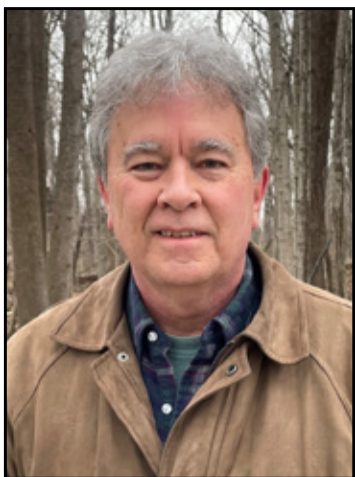


TODAY'S VERSE
Hebrews 11:1 Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.



FACES OF HAMILTON COUNTY
People who call our community their own.
What makes Phil Cartwright smile? "I enjoy the solitude when I come out and walk the trails (at Blatchley Nature Study Club). We live three miles away so I come here a lot in the evening after work ... It's amazing to think you're right in the middle of Noblesville and all of this suburban activity and can enjoy this nature. I like it when I can see the owls. We have a fox den on the property that sometimes we'll see the fox ... and sometimes will see kits but not this year so far. And I like the people, who have similar nature inclinations," said the 70-year-old Noblesville resident. He was found leading Blatchley's cleanup day in 2022 in preparation for the annual guided wildflower walks in April. He joined the club 17 years ago when he and his wife, Sherry, moved to the area. Both are outdoor people and do a lot of hiking. "We're really into butterflies. We have a 2,500-square-foot prairie in our backyard. We raise butterfly chrysalis." They belonged to a similar club when they lived in Mishawaka, Wis. So when they moved here, they looked for a nature club to join. "We happened to wander by the same day they were having their wildflower walk." Cartwright said. A wildflower walk is 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. today at the Blatchley Nature Study Club grounds in Noblesville. Each year, he hopes to meet new folks who are just like them, looking for a new place to venture.

And Another Few Things...

- 1. Remembrance**
Flags in Noble County will be lowered to half-staff in honor and remembrance of Ligonier Mayor Patricia "Patty" Fisel. Fisel was serving her fourth term as Mayor when she passed away on Tuesday, April 25. Indiana Gov. Eric Holcomb said that flags there should be flown at half-staff from sunrise until sunset on Sunday.
- 2. Spartz Introduces Legislation to Hold Failed Bank Executives Accountable**
Yesterday, Rep. Victoria Spartz (R-IN) introduced the bipartisan Failed Bank Executives Clawback Act in the House of Representatives with Rep. Katie Porter (D-CA). This legislation is in response to the recent failures of large U.S. banks, including Silicon Valley Bank and Signature Bank, and aims to hold executives accountable for their actions. The Senate companion to this bill was introduced in March by Senators Mike Braun (R-IN), Catherine Cortez-Masto (D-NV), Josh Hawley (R-MO), and Elizabeth Warren (D-MA). "We cannot be a country with institutions 'too big to fail' and policies where reckless executives are not held accountable and shift the risk to taxpayers. The general public should not be on the hook for bad business decisions," Rep. Spartz said. The Failed Bank Executives Clawback Act outlines a series of provisions that will allow financial regulators to pursue clawbacks against failed bank executives of FDIC-insured institutions, especially those who engage in fraudulent behavior or gross negligence.
- 3. Tickets on sale for Grand Run**
Monday, May 29th, 2023
10K & Half-Marathon begin at 7:00AM 5K begins at 7:30AM Kids Run begins at 8:30AM Grand Park Sports Campus Westfield celebrates Memorial Day with our annual Grand Run 5k, 10k and Half Marathon races. The race starts and finishes at the 400-acre Grand Park Sports Campus and includes portions on the Monon Trail. Donations received from this event directly support a local veteran-focused organization HVAF (Helping Veterans and Families). Visit their website for more and to register!

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Boomer Bits

Ask Rusty - About Social Security Benefits For My Minor Children

Dear Rusty: I will be 62 in 2024 and am considering starting benefits at that time. I will have two children under the age of 18. One of them will be 10 and the other 15. Will they be able to draw benefits in addition to my benefits? Signed: Father of Two

Social Security Matters
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Dear Father of Two: Yes, if you claim your Social Security retirement benefits at 62, your minor children will be able to get benefits from you until they are 18 years old (or up to 19 if still in high school). You will likely be designated as Representative Payee for those benefits and will be obligated to use them only for your children's behalf (which could include simply saving the money for their future). But there's more to consider.

Generally, the Family Maximum is between 150% and 188% of your FRA entitlement, from which your own FRA entitlement is subtracted, leaving 50% to 88% of the Family Maximum for your dependents.

It changes annually (it's \$21,240 for 2023) and, if the limit is exceeded, SS will withhold \$1 in benefits for every \$2 you are over the limit. They will withhold future benefits to recover anything you owe for exceeding the earnings limit and, if your benefits are withheld for this reason, your dependents' benefits will also be withheld for those same months. So, your plans for working should be weighed carefully in deciding whether to claim your Social Security benefits early.

Normally, a minor child is eligible for 50% of the parent's full retirement age (FRA) entitlement (even if you claim at 62), but Social Security's Family Maximum will likely restrict each child's benefit to make it less than 50%. Then, once the 15 year old ages-out of eligibility at 18 (or 19), the younger child's benefit will increase to the full 50% of your FRA amount. That is - unless you are married and your wife will also be collecting a spousal benefit on your record. In that case the Family Maximum will limit payments for all of the dependents receiving payments based on your SS record (both your children and your wife).

It's important to remember that claiming benefit at age 62 your monthly payment will be cut by 30% (you'll get 70% of your FRA entitlement), and that is a permanent reduction. So, you may wish to evaluate whether the money your children will get until they are 18 will offset the lifetime reduction to your own benefit payment. Your life expectancy is important when making that decision, and if you wish to estimate your potential longevity I suggest using this tool: <https://socialsecurityreport.org/tools/life-expectancy-calculator/>.

To summarize: If you won't work full time after age 62 and you're comfortable with 70% of your FRA benefit entitlement for the rest of your life, then claiming at 62 will also entitle your children (and possibly your wife) to dependent benefits (restricted by the Family Maximum). But, if you continue to work full time, Social Security's earnings test will likely mean neither you nor your dependents can receive full Social Security benefits at this time. And for clarity, the earnings limit no longer applies after you reach your full retirement age.

Talk-Radio Host Larry Elder Seeks The GOP Nomination For The 2024 Presidential Elections; Says The Left Argues 'That America Is Systemically Racist'

By John Grimaldi
Larry Elder is a black conservative talk-radio personality who just days ago announced that he is running for the Republican presidential nomination in 2024. Shortly after his announcement he joined Rebecca Weber, CEO of the Association of Mature American Citizens and host of AMAC's Better For America podcast, for an interview.
Why is he throwing his hat in the ring? The popular host of the Larry Elder Show told Weber that among his reasons is the fact that "Democrats love to dip that knife in the mustard jar of racism and spread it over every issue that they can, arguing that America is systemically racist. And the reason they do that is because they want black people to be angry over alleged

social injustice and a lack of equity so that voters go in there like lemmings and pull that lever 90, 95 percent of the time for the Democratic Party ... If the Democrats don't succeed in getting black people to vote in a monolith like that, they cannot win the presidential election, which is why they do that all the time."
In addition, he said, he brings to the table something that we don't talk enough about, namely "the number one social problem facing America caused by the large number of children who enter the world without a father in the home. These days, 40% of all American kids come into the world without a father in the home, 70% of black kids, 50% of Hispanic kids and 25% of white kids which, by

Know The Early Warning Signs Of COPD

(StatePoint) Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD) is a long-term lung disease that makes it hard to breathe. A leading cause of disability and death in the United States, more than 12.5 million people have been diagnosed, and millions more may have the disease without even knowing it. While there is no cure, knowing COPD's early warning signs can lead to earlier treatment and may prevent its progression.
The American Lung Association, funded with support from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, is sharing the following insights to help Americans recognize the warning signs of COPD and take action:
Early Warning Signs of COPD
Not everyone has the same COPD symptoms, but some of the more common early warn-

The Daily Almanac

- Sunrise/Sunset
RISE: 6:44 a.m.
SET: 8:37 p.m.
- High/Low Temperatures
HIGH: 65 °F
LOW: 42 °F
- Today is...
• Astronomy Day
• Zipper Day
- What Happened On This Day
• 1992 Deadly riots erupt in Los Angeles.
• 1945 A day before committing suicide, Adolf Hitler and Eva Braun marry.
- Births On This Day
• 1901 Hirohito Japanese Emperor
• 1899 Duke Ellington American pianist, composer, bandleader
- Deaths On This Day
• 1980 Alfred Hitchcock English director
• 1937 William Gillette American actor, author

Sunscreen Is A Great Start To Skin Protection. But Don't Stop There

(StatePoint) The warm weather months serve as an important reminder that the choices you make can help you keep your skin healthy and reduce your risk of developing skin cancer. Experts say that your routine can and should go beyond simply wearing sunscreen.
"Taking care of your skin is absolutely essential no matter your age, skin color, or what time of year it is," says New York City dermatologist, Dr. Rachel Nazarian. "Shielding your skin from damage from the sun and other sources of free radical production will not only help you look and feel your best in the years ahead, it will ultimately help prevent skin cancer."
As you hit up the pool, the beach, the backyard and more this season, here are four skin protection tips to keep in mind:
1. Do the basics. Use a broad-spectrum sunscreen daily. It's one of the most basic steps you can take to protect your skin. Be diligent about application and reapply as needed throughout the day, following the directions of the product you're using.

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HONEST HOOSIER
The NFL is making things longer and Major League Baseball is making games shorter. What's wrong with this picture?

TODAY'S QUOTE
"You'll never get ahead of anyone as long as you try to get even with him."
-Lou Holtz

TODAY'S HEALTH TIP
Be consistent when disciplining your children - they need know their boundaries.
Today's health tip was brought to you by Dr. John Roberts. Be sure to catch his column each week in The Times and online at www.thetimes24-7.com

TODAY'S JOKE
Where can planets update their status? Their Spacebook account.

OBITUARIES
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OBITUARIES

Beverly Irene "Bev" Kinkead

August 10, 1946, Thursday, April 20, 2023

Beverly Irene "Bev" Kinkead, age 76, of Sheridan, Indiana, passed away on Thursday evening, April 20, 2023, at Majestic Care of Sheridan. Born August 10, 1946, in Colfax, Indiana, she was the daughter of the late John Harley and Altha (Craven) Mulder.



She was a graduate of Colfax High School. Bev was a tinkerer; she was always doing something with her hands and had half a dozen projects going at the same time. She always looked forward to spring, as that was the time to get the garden started and ready for her cherry tomatoes. She also loved fussing around with the dogs and cats. One of the things she loved the most was working out in the garage with her family. Fixing things was the family business, and Bev got her hands dirty right along with the boys. For years, she helped her husband, Smiley, and later her son Terry, fix anything that rolled in at Kinkead's Garage, although Bev was always partial to working on the cars. As age took its toll on Bev's health, she still stayed active, just at a slower pace. She fell in love with making craft jewelry and always had a puzzle or two in the works. Bev also enjoyed doing paint-by-numbers art; she would give completed projects to the residents and staff at Majestic Care of Sheridan, a beautiful way of letting them know that she was thinking of them.

Beverly is survived by her son, Johnny Ray Kinkead of New Castle; 5 grandchildren, Dawn Marie Kinkead, Anthony Ryan Isaacs, Melisa Dian Isaacs, Jacob Warren Kinkead (Dawn), and Jasmine Danielle Kinkead-Diaz; 8 great grandchildren, Chandler Ray, Meech, Jah, Khari, Kyree, Isaiah, Liam, and Landon; 3 brothers, Jack Mulder of Tell City, Indiana, Frank Mulder of Newark, California, and Jerry Mulder of Lafayette; 3 sisters, Betty Coffman of Arizona, Joan Mooney of Frankfort, and Verna Freels of Lafayette; sister-in-law, Marlene Burroughs (Ronald) of Sheridan; brothers-in-law, Larry Kinkead of Sheridan, Randy Kinkead (Marilyn) of Sheridan, and Rex Kinkead (Roberta) of Lebanon; former daughter-in-law, Lisa Marie (Isaacs) Kinkead; and many, many, nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, John Harley and Altha (Craven) Mulder; daughter, Anna Marie Kinkead; son, Terry Warren Kinkead; grandson, Timmy Kinkead; sister, Delores Rose Price; brothers-in law, Kevin Kinkead, Sr., and Charlie Kinkead (and wife, A. Jannett Kinkead); sister-in-law, Marcia Ann Duncan (and husband, Kenny); and by her husband, Jerry Warren "Smiley" Kinkead on September 1, 2019.

She and Smiley were married on November 19, 1965.

Services will be held at 2:00 pm on Monday, May 1, 2023, at Kercheval Funeral Home, 306 E. 10th Street, Sheridan, Indiana. Burial will follow at Wright-Bethel Cemetery in Waugh, Indiana. Pastor Josh Kennedy will be officiating. Visitation will take place at the funeral home from 5:00-7:00 pm on Sunday, April 30, 2023, and from noon until the time of service on Monday.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be presented to the Alzheimer's Association.

Donald Rainwater Announces 2024 Candidacy for Governor Seeking Better Government, not Bigger Government

Donald Rainwater declared he will run for governor of Indiana in 2024. The announcement was made today on WIBC 93.1 FM on The Kendall and Casey Show. Rainwater was the 2020 Libertarian gubernatorial candidate. Rainwater will focus on education reform, tax reform, and administrative reform.

Rainwater believes parents know what is best for their children. According to Donald, "Hoosier parents, not the government, deserve to make the choice where their children go to school."

Taxes are too high in Indiana. Rainwater seeks to improve government so taxes can be lowered without putting anyone at risk. "We need to shrink government responsibly and provide Hoosiers a leaner more efficient government," says Rainwater.

Donald Rainwater's 2020 gubernatorial campaign drew a record-breaking 11.4% of the vote, the highest ever in Indiana by

a Libertarian statewide candidate in a three-way race.

His message, then and now, is that a smaller government is best. "We need to get the government out of people's way and let them control their own lives."

Rainwater understands that the purpose of government is to protect people's rights and provide a system of justice when problems arise. "Hoosiers don't need the government to run their lives. They need opportunity and a small, efficient government will create that. We need Better Government, NOT Bigger Government."

Donald Rainwater is a lifelong Hoosier. He is a certified Project Management Professional and has spent the past 20 years as a software engineer. Donald and his wife have a blended family that includes six children and three grandchildren.

You can find out more about his campaign at RainwaterforIndiana.com



The Times photo by Betsy Reason

Chris Oukada of Noblesville (left) and Drew Dial of Real Broker LLC, located in Fishers, talk to Noblesville High School students about real-estate careers during Thursday's Hire-A-Miller Job Fair at NHS.



The Times photo by Betsy Reason

Ott Equipment employee Alicia Hughes and Noblesville High School intern Elliott Soderberg greet Noblesville High School students during Thursday's Hire-A-Miller Job Fair at NHS. Hughes is the daughter of the company's owner, Jack Ott.

Hiring Fair Invites NHS Students To Learn About Job Opportunities



BETSY REASON
From The Editor's Desk...

Thursday's Hire-A-Miller Job Fair at Noblesville High School allowed students to learn about an array of local job opportunities.

About 30 employers set up booths in the front hallway of the high school and invited students to visit each and ask questions and learn more about each of the employers.

Students learned about summer job offerings as well as full-time job opportunities for those looking to learn a trade.

At the White River Canoe Co. booth, owner Brian Cooley said he usually hires more than 40 teens as temporary help for the summer. "On any given time, we'll have 18-24 on staff working on a Saturday and a Sunday (the company's busiest time)."

What's the hourly wage? "We're starting kids this summer at \$14," Cooley said. "I put in a bonus, paying kids, once they get to a certain point ... If a kid started out at \$14 an hour this summer and worked 30 hours (per week) all the way through Labor Day, they'd make about \$8,000." Request a job application by emailing info@whiterivercanoe.com.

Amber Tooley greeted students at the Primrose School of Noblesville booth. "We are looking to hire students who are working with children (early childhood, infants through kindergarten and after school to age 12."

Kat Lee sat at the Lowe's Home Improvement booth sharing information about part-time employment at the store. "We will start at \$14.50 and up. "For summer employment, we're looking for someone who can pull about 15-20 hours and help outside with garden

loading, plants, watering, getting shopping carts and bringing them back in," she said. "...If they work for the company for 90 days or more, they can apply for a (college) tuition payback."

Ed Hall said at specialty contractors Browning Chapman, "We're looking for employees that would be willing to work Monday through Friday, we do work weekends, we do a lot of traveling, if they're interested in that." There's concrete-removal replacement, waterproofing, specialty coatings work. "We're looking for people who want to come in, and start young, hopefully," Hall said. "We train. We'll teach them as they grow, move up through the company. It's a good place to work, a lot of good benefits, a lot of good pay. If you're starting out, say as summertime work, you're probably looking at \$18 to \$20 (per hour). If you're looking at full-time work, you'll start out at least \$20 (per hour) and need and hopefully get raises." New employees learn about products. "We teach," he said. "As they learn, they will definitely make more money with more responsibility, to move up to foreman, super(visor), estimator project manager," said Hall. "That's exactly how I started. I started when I was 19, and I worked my way up through the business, and look at where I'm at now." He's an estimator project manager. "I did this right out of school."

At the Urban Air booth, general manager Gregory Deye said the entertainment business is seeking employees ages 15 and older who love working with kids. "We start at \$9 per hour, but there's an opportunity to earn more than that," he said. Starting jobs would be as a team member, working on the attractions ... also working with birthday parties to deliver an experience." Urban Air is seeking at least 100 kids (to work the summer), he said. "We're the largest employer in Hamilton County for young adults."

At the Taco Bell booth, representing the two No-

blesville stores, employees said they try to hire 15 to 20 youth each summer per store. Starting pay is \$12 per hour for those 16 and older. "We offer free meals, daily pay, scholarship opportunities," said Katelyn Doss, an employee who manned the booth with two other employees.

Chris Oukada of Noblesville, and Drew Dial, of REAL Broker LLC, were seeking young people "with an enthusiastic entrepreneurial spirit to consider real estate as a career," Oukada said. "We think that is an accessible choice for young people that can be taken on in conjunction with higher education or another job as a means to supplement income or, of course, they can lean into a full-time career as a Realtor, and the sky is the limit as far as earning potential." Oukada and Dial were trying to create awareness to any high schoolers who are or soon will be the state-required age of 18 and would be interested in taking a state-required course and exam to come join their group at Real Broker.

At American Senior Communities booth, Riverwalk Village in Noblesville is seeking summer employees and those who want to start their medical career as a nurse's aide, to learn how to take care of geriatric patients, employees can also be trained and certified CNA. There are openings in housekeeping and kitchen opportunities for ages 16 and older during the summer, said employee Laura Brown.

Jason Beck of Beck's Hybrids is hiring summer help at the Atlanta, Ind., business. "For the summer pollinator opportunity, ages 14 and older, basically field work, walking out in the corn fields. Still have detasseling. The machines have taken a lot of it, but not all of it," Beck said. Starting pay is \$12 per hour.

Courtney Reeves, talent acquisition leader at Helmer Scientific, said, for high school-level students, job openings would be for anyone interested in manufacturing as a career. It could be something they could continue with,

she said. Starting pay is \$16-\$17 per hour. Helmer will probably hire about a dozen people this summer.

Ott Equipment employee Alicia Hughes and Noblesville High School intern Elliott Soderberg greeted NHS students at Thursday's job fair. Hughes is the daughter of Jack Ott, owner of the company. "We advertise our starting pay at \$18 to \$26 per hour," she said. "We need people that are 18 in order to drive our trucks. "But we are accepting someone a little younger to stay back at the shop. They would load and unload trucks, and we teach them how to work a forklift, they'd help us out with inventory and parts," Hughes said.

Robert Lopez works for Summers Plumbing, Heating and Cooling, as director of training development. "As a trade, we'll hire people straight from high school," he said. "What I'm looking for is somebody who has a very positive attitude about wanting to help people but who also wants to work with their hands," he said. "To be successful in plumbing or heating and cooling, it's a very specific and interesting mix of what you have to be good at," Lopez said. "You make a lot of money while you're helping people."

Lopez can often determine if a student has a desire and is focused on asking the right questions. "I'm not interested in the kid who just wants a summer job, and then he's done," Lopez said. "But there are a lot of kids who simply don't know what they want to do in their life. I'm very interested in the kid who would like to explore."

The Times newspaper also had a booth at the hiring fair, seeking summer help in the office, answering the phone, and also doing some writing for the newspaper. The Times is also seeking advertising sales representatives.

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Chamber T's Off Again!

Get ready to tee off with the Westfield Chamber of Commerce's 20th Annual Golf Outing on May 15, presented by Abbott, Bondry Consulting, and Community First Bank of Indiana at The Club at Chatham Hills in Westfield, Indiana!

This event is open to all companies in Hamilton County, with a special discounted rate for Westfield Chamber Partners. The Golf Outing is much more than just a chance to hit the links. It's an opportunity for community and business leaders to network, discover what makes Westfield thrive in Central Indiana, and learn about the businesses that serve the community.

About the Course

The City of Westfield is fortunate to have two private golf courses and clubs, The Club at Chatham Hills is Westfield's newest located hidden along the tree-adorned rolling hills and winding creeks, The Club at Chatham Hills has emerged. Filled with history, this land has been passed down for eight generations and was originally purchased as a part of the Northwest Territory. The story of Chatham Hills is still being written.

Golfer Information

Prices include a round of golf on the Pete Dye-designed 18-Hole

Championship Course. Additionally, golfers have two-hour access to the practice range before the Golf Outing begins, two golf carts per foursome, a free Bloody Mary Bar, a lunch buffet before the shotgun start, complimentary beverages throughout the day, and a ticket to the 19th Hole Reception sponsored by Moyer Fine Jewelers at the end of the day, where golfers will have the opportunity to win excellent prizes from the 18-hole sponsors. It is also where we will announce our 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners and present a cash prize and the prized Dimple Cup to the winning team. Proceeds from this event support the Westfield Chamber of Commerce.

Here are the 2023 golf packages available:

- Foursome Team - \$1,600 Partner / \$2,600 Non-Partner 4 players included; 2 golf carts
- Three Player Team - \$1,200 Partner / \$1,950 Non-Partner 3 players included, plus 1 golfer assigned to the team; 2 golf carts
- Two Player Team - \$800 Partner / \$1,300 Non-Partner 2 players included, plus 2 golfers assigned to the team; 2 golf carts
- Individual Golfer - \$400 Partner / \$650 Non-Partner 1 player included; will be assigned to a team to create a foursome.

Shared golf cart
Golf Outing Itinerary
9:00 am - Golfer Check-In Opens
10:00 am - Hole Sponsor Check-In Opens
9:00 - 11:00 am - Coffee & Donuts Welcome Table (Sponsor: Available)
9:00 - 11:30 am - Driving Range Open (Sponsor: Available)
9:00 - 11:30 am - Bloody Mary Bar (Sponsor: Your CBD Store Westfield)
11:30 am - Golfer Check-In Closes
11:00 - 11:40 am - Golfer Lunch (Sponsor: Available)
11:40 am - Westfield Chamber Welcome Remarks
11:50 am - Golfers Depart for Holes
12:00 - 4:00 pm - Golf Outing at Chatham Hills; Shotgun Start
4:00 - 6:00 pm - 19th Hole Reception (Sponsor: Moyer Fine Jewelers)

Volunteer at the Outing

We have an opportunity for the non-golfers in your office to participate. To pull off a successful Golf Outing, the Westfield Chamber needs more than two dozen volunteers on the day of the event. We will need help checking people in, help to marshal the sponsors to their holes, driving volunteers on the course, ground support across the course, 19th Hole Reception set up, and much more.



Photo courtesy of Hamilton Heights Schools and Jen Kauffman

Hamilton Heights' senior Jimmy Lacey has signed a letter of intent to wrestle for the Marian University Knights in Indianapolis, Indiana. Lacey (seated) is pictured with his coaches (l-r), Bruce O'Neal, Rodney Case, Trezdon O' Neal, Kolton Myers, and Gary Myers.

Lacey Signs To Wrestle At Marian University

James "Jimmy" Lacey, Hamilton Heights' senior, has signed a letter of intent to wrestle for Marian University in Indianapolis, Indiana. Marian University is a member of the Crossroads League and is a NAIA athletic institution. He is the son of Rebecca and Josh Hobensack.

Marian University offered Jimmy Lacey everything he was looking for to pursue a degree in sports performance and wrestle at the collegiate level. Its campus, sports medicine program, and wrestling program felt like a place he would fit in and be successful in the classroom and on the mat.

Lacey, a multisport student-athlete (baseball and wrestling), excelled

as a wrestler in the 170 lb. weight class. "He was a two-time wrestling sectional champion, one time conference wrestling champion, regional runner up champion, and a two-time semi state qualifier in wrestling. He caught the attention of the competition and college coaches.

Lacey, who is interested in a career in law enforcement, said he has looked forward to wrestling season every year throughout high school. He spent the off season working out, building his skill and agility, and participating in tournaments to be ready to compete each spring. He credits his coaches and teammates for their support and

encouragement on the mat and in the classroom.

"Jimmy Lacey was a refreshing surprise at Hamilton Heights," said Gary Myers, Hamilton Heights Head Wrestling Coach. "He completed our team in all areas. We are so excited that he chose to wrestle at the next level! I speak for the whole coaching staff! We are very proud of him!"

"Jimmy received this opportunity through all the hard work he committed to the program," added Hamilton Heights Athletic Director, Kurt Ogden. "He is arguably the most improved wrestler in the program since his freshman year. We are ecstatic that he gets the opportunity to wrestle at Marian University."

Letters

Mental Health Group Thanks Legislators

Dear Editor,

The Indiana Council and its 24 Community Mental Health Centers are thankful for the work that our legislators did with SB 1. This bill is the most influential piece of legislation related to behavioral health in recent times since it gives the structure of 988, coordinated crisis response and the building blocks of the infrastructure for CCBHC across the state long-term. We are especially grateful to Senator Mike Crider and Representative Anne Vermilion for carrying this important piece of legislation.

While we are grateful to the legislature for this significant investment in behavioral health. We

are looking forward to working with them in the next session to develop a sustainable funding source that will allow for the full roll out of CCBHC and crisis response in Indiana. We will continue to work closely with the legislature to ensure Hoosiers have access to the care they need when they need it.

The Council is looking forward to continuing the discussion about how we build a sustainable infrastructure by building on SB 1 with ongoing policy changes and investments in the health infrastructure.

Zoe Frantz
CEO / President
Indiana Council of
Community Mental Health
Centers

Mayor Jensen Statement On Today's Court Hearing

"Today, Hamilton County Circuit Court Judge Paul Felix conducted a hearing to review the potential release of the perpetrator of the 2018 shooting at Noblesville West Middle School, who has been in custody since the incident in May 2018. Charged as a juvenile, the shooter is now 18 years old and eligible for release from the juvenile detention center.

At the conclusion of the hearing, Judge Felix made the following ruling:

- The delinquent will remain in the care and control of the Hamilton County Juvenile Detention Center.
- A psychological assessment will be conducted by a Department of Child Services authorized provider.
- The court will meet again to review the release eligibility following the completion of the assessment and findings.

I wanted to share this update with our community so you are aware and informed of the updated legal status of this case. I know the actions of that day still impact countless individuals and families.

Noblesville Schools Superintendent Dr. Daniel Hile and I are in regular communication regarding this and other topics that impact our entire community. The Noblesville Police Department also has been working closely with school district officials and Noblesville Schools communicated plans to their parents and staff last week.

We continue to partner with fellow law enforcement agencies and Noblesville Schools to proactively monitor this situation to ensure the safety of our community and its residents."

Mayor Chris Jensen
City of Noblesville

Sheridan Public Library May Events

Babies + Toddlers:
May 4, 11, 18, 25 |
11am Discovery Time (ages 0-2)

May 18 | 10am
Skeeter the Clown- Fun introduction to the upcoming circus

Preschool:
May 5, 12, 19, 26 |
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Chaotic, Twelfth-Hour Push Nets \$312M Increase For Traditional K-12

By Whitney Downard & Casey Smith
Indiana Capital Chronicle

Outrage from public school officials over dismal funding in the next two-year state budget prompted lawmakers to add a twelfth-hour K-12 spending boost in Indiana's spending plan in a chaotic final day that yielded several so-called 'final' draft budgets.

Even as rumors circulated for hours midday, Republican leadership declined to identify the hold-up, not publicizing the last version's release until 9 p.m. — with the General Assembly fielding calls and emails into the early hours of Friday morning.

Under pressure from their members, Republican leaders opted to decrease the amount dedicated to paying down the Pre-1996 Teacher Retirement Fund — the state's only unfunded debt obligation. Rather than the \$1 billion previously allotted, that fund will now receive an additional \$700 million in the coming biennium.

Sen Pro Tem Rodric Bray, R-Martinsville, said issues with the final budget came when trying to combine the Senate and House versions of the budget, which took different approaches to

education funding. "The bottom line is that there was a misunderstanding in the way we had it drafted and so when we took a look at the school runs, it wasn't what we intended to have happen," Bray said. "There wasn't as much money in there for the traditional public schools and so we had to start over."

The budget advanced on a 70-27 vote in the House, with one Democrat — Rep. Rita Fleming, D-Jeffersonville — joining Republicans to pass the measure.

Across the Statehouse, the diversion of school funding to vouchers is what prompted Sen. Vaneta Becker, R-Evansville, to vote against the budget. Another Republican senator, the embattled Mike Young, announced from the podium that he wouldn't be staying to vote and left just before 1:30 a.m.

Even without their votes, the budget passed the Senate on a 39-10 vote, with Sen. David Niezgodski, D-South Bend, voting yes.

"It's not just your average ordinary typical two-year budget. It's a generational impact budget," said Gov. Eric Holcomb at a 3 a.m. press

conference. "Its policies and plans can be viewed as we do as a blueprint for growth."

What's in it for education? Republican budget writers announced Wednesday they would earmark more than \$1 billion for a major school voucher expansion. With that move, GOP leaders touted an 8% increase in overall K-12 tuition support formula over the biennium but voucher funding would grow 69% the first year and 14% the second year.

That prompted a flurry of pressure from public school officials Wednesday night. Denny Costerison, executive director of the Indiana Association of School Business Officials, told the Indiana Capital Chronicle those school funding projections showed that about 75% of Hoosier school districts would receive funding increases of less than 2% in the budget's second year.

Late Thursday, legislative leaders announced a last-minute change to the budget, however, in an effort to ease backlash. Multiple lawmakers were also reportedly unhappy to learn that their school districts received so little money after the voucher

expansion. Now, those per student funding increases have improved somewhat to 5.3% in the first year, and then to 1.8% the next. With the change, schools will see \$8.84 billion for tuition support in fiscal year 2024, and \$9.03 billion in fiscal year 2025.

That's \$312.1 million more over the biennium — an additional \$148 million in year one of the budget, and \$164 million the second — compared to the earlier draft of the budget. Since vouchers get a portion of this funding, their spending also increased.

At his own local schools in Fort Wayne, House Minority Leader Phil GiaQuinta said school funding increased by 1.6% the first year and actually decreased by 0.6% in the second year.

"Last week, we find out we have \$1.5 billion extra and my school district is losing money. Even with the additional funds (the second year is) negative 0.4%," GiaQuinta said. "There's no doubt that played a part into some of the last-minute scrambling over extra dollars."

What about that pay raise?

But the state's highest offices still got a significant pay raise in the latest version of the

budget — even though the language never got any public vetting during the chaotic final hours.

"We wanted to put them on par with the other leaders in government, like the Chief Justice," Huston said. "I think the (Attorney General) salary ends up being comparable to a prosecutor salary and... the Senate brought the language and we agreed it probably needed to be changed and this was the opportunity to change it."

Huston said the Senate had previously discussed salary increases but hadn't quite settled on language before senators introduced their version of the budget a few weeks ago.

"I think there's been a lot of conversation over the years about the disproportionate pay of our elected officials," Huston said.

The salary of the state's highest court is currently at \$198,513.

The budget also includes Gov. Eric Holcomb's compensation package to increase pay for the typical state employee by 5%. And a separate provision increases starting salaries for state troopers to \$70,000 per year.

But not everyone was happy with the pay raise language.

Lt. Gov. Suzanne Crouch, whose office would get a 60% bump, signaled her disapproval for the process, which didn't receive any public vetting.

"If it's something that's important to do, and if the work we do really reflects a higher salary — which I'm not arguing against — it should be part of the process," Crouch said. "It should be... discussed and vetted and people should be able to weigh in."

Crouch is running for governor in 2024, an office that will get a 48% raise. The raises go into effect on Jan. 1, 2025 at the end of the current term.

Bray said that those offices were "woefully underpaid" in comparison to other states.

"Not a one of them asked for it," Bray said. "Frankly, it was a fairly easy decision."

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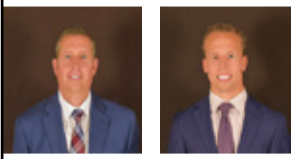
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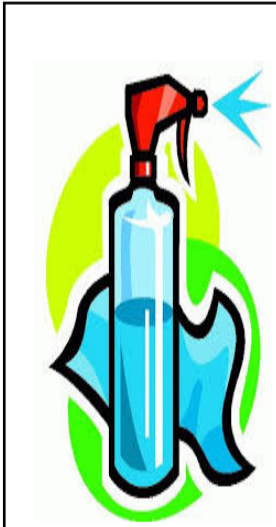
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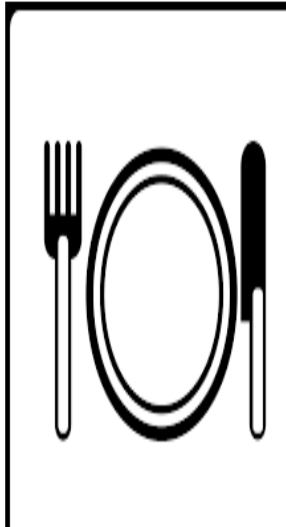


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ing signs and symptoms may include shortness of breath, a cough that may bring up mucus or phlegm, chest tightness, fatigue and reoccurring lung infections. People may think these symptoms are because of aging, smoking or being out of shape and become less active to avoid experiencing them. These signs and symptoms shouldn't be ignored. Speak with your healthcare provider if you experience any of these symptoms and discuss any activities you are avoiding due to breathing difficulties.

Risk Factors and Diagnosis

Anyone can develop COPD, but people aged 40 or older and those who smoke or used to smoke are at higher risk. Cigarette smoking is the leading cause of COPD, however 1 in 4 people with COPD never smoked cigarettes. Secondhand smoke, air pollution, workplace exposures to dust, fumes and chemicals, and a genetic condition called alpha-1 antitrypsin deficiency (AATD) are also causes and risk factors for COPD.

People are often diagnosed at later stages of COPD when the disease has progressed because they delayed sharing their early symptoms with their healthcare provider. Everyone with risk factors and those experiencing early warning signs should talk to their healthcare provider about any breathing issues. It's especially important for women to do so. Because COPD has been historically thought of as a "man's disease" or an "old person's disease," women are sometimes misdiagnosed or receive a delayed diagnosis. But overall, more women are affected by COPD than

men and the death rate is higher in women. In addition, women tend to develop the disease at a younger age.

To diagnose COPD, the healthcare provider will evaluate symptoms, gather a complete health history, conduct a health exam and perform a pulmonary function test called spirometry. The results of the spirometry test can determine if you have COPD.

Lifestyle Changes

In addition to treatment, certain lifestyle changes may make a difference, as patients living with COPD know firsthand. After being diagnosed with stage 2 COPD in the wake of a COVID-19 infection, Bob F. partnered with his doctor and started monitoring his breathing at home and leaned into exercise. His hard work has paid off, with his last pulmonary function test showing that the disease has not progressed, and he is in better overall shape than before.

"Most of the advice you should follow is no different than what doctors tell us all. Eat right, exercise, sleep, drink plenty of water, manage your weight and don't smoke. If you do these things, you may slow the progression of your COPD," says Bob.

But you shouldn't wait until a COPD diagnosis to make these changes. Lifestyle changes like quitting smoking, avoiding secondhand smoke and reducing your exposure to air pollution may reduce your risk for developing COPD. If you are experiencing shortness of breath or other respiratory symptoms, do not delay talking to your healthcare provider about your symptoms or COPD risk factors. For more information about COPD, visit Lung.org/COPD.

Janus Photography Show

Janus Developmental Services, Inc. is inviting you to The Janus Photography Show Open House on Tuesday May 16th from 10 am - 2 pm at 1555 Westfield Road, Noblesville, IN 46062.

The event will showcase 100 framed photographs that were taken by Janus participants over the last year. The frames were created and hand-painted by participants. Partial funding for the photography offering was made possible from an Indiana Art Commission: Arts Project Support Grant. This grant made it possible for Janus participants to access a professional camera and to partner with a local photographer, Daniel Grose, who provided excellent education on the basics of photography as well as assisted during photo-shoots in the community. Participants went to

every corner of the county to take photos throughout Hamilton County such as Noblesville, Fishers, Carmel, Westfield, Cicero, Sheridan, Arcadia, etc. This exhibit is occurring in celebration of National Photography Month (May) and its intent is to showcase the talents and skills of people of all abilities, regardless of intellectual or developmental differences.

The framed photos will be on display and for sale during the month of May. To assure the framed photos are available for the public to see during the full month, we will make arrangements for sold items to be available after June 1st.

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the way, is the same percentage as was the case among blacks back in 1965. Since 65, we launched a so-called war on poverty and have spent over \$20 trillion. What we've done is incentivize women to marry the government and incentivize men to abandon their financial responsibility. Barack Obama once said, in one of his more candid moments, a kid raised without a father is far more likely to be poor and commit crime, nine times more likely to drop out of school and 20 times more likely to end up in jail. We do not talk enough about this."

Elder, who ran for Governor of California in 2021, pointed out that homelessness has reached epidemic proportions in that state. "Most of the people who are homeless are people who are on substances or are mentally ill. The issue is mental health. And the question is, what do we do about it? We need to have therapy. We need to have the availability of counseling for people and they need to get off the streets."

State Cracks Down on Sex Offenders

The Attorney General's office won a federal appeals case this week that will help protect Hoosiers from dangerous predators who have committed sex crimes.

On Thursday, the 7th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals rejected a constitutional challenge to Indiana's Sex Offender Registration Act (SORA).

"We're talking about a law that not only is clearly constitutional but also vital to public safety," Attorney General Todd Rokita said. "Few priorities are more pressing than protecting women, children and all Hoosiers from sex predators. The court has affirmed the validity of a law rooted in basic common sense and prudent policymaking."

Under SORA, sex offenders who have been

One of the things that's happened in California is that citizens with the best of intentions under the guise of judicial reform passed something called Proposition 47. What cops have told me and what the former sheriff of L.A. County told me is that the solution is you either get them off the streets and put them into rehab or send them to jail."

But, Elder noted, Proposition 47 prohibits that approach with the result that police can no longer threaten to put somebody in jail and so homelessness has increased dramatically. "We need to make counseling available, housing available. But once we've done that, people must get off the streets. I've been told that every homeless woman has been raped at least one time." To say the least, living that way "is unhygienic for them and for the people who live in those communities who have to walk by them, including kids going to and from school. It's a huge, huge problem that we have in our country regarding mental illness."

required to register in another jurisdiction and who live, work or study in Indiana must register as sex offenders. SORA also imposes other public safety requirements to protect children from particularly dangerous predators.

The Seventh Circuit's decision prevents the sex offenders who challenged SORA from evading its requirements.

Rokita thanked his staff for their diligent work on this case — including Deputy Solicitor General James Barta, who presented the state's oral argument.

"We're pleased that the court recognized Indiana has a legitimate interest in registering as many sex offenders as it can," Barta said. "This decision will help state officials protect the public."

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2. Go above and beyond. UV rays from sun exposure are a major cause of skin cancer because they produce free radicals. The good news? You can neutralize their negative effects with a daily supplement that has antioxidant properties, such as Heliocare Daily Use Antioxidant Formula. Each dose of Heliocare -- a dermatologist-recommended, natural daily supplement -- has 240mg of Fernblock PLE technology, an exclusive extract with antioxidant properties from the Polypodium Leucotomos plant. Studies have shown that Polypodium Leucotomos helps to counteract free radicals and decrease their damaging effects.

"Taking a supplement such as Heliocare is a great idea, because unlike sunscreen, it doesn't wash away," says Dr. Nazarian. "Incorporating it into your morning routine along with your SPF can help you start the day with peace of mind."

3. Reduce exposure. You can greatly reduce

your sun exposure by choosing to be in the shade while you're outdoors, and by wearing a hat and protective clothing. These days, there are special UPF fabrics to consider that offer UV protection. Simply wearing long, loose-fitting clothing that covers your arms and legs can also make a big difference in keeping you cool and protected.

4. Don't wait. Finally, don't wait for a special occasion such as a beach or pool day to take precautions. Exposure to the sun and other damaging elements happens all the time, even when you're indoors. So be sure to protect your skin from the inside out every day, this season, and beyond.

To learn more and to access additional skin care information, visit heliocare.com.

As you enjoy a season of sun, take care of your long-term health and wellness. Adopt a skin protection regimen and be sure to keep it up all year long.

Who Says A Sledding Hill Is Only Good For Snow? Not At Simon Moon Park!

Westfield Welcome is excited to announce that Simon Summer Sledding, presented by Wittler Orthodontics, returns on Saturday, June 10th.

This fun summer sledding event lets participants beat the heat and cool off at the sledding hill at Simon Moon Park (3044 E 171st Street). Slide down the tarp while getting sprayed by hoses from our Westfield Fire Department!

Tickets go on sale on

Monday, May 1st, and are \$10 per car. There are three 90-minute sessions beginning at 10 a.m. Food vendors will also be on-site.

Parking will be available at the Westfield City Services Building (2728 E. 171st Street), adjacent to the park; the parking lot at Simon Moon Park will not be accessible.

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Healthy Habits for Your Home

FAMILY FEATURES

If you're like most Americans, health is an important aspect of your resolutions when each new year rolls around. While factors like diet and exercise are keys to healthy living, so are the ways you care for your home and belongings.

Your home living environment plays a major role in your health and comfort, so incorporating some new habits like these from the cleaning experts at Swash Laundry Detergent can help you establish a healthier lifestyle.

Control Air Quality

Especially during the winter months when your home tends to be closed tight, air can grow stale. Do your best to keep air quality strong by opening windows on mild days to circulate fresh air, using an air purifier to remove irritants and pollutants, frequently vacuuming and sweeping to keep floor dust and debris under control and regularly cleaning textiles that can trap allergens and other particles.

Scale Back Detergent Use

Using too much laundry detergent isn't just risking buildup and unnecessary wear on your washer and dryer; it can also increase

the residue and buildup in your clothes, which can lead to skin irritation and damage fabric faster. Using only what you need helps protect your belongings and your skin. An option like Swash Laundry Detergent, which features a Precision Pour Cap, dispenses the detergent for you, so you only pour what you need to effectively clean each load and fight stains. A single bottle of the ultra-concentrated formula – available in Simply Sunrise, Free & Clear and Pure Linen scents – washes up to 83 loads while taking up less space than traditional, bulky detergent bottles.

Make Use of Natural Light

When winter brings day after day of dark, dreary weather, it can take a toll on your mood. Brightening your living space with natural light can positively influence your emotional state while helping with your electric bill. If you're concerned about privacy, utilize window treatments at night, but let the sunlight bring good cheer to your living spaces during the day.

Switch Bedding on Schedule

While you sleep, your body sheds oils, cells and elements you carry into your home like pollen. Sheets should be washed once a

week on the hottest water setting your fabric will tolerate (check tags for laundering directions on your sheets before washing). If your schedule makes weekly washing, drying and remaking the bed unrealistic, consider having a couple sets you can rotate so you always have fresh, clean sheets waiting to remake your bed on laundry day.

Work Up (and Wash Out) a Sweat

The materials that keep you feeling cool and fresh by wicking away sweat can quickly get stinky, but over-washing can make them lose their shape and fade. Even so, washing after every use is a must. Washing workout clothes inside out exposes the surfaces that have absorbed sweat and body oil to detergent and agitation. Be sure to close zippers, buttons, clasps and other fasteners to prevent snags. Pre-soaking with equal parts vinegar and cold water can also help eliminate odors, and washing in a gentle, cold-water cycle and drying on low heat can help protect the fabric's elasticity and wicking properties.

Start your year off right with more advice for healthy habits around the home at Swash.com.

5 Ideas for an Organized, Intentional Laundry Space

Having an organized and decorated laundry room can ease the weight of your to-do list and the tension you feel from the day-to-day grind. It can also help keep your laundry routine simple, orderly and organized. Consider these tips from the laundry experts at Swash:

1. Think like a minimalist.

Empty your laundry space and sort through what you need and what you don't. Eliminating the extras leaves room to evaluate your space. Consider whether you could organize differently to make frequently used items more accessible and make the most of your storage space. Cutting down on clutter may even make it possible to incorporate shelves or cabinets that add stylish functionality.

2. Update your space with open shelving.

Open laundry shelves offer a sense of more space, and the horizontal lines can lend a sense of calm. For an easy and attractive upgrade, try hanging 2-3 open shelves within easy reach. If you're hesitant about the open feel, limit to just one shelf for the everyday necessities and keep the rest of your laundry supplies out of sight in a complementing cabinet. Baskets offer another option for concealing your belongings, whether you use them on the open shelves or inside cabinets to keep things tidy and clutter-free.

3. Create a practical workspace.

Mundane laundry chores like folding can be more enjoyable when you have a comfortable, dedicated space for the job. An open counter or table that folds down from the wall gives you the surface you need to fold clothing within your laundry space without disrupting the rest of the house. Other ways to add practical space include areas for sorting garments that need special attention and a place to hang items that shouldn't be dried in the dryer.

4. Use colors and materials that evoke calm.

Natural materials and a neutral color palette can lend to a more peaceful space. Lighter neutral colors reduce stress and anxiety, promote relaxation and can even make a space feel more expansive. For a calm, refreshing area, start with a base of white then add natural textures like woven baskets, faux or real plants and marble stone accents in the tile flooring or backsplash. Add a calming color like blue to evoke the tranquility of the sky or ocean, or consider green to incorporate the soothing effects of nature.

5. Invest in products that bring you joy.

Choose quality pieces that aren't overly trendy and will stand the test of time. Consider how your investment of laundry decor, including your washer and dryer, will serve you in the space in the coming years.



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