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### Music on The Plaza

Rylie Lynn sings to a full Bluffton crown downtown with her band, Rylie Lynn Band, on Friday night. The concert concluded Bluffton NOW!'s 'Downtown Hoedown' event. (Photos by Ryan Walker)



## Tourism board plans to spend \$50K on marketing

By HOLLY GASKILL

The Wells County Convention and Visitors Commission expects to vote next month on a \$50,000 proposal for local marketing efforts.

Tourism Coordinator Audry Dudley told the board Wednesday that she had sought proposals from three companies with a \$50,000 budget. Two companies had returned their proposals at the time, and the third was still fielding questions about Wells County's interests and priorities.

Propeller Marketing of Fishers presented a six-month proposal for consultation, coordinating a marketing campaign, printing, and miscellaneous services. Boyden and Youngblutt of Fort Wayne presented a proposal involving digital media campaigns and billboard designs.

At a glance, the board recognized that the price tag was hard to reconcile. "I was kind of hoping, for that price, it would be a full year," said board member Brandy Fiechter. (Continued on Page 2)

## Head-on crash on SR 116 claims one, injures another

By HOLLY GASKILL

One person has died and another is in critical condition following a head-on crash on State Road 116 on Friday.

According to a press release from the Wells County Sheriff's Department, a 2016 Jeep Patriot was traveling northwest on S.R. 116 near County Road 200 west at approximately 5:30 a.m. when, for an unknown reason, the driver crossed over the center line and into the southeast lane. The driver of a 2024 Chevrolet Silverado traveling southwest reportedly

attempted to swerve to the left, but the Jeep swerved back into the northwest lane, where the vehicles collided head-on.

The driver of the Jeep was pronounced dead at the scene. The second driver is in critical condition and was taken by ambulance to Lutheran Hospital.

The WCSD withheld the names of the individuals involved, pending notification to the families. An official crash report is pending.

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Brandon Schueler cutting the ribbon during the "soft open" event last Thursday. (Photo provided)

## Norwell grad opens home goods store in Fort Wayne

By SYDNEY KENT

A 2012 Norwell graduate and Wells County native opened the door to his new business and storefront on Saturday.

Wayne Home and Design Co., located in Fort Wayne, is filled with a wide variety of home-ware, like furniture, accent pieces, pillows, and blankets.

The man behind the design, Brandon Wayne Schueler, said that some of his creativity first stemmed from landscape design he did in high school while attending Norwell. This skill eventually evolved into an interest and passion for interior design.

Following graduation, Schueler moved out of Wells County and began his career in real estate, working as a realtor for over 12 years with the Schueler-Beckstedt Real Estate and Mike Thomas Associates.

He credited his love for choosing the finishing touches and curating the



Brandon Schueler (pictured) opens the door to his new store. (Photo by Sydney Kent)



### Truck Pull at 4-H

Competition was fierce throughout the truck pull at the fairgrounds Friday, with the top four of one class of trucks finishing within five feet of each other. Above, Cletus Loshe takes off on his run. At left, Scott Sprang goes underneath his truck to make final adjustments, with Karsen Sprang sitting inside. Below, Derek Andrews heads down the track on his class-winning run. (Photos by Jonathan Snyder)



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## Tourism board

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 “This is just six months.”  
 However, Dudley and board member Scott Elzey said they felt it was a great value to bring experts in to learn how the county should market itself to tourism within Indiana.

“That’s what we’re hoping that a marketing firm can help to do — they’re going to have a different message for you than they are for me,” Dudley said to board member Steve Higgins, referencing identifying different audiences in northeast Indiana. “And they’re going to have different attractions for you than for me. But they’re going to be able to pinpoint that a little tighter.”

Dudley also advised that the focus would primarily be on overall branding and year-round attractions rather than annual or seasonal opportunities. This branding effort would also be separate from those the city of Bluffton has contracted through Reusser in Fort Wayne.

Elzey, the board’s president, asked everyone to review the current proposals and come back to their meeting next month with their thoughts, with hopes of making a decision. Their next meeting is at 8 a.m. on Aug. 14 at the Wells County Chamber of Commerce.

The Visitors Commission can pay for marketing services like this through

the innkeeper’s tax, a 5% on overnight accommodations in Wells County. A portion of this tax supports Dudley’s salary, and the rest benefits local tourism promotion.

Between March and May of 2024, Wells County collected \$36,317.04 through the innkeeper’s tax. March brought in the most revenue thus far, with \$6,489.59 collected through traditional hotels and \$1,468.01 collected through online rentals like Airbnb.

Meanwhile, Dudley has continued to work on putting together various materials for tourism, like a map to give guests at the Chamber of Commerce or place at hotels and Airbnbs.

On Wednesday, the board reviewed a map draft by the Friends of Ouabache and ultimately decided to proceed with their own materials. However, they learned that different map versions may be helpful since someone shopping in Wells County for a day may be looking for different offerings than someone staying out at the campgrounds.

Dudley also promoted a “summer bingo” card of local attractions, which encourages people to engage with local attractions. After her activity report, Elzey asked Dudley to create target deadlines for bigger tourism projects, like the map project.

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## Indiana high school SAT scores continue downward trend, latest test results show

By CASEY SMITH  
 Indiana Capital Chronicle  
 Only a quarter of Hoosier high schoolers who took the SAT during the last academic year earned college-ready scores in both reading and math, according to newly-released results.

More than 80,000 high school students, primarily juniors, took the test in 2023-24. Of those, about 24% of students met the readiness benchmark on both subject portions, according to the Indiana Department of Education. That’s a 4.4% decrease compared to last year, continuing a two-year downward trend.

The new test results were released Wednesday and discussed by the State Board of Education.

State law requires IDOE to administer a national college entrance exam to high school students before graduation.

**Scores on the decline**  
 The SAT includes math, reading and writing sections. The assessment, administered by the College Board, scores students as “At College-Ready,” “Approaching College-Ready,” or “Below College-Ready,” depending on their performance.

A student who scores “Approaching” with one more year remaining in high school is expected to be at “At College-Ready” by graduation.

(Graphic from Indiana Department of Education presentation)

Students who score at or above the benchmark have a 75% chance of earning at least a C in their first semester of credit-bearing college courses in that subject area, IDOE officials said.

Almost 52% of high school students met the assessment’s reading and writing benchmarks, alone, which is about the same as last year.

Just 25.2% of Indiana students showed college-readiness in math — 5.5% lower than in 2022-23 and 7.7% lower than in 2021-22, according to IDOE. In the most recent school year, 22.1% of students were “Approaching” college-readiness, and 52.7% were below the readiness benchmark.

**A new SAT**  
 IDOE officials emphasized that the College Board is seeing a decrease in

scores nationally, including in Indiana.

“When we initially saw our data and heard from schools, there was a bit of concern because of the SAT scores,” said Indiana Secretary of Education Katie Jenner. “But there were some assessment shifts which caused the mean score nationwide to go down, and in Indiana.”

In 2023-2024, College Board changed the test design, which can often impact assessment scores.

The SAT’s switch to an adaptive assessment means questions provided to individual students become more or less difficult, depending on how they perform from one stage of the exam to the next. The new SAT is now shorter, has fewer items and shorter reading passages, takes less time to complete, and permits calculator use throughout, according to the College Board.

Hoosier students who are chronically absent — meaning they missed at least 18 days, or 10% of the school year — scored substantially lower on the SAT. Only 17.5% of those who were chronically absent showed college-readiness on the SAT in 2023-24 compared to 41.1% who earned the benchmark and were not chronically absent.

The latest Indiana data shows that about 40% of students statewide missed 10 or more school days during the 2022-23 academic year, and nearly one in five were chronically absent.

Jenner said Wednesday the results underscore the urgency behind the state’s ongoing work to rethink and redesign the state’s high school experience.

“We have work to do. We know that we’re going to continue to roll up our sleeves as educators and keep working hard, and also partner with our parents and families,” Jenner said. “It has to be a partnership. We can maximize learning the most — we know this — as educators, plus the parents and families, partnering for the child.”

State board member B.J. Watts additionally said that the SAT college-readiness data is likely skewed, given that it does not consider students who don’t plan to pursue higher education after high school but are required to take the

exam anyway.

“I think it’s important for us to remember ...now, every single student is taking this test. There’s probably some students that are not college bound — don’t want to be college bound — that may not take this test as seriously as others,” Watts said. “I don’t want us to lose sight of that — we’re forcing students to take a test that they have zero interest in ... those numbers may be a little skewed by those students that, truly, this test has no value to them.”

**Changes coming to high school requirements**

While many colleges have opted to make standardized tests optional, most still use PSAT, SAT and ACT scores to make admissions decisions.

Many scholarships and merit organizations additionally use the exams to award students money for college.

Currently, Indiana officials are undertaking a major redesign of the state’s high school graduation requirements, including proposed diploma changes.

Paramount to the new plan, according to state officials, is maximized “flexibility” for students to personalize learning pathways and experiences, including with college courses taken while still in high school, as well as the ability to count internships, apprenticeships, military experience and other work-based learning toward their graduation requirements.

As laid out in the proposal, earning college-readiness marks on the SAT or ACT could count towards requirements in the future “Indiana GPS Diploma” — a more flexible, personalized version of the current Core 40 diploma.

Nothing proposed has been set in stone yet, however — the rulemaking process to finalize the diploma model is expected to continue for a couple more months. Before the state board takes a final vote — which is anticipated in September — additional rounds of public comment and changes to improve the overall plan are underway.

By law, board members must give their stamp of approval by December. The requirements would then take effect with the Class of 2029.

## Weather

Saturday, July 20, 2024

(24-hour observations at 10:02 p.m. Friday from the Fort Wayne International Airport)

High: 77; Low: 55; Precipitation: None  
 Wabash River Level (at the Main Street bridge): 1.52 feet at 7:45 p.m. Friday

### Wells County forecast

**Today:** Sunny, with a high near 80. Calm wind becoming north around 5 mph.

**Tonight:** Partly cloudy, with a low around 60. Calm wind.

**Sunday:** Partly sunny, with a high near 81. Calm wind.  
**Sunday Night:** Mostly cloudy, with a low around 63. Calm wind.

**Monday:** Partly sunny, with a high near 82.

**Monday Night:** Mostly cloudy, with a low around 65.

**Tuesday:** A 50% chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly sunny, with a high near 79.

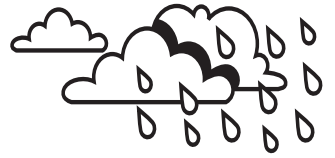
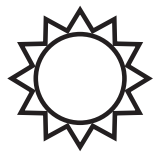
**Tuesday Night:** A 40% chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 65.

**Wednesday:** A chance of showers and thunderstorms, then showers likely and possibly a thunderstorm after 2pm. Partly sunny, with a high near 79. Chance of precipitation is 60%.

**Wednesday Night:** Showers and thunderstorms likely. Partly cloudy, with a low around 65. Chance of precipitation is 60%.

**Thursday:** A 40% chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly sunny, with a high near 79.

**Thursday Night:** A chance of thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a low around 63.



## Home goods

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 perfect space in buying his own home, which he renovated and designed himself.

“Two years ago, I decided if this is something I love, why not bring it to Fort Wayne?” Schueler said. “I felt like the market was lacking in curated design options — outside of the big box stores.”

In addition to private consultations, Schueler plans to host quarterly events in the storefront as well.

“My main priority was

to create an experience for everybody that walks through the door,” Schueler said. “I don’t want it to just be another store, I want people to remember the experience. That has been at the forefront of everything I’ve done and made for the store.”

Wayne Home & Design Co. is located at 7763 Coldwater Rd. in Fort Wayne. Additional information can be located on the Wayne Home and Design Co. Facebook page.

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## Moon fests, moon movie and even a full moon mark 55th anniversary of Apollo 11 landing

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — The cosmos is providing a full moon for the 55th anniversary of the first lunar landing this weekend, and plenty of other events honor Neil Armstrong and Buzz Aldrin’s giant leap.

Aldrin, 94, the last surviving member of the Apollo 11 crew, headlines a gala at the San Diego Air and Space Museum on Saturday night. He’ll be joined by astronaut Charlie Duke, who was the voice inside Mission Control for the July 20, 1969 moon landing.

Museum President Jim Kidrick couldn’t resist throwing a bash “55 years to the day of one of the most historic moments in not only the history of America, but in the history of the world.”

Can’t make it to San Diego, Cape Canaveral or Houston? There are plenty of other ways to celebrate the moon landing, including the new film “Fly Me to the Moon,” a light-hearted look-back starring Scarlett Johansson.

And you can explore all things Apollo 11 on a special website by the Smithsonian Institution’s National Air and Space Museum.

If nothing else, soak in the full moon Saturday night into Sunday morning.

Here’s a rundown of some Apollo 11 tributes:

**‘The Eagle has landed’**

NASA’s Kennedy Space Center is holding a moon fest at its tourist stop, just a few miles from where the Saturn V rocket thundered away with Armstrong, Aldrin and Michael Collins on July 16, 1969. Houston’s Johnson Space Center, home to Mission Control, is also getting into the act. Four days after they left Earth, Armstrong and Aldrin, in their lunar module, Eagle, settled onto the Sea of Tranquility at 4:17 p.m. Eastern with barely any fuel remaining. “Houston, Tranquility Base here. The Eagle has landed,” Armstrong radioed from 240,000 miles away. “No moment united the country quite like when the Eagle landed, as all of planet Earth watched from below,” NASA Administrator Bill Nelson said Friday in an anniversary message.

**‘One small step’**

“That’s one small step for man, one giant leap for mankind,” Armstrong proclaimed as he became the first person to step on the moon. Armstrong grew up in northwestern Ohio’s Wapakoneta, now home to the Armstrong Air and Space Museum. The museum’s tribute Saturday begins with a pair of “Run to the Moon” races, followed by model rocket launches and wind tunnel demos. John Glenn, the first American to orbit Earth, hailed from New Concord on the opposite side

of the state, some 150 miles away. The John and Annie Glenn Museum will be open there Saturday for your astronaut fix.

**‘Magnificent desolation’**

Aldrin followed Armstrong outside on the moon, uttering “Magnificent desolation.” They spent just over two hours treading the dusty surface, before returning to their lunar module and blasting off to link back up with Collins, the command module pilot who had remained in lunar orbit. Armstrong’s spacesuit for the moonshot was restored in time for the 50th anniversary in 2019. It’s on display at the Smithsonian’s National Air and Space Museum in Washington, along with their return capsule. Aldrin and Collins’ spacesuits from Apollo 11 are also part of the Smithsonian collection and currently in storage. Collins died in 2021, less than a year after the 50th anniversary; Armstrong died in 2012.

**Splashdown!**

The capsule holding Armstrong, Aldrin and Collins — dubbed Columbia — splashed down in the Pacific on July 24, 1969. They were recovered by the USS Hornet, a Navy aircraft carrier that repeated the job for Apollo 12 four months later. The Hornet is now part of a museum in Alameda, Cali-

formia, with a splashdown party planned aboard the ship on Saturday. Some of the original recovery crew will be there. The Apollo 11 astronauts immediately went into quarantine aboard the Hornet and, along with 48 pounds of moon rocks and soil, remained off-limits for weeks as they were moved to Houston. Scientists feared the astronauts might have brought back moon germs. Most of the rocks remain locked up inside a restricted lab at Houston’s Johnson Space Center. The Apollo program landed 12 astronauts on the moon from 1969 through 1972.

**Next up: Apollo’s twin**

NASA aims to send four astronauts around the moon next year — part of a new moon program named Artemis after Apollo’s twin sister in Greek mythology. The SLS rocket for that flyaround — short for Space Launch System — is due at Kennedy Space Center next week. It’s arriving by barge from NASA’s Michoud Assembly Facility in New Orleans. This core stage will get a pair of strap-on boosters at Kennedy before blasting off in September 2025 — at the earliest — with three U.S. astronauts and one Canadian. None of them will land on the moon; that will come on a following mission with another crew no earlier than 2026.

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# Local Roundup

## Bluffton-Harrison school board will meet Monday

The board of the Bluffton-Harrison Metropolitan School District will meet at 6 p.m. Monday, July 22, in the school district's administration building at 803 E. Harrison St. in Bluffton.

- Topics on the agenda include:
- Personnel and financial matters.
  - Advanced placement report.
  - Creative Arts Performing Arts Center announcement.
  - Reports from Superintendent Brad Yates and Assistant Superintendent Julie Meitzler.
  - Construction and project updates regarding the middle school, high school, athletic facility needs and Our Town Safety Village.
  - Policy and handbook updates.

## Bluffton Board of Works to meet Tuesday afternoon

The Bluffton Board of Public Works and Safety will meet at 4:30 p.m. Tuesday, July 23, in the Council Chambers on the second floor of City Hall, 128 E. Market St.

## Norwell school board will meet Tuesday evening

The board of the Norwell Community Schools will meet at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, July 23, at the school district's central office, 312 N. Jefferson St. in Ossian.

Topics on the agenda include:

- Report from Superintendent Mike Springer.
- Personnel and financial matters.
- Discussion regarding the organization of the technology team.

## Wells County BZA will meet Tuesday evening

The Wells County Board of Zoning Appeals will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday, July 23, in Room 214 on the ground floor of the Wells Carnegie Government Annex, 223 W. Washington St. in Bluffton.

- Topics on the agenda include:
- Michael and Karen Todd requested a variance to increase the size allowance from 1,500 sq. ft. to 2,288 sq. ft. for 2900W 1050N in Ossian. The property is zoned R-1.
  - Jade Heyerly requested a variance to reduce the yard setback from 30 ft. to 1 ft. for a fence at 423 Autumn Court in Bluffton. The property is zoned R-2.

## PSAP Advisory Board will meet Wednesday

The Wells County Public Safety Answering Point Advisory Board, which oversees the county's consolidated dispatch services, will meet at 8 a.m. Wednesday, July 24, in Room 105, the multi-purpose room on the lower level of the Wells Carnegie Government Annex, 223 W. Washington St.

- Topics on the agenda include:
- Radio encryption and budget proposals.
  - Report from Director Mike Miller.
  - Radio replacement.

# Holcomb to travel to Australia, Singapore on economic development trip

By WHITNEY DOWNARD  
Indiana Capital Chronicle

Gov. Eric Holcomb will be taking another international economic development trip this summer — this time to Australia and Singapore.

The trip will be Holcomb's 24th as governor and first official visit to the countries of Australia and Singapore — and will have a focus on advanced manufacturing, defense and energy. Travel costs are covered by private donations to the Indiana Economic Development Foundation.

Holcomb, First Lady Janet Holcomb and David Rosenberg — Indiana's Secretary of Commerce — will leave for Australia from Indianapolis on Saturday, July 20 and return from Singapore on July 30. The trio will be joined by other representatives from the Indiana Economic Development Corporation.

"Indiana is celebrating win after win thanks to our strategic focus on cultivating a globally minded, future economy," said Holcomb in a release. "Australia and Singapore both represent significant partnership opportunities due to their strengths in bolstering innovation, attracting and developing talent and cultivating growth in critical sectors. I look forward to taking Indiana's message across the Pacific and working to foster new opportunities for our businesses and our residents."

Indiana's imports and exports tally \$1.8 billion with Australia and \$944 million with Singapore. Indiana has 32 Australian business establishments, including C&R Racing, CSL Plasma, Everstream, Pratt Paper, Sales Pond and Tronics. Indiana has two Singa-

porean-owned businesses.

Hoosier companies CAI, Eli Lilly and Company and Zimmer Biomet operate in both Australia and Singapore.

The Australian leg of the trip will include meetings with American and Australian government officials, including New South Wales Minister for Agriculture Tara Moriarty and U.S. Consul General in Sydney Christine Elder. The group will attend a roundtable discussion at the U.S. Studies Centre at the University of Sydney.

Holcomb and Rosenberg will also meet with Australian businesses like Rux Energy, a technology company with a focus on hydrogen storage. Another portion of the trip will include meetings with government officials in Victoria, including a roundtable hosted by the American Chamber of Commerce and IFM Investors, a Melbourne-based company that has invested in the Indiana Toll Road.

After roughly a week in Australia, the delegation will go to Singapore to meet with more government officials and representatives of Enterprise Singapore — the government's enterprise development office. The agency will host another roundtable open to business leaders and pitch Indiana as a competitive destination.

The Hoosiers State is home to more than 1,050 foreign-owned business establishments that span 40 countries and territories, according to the press release. These companies committed to investing \$20.49 billion in 2023, more than double their 2022 investment and 71% of total committed capital investments in 2023.

## Obituary Policy

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

If additional information and/or a photo is desired to be included, or if the deceased does not meet the definitions of a "local" person, there is a charge.

Area funeral homes will provide details on the policy and will coordinate obituary publication.

# Bluffton Parks & Rec News & Notes



By Brandy Fiechter

## Destination Recreation

I hope you got your fill of fair food this week, so it will tide you over until Street Fair comes. I can't believe that we are nearing the end of July already. As school gets closer, our summer events start winding down. Next week is the last week for **Picnic in the Park**. Children aged 18 and under can still receive a free lunch every weekday from 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. at Roush Park (925 W. Silver) until July 26. Special thanks to the Bluffton Harrison Metropolitan schools for feeding kids this summer.

Once school starts, we lose all our life-guards, so be sure to squeeze in the last few days of the Wells Community Pool! Pool hours are 1- 6 p.m. daily, weather permitting. Lap Swim is offered Monday, Wednesday and Friday (12:00-12:50 p.m.) for only \$2. We still have a few opportunities to rent the pool for a private party before we open from 10-12 p.m. Call the pool at 824-1550 to schedule. The splash pads will remain open through Labor Day.

Join us for a FREE Friday night concert featuring **"The Insiders"** on July 25 at Kehoe Park from 8-10 p.m. Bring your lawn chair and a few dollars to purchase something delicious from Uncle Matt's BBQ Shack food truck or a drink from 2 Pour Guys (ID required). This concert is sponsored by the generosity of the Howard & Beverly Rich Endowment. The rain site is Life Community Church; follow Bluffton Parks on Facebook for weather-related updates.

Our final Kehoe Concert will feature the **Woomblies Rock Orchestra**, which offers a powerhouse of talent. Ten musicians, including a three-piece string section and two horns, play some of the greatest rock and Motown music ever written. This includes music from rock bands like ELO, Moody Blues, Led Zepelin, and greats like Barry White and The Four Tops. Lush vocal harmony and impressive musicianship make the WRO a must-see. Enjoy a free show on Friday, August 2, from 8-10 p.m. at Kehoe Park along the Wabash River. Kenzie's

Coneys and Big Dipper food trucks will offer delicious options. 2 Pour Guys will also be available to serve adult beverages. This concert is sponsored by the generosity of Diane Humphrey. The rain site is Life Community Church. Special thanks to the Wells County Foundation and ProFed Credit Union for being this season's title sponsors.

ABC Studio and Activity Center has partnered with us to offer some fantastic **FREE drop-in classes** for children of all ages. Bring the kids on Aug. 7 from 5:30-6 p.m. to learn about musical theater, try a tap class on Aug. 14 from 5:30-6 p.m., or learn Hip Hop dance on Aug. 21 from 5:30-6 p.m. Stop by on those dates to try it out, and if the kids are interested in pursuing it longer, ask about class options.

If you want a fun way to burn off the extra calories from the fair, join Jenni Millholland at Washington Park on Mondays from 6-7 p.m. for a combined yoga strength class (30 minutes of strength training & 30 minutes of yoga). Wednesdays from 6-7 p.m. are restorative yoga days. Bring your yoga mat. 10-class punch cards are available for \$60.

**Photo Contest** — Join us in commemorating half a century of memories and milestones at Bluffton's beloved Parlor City Trot. Whether you've got a snapshot from way back when or a recent race-day gem, we want to see your best shots from over the years. This is a wonderful opportunity to connect with the community and share your part in this historic event.

To Enter: Post your favorite Parlor City Trot photo. Tag @Bluffton Parks and use #50thParlorCityTrot.

Prizes: Winners will receive exclusive 50th Anniversary Parlor City Trot hoodies and hats.

You can win in two ways: 1. Photos with the most likes, and 2. We will also randomly select up to 10 additional winners. Don't miss your chance to sport these special edition goodies. Get tagging and sharing - we can't wait to see your entries!

Have a great week!

# Wells County Briefs

## Recycling Center talks working with businesses

Because the Recycling Center recoups some of its money through selling materials to other companies, members of the Solid Waste Management District board, which oversees the center, questioned if they should be doing more to partner with local businesses.

Recycling Center Superintendent Kevin Poling was uncertain, as some businesses use the center, and some have designated pick-ups with the same companies the center works with. "I don't know where'd we get more cardboard," he added.

Board member Jeff Stringer also questioned if the center had the manpower to take on more commercial recyclables. "I think it depends on the mission of the recycling is — is it to be a profit center or is it to be a service?" Stringer questioned.

"Well, I'm not even necessarily suggesting that we have to be a profit center, right? But it'd be nice if it was. But just as from a general mission standpoint, is there cardboard in the county going to the landfill that could otherwise be rerouted to us?" asked board member Scott Mentzer.

Also during the meeting, the board approved a \$100,000 investment into a six-month CD with 1st Source in Bluffton at a rate of 5.25%.

The board later approved a 2025 budget proposal, with the County Council's budget hearings slated for August. There were no significant changes outside the rural town clean-up budget moving from the Area Plan Commission to the Recycling Center.

## HVAC issues at the jail evaluated

Sheriff Scott Holliday told the County Commissioners Monday that representatives from Ameresco had visited the jail to evaluate HVAC in the summer heat. The company had previously advised that they couldn't regulate the system until they could do so in warmer weather.

Holliday reported there were 78 inmates housed in the Wells County Jail as of Monday, 39 of which were pre-trial holds from the Circuit Court, 20 for the Superior Court, 18 from the Department of Correction and one Level 6 felon.

— Compiled by Holly Gaskill

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**PROVERBS 15:1-9**  
The tongue has the power of life and death. [ PROVERBS 18:21 ]

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### TAKING RESPONSIBILITY FOR WORDS

It's almost unheard of for institutions to admit guilt after a tragedy. But one year after a seventeen-year-old student's death by suicide, a prestigious school admitted it "fell tragically short" in protecting him. The student had been relentlessly bullied, and school leaders, despite knowing about the mistreatment, did little to protect him. The school has now committed to taking significant steps to combat bullying and better care for students' mental health.

The devastation caused by bullying is a stark example of the power of words. In the book of Proverbs, we're taught to never take the impact of words lightly, for "the tongue has the power of life and death" (PROVERBS 18:21). What we say can either lift up or crush another. At its worst, cruel words can be a factor contributing to literal death.

How do we bring life with what we say? Scripture teaches that our words flow from either wisdom or foolishness (15:2). We find wisdom by drawing close to God, the source of wisdom's life-giving power (3:13, 17-19).

We all have a responsibility—in words and actions—to take seriously the impact of words, and to care for and protect those wounded by what others have said. Words can kill, but compassionate words can also heal, becoming a "tree of life" (15:4) to those around us.

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**When have you seen careless words cause damage?  
How can you show God's compassion through what you say?**

*Loving God, please help me never take the impact of words lightly but rely on You to speak what brings life.*

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## On media bias, with a side note on divine intervention

While there is no question in my mind that, generally speaking, national news outlets lean to the left, I don't believe it's a conspiracy that many want to believe. Hence I was heartened to read the opening paragraph in an essay we published on this page last week by one of our national columnists, Megan McCardle, who writes for the Washington Post:

### Saturday's Sub



Mark Miller

"In my 20 years of writing right-leaning columns at mainstream publications, I've made two arguments over and over. First, I've tried to convince my fellow journalists that liberal media bias is real. And second, I've tried to convince conservatives that, though it's real, it's not the conspiracy they imagine."

Unfortunately, I found her explanation less than convincing — or perhaps "unclear" might be a better word. The Reader's Digest version of my explanation would be:

1) All media is biased. Because it is run by humans.  
 2) Reporters and editors are trained — at least they were when I was in school — that it is incumbent upon them to report the news as accurately and fairly as possible. And, I like to believe, the reporters involved in my definition of the mainstream media (the three network news organizations) actually try to do that. Some just do a better job than others. I think CBS falls woefully short, ABC seems more interested in entertaining us than informing us, which leaves NBC, which I feel does the best of the three. But you have to watch and listen carefully; they're not perfect but neither am I.

3) Practically all national journalists, from my observations, grew up in large metropolitan areas. At the very least, that's where they live now. Most, if not all, reflect that. It's who they are. They don't conspire to twist stories or emphasize different aspects. It's their humanness on display. We country bumpkins see things differently than them.

Hence, I get the bulk of my national news from NBC — but always with a skeptical ear, which my wife will confirm whenever I moan or talk back to the TV — and the Wall Street Journal, which is certainly a conservative-leaning publication, but whose reporters have often clashed with their editors. Makes it interesting.

4) Cable news is a different animal. With a few exceptions, cable-news channels make no pretense of being unbiased, although they purport to tell "the truth." If you want conservative-leaning news or left-leaning news, you know where to go. This was no more obvious and on no better display than Saturday evening's coverage of the events in Butler, Pa.

We (my wife and I) heard the sketchy news while at a grand-nephew's birthday party — only that shots had been fired at a Trump rally but he was OK. When we got home, I did not turn on the television right away, having no reason to be particularly concerned, and instead enjoyed a quiet twilight on the patio reading a book. Only when I turned the TV on after dark did I realize the gravity of the situation and how close our country came to unimaginable chaotic possibilities. After NBC began repeating themselves with the limited information that was available, I wondered how CNN and Fox News was covering this.

CNN was focused on praising President Biden's response — his initial television appearance, his calls for toning down the rhetoric and his return to the White House to demonstrate his command of the situation.

Fox News had Mike Huckabee opining that God had stepped in to protect Mr. Trump because God obviously wants him to be president. The show's hosts nodded their heads in agreement.

I feel a need to personally digress. Having survived a close call, via a nasty car accident nearly 24 years ago now, I have personal experience in saying I am here "by the Grace of God," as Trump said Thursday evening.

First, I believe it is one leap to assume that He intervened at all; I may have just been plain lucky. There are certainly more important things in overseeing a universe that He had been attending to that day, but for those of us who call ourselves believers, we accept and often seek the possibility of divine intervention.

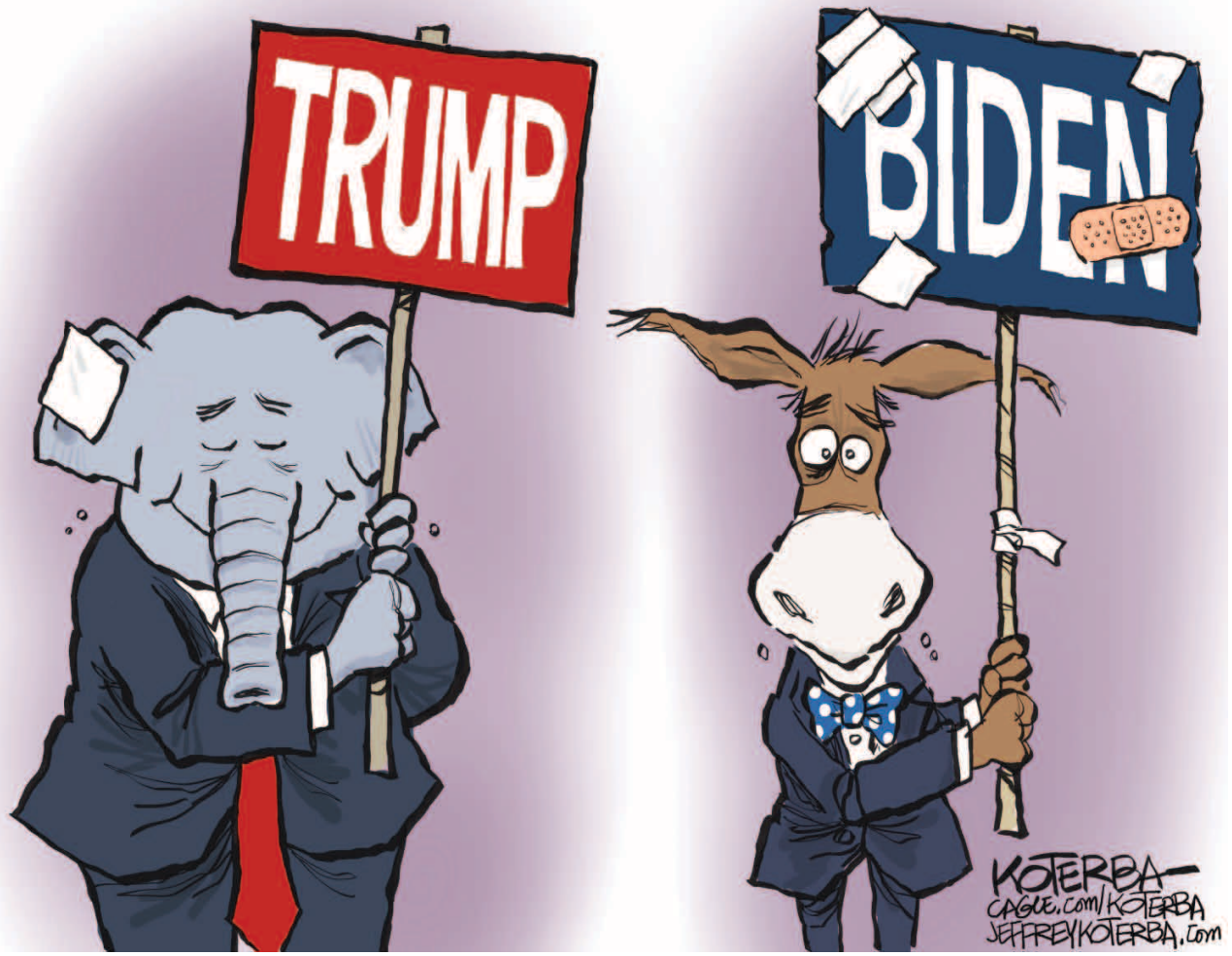
Even if that were the case, it is another leap to assume we know why. I spent a healthy amount of time in discerning and listening. I believe I eventually found that answer, but part of that discernment is feeling strongly that to declare to the world that "God is on my side" due to such an experience is risky business. We can all cite other examples of people — including some world leaders in history whom we cannot imagine had any relationship with the Almighty — that survived close calls as well. Was that divine intervention?

And there's plenty of meat on the other side of that bone. What of Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s campaign for peaceful change that erupted into lethal violence after his assassination? Why did my wife's cousin, one of the finest men I've known, get a fatal brain tumor at such a young age?

Let's leave God's plans to Himself for now. (Speaking of divine intervention, we could use a bit here at the N-B right now. Please pray for our problematic platemaker, if you feel so inclined. But I digress within a digression.)

Back to my original point which, if I correctly recall, is about media bias. If you're watching cable news, you are absorbing a conspiracy. The "mainline national news outlets" are not perfect, but at least they're trying. Sorta. For the most part.

That's my story and I'm sticking to it.  
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## This election is Democratic progressivism vs. GOP progressivism-lite. Alas.

The consensus that the nation is politically polarized is indisputable only because it is undisputed. Granted, there is cultural polarization about this and that — pronouns, bathrooms, indoctrination masquerading as education, etc. Politically, however — regarding government's proper scope and actual competence — there is deepening bipartisan agreement. Unfortunately.

Concerning the broad contours of public policy, there is a disturbing convergence. Programmatically, the parties are more aligned than they have been since the 1950s, when President Dwight D. Eisenhower caused Republicans to accept the permanency of the New Deal's legacy: a transfer-payment state (Social Security, soon to include Medicare and much more) and federal supervision of the economy. The Republicans' 1964 nominee, Barry Goldwater, expressed a growing exasperation with ideological homogenization, promising "A choice, not an echo." He initiated an epochal divergence between the parties, which culminated 16 years later.

Today, beneath the frothy partisanship, Republican progressivism echoes the Democrats'. Both parties favor significant expansions of government's control of economic activity and the distribution of wealth. Both promise to leave unchanged the transfer-payment programs (Social Security, Medicare) that are plunging toward insolvency, and driving unsustainable national indebtedness.

And both parties favor tax increases: the Democrats on corporations, consumers and the 3 percent of individuals earning more than \$400,000 annually; Republicans on consumers.

Substantial portions of the Democrats' corporate taxes would be paid by employees in foregone compensation, or would be passed on to consumers (including the 97 percent earning less than \$400,000) in the prices of products. Donald Trump's promised 10 percent across-the-board tariff on all imports would be taxes (more than \$300 billion annually, according to the Tax Foundation) paid by consumers.

The Peterson Institute for International Economics says: A tariff is "a tax on domestic consumption, since it raises the price buyers pay domestically." The Center for American Progress Action Fund says: Trump's tariff would cost a typical household "roughly \$1,500 each year." (The Peterson Institute says \$1,700 from a typical middle-income family.) J.D. Vance, tribune of the working class, does not mind.

Inevitably, protectionism is government, responsive to big economic battalions, picking winners and losers. Organized labor, rent-seeking corporations and today's Republicans favor it.

Eight years ago, in "Hillbilly Elegy," Vance celebrated a Japanese corporation's investment in a moribund Ohio steel company. Vance, whose versatility of



George Will

conviction is the eighth wonder of the world, today opposes allowing Nippon Steel to purchase U.S. Steel because Nippon's "alliances" are to "a foreign state." (Actually, they are to shareholders, some of whom are probably Americans.)

Progressivism aims to build a society-saturating government, and especially an encompassing executive branch wielded by a president exercising vast discretion that is only vaguely, if at all, authorized and negligibly monitored by Congress. In the Biden administration, much the most progressive in U.S. history, the emblematic figure is Federal Trade Commission Chair Lina Khan.

Her aspiration is to untether antitrust enforcement from the "consumer welfare" standard. This would sever the FTC from restraining law, enormously enlarging government's powers for economic "planning." There would follow promiscuous interventions to strengthen the public sector's dominance of what would become only a semiprivate sector. Vance thinks (as do the most progressive senators, independent Bernie Sanders and Democrat Elizabeth Warren) that Khan "is doing a pretty good job."

Vance appears to be a dime-store Brandeisian, a caricature of Supreme Court Justice Louis D. Brandeis, who was more nuanced than the "big-is-presumptively-bad" cohort today invoking his name. About progressivism's largest achievement, the administrative state, he hankers to "seize" its regulatory and coercive powers and use them "for our own purposes."

In foreign policy, progressivism has a (Woodrow) Wilsonian faith in "soft" power as an alternative to the military sort.

And the Democratic Party retains a not-negligible residue of its 1972 presidential nominee: Sen. George McGovern's "Come home, America." Vance seems unconcerned about the global tremors that result when a great nation loses a war, even a proxy war. His argument for abandoning Ukraine is couched in progressive tropes about spending instead on domestic constituencies.

Today's GOP offers progressivism-lite: a less muscular America abroad, a more muscular government at home. Four summers from now, a fourth consecutive Republican convention might nominate a candidate who rejects, root and branch, traditional conservatism: Limited government, constrained by the Constitution's separation of its powers; modest government, allowing wealth and opportunity to be mostly allocated by voluntary market transactions.

Today's Republicans disparage this traditional conservatism as "zombie Reaganism." Actually, their repudiation encompasses John Locke, Baron de Montesquieu, Adam Smith, David Ricardo and James Madison. A lot.

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## Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Saturday, July 20, the 202nd day of 2024. There are 164 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: On July 20, 1969, astronauts Neil Armstrong and Edwin "Buzz" Aldrin became the first men to walk on the moon after reaching its surface in their Apollo 11 lunar module.

Also on this date:  
 In 1917, America's World War I draft lottery began as Secretary of War Newton Baker, wearing a blindfold, reached into a glass bowl and pulled out a capsule containing the number 258 during a ceremony inside the Senate office building.

In 1944, an attempt by a group of German officials to assassinate Adolf Hitler with a bomb failed as the explosion only wounded the Nazi leader.

In 1951, Jordan's King Abdullah

I was assassinated in Jerusalem by a Palestinian gunman who was shot dead on the spot by security.

In 1976, America's Viking 1 robot spacecraft made a successful, first-ever landing on Mars.

In 1977, a flash flood hit Johnstown, Pennsylvania, killing more than 80 people and causing \$350 million worth of damage.

In 1990, Supreme Court Justice William J. Brennan, one of the court's most liberal voices, announced he was stepping down.

In 1993, White House deputy counsel Vincent Foster Jr., 48, was found shot to death in a park near Washington, D.C.; it was ruled a suicide.

In 2006, the Senate voted 98-0 to renew the landmark 1965 Voting Rights Act for another quarter-century.

In 2007, President George W. Bush signed an executive order prohibiting cruel and inhuman treatment, including humiliation or denigration of religious beliefs, in the detention and interrogation of terrorism suspects.

In 2010, the Senate Judiciary Committee voted to approve Elena Kagan to be the Supreme Court's fourth female justice.

Today's Birthdays: Former Sen. Barbara A. Mikulski, D-Md., is 88. Baseball Hall of Famer Tony Oliva is 86. Artist Judy Chicago is 85. Country singer T.G. Sheppard is 80. Singer Kim Carnes is 79. Rock musician Carlos Santana is 77. Author and commentator Thomas Friedman is 71. Rock musician Paul Cook (Sex Pistols) is 68. Actor Frank Whaley is 61. Conservationist and TV personality Terri Irwin is 60. Rock musician Stone Gossard (Pearl Jam) is 58.

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# Faulty software update causes havoc for airlines, hospitals and governments

NEW YORK (AP) — A faulty software update caused technological havoc worldwide on Friday, grounding flights, knocking down some financial companies and news outlets, and disrupting hospitals, small businesses and government offices.

The breadth of the outages highlighted the fragility of a digitized world dependent on just a few providers for key computing services.

The trouble was sparked by an update issued by cybersecurity firm CrowdStrike and only affected its customers running Microsoft Windows, the world's most popular operating system for personal computers. It was not the result of hacking or a cyberattack, according to CrowdStrike, which apologized and said a fix was on the way.

Businesses and governments worldwide experienced hours-long disruptions — their computer monitors glowing blue with error messages — and they scrambled to deal with the fallout. CrowdStrike's CEO said some of their systems will require time-consuming manual fixes.

Thousands of flights were canceled and tens of thousands were delayed, leading to long lines at airports in the U.S., Europe, Asia and Latin America. Airlines lost access to check-in and booking services in the heart of the summer travel season. By late afternoon Eastern time, the worst appeared to be over, though there were still lingering cancellations and delays do to the cascading effect of the disruption.

Several local TV stations in the U.S. were prevented from airing the news early Friday, and some state and local governments reported problems at courts, motor

vehicles departments, unemployment agencies, emergency call centers and other offices, but as the day progressed many of the systems were getting back to normal.

Affected hospitals had problems with appointment systems, forcing them to suspend patient visits and cancel some surgeries.

Alison Baulos said her 73-year-old father's heart surgery in Paducah, Kentucky, was canceled Friday morning because of the tech outage, leaving her family scared and worried.

"It does really make you just realize how much we rely on technology and how scary it is," Baulos said in an interview. She said her father was waiting at Baptist Hospital to find out what will happen next. A phone message left with the hospital was not immediately returned.

American Express said it temporarily had some difficulties processing transactions, while TD Bank responded to online complaints by saying it was working to restore customers' ability to access their accounts.

Elsewhere, people experienced minor inconveniences, including trouble ordering ahead at Starbucks, causing long lines to form at some of the coffee chain's stores.

In New York City's Times Square, right before 12:30 a.m., the blue "recovery" screens popping up on laptops appeared on several giant electronic billboards. A few were dark Friday afternoon.

## A disturbing reminder of vulnerability

Cyber expert James Bore said real harm would be caused. "All of these systems are running the same software," Bore said. "We've made all of these tools so

widespread that when things inevitably go wrong — and they will, as we've seen — they go wrong at a huge scale."

The head of Germany's IT security agency, Claudia Plattner, said "we can't expect a very quick solution." A forecast for when exactly all systems will be up and running is difficult, but "it won't be hours," she added.

CrowdStrike said in a recording on its customer service line that the problem was related to "the Falcon sensor," referring to one of its products used to block online attacks. The company says it has 29,000 customers.

In an interview on NBC's "Today Show," CrowdStrike CEO George Kurtz apologized, saying the company was "deeply sorry for the impact that we've caused to customers, to travelers, to anyone affected by this, including our companies."

"We know what the issue is" and are working to fix it, Kurtz said. However, he noted it could take "some time" for certain customers, especially those lacking in-house expertise.

While CrowdStrike's update was automated, the fix requires hands-on work such as deleting corrupted files, which could take some customers days or longer, said Forrester analyst Allie Mellen.

"Given that CrowdStrike has a ton of customers, a ton of Fortune 500 customers, and they have likely millions of (computers) under management, this causes a bigger issue," Mellen said. "It is going to be a long and arduous process."

Ann Johnson, corporate vice president and deputy chief information security officer at Microsoft, said late Friday afternoon that "at this point in time, I would say

that customers are receiving or have received the necessary information they need and are getting the support they need — understanding it's a very major issue."

She said Microsoft's primary focus is getting customers back online, but could not estimate how long this might take.

In Alaska, the state's court system returned to functionality after repairs that took 12 hours to complete, according to spokesperson Rebecca Koford. In Iowa, Gov. Kim Reynolds said the state's critical technology systems were up and running again by mid-afternoon.

Shares of CrowdStrike, which is based in Austin, Texas, ended Friday trading down more than 11%. Microsoft's stock price fell less than 1%.

Though the outage's impact could be felt far and wide, the forecasting firm Capital Economics said it was likely to have little impact on the world economy.

Cybersecurity experts said those affected by the outage also needed to be wary of bad actors reaching out claiming they can help. "Attackers will definitely prey on organizations as a result of this," said Gartner analyst Eric Grenier.

In a letter to customers posted on CrowdStrike's website, Kurtz said the outage did not affect its Falcon systems or its security scanning.

## Air travel delayed everywhere

Most airlines attributed the problems to their booking systems. Thousands of flights were affected in the U.S. alone, though by late morning on the East Coast airlines said they were beginning to mitigate problems and resume some service. Unclogging the system takes time, though.

Airlines and railways in the

U.K. experienced long wait times. And airports across Europe suspended landings or halted takeoffs for several hours due to difficulties in checking in passengers.

Saskia Oettinghaus, a member of the German Olympic diving team, was among those stuck at the Berlin Airport.

"We are on our way to Paris for the Olympic Games and now we are at a standstill here for the time being," Oettinghaus said.

In Cancun, Mexico, the main tourist destination in the Caribbean coast, the state government said there were 24 cancellations and 100 delayed flights. Some travelers tried to live up the long waits by singing the traditional Mexican song, "Cielito Lindo," while a band that was also stranded was playing in the Cancun airport.

## Broadcasters go dark, surgeries delayed, 'blue screens of death'

In the U.S., KSHB-TV in Kansas City, Missouri, aired Scripps News instead of local news until about 5:35 a.m., the stations said on its website. Other local stations owned by Scripps reported similar problems, though Scripps spokesman Michael Perry said early Friday that 90% of stations were able to air local news.

Hospitals in different countries also reported problems.

Britain's National Health Service said the outage caused problems at most doctors' offices because appointment and patient-record systems were affected.

At Mass General Brigham, the largest health care system in Massachusetts, all scheduled non-urgent surgeries, procedures, and medical visits were canceled Friday because of the outage, according to a spokesperson.

Some international shipping was disrupted, too.

# Stock market today: Wall Street finishes worst week since April with more losses

By STAN CHOE  
AP Business Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — U.S. stocks slumped Friday in another washout, as businesses around the world scrambled to contain the effects of a disruptive technology outage.

The S&P 500 fell 0.7% to close its first losing week in the last three and its worst since April. The Dow Jones Industrial Average dropped 377 points, or 0.9%, while the Nasdaq composite sank 0.8%.

It was only on Tuesday that the S&P 500 set its latest all-time high. At first, pressure built on the Big Tech stocks that have been the market's biggest winners, amid criticism they simply grew too expensive. Nvidia, for example, is still up 138% this year amid a frenzy around artificial-intelligence technology, even after falling 2.6% Friday and 8.8% over the week.

Gains for previously unloved areas of the market had helped to offset some of those declines: Smaller stocks and companies whose profits are closely tied to the economy's strength were rising. That sparked hopes for a market where more stocks are rising, rather than just

a handful of dominating elites, which market watchers say would be healthier.

"This rotation can continue, but it doesn't always have to be where they're rising faster, it could be because they are falling less," according to Brian Jacobsen, chief economist at Annex Wealth Management.

Momentum for those beaten-down areas of the market may be sputtering. The Russell 2000 index of smaller stocks fell 0.6% Friday for its third straight drop, following its huge five-day run where it shot up 11.5%. Three out of every four stocks in the S&P 500 also sank.

Friday's moves came as a major outage disrupted flights, banks and even doctors' appointments around the world. Cybersecurity firm CrowdStrike said the issue believed to be behind the outage was not a security incident or cyberattack and that it had deployed a fix. The company said the problem lay in a faulty update sent to computers running Microsoft Windows.

CrowdStrike's stock dropped 11.1%, while Microsoft's lost 0.8%.

Richard Stiennon, a cybersecurity industry

analyst, called it a historic mistake by CrowdStrike, but he also said he did not think it revealed a bigger problem with the cybersecurity industry or with CrowdStrike as a company.

"We all realize you can fat finger something, mistype something, you know whatever -- we don't know the technical details yet of how it caused the bluescreen of death" for users, he said.

"The markets are going to forgive them, the customers are going to forgive them, and this will blow over."

CrowdStrike's stock trimmed its loss somewhat through the day, but it still turned in its worst performance since 2022. Stocks of rival cybersecurity firms climbed, including a 7.8% jump for SentinelOne and a 2.2% rise for Palo Alto Networks.

The outage hit check-in procedures at airports around the world, causing long lines of frustrated fliers. That initially helped pull down U.S. airline stocks, but they quickly pared their losses. United Airlines flipped to a gain of 3.3%, for example. It said many travelers may experience delays, and it issued a waiver to make

it easier to change travel plans.

American Airlines Group slipped 0.4%, and Delta Air Lines rose 1.2%.

Comerica dropped 10.5% for one of the market's sharper losses, even though it delivered better earnings for the spring than analysts expected. The bank said it received a preliminary notification that it won't continue as the issuer of the Direct Express debit card for about 4.5 million federal benefit recipients, a program it's had since 2008.

American Express sank 2.7% after its revenue for the latest quarter fell short

of analysts' forecasts. It was one of the largest reasons for the Dow's drop, despite reporting stronger profit than expected.

Halliburton fell 5.6% after the provider of services to the energy industry matched analysts' expectations for profit last quarter but missed for revenue.

Rival SLB was on the winning side of Wall Street after reporting stronger profit than expected, and its stock rose 1.9%.

All told, the S&P 500 fell 39.59 points to 5,505.00. The Dow dropped 377.49, or 0.9%, to 40,287.53, and the Nasdaq lost 144.28 to

17,726.94.

In the bond market, yields ticked higher. The yield on the 10-year Treasury rose to 4.23% from 4.20% late Thursday.

In markets abroad, indexes were mostly lower in Europe and Asia.

Stocks fell 2% in Hong Kong and rose 0.2% in Shanghai after Chinese officials briefed reporters in Beijing on the outcome of a top-level meeting of the ruling Communist Party. They provided some details of the sweeping blueprint it endorsed for making China a leader in technology, building its financial markets and raising living standards.

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Baseball

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TRANSACTIONS

Friday's Transactions BASEBALL Major League Baseball American League CHICAGO WHITE SOX — Selected the contract of INF Brooks Baldwin from Charlotte (IL). Recalled C Chuckie Robinson and RHP Steven Wilson from Charlotte. Placed RHP Michael Soroka on the 15-day IL, retroactive to July 16. Designated C Martin Maldonado for assignment. NEW YORK YANKEES — Reinstated 3B J.D. Davis from the 10-day IL. OAKLAND ATHLETICS — Selected the contract of INF Jacob Wilson from Las Vegas (PCL). Sent SS Darell Hernaiz and 3B Abraham Toro to Las Vegas (PCL) on a rehab assignment. TORONTO BLUE JAYS — Reinstated RHP Yimi Garcia from the 15-day IL. Optioned RHP Zach Pop to Buffalo. Recalled RHP Erik Swanson from Buffalo. National League ATLANTA BRAVES — Reinstated OF Ramon Laureano from the 10-day IL. NATIONAL BASEBALL HALL OF FAME — Appointed Kim Ng to the board of directors. CHICAGO CUBS — Reinstated OF Mike Tauchman from the 10-day IL. Selected the contract of RHP Jesus Tinoco from Iowa (IL). Optioned OF

NASCAR drivers eager to test their skills on Indy's oval after 3 years on the road course

By MICHAEL MAROT AP Sports Writer

yard 400, for the 30th anniversary of INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Austin Cindric attended races at Indianapolis Motor Speedway most of his life, dreaming of the day he could compete on the historic 2.5-mile oval.

On Sunday, he'll finally get a chance to join his racing heroes.

Yes, NASCAR and race officials ended their three-year attempt to rev up fans with a 200-mile road-course event by returning to the track's more revered oval and original title, Brickyard 400, for the 30th anniversary of Cup racing in Indy.

"I do love this racetrack and I've watched way more laps on the oval than I've driven," said Cindric, the son of Team Penske President Tim Cindric. "You know, I haven't experienced the Brickyard 400 myself, so I'm certainly excited to see what it's all like and at least drive the correct direction around the track."

It won't be an entirely new experience for Cindric.

He did start two Xfinity races on the oval before becoming a full-time Cup driver in 2022. But even this 25-year-old rising star recognizes that winning on the road course, as he did in the 2021 Xfinity race in Indy, wasn't the same.

Cindric is hardly an anomaly. He was one of 10 drivers turning their first official Cup-level laps in Friday's lone practice session. Qualifying is scheduled for Saturday afternoon with the race set for Sunday.

Like many drivers, though, Cindric and many other drivers thought the change was long overdue.

"Even when I won here in 2020, it was on the road course and to me, I still kissed the same bricks, I still climbed the same fence, I was still inside Indianapolis Motor Speedway and I was a winner here," Chase Briscoe said. "But I mean, it certainly means a little bit more, when it's on the oval. When you think about the history of Indianapolis Motor Speedway, the history is on the oval. It's not on the road course."

Series and track officials have spent decades searching for ways to bring back the large crowd that welcomed the inaugural Brickyard race 1994 and really started waning after the 2008 race was marred by tire wear.

They changed the dates, moving it to September, even making it the final race before the playoff before settling on July. During the COVID-19 pandemic in 2020, they added an Indy-Cars to the weekend schedule, creating a rare double feature of America's top two racing series in one place and they used the Xfinity race as a road-course test run. One year later, all three series were on the road course, and the complaints never really dissipated. So the decision-makers heeded the calls and returned to the oval — minus the open-wheel cars — to the delight of many.

"I don't think anyone considered the road course a crown jewel race, so it kind of returns back to that status," said Brad Keselowski, whose 2018 race win makes him the most recent Indy oval winner in the field. "I think that's huge for our sport and it means a lot to me as a driver and I'm assuming it does for the other drivers as well. So, a welcome return. For me, winning this race and having your name

on that crown jewel list, it's really special."

Whether racing on the oval helps ticket sales remains unclear though the brief practice session in these newer Cup cars had some drivers, such as Keselowski, contending they behaved more like IndyCars on the track.

Clearly, that won't be the only difference Sunday. Pit lane may be more crowded, strategies will change and even Michael McDowell acknowledged he would have a significantly better chance defending his 2023 race win — on the road course.

Still, most believe changing courses is the right call.

"I think it's a great opportunity for us to get back to that tradition," Tyler Reddick said after posting the fastest lap in practice at 182.582 mph. "This is a really tricky race and there was an outcry for wanting to try something different. But I think it's just the nature of Indianapolis, it desires perfection. If you want to win the race, you can't have a mistake."

Reddick sits third in the standings, 15 points behind Chase Elliott with five races left before the playoffs begin.

But to Cindric, who spent his childhood mingling with some of history's best racers and around one of the world's most famous tracks, nothing compares to what he'll experience for the first time this weekend.

"My earliest memories of racing are at this racetrack, watching cars go around this track more so than anywhere else — on both sides of my family," he said. "So from that standpoint, when I think of racing, this is what I think of."

Williams is ready for the spotlight as the Bears open camp

By ANDREW SELIGMAN AP Sports Writer

LAKE FOREST, Ill. (AP) — Caleb Williams is ready for what comes next.

The No. 1 overall draft pick and 2022 Heisman Trophy winner is embracing the spotlight in Chicago after playing a starring role in Hollywood as the quarterback at USC. All eyes will be on him when the Bears begin training camp Saturday.

"I've kind of put myself in this position many times before I became a Chicago Bear on the 25th of April," Williams said Friday.

The Bears are banking on Williams to give them a big lift and solidify a position that has historically been a sore spot for the founding NFL franchise. But he's also in a rather rare situation for a No. 1 pick, joining a team that's one of the league's shiny objects at the moment.

The Bears made several big moves to boost their offense and have their sights set on making the playoffs, something they've done just three times since the 2006 Super Bowl season. They're also trying to secure funding to build an enclosed lakefront stadium, though they could turn their attention back to a tract of land they own in suburban Arlington Heights, Illinois, if a deal doesn't go through. With all those storylines, they'll have HBO's "Hard Knocks" cameras following them during camp.

There's quite a buzz for a team with a 10-24 record in two seasons under general manager Ryan Poles and coach Matt Eberflus. But after going 7-10 last season, the Bears have their sights set higher.

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# Feeling excluded by co-workers

Dear Annie: As someone from the millennial generation, I struggled a lot with unemployment. In fact, sometimes it seemed like my college degree kept me from even the most basic job opportunities. So, I was really happy when someone gave me a chance.

Data entry was not my dream job, but it's easy enough and it pays the bills. I work in a large, open office space, meaning that it's a large room with desks adjacent to each other. My company is made up of eight women, and at first it seemed like a polite place. We all greeted each other as we came in every morning and said goodbye in the evening. As a person says bye at the end of the day, others usually respond, but since last week, everyone has been ignoring my greetings and goodbyes.

At first, I thought it was because we were busy. However, I realized this is only toward me. While everyone is excessively kind to one another, when I say "Thank you," no one responds and nobody says thanks to me either.

At this point, I don't know if it's just me being sensitive and taking tally of people's responses. I am shy and quiet, but at least I always respond when someone addresses me. Is it the culture that has changed? I'm afraid that if I get another job, the situation will be the same or worse.

I have brought this up with management, but the manager is buddies with the other ladies, so she always goes to question if I have proof of them being rude. Should I stay and ignore the situation? Or should I move on? Thanks in advance for your advice. — Awkward in the Office

Dear Awkward: Ordinarily, I would say it's worth following up with HR, but if the office politics are such that this woman will take sides with others over you, it might be a moot point. We spend so much of our time at work, and if you feel uncomfortable and like you're walking on eggshells when you're there, it might be time to look into other opportunities.

You should also look at how you greet your co-workers. One of my favorite expressions is, "One smile will get you two."

Dear Annie: I have a friend who I love dearly, but I take issue with how they talk when children are around. Their foul language just shocks me. They don't care. Even the grandparents swear.

Am I too much of a prude? I feel like telling them they sound very uneducated and it's abusive to kids. Their kids are cursing, too, their 7 and 10 year olds. I just feel sad about this.

Am I wrong? — Very Loose Lips  
Dear Loose Lips: This sounds like a very uncomfortable situation. You and your friends clearly have different opinions on what is and isn't acceptable, but for the sake of the children, it's worth gently expressing your discomfort.

The next time this comes up, try saying something to the parents like, "I don't mind how you talk when it's just us, but I do worry about the language that's used when we're around the kids. Could we ease up on the swearing when they're around?" Emphasizing your concern for the kids here instead of criticizing the parents will show your heart is in the right place.

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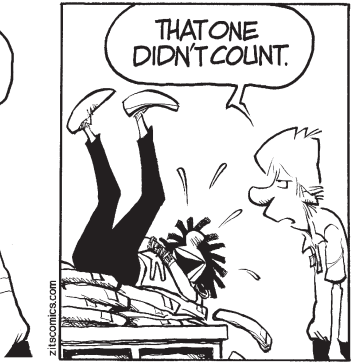
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## My Answer

By Dr. Billy Graham



# God doesn't take sin lightly

God. — G.M.

Answer: There's a tendency to focus on the love of God to the exclusion of the other side of God's nature, for God hates sin. We are told in the Scriptures that God hates liars, proud and haughty looks, and all other manifestations of sin. God has promised to judge sin with the fierceness of his wrath (see Proverbs 6:16-19).

David said, "I acknowledged my sin to You, and my iniquity I have not hidden. ... I will confess my transgressions to the Lord" (Psalm 32:5, NKJV).

God doesn't take sin lightly. We live in an age when sin is winked at and where God is treated as one who is indulgent, soft-hearted, and tolerant of those who break His com-

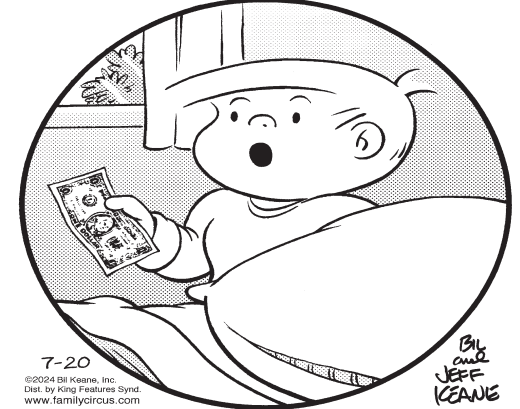
mandments. People today find it difficult to believe that God hates anything, much less sin.

The truth is, God has not forgotten about sin, though some may pretend it doesn't exist. The reason God hates sin is that, when left unforgiven, it sends people out into a timeless eternity in Hell. God isn't willing that any should perish, but that all come to a knowledge of Him. God's forgiveness brings restoration and gives the repentant sinner joy and contentment in Christ alone.

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

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## THE FAMILY CIRCUS By Bil Keane



"Mommy! Isn't it about time for the Tooth Fairy to give me a cost-of-living raise?"

## The LOCKHORNS



"I'VE HAD A NEAR-DEATH EXPERIENCE TOO, BUT I MADE IT THROUGH THE AUDIT."

Question: Why do evangelists emphasize God's love, seldom speaking of the sinful nature of mankind? My grandfather was a circuit-riding preacher. As a young boy I can remember the fear he put into the hearts of those listening to his sermons, but I can also remember the altar being filled at the end of the service and tears being shed as people repented and turned to God. And my dear grandfather would stand, embrace them, and encourage them in their new lives. While I don't enjoy being told about my sin, I understand that we cannot know the true love of God until we admit our sin and turn from it, realizing the amazing love of

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## A Joyful Noise ...



**BROKEN TO LIVE**  
Donald Trump dodged death last Saturday. But I still wonder if he wants to live. I don't write that with any partisan cynicism or sentimentality toward Trump or his opponent. I also don't write it to promote any political or patriotic priority. I only wonder — and hope — because Trump has told reporters that last Saturday's attempted assassination changed him. Perhaps, then, it broke him too, like another famous ruler who once dodged death — not by an assassin's bullet, but by stoning. And because God broke this man, he repented, and because he repented, he could truly live. As he summarized in Psalm 51: "Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me ..."



by Chet Baumgartner

"Restore to me the joy of Your salvation, and uphold me by Your generous Spirit." King David also wrote after the prophet Nathan exposed his adultery with Bathsheba. "Then I will teach transgressors Your ways, and sinners shall be converted to You ..."

First, David gave God the sacrifice of a broken and contrite heart, and then he gave Him a heart ready to offer the "sacrifices of righteousness."

And as the Son of David said centuries later, "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted. Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied."

I don't know if Jesus intended His followers to organize these blessings into a sequence, with one leading to the other, but at least Jesus didn't want the poor in spirit and those who mourn to seek Him simply to dodge death.

He wants them to hunger and thirst for the righteousness that saturates the rest of the Sermon on the Mount.

He wants them to live, not just in some "Hallelujah by and by," but today and everyday as they bring about His kingdom come on earth through love, holiness, joy, praise, purity, power, and hope.

He wants disciples

who "love much," like the woman in Luke 7, who washed Jesus' feet with her tears, wiped them with the hair of her head, kissed them, and anointed His head with oil. "Therefore I say to you, her sins, which are many, are forgiven, for she loved much," Jesus said. Jesus didn't imply that God only saves those who love Him enough. Instead, He said, "The woman 'loved much' because of the blessing of brokenness. She didn't try to deny her depravity or the depths of God's mercy. Paul, too, didn't try to minimize or euphemize his sin, and he didn't minimize or euphemize sin when he called those in the Corinthian church to repent. His words hurt, he acknowledged, but he didn't hurt just to hurt. If those people wanted to live abundantly, Paul knew, they needed to sacrifice the pleasures of sin; they needed to sacrifice their pride and self-righteousness; they needed to sacrifice their worldly priorities; they needed to sacrifice their justifications, their vain attempts to live their truths, their lust to "be as gods." And still today, people must sacrifice all this to live abundantly. Yet when they sacrifice all — when their repentance inspires diligence, indignation, reverence, vehement desire, and zeal, as Paul notes in 2 Corinthians 7 — they'll gain infinitely more. They'll gain eternal life — living, breathing present power and joy and love that redeems passions, priorities, and pursuits. "Yet indeed I also count all things loss for the excellence of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord, for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them as rubbish, that I may gain Christ, and be found in Him, not having my own righteousness, which is from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ, the righteousness which is from God by faith; that I may know Him and the power of His resurrection," Paul told the Philippians. And because Paul knew this power, he could assure Timothy near the end of his life that he didn't just dodge death. He defied it. He lived.

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8:45 a.m. - Sunday School. 10 a.m. - Worship.

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5912 N. Sugar St., Uniondale  
10 a.m. - Worship. 10:15 - Children's Sunday School.

**THE CHURCH AT MCNATT**  
9221 W 800 S-90, Montpelier  
8:30 a.m. - Coffee fellowship. 9:15 - Worship.

**THE MEETING PLACE**  
115 E. Market St.  
6:30 p.m. - Bible study.

**TOWER LIFE CENTER**  
11811 N. Wayne St., Zanesville  
towerlifecenter.com  
9:30 a.m. - TLC Groups.  
10:30 - Worship.

**TURNPOINTE COMMUNITY CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN**  
500 W. Logan, Markle  
turnpointechurch.com  
9:30 a.m. - Fellowship. 10 a.m. - Adult & Children's Worship.

**UNIONDALE COMMUNITY CHURCH**  
5867 N. Main St.  
9 a.m. - Worship.

**UNIONTOWN CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
11419 N-200W, Ossian  
9 a.m. - Sunday School.  
10 a.m. - Worship.

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

**ZANESVILLE UNITED BRETHREN IN CHRIST**  
3092 W. Broadway  
9 a.m. - Sunday School.  
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11015S-600E, Keystone  
9:10 a.m. - Prayer. 10 a.m. - Worship.

**HOPE MISSIONARY**  
429 E. Dustman Rd.  
hope4thefamily.com  
8 a.m., 9:30 & 11 a.m. - Service at Main Campus.  
9:30 & 11 a.m. - Service, north campus, Ossian.

**KEYSTONE CHURCH**  
10556S-200W  
9:30 a.m. - Worship. 10:30 - Sunday School.

**LANCASTER CHAPEL UNITED METHODIST**  
4510 E 400N, Craigville  
9 a.m. - Sunday School.  
9:40 - Fellowship. 10 a.m. - Worship.

**LIBERTY CENTER BAPTIST**  
3071 W. Cherry St.  
8:30 a.m. - Pastor/Deacon's Prayer. 9 - Sunday School. 9:55 - Fellowship. 10:15 - Worship.

**LIBERTY CENTER COMMUNITY CHURCH**  
8:45 a.m. - Choir practice. 9 a.m. - Coffee, donuts, conversation. 9:30 - Worship w/infant nursery & children's church. 10:45 - Sunday School.

**KINGDOM HALL OF JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES**  
2803 N. Main St.  
jw.org  
10 a.m. - Worship.

**LIFE COMMUNITY**  
428 S. Oak St.  
lifecommunity.net  
10:30 a.m. - Service (Children's programs available).

**LIVING FAITH MISSIONARY**  
17718 Bluffton Rd., Yoder  
10 a.m. - Worship. 11:30 - Sunday School.

**LIVING WATER UNITED CHURCH**  
6486 S 700E, Bluffton  
8:45-9 a.m. - Prayer. 9 a.m. - Sunday School. 10 a.m. - Worship.

**MARKLE CHAPEL HILL SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST**  
470 E. Morse St.  
Saturday: 9:30 a.m. - Worship. 10:45 - Sabbath School (Bible study).

**MARKLE CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
455 E. Morse St.  
marklechurch.org  
9 a.m. - Adult Bible study groups. 10:30 - Worship. Children's & student programming both hours.

**ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC**  
1300 N. Main St.  
Saturday: 7:45 a.m. - Prayer. 8 a.m. - Mass. 8:30 - Rosary. 4 p.m. or by appointment - Confessions. 5 p.m. - Mass. Sunday: 7:30 & 10 a.m. - Mass.

**ST. LUKE CHURCH**  
4960W-100N, Decatur  
stlukechurch.in  
9 a.m. - Worship. 10:15 - Sunday School.

**VERA CRUZ FAMILY WORSHIP CENTER CCCU**  
2771 SE Mulberry St., Vera Cruz  
9-10 a.m. - Sunday School. 10-10:30 - Fellowship. 10:30 - Worship.

**WESTSIDE COMMUNITY CHURCH**  
205 S. Adams St., Monroe  
9 a.m. - Worship. 10:15 - Discipleship for adults & children.

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