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This is the home on Toledo Street where a fire Saturday morning claimed the lives of three children and their mother.

Tragedy in Fremont

Daughter,
grandchildren
of longtime
public servant
killed in fire

BY MIKE MARTURELLO
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FREMONT — Just inside the fence of the Rebecca White residence, to the east of the house where a Saturday fire killed four, sits a toy fire truck.

It's a stark reminder of what happened on Saturday morning, when a young mother and her three children were killed in a house fire and the history of the family that has lived on the corner of Toledo and Tiltonson for years.

This was the home of Rebecca White, 37, and her three young children. She was the daughter of and they the grandchildren of a long-time community servant, the late Bernie White, who had served on the Fremont Fire Department and for years on the Fremont Town Board and later the Fremont Town Council. Mr. White had been employed by the State Fire Marshal's Office.

The three children who were victims of the fire Emmett Freed, 5, Eleanor Freed, 3, and Alaura Freed, 21 months.

The Indiana State Police and the State Fire Marshal's Office continue investigating the early morning fire that claimed the lives of the four, who were believed to have been sleeping together in the same room.

The home, built in 1890, is still listed in county records as being owned by Bernie and wife Catherine White, both of whom are deceased.

While the Steuben County Prosecutor's Office was on the scene early Saturday, Prosecutor Jeremy Musser said on Saturday



MIKE MARTURELLO

This memorial has popped up at the home of Rebecca White on Toledo Street in Fremont. An early morning fire on Saturday claimed the lives of White and her three small children.

night there wasn't any information available to suggest foul play.

Steuben County 911 records said at 5:02 a.m. Saturday, a call was received reporting a house fire at 400 E. Toledo St., said a news release from the State Police.

The Fremont Fire Department was dispatched and on scene just east of the downtown at approximately 5:09 a.m., where they found a working house fire. Angola, Orland, and Ashley-Hudson fire departments were also dispatched to the scene.

Firefighters located the three

children and their mother inside the burning structure, the news release said. All four were transported to Cameron Memorial Community Hospital in Angola.

Emmett, Eleanor and Alaura were pronounced dead at Cameron.

Ms. White was flown from Cameron by Parkview Samaritan helicopter to the burn center at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne, where she eventually died, the news release said.

Fremont Fire Department

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Lawyers give free legal advice on MLK Day

BY OKSANA KOTKINA
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ANGOLA — The annual Talk a Lawyer Day was the Steuben County Bar Association's effort to provide free advice in honor of Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

It took place in Carnegie Public Library in Angola Monday. Anyone could get free legal advice in various types of the law.

Attorney James McEntarfer said that although some of the bar associations do similar events over the phone, Steuben County Bar Association still considered it was better to have that type of an event in person. "We have local attorneys volunteer their time historically and again this year," McEntarfer said.

He explained that the annual event is organized through the Steuben County Bar Association and Northeast Indiana Volunteer Lawyer Program. In the past, the person who was responsible for organizing the program was a local attorney Mike Morrissey, who was on the Board of Directors for the Volunteer Program and who passed away last year.

President of the Steuben County Bar Association Marylyn Ernsberger said that last year, the event was done in the memory of Morrissey, and after that, all the local attorneys of Steuben County wanted to keep the event going. The program, McEntarfer said, started before 2000. "Everybody enjoys coming down here and volunteering their time," said Ernsberger.

For this reason, this year the program was organized by attorney and Volunteer Lawyer Program Board

Member Jonathan Cress, who took over the responsibilities of overseeing Talk to a Lawyer Day in Steuben County.

"I think it's important for attorneys, especially in small towns, to be able to give back," said Cress.

He said that the areas of law that they were asked to



OKSANA KOTKINA

James McEntarfer sits at the ready to provide advice on Talk to a Lawyer Day in Angola. He said he felt it was his moral obligation as a lawyer to give some pro bono legal advice to people who otherwise could not afford it.

consult more often on during those Talk to a Lawyer events were criminal and family laws, state planning, and civil law in forms of contract disputes, like landlord-tenant disputes.

Cress said that the event was still organized under the auspices of Northeast Indiana Volunteer Lawyers program, which is based in Fort Wayne, and the board of which consists of attorneys from Allen, DeKalb, LaGrange, Noble and Steuben counties.

"It provides a resource for individuals who ... cannot afford legal representation," said Cress.

Cress said often those individuals who come to

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Indiana Briefs

Report: Indiana man arrested after young child seen with gun

BEECH GROVE (AP) — An Indiana man is facing criminal charges after a young boy was allegedly seen holding and pulling the trigger of a handgun outside their apartment.

Fox 59, citing a police report by the Beech Grove Police Department, said 45-year-old Shane Osborne of Beech Grove was arrested Saturday for felony neglect of a dependent. Live footage of the arrest was filmed by and broadcast on the reality TV show called "On Patrol: Live," which follows law enforcement officers on duty, the department confirmed.

It was not immediately clear what led police to the apartment, but a video of a young boy playing with the gun was captured on a security camera and seized by police in their investigation, the station reported. The boy, who was not named, can be seen waving the gun and pulling its trigger. He did not appear to be harmed.

Police seized a semiautomatic Smith & Wesson 9mm pistol and security camera footage from a neighbor, the station reported, adding that while no rounds were in the gun's chamber, there were 15 rounds in the magazine.

Beech Grove police did not immediately respond to a request for additional information by The Associated Press.

Man convicted of murder, other counts in boy's beating death

LAFAYETTE (AP) — A jury has convicted a Michigan man of murder and other charges in the beating death of a 3-year-old boy in Lafayette.

Jermaine Games of West Bloomfield, Michigan, was convicted of murder, neglect resulting in death, aggravated battery resulting in death and battery on a person under 14 resulting in death on Wednesday.

Games and his girlfriend, Crystal Lynn Cox, were both charged in August 2021 in connection with the death of 3-year-old Zeus Cox. The little boy was found dead on a bedroom floor with bruises on his chest, stomach and other areas of his body.

The couple gave police conflicting accounts. Cox said he had fallen on concrete and later ran into a table. Games told police Zeus had fallen off his bike.

Witnesses told police Games struck the 3-year-old with his fist.

An autopsy revealed the 3-year-old died from multiple blunt force trauma injuries to his abdomen that ruptured the boy's intestines and caused rib fractures and internal bleeding.

Cox was found guilty of murder, neglect resulting in death, aggravated battery resulting in death, and battery on a person under 14 resulting in death last May and was sentenced to 53 years in prison.

Games' sentencing has not yet been scheduled.

New insurance agency offers the joys of small-town service

Groves expands outside of Farm Bureau umbrella

BY OKSANA KOTKINA okotkina@kpcmedia.com

ANGOLA — An almost career insurance provider with Indiana Farm Bureau Insurance, Beth Groves has opened a stand-alone agency where, although it is still affiliated with the parent company, she is on her own.

In Steuben County, Groves is the first and yet the only one insurance agency owner affiliated with the main office.

"I've been with Farm Bureau for, this year it's 22 years," said Groves.



Monica Houser, Beth Groves and Mike Nahrwold are ready to serve customers at the new Indiana Farm Bureau Insurance agency in Country Fair Shopping Center in Angola.

In July this year she was approved for a new Indiana Farm Bureau Insurance program that was designed to expand the agents' network throughout the state based on the number of the population in the communities.

"We could potentially open an additional agency," said Groves. "Angola met that credit criteria."

Groves applied for the program. She said that when you're an entrepreneur, "you just see things a little differently than working for a large company."

Groves then prepared a 13-page long business plan focusing on continued excellence in service and a great location for her independent agency that she presented to the parent company, and the plan was approved.

"We went through, looked at all of the numbers and we decided that it would support an additional agency," said Groves.

Indiana Farm Bureau Insurance is an insurance company that provides home, farm, health, commercial, life and other insurance

plans. Unlike many other insurance agencies Indiana Farm Bureau Insurance is an Indiana-based entity.

"There are Farm Bureau's in every state, nearly every state, but we are each independently operated," said Groves.

The advantage of being independently operated in every state is that claims in other states, such as Florida or California, do not affect the bottom line of Indiana Farm Bureau Insurance, unlike in national insurance companies where what happens in one state affects the bottom lines in others.

When Indiana Farm Bureau Insurance decided to expand it opted for a program encouraging the agents in certain communities to open their own agencies with the support from the parent company.

Independent captive agents allow the parent company to expand its operations at lower costs as independent agents are responsible for rent, utilities

and staff. Groves currently has two employees — agent Mike Nahrwold and office manager Monica Houser.

Groves' own benefits include a different reward scale and the joys of managing her own business. In addition, her targeted advertising budget works on her herself only now, whereas before when she worked in the company's office with other agents, although she still paid for the advertising as independent contractor, walk-in clients were distributed among the agents on the next in line basis.

The benefit for the community of having independent captive agents is that they manage their business differently in small communities in comparison with larger companies that have outlets in both small and large communities and have to manage them accordingly.

"We have the beauty of being a captive agent with an independent agent in house,"

said Groves.

Groves still receives assistance from the main office that reviews her policy decisions and provides support. In case the customer wants to deal with another insurance company Indiana Farm Bureau Insurance has a broker company it works with to refer clients to other insurance companies.

Groves attributes her career success to her the supervisor she started to work with in her early 20s — Paul Stepp, who is now retired from the insurance business. Stepp was an amazing mentor, who encouraged her to continue to grow, she said.

Groves has lived in Indiana for her whole life. She was born in Fort Wayne and moved to Angola area when she was in middle school, and she went to Prairie Heights. She and her husband, Shane, have six children between the two of them.

"We have a crazy blended family," said Groves.

Public Meetings

Tuesday, Jan. 17

- Steuben County Board of Commissioners, Steuben Community Center, 317 S. Wayne St., Angola, 9 a.m.
- Steuben County Drainage Board, Steuben Community Center, 317 S. Wayne St., Angola, 2 p.m.
- Fremont Town Council, Town Hall, 205 N. Tolford St., Fremont, 6 p.m.
- Angola Services and Budget Committee, City Hall, 210 N. Public Square, Angola, 6:30 p.m.
- Lake George Regional Sewage District, District Offices, 1040 Angola Road, Coldwater, Michigan, 6:30 p.m.
- Angola Common Council, City Hall, 210 N. Public Square, Angola, 7 p.m.
- Steuben County Board of Zoning Appeals, Steuben Community Center, 317 S. Wayne St., Angola, 7 p.m.
- Clear Lake Town Council, Town Hall, 111 Gecowets Drive, Fremont, 7 p.m.

Thursday, Jan. 19

- Steuben County Design Review Committee, Steuben Community Center, 317 S. Wayne St., Angola, 8:30 a.m.
- Steuben County Park Committee, Steuben Community Center, 317 S. Wayne St., Angola, 9 a.m.
- Fremont Town Council, Town Hall, 205 N. Tolford St., Fremont, 5 p.m., executive session.
- Millgrove Township Advisory Board, 8682 W. C.R. 800N, Orland, 5:30 p.m.

Monday, Jan. 23

- Angola Board of Zoning Appeals, City Hall, 210 N. Public Square, Angola, 5 p.m.
- Fremont Community Schools Board of Trustees, Superintendent's Office, 1100 W. Toledo St., Fremont, 6 p.m.
- Steuben County Board of Zoning Appeals, Steuben Community Center, 317 S. Wayne St., Angola, 7 p.m.

Attorney's career hits 50-year milestone

BY SHERYL PRENTICE sprentice@kpcmedia.com

KENDALLVILLE — Kendallville attorney Daniel Diggins is celebrating a milestone — 50 years in law practice.

Diggins describes himself as "95% retired" from his law practice with Emerick, Diggins & Zabona, but still maintains his law license and works as a consultant.

The law firm was founded in 1945 by Diggins' father,

Merritt W. Diggins, and Rex S. Emerick. Emerick's sons, R. Stan Emerick, joined the practice in 1950. Daniel Diggins joined the practice in 1972 after finishing law school.

He was admitted to the bar



Diggins

to practice law in the Indiana Supreme Court, United States Supreme Court, and U.S. District Court for the northern and southern districts of Indiana.

Emerick, Diggins & Zabona provides family law, criminal law, estate planning and general legal services for paternity, custody, child support, adoption, guardianship, felonies and misdemeanors, juvenile offenses, drug offenses, alcohol offenses and expunges of criminal record.

Merritt Diggins also practiced law for 50 years.

"I followed in my dad's footsteps," Diggins said Thursday, in a phone

interview from Arizona.

Diggins received his bachelor of science degree from Indiana University in 1967, and graduated from Indiana University School of Law in 1972. He served in the U.S. Army from 1969 through 1971.

Diggins and his wife, Nancy, have two adult children and two grandchildren. He enjoys traveling, golf, and boating in his spare time. He was named one of the Top Lawyers in Northeast Indiana by Business People Magazine in 2010.

Diggins said his favorite part of general law practice is civil litigation and trial litigation.

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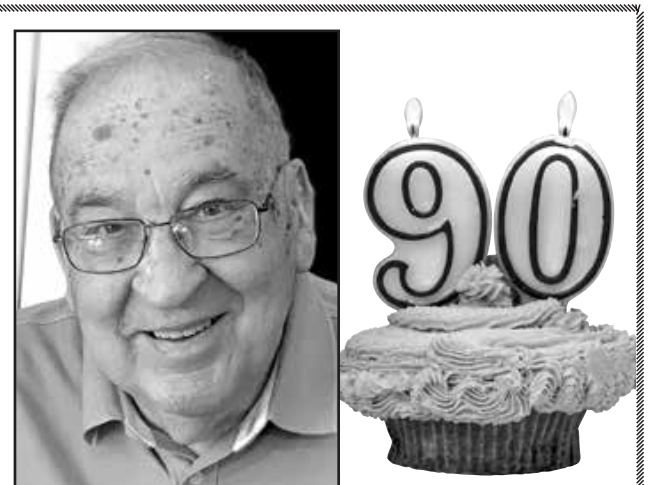
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Jill Biden's skin cancer fight could fuel advocacy

BY DARLENE SUPERVILLE
Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Jill Biden's advocacy for curing cancer didn't start with her son's death in 2015 from brain cancer. It began decades earlier, long before she came into the national spotlight, and could now be further energized by her own brush with a common form of skin cancer.

The first lady often says the worst three words anyone will ever hear are, "You have cancer." She heard a version of that phrase for herself this past week.

A lesion that doctors had found above her right eye during a routine screening

late last year was removed on Wednesday and confirmed to be basal cell carcinoma — a highly treatable form of skin cancer. While Biden was being prepped to remove the lesion, doctors found and removed another one from the left side of her chest, also confirmed to be basal cell carcinoma. A third lesion from her left eyelid was being examined.

While it's too early to know when and how Biden might address her situation publicly, her experience could inject new purpose into what has become part of her life's work highlighting research into curing cancer and urging people to get regular screen-

ings.

Personal experiences can add potency to a public figure's advocacy.

"Nothing like 'I've been there, done that' and being personally involved," said Myra Gutin, a first lady scholar at Rider University.

Biden's spokesperson, Vanessa Valdivia, said "the first lady's fight against cancer has always been personal. She knows that cancer touches us all."

Biden's advocacy dates to 1993, when four girlfriends were diagnosed with breast cancer, including her pal



Biden

Winnie, who succumbed to the disease. She said last year in a speech that "Winnie inspired me to take up the cause of prevention and education."

That experience led her to create the Biden Breast Health Initiative, one of the first breast health programs in the United States, to teach 16- to 18-year-old girls about caring for their breasts. Biden was among staffers who went into Delaware's high schools to conduct lectures and demonstrations.

Her mother, Bonny Jean Jacobs, and father, Donald

Jacobs, died of cancer, in 2008 and 1999, respectively. A few years ago, one of her four sisters needed an auto-stem cell transplant to treat her cancer.

In May 2015, Beau Biden, President Joe Biden's son with his late first wife, died of a rare and aggressive brain cancer, leaving behind a wife and two young kids. Joe Biden was vice president at the time and the blow from Beau's loss led him to decide against running for president in 2016. Jill Biden, who had helped raise Beau from a young age after she married his dad, was convinced he would survive the disease and later described feeling

"blinded by the darkness" when he died.

After their son's death, the Bidens helped push for a national commitment to "end cancer as we know it." Then-President Barack Obama — Biden's boss — put the vice president in charge of what the White House named the Cancer Moonshot.

The Bidens resurrected the initiative after Joe Biden became president and added a new goal of cutting cancer death rates by at least 50% over the next 25 years, and improving the experience of living with and surviving cancer for patients and their families.

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Cindy Murfield

AUBURN — Cindy A. Murfield, age 65, of Auburn, Indiana, passed away on Wednesday, Jan. 11, 2023, at Parkview Regional Medical Center in Fort Wayne, Indiana.

She was born on July 8, 1957, in Montpelier, Ohio, to Ned and Donna (Scott) Calvin.

Cindy worked for the Fort Wayne Marriott for several years before coming to Auburn to work at the Auburn Cord Duesenberg Automobile Museum, as their Development and Membership Manager for 29 years.

She had a love for classic cars and a passion for helping others. She also enjoyed listening to music (especially music of the 1970s), watching horror movies, traveling, camping, hiking, being outside in nature and dogs, especially boxers. Cindy was a huge Ohio State sports fan, Go Bucks! Cindy loved her family with all of her heart and she took great pride in her children's accomplishments.

Survivors include her son, Andy Murfield, of Kalamazoo, Michigan; daughter and her fiancé, Katy Murfield and Trevor Karr, of Galion, Ohio; father, Ned Calvin, of Fort Wayne; sister and brother-in-law, Gina and Dean Hanson, of Rio Rancho, New Mexico; four nieces, Jordan Hanson, Olivia and Zak Morgan, Lauren Murfield and Isabelle Murfield; and Cindy's former spouse, Tom Murfield, of Fort Wayne.

She was preceded in death by her mother, Donna Calvin.

A gathering of friends and family will be held on Sunday, Jan. 22, 2023, from noon to 2 p.m., at the Auburn Cord Duesenberg Automobile Museum, 1600 S. Wayne St., in Auburn.

A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m., immediately following the gathering time on Sunday at the museum.

Interment will take place at Woodlawn Cemetery in Auburn at a later time.

Memorial donations may be made to the Auburn Cord Duesenberg Automobile Museum, 1600 S. Wayne St., Auburn, IN 46706.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.fellerandclark.com and on our Facebook page at Feller and Clark Funeral Homes.

Arrangements have been entrusted to Feller and Clark Funeral Home in Auburn.

Rev. James Elsner

KENDALLVILLE — The Rev. James Lorry Elsner, age 71, entered eternity with the Lord on Wednesday, January 11, 2023, at Parkview Noble Hospital, Kendallville.

Jim was born in Elgin, Illinois, on Nov. 8, 1951, to Lorry Raymond Elsner and Ruth Vera (Nesler) Elsner. They preceded him in death.

He grew up in Dundee, Illinois, and graduated from Dundee High School in 1969. He graduated from Elgin Community College and received a Bachelor's Degree from Concordia Teachers College, Seward, Nebraska. He earned a Master of Education degree from Xavier University, Cincinnati, Ohio, and a Master of Arts in Religion Degree from Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, Indiana.

He married Elaine Margaret Schroeder on Nov. 30, 1974, at Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church and School in Fort Wayne.

Serving our Lord through the congregations of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, Pastor James Elsner was in full-time ministry for 45 years (1973-2018). He began his ministry as a Lutheran elementary school teacher serving congregations in Ohio, Illinois, and California, (1973-1983). Concurrent with his teaching duties, he also served as youth minister and school principal.

From 1983-1999, he served as Christian education director and youth minister at congregations in Colorado, Illinois, and Wisconsin.

Pastor Jim served his pastoral ministry at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, Stroh (Hudson), Indiana, from 1999 through 2018 as Field Worker, Vicar, and Pastor of the congregation. He retired from full-time ministry in 2018. In 2021, Pastor Elsner began serving part-time as Associate Pastor of Peace Lutheran Church, Fremont.

Pastor Jim has also served the church-at-large through district and synodical level youth ministry committees. He also has served as Circuit Counselor for the Indiana Circuit of the English District-LCMS and as Pastoral Advisor for the Kendallville Zone of the LWML-Indiana District.

Pastor Jim has been part of the ministry of Lutheran Ministries Media (LMM) as an on-air preacher for Worship Anew/Worship for Shut-Ins (2008-2018). And he has been a voice and face for Moments of Comfort (LMM's online weekly devotional broadcast) since it began in 2019.

Survivors include his wife, Elaine Elsner, of Auburn; son, Steve and Emma Elsner, of Phoenix, Arizona; sisters, Anita and Jeffrey Miller, of Hutchinson, Minnesota, and Janet and John Bonkoski, of Dundee, Illinois; and brother, Ronald and LuAnn Elsner, of Coon Rapids, Minnesota.

Visitation will be held on Tuesday, Jan. 17, 2023, from 3-7 p.m., at Hite Funeral Home, 403 S. Main St., Kendallville, Indiana.

Funeral services will be held on Wednesday, Jan. 18, 2023, at 11 a.m., at Peace Lutheran Church, S.R. 120, Fremont, Indiana.

There will be visitation at 10 a.m., prior to the service.

Burial will follow at Concordia Lutheran Cemetery, Anthony Boulevard and Maumee Avenue, Fort Wayne.

Memorial donations may be made to a Lutheran Church of choice or Worship Anew.

Arrangements entrusted to Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville.

Melva Eakright

BUTLER — Melva L. Eakright, 92, of Butler, Indiana, died on Saturday, Jan. 14, 2023, at Laurels of DeKalb in Butler.

She was born in Butler on Feb. 5, 1930, to Milo J. and Lucile K. (Gee) Provines.

Melva was a 1947 graduate of Butler High School.

She worked as head cashier for 14 years at Sutton's Grocery in Butler, then as a cashier for six years at Butler Quick Mart, before retiring in 1994.

She was a member of Butler United Methodist Church in Butler.

Melva married Richard E. Eakright on April 29, 1949, in Butler, and he died on Dec. 20, 1996.

She is survived by a son and daughter-in-law, Samuel D. and Diane Eakright, of Waterloo; son-in-law, Virgil Kimes, of Auburn; six grandchildren, Larry (Traci) Kimes, Andrew Kimes, Matthew (Lela) Eakright, Justin (Nikki) Eakright, Stephanie (Seth) Myers, and Molly (Darryl) Porter; and six great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband; daughter, Barbara Jean Kimes; sister, Lorene G. Berry; and four brothers, Verl Provines, Darwan Provines, Devere Provines and James Provines.

Graveside services will be held at 10 a.m., on Friday, Jan. 20, 2023, at Butler Cemetery in Butler.

Memorials may be given in memory of Melva, to Cancer Services of Northeast Indiana, 6316 Mutual Drive, Fort Wayne, IN 46825.

Feller and Clark Funeral Home of Auburn is assisting the family with arrangements.

To send condolences visit www.fellerandclark.com.

Amiee Perdue

AUBURN — Amiee L. Perdue, 26, passed away on Sunday, Jan. 15, 2023, at her home in Auburn, Indiana.

She was born on Dec. 17, 1996, in Fort Wayne, Indiana, to Arthur and Tina (Richey) Perdue.

Amiee was a 2015 graduate of DeKalb High School.

Amiee loved SpongeBob SquarePants, being outdoors and her trip to Walt Disney World through the Make-A-Wish America program. She also loved her family, especially her brother Josh, and enjoyed when they would sing and talk to her.

Surviving are her parents, Arthur and Tina Perdue, of Auburn; three siblings, Joshua Gibson, of Auburn, Tabitha Gibson, of Auburn and Jessica Coy, of Edinburgh; maternal grandmother, Pat Richey, of Auburn; five aunts and uncles, Kevin (Stacy) Perdue, of Columbus, Lisa Kinser, of Indianapolis, Joe Perdue, of Edinburgh, Dianna (Don) Lowman, of Auburn and Juanita Jackson, of Columbia City; and several cousins.

She was preceded in death by her paternal grandmother, Peggy Larrison; paternal grandfather, Max Perdue; and maternal grandfather, Fred Richey.

Services will be at 2 p.m., on Thursday, Jan. 19, 2023, at Feller and Clark Funeral Home, 1860 Center St., Auburn, with Gail Norton officiating.

Burial will take place at Fairfield Cemetery in rural Corunna.

Visitation will be from noon to 2 p.m., on Thursday, Jan. 19, 2023, prior to the service at the funeral home.

Memorials may be directed to Feller and Clark Funeral Home to help with expenses.

To send condolences, visit www.fellerandclark.com.

Eldon Skelly

HAMILTON — Eldon L. Skelly, 85, of Hamilton, Indiana, died on Sunday

morning, Jan. 15, 2023, at his home in Hamilton, with his family at his side.

He was born on Nov. 15, 1937, in Ashley, Indiana, to Earl and Arcille (Smith) Skelly.

Eldon worked for Marathon Oil, driving a semi truck, he was then made manager of an asphalt terminal in upstate New York, retiring in 2000. After retiring he moved back to Indiana and worked for 18 years for Stoy Farms in Ashley.

He was a former long-time member of Cedar Lake Church of Christ, then became a member of Hamilton Church of Christ. He is also a member of the Ashley Masonic Lodge #614.

Eldon married Marlene King on Sept. 1, 1957, at Cedar Lake Church of Christ, and she survives.

He is also survived by two daughters and two sons and their spouses, Christine and John Bright, of Angola, Michael and Carol Skelly, of Casa Grande, Arizona, Gary and Kathy Skelly, of Hamburg, New York, and Lisa and Scott Walter, of Auburn; 11 grandchildren, Cody (Aryn) Bright, Logan (Stormy) Bright, William (Shelby King) Skelly, Casey Fisher, Tim (Regine) Fox, Jacob Fox, Patrick Skelly, Matthew Skelly, Tyson Walter, Cameron (Alisha) Walter, and MaKayla (Logan) Blain; 11 great-grandchildren; brother and sister-in-law, Donald and Kathy Skelly, of Ashley; sisters, Dianna Owen, of Rushville, Ellen Wilson, of Waterloo and Carolyn Reinhoehl, of Waterloo; and sister and brother-in-law, Rita and Duane Heller, of

**Miss Perdue**

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Columbia City.

He was preceded in death by his parents; two brothers, John Skelly, Larry Skelly; and three brothers-in-law, Steve Wilson, Everett Reinhoehl and Steve Owen.

Services will be held at 2 p.m., on Friday, Jan. 20, 2023, at Feller and Clark Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, with burial to follow at Fairfield Cemetery.

Visitation is from 3-7 on Thursday, Jan. 19, 2023, at the funeral home.

Memorials may be given in memory of Eldon, to Hamilton Church of Christ, 4045 Bellefontaine Road, Hamilton, IN 46743.

To send condolences to the family visit www.fellerandclark.com.

Leonard Shaffer

AUBURN — Leonard Shaffer, age 83, of Auburn, Indiana, passed away on

Friday, Jan. 13, 2023, at Parkview DeKalb Hospital in Auburn.

He was born on May 22, 1939, in Auburn

to Lewis and Alice (Church) Shaffer. He was a 1957 graduate of Garrett High School.

Mr. Shaffer honorably served his country in the United States Air Force for four years.

He married Jean Bowman on Aug. 7, 1963, in Greybull, Wyoming. She resides in Auburn.

Leonard worked as a machinist at Zollner Piston in Fort Wayne for 31 years. After retiring from Zollner Piston, he worked as a master electrician for many years. Most recently Leonard owned and operated Len's Lock Service from 2000 until 2019.

During this time he served the community as a reserve officer with both the DeKalb County Sheriff's Department and the Auburn Police Department for 42 years. He also served with the DeKalb County Civil Defense and the mounted DeKalb County Posse. Leonard served the Lord as a United Methodist minister for 20 years, the last 10 of which he served as pastor at Spencerville United Methodist Church. He also served as the chaplain of the Auburn Police Department for 10 years. He and Jean were the sextons of Sedan Cemetery for 25 years.

He was a member of Maple Grove United Methodist Church, Bluegrass Fiddle Association, lifetime member of Auburn American Legion Post 97 and a member of the HAMM Radio Association since 1972. For 10 years he was a safety inspector for the DNR's Hunter Education Program.

Leonard enjoyed listening to country and bluegrass music and traveling, especially bus trips.

Survivors include his wife of 59 years, Jean Shaffer, of Auburn; son and daughter-in-law, Terry and Lisa Shaffer, of Auburn; daughter and son-in-law, Lori and Don McDaniel, of Auburn; four grandchildren and their spouses, Marissa and Andrew Jones, Kendra McDaniel, Jama and Nathan Young and Paige Shippe; six great-grandchildren, Aiden Jones, Aubree Jones, Peyton McDaniel, Madilyn Young, Connor Young and Rhett Shippe; brothers and sisters-in-law, G.E. and Carol Shaffer, of Alamosa, Colorado; Michael and Phyllis Shaffer, of Columbia City and Blain Shaffer, of Alamosa, Colorado.

Leonard was preceded in death by his parents; and one brother, Thomas Shaffer.

Visitation will be held on Thursday, Jan. 19, 2023, from 3-7 p.m., at Feller and Clark Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., in Waterloo. Additional visitation will be held one hour prior to the funeral service on Friday from 10-11 a.m., at the funeral home.

Funeral services will be held on Friday, Jan. 20, 2023, at 11 a.m., at the funeral

home, with Pastor Jim Kemerly officiating.

Burial will take place at Sedan Cemetery in Corunna. Memorial donations may be given to Maple Grove United Methodist Church, 1948 C.R. 28, Corunna, IN 46730.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.fellerandclark.com and on our Facebook page at Feller and Clark Funeral Homes.

Arrangements have been entrusted to Feller and Clark Funeral Home in Waterloo.

Patricia Chebowski

FREMONT — Patricia Elizabeth (Wurm) Chebowski, was born April 26, 1940, in

Detroit, Michigan. She passed away, in her home, on Friday, Jan. 13, 2023. She was 82 years old.

She was born in Detroit

to Viola and Romeo Saucier. However, her mother passed away shortly after childbirth. She was given to her aunt and uncle for adoption, and Fred and Lillian Wurm became her beloved parents.

Pat attended Denby High School in Detroit, where she cultivated her love of music and acting — even becoming a majorette in their marching band. After graduation in 1958, she attended Eastern Michigan University and eventually took a secretarial position with General Motors.

It was at GM that a young teletype courier caught her attention and started Pat and Jerry's great love story. Jerry was drafted into the Army and they decided to get married, so Pat could go with him. They were married on Dec 1, 1962, at St. Brendan's Catholic Church, in Detroit, Michigan.

Pat and Jerry had three children and ended up moving to Fremont, Indiana, in 1975, to follow Jerry's employment. It was then that Pat got involved with Sweet Adelines, in Coldwater, Michigan, and helped start a chapter in Steuben County. She also joined the Steuben Community Theater, to perform in numerous plays — and later took on the role of director for many successful productions. Pat served as choir director for St. Anthony Catholic Church in Angola, until transferring over to St. Paul Catholic Chapel in Clear Lake, Indiana, and was not only the choir director for 25 years, but was a founding member of St. Paul Boosters, as well as St. Paul Women's Group.

She held several different jobs, during this time, billing clerk for Cameron Hospital, receptionist/billing for Dr. Crisman and then Dr. Whang. She was also a secretary, for a local lawyer and did various volunteer work around the Steuben County area.

In 2005, Pat was awarded the "Mayor's Arts & Humanities Award", for her "substantial and long-term contributions to the cultural life of the Angola area".

Her greatest love of all was her family. She is survived by her husband, Jerry Chebowski, of Fremont, Indiana; daughter, Karen Williams, of Fremont, Indiana; sons, James (Michelle) Chebowski, of Angola, Indiana, and Thomas Chebowski, of Fremont, Indiana; grandchildren, Courtney (Tyler) Rogge, Chelsea (Austin) Shriver, Olivia (Grant) Piper, and Jacob Chebowski; brother-in-law, Donald Chebowski; sister-in-law, Patricia Chebowski; three great-grandchildren; and multiple new great-grand babies are expected later this year.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Fred and Lillian Wurm; sisters, Ilene Formella and Joan Jones; brothers-in-law, Robert Formella, Joseph Barzotti, and Donald Jones; and a sister-in-law, Joan Barzotti.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m., on Thursday, Jan. 19, 2023, at St. Paul Catholic Chapel, 8780 E. C.R. 700N, Clear Lake,

Fremont, Indiana.

Burial will follow at Lakeside Cemetery, Fremont, Indiana, with a luncheon afterward at the chapel.

Viewing will be on Wednesday, Jan. 18, 2023, from 4-7 p.m., with a rosary at 6:45 p.m., at Beams Funeral Home, Fremont, Indiana.

Memorial donations may be directed to the American Lung Association, 55 W. Wacker Drive, Ste 1150, Chicago, IL 60601, or St. Paul Catholic Chapel, C/O 700 W. Maumee St., Angola, IN 46703.

Condolences may be sent online to www.beamsfuneralhome.com.

Arrangements are under the direction of Beams Funeral Home, Fremont.

William Brace

AUBURN — William "Bill" Brace, 98, died on Monday, Jan. 16, 2023, at his home in rural Auburn, Indiana.

He was born in Garrett, Indiana, on Dec. 28, 1924, a son of the

late Fordyce C. and Ethel V. (Hinkley) Brace.

He married Donna L. Yoder on May 21, 1948, and she preceded him in death on May 15, 2017.

Surviving are his children, Suzanne (Robert) Carpenter, of Auburn, Indiana, Diane (Charles) Barrington, of South Bend, Indiana, Colleen (James) Conrad, Hometown, Indiana, Kurt Brace, of Ocean Springs, Mississippi, Ramona (Tim) Brindle, of Auburn, Indiana, Julie Brace Hissong, of Auburn, Indiana, Linda Wallace (Rick Smith), of Fort Myers Beach, Florida, and Nathan (Brandi) Brace, of Evans, Georgia; 24 grandchildren; 26 great-grandchildren; nine great-great-grandchildren; and sister, Ruth Liechty, of Fort Wayne, Indiana.

He was preceded in death by a daughter, Sharon R. Smith; brothers, Dale J. Brace and John E. Brace; and brother-in-law, Paul Liechty.

He lived a life of a by-gone era. He grew up during the hard times of the Great Depression, attending a one-room schoolhouse in Hopewell, Indiana. A long walk to school, he'd check his trap lines and then place his shotgun alongside the other students' rifles in the corner of the classroom. Recess was for students only. "What happened on the playground, stayed on the playground" he used to say.

Bill joined the Navy during WWII to escape the monotony of the farm. He attended military officers' training at Purdue University and was transferred to Duke University. He excelled as a member of the boxing team in college. While stationed in San Francisco Bay, he survived a sinking wooden ship that had caught on fire, by swimming to shore. Never seeing any combat overseas, he humbly declined all honor flight invitations to Washington D.C., because he felt the honor belonged to others.

He met his wife, Donna, at the old Silver Moon Skating Rink in Waterloo, and they were married for 69 years.

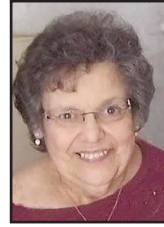
Dad insisted we quote him as saying "I don't care if Indiana University beats Purdue University or if Purdue University beats Indiana University, or if they even play the game".

Calling will be held on Friday, Jan. 20, 2023, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., at Hopewell United Brethren Church, 6852 C.R. 35 Auburn, Indiana.

A Celebration of Life will follow at 1 p.m., at the church, with Pastor Charles Barrington officiating.

Burial will be at Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn, Indiana. Memorials may be made to ProMedica (Heartland) Hospice, 2720 Dupont Commerce Court #210, Fort Wayne, IN 46825.

To view an online obituary and sign the guestbook visit cbwfuneralhome.com.

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In tornado-ravaged Selma, prayers of thanks served

BY KIM CHANDLER

Associated Press

SELMA, Ala. (AP) — Leading Sunday services on the lawn outside his tornado-damaged Crosspoint Christian Church, the Rev. David Nichols told his congregation there was much for which to be grateful despite the destruction around them.

The tornado that ravaged Selma hit the church's daycare. It destroyed much of the building, collapsing walls and leaving piles of rubble in some of the classrooms, but the 70 children and teachers who huddled inside bathrooms were unharmed.

"Nothing but by the grace of God that they walked out of there," Nichols said as he looked at the building.

The Sunday after a tornado devastated much of the historic city of Selma, church congregations raised up prayers of gratitude for lives spared and gave prayers of comfort for lives lost elsewhere to the storm.

Churches anchor the community for many in this historic city. Black congregations also played an integral role in the civil rights movement. The Rev. Martin Luther King Jr., whose birthday is celebrated Monday, led the 1965 voting rights march from Brown Chapel AME Church.

The storm system was

blamed with killing nine people — two in Georgia and seven in rural Autauga County, Alabama where an estimated EF3 tornado, which is just two steps below the most powerful category of twister, tossed mobile homes into the air and ripped way roofs. The Selma twister, an estimated high-end EF2 with winds of 130 mph, cut a wide swath through the city, collapsing buildings and snapping trees in half. Alabama Gov. Kay Ivey said Sunday that President Joe Biden had approved a major disaster declaration for the two hard-hit Alabama counties.

The hymn "Amazing Grace" floated across the lawn at Selma's Crosspoint Christian Church, where services were held outside because of the damage to the main sanctuary. The service also honored the quick-thinking teachers who got the children, ranging in age from infants to 5-year-olds, to the building's inner bathrooms and shielded them with their own bodies as the twister roared over them.

Sheila Stockman, a teacher at Crosspoint Christian daycare, said they made the decision to get the children to the bathroom when they saw the storm was headed for them.

"The walls started shaking and I told my class, 'Lie down and close your eyes' and I laid down



VASHA HUNT

Rev. Theresa Brown lays out meals to help those in need, in front of historic Brown Chapel in Selma, Ala.,

as the city and its residents recover from a tornado several days earlier, Sunday.

on top of them until it was over," Stockman said.

Stockman said the teachers tried to reassure the children as the tornado roared above.

"I was praying and I kept telling them, 'It's OK. I got you. You're OK. I love y'all,'" Shana Lathan told her class as they huddled inside the bathroom.

When it was over,

Stockman said they opened the bathroom door to see the sky above them and parts of the building gone. A room that held the preschoolers moments earlier was filled with rubble.

At historic Brown Chapel AME, congregation members handed out plates of food, baby formula, diapers, water and other supplies Sunday afternoon.

"There are so many people hurting here right now that there is sort of like a mutual misery, which requires a shared hope and a shared vision to help us to help each other through this," the Rev. Leodis Strong said.

His sermon for the day was titled "A Storm-Tested Faith." Strong said the community's faith is being

tested because "this is an environment that we have to rely upon that relationship with God and put into practice the faith that we have developed."

A bust of the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. sits outside the church. As the nation marks King's birthday, Strong said King's message resonates through the disaster recovery.



VALERIA FERRARO

Italian Premier Giorgia Meloni waves to journalists upon her arrival at the Palace of Justice in Palermo, Sicily, Monday. Italy's No. 1 fugitive, convicted Mafia boss Matteo Messina Denaro, was captured on Monday at a private clinic in Palermo, Sicily, after three decades on the run.

No. 1 wanted Mafia boss held after 30 years on run

BY FRANCES D'EMILIO

Associated Press

ROME (AP) — Italy's No. 1 fugitive, Matteo Messina Denaro, a convicted Mafia boss who ordered some of the nation's most heinous killings, was arrested Monday at a private clinic in Sicily after three decades on the run, Italian paramilitary police said.

Messina Denaro was captured at the Palermo clinic where he was receiving treatment for an undisclosed medical condition, according to Carabinieri Gen. Pasquale Angelosanto, who heads the police force's special operations squad.

Italian news reports said Messina Denaro was being treated for cancer. During an evening news conference, authorities did not give details about his health. Investigators said he was unarmed and dressed like a typical patient at the upscale clinic, wearing a watch

worth at least 30,000 euros (about \$33,000).

"He didn't resist at all," Carabinieri Col. Lucio Arcidiacono told reporters.

A young man when he went into hiding, Messina Denaro is now 60. With a power base near the western Sicilian port city of Trapani, he was considered Sicily's Cosa Nostra top boss even as a fugitive.

He was the last of three longtime top-level Mafia bosses who managed to elude capture for decades. Hundreds of police officers were tasked over the years with tracking him down.

On Monday, a pair of Carabinieri officers, each holding an arm, walked Messina Denaro down the front steps of the clinic to a waiting black van in pouring rain. He was dressed in a brown leather jacket trimmed in shearling, a matching white-and-brown skull cap and his trademark tinted glasses. His face looked wan and he stared straight ahead.

Palermo Chief Prosecutor Maurizio De Lucia told reporters that the fugitive had used the pseudonym Andrea Bonafede and had an Italian identify card in

that name. He used the alias, whose surname roughly means "good faith" in Italian, to book a morning appointment at the clinic.

The fugitive's health condition helped investigators zero in on him, according to Angelosanto. "It all led to today's date (when) he would have come for some tests and treatment" at the clinic, the Carabinieri general said.

Tried in absentia and convicted of dozens of murders in the last decades, he faces multiple life sentences that he is expected to serve out in a maximum security prison and under the particularly restrictive conditions Italian law reserves for top organized crime bosses.

His convictions include helping to mastermind with other Cosa Nostra bosses a pair of 1992 bombings in Sicily that killed top anti-Mafia prosecutors Giovanni Falcone and Paolo Borsellino, Falcone's wife and several of their bodyguards.

He also was convicted in the grisly murder of a Mafia turncoat's young son, who was abducted and strangled before his body was dissolved in a vat of acid.

House GOP demands visitor logs in Biden classified docs case

BY HOPE YEN

AND AAMER MADHANI

Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Newly empowered House Republicans on Sunday demanded the White House turn over all information related to its searches that have uncovered classified documents at President Joe Biden's home and former office in the wake of more records found at his Delaware residence.

"We have a lot of questions," said Rep. James Comer, chairman of the House Oversight and Accountability Committee.

Comer, R-Ky., said he wants to see all documents and communications related to the searches by the Biden team, as well as visitor logs of the president's home in Wilmington, Delaware, from Jan. 20, 2021, to present. He said the aim is to determine who might have had access to classified material and how the records got there.

The White House on Saturday said it had discovered five additional pages of classified documents at Biden's home on Thursday, the same day a special counsel was appointed to review the matter.

In a letter Sunday to White House chief of staff Ron Klain, Comer criticized the searches by Biden representatives when the Justice Department was beginning to investigate and said Biden's "mishandling of classified materials raises the issue of whether he has jeopardized our national security." Comer demanded that the White House provide all relevant information including visitor logs by the end of the month.

Appearing on CNN's "State of the Union," Comer referred to Biden's home as a "crime scene" though he acknowledged that it was



CAROLYN KASTER

President Joe Biden waves before boarding Air Force One at Delaware Air National Guard Base in New Castle, Del., Sunday, en route to Atlanta. Newly empowered House Republicans on Sunday demanded the White House turn over all information related to its searches that have uncovered classified documents at President Joe Biden's home and former office in the wake of more records found at his Delaware residence.

not clear whether laws were broken.

"My concern is that the special counsel was called for, but yet hours after that we still had the president's personal attorneys, who have no security clearance, still rummaging around the president's residence, looking for things — I mean that would essentially be a crime scene, so to speak," Comer said.

While the U.S. Secret Service provides security at the president's private residence, it does not maintain visitor logs, agency spokesman Anthony Guglielmi said Sunday.

"We don't independently maintain our own visitor logs because it's a private residence," Guglielmi said. He added that the agency does screen visitors to the president's properties but doesn't maintain records of those checks.

The White House confirmed that Biden has not independently maintained records of who has visited his

residence since he became president.

"Like every President in decades of modern history, his personal residence is personal," White House spokesman Ian Sams said. "But upon taking office, President Biden restored the norm and tradition of keeping White House visitor logs, including publishing them regularly, after the previous administration ended them."

Indeed, President Donald Trump's administration announced early in his presidency that they wouldn't release visitor logs out of "grave national security risks and privacy concerns of the hundreds of thousands of visitors annually." Democrat Barack Obama's administration initially fought attempts by Congress and conservative and liberal groups to obtain visitor records. But after being sued, it voluntarily began disclosing the logs in December 2009, posting records every three to four months.



FREMONT PUBLIC LIBRARY

The Box Car Drive In will be held today at Fremont Public Library.

Box cars race to Fremont Library

BY OKSANA KOTKINA

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FREMONT — Fremont Public Library announced their Box Car Drive-In program for the kids aged two to five in the library community room starting Tuesday at 10 a.m. This year the program celebrates its first anniversary.

“In our community room I set up cardboard boxes that are decorated like cars,” said Children’s Librarian Lisa Eisinger, who came up with the idea of the program.

Eisinger said she decorates the cardboard boxes that the kids get to sit in during the program so those boxes looked like cars — with steering wheels, head and tail lights, and license plates. Eisinger said the library had prepared 20 boxes so far this year, and the number of the participants usually varies from month to month.

“Sometimes we’ve got

nine kids, sometimes we’ve got all the way up to 20,” she said.

The kids sit in their boxes that are decorated like cars while they watch the movie. She said that she usually shows the kids participating in the program a movie, something like a TV show episode, but not a full film, as it is too long.

“Since they are so young, I am trying to do ones that are less than a half an hour, so they are not like feature films,” said Eisinger.

Eisinger said she organized the program because she wanted to do something interactive and educational at the same time to keep their younger ones engaged. She started to have this program once a month in the beginning of the last year, and up to now she said she did 12-15 classes.

Eisinger said she was interested in making a program for the kids, and she found this one online,

and thought that the car idea was super fun for both boys and girls.

“It looked really cute online,” said Eisinger.

Along with the movie she also prepares popcorn and juice boxes for the kids participating in the program. The parents can wait for their kids in the same room where their children watch movies in the hand-made cars.

“I set up chairs along the edge so that parents can sit in there with them,” said Eisinger.

The library also invites its younger readers to join story time at the library on Monday Wednesday mornings from 10:15-10:45 a.m. The library story time is in its winter session at this time, and at each of the reading sessions throughout the year about 20 kids aged two to five participate.

Fremont Public Library said that the kids who come

to participate in the program are from all around the area, and not only from Fremont. The readings vary from week to week depending on the activities the kids do in the group that week.

The first winter reading group session in Fremont Public Library was themed “Let it Snow,” and that week kids got to participate in snow activities and snow crafts, and the reading of the week was dedicated to snow.

The stories that the library selects for the kids every week are short and geared to 2- to 5-year-old children, and the kids usually get to read a couple of them in one class. Along with reading and crafts, during story time kids also played themed games.

“It’s completely different every week,” said librarian Judi Langenderfer.

The next session is planned for Wednesday and the theme is feeling sick.

Holcomb’s Next Level agenda has focus on early childhood

FROM STAFF REPORTS

KENDALLVILLE — Indiana Governor Eric Holcomb recently released his 2023 Next Level agenda, and it includes several measures to improve the landscape of early childhood education.

“This is a great time to be involved in early learning,” said Jenna Anderson, Early Childhood Coalition coordinator for Thrive by 5 of LaGrange and Noble Counties. “The need for support to increase capacity, quality, and affordability of child care is getting recognized by our legislators, and with the work being done both locally and regionally here in northeast Indiana, we have the opportunity to make some important changes.”

The lack of access to child care is really an economic development issue, said Anderson. Governor Holcomb’s plan to establish a \$25 million Innovation Grant to provide funding and licensing support for employer-sponsored child care options demonstrates that.

“Parents simply can’t find quality, affordable child care these days,” said Anderson. “Employers really recognize that this is creating an employment issue for them, and they are looking for ways to demonstrate their support for increased capacity.”

Work is already underway in the state to redesign regulations for new and existing child care providers, but Gov. Holcomb stressed that need in his agenda. He

also mentioned modernizing and updating Paths to Quality to better measure kindergarten readiness standards.

“These items are so important in our work to increase capacity and quality,” said Anderson. “Those who could emerge as new providers are deterred by the mountain of regulations and paperwork needed to become licensed in Indiana. Existing providers get frustrated, as well. We need to have regulations for the health and safety of our children, but there has to be a way to streamline the process so that it is not so overwhelming for all involved.”

Holcomb’s final early childhood agenda item will help increase affordability for families. By expanding access to Child Care Development Fund (CCDF) vouchers and On My Way Pre-K assistance, another 5,000 more families will qualify.

“By increasing the income threshold to qualify for state assistance, more families will be able to take advantage,” said Anderson. “An increase in access to these state programs, coupled with the Tri-Share Pilot Program to address affordability in Noble County, will put money back into the pockets of many more families struggling to pay for child care.”

Early childhood leaders throughout Northeast Indiana will be watching the state legislature as they consider the governor’s Next Level agenda items.

National Human Trafficking Awareness Day observed

FROM STAFF REPORTS

INDIANAPOLIS — Attorney General Todd Rokita asks Hoosiers to stay alert for signs of human trafficking in communities across Indiana and to report any suspicious activities to authorities.

People in certain job roles — medical professionals, restaurant workers, teachers and truck drivers — are particularly likely to come into contact with trafficking victims.

“The evil enterprise of human trafficking is a modern form of slavery,” Rokita said. “In America, this scourge is propagated in significant part by criminal cartels operating out of Mexico, and it’s yet one more reason we need to secure the southern border. Here in Indiana, we’re committed to rescuing victims from their

enslavers and bringing perpetrators to justice.”

Human trafficking is a \$150 billion criminal enterprise. It occurs anytime someone uses force, fraud or coercion to make another individual provide labor, services or commercial sex acts. If the person performing commercial sex acts is under 18, the crime of human trafficking still occurs even without the elements of force, fraud or coercion, according to humantraffickinghotline.org.

With Wednesday having been observed National Human Trafficking Awareness Day, Rokita said



Rokita

it is a fitting time to remind Hoosiers to stay watchful for signs that someone might be a trafficking victim.

According to the U.S. State Department, those signs include observations that someone:

- lives with their employer;
- lives with multiple people in a cramped space;
- otherwise experiences poor living conditions;
- is prohibited from speaking alone to strangers;
- gives answers that appear to be scripted and rehearsed;
- has an employer holding their identity documents;
- shows signs of physical abuse;
- is submissive or fearful;
- is unpaid or paid very little; and
- is under 18 and working in the commercial sex industry.

If you have suspicions that someone is being trafficked, you should immediately call local law enforcement. You may also call the National Human Trafficking Hotline at 888-373-7888.

In addition to waging lawsuits to force federal officials to crack down on border security and illegal immigration, Rokita said he and his team are engaged in other efforts to combat human trafficking.

The Office of the Attorney General operates the Address Confidentiality Program, which helps protect victims of certain crimes — including those who have been trafficked — by concealing their residential address from the public and thereby their victimizers. Learn more about the program at the Attorney General’s website.

Community Calendar

Tuesday, Jan. 17

- ImagiKnit, Carnegie Public Library of Steuben County, 322 S. Wayne St., Angola, 9 a.m. to noon.
- Well Child Clinic, Steuben Community Center, 317 S. Wayne St., Angola, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- 101 Lakes Duplicate Bridge Club, Angola Moose Lodge, 108 N. Martha St., Angola, 12:15 p.m.

Wednesday, Jan. 18

- Knit@Night, Carnegie Public Library of Steuben County, 322 S. Wayne St., Angola, 4-6 p.m.
- VFW Auxiliary meeting, VFW Post 7205, 2013 N. Wayne St., Angola, 7 p.m.

Thursday, Jan. 19

- 101 Lakes Kiwanis, Cahoots Coffee Cafe, 218 W. Maumee St., Angola, 7 a.m.
- Well Child Clinic, Steuben Community Center, 317 S. Wayne St., Angola, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- All Women’s Alcoholics Anonymous, 412 S. John St., Angola, 6:30 p.m.

Sunday, Jan. 22

- New Beginnings for Narcotics Anonymous, First Congregational United Church of Christ, 314 W. Maumee St., Angola, 6 p.m.

Monday, Jan. 23

- Little River Chapter of the Sweet Adelines,

Fairview Missionary Church, 525 E.C.R. 200N., Angola, 6-9 p.m.

- Essential Oils Class, Carnegie Public Library of Steuben County, 322 S. Wayne St., Angola, 6:30 p.m.

- Gold Wing Road Riders Association, Pizza Hut, 1411 N. Wayne St., Angola, 7 p.m.

Tuesday, Jan. 24

- ImagiKnit, Carnegie Public Library of Steuben County, 322 S. Wayne St., Angola, 9 a.m. to noon.
- Well Child Clinic, Steuben Community Center, 317 S. Wayne St., Angola, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

- 101 Lakes Duplicate Bridge Club, Angola Moose Lodge, 108 N. Martha St., Angola, 12:15 p.m.

Wednesday, Jan. 25

- Knit@Night, Carnegie Public Library of Steuben County, 322 S. Wayne St., Angola, 4-6 p.m.
- VFW Auxiliary meeting, VFW Post 7205, 2013 N. Wayne St., Angola, 7 p.m.

Thursday, Jan. 26

- 101 Lakes Kiwanis, Cahoots Coffee Cafe, 218 W. Maumee St., Angola, 7 a.m.

- Well Child Clinic, Steuben Community Center, 317 S. Wayne St., Angola, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

- All Women’s Alcoholics Anonymous, 412 S. John St., Angola, 6:30 p.m.

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Nation World Briefs

As 37 die in apartment strike, Russia seen readying long war

KYIV, Ukraine (AP) — The death toll from a weekend Russian missile strike on an apartment building in the southeastern Ukrainian city of Dnipro has risen to 37, authorities said Monday, as western analysts identified signs the Kremlin was preparing for a drawn-out war in Ukraine after almost 11 months of fighting.

The victims from Saturday's strike on the multi-story residential tower included two children, Ukraine's National Police reported, and 15 children are among the 75 injured. The rescue and search operation was ongoing, with 39 people, including six children, taken from the ruins so far, the police said in a statement.

About 1,700 people lived in the apartment building. Residents said there were no military facilities at the site. The reported death toll made it the deadliest single attack on civilians since before the summer, according to The Associated Press-Frontline War Crimes Watch project.

The European Union's foreign policy chief, Josep Borrell, called the strike, and others like it, "inhumane aggression" because it directly targeted civilians. "There will be no impunity for these crimes," he said in a tweet Sunday.

Asked about the strike Monday, Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov said the Russian military doesn't target residential buildings and suggested the Dnipro building was hit as a result of Ukrainian air defense actions. The Ukrainian military said Sunday that it did not have the means to intercept the type of Russian missile used in Saturday's strike.

In tornado-ravaged Selma, prayers of thanks

SELMA, Ala. (AP) — Leading Sunday services on the lawn outside his tornado-damaged Crosspoint Christian Church, the Rev. David Nichols told his congregation there was much for which to be grateful despite the destruction around them.

The tornado that ravaged Selma hit the church's daycare. It destroyed much of the building, collapsing walls and leaving piles of rubble in some of the classrooms, but the 70 children and teachers who huddled inside bathrooms were unharmed.

"Nothing but by the grace of God that they walked out of there," Nichols said as he looked at the building.

The Sunday after a tornado devastated much of the historic city of Selma, church congregations raised up prayers of gratitude for lives spared and gave prayers of comfort for lives lost elsewhere to the storm.

Churches anchor the community for many in this historic city. Black congregations also played an integral role in the civil rights movement. The Rev. Martin Luther King Jr., whose birthday is celebrated Monday, led the 1965 voting rights march from Brown Chapel AME Church.

John Kerry tells AP he backs UAE oil chief overseeing COP28

ABU DHABI, United Arab Emirates (AP) — U.S. climate envoy John Kerry backs the United Arab Emirates' decision to appoint the CEO of a state-run oil company to preside over the upcoming U.N. climate negotiations in Dubai, citing his work on renewable energy projects.

In an interview Sunday with The Associated Press, the former U.S. secretary of

state acknowledged that the Emirates and other countries relying on fossil fuels to fund their state coffers face finding "some balance" ahead.

However, he dismissed the idea that Sultan al-Jaber's appointment should be automatically disqualified due to him leading the Abu Dhabi National Oil Co. Activists, however, equated it to asking "arms dealers to lead peace

talks" when authorities announced his nomination Thursday.

Still, Abu Dhabi plans to increase its production of crude oil from 4 million barrels a day up to 5 million even while the UAE promises to be carbon neutral by 2050 — a target that remains difficult to assess and one that the Emirates still hasn't fully explained how it will reach.

Kabul's mannequins, hooded and masked under Taliban rules

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP) — Under the Taliban, the mannequins in women's dress shops across the Afghan capital of Kabul are a haunting sight, their heads cloaked in cloth sacks or wrapped in black plastic bags.

The hooded mannequins are one symbol of the

Taliban's puritanical rule over Afghanistan. But in a way, they are also a small show of resistance and creativity by Kabul's dress merchants.

Initially, the Taliban wanted the mannequins to be outright beheaded.

Not long after they seized power in August 2021, the Taliban Ministry of Vice and Virtue decreed that all mannequins must be removed from shop windows

or their heads taken off, according to local media. They based the order on a strict interpretation of Islamic law that forbids statues and images of the human form since they could be worshipped as idols — though it also meshes with the Taliban's campaign to force women out of the public eye.

Some clothes sellers complied. But others pushed back.

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NOTICE OF PETITION FOR CHANGE OF NAME IN THE STEUBEN COURT CAUSE NO. 76C01-2301-MI-008
 STATE OF INDIANA COUNTY OF STEUBEN IN RE THE NAME CHANGE OF DANIELLE GRIMM, PETITIONER

Danielle Grimm, whose mailing address is: 245 E 620 N Fremont IN 46737, Steuben County IN, hereby gives notice that Danielle Grimm has filed a petition in the Steuben Court requesting that her name be changed to Danielle Hartley.

Notice is further given that the hearing will be held on said Petition on March 15, 2023 at 8:30 am. Any person has the right to appear at the hearing and to file objections. Dated January 6, 2023.
 Allen N Wheat
 Judicial Officer

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON ORDINANCE TO ANNEX CERTAIN CONTIGUOUS REAL ESTATE TO THE CITY OF ANGOLA, INDIANA

BE IT KNOWN THAT at 7:00 p.m. on February 6, 2023, in the Angola City Hall, located at 210 N Public Sq., Angola, Indiana 46703, the Common Council of the City of Angola ("Common Council") will introduce, and hold a public hearing on whether to adopt, a certain annexation ordinance, which proposes the annexation of certain contiguous real estate ("Annexation Area") to the City of Angola, Indiana ("City"), and to consider the adoption of a written fiscal plan. At that public hearing, all interested parties will have the opportunity to testify regarding the proposed annexation.

On January 17, 2023, the Common Council will receive a certain "Petition for Annexation into the City of Angola, Indiana" (hereinafter "Petition"). The Petition was signed by one hundred percent (100%) of the owners of land within the Annexation Area. The Annexation Area to be annexed to the City has a perimeter boundary that is more than 12.5% contiguous to the existing City's corporate boundaries and generally includes parcel 76-06-25-000-028.010-011, and more commonly known as vacant land behind Pine Run and Carlin View Additions, Angola, Indiana, and further described as follows:

A PART OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 25, TOWNSHIP 37 NORTH, RANGE 13 EAST, STEUBEN COUNTY, INDIANA, BEING A 125 FOOT WIDE PARCEL OF LAND IMMEDIATELY EAST OF AND ADJACENT TO THE ORIGINAL PLAT OF CARLIN VIEW ADDITION TO CARLINS SUBDIVISION AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 3 PAGE 7A IN THE OFFICE OF THE RECORDER OF STEUBEN COUNTY, INDIANA, IN PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

COMMENCE AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF LOT 28 IN THE ORIGINAL PLAT OF SAID CARLIN VIEW ADDITION TO CARLINS SUBDIVISION; THENCE NORTH 88 DEGREES 57 MINUTES 39 SECONDS EAST (BEARING BASED UPON INDIANA STATE PLANE COORDINATES, EAST ZONE, GRID) A DISTANCE OF 125.00 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 0 DEGREES 51 MINUTES 38 SECONDS EAST AND PARALLEL WITH THE EAST LINE OF SAID PLAT, A DISTANCE OF 758.00 FEET TO THE SOUTH LINE OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF SAID SECTION 25 AS ESTABLISHED; THENCE SOUTH 89 DEGREES 16 MINUTES 46 SECONDS WEST ALONG THE SOUTH LINE OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF SAID SECTION 25 AS ESTABLISHED, A DISTANCE OF 125.00 FEET TO THE SOUTHERLY EXTENSION OF THE EAST LINE OF SAID PLAT; THENCE NORTH 0 DEGREES 51 MINUTES 38 SECONDS WEST ALONG SAID SOUTHERLY EXTENSION AND THE EAST LINE OF SAID PLAT, A DISTANCE OF 757.30 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, CONTAINING 2.17 ACRES, MORE OR LESS.

A map showing a portion of

current corporate boundaries and the proposed corporate boundaries, as they will exist if the annexation becomes effective as proposed in that ordinance, is available at the office of the Clerk-Treasurer. The City is responsible for the zoning classifications in the Annexation Area, and, if the proposed Ordinance is adopted, the zoning classifications is not proposed to change. The complete written fiscal plan for the Annexation Area will be considered by the Common Council at the above-referenced meeting. The written fiscal plan may be inspected and copied at the office of the City's Clerk-Treasurer.

Anyone desiring additional information with regard to this notice, the scheduled public hearing, the proposed annexation, or a related matter, may contact the Angola City Clerk-Treasurer at (260) 665-2514.

Ryan P. Herbert, Clerk-Treasurer

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE

By virtue of a certified copy of a decree to me, directed from the Clerk of Steuben Circuit Court of Steuben County, Indiana, in Cause No. 76C01-2206-MF-000236, wherein Lakeview Loan Servicing, LLC was Plaintiff, and Teresa L. Loffer and LVNV Funding, LLC were Defendants, requiring me to make the sum as provided for in said Decree, with interest and cost, I will expose at public sale to the highest bidder, on the 23rd day of February, 2023, at the hour of 11 a.m., or as soon thereafter as is possible, at 206 East Gale Street, Angola, IN 46703, the fee simple of the whole body of Real Estate in Steuben County, Indiana.

THE WEST 130 FEET OF LOT NUMBER 5 IN THE ORIGINAL PLAT OF THE TOWN OF HUDSON, EXCEPT-PART OF LOT NUMBER 5 IN THE ORIGINAL PLAT OF NORTH BENTON (NOW HUDSON), INDIANA AND BEING A STRIP OF LAND OFF THE EAST END OF A TRACT CONVEYED TO RICK G. ZIMMERMAN BY DEED RECORDED 198, PAGE 101, STEUBEN COUNTY RECORDER'S OFFICE, DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCING AT THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF LOT NUMBER 6 IN SAID PLAT, MARKED WITH A #5 REBAR STAKE; THENCE NORTH 90 DEGREES 0 0 MINUTES 00 SECONDS WEST (ASSUMED BEARING) ALONG THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID LOT, A DISTANCE OF 203.23 FEET (203 FEET-DEED) TO A CHISEL MARK IN CONCRETE WALK; THENCE NORTH 00 DEGREES 20 MINUTES 30 SECONDS EAST 65.84 FEET(66 FEET-DEED) TO A POINT ON THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID LOT NUMBER 5 IN SAID PLAT, SAID POINT BEING SITUATED 0.2 FEET NORTH OF A #4 REBAR STAKE; THENCE NORTH 89 DEGREES 57 MINUTES 32 SECONDS EAST, CONTINUING ALONG SAID SOUTH LINE 15.78 FEET TO A #4 REBAR STAKE MARKING THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF SAID ZIMMERMAN TRACT; THENCE NORTH 00 DEGREES 06 MINUTES 44 SECONDS EAST, ALONG THE EAST LINE OF SAID TRACT, 65.86 FEET TO THE NORTHEAST CORNER THEREOF, SAID CORNER BEING ON THE NORTH LINE OF SAID LOT NUMBER 5 AND BEING SITUATED 10 FEET SOUTH FROM A #4 REBAR STAKE; THENCE SOUTH 89 DEGREES 55 MINUTES 06 SECONDS WEST, ALONG THE NORTH LINE OF SAID LOT NUMBER 5, A DISTANCE OF 16.00 FEET TO A 1 INCH DIAMETER PIPE STAKE; THENCE SOUTH 00 DEGREES 05 MINUTES 00 SECONDS EAST 65.85 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, SAID IN PREVIOUS DEED TO CONTAIN 0.02 ACRES, MORE OR LESS. PARCEL II: BEGINNING AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF LOT NUMBER 6 IN THE ORIGINAL PLAT OF THE TOWN OF HUDSON; THENCE EAST 97 FEET ALONG THE NORTH LINE OF LOT NUMBER 6; THENCE SOUTH 12 FEET PARALLEL TO THE WEST LINE OF SAID LOT NUMBER 6; THENCE WEST 62.0 FEET PARALLEL TO THE NORTH LINE OF SAID LOT NUMBER 6; THENCE NORTH 6.0 FEET PARALLEL TO THE WEST LINE OF SAID LOT NUMBER 6; THENCE WEST 35 FEET PARALLEL TO THE NORTH LINE OF SAID LOT NUMBER 6 TO THE WEST LINE OF LOT NUMBER 6; THENCE NORTH 6.0 FEET BACK TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. PARCEL III: PART OF LOT NUMBER 6 IN THE ORIGINAL PLAT OF NORTH BENTON (NOW HUDSON), INDIANA, DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCING AT THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF LOT NUMBER 6 MARKED WITH AN AXLE ROD; THENCE NORTH 00 DEGREES 08 MINUTES 10 SECONDS EAST (ASSUMED BEARING), ALONG THE WEST LINE OF SAID LOT NUMBER

6, A DISTANCE OF 42.30 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, SAID POINT BEING SITUATED SOUTH 89 DEGREES 59 MINUTES 53 SECONDS WEST, 0.17 FEET FROM A 3/4 INCH DIAMETER PIPE STAKE; THENCE CONTINUING NORTH 00 DEGREES 08 MINUTES 10 SECONDS EAST 17.25 FEET TO THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF A TRACT CONVEYED TO BRUCE WAYNE DELUCENAY AND PATRICIA ANNE DELUCENAY BY DOCUMENT NUMBER 94-10-0344; THENCE NORTH 89 DEGREES 57 MINUTES 32 SECONDS EAST, PARALLEL WITH THE NORTH LINE OF SAID LOT NUMBER 6, A DISTANCE OF 35.00 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 02 DEGREES 59 MINUTES 08 SECONDS EAST 6.00 FEET TO A #4 REBAR STAKE; THENCE NORTH 89 DEGREES 54 MINUTES 25 SECONDS EAST 61.86 FEET TO A POINT ON THE EAST LINE OF SAID DELUCENAY TRACT, SAID POINT SITUATED SOUTH 89 DEGREES 54 MINUTES 25 SECONDS WEST 0.12 FEET FROM A #4 REBAR STAKE; THENCE SOUTH 00 DEGREES 20 MINUTES 30 SECONDS, WEST, ALONG THE EAST LINE OF SAID DELUCENAY TRACT, 11.38 FEET TO A POINT SITUATED NORTH 89 DEGREES 59 MINUTES 53 SECONDS EAST 0.3 FEET FROM A 3/4 INCH DIAMETER PIPE STAKE; THENCE SOUTH 89 DEGREES 59 MINUTES 53 SECONDS WEST 97.15 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, SAID IN PREVIOUS DEEDS TO CONTAIN 0.03 ACRE, MORE OR LESS.

More commonly known as 307 N Main St, Hudson, IN 46747-5420
 Parcel No. 76-11-31-320-315.000-019;
 76-11-31-320-316.010-019;
 76-11-31-320-316.000-019

Together with rents, issues, income and profits thereof, said sale will be made without relief from valuation or appraisalment laws.

/s/ BRYAN K. REDMOND
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 Attorney # 22108-29
 FEIWELL & HANNOY, P.C.
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 (317) 237-2727

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NOTICE FEIWELL & HANNOY, P.C. IS A DEBT COLLECTOR.

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE
 By virtue of a certified copy of a decree to me, directed from the Clerk of Steuben Superior Court of Steuben County, Indiana, in Cause No. 76D01-2208-MF-000337, wherein Ruoff Mortgage Company, Inc. was Plaintiff, and The Unknown Heirs and Devises of Walter Shutt, Deceased was a Defendant, requiring me to make the sum as provided for in said Decree, with interest and cost, I will expose at public sale to the highest bidder, on the 23rd day of February, 2023, at the hour of 11 a.m., or as soon thereafter as is possible, at 206 East Gale Street, Angola, IN 46703, the fee simple of the whole body of Real Estate in Steuben County, Indiana.

LAND SITUATED IN THE COUNTY OF STEUBEN, STATE OF INDIANA, IS DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: LOTS NUMBERED 12 AND 13 IN THE ORIGINAL PLAT OF LONG BEACH LAKE, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, RECORDED IN PLAT RECORD 5, PAGE 1, IN THE OFFICE OF THE RECORDER, STEUBEN COUNTY, INDIANA. More commonly known as 180 Lane 101 Long Beach Lk, Fremont, IN 46737-8968
 Parcel No. 03-15-340-201.000-07; 03-15-340-201.010-07

Together with rents, issues, income and profits thereof, said sale will be made without relief from valuation or appraisalment laws.

/s/ BARRY T BARNES
 BARRY T. BARNES, Plaintiff Attorney
 Attorney # 19657-49
 FEIWELL & HANNOY, P.C.
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SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION TO RICHARD ROSS KNAPP IN THE STEUBEN CIRCUIT COURT SUPERIOR
 C A U S E N O . 7 6
 DO1-2212-MI-000386
 STATE OF INDIANA
 COUNTY OF STEUBEN SS:
 EVAN M. HOWE

Plaintiff
 Vs.
 RICHARD ROSS KNAPP, HEIRS AND SUCCESSORS, Defendants
 This summons is to Richard Ross Knapp, his Heirs and Successors and to any other person who may be concerned.

You are notified there is a cause of action before the Steuben Superior Court, Angola, IN 46703 entitled "Evan M. Howe vs. Richard 000386 Ross Knapp, Heirs and Successors, Cause No. DO1-2212-MI-000386. This summons by publication is specifically directed to Richard Ross Knapp, his Heirs and Successor, who may have an interest or may have used the following described real estate in Steuben County, Indiana: Being a part of the Southwest quarter of section 14, Township 36 North, Range 13 East in Steuben County, Indiana, and further described as follows:

Commencing at the Southwest Corner of Lot 205 of Life Riley Mobile Estates, Section B: which is the true point of beginning of his description, thence north 59 degrees 53 minutes 51 seconds west 64.58 feet along the centerline of the creek; thence south 29 degrees 8 minutes west 22.12 feet to an iron pin found; thence south 29 degrees 8 minutes west 217.3 feet to an iron pin found; thence south 64 degrees 13 minutes east 100.17 feet to an iron pin set; thence north 29 degrees 8 minutes east 210.18 feet to the centerline of a creek; thence north 57 degrees 54 minutes 13 seconds west 35.51 feet along the centerline of the creek to the corner of Lot 205 which is the true point of beginning, containing .542 acres more or less, being lot 306 unplatted Life of Riley Mobile Home Estates Section C.
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The address of said real estate is 700 W. Parkway, Pleasant Lake, IN 46779

The Petitioner is represented by Ronald Glen Thomas, Attorney at Law, 511 N. Wayne St., Angola, IN 46703; phone (260) 665-9666.

The nature of this suit is a complaint for Quiet Title and Other Declaratory Relief regarding the above-described real estate. Plaintiff claims ownership interest in the above-described real estate. An answer or other response, in writing to the complaint, must be filed by you or your attorney within thirty (30) days after the third notice of suit by publication and if you fail to do so, judgment by default may be rendered against you for the relief demanded by the Plaintiffs. If you claim an interest in the above-described real estate and object to Plaintiff claiming ownership, you must assert it in your written answer or response.

/s/ Ronald Glen Thomas
 Ronald Glen Thomas (Atty. No. 556-02)
 511 N. Wayne, P.O. Box 41
 Angola, IN 46703
 (260) 665-9666

SUMMONS
 IN THE STEUBEN CIRCUIT COURT CAUSE NO. 76C01-2112-PL-0569
 STATE OF INDIANA
 COUNTY OF STEUBEN SS:
 SMALL TOWN AUTO SALES, LLC
 Plaintiff,
 V.
 BENJAMIN BYERLINE
 Defendant

This summons is to the defendants above named, and to any other person who may be concerned.

You are notified that you have been sued in Steuben Circuit Court, located at 55 S Public Square, Angola, IN 46703 and telephone number of Court is (260) 668-1000, in an action entitled SMALL TOWN AUTO SALES, LLC v. BENJAMIN BYERLINE, Cause No. 76C01-2112-PL-0569, by the person named above as plaintiff. Filed: 1/4/2023 10:52 AM Clerk Steuben County, Indiana

This summons by publication is specifically directed to defendant, whose whereabouts are unknown. 430 North Wayne Street, Suite 1A Angola, Indiana 46703-1093 Telephone: (260) 665-9779

The named plaintiff is represented by Cress Law Group, PC by Jonathan O. Cress, Attorney No. 25535-76, located at 430 N Wayne Street, Ste A, Angola, IN 46703 and telephone number of Attorney is (260) 668-9779.

The nature of this suit against you is: Count I: Breach of Contract, Count II: Theft and/or Conversion and Count III: Unjust Enrichment related to certain ATVs. Plaintiff claims damages against each defendant in an amount to exceed \$16,000.00.

A bench trial has been set in the Steuben Circuit Court on March 14, 2023 beginning at 3:00 p.m., and if you fail to appear, the bench trial may be held in your absence or judgment by default may be rendered against you for the relief demanded by the plaintiff.

1/4/2023
 Dated at Angola, Indiana, this day of January 2023.
 Jangi Manahan
 Tangi Manahan (seal)
 Clerk, Steuben Circuit COUNTY COURTS
 Prepared By:
 Jonathan O. Cress #25535-76
 Attorney for Plaintiff

2010 Ford E350 \$2,320.00 VIN #1FTSE3EL2ADA11395
 Auction to be held on 02/10/2023 1:00 PM at Little Willie's P&R, Inc. dba Bill's Professional Towing 2765 W Maumee St Angola, IN 46703 1/17, 2023, hspaxlp

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON ORDINANCE TO ANNEX CERTAIN CONTIGUOUS REAL ESTATE TO THE CITY OF ANGOLA, INDIANA

BE IT KNOWN THAT at 7:00 p.m. on February 6, 2023, in the Angola City Hall, located at 210 N Public Sq., Angola, Indiana 46703, the Common Council of the City of Angola ("Common Council") will introduce, and hold a public hearing on whether to adopt, a certain annexation ordinance, which proposes the annexation of certain contiguous real estate ("Annexation Area") to the City of Angola, Indiana ("City"), and to consider the adoption of a written fiscal plan. At that public hearing, all interested parties will have the opportunity to testify regarding the proposed annexation.

On January 17, 2023, the Common Council will receive a certain "Petition for Annexation into the City of Angola, Indiana" (hereinafter "Petition"). The Petition was signed by one hundred percent (100%) of the owners of land within the Annexation Area. The Annexation Area to be annexed to the City has a perimeter boundary that is more than 12.5% contiguous to the existing City's corporate boundaries and generally includes parcel 76-06-25-000-028.010-011, and more commonly known as vacant land behind Pine Run and Carlin View Additions, Angola, Indiana, and further described as follows:

A PART OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 25, TOWNSHIP 37 NORTH, RANGE 13 EAST, STEUBEN COUNTY, INDIANA, BEING A 125 FOOT WIDE PARCEL OF LAND IMMEDIATELY EAST OF AND ADJACENT TO THE ORIGINAL PLAT OF CARLIN VIEW ADDITION TO CARLINS SUBDIVISION AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 3 PAGE 7A IN THE OFFICE OF THE RECORDER OF STEUBEN COUNTY, INDIANA, IN PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

COMMENCE AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF LOT 28 IN THE ORIGINAL PLAT OF SAID CARLIN VIEW ADDITION TO CARLINS SUBDIVISION; THENCE NORTH 88 DEGREES 57 MINUTES 39 SECONDS EAST (BEARING BASED UPON INDIANA STATE PLANE COORDINATES, EAST ZONE, GRID) A DISTANCE OF 125.00 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 0 DEGREES 51 MINUTES 38 SECONDS EAST AND PARALLEL WITH THE EAST LINE OF SAID PLAT, A DISTANCE OF 758.00 FEET TO THE SOUTH LINE OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF SAID SECTION 25 AS ESTABLISHED; THENCE SOUTH 89 DEGREES 16 MINUTES 46 SECONDS WEST ALONG THE SOUTH LINE OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF SAID SECTION 25 AS ESTABLISHED, A DISTANCE OF 125.00 FEET TO THE SOUTHERLY EXTENSION OF THE EAST LINE OF SAID PLAT; THENCE NORTH 0 DEGREES 51 MINUTES 38 SECONDS WEST ALONG SAID SOUTHERLY EXTENSION AND THE EAST LINE OF SAID PLAT, A DISTANCE OF 757.30 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, CONTAINING 2.17 ACRES, MORE OR LESS.

A map showing a portion of the current corporate boundaries and the proposed corporate boundaries, as they will exist if the annexation becomes effective as proposed in that ordinance, is available at the office of the Clerk-Treasurer. The City is responsible for the zoning classifications in the Annexation Area, and, if the proposed Ordinance is adopted, the zoning classifications is not proposed to change. The complete written fiscal plan for the Annexation Area will be considered by the Common Council at the above-referenced meeting. The written fiscal plan may be inspected and copied at the office of the City's Clerk-Treasurer.

Anyone desiring additional information with regard to this notice, the scheduled public hearing, the proposed annexation, or a related matter, may contact the Angola City Clerk-Treasurer at (260) 665-2514.

Ryan P. Herbert, Clerk-Treasurer
 1/17, 2023, hspaxlp



10 DAY FORECAST

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN	MON	TUE	WED
80%	20%	0%	60%	20%	20%	0%	30%	20%	30%
44	48	43	47	36	38	39	39	38	35
39	35	37	31	26	27	30	29	27	

Monday's Statistics
LOCAL
 HIGH 42
 LOW 28
FORT WAYNE
 HIGH 44
 LOW 29
SOUTH BEND
 HIGH 46
 LOW 35
INDIANAPOLIS
 HIGH 50
 LOW 33

Partly sunny skies with a slight chance of rain today. Chance for rain increases Thursday. Highs to remain in the 40s until Friday.

Sunrise today 8:03 a.m.
 Sunset today 5:38 p.m.

Today's drawing by: **Destinee Suarez**
 Submit your weather drawings to: Weather Drawings, Editorial Dept., P.O. Box 39, Kendallville, IN 46755



Attorney Marylyn Ernsberger, right, said the atmosphere at Talk to a Lawyer events was less intimidating for the people who were otherwise hesitant about consulting a lawyer. She is seen speaking with Loretta Smart, Fremont.

PRO BONO: Several local lawyers participate

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 seek help on free lawyer days get pointed to pro bono services, if they qualify for them. He added that the voluntary lawyer program had also set up a landlord-tenant service for low-income individuals running every other Tuesday in Steuben County.

This year Talk to a Lawyer Day in Steuben County had almost full participation, said McEntarfer, and that meant that almost all attorneys that practice in Steuben County, which is between 12 and 16, volunteered their time for two-hour time slots.

"We will have between three and four attorneys for each two-hour time slot," said McEntarfer.

He said in the past years the number of visitors they served during Talk to

a Lawyer Day varied due to weather conditions, but it was typically anywhere between 20 during adverse weather conditions to 40 people.

"If you look at two or three attorneys each seeing two or three people you may get a total for a day serving people that come in anywhere from 30 to 40," said McEntarfer.

Some lawyers had more than two or three people they helped in their two-hour slots. Ernsberger said she had seen six people on Monday.

McEntarfer said they were trying to serve the guests on Talk to a Lawyer Day to the best of their ability because that was the service that they wanted to get to the public that could not afford it.

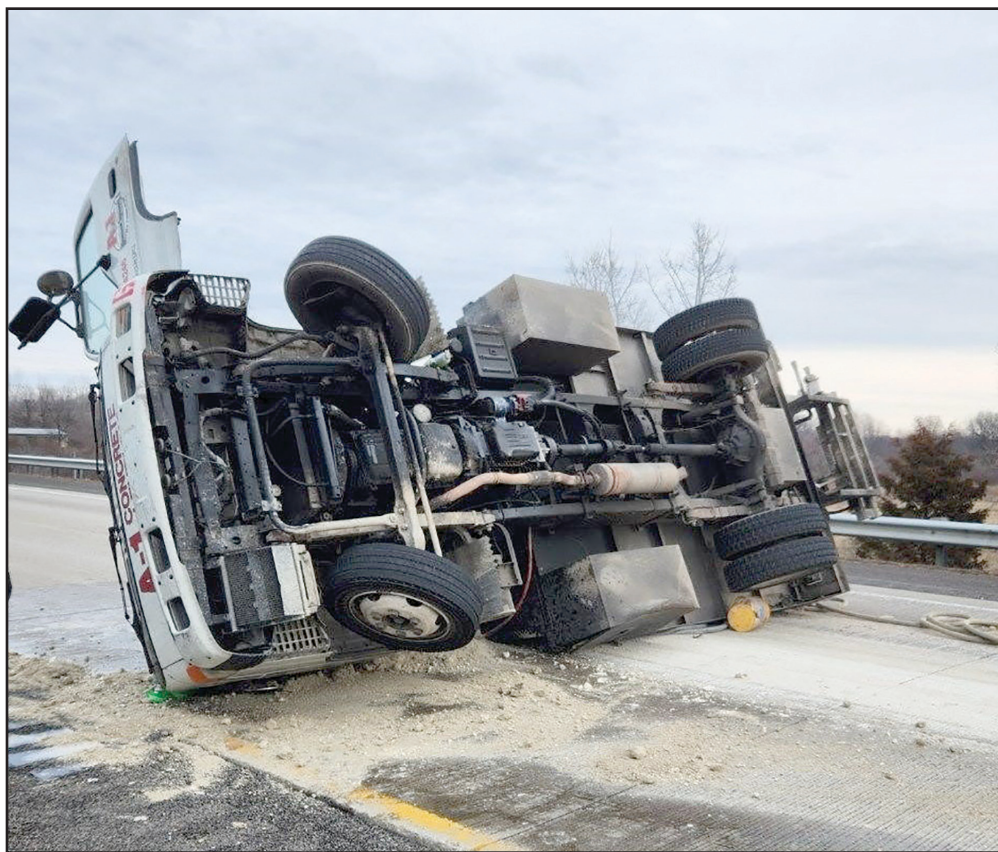
"I believe and I think most attorneys believe it

is an obligation we have as licensed attorneys to give pro bono advice and to provide advice to the members of the public," said McEntarfer.

Ernsberger said that she was doing this pro bono service as a way to give back to the community. She said that the informal atmosphere of the event was conducive to making it more comfortable for people that might be too intimidated to set up an appointment at a law office.

"At least we can point them in the right direction," Ernsberger said. "Sometimes we can't solve all their problems, but we can at least give them some advice to point them where they need to go."

For more information on free legal advice available in Steuben County and beyond, please visit <http://www.vlpnei.org/about/>.



INDIANA STATE POLICE

There were no injuries when this dump truck, carrying a load of limestone, hit an extension ladder along the roadway on Interstate 69 just north of the C.R. 11A exit around 9:30 a.m. Monday. The driver attempted to miss the ladder, causing the load to shift.

Extension ladder in road blamed for I-69 crash

FROM STAFF REPORTS

AUBURN — Two men escaped without injury following a rollover crash on Interstate 69 in DeKalb County around 9:30 a.m. Monday morning.

Indiana State Police say an extension ladder is to blame for the crash that occurred near the 326 mile-marker.

The accident — which completely blocked northbound traffic for nearly two hours — occurred just north of the C.R. 11A exit.

According to a news release, ISP Master Trooper James Bailey's preliminary investigation determined that Jacob Bluhm, 29, of Fort Wayne, was driving a 2003 Isuzu dump truck north in the right lane. State police said an eight-foot extension ladder was laying in the roadway

ahead of Bluhm's vehicle.

Police said Bluhm attempted evasive action to avoid hitting the ladder, but his truck's right front tire struck the ladder, lifting the right side of the truck off the ground. The load of limestone in the dump truck shifted, which contributed to the force and momentum that overturned the truck onto its passenger side.

Police said Bluhm and his passenger, Christopher Lewis, 25, of LaGrange, were properly restrained in the truck at the time of the crash. They were assisted from the wreckage by first responders.

Crews from Parker's Wrecker Service worked to remove the vehicle and debris from the interstate. Traffic was restored around 11:30 a.m.

"This crash is a prime example of the need for motorists to always ensure that items such as extension ladders, whether on rooftop racks or in cargo beds, are always properly secured during transport," state police said.

"This crash was preventable — had that extension ladder been transported securely — and unnecessarily resulted in thousands of dollars in property damage, delayed commerce and easily could have resulted in personal injury or loss of life."

Trooper Bailey was assisted by multiple troopers from the Fort Wayne Post, the DeKalb County Sheriff's Office, Garrett Police Department, Parkview EMS, Auburn Fire Department and Parker's Wrecker Service.

FATAL FIRE: Investigation will be ongoing for weeks

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personnel were back in service at their station at 2:32 p.m.

The State Fire Marshal's Office has been investigating the origin and cause of the fire. Preliminary information from the State Fire Marshal indicates the fire started on the second floor in an area that was not occupied.

At this stage of the investigation, it appears all four occupants were believed to be in a single bedroom, the news release said. The Fire Marshal's investigation

will take time to complete, and that information may not be readily available for some time.

Autopsies for all four were supposed to take place Sunday at the Northeast Indiana Forensic Center in Fort Wayne, which will serve to confirm the cause and manner of death.

Deputy Coroner Ashley Emerick said it will be weeks before the final autopsy reports are back.

The Indiana State Police will be coordinating information with the State Fire Marshal's

Office and the Steuben County Coroner's Office to determine if there was a criminal element to this fire incident.

Agencies working on scene included: the Indiana State Police, Indiana State Fire Marshals Office, Fremont, Angola, Orland and Ashley-Hudson Fire Departments, Fremont Police, Steuben County Sheriff's Department, Steuben County Emergency Medical Service, Steuben County Prosecutor's Office and the Steuben County Coroner's Office.

INDOT opens up grants

FROM STAFF REPORTS

INDIANAPOLIS — The Indiana Department of Transportation is accepting applications for the spring 2023 Call for Projects for the Community Crossings matching grant program.

The application window is open through Friday, Jan. 27.

Community Crossings grants are available to all local government units in the state of Indiana.

Cities and towns with a population of fewer than

10,000 will receive funds using a 75/25 match.

Cities and towns with a population of greater than 10,000 will receive funds using a 50/50 match.

Counties with a population of fewer than 50,000 will receive funds using a 75/25 match.

Counties with a population of greater than 50,000 will receive funds using a 50/50 match.

Since 2016, the state has awarded more than \$1 billion in matching funds

to support local road and bridge projects across Indiana. Long-term funding for Community Crossings is part of House Enrolled Act 1002, passed by the Indiana legislature and signed into law by Gov. Eric Holcomb in April 2017.

All application materials must be submitted by 5 p.m. Friday, Jan. 27 to be considered. Communities receiving funding for projects will be notified in early spring.

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KEN FILLMORE

West Noble senior guard Austin Cripe holds up a trophy while being surrounded by his teammates Saturday night after the Chargers defeated Central Noble 62-58 in a championship game of the Northeast Corner Conference Boys Basketball Tournament at Garrett's Paul Bateman Gymnasium. Cripe had 33 points.

Cripe propels Chargers to NECC Tourney title

BY MATT GETTS

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GARRETT — Whenever the West Noble boys basketball team needed a basket in Saturday's Northeast Corner Conference Tournament championship game, Austin Cripe was there to answer the bell.

In fact, the senior pretty much rang it all night long.

Cripe exploded for a game-high 33 points as the Chargers ended Central Noble's three-year reign as conference tourney champs with a 62-58 victory over the Cougars.

Cripe went 11-for-16 from the floor and 8-for-10 from the foul line. He also grabbed a game-high nine rebounds as taller, more physical West Noble rebounded the Cougars, 31-19.

The Chargers got 11 points and seven rebounds from junior Bradyn Barth. Senior Nevin Phares chipped in with seven points and five rebounds.

Central Noble was led by senior Conner Lemmon's 18 points. Junior Drew Pliett added 12, junior Isaiah Gard scored 10 and sophomore Redick Zolman added eight.

The conference tournament crown moving from Albion to Ligonier was sweet indeed.

"It's special," West Noble coach Ethan Marsh said. "It's

great for our community.

"Our guys just battled all night. I'm proud of them."

West Noble's patch to the title was difficult. The Chargers opened tournament play with a victory over 8-4 Westview. In the semifinals, West Noble defeated 10-2 Prairie Heights. Central Noble entered the final 8-3.

"I'm proud of the guys," Marsh said. "We went through the gauntlet."

Early in the third, it looked like the game was going to be a runaway as West Noble built a 37-22 lead with 5:07 remaining in the period. Central Noble rallied, however, to draw within 46-39 at the end of the third quarter.

West Noble built its lead back to 55-43 with 5:35 left in the fourth, but the Cougars made one last push that gave it a chance at the end.

Sam Essigian scored to make it 55-45, then Lemmon followed with a three-pointer and the Cougars were within 55-48 with 3:14 to play.

Cripe had a rare miss on West Noble's next possession, and Lemmon was fouled. He made both free throws and it was 55-50.

Following a West Noble turnover, Central Noble got one of two free throws from Zolman to draw within 55-51 with 2:22 remaining.

Each team had an empty



KEN FILLMORE

West Noble forward Ayden Zavala goes right at Central Noble junior Isaiah Gard (33) during the second half of the NECC Boys Basketball Tournament championship game Saturday night at Garrett High School.

possession, then Cripe beat the Central Noble press on the next possession and raced in for a layup at the 1:16 mark.

Lemmon followed with another three-pointer to make it 57-54 with 57.2 seconds to play.

Cripe was fouled as West Noble inbounded the ball, and the senior sank both free throws to make it 59-54.

A Zolman field goal try was off the mark and Phares grabbed the defensive

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Fairfield girls win NECC title, hand Cougars first loss

BY MATT GETTS

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GARRETT — For the first time this season, the Central Noble girls basketball team found an opponent that simply refused to flinch under the Cougars' relentless defensive pressure.

Fairfield got a game-breaking performance from senior Morgan Gawthrop in pulling away late from Central Noble, 56-42, in the championship game of the Northeast Corner Conference Tournament Saturday.

Central Noble lost its first game of the season after running off 19 straight victories. Fairfield improved to 18-2 on the season. The Falcons' losses have come at the hands of Columbia City (17-2) and South Bend Washington (19-0).

The two teams do battle again tonight in Albion in their regular season NECC matchup.

Fairfield was led in scoring by Gawthrop, who posted a season-high 23 points. Stars Brea Garber and Bailey Willard were limited to 11 and 10 points, respectively.

Central Noble got 12 points from junior Makenna Malcolm, 11 from Madison Vice and nine from Meghan Kiebel.

The game was a nail-biter through three quarters.

Fairfield led 12-11 after one. Central Noble led at the half, 22-21. The Falcons led 38-36 after three.

Most — if not all — of Central Noble's 19 victories to start the season have hinged on the Cougars' man-to-man and trapping zone defenses. The defense has led to many fast break opportunities.

Fairfield came into the game emphasizing not giving the ball away, according to coach Brodie Garber.

"We really wanted to value the basketball," he said.

The Falcons did just that, turning the ball over only four times for the entire contest. CN had 12 turnovers.

"We couldn't generate the defensive pressure we're used to," Central Noble coach Sam Malcolm said. "They played like a composed team that been in that situation before. We have to find a way to get better."

On a night when both teams had nearly identical field goal percentages — both on traditional 2's and three-pointers — turnovers were a big difference.

So was foul shooting. Central Noble was 3-for-3 from the line. Fairfield was 18-for-21.

The Cougars still had their chances.

A basket by freshman

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KEN FILLMORE

Central Noble guard Makenna Malcolm (21) defends Fairfield freshman Eva Herbert during the first half of the Northeast Corner Conference Girls Basketball Tournament championship game Saturday evening at Garrett High School's Paul Bateman Gymnasium.

Shamp, AHS win at Franklin Central

BY EVAN WEAVER

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INDIANAPOLIS — The Angola gymnastics team competed in the Franklin Central Invitational at The Gymnastics Company for just the second time on Saturday.

Two times was all the Hornets needed to be the best in an 11-team field, winning the invitational with a score of 105.200.

It is the second victory for the Hornets at an invite this season after they won the Elkhart Holiday Invitational before the new year.

"Part of the reason we come here is because we want to see the lower part of this state and who we might see at the state meet," Hornets coach Misti Evans said. "So it's nice to come and see what those schools are doing, and then how we score against them."

The Hornets withdrew from the invite in what was

supposed to be their first appearance at the event in 2021, before taking second place last season to Bloomington North.

They bested the Cougars this time around, who finished as runners-up with 104.125 and ahead of third place Bloomington South, who finished with a 98.775.

"It feels good that we were able to come here today and execute," Evans said. "We took a few mistakes here and there, but it's early enough in this season and I'm not too worried about that. I'm really happy with the scores the girls are putting out."

Sophomore Alayna Shamp, who was fourth in the all-around at Franklin Central last year, took the title this year with an overall score of 35.725, beating out Martinsville's Lilly Boyd's 35.550.

"I feel pretty good about it and I'm proud of myself,"

Shamp said. "I think I did good today and I think with the team as a whole, we all did good. We lifted each other up and I think that's what helped me a lot."

Shamp had scores of 8.375 on the uneven bars (6th), 9.100 on the balance beam (tied for 3rd), 9.375 on the vault (3rd) and 8.875 in the floor exercise (3rd).

Shamp compared her routines Saturday to how she did at Homestead, but that she had worked on her mindset in between.

"Mentally, I did a lot better," Shamp said. "I was a lot more confident in myself ... I think it has a lot to do with my team and our attitude, but also, just as the season goes on and as I compete, it becomes easier and easier."

Freshman Bailey Lanoe, the other all-around competitor for Angola, had the best

performance of a Hornet in an individual event, placing second in the vault with a score of 9.450, half of a point behind Bloomington North's Hope Taylor.

In her other events, Lanoe was tenth on the floor with an 8.400, tied for tenth on uneven bars with a 7.750 and was 25th on the balance beam with 7.200. She finished the all-around in fifth place with a total score of 32.800.

"Bailey is a freshman, and so we're still dealing with the freshman nerves," Evans said. "When they haven't been to all these different environments, they don't even know what to expect. She was a little bit more rattled today than she was at home, but she's competed long enough and she'll work that all out by the end of the year."

Angola's lone senior, Summer Allen, competed in

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EVAN WEAVER

Angola sophomore Alayna Shamp performs in the floor exercise at the Franklin Central Gymnastics Invitational at The Gymnastics Company on Saturday. Shamp was third with a score of 8.875 and won the all-around competition with a 35.725.

DeKalb bowlers win singles sectionals *Baron girls top EN*

BY MARK MURDOCK

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AUBURN — It turned out Josh Wirges was human after all.

In the third frame of the championship match in Sunday's DeKalb bowling sectional, Wirges missed picking up a spare, and an eight went on his scorecard.

Other than that, in three matches of the stepladder final, Wirges had a strike or a spare every time.

Wirges, who qualified third, defeated freshman teammate Hayden Dibble in title match 203-136. Dibble had been the top qualifier with 669 series.

That was one of two all-DeKalb finals. No. 2 qualifier Elizabeth Jones defeated No. 1 qualifier and teammate Juli Plummer 224-133.

Four girls and nine boys qualified for singles competition in the regional, set for Saturday at Thunder Bowl in Fort Wayne.

Wirges had seven strikes as he got past No. 4 qualifier Brian Miller of Eastside 243-204 in the opening stepladder match. He then had strikes or spares in every frame in a 196-184 victory over No. 2 qualifier Andrew Malone of East Noble.

"Controlling my stress. That comes with anything, right?" Wirges said after his victory. "Control your stress and control your mind, and enjoy your game."

Dibble was visibly upset after his loss in the championship game. Wirges tried to console him.

"I told him, 'You're a freshman. Why are you looking all sad?'" Wirges said. "I said, 'You're a lot farther along than I was when I was a freshman.'"

Jones said picking up spares was the key in her two stepladder matches. After qualifying No. 2 with a 571 series, Jones met No. 3 qualifier McKenzie Tracy of Central Noble. Tracy had won an all-Cougar battle to start the stepladder round, outscoring teammate Jazlyn Boyd 245-144.

Jones had all strikes or spares in both matches, winning 214-156 over Tracy and 224-133 over teammate Juli Plummer in the final. Both were part of DeKalb's state championship a year ago. Plummer's 609 was the top score in qualifying.

"Spare was a big part of today. I need to pick them up and when I needed them, I got them," Jones said.

She drew a big response from the spectators when she picked up a nasty split in the third frame of the final match. Two pins were on the left side with another standing alone on the right.

"It was a terrible split," she said. "I was going for the two. Two's better than one. If (the spare) came with it,



These were the top qualifiers in boys singles bowling sectional at Auburn Bowl Sunday. Front, from left, Hayden Dibble and Adam Snyder of DeKalb, and Caleb Lemen of Garrett and Nick Kaiser of Eastside. Back, from left, Andrew Malone of East Noble, Josh Wirges of DeKalb, Brian Miller of Eastside, and Kameron Ruiz and Marcellus McCormack of Garrett. Ray Chaffin of DeKalb is not shown. Wirges won the sectional championship.



These were the top girls qualifiers who advanced to the regional with their performances at Sunday's singles sectional at Auburn Bowl. From left are Juli Plummer and Elizabeth Jones of DeKalb, and McKenzie Tracy and Jazlyn Boyd of Central Noble. Jones won the sectional title.

came with it."

Jones and Plummer tried to avoid a pressure buildup of facing each other.

"We talked about it all week," Jones said. "We knew we might have to go up against each other. We weren't going to make it a big competition, we were just going to have fun with it, and we did."

In two different frames, both scores strikes and celebrated with high fives

each time.

The stepladder final participants all advanced to the regional. Five other boys bowlers are also moving on: Adam Snyder of DeKalb. Caleb Lemen of Garrett, Kameron Ruiz of Garrett, Marcellus McCormack of Garrett and Ray Chaffin of DeKalb.

Chaffin won a roll-off against Nick Kaiser of Eastside for the final regional spot.

Fremont girls cagers sneak by Cavaliers

BY FROM STAFF REPORT

FORT WAYNE — The Fremont girls basketball picked up a second straight win Monday night at Canterbury, avoiding a potential upset with a 44-43 victory.

It's the fourth straight win

for the Eagles (7-11 overall) over the Cavaliers (1-14).

Sophomore Addy Parr led all scorers for the game with 24 points to go along with six rebounds.

Her, Natalie Gochenour (11 points, 12 rebounds),

Mckenzie Pamin (2 points, 11 rebounds, 1 assist) and Willow Whittaker (1 point, 3 rebounds, 3 assists, 1 block) saw all 32 minutes on the floor, while Libby Curey (4 rebounds) and Erica Cain (6 points, 1 block) split time.

The Cavaliers were led by Kiora Bell with 13 points and four assists, while Isabelle Ellis added 11 points and nine rebounds.

Fremont hosts Woodlan Wednesday at 6 p.m.

NECC BOYS: Cripe, WN overcome Central Noble's comeback efforts

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rebound. His first bonus attempt was off the mark, however, and Pliett scored to make it 59-56 with 33 seconds to go.

Phares fouled again and he made one of two to extend the lead back to 60-56.

Zolman scored at the 18-second mark to make it 60-58.

West Noble failed to get the ball to half court on its next possession, turning it over to the Cougars. Central Noble had the ball under its own basket with a chance to tie or take the lead.

The Cougars inbounded the ball to Pliett, whose off balance attempt from eight feet fell well short. West Noble senior Derek Slone grabbed the rebound. Slone was quickly fouled and he made both foul shots to set the final score.

"I'm proud of the way we fought," Central Noble coach John Bodey said. "It gave us a chance at the end."

West Noble led 15-13 at the end of the first quarter, and extended that lead to 31-18 at the half as Central Noble was outscored 16-5 in the second period.

"We dribbled way too much," Bodey said of his team's second-quarter offensive woes. "We didn't screen."

Central Noble righted its offensive approach in the third quarter. After West Noble had its 37-22 lead with 5:07 showing on the third-quarter clock, the Cougars went on a 10-0 run over 1:52 span, getting three points from Gard, three from Zolman and two apiece from Pliet and Lemmon.

Zolman's three-pointer with 3:15 left in the third drew the Cougars within 37-32.

Cripe ended a two minute scoring drought on West Noble's next possession to make it 39-32.

Gard answered for Central Noble at the 2:40 mark, but Cripe scored again, notching an old fashioned three-point play to make it 42-34 with 1:36 left in the period.

"He's special," Marsh said. "No moment is too big for him."

Bodey said, "He took over. He took over in the first half."

Cripe had 12 points in the first quarter, nine in the second, five in the third and five in the fourth.

NECC GIRLS: Senior Gawthrop plays big for Falcons vs. CN Cougars

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Grace Swank with 5:19 to play in the fourth brought Noble Noble within 43-40.

Then came a pivotal sequence.

Following Swank's bucket, Fairfield's Delana Geiger was fouled with 4:57 to go. She made the first foul shot, but missed the second. Two Central Noble players had the rebound cornered, but neither got a grasp of the ball and it went out of bounds to the Falcons.

On Fairfield's ensuing possession, Gawthrop knocked down a three-pointer to make it

47-40 with 4:41 to play.

Central Noble turned the ball over the next time it had the ball, which eventually led to a Fairfield had a one-and-one opportunity.

Gawthrop missed the front end, but the Cougars had gotten into the lane before she released the ball, giving her another chance. She then made good on both foul shots and the Falcons led 49-40 with 4:12 to play.

Gawthrop made two more free throws on Fairfield's next possession to make it 51-40.

Sophomore Kierra Bolen scored a bucket for Central

Noble to cut the Fairfield advantage to 51-42 with 2:52 to play, but the Falcons made good on their free throws late to finish off the game.

In the final 4:12 of the contest, Fairfield was 9-for-10 from the charity stripe.

In the fourth, Central Noble went 3-for-11 from the field and could only muster two points in the final 5:19 of the game. A tightly contested game, Central Noble threatened to break away in the third. The Cougars had their largest lead on a Vice bucket with 3:09 to play in the third, 36-28. But Fairfield ended

the period on a 10-0 run to take its 38-36 advantage into the fourth.

Central Noble scored 14 points in the first 4:51 of the second half. Over the final 11:09, the Cougars only scored six.

"They're so good defensively," Malcolm said. "That's the best zone defense we've faced all year."

Gawthrop went 5-for-6 from the floor and 9-for-10 from the charity stripe.

"She was the difference," Malcolm said.

Brodie Garber said, "She's steady eddie. She saved her best for tonight."

BY MARK MURDOCK

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KENDALLVILLE — DeKalb has been looking for better starts to its games.

The Baron girls were ready from the opening tip Saturday night, scoring 21 points in the first quarter and harassing East Noble with pressure defense.

DeKalb had a double-digit lead by halftime and went on to a 50-36 Northeast 8 Conference win over the Knights.

East Noble was ready, too, and Bree Walmsley swished a three to start the game. Evie Pepple immediately answered for the Barons with a three-pointer to tie it.

"Evie made a big shot at the beginning after they hit that three and made sure we didn't fall behind and give them too much energy real quick," DeKalb coach Noah Stuckey said.

"We've been talking about starting games and coming out ready to go. On Saturdays we've had trouble for some reason, but tonight we did a good job."

Delaney Cox led the Barons (12-7 overall, 2-3 NE8) with 13 points, Ashley Cox had 12 and Lillie Cone scored 10.

Walmsley hit four threes and scored a game-high 14 to lead the Knights (3-15, 1-4). Payton Quake added 12.

DeKalb tipped or deflected several East Noble passes and then took off to the other end. The Barons had 19 steals in the game. Ashley Cox had seven and also made six assists.

Though they missed several chances close in, the

Barons steadily built their lead.

"We could have done better," Stuckey said. "We got layoffs out of our transition and we didn't finish. Overall we did the right things. We wanted to be active defensively. We did a good job of slowing them down with our pressure."

Cone's three gave DeKalb the lead for good at 11-9.

Ashley Cox made three straight steals at one stretch. She hit two free throws after one of them and set up Cone for a basket with another. Amanda Day converted a three-point play off her own miss as DeKalb took a 21-13 lead at the first stop.

After she began the game with a key three, Pepple drilled a 30-footer at the first-half buzzer, and it was 32-19 Barons at the break.

DeKalb's biggest lead was 43-22 late in the third before the Knights finished the quarter by hitting 5-of-6 free throws with the help of two steals by Kya Mosley, and they trailed 43-27 going to the fourth.

DeKalb has an extra win on its record after receiving a forfeit from Carroll. The Chargers used a transfer player against the Barons, and there was a snafu with her paperwork with the IHSAA, making her ineligible.

The Barons won Saturday's junior varsity game 22-18 over the Knights. Scout Warner had eight points, Baylee Doster had five and Natalie Fordyce scored four. Reece Bradley scored seven to lead the Knights, with Rylee Pasztor adding five and Nora Laur four.



EVAN WEAVER

Angola junior Sarah Hutchins dismounts from the balance beam at the Franklin Central Gymnastics Invitational at The Gymnastics Company on Saturday. Hutchins was seventh in the discipline with 8.725.

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three events Saturday tying for fourth on the vault (9.050) and uneven bars (8.450) and finished sixth on the beam (8.750), a season record.

Junior Sarah Hutchins competed in three events for the Hornets and had solid finishes in all three, coming seventh on beam (8.725) and vault (8.650) and 11th on the floor (8.350), a new skill for her according to Evans.

Junior Avery Boyer rounded out the lineup and competed in uneven bars and the floor exercise, coming in seventh on bars (8.300) and 21st on floor (7.925).

The Hornets have the fifth best score statewide, recording a 106.250 at the Elkhart Holiday Invitational back on Dec. 29, 2022. Valparaiso has the state's best score at 111.750.

Angola's only competition this week will be at Wayne Wednesday against the Generals and Fort Wayne South Side at 6:30 p.m., before the Hornets return home to host East Noble next Monday.

Franklin Central Invitational

Team Scores: 1. Angola 105.200, 2. Bloomington North 104.125, 3. Bloomington South 98.775, 4. Martinsville 96.65, 5. Franklin Central 96.500, 6. Roncalli 95.900, 7. Morris-town 79.075, 8. Fishers 77.050, 9. Lapel 65.775, 10. Guerin Catholic 31.800, 11. Noblesville 29.600.

Vault: 1. Hope Taylor (BN) 9.500, 2. Bailey Lanoue (A) 9.450, 3. Alayna Shamp (A) 9.375, 4T. Summer Allen (A) and Gabby Grubb (MAR) 9.050, 7. Sarah Hutchins (A) 8.650.

Uneven Bars: 1. Austyn Dykes (FC) 8.925, 4T. Allen (A) and Sofia Garcia (BN) 8.450, 6. Shamp (A) 8.375, 7. Avery Boyer (A) 8.300, 10T. Lanoue (A) and Hannah Abel (BN) 7.750.

Balance Beam: 1. Lily Boyd (MAR) 9.450, 3T. Shamp (A) and Myleigh Carpenter (L) 9.100, 6. Allen (A) 8.750, 7. Hutchins (A) 8.725, 25. Lanoue (A) 7.200.

Floor: 1T. Carpenter (L) and Jessica Floyd (BN) 9.175, 3. Shamp (A) 8.875, 10. Lanoe (A) 8.400, 11. Hutchins (A) 8.350, 21. Boyer (A) 7.925.

All-Around: 1. Shamp (A) 35.725, 2. Boyd (MAR) 35.550, 3. Maddie Kawaniishi (BS) 34.750, 4. Carpenter (L) 33.400, 5. Lanoe (A) 32.800.

Garrett grapplers take own invitational

BY MARK MURDOCK

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GARRETT — Garrett's wrestlers hoisted a trophy Saturday.

They hope it will be practice for the weeks to come.

The Railroaders captured their own invitational by a comfortable margin with nine top-four finishers and two champions.

Garrett amassed 222 points, leaving a logjam of teams behind. Constantine, Michigan, was second with 165 to 164 for Norwell, 163 for East Noble and 158 for Angola.

The Big Train added to its lead in the day's final round. Garrett had a 44-point bulge when the semifinals of the 15-team event were completed.

"Not everything was perfect but it's never going to be perfect," Garrett coach Nick Kraus said. "We'll keep trying to get better where we've got to get better, but we won some big matches today."

"The kids stepped up and did some really great things. There wasn't any quit in our kids. Effort and attitude and being good teammates have looked better the last two outings we've had. I think we're heading in a good direction."

The Railroaders hope to have three-time state qualifier Hayden Brady returning soon, if not for the Northeast Corner Conference Tournament next week, then for the sectional at Carroll in two weeks.

"He's feeling good, it's just a matter of being cautious," Kraus said.

Garrett's two champions were Xavier Nusbaum at 132 pounds and Chase Leech at 160.

Nusbaum scored a 12-6 decision over Leo's Dylan Heath in the final. Leech made quick work of Manchester's Jordan Ayres with a pin at 1:20.

Freshman Carter Fielden was Garrett's other finalist at 120, but dropped a 4-2 decision to Isaiah McCue, the lone champion and lone finalist for Angola.

Blake Byerley won East Noble's lone championship with a pin of Norwell's Jason Prough at 1:40 at 113 pounds. Dallas Plattner was the other finalist for the Knights, but he dropped a 12-8 decision to Elijah Knepper of DeKalb at 152.

Knepper's title completed back-to-back blue ribbons for the Barons, with Braxton Miller decisioning Brady Schiffl of Lakeland 6-3 at 145.

The Lakers put three wrestlers in the finals and took one championship with Keegan Schlabach's 5-1



Garrett's wrestling team won the championship of its own 15-team invitational Saturday. The Railroaders finished 57 points ahead of their nearest competition.

decision at 126 over Zak Pica of Fremont, who was the top finisher for the Eagles.

Lakeland 170-pounder Ben Martin dropped a major decision to Manchester's Zach France in the final.

Garrett got third-place finishes from Hayden Williams at 138, Lane Gibson at 170 and Jack O'Connor at 195. Kameron Baker at 106, Nate Wells at 152 and Graydon Clingan at 182 all took fourth.

Keanan Fuller (106), Connor Leins (182) and Zack Leighty (285) all took third for East Noble. Rylee Biddle (138) finished fourth for the Knights.

Mason Chase (120) took third for DeKalb. Dallas Davidson (132) and Carter Shull (220) were third for Angola, while Ty Maggart (126), Blake Denman (145), Josh Kunkle (160) and Edy Romero (285) were all fourth for the Hornets.

Zac Brown was fourth for Lakeland at 113.

Garrett Invitational

Championship Matches

106 — Osborne (Manchester) dec. Douglas (Leo) 9-7 OT. 113 — Byerley (East Noble) pin Prough (Leo) 1:40. 120 — McCue (Angola) dec. Fielden (Garrett) 4-2. 126 — Schlabach (Lakeland) dec. Pica (Fremont) 5-1. 132 — Xavier Nusbaum (Garrett) dec. Dylan Heath (Leo) 12-6. 138 — Meyer (South Adams) pin Stewart (Hammond Central) 2:26. 145 — Miller (DeKalb) dec. Brady Schiffl (Lakeland) 6-3. 152 — Knepper (DeKalb) dec. Plattner (East Noble) 12-8. 160 — Leech (Garrett) pin Ayres (Manchester) 1:20. 170 — France (Manchester) maj. dec. Martin (Lakeland) 14-1. 182 — Summersett (South Adams) pin Araya (Hammond Central) :52. 195 — Demas (Constantine) pin Coolman (Leo) 5:47. 220 — Hinton (Northrop) dec. VandenBerg (Constantine) 8-1. 285 — Kahn (Norwell) pin Reid (Constantine) 1:51.

Third-Place Matches

106 — Fuller (East Noble) maj. dec. K. Baker (Garrett) 13-5. 113 — Sprunger (South Adams) dec. Brown (Lakeland) 2-0. 120 — Chase (DeKalb) pin Like (Constantine) 3:51. 126 — Geibe (Constantine) dec. Maggart (Angola) 8-6. 132 — Davidson (Angola) pin Dreiband (Norwell) 4:56. 138 — Williams (Garrett) pin Biddle (East Noble) 1:34. 145 — Jones (Constantine) maj. dec. Denman (Angola) 14-4. 152 — Bollenbacher (South Adams) dec. Wells (Garrett) 7-1. 160 — Loshie (South Adams) dec. Kunkle (Angola) 7-0. 170 — Gibson (Garrett) pin Carter (Hammond Central) 1:56. 182 — Leins (East Noble) maj. dec. Clingan (Garrett) 14-0. 195 — O'Connor (Garrett) maj. dec. Duffy (Manchester). 220 — Shull (Angola) pin Michael (Norwell) 1:29. 285 — Leighty (East Noble) pin Romero (Angola) 1:58.



East Noble 113-pounder Blake Byerley, top, is on his way to a semifinal victory over Dakota Sprunger of South Adams in the Garrett Invitational Saturday. Byerley went on to take first place.



Elijah Knepper of DeKalb, right, has control against Colt Bollenbacher of South Adams in a semifinal match at 152 pounds in Saturday's Garrett Invitational. Knepper went on to win the championship.

Barons top EN in overtime for first victory

BY MARK MURDOCK

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WATERLOO — They hit a dozen threes so it's not surprising their last shot for a win came from behind the arc.

This one with the final seconds of overtime ticking down didn't connect for East Noble, however, and 5-foot-11 Braiden Boyd soared high to snag the rebound for DeKalb as time ran out.

The Barons tasted victory for the first time this season with a 52-51 Northeast 8 Conference boys basketball win over East Noble Friday.

"It was awesome for them. They've worked pretty hard and they've been disappointed a lot," DeKalb coach Marty Beasley said.

"We haven't sustained our effort for very long and got down by a lot. It was a great team win. We lost our focus a little. We've got to keep learning to play harder longer, but they did a pretty good job tonight in 36 minutes. I'm proud of them. They hung in there, they battled, they competed."

DeKalb (1-10 overall, 1-2 NE8) won it on a three-point play by Caden Pettis with 18.1 seconds to go in overtime. It was fourth lead change in the extra four minutes.

East Noble (2-11, 0-3) took time with 14.3 seconds on the clock, and worked the ball for the three attempt with three seconds left, but came up short.

"It's kind of been our story this year," East Noble coach Brandon Durnell said. "We can't catch a break. We've got to find a way to clean up the little details consistently."

"You look at our three conference games — a three-overtime loss to Columbia City, a last-second shot to lose to Huntington North, a one-point loss tonight — we're right there. It's cleaning up the little details earlier in the game so we're not in those situations late."

Owen Ritchie made eight three-pointers and scored a game-best 25 points for the Knights. Owen VanGessel scored 12 and Nathan Bowker had eight. Pettis and Donnie Wiley had 14 each for the Barons, Parker Smith scored 11 and Alex Leslie added 10.

"(Post player Hunter) Kline's really good and we rolled the dice a little (with constant double teams on him)," Beasley said. "They about made us pay. That's 12 three-pointers, that's 36 out of 51 points."

Durnell wants an "and" instead of an "or" between his sharpshooter and his big man.

"We need Owen Ritchie to continue to play like that," Durnell said. "Now it's finding ways to get Owen Ritchie and Hunter Kline going at the same time. It's been one or the other. To take that next step, we have to get them both going the same day."

VanGessel put East Noble up 40-38 at the 2:10 mark of the fourth quarter with a three. He then knocked the ball free and Bowker took it in to score for a four-point lead with less than 20 seconds to go.

Wiley drilled a three from the right side with 12 seconds on the clock, however, and it was 42-41 as the Barons quickly took their last time out. They fouled immediately on the inbounds play, and East Noble hit the front end for a two-point lead.

Leslie went to the basket to score with three seconds left to rescue the Barons and force overtime at 43-43.

"Donnie hit a huge three in transition," Beasley said. "They miss the back end of a (one-and-one) and Leslie made a play. He made a great play to the basket."

After two threes by Ritchie got East Noble within one at the start of the second half, the Barons went on a 9-0 run to go up 32-22.

After a timeout, the Knights answered with an 8-0 run capped by Bowker's three to start the fourth quarter.

"We did some things that made them uncomfortable in the second half," Durnell said. "We've just got to clean up our rotations in the first half."

"We could have not been in a deficit if we had cleaned up those rotations, but it was sloppy early and it cost us."

DeKalb won the junior varsity game 38-35. Will Weber had 10 points for the Barons, Caiden Hinkle scored eight and Connor Schmidt had seven.

Pace Agee scored a game-high 15 for the Knights with Landon Swogger adding nine and Ryker Quake scoring seven.

In the freshman game, East Noble's Evan Cope scored with one second left to lift the Knights to a 36-35 win. Cope had 14 and Owen Sowles added eight for EN.

DeKalb got seven points from Zeke Penrod and six from both David Burton and Graden Pepple.



Owen VanGessel of East Noble, right, takes a shot against DeKalb's Alex Leslie during Friday's game.

Area Events

PREP SWIMMING

DeKalb and Eastside at Bellmont, 5:30 p.m.
East Noble at Goshen, 5:30 p.m.

PREP GYMNASTICS

West Noble at Wawasee, 6 p.m.

PREP BOYS BASKETBALL

Churubusco at Manchester, 6 p.m.
DeKalb at Angola, 6 p.m.
Prairie Heights at Bethany Christian, 6 p.m.
South Adams at Lakewood Park, 6 p.m.

PREP GIRLS BASKETBALL

Lakewood Park at Heritage, 6 p.m. (varsity only)
Bellmont at Garrett, 6 p.m.
Angola at Westview, 6 p.m.
East Noble at Prairie Heights, 6 p.m.
Eastside at West Noble, 6 p.m.
Fairfield at Central Noble, 6 p.m.
Lakeland at Churubusco, 6 p.m.

On The Air

PREP BASKETBALL

Boys, DeKalb at Angola, WLKI-FM 100.3, Hometown Media on Facebook, 7:20 p.m.

WORLD UNIVERSITY GAMES

FISU World University Games: Speed Skating — 1500m Women (Final), Lake Placid, N.Y., ESPN, 10 a.m.

CHL HOCKEY

Leg 2: Frolunda Gothenburg at Lulea Hockey, NHLN, noon
Leg 2: Tappara Tampere at EV Zug, NHLN, 2:30 p.m.

COLLEGE MEN'S BASKETBALL

Mississippi at South Carolina, SECN, 6:30 p.m.
NC State at Georgia Tech, ACCN, 7 p.m.
Davidson at Dayton, CBSN, 7 p.m.
Kansas at Kansas St., ESPN, 7 p.m.
Tennessee at Mississippi St., ESPN2, 7 p.m.
Florida St. at Notre Dame, ESPN, 7 p.m.
Creighton at Butler, FS1, 7 p.m.
Penn St. at Wisconsin, BTN, 8:30 p.m.
Alabama at Vanderbilt, SECN 8:30 p.m.
Murray St. at Belmont, CBSN, 9 p.m.
Georgia at Kentucky, ESPN, 9 p.m.
Baylor at Texas Tech, ESPN, 9 p.m.
San Jose St. at New Mexico, FS1, 9 p.m.

NBA BASKETBALL

Toronto at Milwaukee, TNT, 7:30 p.m.
Philadelphia at LA Clippers, TNT, 10 p.m.

NBA G-LEAGUE BASKETBALL

Rio Grande Valley at Birmingham, NBATV, 8 p.m.

TENNIS

ATP/WTA: The Australian Open, Second Round, Melbourne, ESPN2, 9 p.m.

Trine men's hockey splits MSOE series

BY DAVID VANTRESS

ANGOLA — It was a mixed bag of results for the Trine University men's hockey team this past weekend in its two-game series against Milwaukee School of Engineering over the weekend.

The Thunder lost Friday night's game 2-1 in overtime, but rebounded in Saturday's series finale at the Thunder Ice Arena, besting the Raiders 5-2.

With the split, the Thunder are 12-6-1 overall, 7-5 Northern Collegiate Hockey Association. MSOE fell to 11-6-0, 6-4.

Trine head coach Alex Todd said Saturday afternoon's win was a nice way to rebound from Friday night's frustration.

"We just couldn't score," Todd said. "I was happy with the way we played."

The Thunder had their best penalty-killing weekend of the season, Todd added. MSOE was 0-for-4 with a man advantage on Saturday after going 0-for-3 Friday.

The Thunder's penalty-killing unit includes sophomore Tyler Fox and junior Beau Binnie.

"Those guys were lights out," Todd said. "MSOE came in with a very hot power play, so to shut them down was pretty good."

Todd likes the way his team is coming together as the regular season winds down. "I think earlier in the year, we weren't really dialing in mentally for games the way we should," Todd said. "We're hungrier for goals, and that's helping us be successful because we're willing to pay a price."

Saturday afternoon, the Thunder struck first, getting on the scoreboard at the 9:04 mark of the opening period. Frank Trazzera added a goal at 1:35 of the second period for a 2-0 Trine lead.

MSOE halved the Thunder advantage with a goal from Kyle Herbster at the 12:31 mark of the period, but Trine had a response a minute and a half later when



Trine's Frank Trazzera, center, celebrates a goal with teammates during the Thunder's 5-2 win over Milwaukee School of Engineering at the Thunder Ice Arena Saturday.

Brendan Pappas found the back of the net for a power play goal. Bobby Price's goal at the 17:45 mark of the second sent Trine into the third period with a 4-1 advantage.

MSOE got a short-handed goal early in the third period to cut the Thunder advantage to 4-2, but the Thunder defense shut down the Raider attack the rest of the way. Trine added some icing to the cake with an empty-net goal by Brinnie with 26 seconds left in the contest.

Kyle Kozma had 22 saves for the Thunder on the afternoon and Thad Marcola collected three assists.

Friday night, the Thunder fell behind early 1-0 when the Raiders got a first-period goal from Jackson Hughes at the 17:45 mark of the first period.

Trine got three power play opportunities in the second period, but couldn't convert any of them.

The Thunder finally got the equalizer in at the 5:31 mark of the third period on a Brett Tierney goal on a Brett Tierney goal. They outshot MSOE 8-3 in the period but the contest went to overtime, where the Raiders got the winning goal at the 1:57 mark of the extra period.

Trine outshot MSOE 30-19 on the night.

The Thunder are idle until Jan. 27 when they host St. Norbert College at 7 p.m. in the opener of a two-game weekend series.

Edey leads No. 3 Purdue past MSU

BY LARRY LAGE

Associated Press
EAST LANSING, Mich. (AP) — Zach Edey made a go-ahead shot at the front of the rim with 2.2 seconds left and finished with a career-high 32 points and 17 rebounds to help No. 3 Purdue hold off Michigan State for a 64-63 win on Monday.

A 51-second sequence earlier in the second half, though, showed just how dominant the 7-foot-4 Edey can be at both ends of the floor.

Edey blocked a shot, had an alley-oop dunk, a defensive rebound and a layup to turn a one-point deficit into a three-point lead.

"He opens up a lot for us," Boilermakers coach Matt Painter said.

The Boilermakers (17-1, 6-1 Big Ten) have won 17 of their first 18 games, matching a school mark set during the 1987-88 season.

The Spartans (12-6, 4-3) dropped a second straight game after winning seven in a row.

Tyson Walker put Michigan State ahead with

11 seconds remaining with a mid-range jumper, giving him a season-high 30 points, and Edey scored the winner on the ensuing possession.

After Edey's last basket, A.J. Hoggard's long inbound pass was knocked out of bounds by Purdue's Brandon Newman with 1.8 seconds left. That left Tom Izzo with a chance to draw up a play to potentially win the game on Purdue's end of the court.

Walker was set up with what seemed to be an open jumper on the left wing only to have Boilermakers guard Ethan Morton get a hand up to deflect the shot, leaving it short of the rim.

Purdue freshman guard Fletcher Loyer had 17 points, including a go-ahead free throw with 25.7 seconds left in a game that had the intensity of a matchup in March.

"I've known him since he was very young," Izzo said. "The last five minutes of the game, he just took it over."

Loyer's older brother, Foster, played for the Spartans before transferring to Davidson.



Purdue center Zach Edey shoots over the defense of Michigan State center Mady Sissoko (22) during the first half of an NCAA college basketball game on Monday in East Lansing, Mich.

Local Sports Briefs

Prep Boys Basketball

Panthers fall to Cavaliers

AUBURN — Lakewood Park lost its homecoming game to Canterbury 49-34 Friday.

Mason Jolloff had 12 points and was also in double figures in rebounds to lead the Panthers. Cameron Hindle had nine points.

Prep Gymnastics

DeKalb second at Plymouth

PLYMOUTH — DeKalb took second in the nine-team Plymouth Invitational Saturday.

The Plymouth Red Team won with 103.55 points to 98.4 for the Barons. Lakeland (88.1) finished fourth and West Noble (69.55) took eighth.

DeKalb's Myca Miller was second in the all-around with a 35.2. She was the vault champion with a 9.5. She also placed fourth in the floor with a 9.15.

The Barons' Paige Fillenwarth was the floor champion at 9.4 and was sixth in the all-around at 34.5. She also took third in the beam with a 9.0.

Brielle Carter of Eastside, competing individually, finished third in the all-around with 35.15. She tied for second in the floor at 9.35 and tied for fourth in the beam at 8.8. She was third in the bars at 8.1.

Emma Schiffler of Lakeland was seventh in the all-around with 33.7. She was fourth in the bars with an 8.0 and tied for sixth in the vault with Carter with a score of 8.9.

Plymouth Invitational
Team Scores: 1. Plymouth Red 103.55, 2. DeKalb 98.4, 3. Western 93.15, 4. Lakeland 88.1, 5. Plymouth White 88.05, 6. Wawasee 87.3, 7. Lowell 73.65, 8. West Noble 69.55, 9. Warsaw 60.65.

All-Around: 1. Hutchinson (Plym-Red) 35.65, 2. Miller (DK) 35.2, 3. Carter (Eastside) 35.15, 6. Fillenwarth (DK) 34.5, 7. Schiffler (LL) 33.7, 20. Armstrong (DK) 28.7, 23. Gayheart (LL) 27.15, 24. Rasler (LL) 26.45, 25. Herrera (WN) 25.9.
Vault: 1. Miller (DK) 9.5, 6. tie, Carter (ES) and Schiffler (LL) 8.9, 14. tie, Armstrong (DK) Fillenwarth (DK), Ferman (Plym-Red), Conrad (NorthWood) Haryzowski (Plym-White), Krause (Wes) 8.4, 20. Gayheart (LL) 8.3, 28. tie, Nordmann (DK), Malloy (Lwl), Terrie (Northwestern) 8.0, 38. Herrera (WN) 7.3, 39. Kathary (WN) 7.2, 40. Rasler (LL) 7.0, 41. Barrick (LL) 6.6, 42. Bench (WN) 5.6.
Bars: 1. Perry (Northwestern) 8.25, 3. Carter (Eastside) 8.1, 4. Schiffler (LL) 8.0, 5. Miller (DK) 7.9, 8. Fillenwarth (DK) 7.7, 21. Rasler (LL) 6.1, 24. Herrera (WN) 5.15, 25. Bench (WN) 5.05, 32. 33. Rasler (LL) 6.25, 36. Eicher (WN) 5.95, 37. Bartlett (WN) 5.8, 38. Barrick (LL) 5.6, 40. Barnes (WN) 4.15.

Beam: 1. Hutchinson (Plym-Red) 9.55, 3. Fillenwarth (DK) 9.0, 4. tie, Carter (Eastside), Perry (Northwestern) 8.8, 7. Miller (DK) 8.65, 12. Armstrong (DK) 8.4, 15. Schiffler (LL) 8.1, 25. Herrera (WN) 7.15, 28. Rasler (LL) 7.1, 31. Gayheart (LL) 6.85, 32. Nordmann (DK) 6.4, 36. Eicher (WN) 5.95, 37. Bartlett (WN) 5.8, 38. Barrick (LL) 5.6, 40. Barnes (WN) 4.15.
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Knights 2nd in Elkhart Invite

ELKHART — East Noble was second in the Elkhart East/West Invitational Saturday with a team score of 97.4.

The host Lions won with 100.9. New Prairie was third with 89.4 and LaPorte was fourth with 88.85.

Prep Wrestling

Chargers 4-1 at Culver Super Dual

CULVER — West Noble went 4-1 in the Culver Super Dual on Saturday.

The Chargers defeated Culver (60-22), North Judson (51-25), Flora Carroll (54-30) and Caston (72-12). West Noble lost to Culver Military 40-39.

The Chargers had six weight class champions. Gavin Christman, Taiden Chambers, Teegan Clouse and Nolan Parks all went 5-0 on the day. Johnny Chambers and Fernando Macias were both 4-1.

Joe Button, Abram Olvera and Mike LeCount also went 4-1 on Saturday for West Noble.

Churubusco, Westview wrestle at Concordia Invitational

FORT WAYNE — Churubusco and Westview ended their regular seasons at Concordia's Wild Bill Invitational on Saturday.

The Eagles were sixth with 114.5 points, and the Warriors were eighth with 63. Maconaquah won with 264.

Javier Meza led the Eagles with a second-place finish at 145 pounds. He had a pin in the semifinals over Carroll's Noah Bowser in 37 seconds, then got pinned in the championship match at 5:44 by Maconaquah's Wyatt Price.

Placing third for Churubusco were Warner Ott at 195 and Gage Crick at 126. They were both 2-1 after first-round byes. Ott had two pins, including a pin of Triton's Esai Lemler in 48 seconds in the third-place match.

Cullim Geiger (152), Case Krider (132) and Cameron Lattimore (120) all placed fourth in their weight classes for the Eagles.

For Westview, Aidan Kohlheim was the 120 runner-up. He had two pins, then lost by technical fall in the championship match to Maconaquah's Evan Oglesby.

Izaak Moore (126) and Taven Schrock (285) were both fourth for the Warriors, Jayce Brandenberger was fifth at 152, and Josh Heidorn was sixth at 170.

College Basketball

Trine men fight off Kalamazoo

KALAMAZOO, Mich. — The 20th-ranked Trine University men's basketball team had a tough time with a scrappy Kalamazoo squad in prevailing 77-73 Saturday afternoon in Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association action.

Junior center Emmanuel Megnanglo became the Thunder's all-time leader in blocked shots in the NCAA Division III era during the contest. The previous record was 121 from Ellis Cummings from 2014-17 and 2018-19. Megnanglo has 123 career blocks after getting two blocks on Saturday.

Trine (14-1, 4-0 MIAA) fell behind early, trailing the Hornets 36-31 at the half. Kalamazoo led by as many as 14 at 29-15 about 12 minutes into the first half.

Connor Jones and Brent Cox sparked a late run to help the Thunder get back within striking distance at the break.

In the second half, the Thunder battled out to a 48-43 lead early, but the Hornets came back to tie it at 60 with under five minutes left in regulation.

Trine was able to hold off the pesky Hornets in the closing minutes to stay unblemished in conference play.

Jones had 27 points, four rebounds, four assists and two steals to lead the Thunder. Cox had 22 points and seven rebounds and Megnanglo had 11 points and five boards.

Trine goes to Alma Wednesday night.

Trine women shut down Hornets

KALAMAZOO, Mich. — The No. 11-ranked Trine University women's basketball team delivered a dominating 84-16 win over Kalamazoo Saturday afternoon in a Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association game.

The Thunder's defensive effort earned a spot in the NCAA Division III era record book for fewest points allowed alongside a 2016 win over Illinois Tech.

The Thunder outscored the Hornets

22-1 in the first quarter and never looked back.

Makayla Ardis led Trine (13-3, 7-0 MIAA) with 18 points. Sidney Wagner added 17.

The Thunder limited Kalamazoo to 12 percent shooting (4-of-33) and 0-for-11 beyond the arc.

Trine women will host Albion Wednesday at 7:30 p.m.

Indoor Track and Field

Thunder host home meet

ANGOLA — The Trine University track and field teams were in action for the first time in 2023 with its Sean Brady Alumni Invitational Saturday at the Keith E. Busse/Steel Dynamics Athletic and Recreation Center.

For the Thunder men, Greyson Spohn was first in the high jump by clearing the bar 6 feet, 7.75 inches. Ben Williams was runner-up in the long jump at 22-4. Williams also had the best Trine effort in the 60-meter run at 7.17 seconds. Ethan Spahr was seventh in the triple jump at 13-3.5.

Theodore Samra had the best Thunder results in the weight throw with a throw of 58-3.75, which was good for second place. He was also third in the shot put at 49-5.5. Nathan Leap was sixth in the pole vault at 13-3.5.

In the 3,000-meter run, Trine's Holden Martin (9:02.47) and Joseph Packard (9:02.57) were 1-2. Jake Gladieux was fourth in the 600 at 52 seconds, and Phillip Nemechek was seventh at 1:27.95. Joshua Maier finished 10th in the mile run at 4:35.43.

For the Thunder women, East Noble graduate Madelyn Summers had a fourth-place finish in the shot put at 38 feet and was 10th in the weight throw at 43-6.5.

Avery Boyce was third in the pole vault at 9-3. Former East Noble Knight Emma Forker was fifth in the long jump at 17-5.25. Forker also had the top Trine finish in the 60 dash at 8.22 seconds.

Lydia Randolph was second in the 3,000 at 10:29.87. Emily Wahl (2:31.31) and Marissa Kenney (2:32.25) finished third and fourth respectively in the 800-meter run.

Ana Parker finished eighth in the mile run for Trine at 5:29.75.

The 4-by-400-meter relay team of Kristin Baker, Wahl, Adrienne Jackson and Forker finished fourth at 4:25.52.

The Thunder teams compete next at the Mastodon Invitational at Purdue-Fort Wayne this Saturday.

College Hockey

Trine women sweep Lions

HANCOCK, Mich. — Trine University's women's hockey teams defeated Finlandia 4-1 on both Friday night and Saturday afternoon in Northern Collegiate Hockey Association.

On Saturday, Payton Hans had two goals and an assist and Makena Thompson had three assists to lead the Thunder (6-8, 4-4 NCHA).

Grace Canty had a goal and an assist for Trine. Taryn Raisanen also scored. Casey Frank made 11 saves in goal. The Thunder outshot the Lions 46-12.

On Friday, Kailey Mleko had two goals and an assist and Madison Toor had two assists for the Thunder.

Raisanen and Gabrielle Hicks also scored for Trine. Hans and Thompson each had an assist. Frank made 16 saves in goal. The Thunder outshot the Lions 48-17.

Lawmaker files worst bill ever

This session, an Indiana senator has filed the worst bill I've ever seen and the worst bill anyone could possibly imagine. A "Don't say gay" bill? Total abortion ban? Assault weapon ban? Changing the name of the state from Indiana to North Alabama because use of "Indian" isn't politically correct? Please, this is magnitudes more egregious.

I'm of course talking about Senate Bill 322 from Huntington Republican Andy Zay.

The bill would ... ugh, I'm going to throw up even summoning the willpower to type it out here ... would name the breaded pork tenderloin Indiana's official state sandwich.

"Located in downtown Huntington, Nick's Kitchen is home to the first Hoosier breaded pork tenderloin. Founded by Nick Freienstein, Nick's Kitchen has been serving customers the famous breaded pork tenderloin since 1908," Zay's office wrote in a release.



THE GARBACZ DUMP

Steve Garbacz

"Having the home of the breaded pork tenderloin located in Senate District 17, it was an obvious decision to author a bill to make it the official state sandwich," Zay said.

This is all culinary apocrypha.

Everyone knows that the true origin of the pork tenderloin dates back to the Great Depression. A Hoosier farm wife was coming home from the grocery, having just splurged on a few cuts of pork. But on the way into the house, she accidentally dropped the meat onto the ground and a rogue tractor that got loose from the barn rolled over it, smashing the meat to approximately 18 nanometers in thickness.

She peeled the hair-thin meat from the ground and dusted it off and declared, "Well, I bet if I put eight pounds of breading on it and fry it, no one will notice the sand and grit and

general tastelessness. Maybe if I put it on a regular-sized bun with, like, two pickles, people will laugh and think it's 'fun' and be distracted from how gross it actually is."

And so this great abomination to food was created.

Over time, Indiana's ancestral white Northern European ethnic population — who were used to eating delicacies like noodles on top of mashed potatoes on top of rice in between two heels of bread covered in a thin, bland white gravy — grew so used to eating this monstrosity that it became part of their heritage and the nostalgic notion that it was "good."

But they were, all of them, deceived.

Pork tenderloin is proof that much of the state is denied the pleasures of having flavorful food.

Since its founding, rural Indiana never got introduced to things like garlic or spices, as their ancestors primarily come from a long line of European starch chompers. They lived a life ignorant of food that tastes like something, food that activates and engages the tongue, lighting up sensations of joy and pleasure.

I know this sounds controversial, but eating can be more than consumption of raw complex carbohydrates for future breakdown and transfer into energy.

But alas, Hoosiers simply have been indoctrinated into thinking pork tenderloin is edible.

"You cannot possibly be a native Hoosier" one person on Twitter commented in my initial warning of this coming atrocity.

Ah, but I am! Although my parents lived just across the border in Calumet City, Illinois, I was born at St. Margaret Mercy Hospital in Hammond, Indiana. After four years of early life in Illinois, we moved to St. John and I've been here ever since.

But I grew up in The Region, in the shadow of Chicago, where I had access to good food.

First, I had the advantage of growing up Polish, a culture that understands you can be both poor and agrarian but still create food that has flavor. And Chicago and its ethnically diverse population of Poles, Italians, Jews, Greeks and more offered a wide world of taste.

Why not instead have an Italian beef sandwich with spicy giardiniera; a flavorful gyro with onions, feta cheese and tzatziki sauce; or a Reuben stacked with meat, cheese, kraut and slathered in Thousand Island or Russian dressing? You can enjoy a Chicago-style hot dog dragged through the garden or a Maxwell Street Polish sausage with grilled onions and mustard.

I mean, it's not even a specialty but even the most basic American hamburger has substance and flavor, a canvas on which the right selection of standard or unique toppings can create a meal worth enjoying.

So why, why, why would anyone choose a razor-thin breaded tenderloin? And the placement of this hubcap-sized disgrace on a regular burger bun is just a mockery to the diner, an insult to human decency.

I mean, if you want to eat breading, save yourself the effort and just eat a can of bread crumbs and wash it down with an 8-ounce glass of vegetable oil, OK?

Do I disagree that the pork tenderloin is quintessentially Hoosier? No, not at all.

But declaring is the state sandwich is like memorializing methamphetamine as the state drug of choice. Yes, it very much is iconic of our shared cultural history, but it's not something that should be celebrated, not something that we should be proud of.

We can and should demand better, Hoosiers.

We must rise to defeat this most egregious abuse of government power.

#NotMySandwich

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Small things make a difference for everyone

I want to write about the waning crescent moon because that is what I usually do. We missed the beauty of the full moon in northern Indiana because of cloud cover and rain, but a few nights ago, that moon shone bright in the middle of the night. There will be another full moon next month, so we must just be patient.

Yes, I want to write about all of that including poetry, but it just doesn't seem right to focus on that when we have a community and families grieving over the Fremont fire this weekend. I knew Rebecca, but only in the slightest of ways. We became Facebook pals (after we met) at the birth of her first child. Every once in a while, I would send a note of encouragement. I absolutely knew what it was like to have three little ones under 5. Even though that was the extent of our remote friendship, I grieve her death along with her children.

I know that all of us in this small community, tucked into the rolling hills of northern Indiana, share the grief over this story. It doesn't even make any difference whether we knew them or not. Grief is grief. Sadness is sadness. Compassion is compassion. How do we cope and what, if anything, do we learn from this? I have said this so many times over the past years in my column that, even though I try and I am aware, I fail at this. I get wrapped up in my own world, and go about my life.

So, let's talk. On Friday night I went to The Brokaw Movie House (buy local!) to see the new film, "A Man Called Otto." I did read the book, "A

Man Called Ove," a few years ago and I loved the book. But let me tell you, I loved the film. Of course, I am a Tom Hanks fan, and he does everything with perfection.

If you have not seen the film, or read the book, I certainly am not going to give anything away. It is about a neighborhood, a very small neighborhood coming together to take care of one another and how it did, indeed, change the "grumpy old man." Don't let the reviews scare you away. Now, more than ever is the time to see this film. Take your hankies with you as you will cry

and laugh throughout the entire film. By the way, there is a northeastern Indiana connection to the movie so stay for the credits!!

There is an old folk tale that goes like this:

"Once upon a time there was a poor farmer. Every day he would sit at his kitchen table and look out at his land. His wife watched him day after day until one day she said that he should go out and take a walk around his land. So, he did. He did this every day. One day he saw a small flower blooming. He ran home to tell his wife. Each day he watered and cared for the one small flower. While he was doing that, he noticed a nice patch of green grass. With a little care he thought, maybe

something else would grow there and so he planted a small garden. It did grow. He continued this until one day his farm was flourishing. A miracle, he thought? Oh, not really. He just finally took the time to notice the small things and how he could make them better."

I tell you this story because it doesn't take too much. A nod. A smile. I have a neighbor, Nate Simons, who walks our block early in the morning. When it snows, he walks with his shovel and shovels all of our walks. What about the Blessing Boxes? We need to keep them filled. They are all over town, and it takes just a few extra items on our own grocery lists to add to the larder of these boxes. My personal favorite one is over at the Episcopal Church on Darling Street, but you can find them anywhere.

Small things make a difference to everyone. During this week of grief for our neighbors in Fremont, let's all make a personal plan to add that kindness to our friends and neighbors. Simply take a stroll and see what needs to be done.

In the words of Martin Luther King Jr. "Faith is taking the first step even when you can't see the whole staircase."

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LOU ANN HOMAN-SAYLOR

Consider mentoring a child in 2023

A new year prompts many to make resolutions, with exercising more, eating healthier, and saving money being some of 2023's top aspirations. What about adding mentoring to your list of 2023 goals?

Kids and youth thrive when they have caring and supportive adults in their lives, and mentoring is one of the best ways to connect adults and kids. Mentoring can help youth as they go through challenging life transitions, including dealing with stressful changes at home or transitioning to adulthood.

In an effort to expand quality mentoring opportunities for youth, January has been designated National Mentoring Month. During this time every year, MENTOR Indiana, an Indiana Youth Institute program, celebrates the annual campaign through honoring individuals and programs providing quality mentoring opportunities in our state.

Mentoring is an important component of positive youth development, promoting academic success, extracurricular engagement, and connections to new opportunities. Kids and youth thrive when they have caring and supportive adults in their lives, and mentoring is one of the best ways to connect adults and kids. Young people with a mentor in their lives are:

- 52% less likely to skip a day of school.
- 55% more likely to be enrolled in college.
- 78% more likely to volunteer regularly in their communities.
- 130% more likely to hold a leadership position in a club or sports team.

In addition, there's a lasting ripple effect of mentoring. Of students

with mentors, 90% of say that they are interested in becoming mentors themselves someday.

According to the U.S. Department of Labor, youth mentoring also benefits adult mentors, most often in the following ways:

- Increased self-esteem
- A sense of accomplishment
- Creation of networks of volunteers
- Insight into childhood, adolescence, and young adulthood
- Increased patience and improved supervisory skills (U.S. Department of Labor, n.d.)

While the benefits of mentorship are great and well-known, 1 in 3 young people in America are growing up without a mentor outside their family. By growing mentoring programs across the state, we have a chance to increase young people's access to caring adults.

At a time when much of the focus is on what divides us, MENTOR's research shows that there is something most Americans agree on: mentoring relationships are powerful tools for connection and are critical to our country's future. Nearly 9 in 10 people feel that more mentoring is needed in our country — with more than 8 in 10 supporting the use of government funds to grow mentoring opportunities.

Yet not all mentoring programs are beneficial. Some well-intentioned, yet poorly structured, programs can have inconsistent results and negative impacts on kids. To protect youth participants

and ensure quality results, the mentoring field has codified essential components of quality youth mentoring through the Elements of Effective Practice for Mentoring™.

- These include:
- Programs setting clear expectations for both the mentors and the mentees
 - Screening that includes an application, securing a mentor's commitment, and scheduling of regular face-to-face meetings
 - Conducting in-person interviews, reference checks, and criminal background checks as part of mentor screening processes
 - Providing training to mentors prior to the match, which helps increase the likelihood of creating positive matches; and
 - Training and support throughout the mentorship relationship.

MENTOR Indiana empowers youth champions to deliver quality mentoring across the state of Indiana. Quality mentoring programs can be found throughout Indiana. To find a program near you, go to <https://www.iyi.org/mentor-indiana/>.

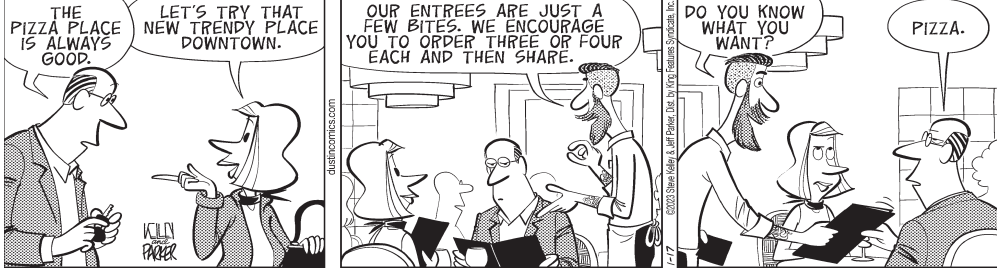
All students need positive role models, exposure to different careers, and connections to their communities. Quality mentoring programs lead to close, healthy, safe, and supportive relationships which translate into lasting student success. This year, as you lean into your resolutions, why not make one an action that can transform a child's life, as well as your own?

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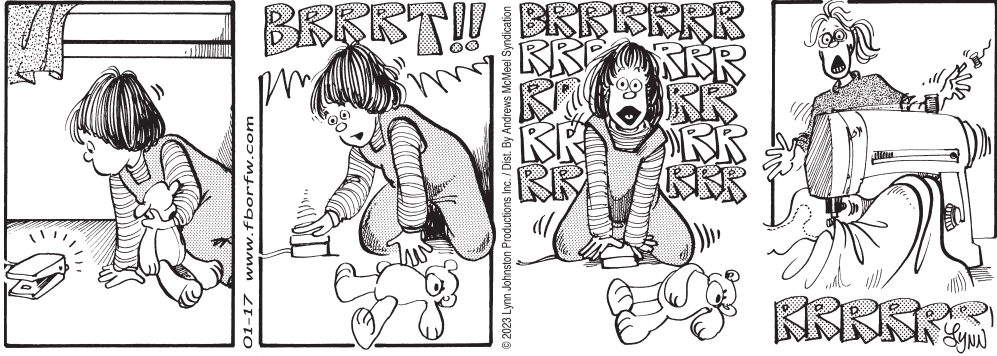


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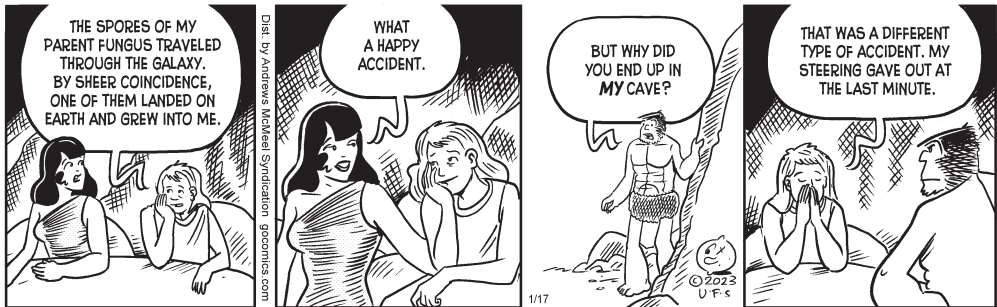
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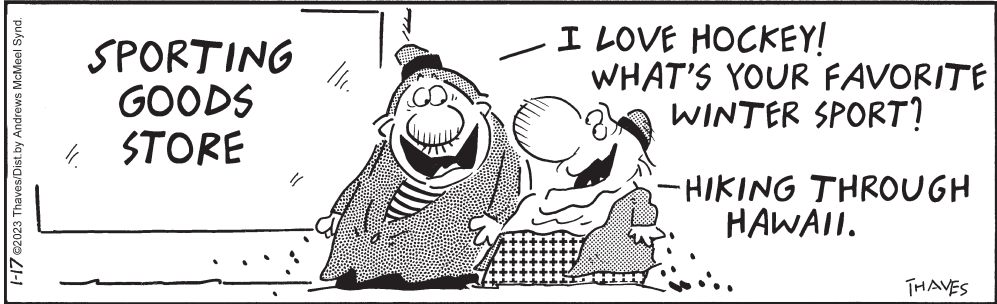
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Rare autoimmune disorder targets skin in aging populations

BY EVE GLAZIER, M.D., AND ELIZABETH KO, M.D.

DEAR DOCTORS: I am 75 years old, and two years ago, I was diagnosed with bullous pemphigoid.

I understand this is an autoimmune problem. I also understand that this is more common in older people. I would like to know more about it. I have been prescribed minocycline, which has been helping.

DEAR READER: You are correct that bullous pemphigoid is an autoimmune disorder. That's a condition in which certain cells in the immune system mistakenly identify the body's own tissues as a threat.

goid, the immune system attacks the proteins that act as the glue between the two main layers of the skin. These are the epidermis, which is the outer layer of skin, and the dermis, the lower layer of skin that houses blood vessels, sweat and oil glands, nerves, hair follicles, connective tissue and other structures.

The initial symptom of bullous pemphigoid is often an itchy rash, which typically appears on the torso or the limbs. The inflammation that arises due to the immune cells' rogue activity causes the skin to turn red. The areas of rash also become raised and swollen, as happens when someone has hives.

numerous and can grow quite large. In some cases, they may contain blood. It's possible for the condition to affect the mucous membranes, including those in the eyes, mouth, esophagus and genitals, but this is rare.

The causes of bullous pemphigoid, which typically develops at age 70 and older, are not fully understood. There is evidence that in some people, it may be triggered by medications. These include certain diuretics, antibiotics, blood pressure drugs and nonsteroidal anti-inflammatories.

The condition is somewhat rare, but cases have recently begun to increase.

The goal of treatment is to limit the development of new lesions, promote skin healing, manage symptoms

Mother has kept identity of son's father a secret

DEAR ABBY: Thirty years ago, I had an affair with "Roger," a married man. We worked together and fell in love. At the time, Roger was married with three children. My husband and I were separated, and I had one son. The 15-year age gap between us didn't matter to me.



DEAR ABBY

Jeane Phillips

after that, my husband and I divorced.

Although I tried, I never found the courage to reach out to Roger. Five years ago, I visited the state where he lived. I even went to his office, but did not reach out. I recently had several dreams about him and couldn't stop thinking of him. They seemed so real.

I looked Roger up online and found out he died a year ago. I am devastated and feel guilty for not giving my son the opportunity to know his father. Roger has other children. At this point, should I let them know or should I just leave everything alone? My biggest fear is causing pain to his wife. She is a good person and doesn't deserve this.

DEAR HOLDING: What is to be gained by making an announcement at this late date? As you stated, it won't provide your son the opportunity to know his father. And receiving shocking news at this point will only cause Roger's widow pain. However, I would do another internet search to see if you can find out what killed Roger. If it's something that could be passed down to your son, warn him.

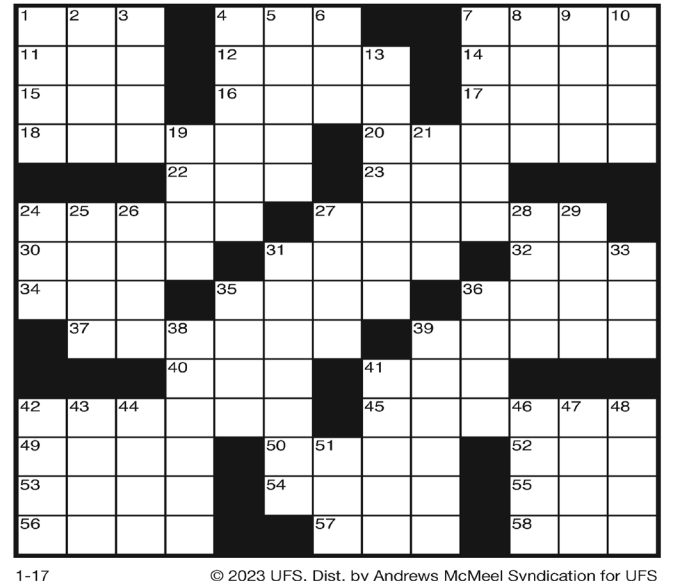
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