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## JAM Center Winter gala set for Feb. 4

**GARRETT** — The Judy A. Morrill Recreation Center, 1200 E. Houston St., Garrett, invites the community to celebrate the “Wings of Change” at its Winter Gala, taking place Saturday, Feb. 4.

This year’s celebration focuses on transformation and the important role of community in making impactful changes. Like a caterpillar, those who attend the JAM Center’s classes and programs are also transformed in countless ways throughout their lives.

The event will include a giving party, dinner catered by Timmy’s Hall and Neza’s Too!, a live auction hosted by Jama Smith of Littlejohn Auctions Inc., and the sharing of stories of impact. Registration begins at 5:30 p.m., with the giving party starting at 6 p.m. Dinner will be at 7 p.m.

Featured items include the Bill Yoder Memorial Golf Getaway at Cedar Falls in Hocking Hills, Ohio; a Louisiana Grills Black Label 800 Pellet Grill; a three-night trip for two, including wine tasting, to

Willamette Valley, Oregon; and a five-night trip for two to Mexico, including a three-night stay at the Cerro Pelon Butterfly B&B, near the Cerro Pelon Monarch Butterfly Sanctuary; among other items.

There will also be an online silent auction taking place Jan.30-Feb. 4 at event.gives/wingsofchange.

Tickets are on sale now. Tickets are \$40 each and are available in person at the JAM Center, online at myjamcenter.org or by calling 357-1917.

Top-level sponsors for this event include Garrett State Bank, Peoples Charitable Trust, Littlejohn Auctions Inc., The Chamberlin Group, Ambassador Enterprises, Shepherd’s Chrysler Dodge Jeep Ram, the City of Garrett, PNC Bank and Tempus Technologies.

The money raised during the Winter Gala goes to support the nonprofit mission of the JAM Center. To learn more about its mission, contact the center or visit its website.



**Dylan DeMarco, left, and brother Logan check their location at the outset of their hike along the Continental Divide Trail last summer.**

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**Longtime athletic and extra-curricular secretary Becky Blotkamp retired at the end of the 2021-2022 school year. She worked for four athletic directors in her 34 years at Garrett.**

## Water leak disrupted city computer services

These news events were reported in the April, May and June editions of the Garrett Clipper.

### Water leak disrupts computer services

A water leak in the server room a City Hall disrupted

Garrett’s monthly billing services. Information and technology director Rick Vie said two computer motherboards were replaced to restore service within seven days. All equipment from the current server room was moved to a different location in the building. The leak delayed sending out utility bills.

### City earns approval for extra-territorial jurisdiction

The City of Garrett earned unanimous approval at all county and city levels in March for a proposed extra-territorial jurisdiction. The jurisdiction changes the future of Garrett’s economic growth, according to City Planner Milton Otero.

### Looking back at

# 2022

in the City of Garrett

### Dietary aide named Miller’s Employee of the Year

Erin Shull was named Miller’s Merry Manor 2021 Employee of the Year for her work in the campus’ dietary department.

Administrator Lindsey Floyd described Shull as a “genuine person” who stepped up whenever and wherever she could to help them get

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## ‘It was wonderful’

### Novice hiker survives 3,100-mile trek on trail

BY SUE CARPENTER  
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**AUBURN** — Garrett graduate Dylan DeMarco had just given his employer his two-week notice to look for a different job earlier in the day when his older brother Logan arrived at his parent’s home last spring.

Two years ago, Logan DeMarco spent several months hiking the Pacific Crest Trail, a 2,650-mile trek along the West Coast through California, Oregon and Washington. After taking a gap year, Dylan asked Logan to come along this summer to hike the Continental Divide Trail that stretches 3,100 miles through the American West, considered the hardest of the three major long distance trails.

“A very small amount of people out there would attempt it as their first big hike,” Logan said. “It’s the most difficult because of how remote and rugged it is; often hundreds of miles between ‘towns’ where you may not see any other people at all. Going southbound is even less popular, adding to the solitude.”

Dylan’s only hiking experience was a short stretch along the Appalachian Trail five years ago from Vermont to the trail’s end. Their mom, Christine, was not enthusiastic about her younger son taking the trip.

But with little to no training and only a couple weeks to prepare, the pair set off on June 21 from the north end of the trail along the border of Montana and Canada. The pair was dropped off at the starting point by their sister, Fallon, who lives in Denver. The trip was estimated to last 5-1/2 months.

Logan supplied Dylan



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**Dylan DeMarco reached the end of the Continental Divide National Trail on Nov. 4.**

with a lot of his used gear and supplemented whatever else was needed — a backpack, lightweight shoes and other necessities. The pack weighed close to 30 pounds starting out, Dylan said, but by the end of the trail, it was only 20-25 pounds.

“By then, you realize what you really need and get rid of a lot of luxury items,” said Dylan, 23.

The Continental Divide Trail is the longest of the “Triple Crown” of hikes that only a few hundred have completed. This includes the Pacific Crest National Scenic Trail (2,650 miles) and the Appalachian National Scenic Trail (2,184 miles).

Discouragement soon set in when the hikers came to the Bob Marshall Wilderness in Montana, between Glacier National Park and the Lewis and Clark National Forest.

“There were a lot of water crossings to go through. Our clothes and socks were wet — couldn’t help it, there was nothing you could do,” Dylan said of the wet conditions. “There were a lot of blow downs of trees along the trail.”

He was thinking strongly about just stopping at Helena.

“Like this is miserable; I never did anything like this before,” he said. His more

seasoned brother agreed.

“Logan was really supportive,” Dylan said. “We shared the same miseries.”

“We went a week through the Bob Marshall Wilderness without cell service in the most rugged stretch of trail I’ve ever hiked,” Logan added. Parts of the trail were under a few feet of snow. Parts of the trail were more like an obstacle course of burned out trees.

“I’m blown away that Dylan was able to do it. In Montana, his feet were covered in blisters, and I know his knees were bothering him. Some really experienced hikers quit in that section. I entertained the idea myself, but Dylan made it through and kept going,” Logan added.

The brothers continued to hike together, but Logan proved to be very fast and started to take off ahead of Dylan on the trail once they reached Helena.

Confident he could move on the trail one day at a time, Dylan moved slowly along.

“You cannot think about how far you are at the beginning. You’re 3,000 miles from the border — you never are thinking about the end but about ‘What am I doing this day? Where am I going tomorrow? When am I

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## REVIEW: High school hosts Futures Day for students

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through staffing challenges during the pandemic. Shull participates in the Special Olympics community in basketball and track and was a member of the state championship team.

### JAM winter gala raises over \$42,000

The Judy A. Morrill Recreation Center's winter gala raised more than \$42,000 to support the center's mission of celebrating and strengthening the greater Garrett community by connecting people with organizations through activities that improve the quality of life. That included more than \$14,500 during a silent auction that included items such as tickets to an Elton John concert and a golf getaway to Gaylord, Mich. The center also raised more than \$2,800 to support its JAM Early Education, 114 and Collaborative Preschool programs.

### Blotkamp retires after 34-year career

Becky Blotkamp announced her retirement at the end of the 2021-2022 school year, wrapping up a 34-year career as athletic and extra-curricular activities secretary. During those years, she worked for four athletic directors — John Hutton, Brandon Penrod, Steve Rhoades and Chris DePew. Among her duties were making sure the athletic director has the official schedule for the game or event, in addition to preparing programs, organizing money boxes, writing checks and getting workers such as ticket takers, announcers and scoreboard operators.

### Mossberg Industries tax abatement approved

Longtime Garrett industry Mossberg Industries Inc. received a tax phase-in by the

Garrett Common Council for new equipment and building improvements.

The abatement covers six years and represents a savings of \$2.295 million for the new east building expansion and a three-year personal property abatement amounting to \$500,000 in savings for new equipment. Mossberg is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Khorporate Holdings Inc., a family-owned and operated business that purchased the Garrett industry in November 2012.

### Garrett group visits U.S. capital

More than 40 teachers, students and chaperones visited Washington D.C. in March. A group of high school dual credit students took learning on the four-day trip with stops at Gettysburg, Pennsylvania and Washington, D.C.

The trip is offered to Garrett juniors and seniors every two years who have or are currently enrolled in dual-credit level English or history classes. The group was led by teachers Bill Thomas and Mark Claxton. "A textbook cannot replace what this group experienced in these four days," Claxton said.

### Mom buys Garrett dance studio

Two dance moms who wanted the best for their kids laid out their vision for a longtime Garrett dance school. Lacy Seibel bought the Ellie Paige Dance Academy, whose roots date back more than 50 years to the Patricia Krus School of Dance.

Shannon Bell serves as administrative assistant. Both have daughters who attend the school that also has a competitive dance team that they hope will return to competition following three years of pandemic and personal issues. The name of the school was changed to Dance with Joy.

### Garrett schools awarded teacher residency grant

The Garrett-Keyser-Butler Community School District is among 15 new school corporations and 12 continuing corporations that will host more than 70 teacher residents through the Indiana Commission for High Education Teacher Residency Grant Pilot Program.

School corporations are awarded \$15,000 for each resident teacher it hosts. Funding can be used to pay resident and mentor teacher stipends, as well as support costs for post-secondary partners. Initial grant recipients are eligible for renewal of the grant for the 2023-2024 school year contingent on continued funding and initial outcomes.

### Garrett High School hosts Futures Day

Garrett High School students were given a chance to step out of the classroom and get a glimpse of what is ahead of them on Futures Day. This was the seventh year Garrett has hosted the event that was skipped the previous year due to the pandemic.

During the day-long event, each student has the opportunity to get a snapshot of their life after graduation, through a series of field trips, guest speakers and panels.

Freshmen traveled to the Impact Institute in Kendallville to see possible vocational options for later study in their high school careers. Juniors spent the day visiting their choice of nearby colleges and were given the opportunity to visit the Vietnam War replica at the Veteran's National Museum Shrine and Museum in Fort Wayne. Sophomores and seniors spent the day taking part in life skills panels organized by school staff members, including basic auto maintenance, financial skills, cooking on a budget, first aid, interview skills and a military career fair.



DEKALB COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

**Both drivers and two young children who were passengers in the vehicle in the foreground refused medical treatment following a two-vehicle crash that occurred just after 4 p.m. Thursday in the 1500 block of C.R. 56 south of Garrett, the DeKalb County Sheriff's Office said.**

## Drivers refuse medical treatment after crash

GARRETT — Both drivers and all passengers refused medical treatment following a two-vehicle crash that occurred just after 4 p.m. Thursday in the 1500 block of C.R. 56 south of Garrett, the DeKalb County Sheriff's Office reported.

Police said a 2015 Chevrolet Silverado pickup, driven by Tina M. Hicks, 55, of Hillsdale, Michigan, and a 2017 Chevrolet Camaro, driven by Jennifer J. Krohn, 46, of Harlan, were determined to be total losses as a result of damage.

According to a crash report, Hicks told police she was driving east in the 1500 block of C.R. 56 when she looked up and saw a vehicle in front of her slowing to pull into a

driveway. Hicks said she was unable to stop, swerved to the left, and into Krohn's path. Police said Krohn was driving west on C.R. 56 at the time of the accident.

Police said both vehicles came to rest in a nearby front yard along the road.

A Parkview EMS paramedic crew evaluated both drivers and two young children who were in the back seat of the Krohn vehicle. Everyone refused medical treatment according to the crash report.

Police said distracted driving is believed to be a factor in the crash.

County police were assisted by the LaOtto Fire Department, Parkview EMS, Jeff's Towing and Tony's Towing.

## Deadline approaching for Community Crossings grants

### FROM STAFF REPORTS

INDIANAPOLIS — The Indiana Department of Transportation is accepting applications for the spring 2023 Call for Projects for the Community Crossings matching grant program. The application window is open through Friday, Jan. 27.

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

Cities and towns with a population of fewer than

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

### Meeting Place

#### Today, Jan. 17

8:30 a.m. — Garrett Board of Works, second floor, Garrett City Hall, 130 S. Randolph St.

Noon — Garrett Rotary Club, Auburn-Garrett House of Pancakes, 114 S. Randolph St.

7 p.m. — Garrett Common Council, second floor, Garrett City Hall, 130 S. Randolph St.

#### Wednesday

6 p.m. — Garrett American Legion Post 178, executive board meeting, 515 W. Fifth Ave.

7 p.m. — Garrett American Legion Post 178, general meeting, 515 W. Fifth Ave.

7:30 p.m. — DeKalb County Disabled American Veterans, meets at Auburn American Legion Post 97, 1729 Sprott St.

#### Thursday

8:30 a.m. — DeKalb County Drainage Board, Commissioners Court, second floor, DeKalb County Courthouse, 100 S. Main St., Auburn.

### Garrett Alumni News

#### Garrett Class of 1958 meets for lunch

AUBURN — Seven members of the Garrett High School Class of 1958 met for lunch Tuesday, Jan. 3 at Paradise Buffet in Auburn.

Attending were Mary Jo (Mitchell) Deihl, Carol Sue Reed, Charles "Toby" Refner, Fred Salerno, Stephen Steward, Nancy (Ely) Weimer and Marilyn (Fulk) Wiand.

The next luncheon will be at 11:15 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 7 at Paradise Buffet, Auburn.

## Glick attends State Ag and Rural Leaders Summit

### FROM STAFF REPORTS

INDIANAPOLIS — State Sen. Sue Glick, R-LaGrange, attended the State Agriculture and Rural Leaders 2023 Legislative Agriculture Chairs Summit in Charleston, South Carolina recently.



Glick

As ranking member of the Senate Committee on Agriculture and Chair of the Senate Committee on Natural

Resources, Glick attended and collaborated with speakers at the conference about strategies for agriculture policy through panels with legislative leaders from across the country and several provinces in Canada.

"Attending conferences like the State Agriculture and Rural Leaders Legislative Agriculture Chairs Summit is a great opportunity where we can discuss agriculture policy with experts from across the nation and our largest trading partner, Canada," Glick said. "It was great to hear the experiences of rural Americans and learn about

ways our state can further assist those living in rural Indiana."

State Agriculture and Rural Leaders invites agriculture and natural resource leaders in the United States and Canada each year to discuss agriculture, natural resource and rural legislation states have considered or passed, as well as to be briefed by the U.S. Department of Agriculture and rural leaders on current topics of concerns.

Glick represents state Senate District 13, which includes LaGrange, Steuben and Noble counties and part of DeKalb county.

### GKB Lunch Menu

#### Today, Jan. 17

Biscuits and gravy, tater tots, fruit, yogurt, milk.

#### Wednesday

Barbecue pork nachos, cole slaw, fruit, bread stick, milk.

#### Thursday

Asian chicken, broccoli, fruit, rice pilaf, milk variety.

#### Friday

Calzone, fresh vegetables, fruit, cookie, milk variety.

#### Monday, Jan. 23

Chicken sandwich, green beans, fruit, cheddar snack, milk.

#### Tuesday, Jan. 24

Chicken parmesan, lettuce salad, fruit, garlic toast, milk variety.

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## Police Blotter

### Arrested in Noble County

Ashley N. Roberts, 35, of the 500 block of West Second Avenue, Garrett, was arrested at 11:31 p.m. Jan. 9 by Kendallville Police on charges of possession of methamphetamine, a Level 6 felony; and possession of paraphernalia.

Shelby M. Finley, 30, of the 800 block of Willow Ridge, Garrett, was arrested at 3:51 p.m. Jan. 10 on a court order. No charging information was provided.

### Arrested in DeKalb County

Shanna Adams, 21, of the 6500 block of Reed Street, Fort Wayne, was arrested at 3:27 a.m. Jan. 6 by Auburn Police on charges of operating a vehicle while intoxicated as a Class A and Class C misdemeanor.

Cory Carico, 34, of the 1400 block of Hideaway Drive, Auburn, was arrested at 6:39 a.m. Jan. 6 by Auburn Police on two counts of attempted murder, each a Level 1 felony; resisting law enforcement, a Level 6 felony; and habitual traffic violator, a Level 6 felony.

James Miller, 35, of the 1600 block of C.R. 79, Butler, was arrested at 12:01 p.m. Jan. 6 by the DeKalb County Sheriff's Department on charges of operating a vehicle while intoxicated with prior, a Level 6 felony; operating a vehicle while intoxicated as a Class A and Class C misdemeanor; and operating a vehicle with an unlawful alcohol concentration in blood or breath, as a Class A and Class C misdemeanor.

Justin Whiteman, 40, of the 11900 block of Tapered Bank Run, Fort Wayne, was arrested at 7:01 p.m. Jan. 6 by Butler Police on charges of false informing, a Class B misdemeanor.

Eric Elmer, 30, of Allendale,

Michigan, was arrested at 3:43 a.m. Jan. 7 by the DeKalb County Sheriff's Department on charges of operating a vehicle while intoxicated as a Class A and Class C misdemeanor.

Joseph Robbins, 53, of the 200 block of Depot Place, Hamilton, was arrested at 5:31 a.m. Jan. 7 by Hamilton Police on a charge of intimidation, a Level 6 felony.

Naf Maloley, 49, of the 700 block of North Jackson Street, Auburn, was arrested at 5:58 a.m. Jan. 7 by Auburn Police on charges of operating a vehicle while intoxicated with prior, a Level 6 felony; operating a vehicle while intoxicated as a Class A and Class C misdemeanor; and operating a vehicle with an unlawful alcohol concentration in blood or breath, as a Class A and Class C misdemeanor.

Haley Galbraith, 25, of the 200 block of South Orchard Street, Kendallville, was arrested at 5:10 a.m. Jan. 8 by Garrett Police on charges of resisting law enforcement, a Class A misdemeanor; operating a vehicle while intoxicated as a Class A and Class C misdemeanor; and disorderly conduct, a Class B misdemeanor.

Ashley Ball, 27, of the 4900 block East, C.R. 600 North, Kendallville, was arrested at 11:05 a.m. Jan. 9 by Indiana State Police on charges of operating a vehicle while intoxicated as a Class A and Class C misdemeanor.

Clifford Grim, 42, of the 700 block of West King Street, Garrett, was arrested at 2:45 a.m. Jan. 10 by Garrett Police on charges of criminal confinement, a Level 3 felony; and battery and strangulation, both Level 6 felonies.

Beatriz Ramirez Aguilar, 29, of the 300 block of Touring Drive, Auburn, was arrested at 3:25 p.m. Jan. 10 by the DeKalb County Sheriff's Department on a warrant alleging theft, a Class A misdemeanor.

Ronald Brown, 45, of the 100 block

of East 1st Street, Auburn, was arrested at 4:25 p.m. Jan. 10 by Auburn Police on a warrant from the DeKalb County Sheriff's Department alleging failure to report to lawful detention, a Level 6 felony.

Keland Brown, 39, of the 600 block of South Berkley Road, Kokomo, was arrested at 8:07 p.m. Jan. 10 by the DeKalb County Sheriff's Department on charges of operating a vehicle while intoxicated as a Class A and Class C misdemeanor; and reckless driving, a Class C misdemeanor.

Jon Hickman, 48, of Snow Lake, Fremont, was arrested at 12:25 a.m. Jan. 11 by the DeKalb County Sheriff's Department on charges of operating a vehicle while intoxicated as a Class A and Class C misdemeanor.

Tommy Sutton, 41, of the 400 block of South Lee Street, Garrett, was arrested at 9:23 a.m. Jan. 11 by Indiana State Police on a warrant from the DeKalb County Sheriff's Office alleging failure to appear on a driving while suspended with prior charge, a Class A misdemeanor.

Louis Null, 50, of the 300 block of Maxine Drive, Garrett, was arrested at 4:45 p.m. Jan. 11 by Garrett Police on a charge of domestic battery, a Class A misdemeanor.

Skyler Gibson, 26, of the 300 block of Widney Street, St. Joe, was arrested at 6:03 p.m. Jan. 11 by the DeKalb County Sheriff's Department on charges of operating a vehicle while intoxicated as a Class A and Class C misdemeanor.

Robert Slone, 34, of the 1500 block of C.R. 13, Waterloo, was arrested at 11:19 p.m. Jan. 11 by the DeKalb County Sheriff's Office on a warrant alleging failure to appear on a Level 6 felony for possession of methamphetamine; and Class A misdemeanor charges of invasion of privacy and domestic battery.

## Happy Birthday

### Jan. 18

Doris Bushong  
Katrina Carpenter  
Paul Ervin  
Mary Lee (Carper) Freeze  
John Allen Jones  
Shari Anne Kapp  
Tommy Lee Keck  
Kelly Jo Kobiela  
Mary Jane Molargik  
Mary (Miller) Redmond  
Emilie (Binz) Reinoehl  
Bonnie Lou Witt  
Mary Ellen Zimmerman

### Jan. 19

Thomas Beeber  
Bob Fee  
Dennie Nelson Hankey  
Ashlee Nichole Jacobs  
Amanda Rae Kennedy  
Dawn Krider  
Mary Krider  
Christopher Leslie  
Tanya Cheri Mettert  
Trevor Derrick Moe  
Kim Allen Payton  
Michael Roehm  
Kurtis Paul Smith  
William Smurr  
Jamie Swank  
Roberta (Spicer) Taylor

### Jan. 20

Freddie Ballentine  
Gloria (Hall) Barnes  
Matthew James Besire  
Gerald Brown  
Heidi Renee Ely  
Theresa Elaine Esselburn  
Trisha Franks  
Denny Hess  
SaraBeth (Blotkamp)  
Kelham  
Adrienne LeQuia  
Debra Kay McDaniel  
Matthew Shawn Miles  
Emily (Christlieb) Pequinot  
Tracey Lynn Robertson  
Cathy (Custer) Saxer  
Lynne Ann Shoudel  
Howard Simpson  
Dennis Smith  
Derrell Watson

### Jan. 21

David James Bahr  
Jane Eileen Bock  
Jeffery Kent DeLucenay  
James A. Grawcock  
James B. Honaker  
Susan Kingsburg  
Juanita (Maggert) Kline  
Abigail (Rebman) Meyers  
Noel A. Muhn Jr.  
Steven Nagel  
Steven Edward Overy  
Jeff Riecke

Amanda Smith  
Carl Schoolcraft  
Mary Ann Shafer  
Brycelynn Marie Treesh  
Cathy (McIntosh) Vogel  
Joseph Walderick  
Jodi Steward Zahn

### Jan. 22

Ernest Benzine  
Joel Delano Brinkerhoff  
Will Rogers Eastes  
Candace (Snodderly) Jordan  
Sandra (Steller) Marti  
Jennie (Lapp) McCarthy  
Mrs. Larry May  
Betty Myers  
Cruz Neeley  
Sherrill (Lewellyn) Talley

### Jan. 23

Julie Creager  
Jane Creager  
Craig Davis  
Teresa Kay Delauder  
Clara Dix  
Richard Drews  
Karen (Wade) Hathaway  
Ana Moore  
Sally (Westoskey) Moughler  
Amber Lynn Panning  
Benjamine Pepple  
Gene Placencia  
Catherine Placencia  
Gayle Dianne Rose  
John Roseman  
Judy (Davis) Smeltzer  
Ana (Williams) Steinmetz  
Max Allen Treesh  
Jean Wappes  
Ann (Ricketts) Woodward  
Charlotte Wyss

### Jan. 24

Timothy Richard Brennan  
Theresa Leigh Brooks  
Richard Allen Brown  
Julie K. (Parker) Faulkner  
Barry Michael Greenfield  
Sherri Hicks  
Jerry Huffman  
Sally (Zimmerman)  
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# My guide to the state legislature

BY LEO MORRIS

As another Indiana legislative session begins, there is an interesting dynamic at work.

Republican Gov. Eric Holcomb, proposing his final two-year budget as a lame duck, is laying out an ambitious and, in some ways, historic spending plan. He endorses hundreds of millions more for such things as education, public health, economic development and increased salaries for teachers and other public employees.

And it is the Democratic caucus that has responded enthusiastically, even giddily, to the governor's proposal. His fellow Republicans in the legislature are the ones going, "Well, now, let's not get too ambitious here."

Whatever spending plan finally emerges, two things are virtually certain.

Republicans will complain that the amount is higher than it should be, given the waste and fraud that will occur and considering how overburdened taxpayers already are. No cost-cutting will ever be enough.

Democrats will complain that not enough is being done. Government exists to improve lives, and Hoosiers can no longer tolerate mere token attention to some of their most severe problems. No amount spent will ever be enough.

Certainly, there will be other metrics by which to judge the session.

Many of us, for example, will be following the "culture war" bills that come up on race, sex, gender identity, abortion and other so-called divisive social issues, rooting for one side or the other. And there are sure to be at least a couple of proposals so patently absurd that they invite universal derision — remember the great effort to make the mastodon our official state fossil?

Really, we should mostly follow the money, for the obvious reason that government is a taxpayer-supported enterprise, and we should

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pay attention to what is being done with our money and in our name. How the General Assembly allocates funding will determine in large part what kind of lives we will have for the next two years.

And there will be plenty of money to spend. The revenue forecast that came out in mid-December projects healthy growth, with about \$1.6 billion in new money available. And, of course, the state already has about \$6 billion in the bank unspent. We can safely say that budgeting will be more a

matter of what legislators want to do rather than what they feel they have to do.

And that leaves us free to judge, proposal by proposal, whether they should "do something" or not.

I did that for more than 30 years as an editorial writer, and I offer my criteria as a guideline. I know I've done this before, but, honestly, somebody should point out at the beginning of every legislative session in Washington and in all 50 states.

For every single bill that comes up for vote:

Is this really needed?  
If so, would government or the private sector be the best option?

If government, which level should address the issue, federal, state, local or some combination?

How much will it cost?  
Who will pay?

What are the potential unintended consequences?

Will it add to or subtract from individual freedom?

Will the benefits to all outweigh the burden to some?

Is there a sunset clause, or will this go on forever

whether it works or not?

My list was a little longer than that, but that's plenty to think about. In fact, just considering the first two should help you vote no on the majority of legislative initiatives. And the next three should show you that even if government identifies the right problem, it seldom has a clue about the right approach to take.

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VERIFIED PETITION OF NORTHERN INDIANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY LLC FOR (1) APPROVAL OF AND A CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY FOR A FEDERALLY MANDATED SCHAFFER ASH POND COMPLIANCE PROJECT; (2) AUTHORITY TO RECOVER FEDERALLY MANDATED COSTS INCURRED IN CONNECTION WITH THE SCHAFFER ASH POND COMPLIANCE PROJECT; (3) APPROVAL OF THE ESTIMATED FEDERALLY MANDATED COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE SCHAFFER ASH POND COMPLIANCE PROJECT; (4) AUTHORITY for the timely recovery of 80% of the federally mandated costs through RIDER 887 ADJUSTMENT OF FEDERALLY MANDATED COSTS AND APPENDIX I FEDERALLY MANDATED COST ADJUSTMENT FACTOR ("fmca mechanism"); (5) AUTHORITY TO DEFER 20% OF THE FEDERALLY MANDATED COSTS FOR RECOVERY IN NIPSCO'S NEXT GENERAL RATE CASE; (6) APPROVAL OF SPECIFIC RATEMAKING AND ACCOUNTING TREATMENT; (7) APPROVAL TO AMORTIZE THE SCHAFFER ASH POND COMPLIANCE PROJECT costs through 2032; (8) APPROVAL OF ONGOING REVIEW OF THE SCHAFFER ASH POND Compliance Project; ALL PURSUANT TO IND. CODE § 8-1-8.4-1 ET SEQ., § 8-1-2-19, § 8-1-2-23, and § 8-1-2-42; AND, TO THE EXTENT NECESSARY, approval of an alternative regulatory plan pursuant to Ind. Code § 8-1-2-5.

Notice is hereby given that on November 2, 2022, Northern Indiana Public Service Company LLC filed a Petition with the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission in Cause No.

45797 (1) approval of and a certificate of public convenience and necessity ("CPCN") for a federally mandated project and timely recovery of its federally mandated costs incurred in connection with an ash pond closure project at NIPSCO's R.M. Schahfer Generation Station ("Schahfer") (the "Schahfer Ash Pond Compliance Project"); (2) approval of the estimated federally mandated costs associated with the Schahfer Ash Pond Compliance Project; (3) authority for the timely recovery of 80% of the federally mandated costs incurred in connection with the Schahfer Ash Pond Compliance Project, that results in the closure of the Schahfer ash ponds in compliance with applicable federal regulations, through Rider 887 Adjustment of Federally Mandated Costs and Appendix I Federally Mandated Cost Adjustment Factor (the "FMCA Mechanism"); (4) authority to defer 20% of the federally mandated costs incurred in connection with the Schahfer Ash Pond Compliance Project for recovery in NIPSCO's next general rate case; (5) approval of the specific ratemaking and accounting treatment described herein; (6) approval to amortize the Schahfer Ash Pond Compliance Project costs through 2032; and (7) approval of ongoing review of the Schahfer Ash Pond Compliance Project; all pursuant to Ind. Code § 8-1-8.4-1 et seq., § 8-1-2-19, § 8-1-2-23 and § 8-1-2-42; and, to the extent necessary, approval of an alternative regulatory plan pursuant to Ind. Code § 8-1-2.5-6. A copy of the Verified Petition and other submissions in this proceeding are on file with the Commission, PNC Center, 101 West Washington Street, Suite 1500 East, Indianapolis, Indiana 46204. The telephone number of the Commission is (317) 232-2701. Anyone wishing to protest, challenge, or intervene in this action may do so by contacting the Commission.

Each successful bidder shall be required to furnish an approved Performance Bond and a Labor and Materials Payment Bond which cover faithful performance of the contract and the payment of all obligations arising thereunder. A Maintenance Bond shall also be required. Said bonds shall remain in full force and effect for twelve months from the substantial completion of the Work.

The contract will be awarded to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder complying with the conditions for bidding, provided the bid is reasonable and it is to the best interest of the Owner to accept it. The Owner reserves the right to reject the bid of any or all bidder in accordance with Indiana Code 36-1-12.

Bids not reaching said office by 10:00 a.m. on February 9, 2023, will not be opened and will be returned unopened to the original bidder.

Dated this 17th day of January 2023.

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## NOVICE: Finishes Continental Divide Trail; part of "Triple Crown"

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getting into the next town?" "I wasn't used to it, but once you do, you get used to the flow. It gets easier and you start to enjoy it more. At least that was my experience."

Dylan met up with some other hikers along the way who had some travel experience on the trails so he lumbered on with them, going about 20 miles a day.

It was the beauty of Yellowstone National Park and the Grand Tetons that made him glad he hadn't jumped off the trail in Wyoming and northern Montana.

"That was best part. It was really awesome. I had never seen mountains like that," he said of the Tetons. "We came through during the perfect season to see all the aspens and keep up with fellow hikers. I got to the top of the mountain and thought, 'Wow, this is really crazy!'"

He spent a few days as a tourist at Yellowstone, enjoying the sights and resting up for the next leg.

Moving south, Dylan used Guthook Guides, now FarOut, a popular app for long distance hiking, biking and paddling. It pointed out waypoints such as water sources and bathroom spaces. It would map out your trip and follow your progress along the way.

It was during the second half of the trip Dylan began to keep a log/journal on the notes app on his phone at the end of the day.

Once he reached northern Colorado, the trail turned into flat dirt roads with fewer than a dozen cars. In this section, some hikers chose to switch to bikes they rented or had friends drop bikes off at towns along the way.

Dylan didn't weigh down his backpack with bars of soap and other luxuries.

"That's what towns are for. I was very dirty at a lot of points. That was what made making it into town so much better," hot showers, sometimes an overnight at a hotel, staying in a park that was open to the public or a few hostels that were used by many well-traveled hikers.

Many tips were shared along the way. They talked to locals in whatever town they were in. Day hikers always knew if an area is flooded out, so they gave the rundown of the next section or link.

"It was wonderful. It was a great community. Everybody looked out for each other," he said.

Food was another issue. His sister Fallon sent pre-packaged boxes of food and other necessities to destinations along the route. His mom provided him socks and other staples.

His menu included pre-made foods, granola and protein bars, ramen noodles, potatoes, rice and beans he cooked on a little stove on which he could boil water. Water became his beverage of choice.

Dylan's pace picked up along the way, having lost a bit of extra weight — nearly 45 pounds.

His hair and beard grew was scraggly during the trip.

"I got sick, not too bad. I think I drank some bad water, but it wasn't a trail-ending illness. I got over it. It was up in Montana and just rested a day or two," he added.

He also learned to respect wildlife and honor their space.

"You could hear them outside while in your tent, but could not see them. If a bear really wants in, it will,"

he said.

"The scariest thing was seeing a black bear at night. I was still hiking at that time. I just had my headlamp on and I looked up and saw just a pair of glowing eyes staring at me. I was kind of scared at that point.

"Black bears are pretty much passive. You're supposed to fight a black bear," he was told.

But if you encounter a grizzly, "play dead," he was told. The few they came upon in the northern section of the trail appeared more curious of him and his group than anything.

DeMarco hung food in trees in bear country to protect his supply.

Although he did not see any mountain lions, he was sure they saw him. He did not see any buffalo, but a mama and baby moose moved along the trail.

"I decided to wait for them to move on out," he said.

He left trail for a few days in September to attend his grandmother Marjorie Schultz's funeral in Garrett before heading farther south.

The desert provided a different view of nature — several rattlesnakes, tarantulas about the size of his hand and a couple of black widow spiders.

While in New Mexico, they skirted along the edge of Indian reservations where many trails had already been made. They met up with northbound hikers along the trails, who traditionally begin the hike in April and May to get through the desert earlier in the season.

An excess of rainfall last year provided a much greener area until they reached the actual desert, so the climate was great for the hikers.

DeMarco found the desert

to be chilly and windy at night. His brother finished ahead of Dylan's group, and missed a snowfall he met up with along the final leg. "It was really cold and miserable at night," noting he spent one night in a privy.

"The last mile was almost surreal. At the beginning of the trail, I was thinking about finishing with my brother, but that didn't work out in the end.

"But I was finishing with a group of friends that I hiked the majority of the trail with, so it was just super cool. We all just finished at the exact same time. We all sped up and took the final step together. It was just really cool to be in the monument — Crazy Cook Monument — at the border," he said of their arrival on Nov. 4.

There was no one there with a flag or a trophy, but he has plenty photos and memories.

"I did survive. There was definitely a learning curve to it," he said. "In the beginning, I was asking so many questions trying to learn.

Then towards the end, it was like, I know what to do now! Other people started asking me questions. It was probably of the coolest experiences I ever had in my life!"

"Usually only the 'elite' hikers even attempt the Continental Divide Trail. Mentally and physically, it's incredibly demanding. I don't think I would've been able to do it as my first trail. It's a huge accomplishment," Logan said of his brother.

After a gap year, Dylan is considering hiking the Appalachian Trail — perhaps with his brother.

In the meantime, the beauty of Colorado is calling Dylan to move west.

"I'm in love with it now."

## Garrett teams split NECC games

GARRETT — Garrett's boys and girls basketball teams each split their Northeast Corner Conference tournament games last week.

The Garrett girls defeated Fremont 49-24 in an opening round contest before losing to eventual champion Fairfield 57-39 in the quarter-finals.

The Railroader boys lost to Fremont 61-54 in their opening round contest. Garrett's boys came back to defeat Fairfield 45-44 in a consolation round game Thursday.

### Garrett girls

In Garrett's first tournament game, senior Bailey Kelham outscored Fremont by herself, amassing 25 points to go with eight rebounds, an assist and four steals.

Junior Kelsey Bergman had a double-double with 11 points and 12 rebounds. She added two assists and blocked four shots.

Junior Emma LaPato and senior Maddy Schenkel had five points each and senior Aida Haynes chipped in with three points.

Fremont got 12 points from sophomore Addy Parr. Senior Natalie Gochenour had six points. Junior McKenzie Parnin had four and junior Libby Currey added two.

Garrett led 10-4 after a quarter and 15-8 at halftime. The Railroaders broke it open with a 20-5 third quarter.

The following night, visiting Fairfield jumped out to a 13-3 lead after a quarter and led 19-15 at the break.

After a high-scoring third quarter, the Falcons led 42-34. Fairfield finished with

a 15-5 fourth quarter for the 57-39 win.

Schenkel led Garrett (8-10) with 10 points. Haynes and Kelham picked up nine points each.

Bergman and junior Brooklyn Jacobs picked up four points each and LaPato finished with three.

Bergman and LaPato had four rebounds each. Schenkel had four assists and LaPato had three. Kelham blocked three shots.

Eva Herbert and Brea Garber had 14 points each for the Falcons.

### Garrett boys

Garrett led 9-8 after a quarter, but Fremont led 21-16 at halftime. The Eagles outscored the Railroaders 40-38 in the second half.

Junior Jaxon Robinson led Garrett with 17 points and senior Kyle Smith added 15.

Seniors Konner DeWitt and Tyler Gater had seven points each. Junior Luke Coffman picked up four points, sophomore Parker Reed had three and junior Drayton Myers had one.

DeWitt and Reed collected seven rebounds each. Coffman, Gater and Reed had three assists each. DeWitt added two steals.

In the consolation game Thursday, Garrett trailed 24-14 at halftime and 38-24 after three quarters, but outscored Fairfield 21-6 in the fourth.

Myers paced the Railroaders (4-10) with 17 points and Robinson added 15.

Smith had six, DeWitt scored four and Reed added three.

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# SPORTS

## Garrett wrestlers capture own invitational

BY MARK MURDOCK

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GARRETT — Garrett's wrestlers hoisted a trophy Saturday.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

The Lakers put three wrestlers in the finals and took one championship with Keegan Schlabach's 5-1 decision at 126 over Zak Pica of Fremont, who was the top finisher for the Eagles.

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

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

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

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

Zac Brown was fourth for Lakeland at 113.

### Garrett Invitational

**Championship round**  
106 — Osborne (Manchester) 9-7 OT dec. over Douglas (Leo) 113 — Byerley (EN) 1:40 pin over Prough (Leo). 120 — McCue (Angola) 4-2



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

dec. over Fielden (GR). 126 — Schlabach (Lakeland) 5-1 dec. over Pica (Fremont). 132 — Xavier Nusbaum (GR) 12-6 dec. over Heath (Leo) 12-6. 138 — Meyer (South Adams) 2:26 pin over Stewart (Hammond Central). 145 — Miller (DeKalb) 6-3 dec. over Brady Schiffl (Lakeland). 152 — Knepper (DeKalb) 12-8 dec. Plattner (EN). 160 — Leech (GR) 1:20 pin over Ayres (Manchester). 170 — France (Manchester) 14-1 maj. dec. over Martin (Lakeland). 182 — Summersett (South Adams) :52 pin over Araya (Hammond Central). 195 — Demas (Constantine) 5:47 pin over Coolman (Leo). 220 — Hinton (Northrop) 8-1 dec. over VandenBerg (Constantine). 285 — Kahn (Norwell) 1:51 pin over Reid (Constantine).

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



Xavier Nusbaum of Garrett, left, keeps control of Leo's Dylan Heath in the championship match at 132 pounds in Saturday's Garrett Invitational. Nusbaum won with a 12-6 decision.

## Wrestlers win fourth straight NECC season title

BY EVAN WEAVER

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ALBION — Back to back to back.

The Garrett boys wrestling team won the Northeast Corner Conference regular season championship for the fourth straight year in convincing fashion Thursday night.

Winning all but two matches, the Railroaders defeated Central Noble 67-12 to spoil senior night for the Cougars.

"I think we've gotten better since team state and have wrestled pretty well as a whole," Railroaders coach Nick Kraus said. "There's always going to be things to work on when you don't win 84-0, and even then, there's still things to work on."

The victory gives Garrett a perfect 10-0 conference record. The Railroaders improved to 15-3 in all matches and brought their conference winning streak in dual matches to over 40 straight.

"The seniors haven't lost a conference dual in four years, and we were a match

away from it being five years," Kraus said. "These guys have put together an awesome streak and we didn't think much about it until we realized we've won so many conference matches in a row, and we realized we don't want to lose that."

One standout of the night for Kraus was senior Graydon Clingan, who pinned Central Noble's Ethan Skinner at 182 in 1 minute, 55 seconds.

"The kid he beat was a semi-state qualifier," Kraus said. "I knew that going in, but I didn't tell him because I wanted to see what he could do and how he could compete, and he pinned the kid."

Most of Garrett's victories in the dual were decided by fall, except for Jack O'Connor, who defeated Jaxon Copas in a 4-0 decision at 195 pounds and Lane Gibson, who won by a 14-5 major decision over Sam Hoover at 170 pounds.

The other match not decided by fall was when Garrett sophomore Xavier

Nusbaum won over Jaxon Kitchen after Kitchen was injured early on in the match and could not continue.

Both matches won by the Cougars were decided by fall, with freshman Conner Fish pinning Garrett's Jakob Jones in 1:45 at 113 pounds and freshman Damyán Duncan pinning Garrett's Nate Wells in 3:09 at 152 pounds.

### Garrett 67, Central Noble 12

182 — Clingan (GR) by 1:55 pin over Skinner (CN). 195 — O'Connor (GR) by 4-0 dec. over Copas (CN). 220 — G.Baker (GR) by 3:26 pin over VanHalst (CN). 285 — McCormack (GR) by 3:42 pin over Pieper (CN). 106 — C.Baker (GR) by 1:12 pin over Fleshman (CN). 113 — Fish (CN) by 1:45 pin over Jones (GR). 120 — Pelmear (GR) wins by forfeit. 126 — Kochendorfer (GR) by :24 pin over Broom (CN). 132 — Nusbaum (GR) wins by injury default over Kitchen (CN). 138 — H.Williams (GR) wins by 1:17 pin over Rockey (CN). 145 — Orick-Maurer (GR) wins by 2:44 pin over E.Ernstberger (CN). 152 — Duncan (CN) by 3:09 pin over Wells (GR). 160 — Leech (GR) by 2:49 pin over Boots (CN). 170 — Gibson (GR) by 14-5 maj. dec. over Hoover (CN).

### Sports Briefs

#### Today, Jan. 17

5 p.m. — Middle school girls basketball with Churubusco, here.

6 p.m. — Varsity and reserve girls basketball with Belmont, here.

#### Wednesday

Varsity wrestling at Columbia City.

#### Thursday

5:30 p.m. — Middle

school girls basketball at Westview.

#### Friday

6 p.m. — Varsity and reserve girls basketball at West Noble.

#### Saturday

9 a.m. — Varsity wrestling, NECC meet at Eastside.

9 a.m. — Middle school wrestling at NorthWood Invitational, Nappanee.

6 p.m. — Varsity and reserve boys basketball at Westview.

#### Monday, Jan. 23

5 p.m. — Middle school girls basketball with Carroll, here.

5:30 p.m. — Sixth-grade girls basketball at Lakeland.

#### Tuesday, Jan. 24

5 p.m. — Sixth-grade girls basketball with Indian Springs, here.

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