and flooding land in rural Smithland. No injuries were immediately reported.

Patrick Prorok, emergency manage-(Continued on Page 2)

# Surgeon general declares gun violence a public health emergency

By AMANDA SEITZ **Associated Press** 

WASHINGTON (AP) — The U.S. surgeon general on Tuesday declared gun violence a public health crisis, driven by the fastgrowing number of injuries and deaths involving firearms in the

The advisory issued by Dr.

Vivek Murthy, the nation's top doctor, came as the U.S. grappled with another summer weekend marked by mass shootings that left dozens of people dead or wound-

"People want to be able to walk through their neighborhoods and be safe," Murthy told The Associated Press in a phone interview.

"America should be a place where all of us can go to school, go to work, go to the supermarket, go to our house of worship, without having to worry that that's going to put our life at risk."

To drive down gun deaths, Murthy calls on the U.S. to ban automatic rifles, introduce universal background checks for purchasing guns, regulate the industry, pass laws that would restrict their use in public spaces and penalize people who fail to safely store their weapons.

None of those suggestions can be implemented nationwide without legislation passed by Congress, which typically recoils at gun control measures. Some state

legislatures, however, have enacted or may consider some of the surgeon general's proposals.

Surgeon General Murthy said there is "broad agreement" that gun violence is a problem, citing a poll last year that found most Americans worry at least sometimes that a loved one might be (Continued on Page 2)

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A little less warm today, but storms continue

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Low 60	Low 59	Low 70

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# LOCAL/NATION

# **Electric substation**

The board also approved an extension to the special agreement allowing higher pH discharges for Hershey's Salty Snacks. In January 2023, the company was allowed higher pH discharges than stated in Bluffton's

Municipal Code, provided work continues on their own wastewater treatment process they are building. The extension will carry until Hershey's completes its own wastewater treatment project or until Dec. 31, 2025.

Furthermore, the board

approved St. Joseph Catholic Church to use the parking lot west of the Pak-A-Sak on Wabash Street for a fundraiser during the Bluffton Free Street Fair. Parking for the fundraiser will be \$5 per

Additionally the board

approved raises for two city employees. Wastewater Department Plant Operator Steve Bracht and Electric Department Lineman Justin King were both given \$1 per hour merit

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# Chamber nets two awards

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evant to our Chamber Members. Our team works diligently throughout the year, dedicating their time and talents to serve our members in creative, sustaining, and impacting ways," she added.

The Wells County Chamber of

Commerce is committed to supporting local businesses and enhancing the community's well-being through innovative programs and strategic partnerships. These awards from ICEA underscore the Chamber's dedication to addressing critical issues and fostering

professional development within Wells

For more information about the Wells County Chamber of Commerce and its programs, visit their website at wellscoc.com or contact their office at 260-824-0510.

# **Iowa floodwaters**

(Continued from Page 1) ment coordinator in Monona County, described waking people at about 4 a.m. in Rodney, a town of about 45 people, to recommend evacuation. Later Tuesday morning, the water hadn't yet washed into the community.

"People up the hill are saying it is coming our way," Prorok said.

As new areas were flooding Tuesday, some cities and towns were cleaning up after the waters receded while others downstream were piling sandbags and taking other measures to protect against the oncoming swelled currents. Some normal, unassuming tributaries ballooned into rushing rivers, damaging homes, buildings and bridges.

"Normally, this river is barely a trickle," 71-year-old Hank Howley said as she watched the Big Sioux's waters gush over a broken and partially sunken rail bridge in North Sioux City, South Dakota, on Monday. "Really, you could just walk across it most days.

South Dakota state geologist Tim Cowman said that the five major rivers in the state's southeastern corner have crested and are dropping, albeit it slowly. The ago, there was nothing we last of those rivers to crest, the James, did so early Tues-

In a residential development along McCook Lake in North Sioux City, the devastation became clear Tuesday as floodwaters began to recede from Monday, exposing collapsed streets, utility poles and trees. Some homes had been washed off their foundations.

'Currently, there is no water, sewer, gas or electrical service in this area," Union County Emergency Management said in a Facebook post.

President Joe Biden approved a major disaster declaration for affected counties in Iowa on Monday, a move that paves the way for federal aid to be granted.

To the south in Sioux City and Woodbury County, Iowa, officials responded to residents' complaints that they had received little warning of the flooding and its severity. Sioux City Fire Marshal Mark Aesoph said at a news conference Tuesday that rivers crested higher than predicted.

"Even if we would have known about this two weeks could do at this point. We cannot extend the entire length of our levee," Sioux City Fire Marshal Mark Aesoph said. "It's impossible.

Water had spilled over the Big Sioux River levee, and Aesoph estimated hundreds of homes likely have some internal water damage.

Homes on the south side of Spencer, Iowa near the Little Sioux River are unlivable as water has reached the main floor, resident Ben Thomas said. A lot of people in town are facing a "double whammy," with homes and businesses affected.

Officials in Woodbury County said around a dozen bridges over the Little Sioux River had been topped by flood water, and each would need to be inspected to see if they can reopen to traffic.

Forever Wildlife Lodge and Clinic, a nonprofit animal rescue, in northwest Iowa has answered over 200 calls since the flooding started, said licensed wildlife rehabilitator Amanda Hase.

Hase described the flooding as "catastrophic" for Iowa wildlife, which are getting washed out of dens, injured by debris and separated from each other. She and other rehabilitators are responding to calls about all kinds of species, from fawns and groundhogs to bunnies and eaglets.

'I've never seen it this bad before, ever," she said.

Further to the east in Humboldt, Iowa, a record crest of 16.5 feet was expected Wednesday at the west fork of the Des Moines River. Amid high temperatures and humidity, nearly 68,000 sandbags have been laid, according to county emergency manager Kyle Bissell.

Bissell told reporters Tuesday that there was no water on the streets yet, but flooding had begun in some backyards and was reaching up to foundations. Humboldt is home to nearly 5,000 residents.

More severe weather was forecast to move into the region Tuesday, potentially bringing large hail, damaging winds and even a brief tornado or two in parts of western Iowa and eastern Nebraska, according to the National Weather Service. Showers and storms were also possible in parts of South Dakota and Minnesota, the agency said.

# Weather

Wednesday, June 26, 2024 (24-hour observations at 10:37 p.m. Tuesday) High: 79; Low: 67; Precipitation: 0.13 inches of rain Wabash River Level (at the Main Street bridge): 1.71 feet at 8:45 p.m. Tuesday

# Wells County forecast

**Today:** Showers and thunderstorms before 2 p.m., then showers likely and possibly a thunderstorm between 2 p.m. and 3 p.m., then a chance of showers and thunderstorms after 3 p.m. High near 79. Southwest wind 5 to 10 mph becoming northwest in the afternoon. Chance of precipitation is 80%. New rainfall amounts between a quarter and half of an inch possible.

Tonight: Partly cloudy, with a low around 60. North wind around 5 mph.

Thursday: Sunny, with a high near 80. North wind around 5 mph.

Thursday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 59. East wind around 5 mph.

Friday: A 20% chance of showers after 2 p.m. Partly sunny, with a high near 84.

Friday Night: Showers and thunderstorms likely, mainly after 2 a.m. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 70. Chance of precipitation is 60%.

Saturday: Showers and thunderstorms likely, mainly after 2 p.m. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 87. Chance of precipitation is 60%.

**Saturday Night:** Showers and thunderstorms likely, mainly before 8 p.m. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 61. Chance of precipitation is 60%.

**Sunday:** Sunny, with a high near 78.

**Sunday Night:** Mostly clear, with a low around 53. Monday: Sunny, with a high near 80.

Monday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 61.

Tuesday: A chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly sunny and hot, with a high near 90.

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# **Gun violence**

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injured by a firearm. More than 48,000 Americans died from gun injuries in

Doctors quickly praised Murthy's advisory. The American Academy of Family Physicians, for example, has considered gun violence a public health epidemic for over a decade.

"Family physicians have long understood, and have seen first hand, the devastating impact firearm violence has on our patients and the communities we serve," the group's president, Steven Furr, said in a statement.

Murthy's advisory, however, promises to be controversial with the gun lobby and will certainly incense Republican lawmakers, most of whom opposed his confirmation — twice to the job over his statements on gun

The National Rifle Association promptly rebuked Murthy's advisory.

"This is an extension of the Biden Administration's war on law-abiding gun owners," Randy Kozuch, the organization's president, said in a statement on X.

It was the NRA, and Republicans who enjoy the powerful gun lobby's support, that almost derailed Murthy's confirmation as surgeon general a decade ago. Murthy became quieter on the issue of gun violence after his past statements almost cost him the job. He ended up promising the Senate that he did "not intend to use my office as surgeon general as a bully pulpit on gun control."

Then-President Donald Trump dismissed Murthy in 2017, but President Joe Biden nominated him again to the

position in 2021. Murthy has published warnings about troubling health trends in American life, including loneliness and social media use. In an opinion piece in The New York Times this month, he said social media has contributed to a mental health crisis among the country's young people and asked Congress to require warning labels on social media platforms similar to those on cigarette

But he also has faced mounting pressure from some doctors and Democratic advocacy groups to speak out more. A group of four former surgeon generals asked the Biden administration to produce a report on the problem

"It is now time for us to take this issue out of the realm of politics and put it in the realm of public health, the way we did with smoking more than a half century ago," Murthy told the AP.

It was a 1964 report from the sur-

geon general that raised awareness about the dangers of smoking is largely credited with reducing tobacco use and

# Suspect is dead after shootings near Las Vegas leave 5 people dead, teen injured, police say

LAS VEGAS (AP) - A man who fatally shot five people and critically injured a 13-year-old girl at apartments near Las Vegas has killed himself, authorities said Tuesday.

The North Las Vegas Police Department said the suspected shooter, 47-year-old Eric Adams, killed himself Tuesday morning as he was confronted by officers in a neighborhood. Authorities had been searching for him since Monday night's shootings in separate apartment units.

Efforts to locate relatives of Adams for comment weren't immediately successful.

Police said initially they found two women dead while investigating reports of a shooting late Monday at an apartment in North Las Vegas. One of them was in her early 40s and the other in her late 50s, according to the department.

While officers were investigating, the department said, they learned a teen girl had been taken to a hospital with critical gunshot wounds and that there could be more victims in a nearby apartment.

Officers then found the bodies of two women in their mid-20s and a man in his early 20s. All five victims had been shot, police said. They

weren't immediately identified. The discovery led to an overnight search for Adams, who authorities had described as "armed and dangerous."

Just after 10 a.m. Tuesday, police learned that the suspect had been seen at a business in North Las

As officers arrived in the area. they saw the suspect with a firearm, running into the backyard of a nearby home. The department said officers followed him, but the suspect refused to drop his weapon and died by suicide.

Police haven't disclosed a motive for the shootings, which they described as an "isolated incident." A spokesperson for the police department didn't respond Tuesday to phone and emailed requests for more information.

precipitating regulations on the indus-

Murthy now hopes his advisory on guns will shift the conversation, too, on this issue. He has been encouraged by some developments in Congress, including the passage of the Bipartisan Safer Communities Act in 2022 that enhanced background checks for fire-

A White House report obtained by The Associated Press says that more thorough background checks have stopped roughly 800 sales of firearms to people under age 21. Additionally, more than 500 people, including some linked to transnational cartels and organized crime rings, have been charged with gun trafficking and other crimes under the landmark gun safety legislation.

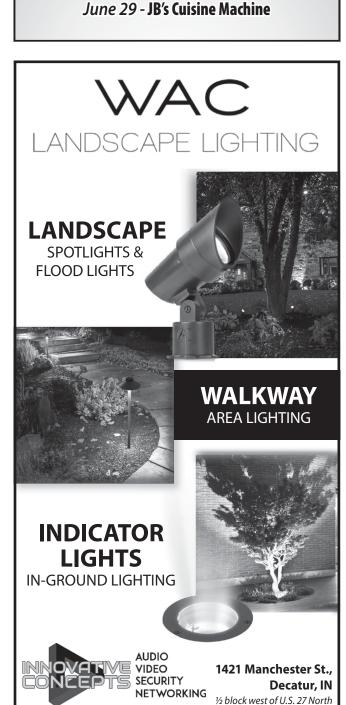
Children and younger Americans, in particular, are suffering from gun violence, Murthy notes in his advisory called "Firearm Violence: A Public Health Crisis in America." Suicide by gun rates have increased by nearly 70% for those between the ages of 10 to 14. Children in the U.S. are far more likely to die from gun wounds than children in other countries, the research he gathered shows.

For pediatricians, talking with families about locking up their guns away from their children has become a routine part of well visits, said Benjamin Hoffman, the president of the American Academy of Pediatrics. When children can't get access to a gun, it prevents a large chunk of gun deaths and injuries - accidental shootings and

"Having access to a firearm for a child who is experiencing a behavioral health crisis is an absolute recipe for the most tragic things you can imagine," Hoffman said.

Even when children are not direct victims of a gun shooting, they may suffer from mental health blowback of gun violence, the report says. About half of teens in the U.S. worry about a school shooting. And in areas that have been exposed to a fatal shooting at a school, youth antidepressant use jumps by more than 20%.

In addition to new regulations, Murthy calls for an increase in gun violence research and for the health system to promote and educate patients about gun safety and proper storage during checkups.



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### **OBITUARIES**

# Paul E. Ealing, 90

Paul E. Ealing, 90, of Bluffton, passed away Monday afternoon, June 24, 2024, at Ossian Health Care.

Paul was born Feb. 2, 1934, in Fort Wayne, Indiana to Earl and Goldie (Fulmer) Ealing. He worked at General Electric and retired from Magnavox in Fort Wayne after 20 years. Paul also owned and operated Paul Ealing Ford in Ossian from 1969 to 1979, and Paul Ealing

Chrysler in Bluffton from 1975 to 1979. He was a longtime member of Murray Missionary Church. Paul enjoyed hunting, was a talented painter, an avid I.U. Basketball fan and always enjoyed having the family together!

On March 29, 1952, in Fort Wayne, Paul and Barbara (Lepper) Ealing were married. They shared 67 years of marriage together before she preceded him in death Feb. 11, 2019.

Survivors include his children, Dennis (Angie) Ealing of Ossian, Denise (Steve) Gerber of Bluffton, Paula (Stan) Urbine of Fort Wayne and a daughter-in-law, Susan G. Ealing of Bluffton. He is also survived



He is preceded in death by his parents; his wife Barbara; a son, Lynn A. Ealing on March 3, 2024; a grandson, Jason Paul Ealing in 2003; three sisters; and one brother.

Visitation will be held from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. Thursday, June 27, 2024, at the Thoma/Rich,

Lemler Funeral Home in Bluffton and for one hour prior to the service.

Funeral services will be held at 10:30 a.m. Friday, June 28, 2024, at the funeral home with Pastor Mike Gilbert officiating. Burial will follow at Fairview Cemetery in Bluffton.

Memorials may be made in Paul's memory to the Murray Missionary Church and can be 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 Ealing family at www.thomarich.com.

# Robert Maidens, 90

Robert Charles Maidens, 90, passed away on Friday, June 21, 2024.

He was born in Manistee, Michigan on March 9, 1930. Robert was preceded in death by his wife of 70 years, Inez Rose (Monnot) Maidens; his daughter, Roxanne Kahn; grandchild, Patrick Norman Morgan; and great-grandchild, Marilyn Rose Kahn.

He is survived by three daughters, Rowena (Charles) Morgan, Robin (Jim Sliger) and Regina (Dallas) Humphrey; five grandchildren, Bridget Greaves, Adam Kahn, Casey (Angela) Morgan, Kristine (Judah) Vandevelde and Dominique (Joseph) Simpson; 16 greatgrandchildren, David, Levi, Lorne, Orion, Sam, Trek, Henry, Eva, Lucas, Titus, Oliver, Finley, Marissa, Joseph, Emmitt and Remington.

Robert loved his family and spending time with them. He also loved his pet bunny, Frisky. Robert loved to tell jokes and pull pranks on people. He considered himself a jokester. Robert also would



say he had been a workaholic all his life. He would laugh and tell you he had retired several times from different places and he was very active until about a month ago. Robert would tell you he had no aches or pains and just couldn't believe it at his age and he really didn't. He was a lucky man with good health. In John 10:10, Jesus says, "I came that they may have and enjoy life, and have it in abun-

dance" (to the full, till it overflows) and Robert did this every day. Robert was always happy.

A funeral service will be held at 10 a.m. on Monday, July 1, 2024, at Elzey-Patterson-Rodak Funeral Home, 120 West Mill St. in Ossian, with visitation one hour prior. Visitation will also be held from 2-6 p.m. on Sunday, June 30, 2024, at Elzey-Patterson-Rodak Funeral Home. Burial to follow the service at Oak Lawn Cemetery. Contributions in Robert's memory may be made to Honor Flight of Northeast Indiana.

Visit www.elzey-patterson-rodak.com to leave condolences.

# Ellis McFadden, 95

Ellis H. McFadden, 95, of rural Fort Wayne, passed away on Wednesday, April 24, 2024.

Ellis was born on April 23, 1929, in Fort Wayne, son to the late Otis A. and Edna V. (Pfeiffer) McFadden. He was married to the love of his life, Marilynn (Lehneke) McFadden for 76 years.

He was a lifelong farmer and very active on the Allen County Soil Conservation Board and

Farm Bureau. He also received the prestigious Indiana Master Farmer award. His eagerness to master new technologies in farming along with his incredible work ethic made him extremely successful. He was a member of the Poe Volunteer Fire Department for 75 years. Ellis was one of the original appointed Board Members of the Southwest Fire District in 1987 and served until December 2020. He was the longest serving board member. His focus. dedication and hard work always ensured the job would get done. Ellis was always there for his friends and neighbors and

enjoyed the time he had with them. He was extremely proud of his family.

Surviving are his daughters, Sharon McFadden Ray, Rita (Tom) Tilden, Carla DeKoninck, Ellen Moore and Amy (Louis) Leonardi; eight grandchildren, 15 great-grandchildren; and three great-great-grandchil-

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his sister, Verna Keever; and brothers, Donald McFadden and Richard McFadden.

Join us as we come together and honor the life of Ellis McFadden. A light luncheon and refreshments will be served at 1 p.m. at the Poe Volunteer Fire Department, 3619 E Yoder Rd. in Poe. We have all felt sadness and grief for Ellis' passing, but now it's time for us to celebrate the remarkable life he lived! Preferred memorials may be made to the Poe Volunteer Fire Department Inc.

Visit www.elzey-patterson-rodak.com to leave condolences.

# Marilynn McFadden, 94

Marilynn J. McFadden, 94, of rural Fort Wayne, passed away on Friday, June 21, 2024.

Marilynn was born on March 9, 1930 in Fort Wayne. Preceded in death by her husband of 76 years, Ellis H. McFadden, Marilynn was a lifelong farmer. She was a stage 4 cancer survivor for almost 30 years.

Marilynn was very active in the Poe Volunteer Fire Department Women's Auxiliary. She

received the prestigious Lois Boaz award for outstanding IVFA auxiliary member. She was very involved with Farm Bureau Pet and Hobby for many years.

Marilynn loved distributing holiday flowers, candy and having jovial conversations with the people in the community that were homebound. Marilynn was always ready to play games with her family and friends. She enjoyed doing puzzles and making quilts for her loved ones. She loved researching her genealogy at the local library, collecting stamps, coins and spending time with her grandkids. In the summer, you could find her fishing at her favorite spots. She worked hard and played harder.

Surviving are her daughters, Sharon McFadden Ray, Rita (Tom) Tilden, Carla DeKoninck, Ellen Moore and Amy (Louis) Leonardi; grandchildren, Stacey (JC Study) Tilden, Brian (Bethany) Tilden, Michele (Robin) Simerman, Joni (Phil) Horton,



Jason (Amanda) Moore, Tyler (Courtney) Leonardi, Carissa (Jonathan) Green and Greyson Leonardi; 14 great-grandchildren; and three great-greatgrandchildren.

In addition to her husband, she was preceded in death by her father, Everett F. Lehneke; mother, Maivis N. (Freck) Lehneke; sister, Phyllis S (Lehneke) Wilkie; and greatgrandson, Jonathan Moore.

Family and friends will gather for visitation from 2-5 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. on Friday, June 28, 2024, with an IVFA service at 7 p.m. at Elzey-Patterson-Rodak Funeral Home, 120 West Mill St., Ossian. Funeral service will be at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, June 29, 2024, with visitation one hour prior at the funeral home. Burial will be at Oak Lawn Cemetery.

Join us after the funeral service as we come together and honor the life of Marilynn and Ellis McFadden. A light luncheon and refreshments will be served at 1 p.m. at the Poe Volunteer Fire Department, 3619 E Yoder Rd. in Poe. We have all felt sadness and grief for Marilynn and Ellis' passing, but now it's time for us to celebrate the remarkable life they lived!

Preferred memorials may be made to the Poe Volunteer Fire Department Inc. Visit www.elzey-patterson-rodak.com to leave condolences.

# Susan Girod

Infant Susan Girod of Bearcreek Township in Bryant, passed away on Monday, June 24, 2024, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne. She was born on Sunday, June 23, 2024, in Bryant. Susan was of the Old Order Amish.

Survivors are her parents, Paul E. Girod and Emma W. Girod of Bryant; grandparents, Daniel and Ida Girod of Bryant, Ernest and Ida C. Schwartz of Berne, Margaret G. Eicher of Bryant, David and Becky Girod of Geneva; great-grandfather, Ernest K. Schwartz of Berne; and siblings, Michael Girod, Ernest Girod and Ida Girod of Bryant.

Funeral services will be at the Paul E. Girod residence, 8455 N 450 E Bryant on Tuesday, June 25, 2024, with Jonas Neuenswander officiating. Interment will follow in the Bearcreek Cemetery in Bry-

Arrangements are being handled by Downing & Glancy Funeral Home in

# **Police Notebook**

City:

Friday, 2:02 p.m., Williams and Silver streets. Report of a manhole cover tilted and sticking up.

Friday, 2:09 p.m., Inteva Products. Portable breath test requested for employee, possibly under the influence.

Friday, 3:24 p.m., Walmart. Report of a theft.

Friday, 4:56 p.m., Kehoe Park. Report of man and woman under the influence. One person taken into cus-

Friday, 7:05 p.m., Roush Park. Report of a branch in the roadway.

Friday, 7:16 p.m., 700 block of South Williams Street. Caller reported elderly woman living without utilities, welfare check requested.

Friday, 10:03 p.m., 500 block of South Merchant Street. Report of dog in neighbor's yard. Able to get dog back home.

Friday, 11:04 p.m., Cottonwood Court and Central Avenue. Report of man walking in area between duplex. Unable to locate.

Saturday, 2:38 a.m., All American. Jovohn Kelsaw arrested on warrant.

Saturday, 10:51 a.m., Walmart. Caller reported woman hit his car while it was parked with his children inside, then reparked her car.

Saturday, 4:15 p.m., 600 block of Westfield Drive. Report of threatening via Facebook.

Saturday, 9:47 p.m., 400 block of Cedar Road. Report of threatening via phone.

Saturday, 10:20 p.m., 800 block of Helen Drive. Caller complained about music.

Sunday, 3:23 p.m., Kroger. Welfare check requested for vehicle with dog inside with windows down. Sunday, 4:10 p.m., South

and Williams streets. Caller reported someone let their two full-size German Shepherds out, not sure who.

Sunday, 4:15 p.m., Wells Community Swimming Pool. Caller reported man taking video of child going down slide, family member asked man to stop and he left. Sunday, 7:05 p.m., Main

Street and S.R. 124. Brittany Adkins arrested during traffic stop for driving while suspended. Sunday, 10:48 p.m., 20

block of Hi Lo Drive. Caller reported domestic issue. Sunday, 11:50 p.m., 1100

block of Hollyhock Lane. Caller complained about dogs barking and no one coming to the door. (Dogs can't open doors.)

Monday, 6:37 a.m., Williams and Market streets. Report of a Grey Mustang that jumped a curb. Driver advised he was picking up friends for football practice. Warned for behavior.

Monday, 10:51 a.m., 100 block of North Main Street. Caller reported someone hit them with a cup.

Monday, 2:02 p.m., 600 block of Beth Avenue. Report of threatening via phone call.

Monday, 4:35 p.m., Water and Main streets. Welfare check requested for homeless man laying in the grass. Subject was given a ride to McDonald's.

Monday, 7:39 p.m., Valero Renewable Fuels. Report of a grass file between Valero and Peyton's along railroad tracks.

Monday, 7:49 p.m., Walmart. Report of fighting. Monday, 9:45 p.m., 200 block of East Washing-

ton Street. Welfare check requested for man under influence. Tuesday, 6:54 a.m., S.R.

124 and Westfield Drive. Car versus deer. Tuesday, 11:33 a.m., 600

block of South Dougherty Street. Report of fraud. **County:** 

Friday, 1:26 p.m., 6900S 700W, Warren. Report of a semi stuck with a tipped trailer.

Friday, 5:26 p.m., Kehoe Park. Welfare check on two individuals revealed that one subject was a registered sex offender failing to comply with rules. Christopher Ballard arrested for failure to register.

Saturday, 9:22 a.m., 1000 block of North Washington

Street, Bluffton. Multiple Street, Ossian. Wallet locat-

neighborhood. Saturday, 10:50 a.m., 1100 North Sunset Drive, Zanesville. Caller reported issues with animals not hav-

ing food or water.

Saturday, 11:27 a.m., 1100 North Sunset Drive, Zanesville. Caller reported subject pointed gun at her after she went to get his address to make a police report. Officer found no evidence a criminal act occurred

Saturday, 9:37 p.m., 1100 South Scott Street, Bluffton. Roberto David Garcia Flores arrested at his residence on warrant for driving without a license.

Saturday, 11:58 p.m., 2700 West Rock Hill Lane, Zanesville. Report of a verbal dispute.

Sunday, 1:30 a.m., 1150S and South 700E, Geneva. Caller reported running vehicle parked in roadway with subject inside. Driver was intoxicated. Daniel Townsend taken into custody.

Sunday, 1:15 p.m., Wells County Jail. Protective order served to Kyle Peterson.

Monday, 9:13 a.m., Wells County Jail. Officer assisted subject with jump start in parking lot.

Monday, 3:21 p.m., 600 block of East 300N, Bluffton. Caller reported subjects at residence stating they were with media company.

Monday, 9:29 p.m., 3500 East Market Street, Petroleum. Caller reported loud music.

Monday, 11:34 p.m., Main and East Market streets, Petroleum. Driver cited for speeding 68 in a 55 mph zone. Tuesday, 12:20 a.m., S.R.

124 and 700E, Bluffton. Semi vs. cattle. Cow owner removed cow from roadway and will remove cows from ditch later. Tuesday, 2:05 a.m., 9300

South 100 East, Keystone. Report of a domestic issue.

Tuesday, 9:09 a.m., Wells County Courthouse. Hunter Butts taken into custody on two warrants. Tuesday., 9:14 a.m., 100

block of East 300 North, Bluffton. Caller reported subject going door to door claiming to be with a media question. Possibly same subjects from previous calls.

Ossian:

Friday, 3:59 p.m., Silo Farms. Report of theft.

block of South Jefferson

callers reported an issue with ed in parking lot. Owner a dog killing a cat in the contacted.

Saturday, 8:18 p.m., 3900 East 900 North, Ossian. Caller reported subject refused to return vehicle that was loaned to them. Advised it is a civil

Sunday, 8:43 p.m., Bittersweet Lane and North Jefferson Street, Ossian. Report of stray dog.

Monday, 7:49 p.m., Ossian Town Hall. Caller reported they found a debit card in town. Card returned to owner.

# **ARRESTS**

Gina Dawn Sizemore, 55, Bluffton; theft, a Class A misdemeanor. Booked and released.

Christopher Mark Ballard, 41, Saginaw, Michigan.; failure to possess ID as a sex offender, a Class A misdemeanor, and sex offender registration violation, a Level 6 Felony. Bond set at \$6,500.

Jovohn Jair Kelsey, 45, Fort Wayne; operating with controlled substance in body, a Class C misdemeanor. Bond set at \$500.

Mason Bradie Boomershine, 20, Craigville; minor possessing an alcoholic beverage and two counts of operating a vehicle while intoxicated, all Class C misdemeanors. Bond set at

Tristan Mikkal Pharr, 31, Bluffton; driving while suspended - prior and theft, both Class A misdemeanors. Bond set at \$1,500.

Roberto David Garcia Flores, 24, Bluffton; operating without ever obtaining a license, a Class C misdemeanor. Bond set at \$1,000. Tess Elise Zirkle, 23,

Hartford City; operating a vehicle while intoxicated, a Class C misdemeanor, and operating a vehicle with an ACE of .15 or more, a Class A misdemeanor. Daniel Ray Edwin

Townsend, 37, Geneva; operating a vehicle while intoxicated - endangerment and operating a vehicle while intoxicated, both Class A misdemeanors. Bond set at \$500. Katie Lynn Parker, 43,

Bluffton; operating a vehicle while intoxicated, a Class C misdemeanor. Bond set at \$500. Brittany Adkins, 35,

company, asking suspicious Bluffton; driving while suspended, a Class A misdemeanor. Booked and released.

That Jut, 43, Fort Wayne; battery — bodily injury, a Saturday, 12:33 p.m., 500 Class B misdemeanor. Bond set at \$1,000.



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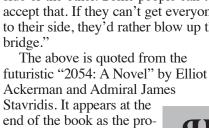
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# Skeptics and cynics and much ado about something

"People talk about the divide in this country as though we were standing on opposite sides of a chasm. When the reality is that we are standing over the chasm, as if on a bridge. You're never going to get everyone to cross to one side or the other. Some people can't accept that. If they can't get everyone to their side, they'd rather blow up the



tagonist muses over civil violence in an America

that represents a logical extension of our current



Mark Franke

# Hoosier **Opinions**

It has the ring of a Shakespearean soliloquy although the speaker is addressing a young friend. The speech would fit nicely in "Julius Caesar," perhaps as Brutus reflects on his actions and that of the other conspirators on the eve of the battle of Philippi. Octavian, the future emperor Augustus, won that battle and the sun set permanently on the Roman republic and Brutus' time on

I admit to being a skeptic but not a pessimist and certainly not a cynic, but it is hard to find a reason to be optimistic these days. Is there any good news to be found in the daily headlines and the cable news chyrons? Public reaction to the recent convictions of President Donald Trump and Hunter Biden was informed not by respect for American jurisprudence but by predetermined bias for or against the defendants.

In a perverted sense one cannot help but conclude that the legal process did not matter at all. Why go through expensive trials when the outcome would not be accepted by half of the population? Why not just put the verdict to a popular referendum?

Ancient Athens and Republican Rome had court systems that involved large open juries of citizens, at least those who bothered to show up for the trial. In Rome's republican death throes, guilt or innocence was decided by which side rallied the larger number of favorable jurors to attend. It was political theater at its most cynical, Cicero's courtroom eloquence notwithstanding.

In the novel "2054" street mobs are a daily occurrence. The nation has broken down in a crisis of governmental legitimacy and the unwillingness of the general populace to view it as legitimate. These demonstrations devolve to violence on a regular basis. Meanwhile White House advisors and senior Congressmen scheme for power exercised behind the scenes as they manipulate an inept president.

One might want to excuse the situation on our college campuses as they are just kids going through a phase. Let's hope that is all it is but I am not sanguine. I was in college during the Vietnam demonstrations. Although my campus, IPFW, had only peaceful and non-disruptive protests, the same could not be said of other colleges and major cities. Wikipedia, my crutch for AI, has a list of these protests longer than I cared to count. The escalation of violence is evident as one scans the list which is in chronological order. Violence begets violence as history instructs us.

As I write this just after the summer solstice, there e news reports of a few radical environmentalists spray-painting the monuments at Stonehenge. Vandalism of important pieces of art is not a contemporary phenomenon; just recall the senseless iconoclasm in the Byzantine Empire during the eighth and ninth centuries. And who can forget the Taliban's 2002 destruction of the large Buddha statues in Afghanistan? Cultural barbarism must have a half-life running to millenia.

This is not simply destruction of private property, which is abhorrent enough. The current horde of cultural barbarians are targeting historical treasures. But then their manifestos make it clear that they are at war with civilization.

I am Christian, not a Buddhist, but I regret the obliteration of their statues. Nor am I a pagan but I regret the defacing of Stonehenge.

While I am disclosing what I am not, I should add that I am not a psychologist either. In fact it was my least favorite class in college. But it doesn't require a Ph.D. in psychology to recognize these acts, and their actors, for what they are — selfish and self-centered, declaring themselves intellectually and morally superior to we hoi polloi.

I wonder what goes through their minds when they realize that they just ran afoul of the criminal justice system. Or perhaps they won't face that anguish since they cleverly have taken the measure of large city prosecutors and campus administrators.

I must return to Shakespeare before I become irretrievably depressed by all this. What play would he write about America's political and cultural environment in 2024? Would he write a tragedy or a comedy? I doubt that even the Bard could find satire in our current state of affairs. And he surely wouldn't title it "Much Ado about Nothing."

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# How a long, debt-loving bipartisan consensus has warped U.S. business

Economic policy during a second Joe Biden term would be even worse than policy during a second Donald Trump term. Both, however, would continue a bipartisan consensus that for decades has grown broader, deeper, and more economically and culturally debilitating. Americans are sleepwalking toward convulsive pain, a consequence of decades of easy money policies to prevent minor pains.

Social outcomes that are deemed flaws of capitalism — increased inequality and corporate power – are actually largely consequences of government. It has grown excessively interventionist and confident as it and the nation have become addicted to prolonged low interest rates, the "socialization of risk" and the resulting misallocation of capital. Because of government's "paternalistic fear," a "bailout culture" has grown: "A safety net once meant to catch the poor at the precipice of hunger was extended under the financial markets." This was the result of a vow by the Ayn Rand-reading Alan Greenspan, appointed Federal Reserve chairman by Ronald Reagan.

So argues Ruchir Sharma, investor and chairman of Rockefeller International, in his invigorating "What Went Wrong With Capitalism." This nation has become "the biggest deficit spender in the capitalist world" by increasing increments of risk-aversion and pleasure-delivery by government.

President John F. Kennedy's proposed tax cuts, enacted after his assassination, were, Sharma says, an American first: a tax stimulus to fuel an ongoing expansion. President Lyndon B. Johnson's innovation was a spending stimulus to accelerate an ongoing expansion. In 2017, Trump "instituted tax cuts later in a recovery than any previous president, pushing the practice of constant stimulus to a new extreme." And pushing the deficit to a peacetime record.

Because of the fiscal follies during the pandemic "forgivable loans" (hitherto called grants), cash downpours (recipients, including most Americans, many of them gainfully employed, fattened bank deposits by \$3.5 trillion) — the government issued more debt in 12 months than it had in the first two centuries after 1776.

Hitherto, the "cleansing effect" of large recessions culled weak companies, causing a 20 percent increase in bankruptcies. But because of the bailout culture, during the pandemic corporate bankruptcies declined. Did you even notice Biden's \$36 billion bailout of the Teamsters' retirement plan in 2022? Sharma on the indiscriminate "impulse to rescue":

'By the summer of 2020, the Fed owned debt issued by major companies in virtually every industry ... even a utility held by Berkshire Hathaway. In effect, the government was offering unsolicited financial aid to Warren Buffett.'

In 1987, after the Black Monday stock market crash, a ripple in an expansion, Greenspan declared the Fed's "readiness to serve as a source of liquidity to support the economic and financial system." That is, to support everything. His wielding the central bank for stimulus during an economic expansion was, Sharma says, a step toward government operating "in permanent crisis mode." And toward almost four decades of what the political class relishes: cheap



Since Greenspan's 1987 promise, Sharma writes, "the stock market has grown from half the size of the U.S. economy to two times larger," disproportionately benefiting the wealthy. But economic stability can disguise loss of dynamism. The economy was in recession half the time in the late 19th century, one-fifth of the time between 1945 and 1980, and just one-tenth of the time since then.

But, Sharma argues, the business cycle is dampened by piling up debt. In the bailout culture, slowing growth stimulates financial markets, which anticipate fresh gushers of government money. Especially benefiting the wealthy.

Between the 1790s and 1970, Sharma writes, the nation "ran consistent surpluses, with significant deficits only during five crises: the War of 1812, the Civil War, the Great Depression, and the two world wars." Since 1970, there have been significant deficits every year but four.

Conservatives' faith that tax cuts will pay for themselves is mirrored by progressives' faith that their "investments" pay for themselves. The result is the same: debt.

Greenspan's successor, Ben S. Bernanke, said the Fed's bond-buying was designed to drive down interest rates, thereby driving up asset prices for a "wealth effect": Feeling richer, Americans would spend more. This was not demand management, it was the manufacturing of demand; government planning, not capitalism, wherein market forces allocate wealth.

Socializing risk benefits the rich most, but others, too. Total U.S. social spending — including health and pension benefits delivered by private employers but mandated or subsidized by government — is about 30 percent of gross domestic product, and the welfare state is world's second-most (behind France) generous. But everyone eventually loses from what Sharma calls "a business culture pickled in debt."

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# My questions for the candidates

President Biden and former president Donald Trump Thursday night on CNN ought to be more than rehearsed answers and soundbites we've heard before. Polls show Americans are alarmed over what many feel is the unraveling of our country when it comes to the economy, uncontrolled immigration, the weakening of once shared moral values, and an unraveling of what used to be known as cultural norms.

Trying to pry loose some honest answers from politicians has always been a difficult exercise. Here are some of the questions I would ask if given the chance.

Polls show voters are most concerned about immigration and our borders, the economy and crime. It is obvious to anyone with eyes wide open that the border is not secure. According to The Hill, "The United States had some 10.2 million illegal immigrants in 2020, and another 10 million have entered during Biden's presidency." Many, it can safely be said, are gang members, criminals, some with terrorist ties, and let's not forget the drugs. In a handful of cases, innocent Americans have even been murdered by undocumented immigrants.

President Biden, you swore for more than three years you could do nothing about the border without congressional action. Now you have issued several executive orders limiting asylum access for migrants crossing the border unlawfully. These actions have, reportedly, lowered bor-



**Thomas** 

na, by nearly 40 percent. U.S. Customs and Border Protection data also shows there has been a "25% decrease in daily encounters between ports of entry." No news yet on the flow of drugs, so not quite a complete victory. What would you do differently in a second term to address the border? Follow-up. You and for-

der apprehensions, in Arizo-

mer President Obama have pledged to "fundamentally transform America." Does that mean flooding the nation with people who broke our laws to get here, allowing them to become citizens and, as critics say, perpetual Democrat voters?

For Trump: You have said you would deport millions of undocumented migrants, but last week you seemed to modify your position. Explain the actions you would take.

For Biden: The Congressional Budget Office projects the national debt will have reached \$56 trillion by 2034. The main drivers of debt are Social Security, Medicare and other federally funded programs. These must be reformed because no nation in history has been able to sustain itself with so large a debt. What would you do to protect people now receiving these benefits, but overhaul them to allow these programs to continue for future generations?

For Trump: You added \$8 trillion to the national debt during your four years in office. How would you reduce spending and the debt?

For Biden: Polls show people are concerned about a new wave of crime and soft prosecutors who allow repeat offenders to walk free and in some

cases commit new crimes. Would you urge a tougher-on-crime approach and the replacement of these prosecu-

For Trump: Why do you call so many Democrats and some Republicans names while speaking nicely about Vladimir Putin, Kim Jong Un and President Xi Jinping? What do you hope to accomplish by demeaning your fellow citizens?

For Trump: You have claimed Putin would never have invaded Ukraine and war would not have broken out between Israel and Hamas if you were president. On what basis can you say that?

For both: Iran is on the verge of producing a nuclear weapon. You both and Israel have said that cannot be allowed. What would you do to stop them and can you afford to wait?

For Biden: Democrats seem to be consumed by the abortion issue. Nearly 64 million abortions have been performed in the U.S. since Roe v. Wade was enacted in 1973. As a Catholic, doesn't that cause you concern and why won't you at least endorse adoption as an option?

For Trump: The president has called you a "threat to democracy" and a "convicted felon." What can you do to ease voter's fears about the first and would you pardon yourself of any additional federal charges if you are re-elected? For both: You have and apparently will continue attacking each other. Say something nice and substantive you like about your opponent.

Hey, Jake Tapper and Dana Bash, you have your own credibility problems having attacked Trump so often. Let's try to be fair Thursday night.

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# There is a word for every little thing...a million meanings for every little word

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cate even the simplest of ideas without using language somewhere in the process. Ok, let us forego the inclusion here of phalange gestures and flying flags upside down...

although we can agree that they are often quite effective on occasion.

We will be referring here to words, using words, meanings, problems associated with, slang, generational words....well, just words. In today's world, the world that is simultaneously growing smaller by the moment and yet expanding into areas that many of us never anticipated encountering - ever. - it must be said, that there are very few words that I am not willing to say either in a whisper or a yell. This is because I have yet to discover a more powerful way to communicate than with those compilations of letters that when placed in specific order, magically mean more than the sum of each letter individually.

It also must be said that language changes with such rapidity that it is often difficult to keep up with current meaning. How does this happen, one might ask. A word is a word; how can the meaning change? Well, with ease it would seem. Think about it. What was the popular slang when you were a kid? A teenager? Some of the more familiar slang from when I was a kid, well the slang that I could speak out loud

within earshot of my mom included such phrases as: hip, groovy, mod, boob tube, five finger discount (ok, that one did not get mentioned within earshot of the mom),

tennies, zit, dig it, hippie, kiss off, mop-top, square, ticked off, unglued, burn rubber, passion pit (ditto, that one also was not spoken around the mom).

Now, think for a moment about the language changes due primarily to online communication. I spent an inordinate amount of time trying to decipher IYKYK that was sent to me in an email. Heck, I tried every combination I could conceive and could come up with nary a clue. So, I swallowed the scintilla of pride that I still have intact and texted back, "Huh??" Yep, I do have a way with words. Well, the response was one of incredulity, I guess at my lameness. Turns out it means "If you know, you know." Ok then, I still was not 100% sure what that meant. The person who sent the text, then said, "Gee, Bill, you are becoming an NPC." Once again, I wittily responded, "Huh?"

Get this, an NPC means a "non-playable character." This is a term used by "gamers" for characters in video games that are not like "real people" but merely characters that interact in the game's narrative, but do not really have meaning. So what? Now I have no meaning and must exist for the remaining moments of my life as an NPC? WIM (woe is me)....batter's up, I can play this

Language changes continu-

ously; it is on the move. Here's one that causes my head to throb and my bile to churn: woke. I have heard and read this one since about 2022. The definition used

to be that if one was "woke" then one was "awake" as opposed to asleep or unconscious. Today, as I have been told, it means to be socially conscious and culturally aware. Ok, I can live with that. But here's the rub....for many people who share the planet with me, the term "woke" is considered a negative. What the heck? I guess if I have my druthers, I will choose awake, conscious, and aware over the alternatives. And yes, that is my final answer.

Other words that have morphed in politicized verbiage include: tolerance, grooming, cancel culture, systemic racism. See, I at one time was confident in my knowledge of meanings; today the clarity may have dimmed a bit. Just what do these terms mean for you? How about language that is termed as "dog whistle"? I used to think that dog whistles were the devices used to....wait for it.....call a dog. Well, imagine my chagrin. It means no such thing, at all. Well, it does still imply that the words will only be audible to a select group of humans, not

Dog whistle, as it turns out, are words, phrases, and terms that are political shorthand, if you will, that are used to summon a preferred response when used in political situations like rallies and large gatherings. Here's the kicker though: the "dog whistle" is only

effective if most persons don't know what they mean. That might seem anathema to successful communication, but who knew? They are actually often thinly veiled, coded political messages which are directed to a particular group about a particular other group. Guess these "incognito phrases" are perfect examples of IYKYK....see how quickly I adapt? Just like that I used the term as if it had been in my verbal repertoire for years.

Another option for studying language and meaning would be reading The 2025 Presidential Transition Project (Project 2025) which is a collection of policy ideas from The Heritage Foundation to "reshape" the US federal government. "Reshape" - what can that possibly entail? Well, look it up....all 920 pages. it runs the gamut of "reshaping" public education, taxes, the rule of law and separation of powers, individual freedoms and rights, contraception, terminating diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) programs and even foreign trade policy. In 920 pages, I guess, there is something for everyone. Do not ever take my word about such things; take no one else's word.... look it up and read it for yourself. You can find it online; I did. Then, let's talk.

Recently a person stopped by my house and over a Pepsi, our conversation rambled into the realm of politics. My guest, with a sanctimonious, snarky, smirk said, "By the way, Bill, you might want to do further research because the United States is NOT a democracy, it is a republic." She sat back quite impressed with her profundity. This is not the first time this particular sentiment has surfaced in conversations of late. Well,

drop the dang mic and back that proverbial bus up, Trigger. Fact: The United States is a representative democracy. I did not make this up; the Constitution establishes a federal democratic republic. Republic means that the government is representative and abides by a constitution and democracy means a government is ruled by the will of the majority. (Call Mr. Kracium or Mr. Gilbert if more specificity is required.)

**Here's the thing:** Language is a slippery little dickens. We use it every time we think, dream, write, read, converse, watch a movie, look at a map, read a direction, write a poem, hear a song lyric. So very much depends upon the words that we use, see, or hear. Words have heft and most words have multiple levels of meaning, and the fact that we can speak and be understood at all is an amaze-

As a person who has forever had a fascination with language, it is a topic that will never lose its appeal to me. I do not know how things will turn out for the remainder of this year, but I do know this for certain. If we can agree to continue to try to communicate, to understand, and to see and hear others in the same way we want them to see and hear us, then we have a real shot making it possible for all of us to survive and thrive. That will get my vote every dang time.

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Editor's Note: This is one of a series of articles and opinions written by a group of retired and current teachers Ken Ballinger, Billy Kreigh, Kathy Schwartz, and Anna Spalding. Their intent is to spur discussions at the dinner table and elsewhere. You may also voice your thoughts and reactions via The News-Banner's letters to editor.



# Meet them in the 'jungle'

When the Creative Arts Theater presents "Disney's Jungle Book," at the Auditorium, 428 S. Oak St., Bluffton on June 28-29, these young actors will be taking the leading roles. Left to right are Kai Davis (Baloo), Ryder Kumfer (Mowgli) and Eva Gerber (Bagheera). Friday's performance will begin at 7 p.m. and Saturday's at 3 p.m. Admission is \$11. (Photo provided)

# Samuel Jones Pioneer Award Breakfast is July 5

The 36th annual Samuel Jones Pioneer Award Breakfast will be at 7:30 a.m. Friday, July 5, at the Knight-Bergman Center, and will officially open the 57th Annual Salamonie Summer Festival.

The Warren Area Chamber of Commerce invites the public to participate in this historic event as these annual awards for community service are presented. Guests will learn a little about the history of Warren, and those who contribute to the Small Hidden Treasure of Warren, Indiana, this fantastic familyfriendly community!

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# Dollar drive-in movie at the Y

On the Fridays of June 28, July 19 and Aug. 9, A \$1 per vehicle will allow entry to the Caylor-Nickel Foundation Family YMCA's Movie Night.

An LED screen, which can be seen in any light, will be set up in the parking lot. All movies will begin at 6 p.m. and concessions and ice cream will be available for purchase from Major League Creamery. Toy Story" will be

shown on Friday, July 28th with "Monsters, Inc. on July 19th and "Beauty and the Beast" on Aug. 9th. All proceeds will sup-

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# **Interesting facts related** to Independence Day

Americans celebrate Independence Day every July 4. The holiday has become synonymous with summer fun, as grand fireworks displays and backyard barbecues are integral components of many people's July 4 celebrations.

As Americans and residents of the United States prepare for some festive Fourth of July celebrations, they can keep these interesting facts related to Independence Day in mind.

• There have been many iterations of the American flag. The American flag has become an iconic symbol of freedom recognized across the globe since the United States declared their independence from Great Britain in 1776. But few July 4 celebrants may know that the current version is the 27th iteration of the American flag. According to the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, the current version of the flag officially became the flag on July 4, 1960.

 More than half of all Americans own an American flag. A 2023 poll from WalletHub found that 57 percent of Americans own an American flag. And that's not the only way Americans show their national pride, as the same poll found that roughly one in three Americans intended to purchase patriotic merchandise for July 4.

• The United States is not the only place to celebrate American independence. Such celebrations occur in various countries, including Australia, Denmark, Ireland, and Norway. The festivities in Rebild National Park in Denmark is believed to be the largest celebration of American independence outside the United States.

 The National Hot Dog and Sausage Council estimates that 150 million hot dogs are consumed on July 4. Though there's no corresponding estimate related to how many hamburgers Americans eat on July 4, various reports suggest Americans eat roughly 50 billion burgers annually, so it's fair to conclude many a burger will be nsumed this Independence Day

 July is a popular month for nations to celebrate their independence. In addition to the United States, various countries, including Algeria (July 5), Argentina (July 9), The Bahamas (July 10), Belarus (July 3), Burundi (July 1), Canada (July 1), Cape Verde (July 1), Colombia (July 20), Kiribati (July 12), and Liberia (July 26), celebrate their Independence Day in July.

 John Adams, a Founding Father of the United States and the second president in the country's history, felt Americans should celebrate their independence from Great Britain on July 2. That's because the Continential Congress voted for independence on July 2, 1776. However, the Declaration of Independence was not approved for two more days, thus making July 4 the day to celebrate America's independence from Great Britain.

# Tips to save when shopping for your July Fourth barbecue

Barbecues are part and parcel of July Fourth celebrations. Such get-togethers might be even more notable in 2024, when Independence Day falls on a Thursday. That means many people will likely be taking off on Friday, July 5, which adds another day to celebrate with friends and family around the grill this year.

Opportunities to entertain will abound this July, and that can take a toll on hosts' pocketbooks. As the holiday approaches, individuals planning to host a July 4 barbecue can heed these tips to save on food and supplies at the grocery store.

 Ask guests to bring a side and/or beverages. Hot dogs and hamburgers may garner the bulk of the culinary attention at a July 4 barbecue, but side dishes are necessary as well. When inviting guests, ask each to bring a side dish or dessert. Potato salad, mixed greens, pasta salad, chickpea salad, and other cold fare go well with traditional barbecue favorites, and asking guests to bring these along can save hosts substantial amounts of money. If guests can't bring food, ask them to bring beverages like soft drinks, iced tea, beer, or wine.

· Shop ahead. Hot dogs, hamburgers, chicken breasts, and other summer grilling favorites can be frozen and thawed out come the day of the barbecue. Shopping ahead for such items, as well as beverages, can help hosts spread out the cost of hosting, which can make it easier to manage the cost of throwing a party, particularly if the guest list figures to be sizable.

 Consider less expensive cuts of meat. If steak is on the menu at your Independence Day barbecue, consider purchasing less expensive cuts of meat. The Hearth, Patio & Barbecue Association notes that chuck cuts like flat-iron steaks and petite filets are flavorful cuts that won't cost nearly as much as rib-eyes and New York strip steaks. Hosts also can save on burgers by purchasing ground beef and creating their own patties as opposed to purchasing pre-made hamburgers from their grocer's meat department. The HPBA notes that chicken thighs, legs or quarters also tend to be less expensive than chicken breasts.

 Grill up healthy fare. Vegetables are less expensive than meat and poultry, and there's many ways to prepare veggies over an open flame. Grilled vegetable skewers are flavorful and popular, and guests might appreciate some nutritious fare to counter all the less healthy items they're accustomed to eating at July 4 barbecues.

There's no shortage of ways to save money when celebrating July 4 in the backyard. This year hosts can celebrate to the fullest without breaking the bank.





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# Wells County Chamber of Commerce honors Loving Shepherd Ministries as June Member of the Month

The Wells County Chamber of Commerce staff and Ambassadors recently surprised the dedicated team at Loving Shepherd Ministries by naming them the June Member of the Month. Located at 1935 N. Main Street in Bluffton, LSM has been making a significant impact on vulnerable children around the world since its inception in 2002.

LSM was established by Ed Schwartz and Doug Isch with the mission to support the world's most vulnerable children in reaching their God-given potential. They achieve this by creating and sustaining families, engaging the Church both domestically and internationally, and developing educational and business opportunities.

Ed Schwartz's background as a pastor and foster parent inspired the creation of LSM. Realizing the need for an organization to assist families in adopting, Schwartz partnered with Isch, who was seeking a career in non-profit work. Together, they spent several months planning before opening their doors in July 2002.

Since then, LSM has expanded significantly. The Homes of Hope program in Haiti finds local Haitian couples to act as parents for groups of 12 boys or girls, partnering with local churches to identify suitable parents. Today, LSM operates 24 Homes of Hope and employs over 200 Haitians. They also run two schools and a post-high school campus in Haiti, as well as a for-profit busi-

ness producing high-quality concrete blocks and aggregate.

In Ethiopia, LSM shifted to a family preservation approach, supporting over 100 single mothers and 250 children by helping mothers start businesses. Locally, LSM supports foster and adoptive families with counseling services. Isch explained, "Globally, we help vulnerable children through three programs: building Homes of Hope in Haiti for over 250 children, supporting single mothers in Ethiopia with business skills, and focusing on foster care and adoption in the U.S. with counseling and guidance."

The LSM building in Bluffton serves many purposes such as an education wing, where church groups, school groups, and other visitors can tour and learn about LSM's programs. There is an event center for guest speakers and a warehouse for supplies destined for Haiti. They also pack gospel kits for distribution to Haiti.

"Being a ministry here in Bluffton is a blessing. This community is generous, encouraging, and supportive. We're grateful for the support we've received over the past 22 years and for the opportunity to help vulnerable children globally," Isch expressed.

For more information about Loving Shepherd Ministries and their work, visit their website at www.loving-shepherd.org, contact their office at 824-9000, or visit 1935 N. Main Street, Bluffton, IN.

# Israelis' lawsuit: UN agency helps Hamas by paying Gaza staff in dollars

NEW YORK (AP) — Israelis who were taken hostage or lost loved ones during Hamas' Oct. 7 attack are suing the United Nations agency that aids Palestinians, claiming it has helped finance the militants by paying agency staffers in U.S. dollars and thereby funneling them to money-changers in Gaza who allegedly give a cut to Hamas.

But the agency, known as UNWRA, told The Associated Press on Tuesday that the staffers were paid in dollars by their own choice. Gaza and the Israeli-occupied West Bank don't have their own national currency, and primarily use Israeli shekels.

The lawsuit, filed Monday in a U.S. federal court in New York, marks the latest challenge to the beleaguered U.N. agency, which has been the main supplier of food, water and shelter to civilians during the Israel-Hamas war. The Israeli government has long assailed the over 70-year-old agency, and scrutiny has intensified during the eightmonth-long war, prompting UNRWA to defend itself while grappling with a spiraling humanitarian crisis in Gaza.

"UNRWA's staff, facilities and ability to truck cash U.S. dollars into Gaza formed a potent pillar of Hamas' plan to undertake the Oct. 7 attack," the lawsuit says, asserting that the U.N. agency "systematically and deliberately aided and abetted Hamas and its goals."

UNRWA Commissioner-General Philippe Lazzarini said Tuesday that he learned of the case only through the media.

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"I don't know what the status of this lawsuit is all about, but for the time being, I see this as an additional way to put pressure on the

agency," he said at a press briefing in Geneva.
UNRWA has denied that it knowingly aids Hamas or any other militant group.

Israel invaded Gaza after Hamas' Oct. 7 attack, in which militants killed around 1,200 people, mostly civilians, and abducted about 250. The war has killed more than 37,000 Palestinians, according to the Gaza Health Ministry, which doesn't say how many were civilians or fighters.

The lawsuit was filed on behalf of scores of Israelis including Oct. 7 attack survivors, victims' relatives, and rescued captives. It echoes some complaints their government has raised, ranging from claims that UNRWA employs Hamas operatives to complaints about the content of textbooks in UNRWA-run schools.

But the suit also focuses on the agency's practice of paying its 13,000 Gaza staffers in U.S. dollars. The money is wired from a bank in New York and trucked into Gaza, according to the legal complaint, which says the payroll totaled at least \$20 million a month from 2018 until last September.





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# Top sports moments in Wells County: No. 4, postseason booms off the bat

For today's reveal of my top-5 sports moments in Wells County in 2023-24 I give you a pair of home runs that meant a great deal at the time.

Yesterday, all of the honorable mentions went to Southern Wells and the No. 5 spot went to Bluffton's Tyler Godwin. Today, it's all about the Norwell Knights.

Both Jordan Markley of the softball team and Noah Schamerloh cranked home runs in the playoffs. At the time of the game, both of them were momentum swingers.

Unfortunately, only one of them resulted in a win. Markley's solo blast in the regional championship against Yorktown came in the 6th inning. The Knights tied the game with the solo blast and set up for three more runs in that inning. That was the only offense Norwell mustered vs. the No. 6 Tigers, who was throwing their ace, Caitlin LaFerney, with a

Not only did that one hit spark that threerun spot, it led to the first regional championship for Norwell since 2003. The moment was top-tier.

Schamerloh's grand slam didn't give Norwell a win, as the Knights fell in the sectional championship to Mississinewa 14-10, but it was really sweet.

It was his first career home run, and he belted it. This was right after Mississinewa punched the host-

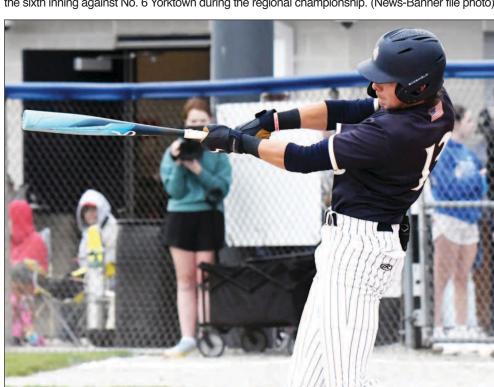
ing school in the mouth with a 7-0 lead after its first two times up to the plate.

It was the first time Norwell hosted a sectional, so you can imagine the earthquake that grand slam sent in Ossian. I got to witness it first-hand in the dugout. The pure joy and explosion just gives you chills!

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Norwell's Jordan Markley high fives head coach Kevin Baird after her game-tying solo home run in the sixth inning against No. 6 Yorktown during the regional championship. (News-Banner file photo)



Noah Schamerloh jacks a two-out grand slam home run to cut deep into the Mississinewa lead in the bottom of the second inning of the sectional final at Norwell. (News-Banner file photo)

# Green Valley Senior Golf results

The winning team in this week's Green Valley Tuesday Senior Golf League was Wayne Close, Doug Scher, Greg Castilow, Jack Blair and Ron McDonald.

Steve Folk was the low gross at 36 and Castilow was the low net at 27. Arley Higginbotham was the closest to pin and the longest putt went to McDon-

# **Roenick gets into Hockey Hall** of Fame after a lengthy wait

By STEPHEN WHYNO **AP Hockey Writer** 

Jeremy Roenick was getting a coffee when he got the call he once hoped for but some time ago stopped expecting when the Hockey Hall of Fame selection committee meets typically in late June.

Tears welled up in his eyes and then down his face as he was rendered unable to pay, to hold the cup or to speak. It was to him an embarrassing but also a wonderful moment to get the word that he'll be inducted into the hall this November.

"I still can't believe it," Roenick said. "I'm sitting here in shock. I'm shaking. I'm sweating. ... This means the world to me."

His lengthy wait is over after more than a decade, as Roenick was unveiled Tuesday as part of the seven-member class of 2024, the first to include two women's players since 2010. It's the first class with two U.S. women's players in the hall's history: Natalie Darwitz and Krissy Wendell-Pohl.

"Hopefully this is a regular occurrence from here on out," Darwitz said. "There's so many players of our generation and past generations that have paved the way to get women's hockey to be where it is today, so hopefully we're the starting line of that happening every single year, that two female hockey players can get into the Hall of

Two-time Detroit Red Wings Stanley Cup-winning winger Pavel Datsyuk and tormer Nashville Predators detenseman Shea Weber were elected in their first year of eligibility. Longtime executives Colin Campbell and David Poile were chosen in the builder category.

Roenick's 1,216 points with Chicago, Phoenix, Philadelphia, Los Angeles and San Jose are fourth most of any U.S.-born player. He has been a candidate since 2012

and passed over each year since. "I actually did not think it was going to happen," Roenick said on a conference call with reporters. "Having something when you wait for it, and like I waited for it, never knowing if it would happen, it feels like it means more because it hit me really, really hard."

Datsyuk and Weber were slam dunks to be first-ballot Hall of Famers. Datsyuk dazzled as "the Magic Man" throughout a 14-year career with Detroit in which he excelled offensively and defensively and afterward won also won Olympic gold with Russia in 2018 when NHL players did not participate.

"Of course I'm pumped," Datsyuk said. "Now I'm a lucky boy. I'm happy."

Weber, only 38, is still under contract his rights are owned by the Utah Hockey Club that relocated from Arizona and used to be called the Coyotes — but was eligible because injuries ended his playing career in 2021 after helping Montreal reach the final. A two-time Olympic gold medal winner for Canada in 2010 and '14, he said he screened the hall's call a couple of times not recognizing the number or expecting the

"My career obviously it was a great career," said Weber, who played 11 of his 16 NHL seasons with Nashville and served as captain there from 2010-16. "I wish it could've gone longer and something that the body kind of tells you it's time and unfortunately it was a tough time because mentally I still felt like I could compete and contribute but physically I just had nothing left to give.'

Poile, who drafted and then later traded Weber, has the most victories of any general manager in league history from his stints running the Washington Capitals and the Predators. He follows his late father, fellow exec Bud Poile, into the hall.

"I wish I could have a little conversation with him today," he said.

Campbell, who spent more than a decade on the selection committee, has been working high up in the NHL office for more than 20 years since a stint coaching the New York Rangers. He said it was "kind of

shocking" to get the call. Darwitz and Wendell-Pohl were teammates at the University of Minnesota and on the U.S. national team, reaching the Olympic final in Salt Lake City in 2002 and leaving with silver medals. Wendell-Pohl got emotional when she found out they'd also be going into the hall together, especially as another sign of the growth and appreciation of women's hockey.

"It's crazy," she said. "To think of how far the game has come in such a short amount of time but yet feels so long ago when you think of where it was back when we kind of started playing on boys (teams) and the opportunities now that girls have to

# ChiSox have a plan for Crochet to help with his pitching workload

**By JAY COHEN AP Baseball Writer** 

CHICAGO (AP) — The Chicago White Sox have a plan for Garrett Crochet to help the left-hander with his workload for the rest of the season.

Crochet was removed after he retired the first two batters in the sixth inning of Monday's 3-0 loss to the Los Angeles Dodgers. There was no score when he was replaced.

The 25-year-old Crochet threw 91 pitches, 60 for strikes. He threw 85 pitches in his previous start, when he struck out eight in six innings in a 4-1 loss to Houston.

'We're going to start dwindling his workload down a little bit, and we'll manage that correctly," White Sox manager Pedro Grifol said Tuesday. "But it's not something we're going to put out and say, 'Here's what we're doing,' because nothing in this game is black and white.

Crochet has been Chicago's best pitcher this season, but he is already up to 94 1/3 innings — 40 more than his career high from 2021. The 6-foot-6 Crochet, who made his first big league start on opening day, had Tommy John surgery on April 5, 2022.

He leads the American League with 130 strikeouts. He is 5-2 with a 1.53 ERA in his past 11 starts.

"He's slowly detraining through the course of the year so he can finish the season," Grifol said. "We're not going to detrain him and build him back to the capacity where he was at the start of the season. This is going downhill now. We have to really monitor his workload.'

The White Sox carried a major leagueworst 21-59 record into Tuesday night's game against the Dodgers. Crochet is among the top available pitchers ahead of the July 30 trade deadline, but concern over his workload presents a unique challenge when it comes to putting together a deal.

When it comes to his pitch count, Crochet said he vouches for himself as much as he

"I think that I could throw 130 pitches and be cool," he said after Monday night's game. "That's how I felt like I was tonight. But with where the innings are at, I definitely understand where everybody's coming from, trying to monitor things.'

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Dear Annie: I used to complain and they ask if I about not receiving thank-you notes, am on Facebook. but how many times have you been to a shower where, at the end, the gift I do not use social receiver graciously gives a heartfelt "thank you"?

In this day and age, it really doesn't mean that a person isn't grateful. It has been drilled into their heads to text and to send an answer right away. Next time you see the person, say "thank you," and remember that a "thank you" is still reached out to a "thank you" even if it's not written on a piece of paper.

I still write thank-you notes, but that's me. It's part of my growing up when it was the thing you do. — Another Perspective

Dear Another Perspective: I like your letter because you are giving people the benefit of the doubt. You are assuming that their in-person "thank you" was heartfelt and that was enough for you to feel appreciated.

Dear Annie: I do not engage in social media platforms for a few reasons. First and foremost, I cherish face-to-face communication along with the sound of another's voice and real human interaction. I long for it. It is not as if I never gave social media a chance. I did, for years.

I found that people are very superficial online and that seeing that side of people actually made me feel very different about them. I chose to take it all down before I began working at a school.

Ever since then, people I thought I was close to — those I considered my inner circle and even my own siblings have slowly stopped communicating with me. It almost seems as if, if you are not on Facebook, you don't exist. I call or text people and they do not respond. There are very few who seem to understand that the phone works both

I will run into people I have known most of my life who seem excited to see me; they ask where I have been,

Dear Annie When I tell them by Annie Lane media, I often tell them I have had



no response. The reply I get comes across as lazy to me. It is usually, "Oh, I don't have time to sit on the phone." Yet they will have the time to spend hours on social media, even posting pictures of what they eat.

Am I doomed to a life of solitude if I don't give in to the worldwide obsession with social media? The loss of social skills in this world concerns me. No Communication

Dear No Communication: There is nothing wrong with not wanting to be on social media. My guess is that you will have more "quality friends" over many "quantity friends." Would you rather have four silver quarters or 100 pennies in your pocket? You will get the quality if you continue to be you. Listen to your intuition about not wanting social media. You are ahead of your time. People are becoming increasingly aware of the negative impact of social media on their mental health

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# **My** Answer

By Dr. Billy Graham

Question: There's a lot said about Christian faith being narrow – and it must be! But so many Christian churches today say quite differently that true Christianity accepts everyone regardless of their path, and that the goal of religion is to eradicate all poverty and suffering. To identify with them is to affirm a religion without Jesus Christ. How can these churches get away with calling themselves Christian? – F.C.

Answer: Today's culture has become well versed in Christian terminology but is remiss in the actual practice of Christ's principles and teachings. Our greatest need today is not for more Christianity

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# It is Christ who offers salvation to all

but more true Christians. Some so-called Christian leaders advocate the working

out of a system of morals, ethics, and religion that would bring together all the religions of the world. It cannot be done. Jesus Christ is unique! It is Christ who offers salvation to all, but many whose lips call Him Lord reject Him in their hearts.

Some people have said, "It doesn't really matter what people believe, just so they are sincere. Somehow all paths lead eventually to God, I guess. And if God is a loving God, then everyone will be saved eventually whether they are trusting Christ or have rejected Him."

But the Bible says otherwise: "Nor is there salvation in any other, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved" (Acts 4:12, NKJV).

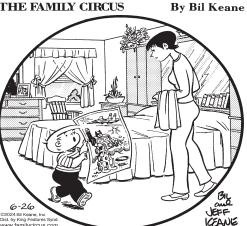
The Lord did not design the church to cater to people's needs - the Lord breathed into the church to proclaim His truths. But while many ponder why God allows suffering and poverty, one answer is certain: He wants His followers to demonstrate the love of God's love, mercy, and comfort to others, and the church should not seek pleasures but seek to serve God and obey Him.

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**Cash4Life** — 04-08-16-48-57, Cash Ball: 01 **Quick Draw Midday** — 01-07-12-13-16-28-39-40-46-

47-50-51-55-60-61-66-70-72-74-77, BE: 07 Daily Three-Midday — 00-07-07, SB: 05 Daily Three-Evening — 07-03-00, SB: 01 Daily Four-Midday — 01-05-04-09, SB: 05 Daily Four-Evening — 09-09-09-04, SB: 01

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