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TODAY'S WEATHER

Sunny
Mid-80s
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Scrapbook:

Monday's high: 84
Low: 69
Last July 1:
High: 71
Low: 61
Record since 1903:
High 98, 1910
Low 44, 1937
Precipitation:
June 30: Trace (as of 7 a.m.)

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■ Road closure in Marion:

Miller Avenue will be closed from Ind. 18 to Ninth Street from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. today through Thursday. The closure is due to work on Marion Utilities' storm sewer separation project.

— From staff reports

■ Bank burglary reported:

Marion Police are investigating a burglary that occurred at about 9:40 p.m. Sunday at Region's, 402 S. Washington St.

Nothing was taken during the break-in.

Detective Capt. Jay Kay said unknown suspects entered the building adjacent to the bank through the roof and then broke through drywall, attempting to get into the bank.

A motion sensor alarm was activated, but police weren't notified until Monday morning.

Detective Brian Sharp said the suspects entered a vacant part of the building through the roof. When they went through the drywall, they were in an office area of the bank that also is unused.

Anyone with information should call police at 662-9981.

— Mishelle Wright

■ Marion Community Schools release lunch dates:

Until July 25, breakfast will be from 7:30 to 8 a.m. for Marion Community School summer school students 8-8:30 a.m. for eligible public, lunch is 11-11:30 a.m. for summer school students and 11:30 a.m. to noon for eligible public.

Meals will not be served on Friday.

— Crystal Franks

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Two boys drown in pools

Seven-year-old and toddler die in separate accidents on Sunday night

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Two Marion boys died Sunday night after their families found them at the bottom of a pool at two separate family

gatherings.

Grant County Coroner Stephen Dorsey said 7-year-old Javonte J. Smith was pronounced dead at 8 p.m. Sunday, and Jakauri D. Nelson,

15 months, was pronounced dead at 9:19 p.m. Both died in Marion General Hospital. The cases are unrelated, though Dorsey said the two boys are distant cousins.

Jakauri was at a family function at 2205 S. Gallatin St. and was found in a four-foot above-ground pool.

The 15-month old boy's

great-grandparents, who owned the pool the boy drowned in, left the gathering to go purchase a lock for the pool after they learned of the 7-year-old relative's drowning. But as they were purchasing the lock, they received a call that their great-grandson had been found in the pool at their home. The

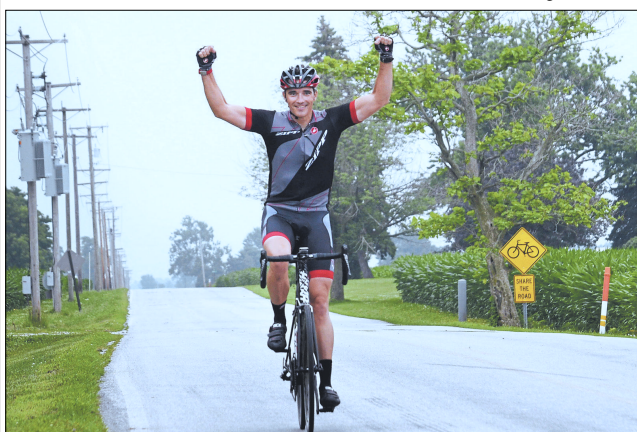
toddler lived with them at the Gallatin Street address.

"It's just a tragic accident, it looks like right now," said Marion Police Detective Capt. Jay Kay.

Dorsey said the older boy drowned in an in-ground pool at 3403 E. 225N. The pool's depth ranged from

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Man bikes 83 miles to honor cyclist



COMMEMORATIVE RIDE — Top: Dan Lee, Carmel, raises his fists as he arrives in Matthews at the end of a ride from Indianapolis on Monday. Lee made the ride from Massachusetts Avenue in Indianapolis to commemorate Hoosier African-American cycling legend Marshall "Major" Taylor on the 119th anniversary of Taylor's victory in a 75-mile race with the same start and finish points in 1895. Bottom left: Lee talks about his desire to honor the accomplishments and character of Taylor after arriving in Matthews at the end of a ride from Indianapolis on Monday. Bottom right: Lee talks with Matthews Town Board President David Loei, at left, after Lee arrived in Matthews. Make this image yours. Go to www.chronicle-tribune.com.

Lee: 'Major Taylor was kind of like Jackie Robinson'

BY KARLA BOWSHER
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A Carmel man rode his bicycle from Massachusetts Avenue in downtown Indianapolis to Massachusetts

Avenue in the town of Matthews Monday.

Lifelong cyclist Dan Lee pedaled the 82.7 miles in honor of a historical figure who raced from Indianapolis to Matthews 119 years ago through a downpour.

African-American cyclist Marshall "Major" Taylor, then 16, won the 1895 race in the face of racism, slurs and other forms of discrimination. Taylor's participation in the race was kept secret until the end due to

segregation.

"His participation as an African-American would have been very controversial," Lee said. "Major Taylor was kind of like Jackie Robinson 50 years before Jackie Robinson was Jackie Robinson."

The 1895 race was one of Taylor's first big victories, Lee said. Taylor went on to compete in Europe and Australia. Today, Indianapolis' Major Taylor Velodrome Park is named after

the Hoosier.

Lee, 45, learned of Taylor more than 20 years ago and has since read about him extensively and long since decided to one day bike the route of Taylor's race to Matthews.

"I've been a big fan of Major Taylor's a long time," Lee said. "I think because he's a Hoosier and he lived in such a harsh period of discrimination."

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Man arrested on armed robbery warrant

Police: Charges from April 11 home invasion

BY MISHELLE WRIGHT
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A Marion man who has been wanted on a warrant for three months was arrested Sunday in connection with a home invasion.

Isaiah D. Horton, 20, last known address 1903 S. George St., was arrested in the 1100 block of South Gallatin Street on the warrant for armed robbery and burglary, both Class B felonies.

He also was charged with possession of a controlled substance because he reportedly had drugs on him at the time of his arrest, police say.

Marion Police Detective Capt. Jay Kay said the armed robbery and burglary charges are from a home invasion that occurred on April 11 in the 3500 block of South Meridian Street.

During the incident, two suspects entered the residence through an unsecured window at 5:37 a.m. and struck a 14-year-old boy in the head with a gun after the teenager covered himself with a blanket. They then attempted to rob an adult male who was in another room of the house. They demanded drugs and money, but fled the scene empty-handed after searching the man's pants, Kay said. Police didn't locate any drugs in the home.

Patrol officers about an hour after the home invasion found Vincent Sharp Jr., who matched the description of one of the suspects.

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Court: Religious rights trump birth control rule

BY MARK SHERMAN
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — A sharply divided Supreme Court ruled Monday that some companies with religious objections can avoid the contraceptive requirement in President Barack Obama's health care overhaul, the first time the high court has

declared that businesses can hold religious views under federal law.

"The justices' 5-4 decision, splitting conservatives and liberals, means the Obama administration must search for a different way of providing free contraception to women who are covered under the health insurance

plans of objecting companies.

Justice Samuel Alito wrote in his majority opinion, over a dissent from the four liberal justices, that forcing companies to pay for methods of women's contraception to which they object violates the 1993 Religious Freedom Restoration Act. He said the

ruling is limited and there are ways for the administration to ensure women get the birth control they want.

But White House press secretary Josh Earnest said the decision creates health risks for women, and he said Congress should take action to make sure they get coverage.

"President Obama believes that women should make personal health care decisions for themselves rather than their bosses deciding for them," Earnest said. "Today's decision jeopardizes the health of the women who are employed by these companies."

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Indiana requests new No Child Left Behind waiver

BY TOM LOBIANCO
The Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — Democratic Schools Superintendent Glenda Ritz submitted Indiana's request for a new waiver from the No Child Left Behind requirements on Monday in the hopes that the state can avoid losing control of how some of its federal education money is spent.

The filing beat a deadline set by U.S. Department of Education officials for the state to submit a new waiver that addresses concerns raised by federal monitors. At stake is control over a portion of the more than \$200 million in federal "Title I" education funding that Indiana receives each year.

Staff from the Ritz admin-

istration, Gov. Mike Pence's education and jobs agency, the General Assembly and the U.S. Department of Education worked intensely over the past two months to craft the new application. "Because of their work, I believe that Hoosier schools will have much needed flexibility over how they use some of their federal funding. Most importantly,

this flexibility will improve education for our students," Ritz said in a statement.

Federal officials told Ritz in April that problems with the state's monitoring of low-performing schools had placed the state's waiver in jeopardy. They also expressed concerns about the state's teacher and principal evaluation system, which yielded surprisingly

few poor reviews earlier this year and raised doubts among conservative education advocates who sought the changes.

Ritz staff members said they were promised a response by the end of July, but did not say if that is a hard and fast deadline. The federal review of the state was completed last August and Ritz's staff said they

were promised a response in the fall, but did not receive the state's review until many months later.

The decision came shortly after Indiana became the first state to exit the national Common Core education standards, but federal officials said they were fine with the alternative education standards the state developed.



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CYCLING INTO MATTHEWS — Dan Lee, Carmel, cycles into Matthews at the end of a ride from Indianapolis on Monday. Lee made the ride from Massachusetts Avenue in Indianapolis to commemorate Hoosier African-American cycling legend Marshall "Major" Taylor on the 119th anniversary of Taylor's victory in a 75-mile race with the same start and finish points in 1895. Make this image yours. Go to www.chronicle-tribune.com.



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CYCLING LEGEND — African-American Cyclist Marshall "Major" Taylor won an 1895 race from Indianapolis to Matthews. Lifelong cyclist Dan Lee pedaled the 82.7 miles on the 119th anniversary of Taylor's victory to honor the cycling legend.

Cyclist: Lee worked as journalist, authored book before going into biking

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Lee admires Taylor for a personality Lee likened to that of African-American baseball player Jackie Robinson, for exhibiting great faith and stressing kindness and forgiveness in spite of the social challenges that African-Americans faced in Taylor's era.

Cycling started as a hobby

for Lee. Then he realized how many other purposes it could have, from a way to further fitness and friendship to a way to launch a career and, now, raise awareness.

Because of Lee's efforts to raise awareness of Taylor Monday, part of Taylor's story will find a home in Matthews' historical room.

"I'd like to add a little more history to tell people who didn't know about him," Matthews Town Council President David Loer said. "This would fit right in. Nobody knows about it."

Loer left work early so he and his wife, Matthews Clerk-Treasurer Sandy Loer, could meet Loer at his destination.

Lee has always had a fondness for East Central Indiana and is familiar with Grant County, he said, having attended Ball State and biked to Matthews while on the university's racing team. He also used to work in Muncie and live in Pendleton.

His path Monday started out along Indianapolis' Cultural Trail and took him

past Noblesville in Hamilton County and through the towns of Cicero and Frankton in Madison County. He headed east from there and entered Grant County via County Road 900, which runs into Matthews' Massachusetts Avenue.

Lee and his bike returned to Carmel via car after his family met up with him in

Matthews. He said it's unknown how Taylor returned from Matthews.

Lee worked as a journalist and authored a book, "The Belgium Hammer: Forging Young Americans into Professional Cyclists," before going into the biking industry. He works for SRAM Corporation, which manufactures bicycle parts.

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