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County retains counsel to aid panel in Yergy's appeal

By JESSICA BRICKER

The Wells County Commissioners have hired a local attorney to represent the panel members who will decide the appeal filed by Yergy's State Road Barbecue after the restaurant was shut down by the county health department in August.

The hearing date for the appeal has not be determined yet, County Attorney Roy Johnson said Monday, but the panel will include Dr. Steven Bales, a member of the

Wells County Health Board; Bill Horan; and Marcia Meyer, Lancaster Township trustee and retired LPN.

Tony Crowell, who serves as the City of Bluffton's legal counsel, has been hired at an hourly rate of \$300. County Attorney Roy Johnson said he didn't feel it was "kosher" for him to represent both the health department and the hearing panel, therefore Crowell was contacted for his services to advise the panel during the pro-

Johnson said Crowell wants to meet with the panel members and he presumes the scheduling of a hearing will follow.

Johnson also said it's possible that Crowell's expenses, as well as those he has charged the county for this litigation matter over the past two months, could be reimbursed by federal pandemic relief funds since it's directly related to COVID-19.

According to the agreement

commissioners Blake Gerber, Kevin Woodward and Tamara Robbins approved Monday, the "scope of engagement" includes:

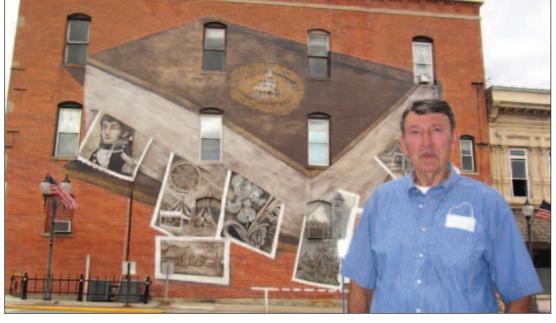
"Assist and advise the client on the organizational activities of the hearing panel, the hearing process and the conduct of the hearing, including preservation of the official record of the hearing.

• "Assist the client in the preparation and publication of any and all legal notices necessary or required for the hearing process.

on the legal issues and interpretation of statues, ordinances, rules and regulations applicable to the hearing process and the responsibilities of the client in conducting the hearing, deliberating on the facts and legal issues, and the decision process.

• "Assist and advise the client on preparation of findings of fact and legal conclusions as may be

necessary upon the conclusion of



Jerry Oswalt with the mural painted by local artist Nancy Wagner on Jerry Flack's building at Main and Market Streets. Wagner included a wider variety of scenes depicting local history, but the irises are at the center. "Anyone you talk to about E.B. or Mary Williamson, or Paul and Emma Cook," Oswalt says, "they were good people." (Photo by Mark Miller)

Working to keep history alive

By MARK MILLER

Editor's Note: Both of the new murals in downtown Bluffton feature irises, recognizing the significant role Bluffton holds in the history of iris hybrids. This is the third of three articles regarding that history.

It is difficult to say, but it is likely that there is no one alive who lives in Wells County who knew Mary Williamson better than Jerry Oswalt. He is almost certainly the most knowledgeable person regarding the city's historically significant role in the world of irises.

He first met her in 1958 when he was 16 years old. Ever since he can remember, he always loved flowers and gardens. He recalled his parents driving down Bond Street when he would see this large field of colorful flowers. At the time, he didn't know anything about the Williamson family or irises, but by 1958, he had a small garden in his family's backyard and heard that the lady around the corner was selling her flowers - you could get a grocery bag full for

"So I walked over there and was greeted by this beautiful lady with sparkling blue eyes," he Instead of selling him anything, she gave him

about 15 bags.

"She would often call me and say she had some more bags for me, and they were all these different varieties," he continued. "She was such a pleasant lady, very soft spoken, and very smart. And she was definitely a hard worker. Oswalt would learn much about handling

irises from Williamson, and she also shared stories about her father, E.B. Williamson, and Paul Cook. He heard stories about the number of people who came to Bluffton each year to help her father cull through his new varieties of irises which ones to keep and which ones to throw

away. They would come from all over the country and included such notable people as Robert Schreiner, "who was famous around the world" as an iris geneticist.

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Board names Ossian amphitheater/pavilion

Members set security deposit and rental fees, as well as discuss alcohol-related rules

By GLEN WERLING

It will be called the Archbold-Wilson Event Center.

Members of the Ossian Park Board Monday night agreed that will be the name for the amphitheater/pavilion under construction now at Archbold-Wilson Memorial Park.

With its construction approaching completion, park board members also brainstormed ideas for what to charge for rental of the building.

"The rental fee wouldn't be there to make money," board president Joe Lewis emphasized, but he added that the town will need the financial assistance renting the facility will provide with maintenance expenses of the building.

After considerable discussion on the matter, the board members

agreed to \$75 for four hours or less to rent the pavilion and the town's tables and chairs.

Adding use of the kitchen by

the renter will raise the rental fee to \$100 for four hours or less. If the event is to be four hours or more, the rent for the pavilion,

chairs and tables will be \$100. Adding the use of the kitchen will hike the rental fee to \$150. Non-profit organizations will pay half that amount and any organization that has contributed

toward the projects at Archbold-

Wilson and other town parks can use the building for free. Refundable deposits for the use of the facilities will be the same as the rental prices. The pavilion must be cleaned and undamaged

following the rental event for the (Continued on Page 2)

Wells County COVID-19 rate remains around 6%

By DEVAN FILCHAK

Wells County residents continue to be diagnosed with COVID-19 after being tested, but the overall positivity rate remains about the same.

The overall rate is technically higher than the last report released by the Wells County Health Department with an increase to 6.2 percent from 6.1 percent on Sept. 25. The overall positivity rate for the state as a whole is 8.8 percent, according to the Indiana State Department of Health Monday.

There have been a total of 282 cases of COVID-19 since the beginning of the pandemic, but 225 of those people have recovered as of Sunday. There are currently 51 active cases with two current hospitalizations.

A total of four people have died of COVID-19 in Wells County. The age group of 50-59 remains the highest range affected by the virus, followed by those ages 20-29.

5 rural areas to be studied for potential sewer services

By JESSICA BRICKER

Several rural areas will be studied for potential sewer services after the commissioners signed off Monday on the \$22,500 agree-

Last month Wells County Engineer Nate Rumschlag, who has been assisting the county's Regional Sewer District board, told commissioners Blake Gerber, Kevin Woodward and Tamara Robbins that the board was interested in studying and preparing areas for future funding if the commissioners paid for

the analysis. Choice One has offered to study five areas — Kingsland, Keystone, Petroleum, Tocsin and Reiffsburg — for a total cost that would be discounted compared to doing each individual area separately.

The commissioners had concerns the studies would expire before the projects could be designed, but they decided Monday that the studies can be updated in the future if needed.

Among the other items discussed and updates provided Monday, Rumschlag said crews will be installing the new camera system this week at the bridge on 300W over the Wabash River. Once the system is working in its temporary location, Rumschlag said he will reopen the road to local traffic. Meanwhile, an ordinance updating the weight limit on the bridge will be presented to the commissioners at a future meeting.

Another ongoing bridge project continues over the Wabash River. The White Bridge demolition work is well underway, Rumschlag said, with removal of the south approach anticipated this week and the north

approach installation to also start this week

Regarding the relocation of Hoosier Highway and the permanent closures of a few railroad crossings south of Bluffton, Rumschlag said that it is his understanding, after speaking with state and railroad officials, that the county is "well ahead" of other communities that have been awarded Local Trax funds.

"Our project is likely to be one of it not the first under construction within this award," he added in his report.

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Officer receives commendation for role in death investigation

• Photo on Page 12 By GLEN WERLING

Ossian Police Chief Dave Rigney Monday night awarded a commendation for meritorious service to Sgt. Stephanie Tucker for her major role in the death investigation of Kamryn Price of Ossian in January of 2019.

Tucker noted the assistance by

reserve officer Bob Frantz, Rigney and the other officers helped her to free up the time she needed to investigate the case.

'The family got me through this," Tucker said. Price's grandmother, Jenni Milholland, was also present for the presentation of the commendation

Rigney added that the time

between suspicion, investigation and arrest was phenomenally fast and that Tucker had put together a rock solid case. The girl's mother's boyfriend at the time, Brent Scheiber, was sentenced earlier this year on charges of aggravated

Tucker received a pink commendation bar.

At Monday night's meeting of the Ossian Board of Metropolitan Police commissioners, members Caleb Chichester and Bob Miller also received an update on the department's office expansion

Tucker reported one reason the police department needs more storage space is because

the state has denied the department's request to destroy its old paper reports — even though those reports have all been scanned and are in electronic storage.

Therefore, at least for now, the destroy date for the reports and records once kept by the department is never.

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Working to keep

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Years later, when compiling a history of the Longfield Iris Farm, Oswalt corresponded with Schriener's son, David, who had continued his father's iris business in Salem, Ore.

'My father spoke kindly of both Mary and E.B.," one letter, written in June 2001, stated. "He would visit Longfield Garden in Bluffton religiously each spring in the '30s and '40s ... for it was THE place to see what was new and important in the iris world at the time."

Another noted visitor was Alfred Kinsey, the famous professor of entomology and zoology, and sexologist who, in 1947, founded the Institute for Sex Research at Indiana University, previously known as the Kinsey Institute for Research in Sex, Gender, and Reproduc-

"By all accounts, E.B. was a fascinating person who could keep his visitors up past midnight, listening to his stories," Oswalt continued. "Mary absolutely adored him."

Indeed, she continued to register new varieties of irises that she would create in her father's name, even after his death. For a time, there was some controversy as to who should get credit for her 1940 masterpiece variety, the "Wabash" that won the 1940 Dykes Memorial Medal, the highest honor in the iris world. She had originally registered it under his name, but eventually it would be determined it was hers, making her the first woman to win that medal.

'That iris, the Wabash, was the No. 1 favorite for more than 50 years," Oswalt said, explaining that the American Iris Society continues to take an annual poll of its members.

Oswalt learned that while Paul Cook kept meticulous records of the genetic lineage of his irises, E.B. "was quite the opposite," Oswalt noted. "He would collect the pollen from the plants, put them in a bag and shake them up and then crossbreed the irises he felt might work. When others would ask him for the genetics of a new iris, he couldn't produce it because he didn't know," he added with a chuckle. "The scientific people were often frustrated with him."

"Many considered Paul Cook the most talented iris geneticist in the country," Oswalt continues, "but the two were exact opposites in how they created new iris varieties.

Which might lead one to think the dissolution of their partnership in 1929 might have been contentious. But, Oswalt said, it was not. They remained good friends and Cook named his first solo creation after his former partner.

Cook began working for Williamson after coming back home from World War I. They became partners at some point and at its peak, Longfield was the secondlargest iris farm in the country, Oswalt said. Mary continued to operate the business after her father's death in 1933. Among Oswalt's historical collection of Longfield artifacts is a copy of the 1958 catalog, listing the flowers from \$1 to \$20. While that would be the last catalog, she continued to sell the rhizomes for a number of years.

"Mary closed the busi-

ness in 1958, but sold irises out of the field for several more years," Oswalt says. "Then she parceled the land out," which may have included the land for the Columbia Elementary School, although he's not sure

He added that the land eventually became a new housing development, adding several new homes and extending Market Street to the west.

After her death in 1987, an auction was held at which he had hoped to find some historical things, but it was all household goods. At the very end, two cardboard boxes remained, filled with what Oswalt describes as "magazines, junk, stuff I thought they should have burned." He bought them for \$1 and took them home, not bothering to even look through them for several

When he did, however, he discovered "a gold mine," he said. Pictures, records, old catalogs, a written history of the farm and business were all there. He was able to get the addresses of Williamson's sister and other relatives, whom he wrote to and asked for historical things they would donate to the local historical society. That is how the actual 1940 Dykes medal is now on display in the museum.

He has produced two large volumes of history that are also part of the museum's collections, noting that Mary had long served on the society's board.

Not wanting to see the legacy and history of the Cook and Williamson families be lost, he worked with the local Master Gardeners group, and with the help of a grandson and great-grandson of E.B. Williamson created the Cook-Williamson Memorial Iris Garden at the west end of the Rivergreen-

He fondly remembers the details of the flowers planted, and who planted them, in August 2008.

"Larry McFarren had worked for Mary in the '50s," he shared, "He was battling lung cancer and had just gotten out of the hospital" as the planting was beginning.

McFarren helped Jerry Christianson, another former worker, plant a bulb.

"E.B.'s grandson and great-grandson (Dave Wilkins Sr. and Jr. who lived in Fort Wayne at the time) planted E.B.'s iris that had been named after his father, the 'Lent A. Williamson' Oswalt continued. "Paul Cook's niece, Barb Ealing, planted her uncle's 'Allegiance' which won a Dykes Memorial Medal."

Additionally, another granddaughter of E.B. planted Mary Williamson's award-winning "Wabash'

After several years of tending and work — it takes two to three years for an iris garden to fully bloom — the garden began to fade, due mostly, he says, to a lack of

"It just didn't work out," he said, noting that while he loves to garden, he doesn't feel he's very good at it. Now 78, he lacks the energy to care for his own garden on North Oak Extended.

"But any time I can talk about Mary Williamson and the iris farm" that once stood on Bluffton's west side, "you bet I'll do that."

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Weather

Tuesday, Oct. 6, 2020 (24-hour observations at 8:23 p.m. Monday) High: 60; Low: 33; Precipitation: None. Wabash River Level (at the Main Street bridge): 1.24

Wells County forecast

Today: Sunny, with a high near 70. Southwest wind 10 to 15 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

Tonight: Mostly clear, with a low around 52. Southwest wind 10 to 15 mph.

feet at 9:45 p.m. Monday

Wednesday: Sunny, with a high near 75. West wind 15 to 20 mph.

Wednesday Night: Clear, with a low around 42. North-

west wind 5 to 10 mph becoming light north in the eve-

Thursday: Sunny, with a high near 67. **Thursday Night:** Clear, with a low around 43.

Friday: Sunny, with a high near 73. Friday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 51. **Saturday:** Mostly sunny, with a high near 76.

Saturday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 49. **Sunday:** Sunny, with a high near 70. **Sunday Night:** Mostly clear, with a low around 45.

County retains

Monday: Sunny, with a high near 73.

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the hearing process to support the client's determination and final decision."

Prior to the meeting of the commissioners, all three left the meeting room and reportedly went upstairs to meet with Health Department Deputy Administrator Marlene Hoag. Joining them was Johnson.

There was no executive session scheduled Monday, and The News-Banner expressed concerns about the discussion that was not held during a public meeting. When asked for a public recap of what was discussed, those in attendance were told the commissioners spoke with Hoag about the county's latest coronavirus data and finding a site to be used for a COVID-19 clinic.

"They received some funding but they're having trouble finding a site," Robbins added.

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Board names Ossian

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person or organization renting the building to receive the deposit in return. Renters will also be responsible for any substantial damage done to the facilities or town property by attendees at the event.

Alcohol will be allowed only for park board approved events. The person or entity serving the alcohol must have a liquor license.

However, Town Manager Luann Martin wants to speak with the town attorney to determine what rules should be set for alcohol use before setting them into an ordinance.

She also wants to get input from the town's insur-

Both the rental fees and rules regarding alcohol usage must be put into ordinance form to be adopted by the Ossian Town Council at a future meeting.

In other business, Lewis and board members Tim Rohr, Ashley Harmon, Dodie Filchak and nonvoting town council liaison Renée Sweeney: Officially accepted the

\$30,000 donation from the Ossian Psi Iota Xi sorority that had been previously pledged toward the construction of the Archbold-Wilson Memorial Park amphitheater/pavilion. The idea of an amphitheater originated with the sorority years ago and the group has been collecting money from fundraisers to assist in the payment of its construction ever since.

• Learned from Martin that the playground equipment for Archbold-Wilson Memorial Park has arrived. She has presented Ossian Town Council president and builder — Josh Barkley with the 327-page assembly

instructions for his review. She added that Barkley will then take charge of the community-build event to construct the playground or will designate someone else to do the job. A week in which volunteers will build the playground has not yet been scheduled.

Welcomed Gary Guenin, 417 Maplewood Drive, to the park board. Guenin, who is retired from Metaldyne, replaces Janet Riley who resigned from the board earlier. His appointment does not become oficial until it is approved by the Ossian Town Council.

• Learned from Lewis that he is currently in discussion with a group that is considering taking over the operation of the town's various baseball leagues and uniting them under one source of management. He hopes to have representatives from the group

- which he declined to name — to come to the next meeting of the park board to discuss their proposal. The group, he said, had success in uniting Markle's leagues this year.

• Learned from Martin that the there is currently \$13,626.91 in the parks department budget.

The next regular meeting of the board is set for 7 p.m. Monday, Nov. 2, at Collier's Comfort Services.

Sweeney works at lier's and has arranged for the future meeting of the town council and town board meetings to be held in the large meeting room of the business, which is relocating to the former law offices at 213 N. Jefferson St., just to the north of the Ossian Branch of the Wells County Public Library.

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5 rural areas

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Rumschlag also reported that a draft speed limit ordinance has been provided to local law enforcement agencies for review and comments. The ordinance change will be ready for discussion next month, he said.

Also on Monday, the commissioners:

- Discussed at length how to move forward with reimbursement requests out of the county's federal CARES Act pandemic relief funds, now that payroll claims are eligible for reimbursement. More details will be published in an upcoming edition of The
- News-Banner. • Recognized Jacob Duncan, a graduate of Southern Wells High School and current freshman at Purdue University, for receiving a \$500 scholarship from SRI Inc. and the Association of Indiana Counties. His father, Chris Duncan, works for the Wells County Highway Department. Four scholarships were
- awarded statewide this year. • Passed along their well wishes to Toby Steffen, who has previously done engineering work for the county. Steffen has reportedly been diagnosed with cancer, and his work on the county's behalf was commended. "He's done a lot for us and continues to do so," Highway Superintendent Josh Cotton said during

his report. Rusmchlag echoed those sentiments, calling Steffen a friend and mentor.

• Heard there are 78 inmates in the Wells County Jail, including 25 pre-trial holds from Superior Court, 21 pre-trial holds from Circuit Court, 20 Level 6 felons and four from the Indiana Department of Correction. Sheriff Scott Holliday also opened a new bid for the department's Humvee he is selling by auction. The bid was for \$5,000, which continues the auction another

two weeks.

• Heard the repair of the east-facing clock hands of the courthouse clock is ongoing.

• Learned no applications

have been received yet for Appeals. "We have projects waiting to be done as soon as the crops

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Police Notebook

INCIDENTS

Friday, 2:59 p.m., residence in the 1200 block of Honeysuckle Lane. Complainant reported someone was using his identity to collect unemployment benefits.

Friday, 5:19 p.m., residence in the 400 block of South Indiana Street. Police officer requested to mediate a dispute between mother and teenage daughter.

Friday, 9:37 p.m., Spring Wayne Apartments, report of a verbal altercation between a mother and daughter over how the daughter's children should be raised. Officer responded. Situation calmed. The parties, even though they live next door to each other, were talking on cell phones to each other.

Saturday, 2 a.m., Main Street at Washington Street. Bluffton police officer pulled over a vehicle and allegedly found a clear jar containing plant-like material, a glass pipe, hollowed out cigars, and a marijuana grinder. The officer arrested the driver of the vehicle, Cynthia Michelle Zootman, 18, Bluffton, on charges of possession of marijuana, a Class B misdemeanor; possession of drug paraphernalia, a Class B misdemeanor; and operating a vehicle with a Schedule I or II controlled substance or its metabolite in her body, a Class C misdemeanor. Bond was set at \$2,000.

Saturday, 4:39 a.m., residence in the 1400 block of Central Avenue. Caller reported his vehicle had been rifled through but nothing was stolen. The would-be thief, however, reportedly left behind items outside of the vehicle that did not belong to the caller.

Saturday, 5:34 a.m., Stag Bar, 205 W. Market St. Burglar alarm. Officers responded. Alarm tripped accidentally by an employee.

Saturday, 11:01 a.m., residence in the 900 block of West South Street. Caller reported several items stolen from a vehicle parked in the alley behind residence.

Saturday, 11:22 a.m., residence in the 1400 block of West Central Avenue. Caller reported theft of speaker, wallet papers, and identification from vehicle parked at residence. The items turned out to be the items recovered from the earlier case of a vehicle having been rifled through.

Saturday, 2:48 p.m., residence in the 500 block of East Arnold Street. Caller reported someone threw a hypodermic syringe into the caller's yard.

Saturday, 4:38 p.m., residence in the 700 block of West Wiley Avenue. Teenager reportedly threatening self-harm.

Saturday, 5:24 p.m., residence in the 1200 block of Honeysuckle Lane. Caller reported his neighbor's chicken crossed the road and the caller was unsure why. An officer was dispatched but was unable to locate the chicken.

Saturday, 8:34 a.m., Walmart Supercenter, 2100 N. Main St. Caller reported he accidentally left behind in the parking lot a cartload of items that he had purchased. He remembered and returned for them about 10 minutes later. The cart was where he had left it, but the items were

Saturday, 11:48 p.m., apartment in the 200 block of West South Street. Loud verbal altercation between a man and a woman. Officers responded. Both parties reportedly refused to speak with police. The male half was warned for disorderly conduct.

Sunday, 3:33 a.m., 200 block of East Market Street. Report of a man lying on the sidewalk yelling and screaming. He was taken home.

Sunday, 12:26 p.m., Clark Avenue at Spring Street. Report of a loud verbal altercation between a man and a woman in a vehicle southbound on Clark Avenue. The female half then reportedly got out of the vehicle and was carrying a child. An officer checked the area but saw no one matching the descrip-

Sunday, 1:20 p.m., residence in the 1400 block of Stogdill Road. Caller reported she was bitten by one of two dogs running at large. The bite did not break her skin but did leave a bruise. The dogs then led officers on a chase around the east side of town before they were finally apprehended in the area of Riverview Drive and Highland Drive. They were both returned to their owner who lives on Honeysuckle Lane. Animal Shelter was contacted to deal with the matter further.

Sunday, 2:39 p.m., Pine Grove Apartments. Caller reported a man walking a dog appeared to be looking into the windows of cars and apartments. Officers dispatched, located the man and spoke with him. The man advised his dog tends to get close to the cars and the apartments, but he — the man — was not looking into the windows of either.

Sunday, 4:31 p.m., White Bridge Court at Compromise Lane. Man who works for the United States Census Bureau reported a man threatened him and "beat on" his car. Officer located the man who reportedly did the car beating and he advised that the car the worker was driving was parked out in front of his residence, so he went out to find out what the man was doing. He knocked on the window of the vehicle to get the census worker to roll the window down. The worker reportedly said something about the census and drove away.

Sunday, 11:48 p.m., residence in the 1300 block of Ridgewood Lane. Verbal altercation between a parent and a daughter. Officers responded. Daughter left residence before officers arrived.

Monday, 10:12 a.m., Boost Mobile, 917 N. Main St. Employee requesting belligerent customer to be removed from the store and warned for trespassing.

Monday, 11:18 a.m., Country Squire Florist, 214 N. Main St. Sixty flower arrangements were paid for with the fraudulent use of credit cards. Incident under investigation.

County:

Friday, 12:38 p.m., mobile home in the Silo Farms mobile home park. Halloween decorations and vard furniture stolen.

Friday, 1:15 p.m., residence on 500W south of 400S. Burglar alarm indicating glass breakage. Sheriff's deputy responded. He traced the source of the alarm to the back storm door which had blown open, striking a rear light and knocking out a glass window.

Friday, 5:12 p.m., residence on East Washington Street in Murray. Sheriff's deputy responded to a report of an unwanted man at the residence. The man had left before the deputy arrived.

Friday, 5:59 p.m., Ind. 1 at U.S. 224. Ossian police officer pulled over a vehicle after noticing the license plate on it was expired. As he was speaking with the female driver, he reported that he smelled an odor of marijuana coming from the interior of the vehicle. After questioning the driver, Casey Morlan, no age available, Bluffton, allegedly handed the deputy a glass smoking pipe containing marijuana. She was cited into Wells Superior Court for possession of marijuana, a Class B misdemeanor, and possession of drug paraphernalia, a Class C misdemeanor.

Friday, 6:03 p.m., residence in the 100 block of Logan Street, Markle. Report of a breaking and entering.

Sunday 1:35 a.m., Ind. 1 at U.S. 224. In response to a driving complaint, a sheriff's deputy spotted the vehicle parked at the smoke shop at the intersection and pulled in behind it. The driver, identified as Paul Joseph Gabbard, 34, Syracuse, allegedly admitted to having smoked marijuana earlier. Gabbard allegedly failed field sobriety tests, but tested negative for alcohol consumption. A search of his vehicle allegedly turned up two glass smoking devices possibly containing marijuana and methamphetamine. Gabbard was charged with possession of marijuana, a Class B misdemeanor; possession of methamphetamine, a Level 6 felony; possession of drug paraphernalia, a Class C misdemeanor; and operating a vehicle while intoxicated endangering a person, a Class A misdemeanor. Bond was set at \$8,000.

Sunday, 1:39 a.m., 1200S west of 300W. Report of a burgundy Ford Escape abandoned by the north bank of the Salamonie River on fire. Montpelier and Chester Township fire departments dispatched and put out the fire, but the vehicle sustained substantial damage. The vehicle had been stripped of its license plate and vehicle identification numbers. The incident remains under investigation.

Sunday, 5:40 a.m., Ind. 1 near 500N. Report of a man walking in a dark hooded sweatshirt waving his arms frantically trying to get passing vehicles to stop. A deputy located the man who said he was trying to get to the Fort Wayne International Airport. The deputy transported the man to the Allen/Wells County line.

Sunday, 6:30 a.m., Ind. 116 northwest of 300W. Report of a woman walking alongside the road trying to flag down traffic. Deputy located the female who said she had been in a verbal altercation with her boyfriend and she had gotten out of the vehicle and started to walk home. The female agreed to be taken home by

her boyfriend and a neigh-

Sunday, 1:04 p.m., Ossian

BP gas station, 506 S. Jefferson St. Report of an unresponsive woman slumped over behind the wheel of a vehicle parked in the parking lot. Officer and deputy responded. The deputy noted in his report that he had to open the driver's side door of the vehicle and nudge the female driver to respond. He also reported that she was lethargic and difficult to understand, smelled of alcohol and there was an empty bottle of whiskey behind the front passenger seat and another three-quarter full bottle of whiskey in a bag of groceries behind the driver's seat. Wells County EMS and Ossian Fire Department first responders were also dispatched to the scene. The woman, identified as Jill Ann Bowman, 51, Montpelier, reportedly told investigating officers that she was driving on her way home from Fort Wayne to Montpelier. Allegedly Bowman told officers she thought she was in Montpelier. While speaking with Bowman, she allegedly took a sip of some sort of beverage from a travel mug. Bowman allegedly insisted the substance in the mug was cola, but an Ossian officer took a whiff of the contents and wrote in her report it was definitely some sort of alcoholic beverage. She allegedly failed field sobriety tests and blew a .266 percent alcohol concentration on a Breathalyzer test. She was charged with operating a vehicle with an alcohol concentration equivalency of .15 percent or more, a Class A misdemeanor; and operating a vehicle while intoxicated, a Class C misdemeanor. Bond set at \$1,500. She bonded. Sunday, 2:59 p.m., 1000S

west of 200W. Report of a man standing beside the road, wielding a shovel, making obscene gestures at passing traffic and trying to get passing vehicles to pull into a driveway. Sheriff's (Continued on Page 12)

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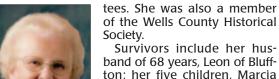
Anna Leona (Brown) Johnson, 91

Anna Leona (Brown) Johnson, 91, passed away at 3:30 a.m. Monday, Oct. 5, 2020, at Bluffton Regional Medical Cen-

She was born in Maumee, Ohio, May 8, 1929, to Gordon R Brown and Hermina Krohn Brown. Anna married F. Leon Johnson on Sept. 5, 1952, in Middle Point, Ohio. They lived near Antwerp, Ohio until moving to their farm near Bluffton in 1955.

A 1947 graduate of Hoaglin-Jackson High School near Van Wert, Ohio, she worked as a secretary to the Marsh Foundation Trustee and Marsh Foundation Farm Office in Van Wert. Anna enjoyed many hobbies such as sewing, knitting, quilting, painting and putting together puzzles. Anna was a wonderful seamstress, and she also loved to travel.

She was a member of the Six Mile Church, where she taught Children's Sunday School for many years, along with serving as Sunday School superintendent and member of the Board of Deacons. Anna was a member of the Poplar Grove Extension Homemakers Club where she served as President, Vice President, Treasurer, and worked on multiple commit-



Survivors include her husband of 68 years, Leon of Bluffton; her five children, Marcia (Jim) Hotopp, Stan (Diane) John-Rluffton Flaine (Gary) Seidner of Montpelier, Sheila Beckman of Kendallville, and Teresa (Bruce) Ley of Ossian; 13 grandchildren; 18 great-grandchildren; one sister,

Bea Davidson of Jacksonville, Fla.; and two brothers, William Brown of Stryker, Ohio and Art Brown of Middle Point,

She is preceded in death by her parents; a son-in-law, Greg Beckman; and a great-grandchild, Hadassah Seidner.

A private family funeral service honoring Anna will be held at the Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home in Bluffton with Pastor Steve Studabaker officiating. Burial will follow at Six Mile Cemetery near Bluffton.

Preferred memorials may be made in

Anna's memory to the Six Mile Church. Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the care of the Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home in Bluffton. Friends can send online condolences to the family at www.thomarich.com

Justus Wayne Cook, 6, and Raelynn Michelle Cook, 5

Siblings Justus Wayne Cook, 6, and Raelynn Michelle Cook, 5, died Friday, Oct. 2, in a vehicular accident in Blackford County.

Justus was born Dec. 15, 2013, and Raelynn was born Feb. 26, 2015. Both were born in Wells County to Michelle Cook of Muncie and Robert Cook of Montpelier.

Survivors include their parents; two sisters, Whitnee and Kaylee; maternal grandmotherrs, Penny Sexton of Muncie, Jennifer Barton of Montpelier, and Mandy (Adam) Solga of Montpelier; maternal grandfather, Roy Barton Jr. of Muncie; paternal grandparents, Ron and Juli Cook of Montpelier; and great-grandparents Roy Barton Sr. of Montpelier and Delores DeHart of Muncie.

Calling hours will be from noon to 3 p.m. Friday, Oct. 9, at the Walker & Glancy Funeral Home, 109 W. Windsor St. in Montpelier. Services will be at 3 p.m. Friday at the funeral home. Internment will follow in the Brookside Memorial Park in Montpelier.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, everyone attending the visitation or the funeral service is asked to practice social distancing while in the funeral home.

Online condolences: www.glancyfuneralhomes.com

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The radio show in my mind

The president of the United States the leader of the free world, arguably the most powerful person on the planet - has contracted a dangerous virus, and I'm not sure how I should act.

Oh, I know very well what I'm supposed to do. I must choose a side and root for my team from the sidelines. But how boisterous or subdued should I be, how enthusiastic or fretful?

The problem, I realize, is that I'm missing the prompting I've gotten used to. I need a cheerleader to give me the proper cues.

Like the ones I got when I briefly revisited the world of televised professional sports, after symbolically boycotting

them for the intrusion of politics then actually missing them a little when they were adjourned sine die by the Trump-thumping virus.

Instead of making me endure the empty stadiums and eerie silence, the game enablers provided me with cardboard cutouts of fans in the stands and played recorded crowd noises. It helped me pretend I was watching something important that other people cared about rather than wasting my precious time on a frivolous, meaningless expenditure of testosterone.

so instrumental in my enjoyment of situation comedies. I have never had to risk being wrong when I decided something was funny enough to be amusing. The chuckle machine showed me the way.

I notice the same laugh track has made an appearance from their COVID-19 hiatus. I do not think an audience is there, since there are no longer panned shots of people

The people who are not there. Like the sounds that really aren't there in the movies I watch on Netflix that I once would have left the house for. The click of high heels on linoleum. The whoosh of wind in the trees. The crackle of flames in the fireplace.

They're called Foley effects, invented for radio dramas to tickle the imagination. Sound-effects specialists lettuce, horse-hoof sounds with coconut shells, thunder with thin metal sheets, creaking doors with, well, creak-

fied. We could use that right now.

Donald Trump is, after all, the former reality show star, the first game show host ever elected to the highthrill ride until the next commercial break?

Trump's opponents shouldn't have to settle for meremere sound of his name, shouts and jeers and taunts and the Foley-created sounds of torches being lit and chains being rattled.

And his supporters shouldn't be content with just watching Fox News or listening to Rush Limbaugh to hear that Trump is the best president ever, achieving historic, world-shaking successes despite the obstructionist tactics of his evil, unpatriotic opponents who are little better than treasonous scum. There should be the sounds of champagne corks popping and the majestic strains of "Hail to the Chief" as the adoring multitudes prayerfully chant his name.

Ah, well.

gnashing, see the hair pulling, feel the cynicism building to a boiling point. Just pick a side, my fans are shouting; tell us who you think is right and wrong. You're not fooling anyone, my critics are sneering; we know which side you're really on when you're not pretending

But, gentle readers, during such a grave moment, a potential turning point in our history, shouldn't we be able to bridge the partisan divide and unite to work together as one great American people on a common

heartfelt laughter and tears of joy, shouts of "Way to go, champ!" and "Atta Boy, Leo" as "America the

of the Hoosier Press Association's award for Best Editorial Writer. Morris, as opinion editor of the Fort Wayne News-Sentinel, was named a finalist in editorial writing by the Pulitzer Prize committee. Contact him at leoedits@yahoo.com

Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Tuesday, Oct. 6, the 280th day of 2020. There are 86 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Oct. 6, 1973, war erupted in the Middle East as Egypt and Syria launched a surprise attack on Israel during the Yom Kippur holiday. (Israel, initially caught off guard, managed to push back the Arab forces before a cease-fire finally took hold in the nearly three-week conflict.)

On this date:

In 1939, in a speech to the Reichstag, German Chancellor Adolf Hitler spoke of his plans to reorder the ethnic layout of Europe — a plan which would entail settling the "Jewish problem."

In 2014, the Supreme Court unexpectedly cleared the way for a dramatic expansion of gay marriage in the United States as it rejected appeals from five states seeking to preserve their bans, effectively making such marriages legal in 30 states.

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And then there is the canned laughter that has been

at the return of "Wheel of Fortune" and "Jeopardy!" applauding. But it sure sounds present and accounted for, snickering or guffawing at the hosts' witticisms.

would make bone-injury noises with frozen romaine ing doors. When sound movies came along, so did the Foley artists to add depth and immediacy to the audio

Reality enhanced. Reality augmented. Reality intensi-

est office in the land. If we're all just trapped inside the ultimate reality show, shouldn't we demand the ultimate

ly listening to the talking heads at CNN and MSNBC excoriating the president as a fool and a knave and a heartless, incompetent dictator who should just die as soon as possible, drooling and babbling in a virusinduced fever. There should be angry mob noises at the

In the radio show of my mind, I can hear the teeth

purpose with courage and understanding?

Cue wild applause, whistles, stomping of feet, Beautiful" begins to play. Fade to commercial.

Leo Morris, columnist for The Indiana Policy Review, is winner

same-sex marriage.

as "less worthy, less important, less human."

Or say this: "The marketplace, by itself, cannot resolve every problem, however much we are asked to believe this dogma of neoliberal faith. Whatever the challenge, this impoverished and repetitive school of thought always offers the same recipes ... the magic theories of 'spillover' or 'trickle' — without using the name.'

These are all Pope Francis' words from his encycli-

There is, it should be said, no evidence that the pope is trying to influence the contest between President Donald Trump and former Vice President Joe Biden. On the far more interest in the developing world than in the Unit-

a "leftist" pope, he went out of his way to link his views on social justice and his opposition to the death penalty to those of Benedict XVI and John Paul II, his predecessors who are seen as more conservative figures.

lic and otherwise, to read Francis outside the context of a presidential campaign in its decisive phase. The themes of his encyclical — a form of papal communication more formally authoritative than a sermon or a speech will make it much harder for conservative and rightwing Catholics to insist that the only orthodox vote is for

'empty individualism," a "narrow and violent national-



Overstretched Leviathan and the pandemic

Mr. President...

we are praying for you and the First lady and

hope you both recover!!

WASHINGTON — In August 1939, Albert Einstein wrote to President Franklin Roosevelt, warning that "a nuclear chain reaction in a large mass of uranium" probably could make possible "extremely powerful bombs of a new type" in "the immediate future." When the government then asked some leading physicists what they needed, they requested \$6,000 worth of graphite. By 1944, investment in the Manhattan Project equaled investment in the prewar automobile industry. This was the swiftness of a serious government when facing danger.

In 1947, two days before Christmas, scientists at Bell Laboratories revealed the first working transistor. By 2018, there were 15 quintillion — 15,000,000,000,000,000,000 — transistors at work worldwide, more than all the leaves on all the world's trees. This is from Simon Winchester's "The Perfectionists: How Precision Engineers Created the Modern World," as is this: "In 2015, the four major chipmaking firms were making 14 trillion transistors every single second." This is the speed of modern change.

'There are," Lenin supposedly said, "decades where nothing happens; and there are weeks when decades happen." John Micklethwait and Adrian Wooldridge cite this in their new book "The Wake-Up Call: Why the Pandemic Has Exposed the Weakness of the West, and How to Fix It." Such is the speed of COVID-19, in eight months it has reversed a decade of global gains against poverty. In the United States, it has produced the worst monthly unemployment figures since the Great Depression, and in Britain probably the steepest annual decline in output since 1706. Such social carnage has been abetted by inadequate governmental planning before, and responses during, the pandemic. This has been especially so in the United States and Britain, "when compared," the authors say, "with countries in Asia."

They date the beginning of the decline of Western governance to the 1960s, when confidence in government, including government's high regard for itself, peaked. Since then, government has grown bigger and more sluggish — sprawling and unfocused. In 1914, wrote historian A.J.P. Taylor, law-abiding Britons could pass through life hardly noticing the state, "beyond the post office and the policeman

Micklethwait and Wooldridge, both British, say:

"By the mid-1970s a Briton couldn't move without bumping into the state. Leviathan was promising to deliver fairness, equality, happiness, the end of racism, and free opera for the masses. Almost half of Britain's national income was devoted to public spending and

nearly a third of the labor force worked in the public sector. There were so many benefits that the Department of Health and Social Security produced a leaflet that listed all the other leaflets."

The British state's most impressive achievement, however, was its resistance to reduction: In 11 years, Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher managed to reduce social spending from 22.9 percent of GDP to 22.2 percent.

As the private sector sprinted to new heights in many countries, Micklethwait and Wooldridge note, "the idea of a brash businessman who could fix everything became more attractive." Hence four-time Italian prime minister Silvio Berlusconi, and Ross Perot in the 1992 U.S. election, and then someone else.

Perhaps the largest lesson of the pandemic is that where the lumbering "overstretched state" (the authors' phrase) has, by overpromising and underperforming, forfeited citizens' confidence, COVID-19 has surged. Where there has been a shortage of goodwill toward government, there has been insufficient voluntary cooperation with public health protocols (e.g., social distancing, wearing masks).

'Most populist leaders," write Micklethwait and Wooldridge, "rely on instinct rather than planning, and bluster rather than project management, none more so than (Donald) Trump. As the virus struck, Trump was on his fourth chief of staff, his fourth national security adviser, and his fifth secretary of the Department of Homeland Security, with both the DHS secretary and his top deputy serving in an 'acting' capacity; there were also 70 unfilled positions at the DHS.

The authors note that many governments have had two recent growth spurts, of security powers after 9/11 and of economic powers after the 2008 financial crisis. Many governments have been trying to do so many things of peripheral importance, they have insufficient resources, not least of attention, for the urgent.

To the discomfort of some conservatives, the authors advocate strong government. However, they also argue, to the discomfort of some progressives, that large size is no guarantee of government strength; indeed, it is often a correlate of weakness. This correlation should be considered when President Joe Biden assembles a commission, comparable to the one that examined how 9/11 happened, to analyze how the pandemic struck a nation so unprepared, and how it erupted into such an unnecessarily enormous event.

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The pope's unexpected election message

WASHINGTON — We have become accustomed to interventions in U.S. political campaigns from religious leaders -- including Catholic bishops and White evangelical preachers -- who wholeheartedly recommend support for conservative political figures who oppose abortion and

We are not accustomed to a hearing from a pope, a month before Election Day, who criticizes "myopic, extremist, resentful and aggressive nationalism," and castigates those who, through their actions, cast immigrants

Nor is it in our political playbook that a pope would call out an "every man for himself" worldview that "will rapidly degenerate into a free-for-all that would prove worse than any pandemic."

cal letter released Sunday, "Fratelli Tutti." It translates literally "Brothers All," words drawn from St. Francis of Assisi, although Francis was quick, in his first sentence, to address "brothers and sisters." His purpose was to advance a worldview that stresses, as he put it, "the communitarian dimension of life" and values "fraternity and social friend-

contrary, Francis has been making arguments along these lines from the beginning of his papacy and he has shown

And lest anyone see his pronouncements as those of Nonetheless, it will be hard for Americans, Catho-

Francis' emphasis throughout was on denunciations of ism, xenophobia and contempt, and even the mistreatment

of those who are different," and "a cool, comfortable and globalized indiffer-

As has been customary for him, the pope reiterated the church's teaching against abortion — a word that does not appear directly in the document but did so while discussing other social problems. For example, he cited his earlier condemnations of "a 'throwaway' world" that lacks respect for the "poor and disabled, 'not yet useful' — like the unborn — or 'no longer needed' —like the elderly." And he denounced human trafficking as a "perversion that exceeds



Dionne

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all limits when it subjugates women and then forces them At the same time, reflecting his effort to strengthen

church teaching against capital punishment, Francis included 12 references to the death penalty, which he called "inadequate from a moral standpoint and no longer necessary from that of penal justice."

Francis stressed that the COVID-19 pandemic "unexpectedly erupted" as he was writing, but he used it to advance his radical critique of a world unable "to resolve problems that affect us all."

"Anyone who thinks that the only lesson to be learned was the need to improve what we were already doing, or to refine existing systems and regulations, is denying reality," he wrote. "God willing, after all this, we will think no longer in terms of 'them' and 'those', but only 'us' ... If only we might keep in mind all those elderly persons who died for lack of respirators, partly as a result of the dismantling, year after year, of healthcare systems.'

The document read as if Francis had been an attentive viewer of Tuesday's nasty, chaotic and petty debate. Again, it was hard not to think of the president as Francis described "a strategy of ridicule, suspicion and relentless criticism.'

"Political life no longer has to do with healthy debates about long-term plans to improve people's lives and to advance the common good, but only with slick marketing techniques primarily aimed at discrediting others," he wrote. "In this craven exchange of charges and countercharges, debate degenerates into a permanent state of disagreement and confrontation."

Many Americans will no doubt resist seeing Francis' political observations as infallible. But as a reminder of how far our politics have swung away from promoting the common good, this document is indispensable.

E.J. Dionne is on Twitter: @EJDionne.

Wreath-fest

If you'd like to be a part of the CAC's Festival of Wreaths, here's how

Registration is now open for the annual Festival of Wreaths to be held at the Balentine Gallery at the Arts Commerce & Visitors Centre from Nov. 20 to

Deadline to register is Nov. 2. The provided wreaths to decorate may be picked up at the Creative Arts Council office any weekday between the hours of

9 a.m. and 4 p.m. (Participants must use the artificial 30 inch in diameter wreath provided by Creative Arts.)



No lights of any kind are permitted and no political or controversial themes will be exhibited. If decorations exceed the size of the wreath, that must be noted on the entry.

Decorated wreaths will be accepted Wednesday, Nov. 11, through Friday, Nov. 13.

Registration may be done by email or in person at the Arts

Council office.

For more information about participating in the Festival of Wreaths, call 824-5222.

Area Events Roundup

Wells County Historical Society to meet Oct. 12

The fall meeting of the Wells County Historical Society will be held at 7 p.m. Monday, Oct. 12, in the museum's annex.

In addition to regular reports their will be an election of officers and board members.

Jim Sturgeon will present a program on the "Unsolved Murders in Wells County."

'Fill the seats!' fundraiser for Warren's Pulse

Warren's Pulse Opera House has announced a Fill the Seats! fundraising event for the theater.

Pulse supporters may purchase personalized seat back covers to be placed on the theater's seats. For a minimum donation of \$20 per seat, your name will be printed on a cover. Children, ages 12 and under, may have theirs added for \$10.

Organizers of the event explain that this is a unique way to support the Pulse "in these history-making crazy times.

Orders may be sent to The Pulse Opera House, P.O. Box 631, Warren, IN 46792 with checks made out to The Pulse Opera House. Clearly indicate how a name should appear on the seat cover.

Ball State art on display at Portland's Arts Place

The current exhibit at the Roland Gallery at Portland's Arts Place is "Students and Mentor," highlighting art by Ball State University painting students and their pro-

The exhibit will continue through Oct. 30 and features diverse painting styles. Professors having work in the exhibit are Audrey Barcio, David Hannon and Scott Anderson.

The exhibit is free to view with the hours being 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday. More information at artsland.org

'Turtle travels' touring show at Science Central

A traveling exhibit showcasing the expeence of turtle migration will be featured at Fort Wayne's Science Central through Jan.

Visitors will learn all about turtles and the importance of protecting them. Turtle Travels was created by the Environmental Exhibit Collaborative.

Hours are Wednesday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.; Saturday 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 2 to 5 p.m.; and Sunday, noon to 5 p.m.

To learn more about the exhibit go to https://sciencecentral.org/visit-us/exhibits/ current-touring-exhibitions.html.

Handmade, homemade sale at Salomon farm

Admission and parking are free to the Handmade, Homemade Sale to be held at the Wolf Family Learning Center at Salomon Farm Park in Fort Wayne from noon to 5 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 18.

All items on sale are to have been grown locally or made by hand with local bakers, crafters and artisans offering their items.

More info about the event at www.fortwayneparks.org

Cabaret series will open at FW's Embassy Theatre

A Cabaret Series will be presented at Fort Wayne's Embassy Theatre by the Three Rivers Music Theatre beginning with "Ladies Night" at 8 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 17.

Next in the lineup will be "At the Movies: Songs of the Silver Screen" on Saturday, Jan. 23, and third in the series will be "A Pride Cabaret" on Friday, June 18.

Tickets are \$30 for adults and \$20 for students with virtual tickets available as well. Flex passes are available for \$75 (through Oct. 17). Patrons will need to wear masks to enter the theater.

For more information about the Three Rivers Musical Theatre check out https:// www.threeriversmusicaltheatre.com/

'Falling for Art' studio tours will be held Saturday

A Falling For Art tour will be held from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 10 with area artists' studios open for visiting.

Masks are required with social distancing being observed as five studios will be open. The tour was organized by Joseph Pelka. His studio is located at 14529 Lima Road and will feature clay art and acrylic paint-

Other studios will include:

 Fred and Rhonda Inman with guest artist Shelly Bice, at 9695 North County Line Road West, Churubusco, wood art.

 Kristy Jo Beber, 9719 Hosler Road, Leo-Cedarville, stoneware pottery.

 William Steffen, 12724 North County Line Road East, Spencerville, wood art.

 Lisa Vetter and Paul Siefert, The Ant Farm, 17612 North County Line Road East, jewelry and mixed media functional art.

Plywood art on exhibit at **Wunderkammer in FW**

Now on exhibit at the Wunderkammer Company on Fairfield Avenue in Fort Wayne are the painted plywood panels that were used to board up downtown windows after the summer demonstrations.

Almost 90 artists were involved in painting the panels over June 5 and 6. Over the summer, the panels were taken down and collected for the current show. The show will run through Nov. 15, and is open by appointment only.

To set up a viewing email dan@wunderkammercompany.com. Wunderkammer is at 3402 Fairfield Avenue in Fort Wayne.

Art this Way is a program of the Fort Wayne Downtown Economic Improvement District. It has championed 14 projects within the 99 block downtown Fort Wayne area. During this fall 5 more projects will be

Markle News

BIRTHDAY

Celebrating my birthday has been something special. I have received birthday presents for five days now. The last one was a special one sent from God. I found a real nice looking 2 1/2 foot snake out on my back porch. I had never seen one so large and pretty. It was asleep when I found it I think and it had brown and white stripes down its back with the brown stripe in the middle. I never saw one like it before.

Quietly I flagged my arms to get the attention of a fine young gentleman that was trimming grass around the edges of this big and gorgeous yard that they have here at these estates. This young gentleman came running and I showed him this big snake. He looked at it and said it is alive because it moved its head. He quickly ran around my building and brought back another young gentleman that was riding a

Norwell's 2020 vearbook now available for pickup at school

Norwell High School students who graduated last year may pick up their 2020 Accolade yearbooks in the main office.

A parent, guardian, or sibling may also sign for and pick up their child's

at a price of \$69 each.

Wednesday, Sept. 30.

which is now in production, is on sale for \$60. It can be purchased online at bit.do/ norwellyearbook



by Donna Brown

young gentleman was not afraid to pick up the snake and he did and held it in both hands one at

friend.

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at the tail. He spread his arms apart to show us how long this descendent from Noah's Ark actually was. These young, good looking gentlemen's names I

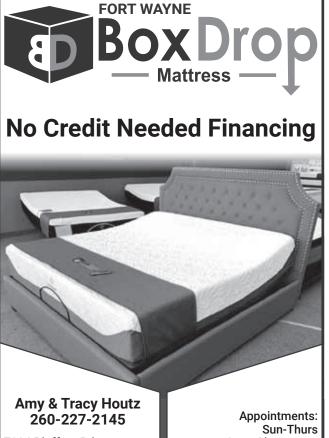
the head and one clear down

think were Jona and Caleb. I think it was Caleb that had the nerve to pick up the descendant from Noah's Ark. I told him to please take it away and not to bring it back. I actually don't know what he did with it but I guess he didn't kill it because of its size and its

I want to place a special thank you in my column for these two gentlemen who actually saved my life because I was on my porch to water all of my plants and I couldn't with such a character on my porch sleeping and I didn't know just when he was going to wake up.

This birthday was a very special day. In fact, a birthday that I will never forget especially since God even sent me a visitor to help me celebrate it.

Thanks everyone for my cards, flowers and plants that I received.







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Retailers push early yule shopping

November and December.

By JOSEPH PISANI

AP Retail Writer NEW YORK (AP) Amazon is aiming to kickstart the holiday shopping

season early this year. The company is holding its annual Prime Day over two days in October this year, after the pandemic forced it to postpone the sales event from July. It's the first time Prime Day is being held in the fall, and Amazon is positioning it as a way to get people to start

their holiday shopping. Major retailers have said they plan to push shoppers to start their holiday shopping in October and offer deals earlier, hoping to avoid crowds in their stores in

Prime Day, which will be Oct. 13 and Oct. 14 this year, is sure to put pressure on rivals to offer deals around the same time. In past years, Walmart, Best Buy and Target have offered their own online discounts during Prime Day. Target has already announced it was also holding a two-day

sale event on Oct. 13 and 14. Amazon started the sales event in 2015 as its answer to Singles' Day, a shopping holiday in China popularized by Chinese ecommerce company Alibaba. Prime Day has become one of Amazon's biggest shopping

days. Amazon also sees it as a way to get more people to sign up for its Prime membership, since only those paying \$12.99 a month or \$119 a year can access the

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NHS boys' soccer loses sectional match to Leo

By JOSH BURRIS

WOODBURN – Norwell's boys' soccer team fell 2-0 in a sectional match to Leo on Monday at Woodlan, ending its season.

After a scoreless first half, Leo was able to break Norwell's defense twice in less than three minutes early in the second half. First, Parker Bonin beat Norwell goalkeeper Jacob Klitz for the first goal. Then shortly after, Semih Kose provided Leo with some insurance to make it a 2-0 game. Both goals were assisted by Alec McKinney.

Leo defeated Norwell 4-0 during the regular season, scoring all four of its goals in the first half. Norwell coach Jamie Feldheiser said he was pleased with the defensive pressure they brought in the first half.

"We saw in the first half that when we do pressure them, we force mistakes. They were getting frustrated with themselves," Feldheiser said. "We didn't change anything at halftime. The message was about finetuning some of our own passes and cleaning that up so we could sustain more of an attack. But we did have a couple breakdowns and they capitalized, and that's what good teams are going to do."

Norwell changed its formation with 10 minutes remaining, bumping Joshua Scott from the defensive line to the midfield. The move did lead to better offensive play and spread things out more for Norwell, but still did not result in any points. Robert Meyer was able to get a shot off late, but Leo goalkeeper Jaden Moreland came up with a save to preserve the shutout. It was his second of the night. Klitz ended his night with five

Leo, who has now defeated Norwell three straight years in sectional play, will move on to face Bishop Luers in the semifinal round.

Norwell ended its season with a 10-6-1 overall record. It was the second straight season Norwell had won at least 10 matches, something the program had not accomplished since 2004-2006 when it did it three straight years.

Feldheiser said he is happy with the direction the program is headed.

"We have a lot of talented players that are playing together as a team. They bought into defense first," he said. "We didn't have the offensive success like we did last year scoring 48 goals, but at the same time we conceded fewer goals than we did last year, and won a lot of one-goal games. We have that confidence in tight situations to pull through, so I'm proud with how we are mentally. In the offseason, we just got to keep developing more ball skills, dribbling, passing, and positioning better

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Norwell's Daniel Simerman (left) runs in to defend Leo's So Die in the second half of Monday night's sectional match at Woodlan. (Photo by Josh Burris)



Norwell's Nicole Hiday (right) spikes the ball while Bluffton's Lauren Reiff (left) and Lauren Stout (middle) jump up to defend. (Photo by Greenbear Photography)

Bluffton volleyball tops Norwell

Bluffton's volleyball team defeated Norwell 3-1 in a Wells County clash at The Tiger Den on Monday

Bluffton (12-16, 2-4) won the first set 25-23, the third set 25-16, and the fourth set 25-22. Norwell (5-20, 0-5) won the second set 25-20.

Emilee Irwin led Bluffton in aces with five and in digs with 23. Lauren Stout led in kills with 10. Abby Clines and Abbey Nusbaumer led in stuff blocks with four each. Clines

also led in assists with 26.
On the Norwell side, Nicole Hiday and Arianna Blinn led in kills with seven each and in blocks with

two each. Mackinzie Toliver led in digs with 12. Raygan Williams led in aces with four. Amarea Chandler led in assists with 14.

Norwell won the JV match 2-0. Bluffton will play its final match of the regular season on Wednesday at North Side. Norwell will host East Noble on Tuesday.

High School Calendar

TUESDAY, Oct. 6

GIRLS SOCCER: IHSAA Sectional at Norwell, New Haven vs. Norwell, 6 p.m.

VOLLEYBALL: East Noble at Norwell, 7:30 p.m. (JV, Freshman 6 p.m.)

WEDNESDAY, Oct. 7

VOLLEYBALL: Bluffton at North Side, 7:30 p.m. (JV 6 p.m.) **THURSDAY, Oct. 8**

VOLLEYBALL: Huntington North at Norwell, 7:30 p.m. (JV, Freshman 6 p.m.); Southern Wells at Adams Central, 7:30 p.m. (JV 6 p.m.) FRIDAY, Oct. 9

FOOTBALL: Bluffton at Adams Central, 7 p.m.; Norwell at Huntington North, 7 p.m.

SATURDAY, Oct. 10

CROSS COUNTRY: IHSAA Sectional at Bellmont, Bluffton and Norwell, 10:30 a.m.; IHSAA Sectional at Marion, Southern Wells, 10:30 a.m.

VOLLEYBALL: Norwell, Southern Wells at Maconaquah Invitational, 9 a.m.

SUNDAY, Oct. 11 No games scheduled

Texans fire head coach Bill O'Brien

By KRISTIE RIEKEN AP Sports Writer

HOUSTON (AP) — The Houston Texans had faith that coach Bill O'Brien was the man to lead them to their first championship.

So much faith in fact that they made the unusual move of making him the team's general manager this off-season, too. But O'Brien didn't perform well in either role, leading to

his firing on Monday.

He was let go a day after Sunday's 31-23 loss to the Vikings dropped the Texans to 0-4 for the first time since

"In this business, it's a bottom-line business and we weren't able to get it to where we needed to get it," O'Brien

After becoming the general manager, O'Brien received almost universal criticism when he shipped superstar receiver DeAndre Hopkins to Arizona for running back David Johnson and draft picks.

O'Brien was in his seventh season in Houston where he compiled a 52-48 record. He won the AFC South four times in his tenure, including the past two years.

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Forfeits possible for NFL virus protocol violations

By TERESA M.
WALKER and
BARRY WILNER
AP Pro Football Writers

NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell is warning the league's 32 teams of penalties including potential forfeits of games for violations of COVID-19 protocols that force changes in the schedule.

In a memo sent to the teams Monday after a conference call involving NFL and club executives, Goodell reiterated the need to adhere fully to all of the league's health and safety guidelines.

"Protocol violations that result in virus spread requiring adjustments to the schedule or otherwise impacting other teams will result in additional financial and competitive discipline, including the adjustment or loss of draft choices or

even the forfeit of a game," Goodell wrote in the memo obtained by The Associated Press.

"Simply put, compliance is mandatory. Now is the time to recommit ourselves to our protocols and best practices for the duration of the season."

The NFL was forced to

The NFL was forced to reschedule Sunday's game between the Steelers and Titans when Tennessee had the league's first coronavirus outbreak, which has affected 20 organization members, including 10 players.

That game was moved to Week 7, causing adjustments that also impacted the Baltimore Ravens.

And New England's game at Kansas City was moved from Sunday to Monday night after Patriots quarterback Cam Newton tested positive for COVID-

19, as did a Chiefs practice

squad player.

Goodell noted that violators of the protocols have been disciplined. Several coaches have been fined \$100,000 each and their clubs fined \$250,000 for improper use of face coverings, the Las Vegas Raiders were fined \$50,000 for allowing an unauthorized team employee into the locker room following a game and on Monday the Raiders had 10 players docked a total of \$175,000 for appearing at a function where face coverings were not used, nor was social distancing.

"Complacency is our shared opponent," Goodell

wrote.

"The consequences of rescheduling or even missing games are obvious. Our fans will be deprived of games. Competitive inequities will be introduced into our season. Players will not be paid for games not played and clubs will similarly suffer financial consequences."

The league and the play-

The league and the players' association are instituting ramped up health and safety procedures in the wake of the Titans' outbreak, including:

 A longer onboarding process for free agent tryouts;

Bans on gatherings outside of the club facility;

 Limitations on the number of tryouts permitted per week;

Implementation of a league-wide video monitoring system to ensure compliance with the protocols
 "particularly the mandate that all staff and players wear PPE while in a club facility and on travel at all times."

The league also is considering holding all meetings virtually; requiring masks or shields during practices and walk-throughs; decreasing the size of the traveling party to games; reducing the time spent in lunchrooms and locker rooms; and daily consulting of proximity tracking device information

now in use to identify areas where teams could eliminate close contacts.

"As we have said before," Goodell wrote, "act as if every person you come in contact with has a COVID infection and take appropriate precautions."

The Titans' outbreak reached 20 cases on Sunday, the team's sixth straight day of at least one positive, with 18 returned since Tuesday. But Tennessee got no positives back Monday morning, a person with direct knowledge of the test results said, speaking to the AP on condition of anonymity because neither the NFL nor the Titans announced the latest results.



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Epstein expects to remain with Cubs

By ANDREW SELIGMAN **AP Sports Writer**

CHICAGO (AP) — Theo Epstein appears to be gearing up for one more go-round as the Chicago Cubs' president of baseball operations.

Epstein said Monday his expectation is the "status quo" when it comes to the team's leadership and he anticipates remaining on the job for at least one more season, with his contract set to expire in 2021.

"I'm a Cub," Epstein said during an hourlong conference call. "I think the status quo right now is the most likely outcome."

Epstein's future figures to be a big point of discussion when he meets with chairman Tom Ricketts.

He has said repeatedly he thinks executives have about a 10-year shelf life in a job. Next year will mark a decade for Epstein with the Cubs, and a contract extension seems like a long

"For me, as an individual, I think there's benefit to change after a significant amount of time on the job, I guess at about a decade," Epstein said. "I have to keep that in mind without making any definitive statements. We will be definitive. We will have a transition plan. We will have a structure moving forward. It's just we can't figure that out with you guys, we haven't gone through that process.'

Epstein has transformed the longsuffering Cubs. They've reached the NLCS three times in his nine seasons and won a World Series championship in 2016, ending a drought dating to 1908. This year, the won the NL Central at 34-26 under rookie manager

By STEVE MEGARGEE

AP Sports Writer

Rodgers connected with tight end Rob-

ert Tonyan on three of his four touch-

down passes and the Green Bay Pack-

ers remained unbeaten with a 30-16

victory over the winless Atlanta Fal-

The Packers (4-0) opened a sea-

son by scoring at least 30 points in four straight games for the first time

in franchise history. Todd Gurley's

two touchdown runs couldn't stop the

Falcons from their first 0-4 start since

1999, when they followed a Super

receivers. Davante Adams sat out a

second straight game with a hamstring

injury and Allen Lazard had gone on

injured reserve with a core problem.

Green Bay was missing its top two

Bowl season by going 5-11.

cons on Monday night.

GREEN BAY, Wis. (AP) — Aaron

David Ross.

But they got swept by Miami in their wild-card series, scoring one run over two games. They haven't advanced in the postseason since 2017. And that 10-year mark is approaching for Epstein.

"I'm not going to run away from those feelings," he said. "But I also am as invested in the Chicago Cubs as our leader in baseball operations today as I was at any point in the last nine years. I woke up this morning thinking about how we can improve for next year, position ourselves for longterm success. But given the things I'm on record with about the benefits of change at a certain point, it just means that you have to be smart in discussing the timing and nature of the transition because it's inevitable at some point."

General manager Jed Hoyer is the most obvious successor for Epstein.

The two worked together in Boston when the Red Sox won the World Series in 2004 and 2007 and reunited when Epstein took the job in Chicago in October 2011.

In between, Hoyer led San Diego's baseball operations.

"We've only had general discussions about the potential transition, whenever that may be - nothing specific," Epstein said. "Obviously, now's the time to be thoughtful about it. You do have to start getting more specific and making some more decisions. Jed is someone who's been a huge part of the success here at the Cubs and at the Red Sox before that.'

Epstein didn't rule out big changes to the roster this offseason. The Cubs ranked among the worst in the majors

Rodgers, Tonyan help Packers beat Falcons

Yet that didn't slow down Rodgers,

who capitalized on Atlanta's depleted

secondary and helped Tonyan deliver

the most productive performance of

of 19 and 8 yards to cap the Packers'

final two first-half possessions. He

added a 21-yard touchdown reception

Indiana State finished the night with

six catches for 98 yards along with his

three touchdowns to set career highs

in all three categories. Tonyan, who

entered this season with two career

touchdowns, has reached the end zone

yards. He has thrown 13 touchdown

passes without an interception this sea-

five times over his last three games. Rodgers went 27 of 33 for 327

The 2017 undrafted free agent from

midway through the third quarter.

Tonyan had touchdown receptions

his young career.

Kris Bryant (.206, four homers, 11 RBIs), Javier Báez (.203, 8, 24), Anthony Rizzo (.222, 11, 24), Willson Contreras (.243, 7, 26) and Kyle Schwarber (.188, 11, 24) all struggled. The Cubs have an option on Rizzo, while Bryant, Báez and Schwarber are entering the final year of their con-

"Clearly, some change is warranted and necessary," Epstein said. "We've not performed up to our expectations offensively, especially at the most important times of year, and simply hoping for a better outcome moving forward doesn't seem like a thoughtful approach."

It's also possible Jon Lester has pitched his final game for Chicago. At 36, he posted a career-worst 5.16 ERA. The team holds a \$25 million option with a \$10 million buyout on the fivetime All-Star, who signed a six-year, \$155 million deal before the 2015 sea-

"Whether he leaves or stays, this is an appropriate time just to acknowledge the profound impact that he had on our organization," said Epstein, who plans to speak with Lester over the next few days. "It's rare when someone joins an organization with some clear goals in mind to win a World Series, to change a culture, to show up in October just about every year and pitch really well in big games, be a great teammate, to be someone our organization can be proud of, to make an impact on his teammates and in his community, and accomplish all those goals in such an admirable man-

After blowing two-touchdown leads

in the fourth quarter each of the last

two weeks, the Falcons (0-4) never

were ahead in this one. Green Bay

took the lead for good when Rodgers

threw a 6-yard touchdown pass to a

wide-open Aaron Jones on the game's

out safeties Ricardo Allen (elbow)

and Keanu Neal (hamstring) as well

as cornerback A.J. Terrell (COVID-19

reserve). That beleaguered secondary

took more hits when safety Damontae

Kazee got carted off the field and safe-

ty Jaylinn Hawkins left with a concus-

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before visiting Tampa Bay on Oct. 18.

The Falcons host Carolina on Sun-

The Packers have an off week

sion in the second quarter.

Atlanta already was playing with-

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7:30 p.m. ABC No. 2 Alabama at Mississippi, 6 p.m. ESPN

No. 3 Georgia vs. No. 14 Tennessee, 3:30 p.m. CBS No. 4 Florida at No. 21 Texas A&M, Noon ESPN

No. 5 Notre Dame vs. Florida State, 7:30 p.m. NBC No. 8 North Carolina vs. No. 19 Virginia Tech, Noon ABC No. 13 Auburn vs. Arkansas, 4 p.m.

No. 15 BYU vs. UTSA, 3:30 p.m. ESPN2

No. 17 LSU vs. Missouri, 9 p.m. No. 22 Texas at Oklahoma, Noon FOX

No. 23 Louisiana-Lafayette vs. Coastal Carolina, Noon ESPN2 No. 24 Iowa State vs. Texas Tech,

BASEBALL

All Times EDT Postseason Baseball Glance DIVISION SERIES (Best-of-5) American League (All Games on TBS) New York Yankees 1, Tampa Bay 0

At San Diego Monday, Oct. 5: New York Yankees 9, Tampa Bay 3 Tuesday, Oct. 6: New York Yankees (Garcia 3-2) vs. Tampa Bay (Glasnow

5-1), 8:10 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 7: Tampa Bay (Morton 2-2) vs. New York Yankees (Tanaka 3-3), 7:10 p.m. x-Thursday, Oct. 8: Tampa Bay vs New York Yankees (Happ 2-2), 7:10 x-Friday, Oct. 9: New York Yankees

vs. Tampa Bay, 7:10 p.m.

Houston 1, Oakland 0 At Los Angeles Monday, Oct. 5: Houston 10, Oak-

Tuesday, Oct. 6: Houston (Valdiz 5-3) vs. Oakland (Manaea 4-3), 4:37

Wednesday, Oct. 7: Oakland vs. Houston, 3:35 p.m. x-Thursday, Oct. 8: Oakland vs. Houston, 3:35 p.m.

x-Friday, Oct. 9: Houston vs. Oakland, 3:35 p.m.

National League
San Diego vs. Los Angeles Dodgers
At Arlington, Texas
Tuesday, Oct. 6: San Diego vs. Los Angeles Dodgers (Buehler 1-0), 9:38

p.m. (FS1) Wednesday, Oct. 7: San Diego vs. Los Angeles Dodgers (Kershaw 6-2), 9:08 p.m. (FS1) Thursday, Oct. 8: Los Angeles

Dodgers vs. San Diego, 9:08 p.m.

x-Friday, Oct. 9: Los Angeles Dodgers vs. San Diego, 9:08 p.m. (FS1) x-Saturday, Oct. 10: San Diego vs. Los Angeles Dodgers, 8:08 p.m. (FS1) Miami vs. Atlanta At Houston

Tuesday, Oct. 6: Miami (Alcantara 3-2) vs. Atlanta (Fried 7-0), 2:08 p.m.

Wednesday, Oct. 7: Miami (Lspez 6-4) vs. Atlanta (Anderson 3-2), 2:08 (MLB) Thursday, Oct. 8: Atlanta (Wright 2-4) vs. Miami (Sanchez 3-2), 2:08 p.m. (FS1)

x-Friday, Oct. 9: Atlanta vs. Miami, 2:08 p.m. (FS1) x-Saturday, Oct. 10: Miami vs. Atlanta, 4:08 p.m. (FS1)

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NBA

NBA FINALS (Best-of-7) x-if necessary L.A. Lakers 2. Miami 1 Wednesday, Sept. 30: L.A. Lakers 116, Miami 98

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Friday, Oct. 2: L.A. Lakers 124, Miami 114 Sunday, Oct. 4: Miami 115, L.A. Lakers 104

Tuesday, Oct. 6: L.A. Lakers vs.

Friday, Oct. 9: Miami vs. L.A. Lakers, 9 p.m. x-Sunday, Oct. 11: L.A. Lakers vs.

Miami, 7:30 p.m. x-Tuesday, Oct. 13: Miami vs. L.A Lakers, 9 p.m.

TRANSACTIONS

Monday BASEBALL Major League Baseball American League
HOUSTON ASTROS — Reassigned INF Jack Mayfield to the minor

leagues. Activated RHP Luis Garcia.
NEW YORK YANKEES — Activated RHP Michael King. Reassigned C Erik Kratz to the minor leagues.

OAKLAND ATHLETICS — Reas-

signed INF Vimael Machin to the minor leagues. Activated RHP Jordan

TAMPA BAY RAYS — Activated OF Austin Meadows. Reassigned INF Nate Lowe to the minor leagues. **FOOTBALL**

National Football League ATLANTA FALCONS — Placed K Elliott Fry, S Jamal Carter and CB Delrick Abrams Jr. on the active roster. CAROLINA PANTHERS — Waived

DE Shareef Miller.
CHICAGO BEARS — Signed RB Lamar Miller to the practice squad. Released CB Stephen Denmark.

CLEVELAND BROWNS — Placed RB Nick Chubb on injured reserve. GREEN BAY PACKERS — Signed WR Reggie Begelton to the active roster. Placed LB De'Jon Harris and DL

Billy Winn on the active roster.

HOUSTON TEXANS — Announced the termination of head coach Bill

JACKSONVILLE JAGUARS — Released S Doug Middleton.
MIAMI DOLPHINS — Signed DB
Javaris Davis to the practice squad. Released QB Jake Rudock NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS -

Activated RB Damien Harris and WR Gunner Olszewski. Placed WR Isaiah Zuber on the active roster. Placed DB Cody Davis and RB Sony Michel on injured reserve.

NEW YORK GIANTS — Signed DT

David Moa and WR Alex Bachman to the practice squad. Released WR Johnny Holton. NEW YORK JETS — Waived RB

Kalen Ballage. Signed QB Mike White to the practice squad. PHILADELPHIA EAGLES — Waived RB Adrian Killins. HOCKEY

National Hockey League ARIZONA COYOTES — Re-signed D Kyle Capobianco to a two-year, one-way contract. Signed D Ilya Lyubushkin to a one-year, one-way contract. NEW YORK ISLANDERS — Agre to terms with D Sebastian Aho on a two-year contract.

Major League Soccer COLUMBUS CREW SC — Signed F Krisztian Nemeth COLLEGE

KANSAS STATE — Agreed to terms with head football coach Chris Klieman on a contract extension through the 2026 season.

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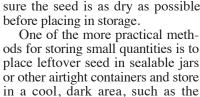
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Storing leftover garden seed

If you didn't use up all the garden seed you bought this year, much of it can be stored for use in next year's garden – depending on the plant species. Seeds of some plants ,such as corn, parsley, onion, viola (pansies), verbena, phlox, and salvia, are not very long lived, lasting only 1 or 2 years at best. Other seeds, including beans, carrots, lettuce, peas, radishes, snapdragon, cosmos, sweet William, and zinnia, will remain viable (capable of germinating) for 3-5 years.

Seeds need to be kept cool, dark, and dry so that they retain stored carbohydrates and minimize fungal infection. You can keep the seeds in their original packets to preserve their labeling information. If you transfer the seeds to another container, be sure to label them with at least the plant name and the year the seed was purchased. Either way, be sure the seed is as dry as possible before placing in storage.



refrigerator (not the freezer). A layer of powdered milk or uncooked rice at the bottom of the container will absorb excess moisture. Use a paper towel to separate the seed from the absorptive material.

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When it's time to plant next season, you can do a germination test on a few seeds to see if they sprout before you plant the rest. But these days, many seed packets have only a few seeds to begin with, so the germination test may be a moot point! On the other hand, saving even a few seeds can make a big impact on next year's gardening budget.

The following chart listing storage life for common garden species will help you decide which seeds are worth the bother. However, the conditions the seeds are stored in dramatically affects how well they will germinate next year, as much or more so than their species.

Plant Expected Storage Life (Years) **Under Favorable Conditions**

Vegetables

bean carrot Swiss chard sweet corn cucumber kohlrabi lettuce muskmelon okra onion parsnip pea pepper pumpkin radish spinach tomato turnip watermelon



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zinnia



When properly stored, carrot seed has a shelf life of three years. (Purdue University



Swiss chard seed can last up to four years if properly stored. (Purdue University photo)

Rain slows harvest but aids dry soils

EAST LANSING, Mich. — Rain arrived towards the end of the week which helped to replenish topsoil moisture levels, according to USDA NASS, Great Lakes Regional Field Office at Michigan State University.

Most areas of the state received at least a little rain beginning Friday and running through the weekend, though more was needed to help very dry conditions. Northern counties received the most rainfall, while central and southern counties received less. Even with the rainfall last weekend, 67 percent of topsoil remained short or very short.

The average temperature for the week was 53.6 degrees, 6.5 degrees below normal for the state. The amount of rainfall varied from 0.07 to 1.12 inches over the week.

There were 5.6 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Oct. 4.

Eighty-three percent of the corn statewide is now mature compared to 52 percent at this same time last year and 78 percent for the five-year average. Corn harvested for grain was at 22 percent and for silage was at 94 percent.

Ninety percent of the soybeans are dropping or have dropped leaves while 30 percent have been harvested statewide. Compare that to 12 percent harvested a year ago at this same time and 28 percent for the five-year average.

Twenty-four percent of the winter wheat crop has been

planted.

Watch for forage hazards following a freeze event

By BEN BECKMAN and MEGAN TAYLOR University of Nebraska

Cover crops, soil health, extended grazing, and 13-way mixes are all buzzwords in the agronomic world today. Whether you are using cover crops for additional grazing or planting them with the intent to improve your soil, it's important to make sure the mix will truly fit your needs and not cause issues later.

When cover crops become a forage crop it's important to treat them as such and to understand the risks associated with utilizing them as supplemental forage, especially as our environmental conditions begin to change. This becomes critical as we move into

As summer turns into fall, freezing temperatures will soon be making their way across the Midwest. These freezing temperatures will play a key role in determining what can be grazed or hayed safely for your live-

Taking a quick peak at your seed tag before grazing or having is key. Maybe you have decided to try a new 13-way mix and don't have all the components memorized? Perhaps this is your first time using cover crops? These mixes may be unfamiliar or new to your system and could be hazardous if fed incorrectly.

When cover crops become forage, they need to be treated as such. Freezing temperatures cause metabolic and cellular changes to our forage crops, specifically prussic acid formation and nitrate poisoning are the biggest concerns.

Sorghum, sudangrass, sorghumsudangrass hybrids, and milo following a frost have broken cell membranes that allow the formation of prussic acid. Prussic acid is a form of cyanide released from a compound called durrin that is naturally occurring in sorghum species.

When ingested and broken down by the digestive system, the cyanide that is released can quickly cause lethal results when consumed in high amounts. Monogastric species like pigs and horses can get prussic acid poisoning in extreme cases, but ruminants are more susceptible.

Keeping livestock out of these areas for five to seven days after a frost can limit the risk associated with prussic acid. Each time a new part of the plant is frozen, this five to seven day timer is reset until the entire plant has been killed.

This can make grazing difficult this fall when freezing events occur regularly but are not enough to fully kill the plant.

New shoots and especially regrowth on previously frost-damaged plants have the highest concentrations

If you notice new shoots after a frost, animals should not be allowed to graze until the regrowth is 15 to 18 inches tall or a frost completely kills the plant. This can be especially tricky when warm temperatures follow an

Unless extremely high levels of prussic acid are present initially, haying or cutting a crop with prussic acid is not a concern. During the drying process, the prussic acid will volatilize and 50 percent or more of the initial concentration will be lost.

Similarly, the fermentation process for ensiled sorghums will reduce prussic acid levels. If you are concerned about high levels of prussic acid in a silage or hay feed, samples can be sent to a lab for analysis.

Nitrate Poisoning

Grasses are especially susceptible to nitrate poisoning risks. Slower metabolism following a stress like freezing allows nitrates to accumulate within the plant, specifically oats, sudangrass, and millets. Because nitrates do not dissipate like prussic acid, having or green chopping is not recommended following a freeze and can be potentially dangerous.

Nitrates commonly concentrate in the lower portions of plant stems. Waiting five days before having or chopping and keeping a cutting height of 6 to 8 inches will help mitigate risk. Like prussic acid, the ensiling process will lower nitrate levels of plants harvested for silage.

If grazing, reducing the stocking rate and increasing the animals' ability to selectively graze can lower nitrate risks. Pull animals off once the upper two thirds of the plant has been consumed to avoid forcing animals to eat the lower portions of plants where nitrate risk is highest.

This is not a good strategy for mixtures with sorghum species due to the prussic acid concerns discussed above.

Feeds that may contain high levels of nitrate aren't necessarily unusable as long as proper action is taken to minimize risk. Send samples to a lab for analysis on those forages that are suspected to contain high nitrate lev-

With these results, rations can be developed that limit the amount of high nitrate forage being fed, minimizing risk.

Avoiding Bloat

One final issue to keep an eye out for following a freeze is bloat. In high-quality forages like alfalfa, clover, and fresh small grain shoots, frost damage in the plant will rupture cell walls and make protein and minerals more readily available for one to two days. Many of the cover crop mixes contain some form of clover.

Remember that ladino and white clover can cause bloat. These readily available proteins and minerals increase gas buildup in the rumen to the point animals cannot eliminate them by eructation (belching), creat-

Fresh young plants and naturally higher protein species like legumes have a higher chance of causing bloat. In cover crop mixtures, grazing mature plants and making sure that mixtures don't contain more than 50 percent high forage quality species like clover and alfalfa will help lower

Introducing animals to suspect forages with a full stomach and limiting the time they are allowed to graze, supplementing in the meantime with hay, can keep animals from over eating, further exacerbating the problem. Providing free-choice grass hay and limiting animal grazing by strip grazing can help provide a more balanced mixture of plants and decrease the

likelihood of bloat even further. One final option that can be utilized in situations where bloat is a concern is a diet supplement. Bloat reducers like poloxalene or monensin can be effective if consumed regularly.

To ensure uniform intake, these supplements can be mixed into a daily feed ration (poloxalene and monensin) or use a molasses or salt-based block that cattle will regularly consume (poloxalene).

Be sure to remove other salt and mineral choices if you choose to use this as a delivery method to ensure animals are regularly consuming the

The bottom line is to be patient when utilizing these forages. Check your seed tag to know what is specifically in the field before grazing.

With haying and cutting, prussic acid is not a concern, but nitrates can be worse. Remember to wait five days after a frost before cutting and raise the cutting height 6 to 8 inches to reduce risk.

When grazing, waiting five to seven days after a frost can help limit risk for both nitrate and prussic acid

After a non-killing frost, new shoots or regrowth can be high in prussic acid and nitrates. If present, pull animals immediately and do not regraze until the plant has been fully killed or new growth is at least 18 inches high.

Purdue Extension Service shares insights about organic certification

WEST LAFAYETTE, Ind. —Despite rapid growth in consumer demand for organic products that outpaces domestic supply, certified organic land accounts for less than 2 percent of U.S. farmland and even less in Indiana. Purdue Extension's Organic Agriculture educators are working with farmers to understand and address the common challenges and perceptions that accompany organic farm transition and certification.

Purdue Extension received funding from the North Central Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education Program of the United States Department of Agriculture to perform a research and education study to support Indiana grain farmers with organic transition.

Led by Michael O'Donnell, Purdue Extension organic and diversified agriculture educator, and Analena Bruce, assistant professor at the University of New Hampshire and former Indiana University postdoctoral researcher, the team surveyed Indiana grain farmers and identified barriers.

The publication, Supporting the wider adoption of organic certification for Indiana grain farmers, shares the findings of over 300 farmers, ranging from those who use only conventional agriculture methods to those already using organic meth-

"The idea was to get a better understanding of farmer perceptions of the opportunity, challenges and barriers around transitioning to organic agriculture. It was interesting to me, an Exten-

sion educator who directs organic programs, to look at those results and think how this informs my extension programming," said

O'Donnell. Challenging production

problems identified are production loss due to weed pressure, certification ineligibility caused by GMO pollen drift, and crop damage and contamination caused by pesticide drift. Conventional farmers noted that there is a lack of successful organic farmers because they have limited opportunities to speak with someone who has successfully transi-

The study also identified opportunities for further research and investment in education and outreach programs for Indiana farmers. Notable opportunities include policy initiatives to address concerns about imported organic grains market competition and new Extension programs to support organic farms.

"This project highlights a need for increased funding for research and Extension efforts to better support farmers with productionrelated challenges along with critical policy initia-

tives. I encourage farmers to become aware of the challenges facing the organic industry so they can provide input to the National Organic Standards Board (NOSB), a federal advisory board that represents organic farmers nationwide," O'Donnell

Farmers can participate at the NOSB fall 2020 meeting, held online beginning Oct. 20. More information about the NOSB fall meeting can be found at ams. usda.gov/event/nationalorganic-standards-boardnosb-meeting-cedar-rapids-



Rocky seas lead to drifting ships

Dear Annie: My wife and I are drift- he was gone. I have ing apart. I'm a recovering alcoholic of four years. I put her through a lot when I was drinking. When I got sober, I put my recovery first. I went to a lot of meetings of Alcoholics Anonymous and put her second. Now, she is seeing in a relationship, someone else.

I think at this point it's only an emotional affair, not a sexual one. But there have been times when she said she was going out with friends, and I know she went out with him. I'm not sure how I feel about it. I should be angry, and I'm not. But I don't like it — it bothers me to no end. Communication in our relationship is nonexistent. I'm not sure what to do. — Drifting

Dear Drifting: Let's start with congratulations on your recovery. Four years is something to be very proud of. It sounds like your wife still harbors resentment and pain from your drinking days. I might suggest that she attend Al-Anon meetings to help her better understand why you have to put your recovery first. My guess is that you know that if you didn't, everything else in your life would fall apart, including your mar-

The past is past, and it sounds like you have made amends. Communication is key in any marriage. It's been so long that you and your wife might need to rebuild these communication channels to make this work. Take action and seek the help of a professional marriage counselor. If your wife refuses to go, then you should go yourself. Sometimes, when people use alcohol to numb their feelings for years, they lose touch with them. It's time to go to a therapist or counselor and rediscover how you do feel about things.

And keep going to meetings. As they say in AA, the program works if you work it.

Dear Annie: I'm a married woman who has been in a secret relationship for three years with a co-worker of mine. My boyfriend died by suicide last week, and my world has been turned upsidedown. I was the last person he texted, and he wanted me to come over. I told him I couldn't. A couple of hours later,

been crying uncontrollably ever since, and no one understands why.

He, too, was and I was led to believe she knew about us and was OK with our relationship. My husband does not know. Because I'm



Dear

Annie

by Annie Lane

the "other woman," I had no say in anything after his passing and wasn't able to keep anything of his as a memory. My question is this: Would it be wrong to reach out to his family? They do not know about our relationship, and I wonder if I should tell them. I also want a few belongings (just a T-shirt, if anything!), but would it be wrong to ask? — Grieving "Girlfriend"

Dear Grieving Girlfriend: There is a lot to unpack in your letter. First, I am sorry that you lost your boyfriend to suicide. It is truly a tragedy when someone takes their own life. As far as wanting to tell his family that he was having an affair with you, I might hold off for a while. They are grieving the loss of their

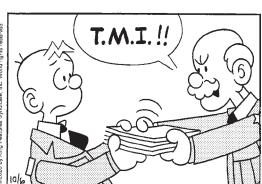
This might be a good time to get into therapy yourself. First, to understand why you felt the need to stay in your marriage, and then to process the trauma of losing your boyfriend to suicide. Assuming you still want to stay married, you owe it to your husband to get into marriage counseling and to come clean with him and hope that you can rebuild your relationship based on trust and for-

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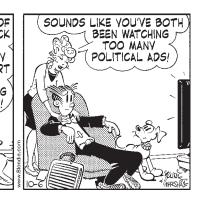






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Q: I recently became a Christian and have truggled with praying to God. It all sounds so awkward. I'm intimidated because I've never really been around anyone who was comfortable praying. How does a person learn to pray? - L.P.

A: No child when learning to speak does so in complete sentences or can be held at attention in lengthy conversation. Parents are delighted by a child's first attempts to

When people come into a new relationship with Christ and are transformed, they are often referred to as "babes in Christ." They are nourished on the milk of the Word.

"As newborn babes, desire the pure milk of the word, that you may grow thereby" (1 Peter 2:2).

The Lord is not disappointed by our prayers but delights when we come to Him. His own disciples said, "Lord, teach us to pray" (Luke 11:1).

Many new believers

fail to pray because they put too much emphasis on lack of eloquence. God wants to hear our humble prayers, to share with Him what is on our hearts. He already knows, but it pleases Him when we care enough to cease our busyness and think of Him and fellowship with Him

through the reading of His Word and praying to Him with expectant hearts. If prayer feels uncom-

fortable, open God's Word and read about Him. This is how we learn and grow in Christ and it informs our prayers as we begin by thanking God for all He has done; praising Him for His love and goodness. Ask Him to bring to mind others that need prayer, and this leads to putting others ahead of ourselves.

"Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in Your sight, O Lord, my strength and my Redeemer" (Psalm 19:14).

Spending time in this way helps us to mature in

our faith. (This column is based on the words and writings of the late Rev. Billy Gra-

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260-724-7402, www.kjauction.com.

OCTOBER 10 - 10 a.m. - Oscar

Lopez, seller. 4438 East 100 North, Bluffton. Real estate includes a 1,975 SF, 4 bedroom/2 bath farm home on 4 acres additional improvements include a two car detached garage and bank barn. Personal property includes: outstanding 1948 Chrysler Windsor 4-door sedan, Bad Boy zero turn mower. John Deere Gator. small engine parts, tools, Oregon smail engine parts, tools, Oregon chain sharpener, household, modern furniture. Sale Manager: Brandon Steffen. Steffen Group, www. steffengrp.com, 260-426-0633.

OCTOBER 13 - 6 p.m. - Hart Family Farm, seller. Montpelier Civic Center, 339 S. Main St., Montpelier. Farm: 7326 N. 300 E., Montpelier. 90-1/2 agres Blackford.

Montpelier. 90+/- acres, Blackford County, Harrison Township, Sec-tion 6. Farm offered in 3 Tracts and in Combination. Tract 1: Approximately 24+/- acres w/approximately 18+/- acres tillable, 40'x60' pole building. Tract 2: Approximately 43.5+/- acres w/approximately 39+/- acres tillable. Tract 3: 22.5+/acres of wooded land (swing tract). Sale Managers: Brandon Steffen, 260-710-5684 or Pat Carter, 260-273-8294. Steffen Group, 260-426-

OCTOBER 15 - 6 p.m. - David Gruss, owner. 609 S. Main St., Bluffton. Charming 1.5 story home w/ character in woodwork and finishes, convenient location to downtown and businesses! Two bedrooms, 2 baths, landscaped lot, large living partial basement, Duplex Potential, potential for 3rd bedroom, detached garage, concrete patio in back, off-street parking. Perfect for "Empty Nester". Built in window seat under large living room window. Open houses: Oct. 8, 5-7 p.m. Ellenberger Brothers, Inc. Auctioneers, 800-373-

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6363, www.EllenbergerBros.com. OCTOBER 24 - 9 a.m. - Don & Carol Swygart, owners. 3414 E US Hwy. 224, Decatur. Two horse slant livestock trailer, Bobcat 450 skid steer, Massey Ferguson 35 tractor, implements, tools & shop equipment, outdoor lawn & garden, furniture, household items, primitives & more! Preview Oct. 23, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Krueckeberg Auction & Realty LLC, 260-724-7402, www.kjauction.com. OCTOBER 24 - 9 a.m. - Estate

of Sally A. Lobsiger, seller. 210 W. Central Street, Bluffton. 2,135 SF, 3 bedroom, 1½ bath home on double lot, large two car garage. 1994 Fleetside Chevrolet Silverado Series 1500 pick-up, antique collection including fine glassware, Bluffton memorabilia, walnut glass door cabinet, Victor talk machine, Aladdin oil lamps, Spinet piano, unique primitives and collectibles, quilts, modern furniture, appliances. Open houses: Oct. 12 and 19 from 5-7 p.m. Sale Manager: Pat Carter, 260-273-8294. Steffen Group, www.steffengrp.com, 260-426-0633.

OCTOBER 27 - 6 p.m. - Frank-lin H. Frayer estate. Wells County 4-H Community Center, 1240 4-H Park Rd., Bluffton. 188A agriculture & wooded recreational land. Tract 1 and 2: 109A, Wells Co., Jackson Twp., Sec. 1. Tract 3: 79A, Blackford Co., Harrison Twp., Sec. 6. Offered in tracts or any combination. Tract 1: 101A cropland, Sec. 1, Jackson Twp., Wells Co. Tract 2: 8A wooded/recreational w/25' deeded access. Tract 3: 79A cropland, Sec. 6, Harrison Twp., Blackford Co. Holloway Auction Co., Inc., 260-824-5060, www.HollowayAuction.com.

OCTOBER 31 - 10 a.m. - John & Detrials Culty.

Patricia Culy, seller. 7319 East State Road 18, Montpelier. Gas tractor w/hyd. loader, zero turn & riding lawn mowers, 16' tandem axle trailer, scooters, Craftsman 10" radial arm saw, 10" band saw,

& 6-hp. 33-gal. air compressor, gas generator, scaffolding, shop tools, antique oak curved glass china cabinet, antique restored Pony corn sheller, collectibles, house-hold, assorted lumber & builder material & more! Preview: Oct 30 noon-5 p.m. Sale manager: Pat Carter, 260.273.8294, Pat.Carter@ steffengrp.com. Steffen Group, www.steffengrp.com, 260-824-3006. NOVEMBER 11, 8 a.m. EST-NOVEMBER 12, 6 p.m. EST-Online - Greene HLS# RAJ-12560, owner. Property location: 4 miles west of Hwy. 3 and about 4 miles north of Hwy. 26 or 3 miles south of Hwy. 18. Two tracts, 89+/- total acres, Blackford County, Washington Township, quality farmland, mostly tillable. Tract 1: 63+/- acres. Tract 2: 26+/- acres. Halderman Real Estate & Farm Management, 800-424-2324, www. halderman.com, Rick Johnloz, 260-827-8181.

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WELLS COUNTY ation hiring. The Wells County 4-H Association is accepting applications for both the Markteting Director and Caretaker positions. You can find the job descriptions and the applica-

www.extension.purdue.edu/ wells, or you can stop by the Purdue Extension Office to pick up an application at 1240 4-H Park Road, Bluffton, IN. For more information, please call 260-820-0461.

Lottery Numbers

Monday's Drawings HOOSIËR LOTTERY Cash 5 — 07-09-18-28-

33 Cash4Life — 01-03-35-37-42, Cash Ball: 4

Quick Draw Midday — 06-16-26-29-35-39-42-47-52-57-58-61-63-67-68-69-70-74-77-78, BE: 29

Daily Three-Midday — 9-2-8, SB: 6

Daily Three-Evening — 4-1-4, SB: 5

Daily Four-Midday — 4-4-7-0, SB: 6

Daily Four-Evening — 8-8-9-3, SB: 5

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Hoosier Lotto — Estimated jackpot (for Wednesday): \$3.9 million

MEGA MILLIONS Estimated jackpot (for Tuesday): \$50 million

POWERBALL Estimated jackpot (for Wednesday): \$52 million

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Clean Fuels was a platinum sponsor for this year's scholarship golf outing for the local Elks Lodge 796. More than \$10,000 was raised during the event Sept. 12 at Timber Ridge Golf Course in Bluffton, which allows for numerous \$1,000 scholarships to be awarded. Pictured are, from left, Rowdy Yates of the lodge and Cassandra Crickard and Jon Baumgartner of Clean Fuels. (Photo submitted)

All About Health

Helping men open up about their health struggles

QI'm worried about my husband -- he's getting more and more grumpy and unhappy the longer this coronavirus mess goes on. What can I do to help? -- Ginger R., Cleveland

That's a major issue for many guys and Aone that the Cleveland Clinic, right in your backyard, has been looking at. Their National MENtion campaign (started originally because the docs noticed how hard it is for guys to talk about their physical and mental challenges) has turned its attention recently to how COVID-19 has affected men's outlook on health and how they're coping with all the changes in daily life.

An online survey of around 1,000 adult males found 77% say the pandemic has increased their stress level and 45% say their emotional/mental health has declined. In addition, half of the men have put off seeing a doctor over the past few months, while at the same time 40% say they're struggling to stay healthy and 24% report weight gain.

The MENtion campaign suggests you can help your husband open up about how he is feeling -- and get the medical attention he may need -- with the following techniques.

-- Make it easier for your husband to see and talk with his doctor about health issues. Schedule virtual visits; ask the doctor for appointments outside of work hours; and find local health-screening opportunities such as the Clinics "express care online." Check with your local medical centers to see what's available.

-- Suggest talk therapy online. If it helped super-athlete Michael Phelps, it may be worth a try.

-- Encourage opening up by asking questions -- one at a time -- about how he's feeling and what he's thinking. As the Clinic's Dr. Eric Klein, chairman of Cleveland Clinic's Glickman Urological & Kidney Institute, says, "It's time to get rid of the stigma that a man isn't allowed to show weakness by admitting something might be wrong -- it could save his life."

Why do you always hear that it is better to eat protein than carbohydrates after you exercise? -- Geraldo F., Miami

A The advice about eating protein after you workout -- either doing aerobics or strength training -- focuses on maximizing muscle synthesis while it ignores basic science about the virtues of healthy carbs post-

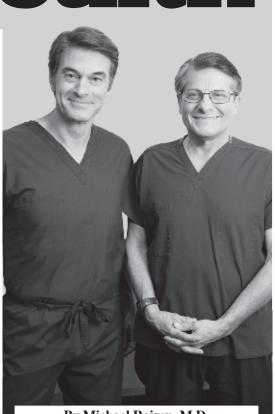
Most folks want to help their body build muscle since increased muscle mass helps improve endurance, balance, and weight and glucose control, plus it helps you achieve a younger RealAge. Protein does that. However, eating unprocessed grains or other plant-based carbs after a prolonged workout (an hour or more) replenishes glycogen that your body uses for fuel and the carbs work with the proteins you eat to fire up muscle tissue repair. In short, it takes both carbs and protein to improve your overall muscle tone and health.

So when and what should you eat -- and drink? Experts advise eating carbs within 15 minutes to two hours of stopping your routine. Mango, watermelon and blueberries are particularly good glycogen-replenishing carbs, and their vitamin C aids in repair of muscle tissue. For effective muscle building, protein can be consumed within four hours after stopping your workout. Make sure it's lean, quality protein from low-mercury, non-fried fish and plants. You also want to rehydrate effectively. The American Council on Exercise suggests drinking 17 to 20 ounces of fluid two to three hours before exercising and eight ounces before you get started. Then don't get thirsty while exercising and have eight ounces

of water 30 minutes after exercise. Our basic post-workout nutrition plan includes foods that combine quality proteins and carbs: Try peanut butter on whole grain crackers or black beans with brown rice. Enjoy smoothies made with fruit and dark leafy greens, yogurt and pulpy fruit juices. And remember to avoid bars, foods and drinks loaded with added sugars -- they never do folks who've done moderate exercise (with occasional bouts of high intensity) any favors.

Mehmet Oz, M.D. is host of "The Dr. Oz Show," and Mike Roizen, M.D. is Chief Wellness Officer and Chair of Wellness Institute at Cleveland Clinic. Email your health and wellness questions to Dr. Oz and Dr. Roizen at youdocsdaily(at sign)sharecare.com.

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Wells Court Docket

Wells Superior Court **Criminal Cases**

Steven Ray Jessie Jr., 38, Fort Wayne, pleaded guilty to driving while suspended with a prior conviction for the same offense, a Class A misdemeanor.

Sentenced to a year in the Wells County Jail, all suspended, and placed on probation for one year.

Ordered to pay \$525.50 in costs and fees, complete a driver awareness course and obtain a valid driver's

As part of a plea agreement, one count of driving a vehicle without insurance, a Class A infraction, was dismissed.

An Ossian police officer checked on a disabled Toyota 4Runner at Jefferson and Mill streets in Ossian and discovered the driver, Jessie, had a suspended driver's license and a prior conviction for the offense Nov. 29, 2018.

Haley Lynn Chaney, 29, Bluffton, pleaded guilty to theft, a Class A misdemean-

Sentenced to a year in the

Wells County Jail, all suspended, and placed on probation for one year.

Ordered to report to a mental health counselor and pay \$525.50 in costs and

As part of a plea agreement, 12 other counts of theft were dismissed.

On July 26, Bluffton police received a report from a Bluffton Walmart Supercenter Asset Protection employee that Chaney had left the store with a bottle of Tito's vodka that she had stuffed into her purse.

During the course of the investigation, the asset protection employee reported that Chaney — whom he at first could not identify had been stealing items from the store by skip-scanning the items at the self-checkout aisle for the past month.

A review of surveillance video in the store reportedly showed that Chaney had skip-scanned multiple items June 2, 3, 9, 19, 30, July 3, 8, 10, 12, 18, 24 and 25.

The items allegedly skipscanned totaled \$405.04 in

guilty entered for Paul Joseph Gabbard, 34, Syracuse, charged with possession of methamphetamine, a Level 6 felony; possession of marijuana, a Class B misdemeanor, operating a vehicle while intoxicated endangering a person, a Class A misdemeanor; operating a vehicle with a Schedule I or II controlled substance or its metabolite in his body, a Class C misdemeanor; and possession of drug paraphernalia, a Class C misdemeanor. Bond continued at \$8,500. Sprunger and

suspended immediately. The report on Gabbard's arrest is featured in today's Police Notebook.

Sprunger appointed public

defender. Driver's license

Cynthia M. Zootman, 18, Bluffton, pleaded guilty to possession of marijuana, a Class B misdemeanor, and operating a vehicle with a Schedule I or II controlled substance or its metabolite in her body, a Class C misdemeanor.

Sentenced to 180 days

Preliminary plea of not the Class A misdemeanor vehicle with an alcohol charge and 60 days in the Wells County Jail on the Class C misdemeanor. The terms of the sentences are to be served concurrently and all but six days of each were suspended. She was credited for six days spent in confinement awaiting disposition of her case.

> Placed on probation for 359 days.

Ordered to serve 80 days on home detention, report to a substance abuse program, pay all costs associated with her blood test and pay \$725.50 in costs and fees.

Driver's license suspended for 30 days.

Charges of possession of drug paraphernalia, a Class C misdemeanor; operating a motor vehicle without headlights, a Class C infraction; and unlawful possession of tobacco, a Class C infraction, all dismissed.

Details of Zootman's arrest are included in today's Police Notebook.

Preliminary plea of not guilty entered for Jill Ann Bowman, 51, Montpelier, in the Wells County Jail on charged with operating a

concentration equivalency of .15 or more, a Class A misdemeanor; operating a vehicle while intoxicated, a Class C misdemeanor; and open alcoholic beverage container violation, a Class C infraction. Larry Mock appointed public defender.

Details of Bowman's arrest are featured in today's Police Notebook.

Rafael Vasquez, 22, Ossian, pleaded guilty to reckless driving, a Class B misdemeanor.

Sentenced to 180 days in the Wells County Jail, all suspended, and placed on probation for one year.

Ordered to pay restitution in an amount to be determined, and \$525.50 in costs and fees.

Vasquez was westbound on 700N approaching Ind. 1 Aug. 23 when he lost control of the car he was driving, drove off the road and the car rolled onto its top in a soybean field.

Vasquez reportedly told the sheriff's deputy investigating the crash he was driving 107 mph because he was excited over the news that his pastor had approved marrying Vasquez, and his girlfriend.

Infractions

Fine of \$14.50 and court costs of \$135.50 entered against Paul Leonard Nicodemus, 31, Marion, charged with driving while suspended, a Class A infraction, and speeding, a Class C infraction.

Clint Lewis, 36, Ossian; dog running at large, 100 block of West Craig Street.

Civil Cases

Writ of possession entered for Wells County Partners, doing business as Silo Farms mobile home park, against tenants Jani Biggs and Jason Stankiewicz.

Writ of possession entered for Bluffton Woods mobile home park against tenant Danielle Vebert.

Officer receives

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Currently the reports and records are stored in the evidence room at the police department. Because the evidence room has restricted access, if someone requests a paper document from the past, only two officers are permitted to enter the room.

"This will allow us to organize our evidence room much better and make it into what it was truly meant to be — an evidence room," Chief Dave Rigney said.

The remodeled offices will provide separate storage space for the reports. Currently Tucker is in the process of moving reports from cardboard banker boxes to plastic banker boxes so that they will store easier.

Part-time and reserve officers have been moved to a common cubicle in the old offices to free up more storage space. The department also plans to add a gun locker.

The department has received permission from the Ossian Town Council to remodel the former meeting space of the Ossian Town

Hall into two offices and a reception area. Construction is anticipated to start in November.

In other business, the board members:

• Learned from Rigney that between Aug. 16 and Sept. 15, the department used \$770.31 in gasoline, which is still within the monthly fuel expense of \$732.62.

• Learned from Rigney that the department officers logged 31 hours of overtime between Aug. 9 and Sept. 5. This is one of the lowest that the department has had for the year, Rigney added. The officer logging the most overtime was Tucker at 24.25 hours. Rigney had 4.75 hours of overtime and Officer Brian McClish had two hours of

• Learned from Rigney that the department is through eight sections of department policy updates and has two remaining to review. Once the department's review is finished, it will be available for the commissioners to review and then adopt.

· Learned from Tucker



Ossian Police Sgt. Stephanie Tucker accepts a pink commendation bar from Ossian Police Chief Dave Rigney for her role in the investigation of the death of toddler Kamryn Price of Ossian in January of 2019. (Photo by Glen Werling)

she received a \$100 stipend for addressing the Ossian First Presbyterian Church about domestic violence. She will use it to start a resource library.

Tucker also invited the board members to attend Coffee With a Cop at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Crimson House Café in Ossian.

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deputy dispatched to check, but did not see anyone matching the description.

Sunday, 6:22 p.m., Ossian Deli, 404 N. Jefferson St. Officer pulled over a vehicle for having a license plate that belonged to another vehicle and cited into Wells Superior Court Aung Htun Oo, age not listed, Fort Wayne, for driving without vehicle insurance, a Class A misdemeanor, and false and/or fictitious license plate, a Class C infraction.

ACCIDENTS

City:

Sunday, 4:47 p.m., 58 Capri Court. Frankie L. Earhart, 50, Bluffton, was pulling a 1994 GMC Rally Wagon van into a parking space when she clipped a parked 2006 Mazda 6 registered to Perlina K. Kramer, Bluffton. Damage was estimated at less than \$1,000.

Monday, 6:45 a.m., Ind. 124 east of Elm Grove Road. Timothy J. Ramsery, 64, rural Decatur, hit a deer with his 2014 Kia Forte. Damage to the vehicle exceeded \$1,000.

County: Saturday, 12:46 p.m., Hoosier Highway near the intersection of 500S/100W. Joshua Billman, 30, Keystone, was driving southwest on Hoosier Highway approaching the intersection when the 1997 Chevrolet Blazer he was driving swerved off the left side of the road, then shot back across to the right side of the road, exited the road, hit the ditch and rolled over several times ejecting Billman and his front seat passenger, Ashley Giordono, 28, Keystone. Two other passengers in the vehicle,

Ehlias Girodano, 6, Kevstone, and Arvellah Billman, 3, remained inside the vehicle. Joshua Billman suffered a pelvic fracture, a dislocated shoulder and broken left arm. Ashley Giordano suffered two collapsed lungs, a fracture to her right femur, and head trauma. The two children suffered minor injuries. All were transported by Wells County EMS to Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne. The vehicle sustained heavy damage. In addition to Wells County EMS Bluffton Fire Rescue and Liberty Township Fire Rescue were dispatched to the

Sunday, 3:20 a.m., 100N west of 300W. Chelly E. Neuenschwander, 29, Bluffton, hit a deer with her 2014 Chevrolet Cruze. Damage to the car exceeded \$2,500.

Friday, 8:02 p.m., Peyton's Northern, 1111 S. Adams St. Fire alarm. Bluffton Fire Department dispatched. A sprinkler head was broken, triggering the alarm.

Saturday, 1:11 p.m., 700S west of Meridian Road. Report of a grass fire. Poneto and Chester Township fire department dispatched. Employee for Norfolk Southern reported that sparks from a "railgrinder" were causing the fires and a company truck was following the railgrinder to put out the small fires.

Sunday, 12:07 p.m., Brent Ivins residence, 65 Hi Lo Drive. Fire on the stove that could possibly be spreading. Bluffton Fire Department dispatched along with Ossian Fire Department and Liberty Township Fire Department for mutual aid. Homeowner extinguished the fire before firefighters arrived.

Sunday, 2:30 p.m., Utz Quality Foods, 1955 W. Lancaster St. Fire alarm. Bluffton Fire Department dispatched. No fire. A bug bomb set off in the office triggered the alarm.

Sunday, 2:58 p.m. and 3:50 p.m., Alexin, 1390 S. Adams St. Smoke alarm both times. Bluffton Fire Department dispatched. No fire. Alarm malfunctioned

Sunday, 6:23 p.m., Robert and Charlotte Milton residence, 1559 Wexford Court. Smell of natural gas. Bluffton Fire Department dispatched. The source of the smell was traced to the meter feeding into the home. Gas turned off and Northern Indiana Public Service Company contacted to make repairs.

Monday, 9:35 a.m., woods on Ind. 116 northwest of Murray. Man used his cellphone to call 911 to report he was up in a deer tree stand when he started feeling dizzy and light-headed. Markle Fire Department first responders, sheriff's deputies and Wells County EMS dispatched.

TICKETS

Lauren D. Michael, 17, Bluffton; unlawful possession of tobacco by a minor, Main Street at Washington Stephanie A. Pierce,

41, Ossian; disregarding a lighted signal, Dustman Road at Main Street.

ion Street.

Treyten J. Johnson, 24, Bluffton; seat belt violation, Market Street at Mar-



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