

TODAY'S VERSE

Philippians 3:10 That I may know him, and the power of his resurrection, and the fellowship of his sufferings, being made conformable unto his death.

Meet Nussy



Nussy is a 2 year old female American pit bull terrier mix available for adoption that has been at AWL since 1/28/23. Nussy is a playful gal that loves going out for walks, playing fetch, and looking super cute. Nussy is people selective and sensitive to smells/scents. AWL uses ONLY unscented laundry detergent as Nussy gets dermatitis. Fragrances, preservatives, dyes, and other chemicals in laundry detergent can cause rashes in people and pets. A meet and greet for all members of the family (people & pets) is required to ensure she's found her perfect match! Nussy is looking for her best friend! Could that be you? Nussy is available to foster, adopt, or just simply take out for walks (with signed waiver, 18 years or older). Come say hi Monday - Friday from 12:15p-5p or Saturday's from 9:30-3p!

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Ask Rusty – Will IRA Withdrawals Affect My Medicare Premiums?



ASK Rusty
Social Security Advisor

Social Security Matters

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Dear Rusty:

I am a member of AMAC and learn so much from the Ask Rusty column. I hope you can give me some information about a question that has come up in my family. My husband is retired and has reached full retirement age. He is considering withdrawing money from an IRA to pay off our mortgage. We are wondering what, if any, penalties may be incurred on Social Security, Medicare, and income tax. Thank you for your help in this matter.

Signed: Concerned Taxpayer

Dear Concerned:

Thank you for contacting the AMAC Foundation Social Security Advisory Service. Regarding your question on the impact of withdrawing IRA funds, there is no impact to your husband's gross Social Security benefit. The amount withdrawn, of course, is considered ordinary income for federal income tax purposes, and will need to be included as such on your federal income tax return and will therefore

affect your federal income tax liability when you file the return.

Depending on the amount withdrawn, there could be an impact to the Medicare premium due to the Income-Related Monthly Adjustment Amount (IRMAA) provision. Assuming you file jointly, you will pay a higher Medicare Part B premium if your modified adjusted gross income is above certain thresholds (i.e., more than \$103,000 for an individual and \$206,000 for a married couple). Please note that Medicare's procedures will not note this income change for two years, so if you make the withdrawal in 2024 it will not trigger the increases until your 2026 Medicare premiums. A change to your Medicare premium might also result in a change to your net Social Security payment at that time (since Medicare is automatically deducted from your Social Security payment).

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Leaving Town? How to Prep Your Home

(StatePoint) If you're planning to travel this summer, you're in good company. Eighty-two percent of adults in the United States – that's more than 212 million people – are planning on doing the same, according to The Vacationer's summer travel and trends survey. Of course retired Boomers don't have to wait for summer. Regardless of your situation, as you pack your bags, it's important to prepare your home for your absence. While catching some summer sun, you can help protect your home and possessions using these tools and strategies:

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Tips to Have a Safe and Healthy Summer

(StatePoint) Summer is a great time to try new activities and get outdoors, but the season also brings with it unique risks, according to medical experts.

"Regardless of where you are in your fitness journey, the warm weather months offer opportunities to reevaluate your wellness goals for the remainder of the year. But as you and your family get active, it's important to prepare. Understanding water safety and sun safety, and recognizing the signs of heat-related conditions are all critical," says Jesse M. Ehrenfeld, M.D., M.P.H., president of the American

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Local Workforce Program Gets Shot in Arm

The West Central Indiana Career and Technical Education Center which serves Montgomery and Boone counties just got a shot in the arm – a \$175,000 shot.

The center is receiving a grant in that amount from Ascend Indiana, the talent and workforce development initiative of the Central Indiana Corporate Partnership. The location here was one of five around the state. Those other sites are: Eastern Indiana Works (Muncie, Ind.) / East Central Education Service Center (New Castle), Southern Indiana Education Center (Jasper) and Southern Indiana Works (New Albany).

"As we embark on the launch phase of our journey into the youth apprenticeship program, we are grateful to the Walton Family Foundation for their generosity and to Ascend Indiana for their invaluable guidance throughout the process," a press release stated. "Youth apprenticeship programs represent an investment in our youth, our communities, and the future

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How Did Ya' Get a Nickname Like Pony?



I have several wonderments regarding this man, the biggest being, "how did ya' get a nickname like Pony?" Were ya' a fast, runner as a kid? Loved horses? Small? However he acquired the nickname, meet Thomas Nathan Moody, better known as Pony!

Born in Tompkinsville, KY the last day of November 1844, Pony and his parents, Sanford and Alice (Lough) Moody came to the Waveland area when Pony was about 12. Not sure why. Some of Alice's family lived here, but whether they came earlier, later or the same time? Was it turmoil in their land, religious purposes or just felt like headin' north? Anyway, Pony, his parents, brother and family stayed put after that!!

The trek here was interesting! His father and older brother, Foster, drove a team of oxen toting their household goods

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TODAY'S HEALTH TIP

Carrying weights when you walk does not offer much calorie-burning benefit and may result in joint injuries – try walking up hills instead.

Today's health tip was brought to you by Dr. John Roberts. Be sure to catch his column each week in The Paper and online at www.thepaper24-7.com



THREE THINGS You Should Know

- The Poetry Society of Indiana is currently accepting entries for its annual poetry contest. This year's contest features 39 categories, with prize money going to the top three placings in most of them – over \$3,000 in total. The entry fee is \$10 for PSI members and \$15 for non-members. Information about the contest is available at PSI Annual Poetry Contest (poetrysocietyofindiana.org)
- Lake Monroe, the largest lake in Indiana, was recently ranked the most sought-after destinations for a lavish weekend escape in Indiana by CardRates.com in a survey involving 3,000 cardholders. Lake Monroe visits can spend their days fishing, swimming, and waterskiing, with evenings enjoying barbecues on the deck under the stars. A Maui beachfront resort stay in Hawaii ranked tops in the U.S. and was followed by viewing the northern lights in Hot Springs, Alaska and Redwood Forest luxury camping in California.
- Keep America Beautiful reports that "90 percent of Americans agree litter is a problem in their community. One town, Babylon, Long Island, New York, has launched an "Operation Clean" campaign, what you might call a "see how you like it" crusade. It got started with a TV ad featuring a garbage truck dumping its load on the lawn of an alleged particularly barefaced serial litterer.

TODAY'S QUOTE

"It always seems impossible until it's done."
Nelson Mandela

TODAY'S JOKE

What does a cloud wear under its clothes?
Thunderwear.

MONTGOMERY MINUTE

The July Garden of the Month, sponsored by The Flower Lover's Garden Club, is the beautiful garden of Darlisa and Randy Steele's home at 1010 W. Main St. There's an ever-changing landscape moving the containers around to find that "sweet spot" where they will grow best. Whimsical comes to mind when driving by their home where a sign hangs over the front door that says "welcome to our porch," which is bordered by a 20-year-old Japanese maple; both white and pink dogwoods and a redbud tree. For more information about The Flower Lovers Garden Club reach out to (765) 366-6825.

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OBITUARY

Larry Lee Pursell

May 1, 1939 - July 9, 2024

Larry Lee Pursell, age 85, of Crawfordsville, passed away on Tuesday, July 9, 2024, at his home surrounded by his family. He was born in Fillmore on May 1, 1939, to the late Donald and Lucille (Metz) Pursell.



Larry graduated from Russellville High School in 1957. In August of that year, he joined the United States Marine Corps where he served until August 1960. After returning from the service, he went to work at RR Donnelley & Sons, where he worked until his retirement in 1998. In 1961, he met the love of his life, Janet Glascock, of Linden. They married on May 12, 1962. Together they had three children, Terri, Brian, and Christy.

Larry was a member of the old Russellville Christian Church and a Past President of Eagles # 1005. He enjoyed fishing, golfing, reading (when he was able), watching sports and movies. Most importantly, Larry loved watching his grandchildren's sporting events.

Larry will be deeply missed by his wife, Janet; children, Terri (Robert) Jones, Brian (Jennifer) Pursell, and Christy Nine; 10 grandchildren, 4 great-grandchildren; and his beloved German Shepard, Lady.

He was preceded in death by his parents; brother, Dean Allen Pursell; and sisters, Donna Lu Hilgediek and Barbara Mae Redifer.

Larry's family would like to extend a special Thank You to Franciscan Hospice for their care. They would also like to thank the nurses, Natalie, Joe, Lou Ann, and Patty, as well as Jason from Social Services.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made in Larry's memory to Franciscan Hospice, 1501 Hartford Street, Suite G, Lafayette, Indiana 47904.

A visitation will be held for Larry at Sanders Priebe Funeral Care, 315 South Washington Street in Crawfordsville on Saturday, July 20, 2024, from 10:00 am until the time of Memorial Service at 11:00 am. Burial will follow at Oak Hill Cemetery South with Military Honors provided by the United States Marines. Share memories and condolences online at www.SandersFuneralCare.com.

LETTER TO EDITOR

Reader Agrees With Butch

Butch Dale's article about Biden's possible replacement ended with 'I'm just kidding', but it's spot on target.

Very accurate description of the Democrats!
 Keith Krout
 Crawfordsville

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Graphic image courtesy Kattie Mullins, Dolly Parton's Imagination Library

United Way in Montgomery County launched Dolly Parton's Imagination Library in our community last month. In less than two weeks, 700 children in Montgomery County enrolled in the program. That put this community on the Imagination Library's radar and this program was recognized as ninth in the nation for newly registered children. "The Imagination Library sets a goal to have 65 percent of eligible children enrolled in five years," United Way in Montgomery County Director Gina Haile said. "For Montgomery County, that would be 1,450 registrations. We are already half-way there!"

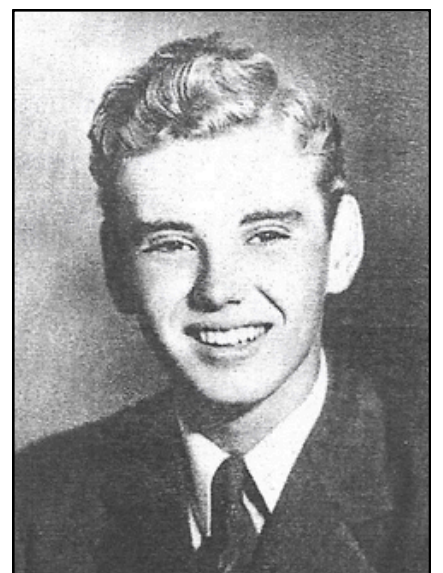
Haile credits the network of moms on Facebook and word of mouth from parents who have long desired for this program to come to Montgomery

County for the record growth. "Reading is crucial to life-long success," Haile continues with her favorite quote from Dolly Parton, "You can never get enough books into the hands of children."

Dolly Parton's Imagination Library provides an efficient and effective strategy to promote literacy and a love of reading. Each month, the Imagination Library will provide one age-appropriate book for each registered child from birth to a child's fifth birthday, absolutely free to the family and mailed directly to the child's home. To register your child, please visit <https://www.uwmontgomery.org/imaginationlibrary>.

The program is funded in part by the Women's Legacy Fund of the Montgomery County Community Foundation.

Butch Dale's Flashback Trivia



Do You Recognize This 1947 Alamo Graduate?

HINT:
 He taught and coached at several small schools here in the county, and ended up his career at Southmont.

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County Legislators Highlight New Laws

As summer kicks off in Indiana, local lawmakers want Hoosiers to know about a wide range of new state laws that took effect this month.

State Rep. Beau Baird (R-Greencastle) said most new laws passed during the 2024 legislative session that took effect July 1, including expanding work-based learning. More Hoosier high school students can apply for a Career Scholarship Account to pursue internships, apprenticeships, and other work-based learning opportunities. The \$5,000 scholarship covers certain expenses like training, career coaching, driver's education, certification and credentialing exams.

"Creating opportunities for high school students to learn more about high-demand career fields and skill up is really essential to them and their future," said Baird, who co-authored the new law.

"I encourage students and their families to check out this scholarship, and local employers can also become program providers and reach the next generation of Hoosier talent. Whether it's boosting our workforce, protecting farmland or increasing election security, we took action on a wide range of issues this year that matter to Hoosiers, and I look forward to seeing them reap the benefits."

"No matter what path young Hoosiers pursue after high school, providing them with more opportunities to explore careers is beneficial to them and our state," said State Rep. Jeff Thompson (R-Lizton), who co-authored the new law. "These scholarships could open more doors for students to discover their passion and be better positioned for the workforce after graduation."

Lawmakers took action on a wide range of hot-

button issues this year like honoring first responders. Indiana will

recognize firefighters, emergency medical responders, law enforcement and other first responders who go above and beyond the call of duty through the creation of the Hoosier First Responder Medal of Honor. The award could also be presented to the families of first responders who made the ultimate sacrifice for our state.

Local lawmakers also highlighted the following new laws:

Preventing Breast Cancer
 According to the American Cancer Society, women with dense breast tissue can be at higher risk for breast cancer and it can be harder to detect. To spread awareness, State Rep. Sharon Negele (R-Attica) authored legislation to inform women with dense breast tissue of their breast density after a



Rep. Beau Baird



Rep. Sharon Negele



Rep. Jeff Thompson

mammogram and receive documentation with more information. "Creating awareness and opportunities for Hoosier women to learn about their breast tissue can save lives," Negele said. "Early detection is key to tackling breast cancer and with more women learning their tissue type and the associated risks, Indiana is ensuring they have the information they need when considering options for screenings and prevention."

Stepping Up For Public Retirees
 Indiana's nearly 90,000 retired public servants like law enforcement and teachers will receive a 13th check to help cover cost-of-living expenses. Existing, dedicated funds will be used to make a one-time, post-retirement payment, which will average about \$360 per recipient.



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1. Leverage technology: The latest technology can streamline your home security and keep you informed of what's going on at home. Philips Hue, known for its premium smart lighting, has recently integrated smart home security into its suite of smart home technology with the introduction of Philips Hue Secure. The brand's all-new Secure cameras keep watch on your home at all times. Featuring a crisp and clear 1080p HD livestream, night vision, and a speaker for two-way talk and sound alarms, these cameras are your eyes and ears when you're not there. Plus, the system's sensors send you an alert and trigger lights as soon as someone opens a window, door, cabinet or safe. With alerts sent straight to your phone, and the ability to manage your system easily from your mobile device using the app, including triggering light or sound alarms, you'll have smart home security in the palm of your hand.

2. Manage lighting: Speaking of smart home lighting, this technology can help give the impression that your home is occupied, helping deter would-be intruders from even stepping onto your property. Use a smart home lighting system to strategically manage settings from your device while you're away.

3. Hold your mail:

Depending on the length of your trip, it may be a good idea to contact the U.S. Postal Service and request that they hold your mail while you're gone. Likewise, if you subscribe to any newspapers, the last thing you'll want is a growing stack of dailies on your front driveway or lawn advertising your absence. Contact publications and ask them to hold delivery until you return.

4. Enlist a neighbor: Pair tech surveillance with a good old fashioned neighborhood watch. Ask a trusted friend or neighbor to keep an eye on things and to be in touch if they notice any suspicious activity.

5. Tidy up: While not related to home security, a few additional measures can help ensure your comfort when your vacation ends. Be sure to take out the trash and recycling as close to your departure as you can in order to avoid unpleasant odors in the summer heat. Tidy up. Sweep, do the dishes and wipe down surfaces so you can return to clean spaces. And as you approach your house upon your return, use your HVAC app to restore temperatures to their standard settings.

By making a few key preparations, you can get the peace of mind needed to enjoy your summer vacation to the fullest.

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Also depending on the amount withdrawn, you may have to pay an additional amount on top of your Medicare Part D premium. The Part D adjustment amount is calculated based on a percentage of the Part D national base beneficiary premium, not on a percentage of the plan premium.

The Social Security Administration mails letters to beneficiaries who currently pay a Part B Income-Related Monthly Adjustment Amount (IRMAA) and, according to the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), are in a Part D plan. The letter explains the additional Part D amount, and how exactly Social

Security will collect it. You can contact SSA at 1-800-772-1213 or your local SSA agency if you have any further questions about your Part D IRMAA premium.

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Medical Association (AMA).

To help you enjoy a safe and healthy summer, the AMA offers these tips:

1. Be smart about sunscreen. When shopping, look for a broad spectrum sunscreen of at least SPF 30. Also, understand that no sunscreen is waterproof, and you'll need to reapply it every couple of hours and after exposure to water or sweat.
2. Make sure your family is up-to-date on their vaccines. Before summer travel or camp season, double check everyone's vaccine status. If you have questions, speak with your physician and review trusted resources, including getvaccineanswers.org.
3. Prioritize water safety. Ensure everyone in your family achieves water competency skills. Teach children to ask permission before going near water, have them and inexperienced swimmers or boaters wear U.S. Coast Guard-approved life jackets, and, at the beach, always swim in lifeguarded areas.
4. Reduce your intake of processed foods and sugar-sweetened beverages, especially those with added sodium and sugar. Eat less red meat and processed meats, and add more plant-based foods to your diet, such as fresh fruits and vegetables, olive oil, nuts and seeds. Also reduce your consumption of sugar-sweetened beverages and drink more water instead. Drinking sugary beverages, even 100% fruit juices, is associated with a higher all-cause mortality risk, according to a study published in JAMA Network Open.
5. Take advantage of warmer weather and find ways to be physically active. Exercise is essential

for your physical and mental health. Adults should get at least 150 minutes of moderate-intensity activity or 75 minutes of vigorous-intensity activity each week.

6. While exercise is important, it's essential to be smart about it. If exercising outside, avoid the early afternoon (noon to 3 p.m.) when it's hottest. Drink water before, during and after physical activity, and wear light-colored, lightweight, moisture-wicking clothing. Be on the lookout for signs of heat exhaustion, including cool, moist, pale skin, heavy sweating, headache, nausea and dizziness. CDC's Heat Risk Dashboard informs on how best to protect yourself when temperatures can impact your health.

7. If consuming alcohol, do so in moderation as defined by the U.S. Dietary Guidelines for Americans—up to one drink per day for women and two drinks per day for men, and only by adults of legal drinking age.

8. Know your blood pressure numbers. Visit ManageYourBP.org to better understand your numbers and take necessary steps to get high blood pressure, also known as hypertension, under control. Doing so will reduce your risk of heart attack or stroke.

9. Check your community's outdoor air quality using the Air Quality Index. Smoke from wildfires and degraded air quality can irritate your eyes, nose, throat and lungs. Children, pregnant people and those with certain chronic conditions must be especially careful.

"If you have questions or concerns about summer-related health issues, now is a great time to talk to your physician," says Dr. Ehrenfeld.

PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Commissioners of Montgomery County, Indiana and the City of Crawfordsville, Indiana, hereinafter referred to as the OWNERS, will receive sealed bids for the following project:

Landfill Grading Improvements Phase 2

Proposals may be forwarded individually by registered mail or delivered in person at the Montgomery County Government Center, Commissioners Office, 1580 Constitution Row Suite E, Crawfordsville, IN 47933. Proposals shall be addressed to the Montgomery County Commissioners and be delivered prior to 4:00 p.m. local time, Friday, August 9th, 2024. Bids received after the 4:00 p.m. deadline will not be considered but will be returned to the bidder unopened.

All proposals will be received by the OWNERS at a public meeting held at the Montgomery County Government Center, Community Meeting Room, 1580 Constitution Row, Crawfordsville, IN 47933, and opened and read aloud at 8:00 a.m. local time, Monday, August 12th, 2024.

The work to be performed and the proposals to be submitted shall include a bid for all general construction, labor, material, tools, equipment, taxes, permits, licenses, insurance, service costs, etc. incidental to and required for this project.

Copies of the Specifications and Contract Documents are on file in the Commissioner's Office, 1580 Constitution Row, Suite E, Crawfordsville, IN 47933. Plans and Specifications may be reviewed at this location during regular County business hours.

Copies of the Specifications and Contract Documents may be obtained at the office of Butler, Fairman, and Seufert, Inc., 8450 Westfield Blvd., Suite 300, Indianapolis, Indiana 46240. Copies of the documents are available for examining at the office of Butler, Fairman, and Seufert, 8450 Westfield Blvd. Suite 300, Indianapolis, Indiana 46240. Copies of the bid documents will be made available through the following method:

- as digital files or made available to the plan holder for download upon remittance of \$50 to the Engineer.

Remittances are not refundable. Payment shall be by money order or check and shall be made payable to Butler, Fairman, and Seufert, Inc. Plan holders must recognize that they will be notified of each addendum via email and will be required to electronically download addendum content via file transfer protocol (FTP). Obtaining Contract Documents at the Issuing Office of the Engineer ensures notification of any addenda.

Each proposal must be enclosed in a sealed envelope, bearing the title of the project, bid opening date and the name and address of the bidder firmly affixed. The Bid documents to be thus submitted by each bidder shall consist of all of the documents listed in section 5.3 of the Instruction to Bidders. The bidder shall affix identifying tabs to the following sheets of each proposal:

- Bidder's Itemized Proposal and Declarations
- Bid Bond
- Standard Questionnaire and Financial Statement

Each individual proposal shall be accompanied by a certified check or acceptable Bidder's Bond, made payable to Montgomery County, in a sum of not less than five percent of the total amount of the proposal, which check or bond will be held by the said Montgomery County Auditor as evidence that the bidder will, if awarded a contract, enter into the same with the OWNERS upon notification from them to do so within ten days of said notification. Failure to execute the contract and to furnish a performance bond as required will be cause for forfeiture of the amount of money represented by the certified check, or bidder's bond, as liquidated damages. The Commissioners and the City of Crawfordsville at their discretion reserve the right to waive any and all informalities and to award the Contract to any Bidder all to the advantage of the Owners or to reject all bids. All bids submitted shall be valid for 90 days from the opening of the bids.

Montgomery County and the City of Crawfordsville reserves the right to ask for clarification for any bid submitted. The specification herein states the minimum requirements. It shall be the Bidder's responsibility to carefully examine each item of the specification. Any bid not in substantial compliance with these specifications will be rejected. It will be the responsibility of the Bidder to conform to the requirements unless deviations have been specifically cited by the Bidder and acceptance made on the basis of the exception.

The Board of Commissioners for Montgomery County Indiana acknowledges its responsibility to comply with the American Disabilities Act of 1990. In order to assist individuals with disabilities who require special services (i.e. sign interpretative services, alternate audio/visual devices, and amanuenses) for participation in or access to County sponsored public programs, services and/or meetings, the county requests that individuals make request for these services forty-eight (48) hours ahead of the scheduled program, services and/or meeting. To make arrangements, Contact Lori Dossett, Commissioners Executive Assistant, at (765) 361-2623 or lori.dossett@montgomerycounty.in.gov.

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workforce. Through collaboration with our partners, our aim is to empower students with the skills, experiences, and opportunities for success in an ever-evolving workplace and healthcare system. As this new phase of training students begins, we are excited to build on our momentum from the design phase and start making a tangible impact.”

Throughout the country and in Indiana, youth apprenticeships are gaining momentum across the country and in Indiana, providing students and adult learners with access to high-quality education and training options. This initiative aims to help all Hoosiers discover their passions, reach their fullest potential, and contribute meaningfully to the economic and civic vitality of their communities. Youth apprentices start in their junior year of high school and complete a 2-3 year program to prepare for in-demand careers in a variety of

industries including information technology, financial services, healthcare and advanced manufacturing. Through a combination of classroom learning and paid, on-the-job training under the mentorship of a skilled employee, students earn their high school diplomas and industry-recognized credentials. They can also gain postsecondary credits aligned to degree programs, which enable them to launch a career, pursue further higher education, or both.

Each Youth Apprenticeship Accelerator site has collaborated with local employers and education partners and drawn on regional data to identify occupations that are significant for regional growth. Key occupations and fields of interest among the four newly awarded sites are in healthcare, advanced manufacturing, information technology and education.

↓ KAREN

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while Pony and his mother rode the Monon to Ladoga, then walked on to Waveland to their new home, a log cabin on what became Highway 59 going through Waveland.

The war hype may have prompted the family North, as well. Whatever the case, Pony completed his life right here in Montgomery County except for when he was in the Civil War, Co C, 40th Indiana Volunteer Infantry, having enlisted early serving through until the end of the war. Pony had little schooling and learned to read and write while in the service during a lengthy hospital stay. From Nashville, Tenn on Jul 27, 1864 he wrote his mother a nice letter: “it is with much pleasure I seat myself to pen you.” He told her that his wound was getting better and he was doing well. “It don’t pain me anymore worth a cent.” His doctor was trying to decide to let Pony come home or stay in. Pony wrote, “Starch up my fine shert have one or 2 ready for me to ware to the fair if I have good luck I ma be their we don’t know what may happen yet but don’t forget to write. I like to hear from home while I am hear.” In conclusion, he wrote that he

remained as ever your son until death.” Not sure I’d like to get that last line from one off to war. By the way, the wound received in November of the prior year at Missionary Ridge troubled him for the rest of his life but he never complained, always giving everyone a cheery word according to his great grandson, JD Gilliland backed-up by Pony’s obit. He evidently stayed in as he was with Sherman on his march to the sea prompting the end of the war, this after a very important piece of his life.

Pony came home (photo from JD) marrying his sweetheart, Martha Ellen Clements about a month after he wrote the above letter. His brother Foster had married her sister (Marion (Marn) Clements) in April of that same year also likely on a leave from the 21st Indiana Heavy Artillery as he “served through the Civil War, escaping with a slight wound caused by an explosion of a gun.” Lucky boys! The Clements sisters were the oldest daughters of five, with two brothers of Nathan Clements and Ann Reed, plus they had an older sister from Nathan’s first wife who passed young.

Pony was one of the latter CW deaths in the community, passing away the 13th of September in 1928, Martha having passed a couple of years before. They are buried in Maple Ridge cemetery north of Waveland. He had many loves, one being his children (eight of ‘em) and grands; actually, children in general and talking about the war years with other survivors. He was extremely active in parades, burials, decorating graves and meetings.

So, he and Martha began a family right away with Eatha who sadly passed at age 16 -sorry could not find what happened to her but I would guess consumption.

Next was Martha S and I found nothing on her at all. She was gone by her mother’s death in 1926.

Lots was written about Sanford Nathan named for his two grandfathers. He and wife Catherine Hastaday had eight children as well. Nathan was in the retail coal business four decades at Waveland.

Louisa Moody lived a good, long life and was sick but two days passing at age 95. Her husband, John William Gilliland passed in

1940 – they farmed. Seven sons and two daughters. Cora Lee born the first day of March,1876 died of consumption (Hiram Pratt’s diary) passing May 30 in 1902. She was well loved.

Their next child, James William was but 34 when he passed away. Married to Effie Millamon, he was a laborer with five children. He was noted as a “loving father and devoted friend.” (obit)

Harry Mercer was next up born 5 May 1882 married Alice Jane Dickerson. Harry had a livery business in Waveland, later moving to Indianapolis working for Central Indiana Railroad.

Sadly, Pony and Martha’s last child, Walter was not yet four when he passed away. Buried with his sisters at the Waveland Presbyterian Church. Oddly, Pony was extremely involved in the Christian Church, moving the old building and donating his labor hauling bricks for the new.

An extremely hard worker, Pony moved houses, churches, barns, depots or anything needing moved. Quite well known for it, he was called all over the state to do such. As he got older, the well loved man had a bit of a downfall in his status. Thinking running a tavern would be easier than moving buildings and a super money maker, he let it known he was planning on opening one. Oh my there were threats stating they’d pour all the beer out or soak him in it and other such nonsense; however, he came to realize (when he went on the railroad with many of Waveland’s best known whom he first thought were backing his application for a liquor license but NOT) that it was a bad idea to start a “soda shop” in a town that was well known for “Waveland don’t want a saloon and won’t have one!” (Cville Review 19 March 1892).

Pony’s obit summed him up, I do believe. “He had an “especially pleasant disposition and always had a cheery word and smile. He loved his family with great affection!” Can’t get much better than that! RIP dear soldier!

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NBA Starting to Realize Zach Edey Just Might Provide Impact



KENNY THOMPSON
Columnist

Days after the Memphis Grizzlies made Zach Edey a potential multimillionaire, the former Purdue center made a good first impression in the NBA Summer League.

Edey forced overtime on a "miracle redirect of an intentionally missed free throw," according to NBA.com and finished with 14 points, 15 rebounds and four blocked shots in the 97-95 loss to the Utah Jazz on Monday night.

"(Edey) showed that his size should provide an impact from the tip," according to the NBA.com game report.

The Memphis Commercial-Appeal reported that the 7-4 Edey, the No. 9 pick in last month's NBA Draft, received a four-year contract worth up to \$26.2 million. The newspaper added that the duration and dollar amount was based on his slot in the first round.

Edey's unofficial NBA debut lived up to the statement the two-time National Player of the Year made during his introduction to the Grizzlies' fan base.

"It can be a tough thing when people want to take down your game when you play a certain way," Edey said of those who may wonder if his impact will transition to the NBA. "At the end of the day, teams put stock into rebounding. Teams put stock into having strength in the paint and all that stuff. But I know who I am. I know what I'm good at, what I can stick to and hang my hat on. There are areas I will improve at this level. The team that

wants me wants me for who I am."

Grizzlies general manager Zach Kleiman plans to make opponents adjust to Edey's game and not make the 7-4 center play a style that doesn't fit his skills.

"I'm not going to say Zach's career is going to be this or that, but we believe he's going to be a meaningful, impactful player for our group who can help us achieve high-end outcomes," Kleiman told Grizzlies.com. "Zach is incredibly unique in that you have to deal with him. From a size standpoint, a physicality standpoint, that's something other teams are going to have to grapple with. Let them figure out how to deal with us. That is something that really intrigued us."

Before Edey's first pro game, a couple of ESPN analysts predicted his rookie season statistics.

Kevin Pelton guessed Edey would average 20 minutes, 12 points and 7.5 rebounds per game.

"I ... think Edey might be able to handle more minutes than that, considering the heavy workload he successfully had at Purdue," Jeremy Woo wrote. "Memphis has the perfect partner for him in Jaren Jackson Jr., who excels protecting the paint and covering ground on the weak side and should be able to cushion Edey defensively."

A third ESPN reporter, Jonathan Givony, foresees Edey working well with Memphis' star player.

"Edey is a dream target for an electric playmaking guard such as Ja Morant to pair with in pick-and-roll

actions," Givony writes. "He sets wide, bruising screens at 7-foot-5, 298 pounds, and is an outstanding target rolling to the paint and catching everything thrown his way with his huge, magnetic hands and 7-foot-11 wingspan.

"He'll have to continue to improve his conditioning to keep up in transition, but he'll be ready to make an immediate impact on both ends of the floor. He could even contend for Rookie of the Year honors with the sheer productivity he's bound to amass next season."

Edey may have to use part of his NBA money to buy a trophy case large enough for the honors he has received the past two seasons. The latest is repeating as the Big Ten's Jesse Owens Male Athlete of the Year.

Iowa's Caitlin Clark also repeated as the female winner.

Edey joins Ohio State wrestler Kyle Snyder (2017, 2018) as the only repeat winners in the 43-year history of the award. Glenn Robinson (1994) and David Boudia (2011) are the other Boilermaker winners of the Jesse Owens award.

Taking their shot

Edey isn't the only former Boilermaker in the NBA Summer League.

Lance Jones and Dakota Mathias are part of the Indiana Pacers squad that opens play Friday against the Brooklyn Nets.

Jones averaged 11.7 points and a team-high 80 3-pointers to help the Boilermakers reach the national championship game.

Mathias is seeking a return to the NBA,

having played in 14 games with Philadelphia (2020-21) and Memphis (2021-22).

Check your radar

I'm not sure how college football's defensive freshman of the year can be regarded as "an under-the-radar player who will go a long way in determining his team's success in 2024" but that's how The Athletic views Purdue safety Dillon Thieneman.

"Can (he) do everything for Purdue on defense this year?," reporter Scott Dochterman wrote. "Thieneman was the FWA (Football Writers Association of America) Defensive Freshman of the Year after intercepting six passes and collecting

74 solo stops, leading Purdue in tackles eight times. But teams picked apart the Boilermakers in the transfer portal, especially on defense. To have the same impact this fall, Thieneman will need to improve exponentially."

The Walter Camp Football Foundation is guessing that will be the case, selecting Thieneman to its Preseason All-America second team. The former Westfield standout also has been selected a preseason All-American by Athlon Sports and Phil Steele.

Making much more sense to be called an "X factor" is new Indiana quarterback Kurtis Rourke.

"The Ohio quarterback

transfer was a three-year starter and former MAC Offensive Player of the Year," recruiting analyst Ari Wasserman writes. "Some fans don't get excited about MAC transfers, but the quarterback position is the most important in college football, and MACtion watchers know Rourke can spin it. First-year head coach Curt Cignetti's offensive background should help Rourke transition to a team that has a host of new additions at the skill positions."

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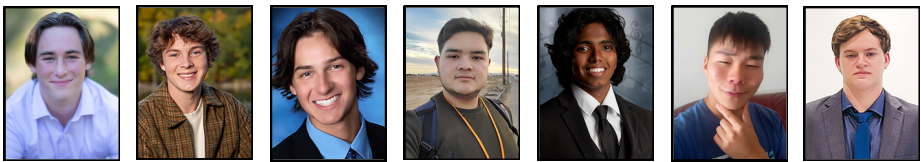
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Wabash Touches Global Health With New Students



Ryan Bartley Hugh Ford Zane Huber Khushnud Ochilov Jonathan Parackattu Gino Park Vitor Ferrari

Seven incoming freshmen make up the first group of students to receive direct admissions into Wabash College's Global Health Initiative.

Ryan Bartley, Vitor Ferrari, Hugh Ford, Zane Huber, Khushnud Ochilov, Jonathan Parackattu and Gino Park emerged from a competitive group of applicants to make up this inaugural class. The group represents three countries and three states.

"It's thrilling to welcome these students who are coming to Wabash with an interest in global public health and the opportunities they'll have in our program," said Eric Wetzel, professor of biology and Global Health Initiative Director. "Not only will they engage in work with the GHI on and off campus, they'll be well-positioned to consider our relatively new Global Health minor. I'm thankful for the support of the college as we take this next programmatic step, and we hope this leads to greater participation by others."

This program allows first-year students to engage immediately with the GHI, a Wabash co-curricular program for students with interest in global public health. Directly admitted students are guaranteed an immersive travel experience in global health to Peru, South America, as part of the global health class, and a summer internship in public health following their freshman or sophomore years.

The direct admit program is supported by the Kolisek Health Innovation Fund.

Bartley, from Carmel, discovered a passion for global health during his time in the PLTW Biomedical Sciences Pathway. He was a member of the Carmel Ambassadors and was

president of Carmel High School's Fellowship of Christian Athletes. He enjoys sports, the outdoors, and focusing on his physical and spiritual health.

Ferrari, from Santa Maria, Brazil, has founded several entities aimed at bettering his community, including Composition of Action, which offers mental health circles for young students; In Pursuit of Action, which solicits donations to positively impact communities of garbage collectors and the homeless; and the SmartSTEM Institute, which provides hands-on experiences and career counseling in the fields of science, engineering, technology, and mathematics for young students.

Ford, from Kalamazoo, Mich., plans to major in biology and Spanish and join the Little Giant track and field team and Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity. He plays the piano and guitar and enjoys the outdoors.

Huber, from Greencastle, Indiana, plans to study pre-health and minor in global health. Further, he hopes to compete on the Wabash golf and swim teams.

Ochilov, from Samarkand, Uzbekistan, has immersed himself in a number of experiences, including organizing the first TEDx event in his community, participating in an international exchange program that enabled him to study in Arizona for a year, and volunteering at an oncology center in his hometown.

Parackattu, from Greenwood, was involved in show choir, taekwondo, and volunteering while a student at Center Grove High School. He enjoys playing tennis, hanging out with friends, listening to music, and reading, and

he plans to pursue a career in medicine after studying neuroscience and biology at Wabash.

Park, from Graham, N.C., attended Southern Alamance High School. The son of missionaries in the Philippines, he was introduced to service to others through his parents' example. One influential endeavor was participating in a project to help build fire extinguishers for villages where house fires are frequent.

The GHI Direct Admit program is for students with a strong interest in community health and the many factors that determine it. This program provides students engagement with communities, leadership opportunities, and the chance to learn from global public health professionals in local and international contexts.

"A highlight of my job is working with students who want to make the world a better place, and these thoughtful and motivated young men have already accomplished that," said Jill Rogers, pre-health advisor and GHI program coordinator. "It feels like a true liberal arts moment in bringing together this group of students who carry such vast experiences. We are grateful to the Kolisek Innovation Fund for making the GHI Direct Admit program a reality."

Benefits of the program include the ability to connect with other community-minded students early in their college career; to develop important skill sets that employers, medical schools, and graduate schools value in their applicants; and to learn about social and environmental determinants of health and help address health disparities in local, regional, and international communities.

Recalls From June Listed

Attorney General Todd Rokita is alerting Hoosiers of important consumer protection concerns for products recalled in June. The office encourages consumers to take advantage of opportunities available for those who purchase recalled items that could be harmful to their families.

"Summer is a time to relax and for your kids to have fun playing outdoors. This month's list has several items you might find in your own backyard," Rokita said. "You shouldn't have to worry if your children's toys are defective or could cause them any harm. If you purchased one of the recalled products, stop using it immediately and pursue resolution from the manufacturer immediately."

According to the Consumer Product Safety Commission, the following consumer products were recalled in June:

- Daikin Comfort Technologies Manufacturing Recalls Daikin FIT, Amana Brand S-series, and Goodman SD Heat Pumps Due to Risk of Excessive Heat Exposure
- Baseus Magnetic Wireless Charging Power Banks Recalled Due to Fire Hazard; Imported by Shenzhen Baseus Technology
- Southern Telecom Recalls Brookstone TurboVac Handheld Rechargeable Vacuums Due to Fire Hazard; Sold Exclusively at Belk
- At Home Procurement Recalls Toy Trunk Storage Chests Due to Entrapment and Suffocation Hazards
- REI Recalls Co-op Cycles REV Children's Bicycles with Training Wheels Due to Fall and Injury Hazards
- Dania Furniture Recalls Hayden Bookcase Due to Tip-Over and Entrapment Hazards; 4-Year-Old Child Died from Tip-Over (Recall Alert)
- MGA Entertainment Recalls Miniverse Make It Mini Sets with Unused Liquid Resins Due to Risk of Skin, Eye and Respiratory Irritation and Sensitization; Violation of the Federal Hazardous Substances Act

- Thousandshores Recalled Theefun Kids Gardening Tools Sets Due to Violation of the Federal Phthalates Ban; Sold Exclusively on Amazon
- Cinmar Recalls Frontgate Chaise Lounge Chairs Due to Finger Crushing and Amputation Hazards
- Cargo Bicycles Recalled Due to Fall Hazard; Manufactured by Babboe B.V.
- MM Products Recalls JoyJolt™ Declan Glass Coffee Mugs Due to Burn and Laceration Hazards
- myCharge Recalls POWER HUB All-In-One Portable Chargers Due to Fire and Burn Hazards; Sold Exclusively at Costco
- Vitamix Reannounces and Expands Recall of Ascent Series and Venturist Series 8-ounce and 20-ounce Blending Containers and Blade Bases Due to Laceration Hazard; Offers New Repair Kit Due to Additional Injuries
- Goal Zero Recalls Yeti Link Modules with EC8 Cables Due to Fire and Burn Hazards
- StyleCraft Recalls Instinct Cordless Hair Clippers Due to Fire and Burn Hazards
- Head Rush Technologies Recalls TRUBLUE iQ Auto Belay Devices Due to Fall Hazard
- Orly Recalls Lavender Scented Candles in a Round Wooden Bread Bowl Due to Fire and Burn Hazards; Sold Exclusively at Cracker Barrel Old Country Store
- Six-Drawer Dressers Sold Exclusively at Rooms To Go Recalled Due to Tip-Over and Entrapment Hazards; Violation of Federal Regulation for Clothing Storage Units; Imported by Global Home USA
- Bambu Lab Recalls A1 3D Printers Due to Electric Shock and Fire Hazards
- Adven Group Recalls Nap Queen Sleep Victoria Hybrid Mattresses Due to Fire Hazard; Violation of Federal Mattress Flammability Regulations
- Magnetic Chess Games Recalled Due to Ingestion Hazard; Violation of Federal

- Regulations for Toy Magnets; Sold Exclusively on Temu.com through Outad Good Life
- Southern Telecom Recalls Lomi Roll-On Waxing Kits Due to Fire, Burn and Shock Hazards
- Black Diamond Equipment Recalls Neve Strap Crampons and Accessory Kits Due to Fall Hazard
- Retrospec Recalls Beaumont Plus ST Bikes with Disc Brakes Due to Crash and Injury Hazards
- Daikin Comfort Technologies Manufacturing Recalls Amana, Daikin, Goodman-Branded Air Conditioning and Heat Pump Packaged Units Due to Fire Hazard
- Kawasaki Motors USA Recalls Engines Used in Bad Boy Mowers, BigDog, Bobcat, Cub Cadet, Hustler, John Deere and Kubota Brand Lawn and Garden Equipment Due to Fire and Burn Hazards
- Salewa USA Recalls Wild Country Ropeman 1 Ascenders Due to a Failure to Ascend
- SA Consumer Products Recalls Sanctuary Quick Access and Sports Afield Biometric Gun Safes Due to Serious Injury Hazard and Risk of Death
- Good Earth Lighting Recalls More than 1.2 Million Rechargeable Integrated Lights to Due to Fire and Burn Hazards; One Death Reported
- Sling Carriers Recalled Due to Infant Suffocation and Fall Hazards; Violation of the Federal Safety Regulation for Sling Carriers; Sold on Walmart.com through Joybuy Marketplace Express
- Spectrum Brands Pet Care Recalls Pet Fur deShedding Conditioner Due to Risk of Exposure to Bacteria

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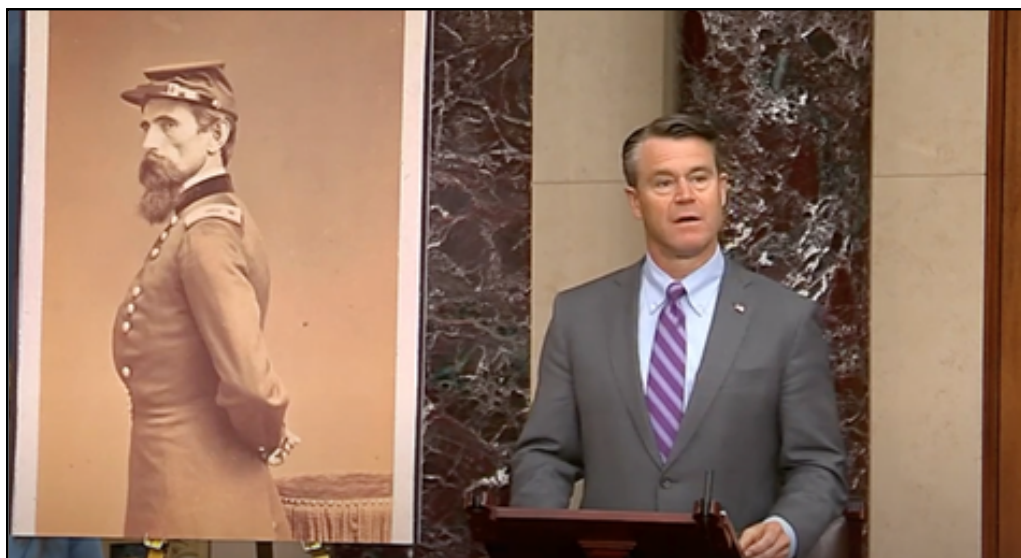
Sen. Young Honors Gen. Lew Wallace

U.S. Senator Todd Young (R-Ind.) spoke on the Senate floor about how Hoosier General Lew Wallace helped save Washington, D.C. on July 9 160 years ago during the Battle of Monocacy.

On July 9, 1864, as Confederate troops were moving toward Washington, D.C., Wallace led a few thousand Union soldiers to the Monocacy River in Maryland. There they battled more than 15,000 Confederate troops en route to invade the nation's capital. Ultimately, Wallace's

forces delayed the rebels long enough to prevent their attack on Washington.

"When it comes to words, Wallace will always be best known for Ben Hur," Young said. "But the message he forwarded to Washington after the Battle of Monocacy, is timeless too. It should inspire us still, a reminder that rising to our duty, no matter the odds or even outcome, can change history: 'I did as I promised. Held the bridge to the last.'"



Senator Young's full remarks, as prepared for delivery:

In 1864, after three years of civil war, many citizens of the North were ready for peace. The Thirteenth Amendment had passed in this chamber, but failed to do so in the House. And the fate of Abraham Lincoln's presidency, and perhaps the continuation of the war, was on the ballot.

That spring Lincoln placed his hand on a Hoosier general's shoulder and said: "I believe it right to give you a chance...." What he really meant was a second chance.

I rise to mark a day 160 years ago, when that second chance, and a refusal to flinch from duty, even in a forlorn hope, saved our nation's capital. And possibly much more than that. Not long after his meeting with Lincoln, that same soldier was ushered into the office of Secretary of War Edwin Stanton.

"What do you know of the Middle Department?" the Secretary asked.

"Nothing" his visitor replied.

"Nothing? The secretary repeated.

"I am from the West," General Lew Wallace answered.

By the West, Wallace meant Crawfordsville, Indiana. And that is exactly where he was when the year began, an officer whose career appeared to be at an end. Two years before, the division under his command arrived late to the Union lines during the first day of fighting at Shiloh. Wallace was scapegoated after one of the deadliest battles in the war at that point. He was removed from his command in the Army of the Tennessee and placed on reserve. Requests for reinstatement failed.

"I had cast my last throw. What next?" Wallace wondered.

The answer came from President Lincoln. Wallace was to report to Washington and take command of the Eighth Army Corps and the Middle Department – even though he did not even know where it was headquartered. The answer, Stanton told him, was Baltimore. And that is where Wallace headed after buying a Rand McNally map of the U.S. for 15 cents. In early July, Wallace sat at his desk studying that map closely. He had just received word from the anxious president of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad that Confederate troops were advancing through the Shenandoah Valley. The path from there to Washington was open. The city was poorly defended with Union soldiers away attacking Richmond at the time.

"Washington, seriously menaced, was incapable of self-defense – that much was clear," he wrote years later.

Staring at the map, Wallace understood that the threat was real, and his responsibility was clear. Without orders, he departed for Monocacy Junction, where the roads and railroad leading to Washington and Baltimore crossed a tributary of the Potomac. Later he stood on a bluff looking down at the Monocacy River and the green pastures and golden wheat fields beyond it. He could see the steeples of Frederick not far off and the Catoctin Mountains on the horizon. The peaceful summer day was interrupted with the echo of distant gunfire. Soon it was clear: Robert E. Lee had sent General Jubal Early north to take Washington. He had crossed the Potomac and was on his way east, towards Monocacy Junction perhaps to Baltimore, more likely to Washington – 40 miles away.

Wallace had already moved with urgency. He messaged Washington to recall troops and prepare for an attack. He called in what brigades or parts of them he could to augment his own men...eventually rising a force of several thousands. Then he spread them thinly along the eastern bank of the river, determined to block its bridge and fords long enough for reinforcements to arrive in the capital. On the night of July 8th, the eve of battle, Wallace laid down and placed his head on a folded coat. But anxiety made sleep impossible. Could he throw a hastily gathered and mostly green force in the way of a superior army, in an objective so hopeless?

Then he reflected on the consequences of not doing so. The Navy Yard up in flames; the Capitol menaced, the library inside it looted; the treasury emptied; foreign heads of state rushing to recognize the Confederacy. And then, most painfully, the image of Lincoln "cloaked and hooded stealing like a malefactor from the backdoor of the White House, just as some gray-garbed Confederate brigadier burst in the front door."

The next morning, July 9th, when the Confederate army of over 15,000 arrived at Monocacy River, it was met with fierce resistance from the outnumbered Federals. Rebel charges were repeatedly turned back until late in the afternoon, when Wallace, after heavy losses – nearly 1,300 dead and wounded – ordered his men to retreat towards Baltimore. Early's battered army paused for the night before it continued on to Washington. When he reached its gates on the 11th, Union reinforcements were waiting. A skirmish at Fort Stevens followed and the rebels departed empty handed. The Union stand cost the Confederates a day and with it their chance at Washington.

Monocacy is usually unmentioned among the list of consequential Civil War battles. But today, on its 160th anniversary, we reflect on its importance. Had Early's men taken the capital, however briefly, the humiliation could have persuaded a war weary population to dismiss Lincoln. What then would be the fate of the 13th amendment or the eventual terms of peace? Because of Wallace's resolve, and his men's bravery, the questions went unanswered. Lincoln was re-elected.

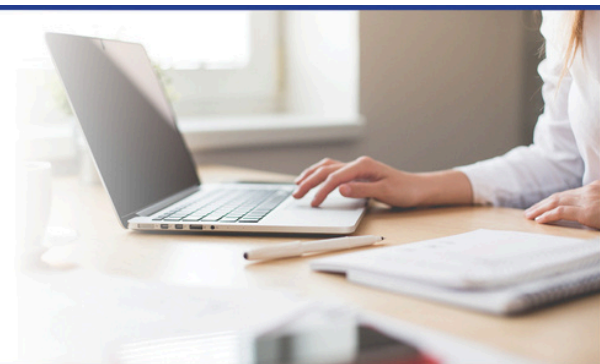
The following January, the 13th Amendment, to forever end slavery, passed Congress. The war was over by April and the Union preserved. And General Lew Wallace, not unlike the hero of a novel he later wrote, was redeemed. When it comes to words, Wallace will always be best known for Ben Hur. But the message he forwarded to Washington after the Battle of Monocacy, is timeless too. It should inspire us still, a reminder that rising to our duty, no matter the odds or even outcome, can change history:

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