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## For the love of Ossian Days

Ossian Days Committee puts out call for volunteers to continue beloved festival

By SYDNEY KENT

The Ossian Days Committee is calling on the community to help host the beloved annual festival this fall.

"Ossian Days thrives and can only survive thanks to volunteers willing to donate their time and energy to make our community-centered fair a reality," Ossian Days Inc. Committee President A.J. Reynolds wrote on the festival's Facebook page earlier this month. "Help is needed to make this year and future years possible."

In a video call with The News-Banner from his home in South Bend, Reynolds explained that volunteers are particularly important this year as he prepares to step down from his role on the committee after this year's festival.

"I was born on the committee it seems like," Reynolds laughed. "My mom and dad have been a part of it all my life. I became a director while still in high school."

Reynolds said his love for the festival

and the town of Ossian has made it a difficult decision. However, with increased responsibilities as a full-time teacher and now a part-time professor, Reynolds does not have the same capacity.

"I don't want to do a disservice to the festival because I can't contribute new ideas," Reynolds explained. "I love the festival. I am afraid that no one is going to step up and that Ossian Days will be at a transition point. I've been through that before at different times, and I want to get ahead of it this time."

Reynolds explained that he has announced his departure from the role early hoping to be able to help the next leader transition smoothly.

"We're in a really strong place. Now is the time to set someone up for success," Reynolds said. "We just need help. Financially, there are a lot of people that want to have Ossian Days. However, there are not a lot of people who volunteer time to help



The 2023 Prince and Princess contest winners (pictured) with several Ossian Days Inc Committee members in the background. (News-Banner file photo)

make it happen. We're lacking any interest in supporting the actual function." Right now, approximately six members of the committee remain active. In particular, more volunteers are needed to assist (Continued on Page 2)



### Christmas Cars

A Christmas Themed Car show was held downtown on Sunday to raise funds for new Christmas decorations for the city. The event gave out prizes for the judges top picks, as well as some awards for the best Christmas themed car. Above, Sid King shows of a Ford Rat Rod he purchased, with parts from different manufacturers on a Ford frame. At top right, Brad Snow examines one of the many entries at the event. Adrian (left) and Ryder Book discuss maintaining the engines on these models, pictured at right. Below, Ed Ferguson showcases the Christmas themed awards, with depictions of Santa on the trophies. (Photos by Jonathan Snyder)



## Most eligible Hoosiers don't access federal child care subsidies

Indiana's tighter income limits disqualify nearly 212,000 children from the child care subsidy program

By CASEY SMITH

Indiana Capital Chronicle

Although Hoosiers' access to federal child care subsidies was slightly higher than the national average in 2020, advocates are concerned that a majority of eligible Indiana families are still missing out, according to a new study.

The report was published June 27 by the Center for Law and Social Policy, a Washington, D.C.-based nonprofit that advocates for anti-poverty policies.

The report examines data on eligibility for and access to Child Care and Development Fund subsidies during Fiscal Year 2020, which overlapped with the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic.

During that time, the federal government provided additional

funding and state flexibility for those funds to help increase child care access for essential workers and support child care businesses.

Since then, though, stagnant funding, inflation and the rising cost of child care has further decreased access to subsidies, according to CLASP. That means more families are struggling to find adequate care for their kids.

"Child care is essential. It supports family well-being and child development, improves family economic stability and mobility, and contributes to broader economic growth. Child care allows parents to go to work, school, job training, or meet other needs while children are cared for in nurturing environments where they can

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## Crews battle wildfires across the U.S. West, fight to hold containment lines

By NIC COURY and REBECCA BOONE Associated Press

FOREST RANCH, Calif. (AP) — Wildfires across the western United States and Canada put millions of people under air quality alerts on Sunday as thousands of firefighters battled the flames, including the largest wildfire in California this year.

The so-called Park Fire had scorched an area greater than the size of Los Angeles as of Sunday, darkening the sky with smoke and contributing poor air quality to a large swath of the northwestern U.S. and western Canada. The blaze spanned more than 562 square miles of inland Northern California.

Firefighters were helped by cooler temperatures and more humidity on Saturday and made some progress, increasing containment from zero to 12%. The

fire has drawn comparisons to the 2018 Camp Fire that tore through the nearby community of Paradise, killing 85 people and torching 11,000 homes.

Paradise and several other Butte County communities were under an evacuation warning Sunday. However, Cal Fire operations section chief Jeremy Pierce had some good news for the area, saying around midday that the Park Fire's southernmost front, which is closest to Paradise, was "looking really good," with crews focusing on extinguishing any remaining hot spots and removing other hazards over the next three days. He also said they don't expect it to move farther into Chico, a city of about 100,000 people just west of Paradise.

First responders initially focused on saving lives and (Continued on Page 2)

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## Ossian Days volunteers

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with the annual donut hole eating contest on Saturday, as well as help with the Saturday night tear-down of the event tent.

The theme for this year's festival is transportation: past, present, and future. Reynolds said that though the Grand Marshall has yet to be announced, he has been

chosen. The theme of transportation honors his former career as a school bus driver.

At 31-years-old, Reynolds has participated as a member of the committee for decades. Though he plans to step down as president, he said he will still be involved.

"I love Ossian, it's my hometown," Reynolds said.

"I feel very passionate about Ossian Days and I want to see it succeed. I don't know that I can focus on it and do it justice as president, but I'll be around."

The current committee members are: A.J. Reynolds, Todd Nash, Jack Barrick, Rose Ann Barrick, Penny Gibson, Quinn Gibson and Beverly Gryzch. Anyone interested in vol-

unteering for the event may contact the committee via their Facebook page, online at Ossiandays.com, or by email at info@ossiandays.com.

Ossian Days is scheduled for September 12-14. The full schedule for Ossian Days, as well as the Grand Marshall, will be published at a later date.

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## Federal child care subsidies

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learn and grow. However, the high cost of child care can be a major barrier for many families, especially those with low incomes," CLASP researchers said in the report. "All families deserve access to child care that fully meets their needs, but far too many cannot afford it, and only a small fraction of those children and families gain access to child care assistance through (federal subsidies)."

### Funding gaps leave out Hoosier families

CCDF serves as the primary source of federal funding for states to help low-income families afford quality child care.

The program, structured as a block grant, provides each state with a fixed amount of federal funds each year and determines the number of families who can access a child care subsidy. The subsidy is used to reimburse or pay some or all the fees that child care providers charge families.

While the federal government provides a significant portion of CCDF funding, states must also contribute funds to receive the full amount of available federal dollars. As such, CLASP argued that CCDF "has never been funded at a sufficient level to serve all eligible children."

CLASP estimates that 1.1 million children up to age 13 lived in Indiana during 2020, 11% of which were potentially eligible for a subsidy. That's equal to 126,719 Hoosier kids.

But that year, CCDF subsidies reached only 24% of all potentially eligible Hoosier children — or 30,700

kids — based on state income eligibility, according to CLASP.

That's higher than the national rate of 14%, but the report emphasized that Indiana eligibility and participation still "varied greatly" within each racial and ethnic group.

Asian and Hispanic/Latino children had the lowest rates based on state income eligibility.

Potential eligibility also varied greatly; Black, multiracial and Hispanic/Latino children had disproportionately higher rates of potential eligibility when compared to the overall population and the largest proportions of potentially eligible children, according to CLASP.

"Coupled with low overall access, this demonstrates a clear and immediate need for significant and sustained increases in federal funding to states, as well as policies that intentionally address compounding racial and economic inequities," CLASP researchers said in the report. "Both are essential to addressing the historic underfunding, present inequities, and ongoing recovery from COVID-19 that have created rippling instability and exacerbated need."

To qualify for CCDF in Indiana in 2020, a family's gross monthly income before taxes and any other deductions could not exceed 125% of the federal poverty level. That income ceiling has since raised to 150% of the federal poverty level.

That's significantly less than what's allowed at the federal level. Under those requirements, a family's income must not exceed 262% of the federal

poverty level. Indiana's previous and current income limits are among the strictest in the country.

According to CLASP, Indiana's tighter income limits disqualify nearly 212,000 children from the child care subsidy program.

### Similar trends across the country

Across the United States, 30% of all children aged 0-13 were potentially eligible to receive a CCDF subsidy in 2020 based on federal income eligibility, which is the maximum amount a family can earn and still receive assistance according to federal requirements. Of those children, only 10% accessed a subsidy, however.

Separately, about 20% of all children in the same age group were potentially eligible to receive a subsidy based on state income eligibility. Roughly 14% ultimately had access to a subsidy under those parameters.

In no state were more than 50% of potentially eligible children served, regardless of race or ethnicity.

Nationally, the CLASP analysis further found that:

- Eligible families' access ranged from 3% in Montana to 16% in Pennsylvania based on federal income eligibility, regardless of race or ethnicity.
- Based on state income requirements, eligible families' access ranged from 7% in Washington, D.C. to 27% in Alabama, regardless of race or ethnicity.
- Black children had the highest access rates, while Asian children had the lowest access rates, based on both federal and state income limits.

## Crews battle wildfires

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property endangered by the Park Fire, but that has since shifted to confronting the blaze head-on, Jay Tracy, a spokesperson at the Park Fire headquarters, told The Associated Press by phone Sunday.

Nearly 4,000 firefighters are battling the blaze, aided by numerous helicopters and air tankers, and Tracy said reinforcements would give much-needed rest to local firefighters, some of whom have been working non-stop since the fire started Wednesday.

"This fire is surprising a lot of people with its explosive growth," he said. "It is kind of unparalleled."

In places where the flames had died down by Sunday, signs of the devastation were clear. Mailboxes and vehicles were covered with pink fire retardant dropped by aircraft in Cohasset. At other locations in the community the husks of a washer and dryer set were surrounded by burned debris from a home, and a charred motorcycle was still propped upright, balancing on rims after its tires apparently melted away.

Another part of the town was relatively unscathed, the Butte County Fire Chief said.

"We have an unburned island in that community that we are continuing to patrol and ensure that there are no hot spots in it," Sjolund said.

Managing evacuation orders can be complex. Butte County Sheriff Kory Honea said authori-

ties were about to downgrade the evacuation order to a warning for Forest Ranch when they learned a number of hot spots were reported nearby.

"That illustrates how rapidly things can change — we were all set to be able to reduce that order to get people back in there," Honea said.

In Southern California, roughly 2,000 people had been ordered to evacuate because of a fire sweeping through the Sequoia National Forest. The wind-driven fire was moving fast, Kern County Fire Department public information officer Andrew Freeborn said, eating up more than 60 square miles in four days.

The National Weather Service said a "red flag" warning was in effect for the region on Sunday, meaning dry fuels and stronger winds were increasing the fire danger.

The fire was exhibiting extreme fire conditions, fed by lots of dead plants that dried up after several years of rainfall, Freeborn said. The historic mining town of Havilah and several other communities have been "heavily impacted" by the fires, he said, but it was still too soon for damage assessment crews to count the number of burned homes.

So far, no fatalities have been reported in the Park and Borel fires. Some people in the region were choosing to ignore or disregard evacuation orders, increasing the danger for everyone, Freeborn said.

"When people are trying to ignore the orders and later call for rescue,

that takes firefighters away from the task of fighting the fires," he said. "This fire is moving at a pace and with such intensity that individuals should not be thinking they can wait until the last minute. They need to get out of the way."

Although the area expects cooler-than-average temperatures through the middle of this week, that doesn't mean "that fires that are existing will go away," said Marc Chennard, a meteorologist at the National Weather Service's Weather Prediction Center in College Park, Maryland.

The Park Fire has destroyed at least 66 structures and damaged five others, Tracy said. Authorities initially believed 134 structures had been lost, based on drone footage, but they lowered the number after teams assessed the damage in-person.

"Unfortunately, that number will probably go up," Tracy said. "Each day that number has potential to grow — our teams obviously don't do damage inspections when there is active fire in an area."

Jerry White, 72, left his Magalia home when authorities issues an evacuation warning, a step below an evacuation order. Years earlier White sustained third-degree burns when a barbecue caused his coat to catch fire and he said the thought of that pain made him take the warning seriously.

"I don't want to catch fire again. It's one of the worst pains you can endure," White said. "I wanted to get out of dodge.

Burns are bad."

White's home is safe from the flames so far and he plans to keep living in the fire-prone mountain community, he said.

"I've been up here 50 years," White said. "The beach is more dangerous than here ... it was packed by sharks before, back when I used to surf. I'll take a fire over a shark any day!"

The Park Fire started Wednesday, when authorities say a man pushed a burning car into a gully in Chico and then fled. A man accused of setting the fire was arrested Thursday and is due in court Monday.

The Park Fire was one of more than 100 blazes burning in the U.S. on Sunday, according to the National Interagency Fire Center. Some were sparked by the weather, with climate change increasing the frequency of lightning strikes as the western U.S. endures blistering heat and bone-dry conditions.

Despite the improved fire weather in Northern California, conditions remained ripe for even more blazes to ignite, with the National Weather Service warning of "red flag" conditions on Sunday across wide swaths of Idaho, Montana, Utah, Colorado and Wyoming, in addition to parts of California.

Fires were also burning across eastern Oregon and eastern Idaho, where officials were assessing damage from a group of blazes referred to as the Gwen Fire, which was estimated at 43 square miles as of Sunday.

## Weather

Monday, July 29, 2024

(24-hour observations at 11:24 p.m. Sunday at the Fort Wayne International Airport)

High: 88; Low: 60; Precipitation: 0.01 inches of rain  
Wabash River Level (at the Main Street bridge): 1.32 feet at 8:45 p.m. Sunday

## Wells County forecast

**Today:** A chance of showers and thunderstorms, then showers likely and possibly a thunderstorm after 2 p.m. Partly sunny, with a high near 84. Southwest wind 5 to 10 mph. Chance of precipitation is 60%. New rainfall amounts between a quarter and half of an inch possible.

**Tonight:** Showers likely and possibly a thunderstorm before 8 p.m., then a chance of showers and thunderstorms between 8 p.m. and 2 a.m., then showers likely and possibly a thunderstorm after 2 a.m. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 68. South wind around 5 mph. Chance of precipitation is 60%. New rainfall amounts between a quarter and half of an inch possible.

**Tuesday:** Showers likely and possibly a thunderstorm before 8 a.m., then a chance of showers and thunderstorms after 8 a.m. Partly sunny, with a high near 85. Southwest wind around 5 mph. Chance of precipitation is 60%.

**Tuesday Night:** A 30% chance of showers and thunderstorms, mainly before 2 a.m. Mostly clear, with a low around 69. West wind around 5 mph becoming calm in the evening.

**Wednesday:** A slight chance of showers and thunderstorms before 8 a.m., then a chance of showers and thunderstorms after 2 p.m. Mostly sunny, with a high near 89. Chance of precipitation is 30%.

**Wednesday Night:** A 40% chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a low around 72.

**Thursday:** A 50% chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly sunny, with a high near 88.

**Thursday Night:** A 50% chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 70.

**Friday:** A 50% chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly sunny, with a high near 83.

**Friday Night:** A 30% chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a low around 67.

**Saturday:** A 30% chance of showers and thunderstorms. Sunny, with a high near 84.

**Saturday Night:** A slight chance of thunderstorms. Mostly clear, with a low around 65.

**Sunday:** Sunny, with a high near 83.

## Israel weighs response to Hezbollah after a rocket from Lebanon kills 12

TEL AVIV, Israel (AP) — The Middle East braced for a potential flare-up in violence on Sunday after Israeli authorities said a rocket from Lebanon struck a soccer field in the Israeli-controlled Golan Heights, killing 12 children and teens in what the military called the deadliest attack on civilians since Oct. 7. It raised fears of a broader regional war between Israel and Hezbollah, which in a rare move denied it was responsible.

The White House National Security Council said it was speaking with Israeli and Lebanese counterparts and working on a diplomatic solution to "end all attacks once and for all" in the border area between Israel and Lebanon.

The Israeli military said it struck a number of targets inside Lebanon overnight on Sunday, though their intensity was similar to months of cross-border fighting between Israel and the Iranian-backed Hezbollah. Hezbollah said it also carried out strikes. There were no immediate reports of casualties.

Saturday's attack came as Israel and Hamas are negotiating a cease-fire proposal to end the nearly 10-month war in Gaza.

### What happened?

On Saturday, a rocket slammed into a soccer field where dozens of children and teens were playing in the Druze town of Majdal Shams, about 7 miles south of Lebanon and next to the Syrian border. Twelve were killed and 20 others wounded, according to the Israeli military.

"I feel darkness inside and out. Nothing like this happened here," resident Anan Abu Saleh said. "There's no way to explain this. I saw children, I don't want to say what I saw, but it's horrible, really horrible. We need more security." On Sunday, the coffins passed through a crowd of thousands. Photos of the youth were displayed at a roundabout as residents lit candles at dusk.

The Israeli military said it was investigating why the rocket wasn't intercepted and questioned whether it would have been possible due to its short journey and short reaction time. A bomb shelter was next to the blackened field, steps away.

The Druze are a religious sect that began as an offshoot of Shiite Islam and has communities in Israel, Syria and Lebanon. There are about 25,000 Druze in the Israeli-controlled Golan Heights, according to Yusri Hazran of the Hebrew University.

The Druze are considered among Israel's most loyal citizens, although those in the Golan Heights have a more fraught relationship with authorities. Israel captured the Golan, a strategic plateau, from Syria in the 1967 Mideast war and annexed it in 1981. Much of the international community considers the area to be occupied territory. While Druze leaders there profess allegiance to Syria, relations with Israel are normally good.

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**Swearing in a new deputy**

Kyle James was sworn in as a new Deputy with the Wells County Sheriff's Department on Friday. James will take the position previously filled by Deputy Desmond Carter on the force. Above, newly appointed Deputy Kyle James (left) alongside Sheriff Scott Holliday. Kyle James (left) is sworn in by Judge Kenton Kiracofe alongside Sheriff Scott Holliday (right) in the Wells Circuit Court. At right, James and Holliday pose for photos. (Photos provided)



**Indiana leads 25 states in filing emergency appeal to U.S. Supreme Court to halt EPA's carbon rule**

By **DARRELL EHRLICK**  
**Indiana Capital Chronicle**

Attorneys general in 25 states have sent an emergency appeal to the U.S. Supreme Court asking it to immediately halt a Biden administration rule they say threatens to shutter the country's remaining fleet of coal-fired power plants.

The emergency appeal to stay the Environmental Protection Agency's plans to require strict greenhouse gas emissions standards is pending before Supreme Court Chief Justice John Roberts because the states say the D.C. Circuit Court of Appeals is sitting on a number of lawsuits without a decision, and that more time is needed before implementing a decision about technologies like carbon capture and storage. Roberts, having appeal jurisdiction over the D.C. Circuit on what is commonly referred to as the "shadow docket," could deny the request, send it along to the full court, or issue a brief temporary stay while the matter is further briefed on an expedited schedule.

The filing, led by Indiana Attorney General Todd Rokita and West Virginia Attorney General Patrick Morrisey, said the EPA has overstepped its authority, taking away Congress' power, as it mandates greenhouse gas regulations that are impossible to meet because the technology either currently doesn't exist, or would be so cost prohibitive that it would make using coal impossible.

The appeal to the nation's highest court also says that because of future pollution targets, energy companies need to make investment and permitting decisions in advance and that the EPA cannot meet those timelines itself, risking millions of sunken or lost costs for public utilities that would be passed along to consumers.

Attorneys argue that if the Biden administration's rule is allowed to continue, it will mean that hundreds of megawatts will be forced offline, leading to power shortages during critical weather during the summer and winter.

"Among other things, the rule imposes inadequately demonstrated technologies on unworkable timeframes, effectively squeezing plants into retirement," the appeal said. "Relatedly, it causes serious immediate harms by either pushing plants into binding commitments for retirement or pressing them to start spending large sums to hit compliance dates."

The rule would force 90% of carbon dioxide from the plants to be captured and stored by 2032 and 40% of the plants to establish co-firing with natural gas by 2030.

"(The rules) are really a backdoor avenue to forcing

coal plants out of existence — a major question that no clear congressional authority permits. The rule cannot stand," the legal brief said.

**Carbon capture and storage**

Many states have invested in the promise of carbon capture and storage as one way to mitigate the greenhouse gases produced by burning coal. The idea is to capture the flue gas and then pipe it either to underground storage or sell it, thereby reducing the amount of greenhouse gases released into the environment.

However, the states argue that even though the EPA has adopted standards and rules that embrace the carbon capture and storage technology, the technology has not been proven successful or economically feasible.

"The EPA recites a list of CCS projects and operations, saying there are 'at least 15 operating CCS projects in the U.S., and another 121 that are under construction or in advanced stages of development,' but this recitation is quantity over quality," the brief said. "Nearly all named CCS operations are from the industrial rather than the energy sector — an important difference because the energy sector has unique demands like reliability. These facilities are all a fraction of the size of power-generating units; none of them are close to scale."

Furthermore, the states warn that new power plants that have carbon capture systems will more than double the construction costs as well as increase operational costs by 35%.

"This expense could double energy prices," the states warn. "Installing CCS reduces plants' sellable energy by up to 36% — instantly slashing plants' ongoing profitability."

The emergency appeal also said that the carbon capture technology will require plant owners to buy more fuel, increasing the cost to run a plant, and that the start-up times will be affected. They claim the new units will have a hard time operating at low loads.

"The National Center for Carbon Capture estimates the first CCS demonstration projects won't go online until 2030 to 2032," the legal filing said.

Carbon-capture tech-

nology would also call for thousands of miles of pipeline to transport the carbon for storage or usage. Citing a survey by Princeton, it estimates that 66,000 miles of pipeline are needed, while the EPA said it estimates 5,000 miles. Using the more conservative EPA estimates, the states point out that power companies would have to invest more than \$12.5 billion for the pipelines.

Finally, the states question the market for carbon dioxide generated from the power plants. For example, they note that one of the largest uses for captured carbon dioxide is in enhanced oil recovery, but many states and counties have restrictions on that. According to the briefs, 95% of the captured carbon market is for enhanced oil recovery, leading the states to question if the market for the product even exists.

"The EPA has no idea how strong that demand is," the lawsuit said. "It seems imprudent to suppose that many plants will be able to sell carbon. But the sequestration is not much better."

The appeal said that even the EPA has said that 19 states have no underground storage capacity or very little.

**Time is running out**

Though many of the goals and targets have deadlines reaching years into the future, the states' attorneys general say that the permitting, planning and investment needed to comply with the EPA's rules will take years, and cost states millions (the EPA often delegates regulation and enforcement of federal rules to the states).

In the lawsuit, they say that complying with the rule and enforcing it will eat up staff time on a task that is scientifically as well as economically impossible. Furthermore, the states will have no ability to recover the costs, and any costs public utilities will sink into the mandate could be passed along to consumers.

"It forces producers to decide between launching a Hail Mary bid to squeak by under a painful new regime or just bowing out of the game entirely," the attorneys general conclude.

The EPA did not comment prior to publication of this story.

**Anti-abortion group argues that Indiana health department's abortion records must be public**

By **CASEY SMITH**  
**Indiana Capital Chronicle**

In defense of its lawsuit against the state health department, a South Bend-based anti-abortion group doubled down in new court filings that related medical records do not compromise patient privacy and should be made available to the public.

The ongoing lawsuit was filed in May by "Voices for Life," which seeks to regain access to Terminated Pregnancy Reports that are no longer being released by the Indiana Department of Health.

The state health department is seeking to dismiss the lawsuit, however, maintaining that TPRs qualify as medical records and are exempt from disclosure under Indiana's Access to Public Records Act, also known as APRA. The agency's motion to dismiss is still pending.

But Voices for Life's response to that motion, filed Tuesday, argues that IDOH's reading of the TPR law "is flawed."

"It tramples the legislative purposes behind TPRs by cutting off the public's access to the public records it needs to examine whether abortion providers are complying with the law, and by depriving the public of means to ask whether public officials are meeting their duties to enforce the law, and whether corrective action, including additional legislation, is needed to improve the public weal," Benjamin Horvath, rep-

resenting Voices for Life, wrote in the legal filing.

"The black-letter, plain meaning of the TPR statute is that the TPRs are reports and public records, not 'patient medical records and charts' exempt from public access by APRA," he continued.

It's now up to a Marion County Superior Court judge to decide next steps.

Prior to lawmakers passing a strict abortion ban, IDOH regularly released the reports with information redacted to protect privacy.

**Voices for Life presses for records**

Horvath holds that a TPR report is separate from a medical record, noting the report is filed by a medical provider and then submitted to the state government via IDOH. TPRs — which he called "a vital enforcement tool" — describe "selected facts and circumstances of the medical (abortion) care that was delivered."

"Patient medical records have quite a different purpose from a TPR," Horvath said. "While a TPR does not identify a patient, but reports data, a patient's medical record 'records' the diagnosis, prognosis, and history of treatment 'of the patient.'"

He emphasized that TPRs do not identify the individual patient who received care — meaning there is no patient to give or withhold consent, and no patient privacy interests to protect.

"Hence, TPRs are not 'patient medical records and

charts' under APRA," Horvath wrote, adding that "... anonymized data, even if derived from a patient, is not part of the patient's medical record once the identifying link to the patient is removed."

He argued, too, against IDOH's claims that the agency acts as a healthcare "provider" when it receives the TPR. Rather, Horvath said, IDOH is only "acting as a state regulatory agency," in this case tasked with receiving TPRs from abortion providers as required by Indiana law.

Also paramount to Voices for Life's case is the group's belief that TPRs were intended by the state legislature to be public records and accessible by the public.

Horvath said TPRs give Hoosiers "access to the information they need to determine whether public officials are enforcing the laws that the citizens of Indiana have enacted." They also enable complaints to be made to the Indiana Office of the Attorney General, which is responsible for receiving, investigating and prosecuting complaints — including violations of the state's abortion laws.

In the past, groups have filed complaints on specific doctors listed on the reports when notification was late.

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## Sometimes the political system is messy...

In 2016, Mike Pence won 815,699 votes in the GOP gubernatorial primary. And after Pence dropped out of the race to become Donald Trump's running mate, Eric Holcomb ultimately became the nominee following a private meeting of 22 influential party leaders.



Niki Kelly

I don't recall anyone at that time saying democracy had been stolen or subverted, or that voters were ignored.

It isn't all that different than what happened when President Joe Biden decided to bow out following his primary wins.

## Hoosier Opinions

And now more than 4,000 Democratic delegates will choose a replacement nominee when they do a virtual roll call in the coming weeks. More than half have already informally pledged their support to Vice President Kamala Harris. Anyone can choose to challenge her by filing with the support of 300 delegates.

Is it messy? Yes, just like it was back in 2016. But there are rules and laws in place that anticipate that it could happen. It isn't some big conspiracy.

I don't think even Biden's worst critics could have expected that he would fail so miserably during the June 27 debate.

That starts a crescendo of concern: at first quiet, but then full-throated panic.

As the pressure mounts, a gunman attempts to assassinate former President Donald Trump at a July 13 rally. The move solidifies his Republican support and gives him a bump in the race.

Then, on July 17, Biden tests positive with COVID-19 — likely reminding voters of his age and frailty. The crescendo grows.

Simultaneously, the Republican National Convention occurs in Milwaukee. Trump picks a running mate and officially accepts the GOP nomination amid a raucous and united crowd.

By last Friday, July 19, several colleagues and I considered the over/under on whether Biden would withdraw over the weekend. Saturday was quiet but a Sunday tweet on July 21 changed the race for good.

Within days, thousands of delegates have lined up behind Harris.

Now, Democrats have momentum.

In just a few days Harris' candidacy will likely be official via a virtual roll call vote of Democrat delegates.

But don't fall for misinformation or flat-out lies — several pro-Trump websites this week had a list of states where candidate deadlines had allegedly already passed and suggested laws were being broken.

Indiana was on the list, which is completely inaccurate. There is one deadline for most candidates but a separate law for when presidential candidates have to be certified from the political conventions — that's Sept. 10.

I imagine several other states on that list are similarly wrong.

Now it's time to focus on the real issues of a campaign.

Both Harris and Trump need to talk policy: border security, health care costs, federal borrowing, social security, inflation, infrastructure, taxes, abortion, Ukraine. It's not as popular as red meat attacks but it's better for voters.

Let's dispense with the conspiracy theories and get to the matters that matter.

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## Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Monday, July 29, the 211th day of 2024. There are 155 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: On July 29, 1967, an accidental rocket launch on the deck of the supercarrier USS Forrestal in the Gulf of Tonkin resulted in a fire and explosions that killed 134 service members.

Also on this date:

In 1836, the newly-completed Arc de Triomphe was inaugurated in Paris.

In 1858, the United States and Japan signed the Harris Treaty, formalizing diplomatic relations and trading rights between the two countries.

In 1890, artist Vincent van Gogh, 37, died of an apparently self-inflicted gunshot wound in Auvers-sur-Oise, France.

In 1914, transcontinental telephone service in the U.S. became operational with the first test conversation between New York and San Francisco.

In 1921, Adolf Hitler became the leader of the National Socialist German Workers' (Nazi) Party.

In 1954, the first volume of JRR Tolkien's novel "The Lord of the Rings" ("The Fellowship of the Ring") was published.

In 1957, the International Atomic Energy Agency was established.

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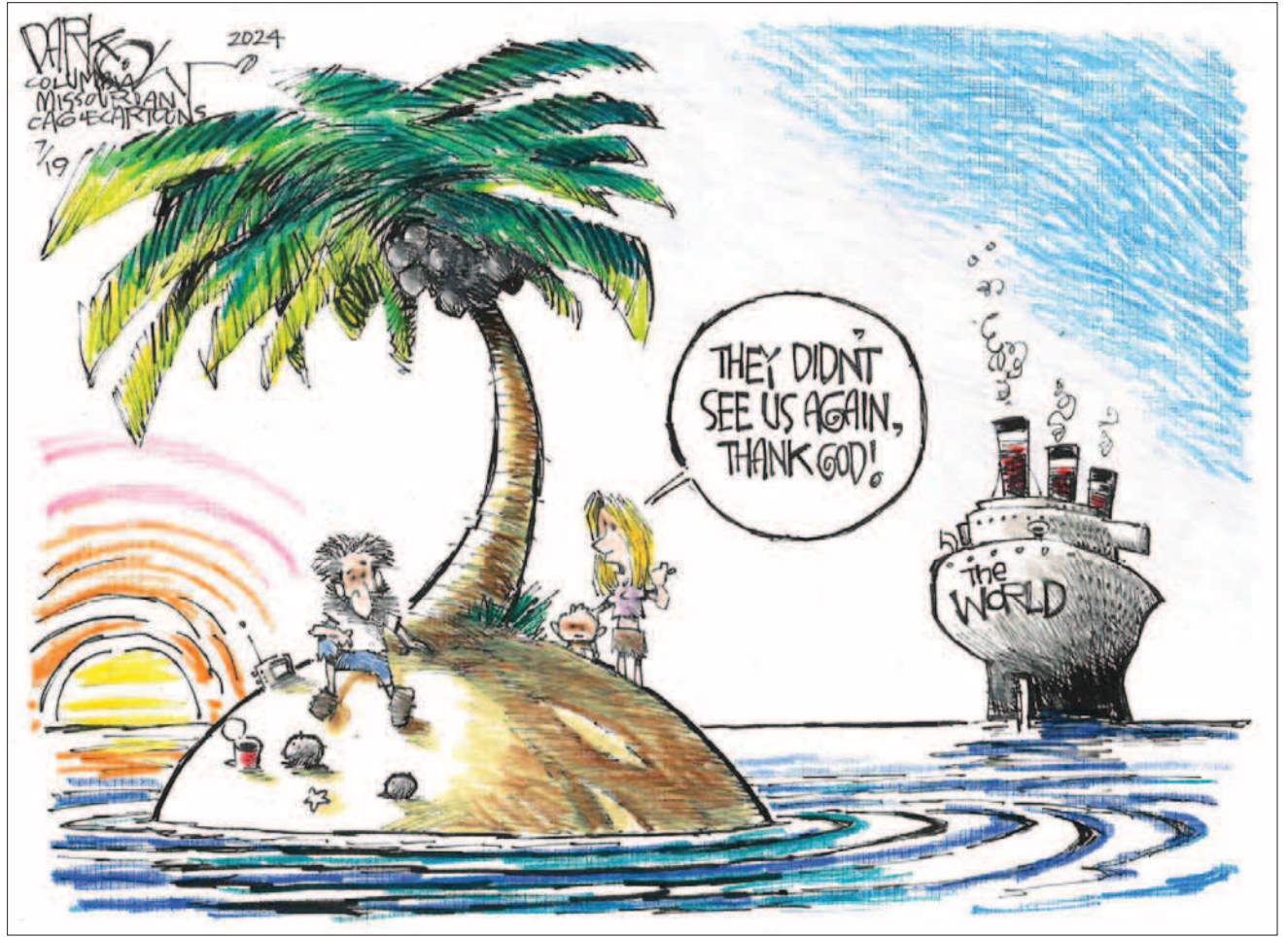
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## Our American Shakespearean drama

A Shakespearean tragedy is characterized by death and disaster, involving characters of high societal status: Prince Hamlet, King Lear, Julius Caesar, Lord Macbeth.

Macbeth lamented in Act IV, Scene III:

"I think our country sinks beneath the yoke; It weeps, it bleeds; and each new day a gash is added to her wounds"

Americans are now witnessing a Shakespearean drama with November's presidential race. But the historic anomaly is that it will be you, dear voter/citizen, who will write its final chapters.

This drama began as the Joe Biden vs. Donald Trump rematch from their 2020 showdown began evolving. The Democrat won by more than 7 million votes, and an Electoral College victory of 306 to 232 over President Trump. While the three-time Republican nominee is still saying that election was "rigged" and "stolen," he lost more than 60 court cases challenging the results. His own administration (including Attorney General Bill Barr) characterized it as a fair, accurate election. Republicans like Georgia Secretary of State Brad Raffensperger vouched for the results.

President Trump, in an attempt to remain in power despite losing the election, unleashed a mob on Jan. 6, 2021 that ransacked the U.S. Capitol, erecting gallows while they chanted, "Hang Mike Pence!" It was a coup d'etat attempt, Donald Trump-style, designed to thwart certifying the election.

In this year's drama, Act I found a decrepit 81-year-old President Biden believing that only he could vanquish Trump a second time. This reached a crescendo during the June 27 debate with Trump when Biden's ghostly pallor and halting delivery created a political disaster and impending doom at the ballot box. This political damage coming despite some 30 lies and misstatements uttered by Trump.

Act II was the assassination attempt against Trump in Pennsylvania. He recounted it at last week's Republican National Convention: "There was blood pouring everywhere, and yet in a certain way I felt very safe because I had God on my side." When Trump and legions of Republicans left the Milwaukee convention hall, they were convinced that a divinely-inspired victory was just four months in the offing, and it still may be.

Act III occurred at 1:46 p.m. last Sunday, when President Biden became the latest American Cincinnatus, the Roman statesman who voluntarily unsheathed his sword and gave up power. Biden joined Presidents George Washington in 1796 and Lyndon B. Johnson in 1968 in relinquishing power. "While it has been my intention to seek reelection, I believe it is in the best interest of my party and the country for me to stand down and to focus solely on fulfilling my duties as President for the remainder of my term," Biden said.

"Everyone was stunned by the news," said U.S. Transportation Secretary Pete Buttigieg, who as mayor of South Bend ran against Biden for in the 2020 Democratic primary. "It's really important to note just how world-historically rare it is for the most powerful person in the world to set aside that power. That's only happened a handful of times."

Act III, Scene II came 20 minutes later in a second bombshell: "My very first decision as the party nominee in 2020 was to

pick Kamala Harris as my vice president, and it's been the best decision I've made. Today I want to offer my full support and endorsement for

Kamala to be the nominee of our party this year. Democrats — it's time to come together and beat Trump."

Thus, after the Republican National Convention had ended with U.S. Sen. JD Vance on the Trump ticket, after Sunday talk shows concluded, Joe Biden completely scrambled the story line. Trump and the GOP had been lambasting Biden by name, as well as his age and physical condition. By mid-Sunday, it was now Trump who seemed elderly and incoherent during his speeches and rallies. And Biden, while relieving the Democratic Party of his infirmities, completely out-manuevered party henchmen seeking a truncated, open convention.

Biden passed the torch to a new generation, but he did it on his terms, at a time of his choosing.

Act IV found Vice President Harris quickly consolidating the Democratic nomination that will take place virtually on Aug. 10, less than two weeks before the DNC gathers in Chicago.

And Act VI?

In an Oval Office address Wednesday night, Biden drew up the new skirmish lines: "I revere this office, but I love my country more. It's been the honor of my life to serve as your president. But in the defense of democracy, which is at stake, I think it's more important than any title. This sacred task of perfecting our union is not about me. It's about you, your families, your futures. It's about we the people. Nothing — nothing — can come in the way of saving our democracy. That includes personal ambition.

"America is an idea — an idea stronger than any ocean, more powerful than any dictator or tyrant," Biden said in a remark aimed at Trump saying he would be a strongman only on "day one" if he is elected. "I have decided the best way forward is to pass the torch to a new generation," Biden continued. "That is the best way to unite our nation.

"Our republic is now in your hands."

That will be Act VII, determined by you.

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Brian Howey

## Politicking

## Democrats are the enemy of democracy

We had two big speeches from Washington this past Wednesday. Neither one was very encouraging for those of us who worry about our fragile democracy and the futures of our kids and grandkids.

Bibi Netanyahu gave a great speech in the House of Representatives, defending Israel's war in Gaza and trying to rally support from U.S. politicians — i.e., Republicans, mostly.

Many Democrats stayed away from Bibi's speech or cut out early, like Senator Chuck Schumer. They were afraid to offend the left-wing Democrats that have fractured their party by supporting the Palestinians in Gaza and arguing against further U.S. military aid for Israel.

Rashida Tlaib at least showed up, but she was spotted in the audience holding a sign that read "guilty of genocide" on one side and "war criminal" on the other. Tlaib's sign echoed those being carried by the "mostly peaceful" 2,000 anti-Israeli protesters outside, five of whom were arrested for breaking into the Capitol Building.

As for the Democrat Party's brave and principled leaders, one was conspicuously absent — VP Kamala Harris. The party's presumptive 2024 presidential nominee couldn't attend Bibi's speech. Conveniently, she had to deliver a very important address to the historically black sorority Zeta Phi Beta.

President Biden was AWOL, too. While Bibi spoke, he was either having his nap or practicing his Wednes-



Michael Reagan

day night Oval Office speech where he explained to the nation why he was selflessly "handing the torch" to young Kamala.

I watched Biden's "torch" speech. It was pitiful. He looked worse than he did in his disastrous TV debate with Trump. He could barely read the teleprompter. The Biden hero-worshippers on "Morning Joe" saw a selfless hero and swallowed every word and cliché their beloved president said. But I saw a sad man who's not going to make it to the end of his term — or maybe not even to the convention.

Meanwhile, it drove me crazy on Wednesday to watch the vandalism being committed by the anti-Israeli protesters in Washington.

American flags were taken down and replaced with Palestinian flags at Washington's Union Station. An American flag was set on fire by protesters. Pro-Hamas graffiti was everywhere.

Even the replica of the Liberty Bell outside the train station was defaced with hateful and obscene antisemitic graffiti. We know nothing will happen to the 200 rioters who were arrested in Washington.

On Thursday afternoon Harris — the person who helped bail out rioters in the "mostly peaceful" Summer of Love in 2020 — finally got around to condemning the "despicable acts by unpatriotic protesters."

But there was little outrage from other top Democrat Party people and their friends in the major liberal

media.

While our streets and campuses are crawling with leftwing protestors and pro-Palestine vandals, Democrats are still yammering about the "insurrection" of January 6 and worrying about the existential threat Donald Trump supposedly poses to our democracy.

The Democrats constantly warn everyone about Trump being a wannabe dictator. But I'm tired of hearing them say they are trying to save democracy while they continue to step all over it.

I've seen what Democrats did to Biden — and it wasn't very democratic. He was no doubt threatened by his party's bosses with the 25th Amendment — "Get out, Joe, or we're gonna throw you out. Kamala's moving in."

Biden's victimization by his own tribe was nothing new. In 2016 Democrat chiefs screwed Bernie Sanders out of the nomination and put the fix in for Hillary. In 2020 they made every other candidate step aside so Biden could win.

Now in 2024 they've essentially tossed a president out of office and replaced him with his VP — with no votes taken by anyone.

So don't tell the Trump-deranged liberal media, but Democrats have been having their own insurrections for years. They've been taking place behind closed doors, and they were decided by political insiders and Washington elites who are unknown to the public.

They've been scaring everyone that if Trump is reelected, there goes democracy. But guess what folks, in the Democrat Party it's already gone.

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# What's happening at the Wells County Public Library

The Wells County Public Library takes its mission to "provide the community with access, knowledge and growth" very seriously and offers a variety of events each week for kids, teens, and adults. Registration is preferred at most events. To signup, go to [www.wellscolibrary.org](http://www.wellscolibrary.org), click on the Library Event Calendar, navigate to the date of the event, and view more to get to the registration screen. Alternatively, call 260-824-1612 (Bluffton) or 260-622-4691 (Ossian) to register.

### Summer Reading

The 2024 Summer Reading program is coming to a close this week. All reading needs to be completed by July 31. Prizes for the "Adventure Begins at the Library" program include Chamber Bucks, Amazon Gift Cards, children's toys, books, and more depending on your age level. Events for the finishers in each age group will also be held.

### Eiffel Tower Seurat Painting: Try It Night

At the Main Library (Bluffton): Monday, July 29 from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Adults and teens. In honor of the Olympics, attendees will get to try making a Georges Seurat-inspired painting of the Eiffel Tower using an easy pointillism technique. Registration required. Space is limited.

### Calming Coloring At Ossian

At the Ossian Branch Library: every Tuesday from 1-3 p.m.

Adults. Stress busting afternoon featuring

coloring in a restful setting with soft music and snacks. Drop-in program.

### Teen Advisory Board

At the Main Library (Bluffton): Wednesday, July 31 from 6:00 to 6:45 p.m.

Grades 6-12. Do you wish you had a say in Teen Programming at the Library? Do you need volunteer credit? Join the Teen Advisory Board! You don't need to sign up--just show up for the TAB meetings on the last Wednesday of each month.

### Summer Reading Pool Party

Thursday, August 1 from 10:00 a.m. to noon

Birth-Grade 6. Complete your summer reading and get a ticket to attend a party at the Wells Community Pool.

### Genealogy/Local History Club

At the Main Library (Bluffton): Thursday, August 1 from 5:00 to 6:30 p.m.

Ages 12+. Members help each other learn new things and obtain a greater appreciation for local history and genealogy research. Bring your own laptop or share one of ours. Registration appreciated.

### Teen Summer Reading Party

At the Main Library (Bluffton): Friday, August 2 from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m.

Grades 6-12. Teens who have completed Summer Reading (reading 500 pages or more) will enjoy a night of pizza, door prizes, and games ranging from the Nintendo Switch, giant yard games, Hide-n-Seek, or

Vampires After Dark. Registration required by Aug. 1. Teens need to be picked up by 7:45 p.m.

### Bingo with Jason

At the Main Library (Bluffton): Monday, August 5 from 3:00 to 4:30 p.m.

Adults. Enjoy a lively game of Bingo for a chance to win a candy bar with everyone's favorite librarian named Jason! Registration required.

### Teen Gaming Club

At the Main Library (Bluffton): Monday, August 5 from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m.

Grades 6-12. Enjoy a variety of different games each month, including video games, trading card games, and board games. No registration needed.

### Adult Summer Reading Party

At the Main Library (Bluffton): Wednesday, August 7 from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m.

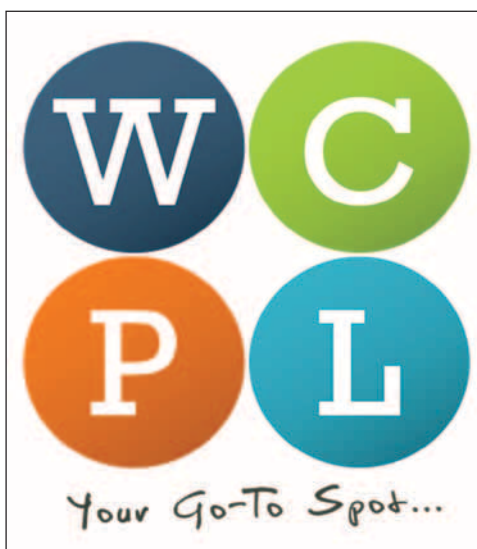
Adults. Complete your reading log and attend the Adult Summer Reading Party which will feature food, door prizes, and a few activities. Registration appreciated.

### Book Discussion: "Salt Houses"

At the Main Library (Bluffton): Thursday, August 8 at 6:30 p.m.

Adults. Pick up a copy of the book-of-the-month at the library before the discussion each month. This month's book for discussion is "Salt Houses" by Hala Alyan. Registration appreciated.

### Brown Bag Book Club



At the Main Library (Bluffton): Monday, August 12 at 1:30 p.m.

Adults. Pick up a copy of the book-of-the-month at the library before the discussion each month. The book for discussion is "The Good Lord Bird" by James McBride. Registration appreciated.

### Library Hours

At the main library in Bluffton — Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Friday, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.; and Saturday, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

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## Programs at the 4-H cabin



### Native American life

Ashley Anderson, at left, told visitors to the 4-H Cabin on Wednesday evening during the 4-H Fair all about the Native Americans way of life. Checking out Anderson's visual items was Lynn Elliott, board member of the Wells County Historical Society. (Photos by Barbara Barbieri)

### By BARBARA BARBIERI

Another program at the 4-H Cabin during the Wells County 4-H Fair was presented by Ashley Anderson as he told about the culture of the Woodland Indians that lived in the area before the white man.

He explained they used stones to make tools and demonstrated the various ways fires could be started (rubbing sticks together, hand drilling, bow drill, moth drill and pump drill). All parts of a killed animal (hides, bones and brains) would be used to fashion clothing and shelter.

An animal's stomach could be made into a bowl to hold water and sinew tissue could be used as sewing thread with a bone needle.

Gardening came into being as corn would be planted in the center of a plot, surrounded by beans and then squash. (This allowed the beans to have something to climb up on and the squash vines to keep the weeds down.)



Dale Best, at right, brought his collection of Indian arrowheads and rocks, modified for use as tools, to share with program attendees. Most items were found in Wells county and are harder to find now that farmers are using the no-till method of farming as they prepare their fields for planting.

The people knew their environment well and respected the land, Anderson explained. He also explained their calendar based on the 13 bumps on a turtle's back (13 months and 13 moons).

Our current calendar is based on one created by Julius Caesar and is based on 12 moons, which causes the correction of "once in a blue moon" to gain a full year. Most people natives

spoke more than one language and most knew sign language as they talked with different tribes and traded beaver hides with the white man.

Anderson also reminded those attending that during the third weekend in September (Sept. 21-22) the Rendezvous on the Reserves will be held in nearby Blackford County where visitors can meet natives, long-hunters, traders, sutlers and early settlers.

## Eckert named to Saint Francis' dean's list

Macy Eckert of Mar- kle, a Junior studying nursing, has earned a place on the University of Saint Francis Dean's List for the Spring 2024

semester. To qualify for the Dean's List, a student must be carrying 6 or more hours with a 3.5 to 3.89 grade-point average.

The University of Saint Francis is a private Catholic university in Fort Wayne, Indiana. The university promotes Catholic and Franciscan values.

by Melba Edwards

## Zanesville News

By the time you read this column, our big Lions Summer Fun Festival will be over and hopefully next week I will be reporting on the outcome of this fun time. Thanks to all of the many

sponsors of our car show, and to those of you who brought entries for the day, as it is a big draw to the festival each year. I hope to print the winners next week. A classmate of the 1947

class of East Union Center has passed. Carroll Eugene Fogwell, 93, of Fort Wayne, passed away on July 9. Carroll was one of the sets of twins in the 1 1/2 miles south of Zanesville.

## Free concerts at the Indiana State Fair

All of the free concerts will be held in Celebration Park at the fairgrounds and will begin at 7:30 p.m., unless otherwise noted. Seating is first come, first served.

- Aug. 2: Three Dog Night
- Aug. 3: Hard Days Night (Paul McCartney music)
- Aug. 4: Gladys Knight
- Aug. 6: TBA
- Aug. 7: Buddy Guy
- Aug. 8: Dogstar
- Aug. 9: Bell Biv DeVoe
- Aug. 19: Fearless (Taylor Swift Tribute)
- Aug. 11: Blessing Offer (2 p.m.), Sonora Dynamita (6 p.m.) and Newsboys
- Aug. 14: Happy Together Tour
- Aug. 15: Sublime with Rome
- Aug. 16: Gary Allan

Aug. 17: TBA  
Aug. 18: Gospel Music Festival (3 p.m.) and Yolanda Adams  
Please note that all visitors to the fairgrounds may be subject to bag search and

magnetometer screening. The fairgrounds open daily at 9 a.m. and close at 10 p.m. (11 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays). Admission is \$16 and free to those 5 and younger. Parking is \$10.

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Aug. 13: Blue Monster Tour (Blues Traveler with Big Head Todd & the Monsters)  
Aug. 21: High Kings

& Gaelic Storm  
Aug. 22: Night Light (Fort Wayne Rescue Mission)  
Sept. 13, 8 p.m. & Sept. 14, 12 a.m.: The Rocky Horror Show  
Sept. 21: Indiana Jones & the Raiders of the Lost Ark/FW Phil  
Sept. 23: TESLA  
Tickets through Ticketmaster.com.

## Community Harvest Farm Wagon

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

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# U.S. men's basketball team rolls past Serbia in opening game at the Paris Olympics

By TIM REYNOLDS  
AP Basketball Writer

Less than 17 minutes, James added 21 VILLENEUVE-D'ASCQ, France (AP) — LeBron James was feeling some nervousness, some butterflies, maybe even a bit of angst as he listened to the national anthem play before his first Olympic game in 12 years.

It all went away quickly. James and Kevin Durant — the two most-experienced Olympians on this American team — opened the Paris Games and a U.S. bid for a fifth consecutive gold medal with a near-perfect show. Durant made his first eight shots and scored 23 points, James added 21 points, nine assists and seven rebounds and the U.S. rolled to a 110-84 win over Serbia in the Olympic opener for both teams on Sunday.

"That's the best game we've played so far," James said after the Americans improved to 6-0 this summer, 1-0 in the tournament that matters.

James and Durant were a combined 18 for 22 from the field — 8 of 9 for Durant, 9 of 13 for James — as the U.S. had no trouble with the reigning World Cup silver medalists from last summer in the Philippines. Jrue Holiday scored 15, Devin Booker had 12 and Anthony Edwards and Stephen Curry each added 11 for the U.S.

"Whatever it takes," James said. "It's going to be somebody different every day. And we have that type of firepower."

The U.S. improved to 144-6 overall in Olympic play, 56-0 when scoring more than 100 points. The Americans won without Jayson Tatum of the NBA champion Boston Celtics — someone who just agreed to the richest contract in NBA history — in the rotation, which even U.S. coach Steve Kerr thought was crazy when he decided to do it.

"I went with the combinations that I felt like would make sense," Kerr said. "I talked to him and he's incredibly professional. And that's tonight. It doesn't mean it's going to stay that way the rest of the tournament. He'll make his mark. Our guys know this: The key to this whole thing is to put all the NBA stuff in the rear-view mirror and just win six games. Jayson's the ultimate pro, a champion, he handled it well and he'll be ready for the next one."

Three-time NBA MVP Nikola Jokic scored 20 points for Serbia, while Bogdan Bogdanovic scored 14. Serbia got outscored 54-27 from the 3-point line — a big liability for the Americans in the warmup games before this tournament, but a strength on Sunday — and let the U.S. shoot 62% while getting held to 42% from the floor.

With Jokic on the floor in his 31 minutes, the teams were even. In the nine minutes when Jokic wasn't on the floor, the U.S. outscored Serbia by 26 points. The final margin: 26 points.

"They got the best player in the world," Edwards said.

Both teams return to action on Wednesday, with the U.S. taking on upstart South Sudan — a rematch of a 101-100 escape win for the Americans in an exhibition in London earlier this month — and Serbia meeting Puerto Rico in what could essentially be an elimination game for both teams.

It was Serbia 10, U.S. 2 early. It was U.S. 108, Serbia 74 the rest of the way.

"We knew they were going to come out and play hard," Booker said. "They did the same thing when we were in Abu Dhabi. They have a lot of talented guys over there. We didn't underestimate them."

Before the tournament started, Serbia coach Svetislav Pesic — who coached against the 1992 Olympic "Dream Team" from the U.S. — said this version of the American squad was even better than that first NBA-star-filled bunch that took the world by storm at the Barcelona Games. And when told of that comment a couple of weeks back, Kerr laughed it off.

"When Chuck Daly coached the Dream Team, he never called timeout," Kerr said.

It took all of 2 minutes, 41 seconds of these Olympics for Kerr to call one. Serbia jumped out to that eight-point lead, putting the Americans into a quick hole. Kerr subbed Joel Embiid out for Anthony Davis after that first stoppage and things changed in a hurry; a three-point play by James midway through the first gave the U.S. its first lead and a lob from James to Edwards put the Americans up 25-20 after one.

By then, the Durant show was underway. He finished his 8-for-8 first-half showing with a fadeaway, falling to the court, that beat the halftime buzzer for a 58-49 lead. And the lead steadily grew from there: Edwards shook free of Serbia's Nikola Jokic for a nifty baseline score to make it 84-65 after three, a play so good that Curry was dancing in delight and mimicking using a video-game controller on the sideline.

"Very, very important to get off to a good start in this tournament because every game is so big," Curry said after his Olympic debut. "You only have six of them if you want to get to the gold and obviously, Serbia is a great team. They run an intricate offense and a very physical defense. KD was unbelievable in the first half and gave us a huge boost, and our defense in the second half opened the game up."

# U.S. women beat Germany in soccer at Olympics in pool play

By ANNE M. PETERSON  
AP Soccer Writer

MARSEILLE, France (AP) — Coach Emma Hayes tempered expectations as the United States cruised to a 4-1 win over Germany on Sunday night for a spot in the quarterfinals at the Paris Olympics.

Sophia Smith had a pair of goals for the Americans, who have won their opening two matches in France. Mallory Swanson and Lynn Williams also scored against Germany.

"We haven't done anything, let's be frank," Hayes said. "We've got three points against a really good German team. That's all it is, nothing more."

The Americans are playing their first major tournament under Hayes, who took over the U.S. team in late May.

Hayes is tasked with leading the Americans as they seek to distance themselves from the disappointment of last summer's Women's World Cup, when they crashed out in the round of 16.

The United States is the winningest team in the Olympics, with four gold medals. The Americans won the bronze medal at the Tokyo Games under former coach Vlatko Andonovski, who resigned following the World Cup.

Smith started for the United States after leaving the opener in the first half with what appeared to be an ankle injury.

Ten minutes into the match, Smith struck a cross from Trinity Rodman that sailed past

German goalkeeper Katrin-Ann Berger. Giulia Gwinn equalized in the 22nd minute with a low, bouncing shot from well outside the penalty area that eluded diving U.S. goalkeeper Alyssa Naeher.

Swanson put the United States back in front in the 26th. Berger punched out an attempt from distance by Smith, but Swanson picked up the rebound for a goal. It was Swanson's third goal of the Olympics.

Swanson is the second player to score three goals in the group at an Olympics, joining Abby Wambach in 2012.

Smith scored her second in the 44th minute on a high-arching shot that hit the far post and caromed into the goal.

"Anytime I'm in a position to get a touch, shift and shoot. I'm doing to take it," Smith said.

Williams, a substitute, added the final goal in the 89th minute and fans in Marseille chanted "USA! USA!" as time ran down.

U.S. defender Tierna Davidson left the match with an injury and was replaced by Emily Sonnett.

Alexandra Popp left in the 76th minute with what appeared to be a right leg injury. It was a blow to Germany, which was already playing without midfielder Lena Oberdorf (knee).

The United States plays Australia in Marseille on Wednesday to conclude group play. Germany, which defeated Australia in its Olympic opener 3-0, plays Zambia in Saint-Etienne.

# Cubs acquire Isaac Paredes from the Rays for Christopher Morel and 2 minor leaguers

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — The Chicago Cubs acquired All-Star infielder Isaac Paredes from the Tampa Bay Rays on Sunday for third baseman Christopher Morel and two minor leaguers.



Isaac Paredes

Paredes is batting .245 with 16 homers and 55 RBIs in 101 games this season. He signed with Chicago as an amateur free agent in 2015, but he was traded to Detroit two years later and made his big league debut with the Tigers in 2020.

The Cubs, who are focused on the future ahead of Tuesday's trade deadline, sent Morel and right-handers Hunter Bigge and Ty Johnson to the Rays.

The 25-year-old Morel set career highs with 26 homers, 70 RBIs and a .247 batting average last year, but he has struggled this season.

"He's a special human. We're going to miss his energy for sure, his smile," Cubs outfielder Pete Crow-Armstrong said of Morel.

"Reaching his full Christopher Morel potential every day is a guy showing up every day in the clubhouse. I don't think he was hitting the way he wanted to, but

he still had 18 homers."

Morel was the designated hitter for Sunday's game at Kansas City. He popped out in the second and then was a part of some hugs in the Cubs' dugout in the bottom of the third. He was replaced by a pinch hitter in the fourth.

"It's always strange telling someone during the game that they've been traded. It was certainly surprising and shock-

ing to Chris," Cubs manager Craig Counsell said. "He's provided Cubs fans a lot of memories in a short time here. In the end, we think we got a third baseman who's been a good offensive player in this league, one who can do really well for us at that position.

"He has an outlook and demeanor that makes it fun to be around him. He loves playing, and that joy that's just his outlook on life is present no matter what's going on. It's indicated by how he treats people. He's an example for all of us."

Bigge, 26, was a 12th-round pick in the 2019 amateur draft out of Harvard University. He has no record and a 2.70 ERA in four major league relief appearances — all coming this month.

# Crow-Armstrong hits go-ahead RBI as Cubs defeat the Royals

By DAVID SMALE  
Associated Press

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — Pete Crow-Armstrong, who came into the game hitting .183, was 3 for 4 with a run and the go-ahead RBI as the Chicago Cubs defeated the Kansas City Royals 7-3 on Sunday.

While he was happy to contribute to the victory, Crow-Armstrong and many of his teammates were down about losing teammate Christopher Morel, who was traded during the game to the Tampa Bay Rays for Isaac Paredes.

"He's a special human," Crow-Armstrong said of Morel. "We're going to miss his energy for sure, his smile. Reaching his full Christopher Morel potential every day is a guy showing up every day in the clubhouse."

Crow-Armstrong got two of his three hits and his RBI off Royals starter Cole Ragans.

"I saw him pretty good," he said. "I tend to see lefties relatively okay. He's a really good pitcher. I'm glad he doesn't use his change-up against lefties, because that's a good pitch. The Cubbies just had a really good offensive day."

"We want to try to have days like this every day to help have a winning season."

The Cubs (51-56) are 12-8 in their last 20 games after going 3-9 in their previous 12.

Javier Assad (5-3) allowed three runs on five hits in six innings.

"It was an impressive outing," Chicago manager Craig Counsell said of Assad's day. "I don't think Javi started out really well, (but) I think (catcher) Christian (Bethancourt) did a really good job of (sticking) with him, and I thought Javi did a good job of maybe doing things different than he's done in the past."

"We saw some more off-speed stuff today, and he got his off-speed stuff going, which was really fun to watch."

Assad said he was just trying to go as far into the game as possible.

"I just tried to go out there and execute," he said through an interpreter. "I started a little shaky, but I just went out there and attacked the zone."

Ragans (7-7) took the loss, allowing four runs in 5 2/3 innings.

"He gave us a good chance," Roy-

als manager Matt Quatraro said of his starter. "We were into the sixth inning and he gives us a chance. They put some good swings on him."

Michael Massey led off the first with a walk before Bobby Witt Jr. extended his hitting streak to 10 games with an infield single. With two outs, Hunter Renfroe lined

one to center, scoring both runners. Nico Hoerner doubled in the third to tie it at 2-all.

The Royals (57-49) retook the lead in the fourth on a controversial home run. Freddy Fermin launched a long flyball down the left-field line that appeared headed to the foul pole. A fan wearing a Cubs hat reached over the railing from foul territory and caught the ball before left fielder Ian Happ had a chance. Fan interference was called, giving Fermin his fifth homer of the season.

The Cubs took their first lead in the sixth. Michael Busch hit a one-out double and then scored on David Bote's two-out double. Bote scored on Crow-Armstrong's single, ending Ragans' day.

"We got good production from the bottom of our lineup today," Counsell said. "Bethancourt and Pete did some really good things today."

Chicago added three insurance runs in the ninth, including Patrick Wisdom's second homer in as many days.

### TRAINING ROOM

Royals OF MJ Melendez returned from his rehab assignment and was reinstated from the 10-day injured list. He had been on the IL since July 15 with a sprained left ankle. In a corresponding move, the Royals optioned OF Drew Waters to Triple-A Omaha following Saturday night's game. ... Royals RHP John Schreiber left the game with right knee patella discomfort. ... RHP Hunter Harvey left with left lower back spasms.

### UP NEXT

Cubs: Chicago continues a six-game road trip with the first of three games in Cincinnati. The Cubs will RHP Jameson Taillon (7-5, 2.96 ERA) to the mound to face Reds RHP Carson Spiers (3-2, 3.83 ERA).

Royals: Kansas City travels to Chicago for the first game in a three-game series with the White Sox. RHP Alec Marsh (7-7, 4.75) will face RHP Chris Flexen (2-10, 5.25) of the White Sox.

## News-Banner Scoreboard

### BASKETBALL

WNBA				
EASTERN CONFERENCE				
W	L	Pct	GB	
New York	21	4	.840	—
Connecticut	18	6	.750	2½
Indiana	11	15	.423	10½
Chicago	10	14	.417	10½
Atlanta	7	17	.292	13½
Washington	6	19	.240	15
WESTERN CONFERENCE				
W	L	Pct	GB	
Minnesota	17	8	.680	—
Seattle	17	8	.680	—
Las Vegas	16	8	.667	½
Phoenix	13	12	.520	4
Los Angeles	6	18	.250	10½
Dallas	6	19	.240	11

### BASEBALL

### MLB

AMERICAN LEAGUE				
East Division				
W	L	Pct	GB	
Baltimore	62	43	.590	—
New York	62	45	.579	1
Boston	55	49	.529	6½
Tampa Bay	54	52	.509	8½
Toronto	49	56	.467	13
Central Division				
W	L	Pct	GB	
Cleveland	63	42	.600	—
Minnesota	58	46	.558	4½
Kansas City	57	49	.538	6½
Detroit	52	55	.486	12
Chicago	27	81	.250	37½
West Division				
W	L	Pct	GB	
Houston	55	50	.524	—
Seattle	56	51	.523	—
Texas	51	55	.481	4½
Los Angeles	46	60	.434	9½
Oakland	44	64	.407	12½

### innings

Sunday's Games	
Oakland 3, L.A. Angels 1	Tampa Bay 2, Cincinnati 1
Cleveland 4, Philadelphia 3	Toronto 7, Texas 3
Minnesota 5, Detroit 0	Seattle 6, Chicago White Sox 3
Chicago Cubs 7, Kansas City 3	Baltimore 8, San Diego 6
L.A. Dodgers 6, Houston 2	L.A. Angels 8, Oakland 6
N.Y. Yankees 8, Boston 2	Toronto (Rodriguez 1-3) at Baltimore (Eflin 5-7), 3:05 p.m., 1st game
Monday's Games	
Toronto (Francis 3-2) at Baltimore (TBD), 6:35 p.m., 2nd game	Cleveland (Bibee 8-4) at Detroit (Flaherty 7-5), 6:40 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees (Gil 10-5) at Philadelphia (Wheeler 10-4), 6:40 p.m.	Minnesota (Woods Richardson 3-1) at N.Y. Mets (Quintana 5-6), 7:10 p.m.
Seattle (Gilbert 6-6) at Boston (Pivetta 4-7), 7:10 p.m.	Texas (Eovaldi 7-4) at St. Louis (Pallante 4-4), 7:45 p.m.
Kansas City (Marsh 7-7) at Chicago White Sox (Flexen 2-10), 8:10 p.m.	Pittsburgh (Skenes 6-1) at Houston (Bloss 0-1), 8:10 p.m.

### Tuesday's Games

Cleveland at Detroit, 1:10 p.m.	San Francisco 53 55 491 10½			
Toronto at Baltimore, 6:35 p.m.	Colorado 38 69 355 25½			
N.Y. Yankees at Philadelphia, 6:40 p.m.	Saturday's Games			
Miami at Tampa Bay, 6:50 p.m.	Atlanta 4, N.Y. Mets 0			
Minnesota at N.Y. Mets, 7:10 p.m.	Tampa Bay 4, Cincinnati 0			
Seattle at Boston, 7:10 p.m.	San Diego 9, Baltimore 4			
Texas at St. Louis, 7:45 p.m.	Philadelphia 8, Cleveland 0			
Kansas City at Chicago White Sox, 8:10 p.m.	San Francisco 4, Colorado 1, 1st game			
Pittsburgh at Houston, 8:10 p.m.	Chicago Cubs 9, Kansas City 4			
Colorado at L.A. Angels, 9:38 p.m.	Houston 7, L.A. Dodgers 6			
Oakland at San Francisco, 9:45 p.m.	Miami 7, Milwaukee 3			
NATIONAL LEAGUE	Washington 14, St. Louis 3			
East Division	Arizona 9, Pittsburgh 5			
W	L	Pct	GB	
Philadelphia	65	40	.619	—
Atlanta	56	48	.538	8½
New York	55	50	.524	10
Washington	49	57	.462	16½
Miami	39	67	.368	26½
Central Division				
W	L	Pct	GB	
Milwaukee	60	45	.571	—
St. Louis	54	51	.514	7
Pittsburgh	53	52	.505	6
Chicago	51	56	.477	10
Cincinnati	50	55	.476	10
West Division				
W	L	Pct	GB	
Los Angeles	63	44	.589	—
San Diego	67	51	.528	6½
Arizona	55	51	.519	7½

Sunday's Games				
Tampa Bay 2, Cincinnati 1	Philadelphia 3	Atlanta 9, N.Y. Mets 2	St. Louis 4, Washington 3	Chicago Cubs 7, Kansas City 3
Cleveland 4, Philadelphia 3	San Diego 6, Houston 2	L.A. Dodgers 6, Miami 2	Baltimore 8, San Diego 6	L.A. Dodgers 6, Houston 2
Milwaukee 3, San Francisco 5, Colorado 4	Pittsburgh 6, Arizona 5, 10 innings	Monday's Games	Chicago Cubs (Taillon 7-5) at Cincinnati (Spiers 3-2), 7:10 p.m.	Minnesota (Woods Richardson 3-1) at N.Y. Mets (Quintana 5-6), 7:10 p.m.
Texas (Eovaldi 7-4) at St. Louis (Pallante 4-4), 7:45 p.m.	Atlanta (Holmes 0-0) at Milwaukee (Rea 9-3), 8:10 p.m.	Texas at St. Louis, 7:45 p.m.	Atlanta at Milwaukee, 8:10 p.m.	Pittsburgh at Houston, 8:10 p.m.
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### Midwest League

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**Saturday, July 27**  
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# Battling my son's depression

Dear Annie: My son is soon to be 23 years old. He was two courses short of earning his Bachelor of Science degree in computer science when something bad happened. He would not tell me what. He fell apart and did not graduate.

That was two years ago. We got him into counseling, and he saw several different counselors; he was in group therapy, and they tried different combinations of antidepressants. They've tried something called transcranial magnetic stimulation, which really seemed to work, but then it stopped working.

Now he is considering electroconvulsive therapy. He tells me nothing. He is over 18, so his counselors and doctors will tell me nothing. He asked to be taken to the psychiatric hospital emergency room recently, and he checked himself in for a week.

I decided to tidy up his room, which was an absolute mess. I was also keeping a sharp eye out for anything he may hurt himself with. I found marijuana and some kind of high-tech lung infuser. The marijuana worries me. It won't help with depression, and I did find out that he admitted using it in his psychiatric team. I do not have a clue about how to confront him on it.

I just want my son to get out of the long, dark place where he's been for years now. He could have a fantastic life ahead. He's very smart; he's handsome, literate and fun. Please, where do I start with all this? — Mom in Need of Miracles

Dear Mom in Need of Miracles: Yes, he could, and potentially will, have a fantastic life. He is going through a rainstorm right now, but after every rainstorm, there is a rainbow, and that will be the case for your son. He is doing all the necessary things to get help. It is so challenging not to be able to go and fix all of your son's problems right away, but with lots of love from you and with professional treatment from the doctors, your son will thrive.

The key is for him to find the right therapist, one who will design a treatment program for his depression.

Depression is a disease, and like any disease, it can be either managed or cured. Marijuana may ease his depression in the moment, but it will exacerbate it in the long run. A good therapist will help him see the importance of a zero-tolerance policy for himself.

Dear Annie: Having worked in customer service for over 20 years, I have found that people are usually pretty patient if they are told the truth about the delay and are given an ETA, if possible.

Of course, in this fast and furious world, there are businesses that routinely overbook and short staff. I help them out by reducing their customer base by one.

If I am going to be late for an appointment, I call to let them know so they can see someone else in front of me, or so we can reschedule. — Considerate Guy

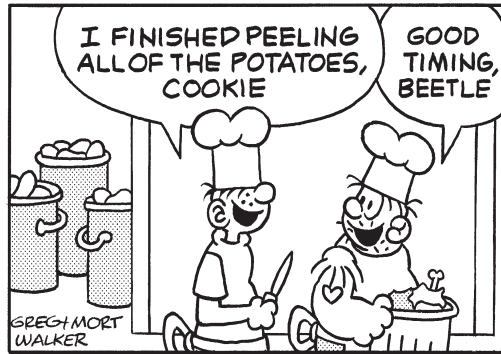
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## Dear Annie

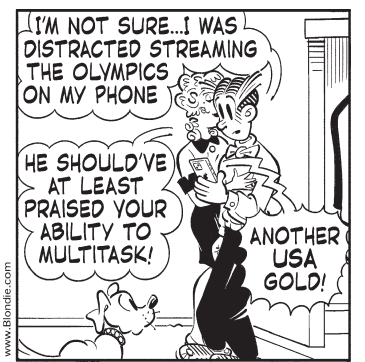
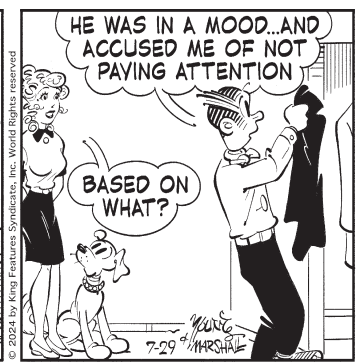
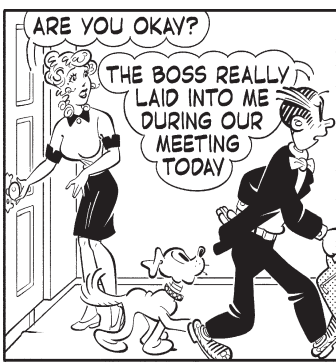


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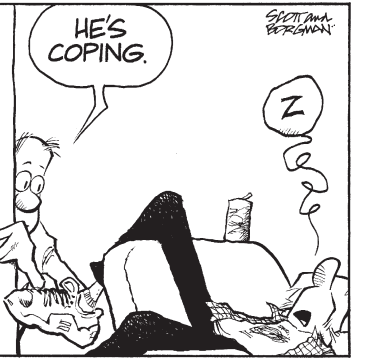
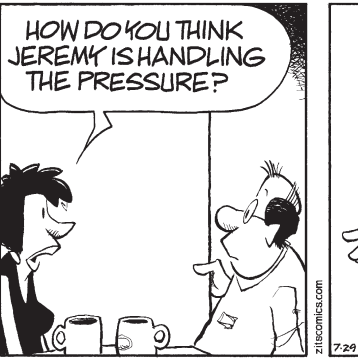
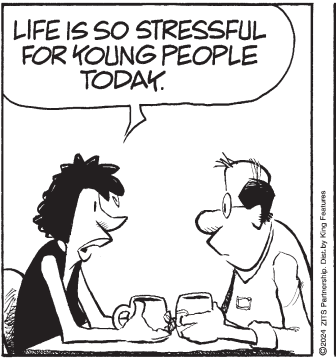
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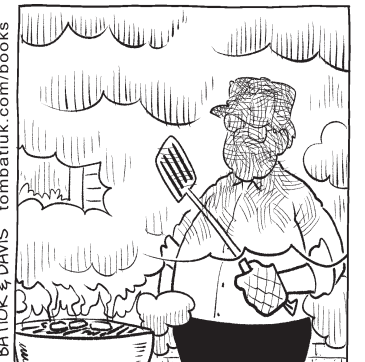
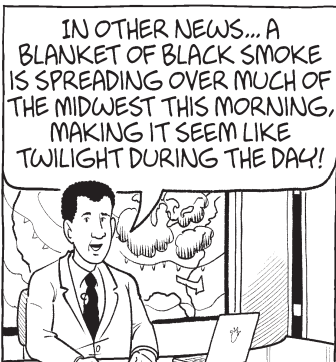
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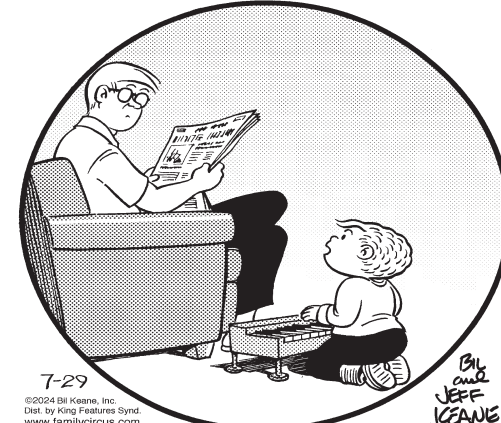


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## THE FAMILY CIRCUS

By Bil Keane



"That was the national anthem and you didn't stand up."

## The LOCKHORNS



"TODAY IS MOJITO MONDAY, THEN TEQUILA TUESDAY, FOLLOWED BY WINE WEDNESDAY..."

## My Answer

By Dr. Billy Graham



## He desires to bless those who honor Him

the basic unit of society. But from the very beginning, when the first couple sinned against God, the family has been in trouble.

We've all seen product labels. Many of them carry these words: "For best results follow the instructions of the manufacturer." For best results in marriage, building a strong home life, and raising children, follow the instructions of the One who performed the first wedding in the garden of Eden.

The reason the family is in critical condition today is that we have neglected the rules, the regulations — the formula for a successful home.

God is more than interested in people's marriages, homes, and families and He desires to bless

those who honor Him. He shows us the ideals and the goals for the family (see Deuteronomy 6). The home is a sacred institution. Faith in Christ is the most important principle that guides building strong homes and families.

The Bible stresses that a marriage ideally should be a picture or a reflection of Christ's love for His people. This is a high standard. Marriage is a holy bond because it permits a man and a woman to help each other work out their spiritual destinies. After all, God declared marriage good!

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

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Question: My fiancé and I, after dating for a couple of years, are going to be married soon. We've completed our education and will settle into our first home together after the wedding. We hope to have a family and desperately want to be responsible parents and build a stable home. All kinds of books and podcasts are being suggested to help us, but I'm leery of much of the advice given today, and I believe that even counselors tend to make all relationships complex. Since marriage and family are ordained by God, what is the best wisdom for a young couple desiring to please the Lord? — F.M.

Answer: The family is

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## CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

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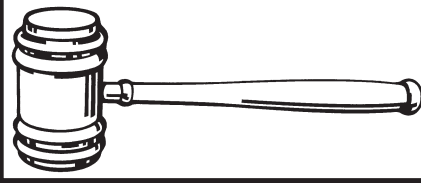
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## Public Sale Calendar

**AUGUST 8 - BIDDING OPEN FROM 9 A.M. TO 6 P.M. - Online only - Estate of Richard W. Stultz.** 1,920 SF tri-level home in desirable Old Creek Neighborhood. Featuring 2 possible 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, oversized 4-car attached garage, 60'x23', large lot, close to Bluffton schools. Property offers prime location and offer "Renovation Opportunity". Explore the possibilities. Open houses: July 30, Aug. 6 from 5-6 p.m., 1420 Brookhaven, Bluffton, IN. Sale managers Brandon Steffen, 260-710-5684, Rod Fetters, 260-557-8451, *The Steffen Group Inc.*, 260-824-3006, [www.steffengrp.com](http://www.steffengrp.com).

**BIDDING STARTS CLOSING AUGUST 11 - 6 p.m. & 6:30 p.m. EST - Jeanette Furhman & Robert Furhman estate, owner.** 6 p.m.: Cape Cod style, 3 bedroom, 3 1/2 bath, 3,093 sf, full basement w/Hitzer stove, Geothermal w/backup LP furnace, Generac 11 kw whole house generator, pole barns, 2-car attached garage, sitting on 10+/- wooded acres! 6:30: John Deere Gator, Gehl Track loader, John Deere mower, Chevy Silverado, 51k miles, Massey Ferguson tractor, 3 point attachments, tilt bed trailer, outdoor items, large selection of hand & power tools, long & hand guns, antiques, primitives, furniture, household, more! Preview July 29, 5-7 p.m., 4182 W 900 N, Decatur. Pick up Aug. 12, 2-6 p.m. *Krueckeberg Auction & Realty LLC*, 260-724-7402, [kjauction.com](http://kjauction.com).

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**BIDDING NOW OPEN & STARTS CLOSING AUGUST 18 - 6 p.m. EST - Kathy Stark, owner.** Real estate 6 p.m.: Four bedroom, 1 full bath w/heated flooring, 2,328 sq. feet, basement, screened in back porch, 28'x30' heated detached garage, beautiful 36'x66' bank barn, famous Minion silo, all sitting on 2.41+/- acres! Personal property 6:30: Vintage outdoor Christmas decorations, extension cords, violin, saxophone, guitars, music, books, power tools, fishing tackle, household items, dog pool, Kobalt air compressor, table saw, sectional sofa/bed/recliner, firetruck bed, dining table & chairs, microwave, Seven Dwarfs cement statues, Brother sewing machine, & much more! Preview Aug. 5, 5-6 p.m., 9841 N 750 E, Ossian, IN. Pick up Aug. 19, 2-6 p.m. *Krueckeberg Auction & Realty LLC*, 260-724-7402, [kjauction.com](http://kjauction.com).

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**Lotto Plus** — 03-12-26-27-35-43

**Quick Draw Midday** — 02-07-11-16-17-18-19-25-32-35-37-41-42-44-52-54-66-73-76-80, BE: 17  
**Daily Three-Midday** — 01-05-05, SB: 05

**Daily Three-Evening** — 00-09-07, SB: 09  
**Daily Four-Midday** — 09-05-06-06, SB: 05  
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**Quick Draw Evening** — 02-08-14-15-16-19-25-27-30-31-51-53-55-56-62-70-71-72-73-80, BE: 71  
**Hoosier Lotto** — 08-15-32-33-40-41

**POWERBALL**  
03-31-37-40-64; Powerball: 17; Power Play: 3X

**Sunday's Drawings HOOSIER LOTTERY**  
Cash 5 — 02-03-13-20-35

**Cash4Life** — 23-42-43-49-56, Cash Ball: 02  
**Quick Draw Midday** — 05-06-11-16-25-26-27-29-30-31-35-37-41-49-53-61-65-72-78-79, BE: 27

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**Daily Four-Midday** — 00-07-09-04, SB: 08  
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