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Sectional winners

Norwell defeated Oak Hill to win the Class 3A boys basketball sectional at Norwell Saturday night. Above, Norwell center Brody Bolyk kisses the sectional trophy while surrounded by members of the Norwell pep block. At right, Lleyton Bailey continues a tradition begun by Norwell in 1974 of tying a handkerchief around the rim upon emptying the rim of its net. Below the team, coaches and cheerleaders pose for a photo. Norwell will play Leo at noon Saturday in the New Castle Regional. (Photo by Glen Werling)



Tornadoes rip through Iowa killing 7

By SCOTT MCFETRIDGE and JOSH FUNK Associated Press

WINTERSSET, Iowa (AP) — Seven people were killed, including two children, when several tornadoes swept through central Iowa, destroying homes and knocking down trees and power lines in the state's deadliest storm in more than a decade, authorities said.

Emergency management officials in Madison County said four were injured and six people were killed Saturday when one tornado touched down in the area southwest of Des Moines near the town of Winterset around 4:30 p.m. Among those killed were two children under the age of five and four adults.

In Lucas County, about 54 miles southeast of Des Moines, officials confirmed one death and multiple reported injuries when a separate tornado struck less than an hour later.

The state Department of Natural Resources said that person who died was in an RV at a campground at Red Haw State Park in Chariton, Iowa.

Thunderstorms that spawned tornadoes moved through much of Iowa from the afternoon until Saturday night with storms also causing damage in the Des Moines suburb of Norwalk, areas just east of Des Moines and other areas of eastern Iowa. The storms were fueled by warm, moist air from the Gulf of Mexico.

Officials reported a number of homes were damaged or destroyed, roads were blocked by downed lines and tree branches were shredded by the strong winds. At one point, power outages affected more than 10,000 in the Des Moines area. About 800 customers remained without power Sunday evening.

The storms are the deadliest to occur in Iowa since May 2008 when one tornado destroyed nearly 300 homes and killed nine people in the northern Iowa city of Parkersburg. Another tornado a month later killed four boys at the Little Sioux Boy

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Gas prices at highest level since 2008

NEW YORK (AP) — The price of regular gasoline broke \$4 per gallon on average across the U.S. on Sunday for the first time since 2008.

During the first full week of Russia's invasion of Ukraine, the price of regular gas rose by almost 41 cents, according to the AAA motor club.

That represents the second largest jump in average national prices in a week, GasBuddy reported.

"As Russia's war on Ukraine continues to evolve and we head into a season where gas prices typically increase, Americans should prepare to pay more for gas than they ever have before," Patrick De Haan, head of petroleum analysis for GasBuddy, said in a statement.

The all-time high for average gasoline prices was set in July 17, 2008 at \$4.10 per gallon.

Neither President Joe Biden nor Congress has moved to ban the import of Russian oil or place energy sanctions on the country, which could have major global economic repercussions.

On Sunday, California had the highest average price per gallon among U.S. states at \$5.29, while Missouri had the lowest at around \$3.60.

Crude oil rises another 10 percent

By YURI KAGEYAMA AP Business Writer

TOKYO (AP) — The price of oil jumped more than \$10 a barrel and shares were sharply lower Monday as the conflict in Ukraine deepened amid mounting calls for harsher sanctions against Russia.

Brent crude oil surged over \$10 early Monday. Benchmark U.S. crude was up nearly \$9 at more than

\$124 a barrel.

The surge followed a warning from Russian President Vladimir Putin that Ukrainian statehood was imperiled as Russian forces battered strategic locations. A temporary cease-fire in two Ukrainian cities failed over the weekend — and both sides blamed each other.

Oil prices came under additional pressure after

Libya's national oil company said an armed group had shut down two crucial oil fields. The move caused the country's daily oil output to drop by 330,000.

U.S. House of Representatives Speaker Nancy Pelosi, meanwhile, said the House was exploring legislation to further isolate Russia from the global economy, including banning the import of its oil and energy

products into the U.S.

By late morning in Tokyo, U.S. crude had jumped \$9.08 to \$124.74 a barrel in electronic trading on the New York Mercantile Exchange. The all-time high was marked in July 2008, when the price per barrel of U.S. crude climbed to \$145.29.

That pushed the average price for gasoline in the U.S.

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Protest convoy circles Washington beltway

HAGERSTOWN, Md. (AP) — A large group of truck drivers who object to COVID-19 mandates drove two loops around the beltway surrounding Washington, Sunday, deliberately moving slowly to impact traffic and make their feelings known to lawmakers in the nation's capitol.

People crowded onto overpasses, waving at the "People's Convoy" and holding signs and American flags. Within the convoy, there were tractor-

trailers with horns blaring and some recreational vehicles and pickup trucks occasionally going by, mixed with the normal traffic on Interstate 495 in Silver Springs, Maryland.

The convoy was moving normally — albeit slowly — and while some congestion was noted, news outlets reported traffic was able to flow around the convoy. Many vehicles had American flags, while some flew Don't Tread on Me banners.

"We're not even sure we can call it a convoy any more because it's so dispersed among routine traffic at this point," Virginia State Police spokeswoman Corinne Geller told The Washington Post.

Protesters staged at the Hagerstown Speedway in Maryland during the weekend before heading down a single lane of Interstate 81. Their plan was to drive onto the Capital Beltway,

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Carbon sequestration still alive in Indiana Statehouse

By HOWARD GRENINGER (Terre Haute) Tribune-Star

The Indiana House and Senate this week approved House Bill 1209 requiring companies seeking to inject carbon dioxide deep underground to first negotiate with property owners, a move that will protect Hoosier landowners, said the Indiana Farm Bureau.

Two other bills — Senate Bill 265 and HB 1249 — were defeated, but were sought by Wabash Valley Resources to remove any right to lawsuits from property owners or a requirement to notify landowners of underground carbon storage near West Terre

Haute. That storage is in underground space is known as pore space.

"The defeat of SB 265 and HB1249 does not stop the Wabash Valley Resources project. It merely means that they will have to go and negotiate with landowners and acquire that pore space," said Jeff Cummins, associate director of policy engagement for the Indiana Farm Bureau. Wabash Valley Resources seeks to capture and sequester up to 1.65 million tons of carbon dioxide (CO2) annually.

In addition to carbon sequestering, the company plans to produce hydrogen energy

at the repurposed coal gasification plant in West Terre Haute.

"The level of liability protection that [Wabash Valley Resources] were seeking is what would have allowed them to go forward with that project without talking to anybody," he said.

"They can still do the project. They can still manufacture hydrogen, they can still capture the carbon dioxide, they can still build a pipeline and inject [carbon dioxide] underground, but they will have to tell the landowners that they are going to do it and negotiate the use by the lease or sale of that

pore space beneath those landowners. "We have not killed their project, but we have just made sure that they will have to work in good faith to negotiate with landowners and pay them for the use of that pore space," Cummins said.

However, Wabash Valley Resources is still working to inject language from the two defeated bills into an Indiana Department of Natural Resources bill during conference committees prior to the end of the Indiana General Assembly session next week, said Kerwin Olson, executive director of Citizen

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Tornadoes rip

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Scout ranch in western Iowa. Northern Illinois University meteorology professor Victor Gensini said there have been plenty of examples of deadly storms in March even though they are more common in April and May. Saturday's storms were not nearly as unusual as the mid-December tornado outbreak that Iowa saw last year, he said.

"The storms that produce these tornadoes — these supercell storms — they don't care what the calendar says," Gensini said. "It doesn't have to say June. It doesn't have to say May. They form whenever the ingredients are present. And they were certainly present yesterday."

Scientists have said that extreme weather events and warmer temperatures are more likely to occur with human-caused climate change. However, scientifically attributing a storm system to global warming requires specific analysis and computer simulations that take time, haven't been done and sometimes show no clear connection.

Gensini said Saturday's storms likely caused more than \$1 billion in damages

over their entire track when the severe damage in Iowa is combined with wind damage as far away as Illinois.

Iowa Gov. Kim Reynolds issued a disaster proclamation for Madison County, which allows state resources to be used to assist with response and recovery efforts. Madison County Emergency Management Director Diogenes Ayala said 52 homes were damaged or destroyed across nearly 14 miles.

The White House said President Joe Biden was briefed Sunday on the storm devastation in Iowa. Biden reached out Reynolds and directed the leaders of the Department of Homeland Security and Federal Emergency Management Agency to remain in close contact with state and local officials as they assessed damage and determined what federal assistance was needed, the White House said in a statement.

After touring the storm damage near Winterset, Reynolds described "unimaginable destruction."

Reynolds teared up as she described the hundreds of people who streamed into the area to volunteer their help to clear debris that blocked roads and littered the hardest

hit areas. Homeowners and volunteers were picking up wood debris and beginning to clear it away Sunday in the rolling hills south of Winterset as chainsaws whirred away in the background.

"It's just unbelievable. I tried to walk through and thank them and over and over (and) the response was, we're Iowans and that's what we do," she said.

The foundation was all that was left of several homes. The tornado carved a path of destruction along a ridge while several hundred feet away other homes were undamaged.

Ayala said emergency responders navigated narrow roads blocked by downed trees and debris Saturday night to help after the storm.

"With trees and debris and everything around, just to go out there and start the search and rescue and get the people affected out of there, I cannot express the heroism of the first responders who were out there last night," Ayala said.

Officials identified the six people who were killed in Madison County as Melissa Bazley, 63; Rodney Clark, 64; Cecilia Lloyd, 72; Michael Bolger, 37; Kenley Bolger, 5; and Owen Bolger, 2. The victims came from

three different households.

Lucas County officials didn't immediately identify the person who died there Sunday afternoon.

Six people hurt in Madison County, which is known for the "Bridges of Madison County" book and movie, were being treated for injuries Sunday, but their conditions weren't immediately available.

The National Weather Service in Des Moines said Sunday that the tornado that killed one person in Lucas County remained on the ground for more than 16 miles and rated an EF-3 on the Enhanced Fujita scale with peak winds of 138 mph. The damage assessment for the Winterset tornado isn't likely to be completed until Monday, but the Weather Service tweeted Saturday that initial photos of the damage there suggested that tornado was also at least an EF-3 tornado.

Elsewhere, the National Weather Service said the storms generated an EF-1 tornado in southeastern Wisconsin near Stoughton that included winds up to 80 mph. The storm flattened trees, snapped power poles and blew out windows in homes. No injuries were reported.

Weather

Monday, March 7, 2022

(24-hour observations at 7:56 p.m. Sunday)

High: 63; Low: 41; Precipitation: 0.25" (rain)

Wabash River Level (at the Main Street bridge): 3.96 feet at 8:45 p.m. Sunday

Wells County forecast

Monday: Rain likely before noon, then a chance of rain and snow. Cloudy, with a high near 41. Northeast wind 10 to 20 mph becoming northwest in the afternoon. Winds could gust as high as 25 mph. Chance of precipitation is 60 percent. Little or no snow accumulation expected.

Monday Night: A 20 percent chance of snow before 1 a.m. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 27. West wind 5 to 10 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

Tuesday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 42. West wind 5 to 10 mph.

Tuesday Night: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 29. Southwest wind around 5 mph.

Wednesday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 47.

Wednesday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 28.

Thursday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 51.

Thursday Night: A slight chance of rain after 1 a.m., mixing with snow after 5 a.m. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 34. Chance of precipitation is 20 percent.

Friday: A slight chance of rain and snow before 8 a.m., then rain likely. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 47. Chance of precipitation is 60 percent.

Friday Night: Rain and snow likely. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 19. Chance of precipitation is 60 percent.

Saturday: A 20 percent chance of snow. Partly sunny, with a high near 28. Breezy.

Saturday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 16.

Sunday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 40.

Protest convoy

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circle it twice and then return to Hagerstown.

The convoy follows similar demonstrations by truckers in Canada who are upset at vaccine requirements to cross the Canadian border. The Washington Post also reported that convoy organizer Brian Brase intends for pro-

testers to travel on the beltway every day during the upcoming week until their demands are met.

A video posted on Twitter showed trucks passing under a large American flag hoisted in the air by two cranes. Supporters stood along a road waving as the drivers left the speedway.

Officials with state police in Maryland and Virginia have said they will

monitor the activities.

Authorities in the District of Columbia said Sunday they are monitoring demonstration activity that is expected to begin disrupting travel on roadways in and around the region. The majority of the activity is expected to occur on the beltway. Travelers were advised to consider alternate modes of transportation.

Crude oil

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above \$4 a gallon, a milestone already reached again. The price of regular gasoline rose almost 41 cents, breaking \$4 per gallon (3.8 liters) on average across the U.S. on Sunday for the first time since 2008, according to the AAA motor club.

The all-time high for average gasoline prices was set in July 17, 2008 at \$4.10 per gallon.

Brent crude, the international pricing standard, hit \$139.13 per barrel before falling back Monday. It was trading up \$10.56 at \$128.67 a barrel.

On Wall Street, U.S. futures fell, with the contract for the benchmark S&P 500 down 1.6 percent and that for the Dow industrials falling 1.3 percent. Stock futures in Europe also declined.

Higher fuel costs are devastating for Japan, which imports almost all its

energy. Japan's benchmark Nikkei 225 dipped 3.5 percent in morning trading to 25,091.93.

Hong Kong's Hang Seng dropped 4.0 percent to 21,021.38, while South Korea's Kospi dived 2.5 percent to 2,648.48. Australia's S&P/ASX 200 shed 1.2 percent to 7,023.10, while the Shanghai Composite lost nearly 0.8 percent to 3,421.81.

"The Ukraine-Russia conflict will continue to dominate market sentiments and no signs of conflict resolution thus far may likely put a cap on risk sentiments into the new week," said Yeap Jun Rong, market strategist at IG in Singapore.

"It should be clear by now that economic sanctions will not deter any aggression from the Russians, but will serve more as a punitive measure at the expense of implication on global economic growth. Elevated oil

prices may pose a threat to firms' margins and consumer spending outlook."

Markets worldwide have swung wildly recently on worries about how high prices for oil, wheat and other commodities produced in the region will go because of Russia's invasion, inflaming the world's already high inflation.

Russian forces intensified shelling of cities in Ukraine's center, north and south, according to a Ukrainian official, as a second attempt to evacuate civilians collapsed. Russia has made significant advances in southern Ukraine and along the coast, although many of its efforts have stalled, including an immense military convoy north of Kyiv.

Companies have been exiting Russia, including Mastercard and Visa, as well as Netflix. The conflict in Ukraine also threatens the food supply in some regions,

including Europe, Africa and Asia, which rely on the vast, fertile farmlands of the Black Sea region, known as the "breadbasket of the world."

Wall Street finished last week with shares falling despite a much stronger report on U.S. jobs than economists expected. The S&P 500 fell 0.8 percent to 4,328.87, posting its third weekly loss in the last four. It is now down just under 10 percent from its record set early this year.

The Dow, initially fell more than 500 points. It closed 0.5 percent lower at 33,614.80. The Nasdaq fell 1.7 percent to 13,313.44. The Russell 2000 index of small companies dropped 1.6 percent to 2,000.90.

In currency trading, the U.S. dollar edged up to 114.93 Japanese yen from 114.86 yen. The euro cost \$1.0846, down from \$1.0926.

Netflix, TikTok block services in Russia to avoid crackdown

From the Associated Press

Netflix and TikTok suspended most of their services in Russia on Sunday as the government cracks down on what people and media outlets can say about Russia's war in Ukraine.

Pulling the plug on online entertainment — and information — is likely to further isolate the country and its people after a growing number of multinational businesses have cut off Russia from vital financial services, technology and a variety of consumer products in response to Western economic sanctions and global outrage over the invasion of Ukraine.

U.S. credit card companies Visa, Mastercard and American Express all said over the weekend they would cut service in Russia. South Korea's Samsung Electronics, a leading supplier of both smartphones and computer chips, said it would halt product shipments to the country, joining other big tech companies such as Apple, Microsoft, Intel and Dell.

And two of the so-called Big Four accounting firms said Sunday they were cutting ties to the country. KPMG and PricewaterhouseCoopers both they would end their relationships with their Russia-based member firms, each of which employs thousands of people.

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Action Coalition.

"That is something we are watching and will work to defeat," he said.

Olson said the issue goes beyond property ownership, with HB 1209 opening up the Hoosier State to unproven technology and processes that lacks environmental information. "We are incredibly skeptical of carbon storage generally," Olson said. "This opens up the entire state of Indiana for construction of CO2 pipelines carrying supercritical CO2 throughout the state. Who is going to do that and where is anybody's guess. But if you look at Iowa, there are proposals for close to 2,000 miles of pipelines running through Iowa."

While companies must still gain permits from the U.S. EPA and the Indiana Department of Natural Resources, "we are talking about storing millions and millions of tons of supercritical CO2 underneath our farmlands, our schools and parks with little understanding of the long-term consequences with respect to the migration of a [carbon dioxide] plume underground," Olson said.

"And we have still yet to find suitable geology in the state of Indiana to actually store CO2 emissions underground. This seems to be putting the cart before the

horse," he said.

The Tribune-Star attempted Thursday to contact Wabash Valley Resources through the company's web site, however, it was unclear if the messaging system was functioning.

While efforts continue to add language favorable for Wabash Valley Resources into other bills, Cummins contends Wabash Valley Resources sought to remove its project from HB 1209, "hoping to pass their own language and be exempt from this bill, but since their language died, presumably they may have to follow this regime, although they are not done looking for a home for their own language."

The Indiana House of Representatives passed HB 1209 on Wednesday in a 75-17 vote, with eight members excused. Wabash Valley state representatives Bruce Borders (R-Jasonville), Bob Heaton (R-Terre Haute), Mike Morrison (R-Brazil) and Tonya Pfaff (D-Terre Haute) all voted in favor of the bill.

The same bill passed the Indiana Senate on Tuesday in a 28-20 vote, with one excused. State Sen. Jon Ford, R-Terre Haute, voted against the bill.

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OBITUARIES

David Lynn Hulvey, 68

David Lynn Hulvey, 68, of Ossian, passed away on Sunday, March 6, 2022, at his home.

Dave was born on Christmas, Dec. 25, 1953, in Fort Wayne, to Richard and Avis (Baumgartner) Hulvey.

Dave was a 1972 graduate of Norwell High School and a member of the National Air Guard from 1972 to 1978. He worked at Tuthill Transfer Systems in Fort Wayne for 47 years until he retired in 2020.

Dave was also a life-long farmer with his father and brother, which he greatly enjoyed.

Dave was a member of the Ossian Church of the Nazarene where he was a Sunday School teacher and served on the church board for many years.

Dave married Tami Fiechter on June 30, 2012, in Bluffton; she survives. He is also survived by his brother Jerry Hulvey of Ossian; and two sisters, Marilyn (Jack) Gibbs of South Bend and Janice (Jerry) Roop of Ossian. Also surviving are nieces and nephews, Andy (Heather) Gibbs, Kristi (Mike) Bishop, Joel Gibbs, Scott (Emily) Roop, Kim Roop, and Sharmin (Nick) Hutto; along with 14 great nieces and nephews, and several great-great nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his father Richard in 2018, and his mother Avis in 2021.

Dave was a quiet man of integrity who measured his words carefully. He maintained a positive attitude through both of his cancer journeys.

Visitation will be held from 2 until 8 p.m. on Thursday, March 10, 2022, at Goodwin-Cale & Harnish Memorial Chapel, 3220 E. State Rd. 124 in Bluffton.

Funeral services will be held at 10:30 a.m. Friday, March 11, at the Ossian Church of the Nazarene, 302 N. Metts St. in Ossian, with visitation one hour prior to the funeral at the church. Pastor Travis Tackett will officiate the service. Burial will follow at Oak Lawn Cemetery in Ossian.

Memorial gifts in Dave's memory may be made to the Ossian Church of the Nazarene or Friends Who Care Cancer Relief Foundation.

Online condolences may be made at www.goodwin-cale-harnish.com.



Boy, 12, owns trading card business

By DANIEL SUDDEATH
News and Tribune

NEW ALBANY, Ind. (AP) — Matt McMahan recently told his wife that it could be difficult for their son, Conner, to take a “real job” in light of his early success.

In 2021, Conner McMahan's And 1 Cards online store grossed more than \$100,000 in sales. Not a bad year for a 12-year-old entrepreneur.

“Family and friends, they think he dabbles in it,” Matt said. “It’s a legit business.”

And 1 Cards has become so successful that Matt made space inside his FedEx store at 640 State St. in New Albany for his son to open a physical location for the business. Of course Conner can't be there during the day, as he's busy being a student at Highland Hills Middle School. But make no mistake about it — it's Conner's business.

“Honestly, he's taught me a lot,” said Matt, who knows quite a bit about business himself through his real estate enterprise.

It started as a hobby. Wanting to encourage his son's interest, Matt purchased an online domain for Conner to sell trading cards, believing it would be a neat project for him. But as the pandemic set in and people had more time to shop online and more money to make purchases with because of stimulus checks, And 1 Cards exploded.

In fact, the entire trading card industry has rebounded. While Conner is too young to recall the days when collecting trading cards was as common as watching Saturday morn-

ing cartoons, Matt does, and he was delighted when his son showed interest in the hobby.

Conner plays basketball and soccer, so collecting trading cards naturally appealed to his love of sports. But when he started figuring out the tricks to buying and selling cards for profit, his passion took him down a new path.

“I'm just really grateful that I have this business. It's really fun, and I think that I've learned a lot about being an entrepreneur,” Conner said.

Conner has the eye for what's trending. Even when Conner is in school and Matt happens to be at a retail store where boxes of cards are being sold, he won't make any purchases for the store without getting his son's approval.

And 1 offers basketball, football, soccer and Pokemon cards. Purchases can be made in-person at the New Albany store or online at and1cards.com. Father and son also hit the road regularly for card shows, which Conner said have been especially lucrative.

It was at a national card show in Chicago where Matt realized just how skilled his son had become at the art of the deal.

“He literally bought cards from one booth and went over and sold them to a different guy,” Matt said. “Seeing that hustle of an entrepreneur was just a cool thing.”

Like father, like son, Conner said he's learned quite a bit from watching his dad.

“I love watching him do real estate because it shows me how you can negotiate, get stuff down and flip it,” Conner said.

Businesses must make a profit to survive, and And 1 is thriving. Conner's skill for knowing what cards buyers want and his dedication to customer service make him a natural entrepreneur, Matt said.

Almost daily, Matt finds himself mailing packages to customers who have made online purchases. Conner said his customers range from kids to 70-year-olds and about every age in-between.

But what do Conner's friends think of his successful venture?

“They were shocked,” he said when describing how his peers reacted to the sales figures And 1 has achieved.

What's the future of And 1 and for Conner? He said it depends on the market. If trading cards continue to hold their value, he wants to stay invested. Or perhaps it will be one of many successful companies for Conner.

“This could be my side job and I could get another job,” he said.

When school was out for a snow day recently, Conner worked at the shop from open to close. It gave him the chance to file listings and make some deals for his online shop. At the end of the day, he'd made \$400.

“The day he's out of school, he makes \$400,” Matt said with a smile on his face. “I was telling my wife, he can't really ever have a real job. My first job I was making minimum wage. How do you go from this already to a \$10-an-hour job?”

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This is an AP Exchange story from the News and Tribune

Steven D. Hunt, 59

A celebration of life service will be held at 3:30 p.m. on Saturday, Mar. 12, 2022, at Hope Missionary Church in Bluffton for Steven D. Hunt, 59, who passed away Feb. 7, 2022.

Friends and family are welcome to gather at the church one hour prior to the service, from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. for an informal time of visitation. Light refreshments and fellowship will follow the celebration of life service. Services will be held in the church's gymnasium (Family Life Center). Please enter through door “P” on the west side of the church.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the American Cancer Society, American Heart Association, or K9 Warriors in Steve's memory.

Goodwin — Cale & Harnish Memorial Chapel in Bluffton has been entrusted with the local arrangements. To sign the online guestbook, please visit www.goodwincaleharnish.com.

A complete obituary was listed on Page 3 in the Feb. 11 edition of the News-Banner.

Crews unearth historic stonework at golf course

By GREG SWIERCZ
South Bend Tribune

MISHAWAKA — Great Depression-era stonework has been unearthed at Eberhart-Petro Golf Course for the second straight year, exposing results of the historic Works Progress Administration program that provided jobs to millions of Americans in the midst of the depression.

Mayor Dave Wood announced in a recent social media post that an island, stone bridge, a fork of a creek and cobblestone paths were found during routine maintenance of Willow Creek by crews with the St. Joseph County Drainage Board.

About a year ago, stone walls built in the 1930s through the WPA on Hole No. 16, were discovered when an underground pipe that carried Willow Creek began to fail.

Last year's find: 'Hidden treasure': Stone wall built during Great Depression unearthed at Mishawaka golf course

At the time, Wood asked county crews to dig up the pipe and open up the creek.

John Law, construction supervisor with the drainage board, said while the recent discovery has historic significance, the dig at the golf course was done to service the flood control efforts there.

Crews spent three days about two weeks ago uncovering the work, probing the ground to locate the WPA structures under the soil.

“Normally, we would just go and dig it up, but we took metal rods and found the walls and marked them,” Law said.

Wood said the historic nature of the WPA walls was an educational opportunity to show the results of the Depression-era work done at the golf course and throughout the city.

Petro Park history
The WPA stonework on the golf course is an original feature from Petro Park.

According to a listing by the Mishawaka Historic Preservation Commission, Petro Park was completed in 1934 and had additions in 1936. Former Mayor Mason Petro was granted funding from Civil Works Administration (a short-lived precursor to the WPA), to create a second public park for resi-



Newly uncovered stonework from a 1930s WPA project sits among other exposed section Tuesday, March 1, 2022

dents on the north side of the St. Joseph River.

Wood said in 1949 or 1950, the park was combined with the then-private nine-hole course to the west to make the city's current 18-hole public course.

While there was no documentation as to how Petro Park was changed for the Eberhart-Petro course layout, he said much of the stonework from the park was covered and Willow Creek was diverted through the layout with underground pipes.

The WPA built streets, sewers and recreational facilities throughout Mishawaka between 1935 and 1941, and the program put people who lost jobs during the Great Depression to work.

Rock garden at Battell: Flowers vandalized at Mishawaka's Battell Park
Some of the other WPA projects in Mishawaka are Battell Park's rock garden, the Monkey Island bridge and the many walls along Wilson Boulevard near the St. Joseph River.

When the WPA was in operation, the federal government paid 90% of the labor costs for the projects, but the materials were left for cities and towns to purchase.

'A unique feature'
Wood said he grew up near the site of the recently exposed stonework.

The city will try and maintain the work, and Wood said a plaque is being planned to mark the accomplishments of the newfound structures.

He also is exploring options to allow the public to see and share in the discovery because of the his-

torical nature of the stonework, despite the fact that it is on the golf course.

“This is one-of-a-kind, a unique feature,” Wood said of the discoveries. “These things are a treasure, built by Mishawaka citizens who

were trying to put food on their tables.”

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Governor's veto of ethanol warning upheld by Senate

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — The Indiana Senate narrowly upheld a veto that Gov. Eric Holcomb issued last year on a bill that would have required additional labeling for fuel pumps distributing E15, a fuel blend that contains up to 15% ethanol in gasoline.

Senators voted 26-24 on Thursday to sustain the veto despite arguments from bill sponsor Sen. Mark Messmer of Jasper that the labels were needed to warn drivers about possible damage the fuel blend could cause to engines in older cars and other equipment.

Holcomb wrote in his veto message last spring that the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency already mandates all E15 pumps have warning stickers and called having a state requirement “unnecessary and confusing.”

The Indiana Ethanol Producers Association called the bill anti-ethanol and anti-fuel choice, saying it was concerned the state warning would discourage E15 sales.

The Senate vote was held open for several minutes with a tie vote on the veto possible as Sen. Jeff Raatz of Richmond was absent from the Senate chamber. Some cheers greeted Raatz's arrival and he voted to uphold the governor's veto.

Indiana senators cheer, laugh for rare unanimous 'no' vote

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — An advocate for children with disabilities says she believes Indiana state senators never took seriously a bill they defeated in a rare 0-50 vote that would have changed the handling of special education disputes between families and schools.

No senators spoke against the bill, but some laughed and shouted at bill sponsor Sen. Dennis Kruse of Auburn to change his “yes” vote so that the final tally was unanimously “no” on Tuesday. Some cheered as the result was announced.

“I felt defeated ... It's kind of an embarrassment for me to have a bill, you know, fail zero to 50,” Kruse told WFYI-FM of Indianapolis.

Kruse said he was reluctant to call the bill for a vote because he knew it would fail but that some senators urged him to do so. That's because they wanted to vote down a provision opposed by many school administrators that would have prohibited schools from requiring parents to sign non-disclosure agreements as a condition for settling disputes over special education services, he said.

Kim Dodson, CEO of the advocacy group Arc of Indiana, said the Senate's action hurt children with disabilities and their families.”

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Words worth remembering, even if they're impolite

Oh, how coarse our language has become, says the guy who studied for the ministry and has worked in small-town journalism for the better part of four decades.



Dave Schultz

The item in front of us comes from the area of global concern: Snake Island, which is off the coast of Ukraine. The Russian dictator's conscripts issued a warning to the 13 Ukrainian defenders of the island to lay down their arms and surrender. The response was succinct, powerful, and profane: "Russian warship: Go *bleep* yourself."

I may be using the word "*bleep*" a lot during the course of today's essay, because I don't want to use the other word or words that may (or may not) be in the quote. A little mystery is not a bad thing. One of my favorite stories from raising three children is when my youngest child came home from kindergarten and went to his grandmother (my wife's mother, who was visiting at the time) and said this: "Grandma, I know all the bad words but two!" He was so proud of himself.

Which brought up a couple of questions I find myself trying to answer to this day: Which two didn't he know, and how did he know he didn't know them?

We were, and remain as empty-nesters, a pretty much profanity-free household. If I'm watching an online video or a movie that's not on an over-the-air outlet, I may view it for a while but when I'm thinking they should have used "*bleep*" more than they are, I often turn it off.

(What cracks me up is when they use closed-captioning for the dialogue. They will keep the soundtrack intact for the words deemed *bleep*worthy but just leave spaces in the caption. In other words — and using other words is kind of the point of our gathering today — you can hear the bad words but you can't read them. I have to wonder if the two words that Bobby didn't know are among them.)

Depictions of warfare obviously have changed over the years. Someone associated with the movie business — actor, director, producer, or ticket taker — made a good point several years ago when he said that men on the front lines rarely say "golly," "gee," or "gosh." That's a point well taken. A moderate response from the 13 Ukrainian soldiers, who appeared to be united in their defiance, certainly would not have been as forceful as they did by saying something along the lines of "I don't think so."

There's Patrick Henry's "Give me liberty, or give me death" from 1775. There is Nathan Hale's "I only regret that I have but one life to give for my country" which is a great line except that he never said it. (Scholars now attribute the line to Capt. William Hull, a friend of Hale's.)

The best one of all, of course, is the response from Brigadier General Anthony C. McAuliffe when the German commander demanded his surrender at the Battle of the Bulge: "Nuts."

Much of this column pertains to warfare and profanity, which have long had a long and strong relationship. An article by Valerie Fridland, Ph.D., recently posted on the Psychology Today website, said that the use of profanity increased after World War I and II. She cites a book titled "Holy *Bleep*" (this time, the topic of the "*bleep*" was excrement) written by Melissa Mohr. She concluded the increase was because "swearing was nothing compared to the horrors soldiers saw during the war."

I understand. And it seems that the increase in profanity is kind of a generational thing. Clark Gable's line in "Gone With the Wind" ("Frankly, Scarlet, I don't give a *bleep*" — and the "*bleep*" this time rhymes with a word for something that blocks water) was a scandalous thing at the time. Then WWII came along. There have been others. What's next?

What will be printed in newspapers in 20 years — assuming there are newspapers, that is? What will everyday conversation be like? Not many of us are ever going to be nose to nose with a Russian warship. What would your response have been?

Maybe it would be "nuts." Maybe it would be John Paul Jones' "I have not yet begun to fight." And maybe, in the face of the incoming barrage, I'd stick out my tongue and say "*ptthh*." Not quotable, but it's the first original thing I thought of.

By the way, the 13 Ukrainian soldiers are still alive. They fought until they ran out of ammunition. They're now prisoners of war in Crimea. I may not like the word they used, but I'd like to shake their hands..

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Zelensky transforms Germany — and Europe

At the end of the first week since the Russian invasion of Ukraine, and Kyiv, and even Kharkiv, 20 miles from the Russian border, remained under Ukrainian control. Contrary to many predictions, Russian President Vladimir Putin's forces have fallen short of their goals so far, but there can be no certainty about the outcome in Ukraine — or Russia.

What is clear is that there has been a vast and historic transformation in Europe, and especially in its largest nation, Germany, that will continue reverberating no matter what happens in Ukraine. Old policies have been cast aside as readily as last week's garbage.

Credit for this goes to the Ukrainian people, who have been resisting the Russian attack, and especially to their president, the former comedian Volodymyr Zelensky. He has remained in Kyiv, refusing to flee to safety. When the United States offered to fly him out of Ukraine, he refused. "I want ammunition," he said, "not a ride."

Each day, he has sent out videos of him speaking from the heart of Kyiv, proclaiming his determination to stay. His example has undoubtedly helped added to the spirited resistance of ordinary Ukrainians.

It has certainly transformed opinion in Europe and beyond. The contrast between Zelensky, on the street in a dark T-shirt and increasingly unshaven, contrasts vividly with the photographs of Putin sitting at the far end of an absurdly long conference table, far from a gaggle of nervous aides.

That contrast was undoubtedly apparent when Zelensky called in to a Zoom teleconference of European Union leaders last weekend. In his brief pitch for support, he reminded his counterparts, sitting securely in comfortable chairs in opulent offices, that this might be the last time they would see him alive.

The effect was galvanic on German Chancellor Olaf Scholz. Speaking to the Bundestag Saturday, he declared that "February 24 marks a turning point" (Zeitenwende in German) "in the history of our continent." "It is our duty to support Ukraine to the best of our ability in defending against Putin's invading army. That is why we are delivering 1,000 anti-tank weapons and 500 #Stinger missiles to our friends in #Ukraine."

That's a stark reversal of policy. Before Russia's attack, Germany had blocked Estonia from sending German-made weapons to Ukraine.

Scholz also announced that Germany would increase its defense spending from 1.4% of gross domestic product to the 2% required by NATO. Another stark reversal: His long-serving predecessor, Angela Merkel, had been keeping defense spending

down — a stick in the eye of Donald Trump, perhaps — and said it couldn't approach 2% for years.

To this transformation, the Biden administration has been a spectator. As I noted last week, its initial response to the Feb. 24 attack was desultory — a ban on U.S. investments in places where there aren't many, while Germany responded only with a reversible suspension of certification of the undersea Nord Stream 2 gas pipeline from Russia to Germany.

This was in line with German voters' admirable yearning to atone for Germany's Nazi past — but also with their belief, now obviously delusional, that all problems can be solved in peaceful negotiations. In the Merkel years, Germany effectively disarmed, so that when Russia attacked, commanding Gen. Alfons Mais lamented, "The Bundeswehr, which I have the honor of leading, is more or less empty-handed. The options we can offer policymakers to support the Alliance are extremely limited."

Germany's pacifist inclination has not been shared by all NATO members (Britain, France, Greece and Russia's neighbors Poland, Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania and Romania have been ponying up 2% or more on defense). But Germany's preoccupation with climate change has been steadfast. The country relies increasingly on wind and solar and has just about completed Merkel's 2011 order phasing out its nuclear power plants. Merkel and her predecessor, Gerhard Schroeder, pushed the Nord Stream 1 and Nord Stream 2 pipelines, making Germany dependent on Russian natural gas. As I noted last week, that was in line with historic German tilts toward Russia, but it seems to be part of history now.

Now, even though the Green Party is part of Scholz's coalition, that may well change. The Finance Ministry is considering keeping the remaining nukes open, and Scholz has backed two new LNG import terminals to take in American fracked natural gas.

"Germany is a different country tonight," tweeted Handelsblatt journalist Torsten Riecke. "Almost every pillar of German foreign policy has been shattered."

One man courageously standing his ground and a people braving the odds have overturned the consensus of a smug, continental elite and have alerted them to confront real dangers. That's a considerable achievement in just one week, whatever else happens in Ukraine — and Russia.



Michael Barone

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Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Monday, March 7, the 66th day of 2022. There are 299 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: On March 7, 1965, a march by civil rights demonstrators was violently broken up at the Edmund Pettus Bridge in Selma, Alabama, by state troopers and a sheriff's posse in what came to be known as "Bloody Sunday."

On this date:

In 1876, Alexander Graham Bell received a U.S. patent for his telephone.

In 1911, President William Howard Taft ordered 20,000 troops to patrol the U.S.-Mexico border in response to the Mexican Revolution.

In 1916, Bavarian Motor Works (BMW) had its beginnings in Munich, Ger-

many, as an airplane engine manufacturer.

In 1926, the first successful trans-Atlantic radio-telephone conversations took place between New York and London.

In 1936, Adolf Hitler ordered his troops to march into the Rhineland, thereby breaking the Treaty of Versailles and the Locarno Pact.

In 1945, during World War II, U.S. forces crossed the Rhine at Remagen, Germany, using the damaged but still usable Ludendorff Bridge.

In 1975, the U.S. Senate revised its filibuster rule, allowing 60 senators to limit debate in most cases, instead of the previously required two-thirds of senators present.

In 2016, Peyton Manning announced his retirement after 18 NFL seasons.

Return of the 'evil empire'

Regardless of what any American feels about what steps we should take in response to Russian President Vladimir Putin's aggressive incursion into Ukraine, for sure most are appalled by what he has done.

As Putin moves to regain Russian control over nations that once were part of the Soviet sphere, we ought to think about the circumstances under which the Soviet Union collapsed to consider how it all might be reversed.

In March 1983, President Ronald Reagan spoke to the National Association of Evangelicals in Orlando, Florida, and delivered what would famously become known as the speech in which he called the Soviet Union the "evil empire."

Discussing America's efforts to confront the Soviet Union's nuclear arsenal, he said: "I urge you to beware the temptation of pride ... declaring yourselves above it all and label both sides equally at fault, to ignore the facts of history and the aggressive impulses of an evil empire ... and thereby remove yourself from the struggle between right and wrong and good and evil."

Reagan spoke more than powerful words of truth that day. He spoke almost as a prophet.

He noted further: "While America's military strength is important, let me add here that I've always maintained that the struggle now going on for the world will never be decided by bombs or rockets, by armies or military might. The real crisis we face



Star Parker

today is a spiritual one; at root, it is a test of moral will and faith."

Some eight years later, the Soviet Union, which for years during the Cold War was thought to be the superpower rival to the United States, collapsed. There was no war. There was just resolve and Reagan's unwavering commitment to the principles he articulated that day in 1983. And eight years after that speech, in 1991, Ukraine, now under

siege by Putin, was freed from subjugation under the Soviet regime and declared its freedom, independence and sovereignty.

As Putin tries to reverse history, it is upon us to not forget that Reagan declared the global struggle as first and foremost a spiritual struggle, a struggle of good against evil.

As Americans watch events unfold in Ukraine, we must focus on what is going on in our own country. If we lose a sense of the importance and relevance of Reagan's words as they apply at home, we surely will not know how to relate to events as they transpire in the rest of the world. And there is plenty of reason to believe we are losing that perspective at home.

We see a direct correlation within our own borders, in our own country, of the decline in faith in the eternal

principles that keep us free, and with this decline, Americans are gradually but decisively choosing to abandon their freedom.

In a survey published at the end of last year, Gallup reported that 69 percent of Americans self-identified as Christians in 2021, compared with 90 percent who self-identified as Christians in 1971. Twenty-one percent said they have "no religion" in 2021, compared to 4 percent in 1971.

In 1965, 70 percent of Americans said religion is "very important" to them. By 2021, this was down to 49 percent.

Coincident with the decline of the importance that Americans give to religion, Americans have turned their lives increasingly over to government control.

In 1950, government at federal, state and local levels took almost 23 percent of the American economy. In 2020, this reached almost 45 percent.

Turning back again to Reagan's words, "But we must never forget that no government schemes are going to perfect man." Our struggle, said Reagan, is about good and

evil. It's no accident that as America retreats in this struggle, as Americans increasingly believe that government can perfect man and as we relinquish our freedom, that despots like Putin will step forward and try to move the world back to a darker time.

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Friday, March 11 at 7 p.m., Saturday, March 12 at 3 p.m., 428 S Oak St, Bluffton
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CREATIVE ARTS SPRING DANCE CONCERT
 The Creative Arts Council's Spring Dance Concerts are scheduled for the evening of Friday, April 22, and the afternoon of Saturday, April 23, at the Life Community Church Auditorium.
 Performances are scheduled for 7 p.m. Friday and 3 p.m. Saturday. The event will include a special performance by the Creative Arts Children's Choir.

BEAUTY AND THE BEAST JR. Registration opens online March 1 Auditions are May 7, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
 Registration opens for our Summer Theater Intensive on March 1. The two-week intensive is from June 6 through June 17 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day with four performances on June 17, 18, and 19. Ages



8 through 18 are welcome to attend and the cost is \$100. Scholarships are available. Participants must be available to attend all 10 days of the rehearsals and all four of the performances.
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Readers' Brown Bag Luncheon: Meeting the last Tuesday of the month at noon. All readers are welcome. Call the CAC office for more information.

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by Melba Edwards

Zanesville News

The tornado siren is tested on the first Wednesday of every month at noon.
 The Lions are busy working on the schedule for our annual Lions Club Summer Festival that will be held on Saturday, July 30. If you have anything you might want to add to the day please call me at 638-4327 and I will be back with you. I will remind you that we cannot allow outside food vendors and we need to protect our local not-for-profits with their food choices. We do allow flea market, art, information, etc. vendors for a nominal price. Check the Zanesville Lions Facebook page.
 Mark your calendars for Saturday, Aug. 27, when the Zanesville Community Church of God and the Zanesville Lions Club are co-hosting a community picnic. Hot dogs and hamburgers will be furnished and you will need to bring a dish. A band has been hired and the fun will begin around 5 p.m.
 The Coffee Cafe is still open every weekday morning at the Zanesville Church of God. Come and get free coffee and conversation.
 The Cafe may, in a few weeks, be moved to the Zanesville Lions Clubhouse. Burton Wygant wants to talk with the church group and try to combine the local "seniors" from East Union and Lafayette that have been

meeting in Roanoke with their group to have a combined meeting at the Lions Club.
 If you are interested in this call me and leave your name and number and I will get the information to Burton. Men and women are both welcome to attend.
 Men and boys of this area are invited to the first of the local Lenten Breakfast. This one is held on Saturday, March 12, at the Zanesville United Brethren Church. The breakfast is served at 8 a.m. with the program to follow.
 My short vacation in Tennessee was great but I came home to find that one of our members discovered vandalism in the pavilion at the Lions Club Park. Someone had broken in maybe Feb. 22 or 23 and threw everything all over. Then it was discovered that they came back maybe Saturday or Sunday, February 26 and 27. This time they completely demolished the vanity in the men's restroom, did their job in the winterized toilets, spray painted a heart on the dividers and some nasty words. They also dumped boxes and just literally threw everything everywhere. This is so disturbing to our Club as they work hard to keep the park going. If you have any information or saw anything going on these days or nights let me know.

Revere bell is finally back home

By WILLIAM J. KOLE
Associated Press
 BOSTON (AP) — A bronze bell cast in 1834 in Paul Revere's Massachusetts foundry has come home — capping a nearly two-century, cross-country odyssey that saw it hauled by oxcart to churches in Ohio before languishing for decades in a California garage.
 After a weeklong journey across the U.S., the historic bell was returned Friday to the site where it was created 188 years ago, said Kiley Nichols, a spokesperson for the Paul Revere Heritage Site in Canton, just south of Boston.
 The museum said the 1,000-pound bell was made by the Revolutionary War patriot's son, Joseph Warren Revere, who took over his father's foundry in 1804.
 In 1984, real estate agent

Jeannene Shanks became the bell's accidental owner. She'd helped broker the sale of what once was First Baptist Church in Vermilion, Ohio, to a fitness center — but the gym didn't want the heavy bell, and Shanks didn't feel good about it being scrapped. She made a \$1,000 donation to the church in exchange for the bell, which earlier had adorned the belfry of the First Presbyterian Church of Cleveland.
 When Shanks and her husband, Robert, retired in Chino Hills, California, they hauled the bell with them.
 "It became the joke of the family," said Shanks' daughter, Amy Miller, 66, a psychologist in Chino Hills. "They'd open the doors to the garage and ring the bell every Fourth of July. People would look at it and say, 'What the heck is that?'"

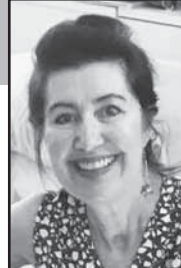
After their parents' deaths, Miller and her 69-year-old brother, retired Ford Motor Co. executive Robert L. Shanks Jr. of Miami, moved the bell to Miller's garage, where it's sat since 2009.
 A collector in Texas offered \$50,000 for the bell, which bears Revere's imprimatur. But after he casually mentioned he'd melt it down if he decided not to keep it, the siblings spurned the offer.
 Miller did some online sleuthing, figured out where the bell was forged, and decided to donate it to the Massachusetts museum so the public could view and appreciate it.

Bubbling over with smiles

Area resident Joyce Lomont Crowl wrote: "Been awhile since I wrote. The great-grandchildren continue to amaze us. Time and time again, we shake our heads and think, 'What next?'"
 Here is a recent story: Ruby, 3, after noticing both her great-grandmother's and her Uncle Stuart's naturally curly hair declared: "Hmmm, they both have bubbles on their heads!"
 This story reminds of the song we sang in Sunday school: "Jesus' love is a-bubbling over ..."

of Tia) of Garrett. Note from Grace: I think she got chips.
 Here are some wonderful stories from Lucille Isch of Bluffton.
 My 6-year-old granddaughter gave me a hug. I told her, "I'll always love you; you are my youngest grandchild." Then she said, "Do you think you will lay any more babies?"
 The same granddaughter was whispering something to her grandpa. Grandpa said, "I can't hear you." So she whispered again in his ear. He said, "I still can't hear you." Then she looked at him and said, "How come? You got big ears!"
 More from Lucille next week!

Funny Things Kids Say...



Grace Housholder

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Friends of Ouabache News

Ouabache Friends invite you to come to the park near Bluffton and join them at noon for their monthly "Lunch and Learn" series. The date is Thursday, March 10. We will be celebrating the 10 year anniversary of the Friends group. Bring your own lunch and enjoy dessert furnished by the Corner Depot. Everyone is welcome.
 The regular meeting of the Friends will be held on Thursday, March 24, at 6:30 p.m. at the Lodge.



by Melba Edwards

Pulse returns to live shows this weekend with murder mystery

Stage lights are on again as the Pulse Opera House in Warren will present Murder at Cafe Noir on the weekends of 11-13 and 18-20.

technical director. To reserve tickets, go online to pulseoperahouse.org or call 260-375-7017.

The whodunit will have audience interactions along with music as the 40A æ@s detective story comes to life. Curtain times are 8 p.m. on Friday and Saturday and 4 p.m. on Sunday. Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$5 for those 12 and younger.

Members of the cast include Drew Henly, Amaanda Shull, Jennifer Jennings, Shaun Berkeley, Abee Beaty Alexander Menchaca, and Drew Michael Grady. Cynthia Smyth-Wartzok is the director and Ron Wartzok is the

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Norwell captures sectional championship



Luke Graft powers in 2 of his 22 points past Oak Hill's Ty Fagan in the second quarter of the championship game of Sectional 23 Saturday night at The Castle. (Photo by Glen Werling)

By RICK SPRUNGER
 “You busy Saturday? I hear there’s something going on in New Castle.”

The words belonged to a smiling Norwell coach Mike McBride and were said to probably no more than a dozen different people as he flitted happily about through a delirious mop on the playing floor at Norwell Saturday night.

McBride’s Knights had just held off Oak Hill, 62-61, in one whale of a basketball game to win its second sectional championship in three years.

Norwell, now 22-4 on the season and ranked No. 7 in Class 3A, will face No. 8 Leo 19-5 and a 62-55 winner over the Knights on Jan. 8, in the second semifinal game at about noon next Saturday at the New Castle regional.

Third-ranked NorthWood (24-2) and Yorktown (10-14) – the unlikely winner of the New Castle sectional – will battle in the 10 a.m. opener.

Winners will meet at night for the title.

Jake Parker hit the biggest free throw of his life with four seconds left to give Norwell a 62-58 lead and render Landon Biegel’s 3-pointer from the volleyball line meaningless.

There were heroes and thrills aplenty in this one.

In a game that saw 10 ties and 21 lead changes, Norwell used a 10-0 run in the game’s final four minutes to shake loose of the pesky Golden Eagles.

Luke McBride and Luke Graft had huge games for Norwell.

McBride scored 25 points, grabbed 10 rebounds, and dished out eight assists.

Graft scored 22 points on 8-for-8 shooting from the field and 6-for-8 free throws while hauling in five rebounds.

McBride, who scored Norwell’s last 12 points prior to Parker’s free throw, nailed a 3-pointer from the top of the key with 3:13 remaining to give Norwell the lead for good at 53-52 and then hit eight free throws down the stretch.

His freebie with 20 seconds to play gave Norwell a 59-52 lead and seemed to clinch it.

Oak Hill, meanwhile, had been shooting blanks, missing five straight 3-point shots, four of them by Biegel, who led all scorers with 30 points.

But Oak Hill was not going away

that fast.

Matthew Strange finally hit a three for the Golden Eagles with 13 seconds remaining and fouled McBride a second later.

McBride hit both to make it 61-55 and leave Oak Hill in need of a miracle.

It nearly got it.

A three by Caleb Kroll with six seconds left narrowed the gap to 61-58.

And then things got dicey.

Norwell couldn’t inbound the ball against Oak Hill’s frantic pressure, and the Knights were initially called for a five-second violation.

But that call was waved off by an official who ran in from center court to announce that Norwell had called timeout first.

That sent the Oak Hill bench into hysterics, but the call stood.

“I had it,” said the elder McBride calmly of the timeout. “The official was standing right in front of me and knew that I would be calling it if I needed to.”

But that left Norwell with no timeouts, and the Knights once again were unable to get the ball in.

That is, until Parker finally broke free from his man and Graft got the ball out of his hands just as the official was beginning the downward arc of his arm for the fifth time.

“That was a good job by Graft to get it in and be aware that we didn’t have a timeout left and a great job by Parker to get himself open.”

That wasn’t all McBride had to say about Graft.

“Luke Graft has really been playing well as of late,” said his coach. “They were extending their matchup zone to pick up our outside shooters, and that allowed Graft to get under the basket.”

Which is where he got all eight of his field goals.

He was the recipient of seven of McBride’s eight assists, and he also put back two of McBride’s misses.

McBride himself really came on strong in the second half after picking up two quick fouls nine seconds apart in the game’s first 1:18 that put a ball and chain around his ankle.

“A similar thing happened to him in the Leo game,” said his proud papa later. “What that does is takes away his aggressiveness on both sides of the ball.”

“In the Leo game, we left him in there and let him have a chance to work things out.

“We did that tonight, too, because we’d done it before.”

In fact, McBride played the whole game except for the final 1:01 of the first quarter and never did pick up that third foul until midway through the fourth when it hardly mattered.

“Graft and McBride just deserve a ton of credit for the way they played,” said their coach.

But it wasn’t just those two.

Parker only scored 3 points, but that last free throw sent his team to New Castle next week.

And Lleyton Bailey added a three-point play on a drive down the lane to start the fourth quarter to earn a 45-45 tie.

And that was key in a game in which no one led by more than 3 points until the final minute except for one brief 15-second stretch in the third quarter when Norwell was on top, 38-33.

And two quick threes by Biegel took care of that in a hurry.

Although Norwell was uncharacteristically quiet (3-for-8) from behind the arc, it nonetheless finished with 19-for-36 shooting from the floor for a solid 52.8 shooting percentage.

Biegel was as good as advertised for Oak Hill.

He averages 22 and scored 30 although he missed those four threes late in the game, two of them badly short and one an airball.

“I would like to think that we wore him down a little,” commented McBride.

As a team, Oak Hill was 20-for-42 from the field for 47.6 percent.

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NORWELL 62, OAK HILL 61

At Norwell High School

NORWELL (22-4): Lleyton Bailey 2-5 1-1 6, Luke McBride 6-16 11-14 25, Jake Parker 1-5 1-2 3, Luke Graft 8-8 6-8 22, Brody Bolyn 1-1 0-0 2, Ashton Federspiel 1-1 2-2 4, Cohen Bailey 0-0 0-0 0, Jon Colbert 0-0 0-0 0. **TOTAL:** 19-36 21-27 62.

OAK HILL (18-6): Caleb Kroll 6-12 4-5 18, Matthew Strange 1-4 2-3 5, Landon Biegel 9-21 6-6 30, Grant Elzinga 0-0 0-0 0, Kyle Turanchick 0-0 0-1 0, Levi Trexler 1-2 0-1 2, Ty Fagan 3-3 0-0 6. **TOTAL:** 20-42 12-16 61.

Norwell 15 14 13 20 — 62

Oak Hill 12 18 14 17 — 61

Three-point Goals: Norwell 3-8 (L. Bailey 1-3, McBride 2-3, Parker 0-2), Oak Hill 9-23 (Kroll 2-4, Strange 1-4, Biegel 6-15). **Rebounds:** Norwell 25 (McBride 10, Bolyn 6, Graft 5), Oak Hill 21 (Fagan 5). **Turnovers:** Norwell 6, Oak Hill 6. **Personal fouls:** Norwell 16, Oak Hill 20. **Fouled Out:** None. **Technical:** None.

No. 8 Purdue rallies past Indiana 69-67

By MICHAEL MAROT
AP Sports Writer

WEST LAFAYETTE, Ind. (AP) — Purdue’s seniors celebrated one final time on their home court Saturday.

It was the next best thing to a Big Ten regular-season title — a victory over archrival Indiana.

Eric Hunter Jr. had 17 points, Trevion Williams made the tying basket with less than six minutes left and Sasha Stefanovic hit the go-ahead 3-pointer as the eighth-ranked Boilermakers rallied past Indiana 69-67.

“Against IU, there’s always a little different energy in here, but it was awesome,” Stefanovic said. “I can’t really think of a better way to go out of here in Mackey with that crowd and that result.”

Stefanovic finished with 15 points, including three 3-pointers. Hunter added five points, five rebounds and made three 3s, and Williams had eight points and eight rebounds.

All three have announced they will not return next season, and they went out in style. The Boilermakers (25-6, 14-6) snapped a season-long two-game losing streak and gave coach Matt Painter a victory in his 600th career game as a head coach.

No, this one didn’t follow the script, and at times things got ugly, testy and perilous for Purdue. After trailing 56-52 with 5:42 to go, the upperclassmen delivered with a 7-0 run that kept the Boilermakers in front the rest of the game.

“All three made big plays,” Painter said. “Trevion, Eric and Sasha all really came through for us.”

Xavier Johnson led the Hoosiers with 18 points and a career-high 12 assists, but his half-court heave to win it with 0.3 seconds left was an air ball. Trayce Jackson-Davis had 15 points and six rebounds while Miller Kopp scored 14 points for Indiana (18-12, 9-11).

The Hoosiers have blown late leads

in each of their last two games and have lost seven of nine overall.

Indiana got as close as one over the final stretch and had a couple of chances to tie it or take the lead.

But Kopp blew one by turning the ball over on an errant inbound pass with 11.5 seconds left. After Williams missed two free throws with 6.3 seconds remaining, Johnson’s desperation heave landed out of bounds with 0.3 seconds left.

“Miller made a bad pass,” coach Mike Woodson said. “We’ve completed that pass and there have been times on that play he has made a great play.”

BIG PICTURE

Indiana: All season, the Hoosiers have been on the cusp of big wins. But aside from home wins over Ohio State and Purdue, the Hoosiers have generally fallen short. Too many close losses, like Saturday’s, have left Indiana dancing on the edge of making or missing the NCAA Tournament, and a win or two at next week’s conference tournament would certainly help.

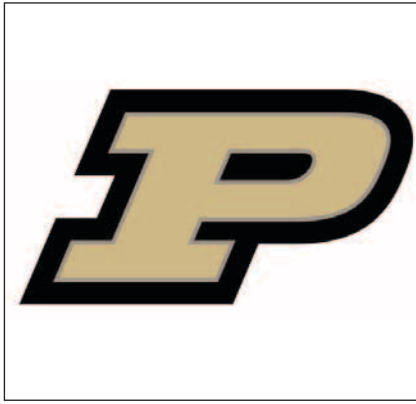
Purdue: The Boilermakers missed out on the league’s regular-season title, but Purdue still hit some major milestones Saturday. The program reached 25 wins for the 15th time and is 101-11 in its last 112 home games. Purdue also regained some momentum as its seeks bigger goals in March and April.

POLL IMPLICATIONS

Last week, Purdue tied the school record by appearing in the top 10 for the 17th consecutive week. Tuesday’s loss at No. 10 Wisconsin threatened to keep the Boilermakers from breaking that mark this week. Saturday’s victory may be enough to send them past the 1986-87 team that spent the entire season ranked among the nation’s 10 best teams.

STAT PACK

Purdue: Zach Edey had 10 points and 11 rebounds. ... Jaden Ivey had 10 points in what could be his final home game, too. Ivey is projected as a top-10



draft pick. ... The Boilermakers have won 10 of their last 11 in this series and five straight at home.

Indiana: Race Thompson had nine points and 10 rebounds. Jackson-Davis finished with six rebounds. ... The Hoosiers were just 5 of 20 on 3s. ... Indiana had a 30-24 scoring advantage in the paint.

SPECIAL GUESTS

The rivalry always brings out some special guests. Saturday was no surprise. Former Purdue coach Gene Keady drew the loudest cheers when he was shown on the video board. Former Vice President Mike Pence and Indiana Gov. Eric Holcomb received a mixture of cheers and boos when they were shown. Former Boilermakers player Ryan Cline received a rousing ovation as fans watched him chug a beer.

UP NEXT

Indiana: Faces an undetermined opponent Thursday in the conference tourney at Indianapolis.

Purdue: Must wait for the league tourney bracket release to determine who they’ll play Friday.

Lightning score 3 goals in 32 seconds, defeat Blackhawks

By TIM CRONIN
Associated Press

CHICAGO (AP) — Victor Hedman scored twice, Mikhail Sergachev had a goal and two assists and the Tampa Bay Lightning beat the Chicago Blackhawks 6-3 on Sunday night.

The two-time defending Stanley Cup champions came from behind with a five-goal outburst over seven minutes bridging the second and third periods. Hedman, Corey Perry and Sergachev scored Tampa Bay’s last three goals in a 32-second span in the third.

Cal Foote and Taylor Raddysh also scored for Tampa Bay. Andrei Vasilevskiy stopped 24 shots and picked up his league-leading 30th victory of the season. Tampa Bay won its second straight and seventh in eighth games.

Dylan Strome, Patrick Kane and Alex DeBrincat scored for Chicago. Marc-Andre Fleury made 26 saves.

Hedman’s first goal of the game with 4:43 left in the second period evened the score at 2-all. His shot from 25 feet beat came after a Tampa Bay power play ended.

Foote scored his first of the season for a 3-2 Lightning lead 1:31 later.

Hedman ripped a slap shot between Fleury’s legs for a 4-2 advantage 1:51 into the third period. Perry picked up Chicago defenseman Jake McCabe’s turnover and scored 17 seconds later. Fifteen seconds after that, the Lightning went up 6-2 on Sergachev’s 55-foot screened shot for three Lightning goals on as many shots.

The Blackhawks led 1-0 after a period on Strome’s 16th goal of the season, a one-timer over Vasilevskiy’s left shoulder. Raddysh tied the game on a backhand shot in the slot 1:09 into the second, but after Kane beat Vasilevskiy on a screened 40-foot shot at 6:09 of the second, the Lightning took over.

They scored the next five goals against Fleury on eight shots.

It was the eighth time this season the Lightning had scored at least six goals, and eighth time the Blackhawks allowed at least six.

NOTES

After closing to within three games of .500, the Blackhawks are 5-11-2 since Jan. 17. ... Tampa Bay D Zach Bogosian missed his 15th straight game with a lower-body injury. ... Lightning D Cal Foote hadn’t scored since Jan. 30, 2021, a 69-game drought. ... Chicago C Tyler Johnson played in his 600th career game.

Tampa Bay: The second of the Lightning’s six-game trip is Tuesday in Winnipeg, followed by stops in Calgary, Edmonton, Vancouver and Seattle.
 Chicago: Anaheim visits the Blackhawks on Tuesday.

Former ASU QB Daniels transfers to LSU

BATON ROUGE, La. (AP) — Former Arizona State quarterback Jayden Daniels is transferring to LSU, where he will enter a wide-open competition to be the starter in coach Brian Kelly’s first season with the Tigers.

“Jayden is an outstanding player who will make our quarterback room even stronger,” Kelly said Sunday in a statement. “He’s a playmaker with

a strong arm and the ability to make plays with his feet. We are excited to welcome Jayden to our program as we continue to build a roster of student-athletes who will compete for championships on the field and work just as hard in the classroom to earn their degree.”

Daniels entered the transfer portal last month, not long after Arizona State

fired its offensive coordinator in the midst of an NCAA investigation.

He has been Arizona State’s starter the last three seasons, throwing for 6,025 yards, 32 touchdowns and 13 interceptions in 29 games. The junior has two years of eligibility remaining after the NCAA granted an extra year to all athletes who competed during the pandemic-altered 2020 season.

High School Calendar

MONDAY, March 7

No games scheduled

TUESDAY, March 8

No games scheduled

WEDNESDAY, March 9

No games scheduled

THURSDAY, March 10

No games scheduled

FRIDAY, March 11

No games scheduled

SATURDAY, March 12

No games scheduled

NEWS-BANNER SCOREBOARD

BASKETBALL

NBA

| EASTERN CONFERENCE | | | | |
|--------------------|----|-----|------|-----|
| Atlantic Division | | | | |
| W | L | Pct | GB | |
| Philadelphia | 39 | 24 | .619 | — |
| Boston | 39 | 27 | .591 | 1½ |
| Toronto | 34 | 30 | .531 | 5½ |
| Brooklyn | 32 | 33 | .492 | 8 |
| New York | 25 | 38 | .397 | 14 |
| Southeast Division | | | | |
| W | L | Pct | GB | |
| Miami | 43 | 22 | .662 | — |
| Atlanta | 31 | 32 | .492 | 11 |
| Charlotte | 32 | 33 | .492 | 11 |
| Washington | 29 | 34 | .460 | 13 |
| Orlando | 16 | 49 | .246 | 27 |
| Central Division | | | | |
| W | L | Pct | GB | |
| Millwaukee | 40 | 25 | .615 | — |
| Chicago | 39 | 25 | .609 | ½ |
| Cleveland | 37 | 27 | .578 | 2½ |
| Indiana | 22 | 44 | .333 | 18½ |
| Detroit | 17 | 47 | .266 | 22½ |
| WESTERN CONFERENCE | | | | |
| Southwest Division | | | | |
| W | L | Pct | GB | |
| Memphis | 44 | 22 | .667 | — |
| Dallas | 39 | 25 | .609 | 4 |
| New Orleans | 27 | 37 | .422 | 16 |
| San Antonio | 24 | 40 | .375 | 19 |
| Houston | 16 | 48 | .250 | 27 |
| Northwest Division | | | | |
| W | L | Pct | GB | |
| Utah | 40 | 23 | .635 | — |
| Denver | 38 | 26 | .594 | 2½ |
| Minnesota | 36 | 29 | .554 | 5 |
| Portland | 25 | 38 | .397 | 15 |
| Oklahoma City | 20 | 44 | .313 | 20½ |
| Pacific Division | | | | |
| W | L | Pct | GB | |
| Phoenix | 51 | 13 | .797 | — |
| Golden State | 43 | 21 | .672 | 8 |
| L.A. Clippers | 34 | 31 | .523 | 17½ |
| L.A. Lakers | 28 | 35 | .444 | 22½ |
| Sacramento | 24 | 42 | .364 | 28 |

Saturday's Games

Dallas 114, Sacramento 113
 Charlotte 123, San Antonio 117
 Memphis 124, Orlando 96
 Miami 99, Philadelphia 82
 Minnesota 135, Portland 121
 L.A. Lakers 124, Golden State 116

Sunday's Games

Boston 126, Brooklyn 120
 Milwaukee 132, Phoenix 122
 Washington 133, Indiana 123
 Utah 116, Oklahoma City 103
 Houston 123, Memphis 112
 Cleveland 104, Toronto 96
 Denver 138, New Orleans 129, OT
 New York at L.A. Clippers, late p.m.

Monday's Games

Atlanta at Detroit, 7 p.m.
 Chicago at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.
 Houston at Miami, 7:30 p.m.
 Portland at Minnesota, 8 p.m.
 L.A. Lakers at San Antonio, 8:30 p.m.

Utah at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.
 Golden State at Denver, 9 p.m.
 New York at Sacramento, 10:30 p.m.

Tuesday's Games

Brooklyn at Charlotte, 7 p.m.
 Cleveland at Indiana, 7 p.m.
 Phoenix at Orlando, 7 p.m.
 New Orleans at Memphis, 7:30 p.m.
 Milwaukee at Oklahoma City, 8 p.m.
 L.A. Clippers at Golden State, 10 p.m.

Wednesday's Games

Boston at Charlotte, 7 p.m.
 Chicago at Detroit, 7 p.m.
 Phoenix at Miami, 7:30 p.m.
 Atlanta at Milwaukee, 8 p.m.
 L.A. Lakers at Houston, 8 p.m.
 Oklahoma City at Minnesota, 8 p.m.
 Orlando at New Orleans, 8 p.m.
 New York at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.
 Toronto at San Antonio, 8:30 p.m.
 Denver at Sacramento, 10 p.m.
 Portland at Utah, 10 p.m.
 Washington at L.A. Clippers, 10:30 p.m.

NCAA

| All Times EST | | | |
|------------------------|-------|------|----|
| AP Top 25 | | | |
| Record | Pts | Prv | |
| 1. Gonzaga (46) | 24-3 | 1504 | 2 |
| 2. Arizona | 25-3 | 1360 | 2 |
| 3. Baylor (4) | 24-5 | 1342 | 10 |
| 4. Duke (11) | 25-4 | 1306 | 7 |
| 5. Auburn | 25-4 | 1268 | 3 |
| 6. Kansas | 23-5 | 1224 | 5 |
| 7. Kentucky | 23-6 | 1215 | 6 |
| 8. Purdue | 24-5 | 1129 | 4 |
| 9. Providence | 24-3 | 1021 | 11 |
| 10. Wisconsin | 23-5 | 865 | 13 |
| 11. Villanova | 21-7 | 861 | 8 |
| 12. Texas Tech | 22-7 | 850 | 9 |
| 13. Tennessee | 21-7 | 770 | 17 |
| 14. Houston | 24-4 | 759 | 14 |
| 15. Arkansas | 23-6 | 759 | 18 |
| 16. Southern Cal | 25-4 | 557 | 16 |
| 17. UCLA | 21-6 | 498 | 12 |
| 18. UConn | 21-7 | 480 | 21 |
| 19. Saint Mary's (Cal) | 24-6 | 449 | 23 |
| 20. Illinois | 20-8 | 383 | 15 |
| 21. Texas | 21-8 | 364 | 20 |
| 22. Murray St. | 28-2 | 333 | 19 |
| 23. Ohio St. | 18-8 | 191 | 22 |
| 24. Iowa | 20-8 | 99 | 25 |
| 25. Alabama | 19-10 | 90 | 24 |

Top 25 Schedule

Saturday

No. 2 Arizona 89, California 61
 No. 3 Baylor 75, Iowa St. 68
 North Carolina 94, No. 4 Duke 81
 No. 5 Auburn 82, South Carolina 71
 No. 6 Kansas 70, No. 21 Texas 63
 No. 7 Kentucky 71, Florida 63
 No. 8 Purdue 69, Indiana 67
 No. 11 Villanova 78, Butler 59
 No. 13 Tennessee St. 52, No. 12 Texas Tech 51

No. 13 Tennessee 78, No. 14 Arkansas 74

No. 17 UCLA 75, No. 16 Southern Cal 68

Monday

No. 1 Gonzaga vs. San Francisco, 9 p.m.
 No. 19 Saint Mary's vs. Santa Clara, 11:30 p.m.

Nebraska 74, No. 10 Wisconsin 73
Memphis 75, No. 14 Houston 61
No. 20 Illinois 74, No. 24 Iowa 72
Michigan 75, No. 23 Ohio St. 69

Prep

Saturday's Scores

BOYS PREP BASKETBALL

Sectionals Championship

Class 4A

1. Lake Central
 Munster 59, Lake Central 44

2. Portage
 Chesterton 59, Portage 31

3. Plymouth
 S. Bend Adams 78, Michigan City 71

4. Elkhart
 Penn 68, Concord 44

5. DeKalb
 Ft. Wayne Snider 72, Ft. Wayne Northrop 69

6. Huntington North
 Homestead 51, Ft. Wayne South 48

7. Logansport
 Kokomo 49, Lafayette Jeff 42

8. Noblesville
 Westfield 59, Carmel 54

9. Greenfield-Central
 Mt. Vernon (Fortville) 83, New Palestine 68

10. Indpls N. Central
 Indpls Cathedral 63, Lawrence North 49

11. Ben Davis
 Indpls Ben Davis 65, Southport 44

12. Terre Haute North
 Terre Haute North 49, Avon 43

13. Greenwood
 Franklin 54, Center Grove 45

14. Martinsville
 Bloomington North 32, Bloomington South 28, OT

15. Seymour
 Floyd Central 77, Jeffersonville 38

16. Ev. North
 Ev. North 63, Ev. Harrison 49

Class 3A

17. Hanover Central
 Lighthouse CPA 74, Calumet 59

18. Kankakee Valley
 Culver Academy 64, New Prairie 26

19. Mishawaka Marian
 Mishawaka Marian 46, Glenn 43

20. Maconaquah
 Peru 47, Benton Central 43

21. Wawasee
 NorthWood 40, Wawasee 23

22. Garrett
 Leo 50, Ft. Wayne Concordia 43

23. Norwell
 Norwell 62, Oak Hill 61

24. New Castle
 Yorktown 60, Jay Co. 41

25. Frankfort
 Danville 67, Tri-West 63

26. Edgewood
 Brownstown 58, Northview 39

27. Lebanon
 Indpls Brebeuf 37, Guerin Catholic 35

28. Speedway
 Beech Grove 59, Indpls Washington 52

29. Connersville
 Lawrenceburg 45, Franklin Co. 39

30. Salem
 N. Harrison 57, Scottsburg 47

31. Princeton
 Sullivan 55, Pike Central 53, OT

32. Booneville
 Ev. Bosse 66, Ev. Memorial 63

Class 2A

33. Whiting
 Hammond Noll 66, Lake Station 63

34. N. Judson
 N. Judson 57, Westville 54

35. Westview
 Central Noble 50, Eastside 36

36. Bluffton
 Ft. Wayne Blackhawk 60, Adams Central 46

37. Winamac
 Rensselaer 47, Cass 43

38. Western Boone
 Carroll (Flora) 62, Rossville 36

39. Tipton
 Tipton 60, Madison-Grant 51

40. Alexandria
 Monroe Central 54, Lapel 41

41. Hagerstown
 Eastern Hancock 61, Northeastern 48

42. Park Tudor
 University 67, Heritage Christian 57

43. S. Putnam
 Southmont 65, Parke Heritage 48

44. S. Ripley
 Triton Central 40, S. Ripley 35

45. Southwestern (Hanover)
 Providence 56, Southwestern (Hanover) 32

46. Tell City
 Paoli 68, Eastern (Peekin) 61, OT

47. N. Knox
 Linton 37, S. Knox 33

48. Southridge
 Forest Park 46, N. Posey 41

Class 1A

49. Kouts
 Gary 21st Century 67, Michigan City Marquette 56

50. Triton
 Triton 45, Argos 39

51. Fremont
 Fremont 58, Elkhart Christian 47

52. Tri-County
 N. White 65, Pioneer 46

53. Southern Wells
 Southwood 58, Lakeland Christian 57

54. Attica
 Lafayette Catholic 63, N. Vermilion 24

55. Wes-Del
 Liberty Christian 85, Daleville 50

56. Blue River
 Blue River 63, Randolph Southern 56

Colorado at N.Y. Islanders, 7:30 p.m.
 Edmonton at Calgary, 9:30 p.m.

Tuesday's Games

Colorado at New Jersey, 7 p.m.
 Florida at Pittsburgh, 7 p.m.
 Vegas at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.
 Arizona at Detroit, 7:30 p.m.
 Seattle at Toronto, 7:30 p.m.
 Dallas at Nashville, 8 p.m.
 N.Y. Rangers at Minnesota, 8 p.m.
 Ottawa at St. Louis, 8 p.m.
 Tampa Bay at Winnipeg, 8 p.m.
 Anaheim at Chicago, 8:30 p.m.
 Washington at Calgary, 9 p.m.

Wednesday's Games

Washington at Edmonton, 8 p.m.
 Montreal at Vancouver, 10:30 p.m.

Komets (26-19-5-1)

Saturday's Games
 Fort Wayne 5, Cincinnati 3

Sunday's Games
 No games scheduled

Monday's Games
 No games scheduled

Tuesday's Games
 No games scheduled

Wednesday's Games
 Fort Wayne at Iowa, 8 p.m.

HOCKEY

NHL

All Times EDT

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

GP W L OTpts GF GA

Tampa Bay 55 37 12 6 80192 155
 Florida 55 37 13 5 79227 163
 Toronto 55 35 16 4 74202 163
 Boston 56 34 18 4 72171 152
 Detroit 56 24 26 6 54163 203
 Buffalo 57 18 31 8 44153 203
 Ottawa 55 19 31 5 43143 179
 Montreal 56 15 34 7 37137 212

Metropolitan Division

GP W L OTpts GF GA

Carolina 56 39 12 5 83191 134
 N.Y. Rangers 56 36 15 5 77169 139
 Pittsburgh 57 34 19 4 77185 152
 Washington 57 30 18 9 69185 158
 Columbus 56 28 25 3 59186 205
 N.Y. Islanders 52 21 23 8 50133 147
 New Jersey 56 20 31 5 45171 202
 Philadelphia 55 17 28 10 44139 192

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Central Division

GP W L OTpts GF GA

Colorado 56 40 11 5 85222 159
 St. Louis 55 32 16 7 71194 151
 Minnesota 54 32 19 3 67203 177
 Dallas 55 32 20 3 67165 160
 Nashville 55 31 20 4 66174 155
 Winnipeg 56 24 22 10 58167 174
 Chicago 57 20 29 8 48144 198
 Arizona 55 16 35 4 36132 201

Pacific Division

GP W L OTpts GF GA

Calgary 54 33 14 7 73190 133
 Los Angeles 57 31 19 7 69169 160
 Vegas 57 32 21 4 68184 167
 Edmonton 56 30 22 4 64184 180
 Anaheim 58 27 22 9 63172 179
 Vancouver 57 28 23 6 62164 165
 San Jose 56 24 25 7 55145 179
 Seattle 58 17 36 5 39148 207

NOTE: Two points for a win, one point for overtime loss. Top three teams in each division and two wild cards per conference advance to playoffs.

Saturday's Games

N.Y. Islanders 2, St. Louis 1
 Philadelphia 4, Chicago 3
 Arizona 8, Ottawa 5
 Florida 6, Detroit 2
 Washington 5, Seattle 2
 Vancouver 6, Toronto 4
 Montreal 5, Edmonton 2
 Boston 5, Columbus 4, SO
 Nashville 8, San Jose 0
 Calgary 4, Colorado 3, OT

Sunday's Games

New Jersey 3, St. Louis 2, OT
 Los Angeles 3, Buffalo 0
 Dallas 6, Minnesota 3
 N.Y. Rangers 4, Winnipeg 1
 Tampa Bay 6, Chicago 3
 Carolina 3, Seattle 2
 Vegas 2, Ottawa 1
 Anaheim 3, San Jose 2, OT

Monday's Games

Florida at Buffalo, 7 p.m.
 Los Angeles at Boston, 7 p.m.
 Toronto at Columbus, 7 p.m.

RACING

NASCAR

NASCAR Cup Series Pennzoil 400 presented by Jiffy Lube Results Sunday At Las Vegas Motor Speedway Las Vegas.

Lap length: 1.50 miles (Start position in parentheses)

- (13) Alex Bowman, Chevrolet, 274 laps, 50 points.
- (2) Kyle Larson, Chevrolet, 274, 48.
- (18) Ross Chastain, Chevrolet, 274, 52.
- (37) Kyle Busch, Toyota, 274, 41.
- (14) William Byron, Chevrolet, 274, 48.
- (20) Aric Almirola, Chevrolet, 274, 31.
- (7) Tyler Reddick, Ford, 274, 30.
- (12) Martin Truex Jr., Toyota, 274, 34.
- (5) Chase Elliott, Chevrolet, 274, 43.
- (10) Christopher Bell, Toyota, 274, 28.
- (11) Austin Dillon, Chevrolet, 274, 26.
- (25) Kevin Harvick, Ford, 274, 28.
- (31) Kurt Busch, Toyota, 274, 24.
- (6) Joey Logano, Ford, 274, 27.
- (29) Corey Lajoie, Chevrolet, 274, 22.
- (19) Harrison Burton, Ford, 274, 21.
- (28) Justin Haley, Chevrolet, 274, 20.
- (27) Chris Buescher, Ford, 274, 19.
- (3) Austin Cindric, Ford, 274, 18.
- (32) Ty Dillon, Chevrolet, 274, 17.
- (9) Ricky Stenhouse Jr., Chevrolet, 274, 16.
- (16) Daniel Hemric, Chevrolet, 274, 0.
- (30) Todd Gilliland, Ford, 274, 14.
- (15) Brad Keselowski, Ford, 273, 13.
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Race Statistics

Average Speed of Race Winner: 117.521 mph.

Time of Race: 3 hours, 29 minutes, 50 seconds.

Margin of Victory: .178 seconds.

Caution Flags: 12 for 60 laps.

Lead Changes: 23 among 15 drivers.

Lap Leaders: C.Bell 0-32; R.Blaney 33-42; A.Bowman 43-49; D.Hamlin 50-65; Ku.Busch 66-69; W.Byron 70-77; A.Bowman 78-83; M.McDowell 84-87; B.Keselowski 88-90; D.Hamlin 91-105; Ky.Busch 106-112; R.Chastain 113-136; G.Biffle 137; K.Larson 138-159; R.Chastain 160-217; K.Larson 218; R.Stenhouse 219-222; T.Dillon 223; Ky.Busch 224-225; R.Chastain 226; Ky.Busch 227-266; M.Truxex 267; K.Larson 268-271; A.Bowman 272-274

Leaders Summary (Driver, Times Led, Laps Led): R.Chastain, 3 times for 83 laps; Ky.Busch, 3 times for 49 laps; C.Bell, 1 time for 32 laps; D.Hamlin, 2 times for 31 laps; K.Larson, 3 times for 27 laps; A.Bowman, 3 times for 16 laps; R.Blaney, 1 time for 10 laps; W.Byron, 1 time for 8 laps; Ku.Busch, 1 time for 4 laps; R.Stenhouse, 1 time for 4 laps; B.Keselowski, 1 time for 3 laps; M.Truxex, 1 time for 1 lap; T.Dillon, 1 time for 1 lap; G.Biffle, 1 time for 1 lap.

Wins: K.Larson, 1; A.Cindric, 1; A.Bowman, 1.

Top 16 in Points: 1. K.Larson, 113; 2. M.Truxex, 107; 3. J.Logano, 104; 4. A.Cindric, 103; 5. Ky.Busch, 102; 6. A.Almirola, 97; 7. C.Elliott, 88; 8. A.Bowman, 80; 9. B.Wallace, 78; 10. A.Dillon, 78; 11. B.Keselowski, 77; 12. Ku.Busch, 77; 13. R.Blaney, 75; 14. C.Briscoe, 74; 15. E.Jones, 74; 16. K.Harvick, 69.

TRANSACTIONS

Sunday BASKETBALL

National Basketball Association

NBA — Fined New York F Julius Randle \$50,000 for initiating an on-court altercation and making contact with a game official during a March 4 game at Phoenix.

HOCKEY

National Hockey League

ANAHEIM DUCKS — Recalled G Lukas Dostal from San Diego (AHL).
 ARIZONA COYOTES — Signed F Liam O'Brien to a two-year contract extension.
 DETROIT RED WINGS — Reassigned Joe Veleno to Grand Rapids (AHL).
 FLORIDA PANTHERS — Recalled G Spencer Knight from Charlotte (AHL). Added D Petteir Lindbohm to the active roster.
 MINNESOTA WILD — Reinstated D Matt Dumba from injured reserve.
 NEW YORK ISLANDERS — Claimed C Austin Czarnik off waivers from Seattle and assigned him to Bridgeport (AHL).
 OTTAWA SENATORS — Recalled G Filip Gustavsson from Belleville (AHL).
 SAN JOSE SHARKS — Placed G James Reimer on injured reserve. Recalled D Santeri Hatakka from San Jose (AHL).
 VANCOUVER CANUCKS — Reassigned LW Phil Di Giuseppe to Abbotsford (AHL).

MLB reacts angrily to locked-out players

By RONALD BLUM
 AP Baseball Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Major League Baseball reacted angrily to the latest offer by locked-out players when bargaining resumed Sunday, accusing the union of backtracking and showing no sign of a breakthrough to get the derailed season back on track.

The squabbling sides talked for 95 minutes on the 95th day of the lockout, largely restating their positions to each other. Talks broke off Tuesday after nine days of negotiations in Jupiter, Florida, and Commissioner Rob Manfred canceled the first two series of the season for each team, a total of 91 games.

If Manfred cancels two additional series through April 13 and 14, he would wipe out 93 more games and increase the total to 184. That would move to the verge of threatening players with the loss of service time and delayed free agency.

This was the first meeting since Tuesday. Manfred was in the MLB offices Sunday but did not attend the bargaining session, aimed at starting the first season delayed by labor strife since 1995.

The union followed the four-day recess by putting many of its proposals in writing.

“We were hoping to see movement in our direction to give us additional flexibility and get a deal done quickly,” MLB spokesman Glen Caplin said. “The players’ association chose to come back to us with a proposal that was worse than Monday night and was not designed to move the process forward. On some issues, they even went backwards. Simply put, we are deadlocked. We will try to figure out how to respond, but nothing in this proposal makes it easy.”

Trying to resolve baseball’s second-longest labor stoppage, the sides remained far apart on luxury tax, minimum salaries and the proposed bonus pool for pre-arbitration eligible players. The union lowered its starting point for the bonus pool by \$5 million to \$80 million but left its proposals for the luxury tax and minimum salary unchanged.

Players declined to publicly respond to MLB but have maintained they withdrew their proposals for expanded free agency and arbitration and decreased revenue sharing while reducing their request on the bonus pool from an original \$120 million. They also have offered to agree to uniform and helmet advertising.

After the main session,

Deputy Commissioner Dan Halem and union chief negotiator Bruce Meyer held a one-on-one meeting. Players suggested the sides meet again Monday, and MLB told the union it would get back with a decision on whether to meet.

Among the few areas with new proposals, players said a fast-track competition committee should include four union appointees, six management members and one umpire. The group would consider rules changes for no earlier than 2023 covering a pitch clock of 14 seconds with no runners on base and 19 seconds with runners on, limiting defensive shifts and using larger bases, and it would be able to recommend changes during the offseason with 45 days’ notice for implementation.

MLB last week proposed that the committee include six management officials, two union representatives and one umpire. Currently, management can only change rules with union consent or unilaterally with one year of notice.

Players said they will not allow the committee to consider one topic MLB asked to be included: robots to call balls and strikes.

The union offered to increase the postseason from 10 teams to 12 but

No. 20 Illinois gets share of B1G title

By GAVIN GOOD
 Associated Press

CHAMPAIGN, Ill. (AP) — Kofi Cockburn had 21 points and 14 rebounds, and No. 20 Illinois beat No. 24 Iowa 74-72 Sunday night to win a share of the Big Ten regular-season title.

The Fighting Illini’s hopes for a conference crown were kept alive when Nebraska upset No. 10 Wisconsin earlier Sunday. They didn’t let the opportunity go to waste, claiming at least a share of the Big Ten championship for the first time since winning it in 2004 and ’05. Illinois (22-8, 15-5) erased a 15-point first-half deficit, but Alfonso Plummer led the charge back en route to 15 points. Coleman Hawkins added

nine points and 11 rebounds. Iowa (22-9, 12-8) missed five of its first six shots but eventually got on a 13-0 scoring run. The burst started with Kris Murray’s 3, the first of nine straight made shots for the Hawkeyes. Peyton Sandfort hit a 3 and then made another jumper on the next possession before Tony Perkins’ layup put Iowa ahead 32-19.

Plummer revived Illinois’ offense with back-to-back 3s, and the Illini closed the half on a 9-0 run as Plummer drove and scored with 4 seconds left to make it a 43-37 deficit.

Hawkins hit a 3 to put Illinois in front 65-63 with 7:03 to go, and they didn’t trail again.

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Narcissism is spanning generations

Dear Annie: I love your column and the advice you give. I never thought I'd be sending a letter to you.

My oldest daughter has given me a nudge, and I'm writing this while at her house. The problem is with "Alice," the middle of my three daughters. She has always been difficult and quick to anger.

with someone at NAMI about this. I've given up on helping my wife and am not sure I can help my daughter.

Dear Annie by Annie Lane



When they were growing up, and throughout most of their adult lives, my middle daughter has had it out for her youngest sister. She's been relentless and cruel.

or is this going to keep repeating for multiple generations? How have your other readers dealt with this? — Brokenhearted Papa

Dear Brokenhearted Papa: You started your letter by saying that you have spent your whole marriage walking on eggshells in order to stay in your wife's good graces.

Now, fast-forward, we have grandchildren from all of our girls. Unfortunately, this middle daughter has taught her teenage daughters to hate. I can't believe this happened.

It sounds like your daughter copied what she saw in her mother, and your other daughters copied what they saw you do; namely, tiptoe around her. This is one of the most difficult personality types to be the son or daughter of, or to be married to, simply because they will never admit they have a problem and will always find fault in you.

I know Alice hurts inside and is incredibly unhappy. She works at a menial job but makes a good wage because of her time there. It absolutely breaks my heart to see her daughters fighting everyone and everything.

There are survivor groups. I think it is easier for you to focus on your daughter's behavior more than your wife's, but the truth is that you should probably put healing your marriage first, and through understanding your wife, you will understand how to help your daughter and her teenage daughters.

Our oldest and youngest have had some significant obstacles and medical challenges to deal with, but they and their children are happy and well-adjusted. Alice is sort of getting along with her younger sister now, but I'm afraid it's an act. She can put on a good show.

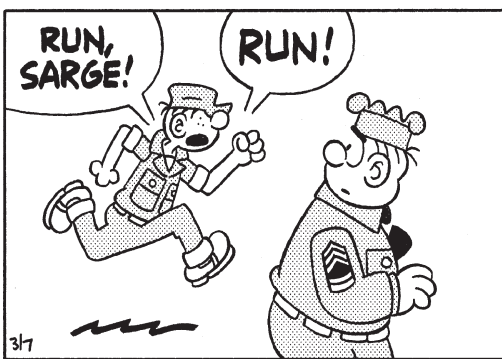
Please know that you are not alone. Many of my readers have written about similar struggles and what it is like to be so close to a narcissist.

We've changed our will to specifically list who gets what. We did this because we know that Alice would fight them tooth and nail and try to end up with all of our property.

I called the hotline for the National Alliance on Mental Illness, and I spoke

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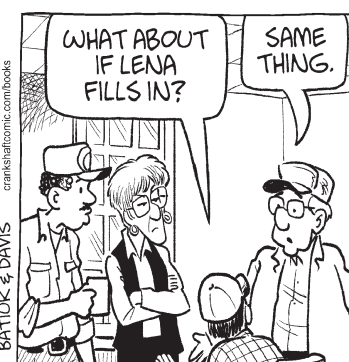
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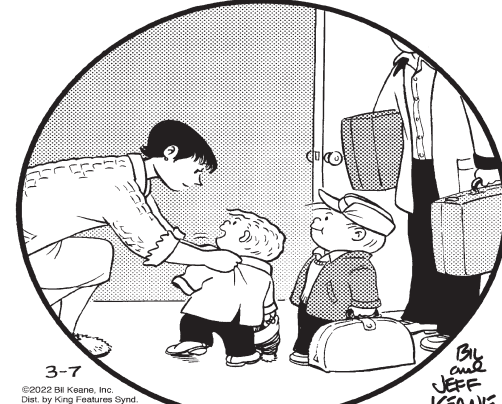
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My Answer

By Dr. Billy Graham



Jesus is truth!

and the minister was preaching only to a few people, so he asked the actor, "Why is it that you draw great crowds? The actor's answer was quite simple. "I present my fiction as though it were truth."

action. But this is not new. The Apostle Paul said that the people of his day had changed the truth of God into a lie. We in America are in danger of rejecting the truth of God's Word. The Bible says, "The very essence of [God's word] is truth" (Psalm 119:160, NLT). If our minds and hearts are not filled with God's truth, something else will take His place. God's word is truth and it will satisfy people's deepest needs.

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Q: It seems harder these days to determine who is speaking truth and who is lying. I know Jesus spoke of truth but it is still hard to decipher between what is true and false, particularly when science is now lifted up as the ultimate truth. — T.T.

A: Jesus is truth! And He told religious leaders of His day that they "must" know the truth to be free. Truth and freedom is something on everyone's minds. Some years ago, a clergyman had a friend who was an actor. The actor drew large crowds of people,

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CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

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Ukraine says Russia steps up shelling of residential areas

By YURAS KARMANAU
Associated Press

LVIV, Ukraine (AP) — Russian forces intensified shelling of cities in Ukraine's center, north and south, a Ukrainian official said, upending attempts to evacuate besieged civilians. With the Ukrainian leader urging his people to fight in the streets, Russian President Vladimir Putin shifted blame for the invasion, saying Moscow's attacks could be halted "only if Kyiv ceases hostilities."

The outskirts of Kyiv, Chernihiv in the north, Mykolaiv in the south, and Kharkiv, the country's second-largest city, faced stepped-up shelling late Sunday, presidential adviser Oleksiy Arstovych said. Heavy artillery hit residential areas in Kharkiv and shelling damaged a television tower, according to local officials.

"This is likely to represent an effort to break Ukrainian morale," the U.K. Ministry of Defense said of Russian tactics as the war entered its 12th day Monday. Fighting has caused 1.5 million people to flee the country, which the head of the U.N. refugee agency called "the fastest-growing refugee crisis in Europe since World War II."

The most recent attacks dashed hopes that more people could escape the fighting in Ukraine, where Russia's plan to quickly overrun the country has been stymied by fierce resistance. Russia has made significant advances in southern Ukraine and along the coast, but many of its efforts have become stalled, including an immense military convoy that has been almost motionless for days north of Kyiv.

Food, water, medicine and almost all other supplies were in desperately short supply in the southern port city of Mariupol, where Russian and Ukrainian forces had agreed to an 11-hour cease-fire that would allow civilians and the wounded to be evacuated. But Russian attacks quickly closed the humanitarian corridor, Ukrainian officials said.

"There can be no 'green corridors'

because only the sick brain of the Russians decides when to start shooting and at whom," Interior Ministry adviser Anton Gerashchenko said on Telegram.

A third round of talks between Russian and Ukrainian leaders is planned for Monday.

Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy rallied his people to remain defiant, especially those in cities occupied by Russians.

"You should take to the streets! You should fight!" he said Saturday on Ukrainian television. "It is necessary to go out and drive this evil out of our cities, from our land."

Zelenskyy also asked the United States and NATO countries to send more warplanes to Ukraine. But that idea is complicated by questions about how to provide aircraft to Ukrainian pilots.

He later urged the West to tighten its sanctions on Russia, saying that "the audacity of the aggressor is a clear signal" that existing sanctions are not enough.

A senior US defense official said Sunday that the U.S. assesses that about 95 percent of the Russian forces that had been arrayed around Ukraine are now inside the country. The official said Russian forces continue to advance in an attempt to isolate Kyiv, Kharkiv and Chernihiv, but are being met with strong Ukrainian resistance.

The official, who spoke on condition of anonymity to discuss military assessments, said the convoy outside Kyiv continues to be stalled.

As he has often done, Putin blamed Ukraine for the war, telling Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan on Sunday that Kyiv needed to stop all hostilities and fulfill "the well-known demands of Russia."

Putin launched his invasion with a string of false accusations against Kyiv, including that it is led by neo-Nazis intent on undermining Russia with the development of nuclear weapons.

The Russian Defense Ministry on Sunday announced that its forces intend

to strike Ukraine's military-industrial complex with what it said were precision weapons. A ministry spokesman, Igor Konashenkov, claimed in a statement carried by the state news agency Tass that Ukrainian personnel were being forced to repair damaged military equipment so that it could be sent back into action.

Zelenskyy criticized Western leaders for not responding to Russia's latest threat.

"I didn't hear even a single world leader react to this," Zelenskyy said Sunday evening.

The Russian Defense Ministry also alleged, without providing evidence, that Ukrainian forces are plotting to blow up an experimental nuclear reactor in Kharkiv and to blame it on a Russian missile strike.

Putin and French President Emmanuel Macron spoke Sunday about the nuclear situation in Ukraine, which has 15 nuclear reactors at four power plants and was the scene of the 1986 Chernobyl nuclear disaster.

The men agreed in principle to a "dialogue" involving Russia, Ukraine and the U.N.'s atomic watchdog, according to a French official who spoke on condition of anonymity, in line with the presidency's practices. Potential talks on the issue are to be organized in the coming days, he said.

Putin also blamed the fire last week at the Zaporizhzhia nuclear plant, which Ukrainian officials said was caused by Russian attackers, on a "provocation organized by Ukrainian radicals."

International leaders, as well as Pope Francis, appealed to Putin to negotiate.

In a highly unusual move, the pope said he had dispatched two cardinals to Ukraine to try to end the conflict.

"In Ukraine, rivers of blood and tears are flowing," the pontiff said in his traditional Sunday blessing.

The death toll remains unclear. The U.N. says it has confirmed just a few hundred civilian deaths but also warned that the number is a vast undercount.

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How to make early retirement a reality

Retirement is something millions of professionals aspire to. Retirement isn't necessarily when a person stops working forever. In fact, many retirees continue working as part-time volunteers and consultants.

Individuals have traditionally retired at the age of 65. However, the United States Social Security Administration indicates the normal retirement age (NRA) is the age at which retirement benefits are equal to the primary insurance amount. Primary insurance amount is based on a certain formula that includes year of birth. For most people born in 1960 and later, NRA is 67. Choosing to retire earlier may result in reduced ben-

efits. But people who have financially planned for an early retirement may not view a decline in SSA benefits as a deterrent. If early retirement is a goal, these strategies could make it happen.

- Use a retirement formula. The retirement planning resource New Retirement says that the basic formula for retirement is to accumulate 25 times your annual expenses and then plan to draw down no more than 4 percent of that value every year. For example, if you spend \$50,000 per year, then you need to have \$1,250,000 in savings to be able to retire. Budget to realize that savings goal. For those who have trouble calculating retirement fig-

ures, utilize this planner: www.newretirement.com/retirement/planner-signup/, which offers various retirement strategies.

- Trim extra expenses. Reduce your spending to put more cash toward your future. Comb through credit card statements and look at various bills to see where you can save.

- Reduce your biggest expenses. Food, transportation and housing comprise most people's largest expenditures. Instead of routinely buying new cars, look for certified pre-owned models, which are equally reliable. Carpool to save money on commutes. Reduce food expenses by shopping sales and making eating out a luxury and not a

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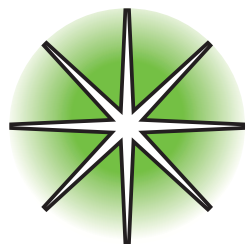
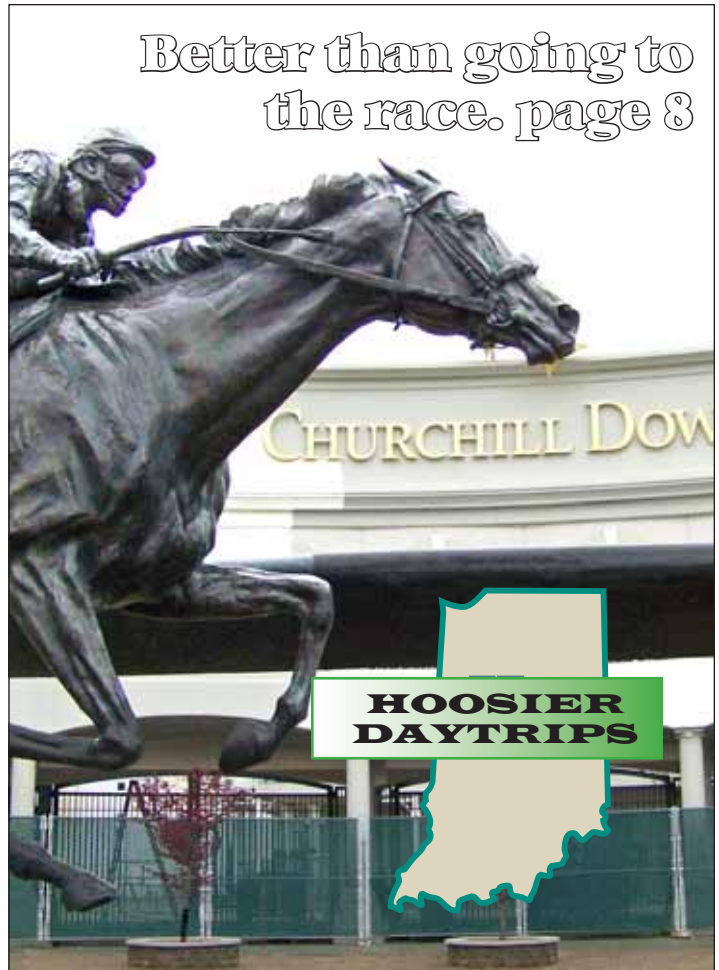
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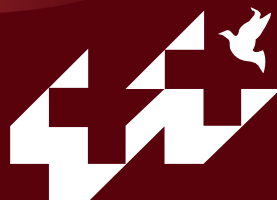


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They turned their hobbies into retirement income

BY KAYLEEN REUSSER

“You can make anything by writing.”
— C.S. Lewis

After viewing items made by Roger Everett, C.S. Lewis might say: “He can make anything by machining.”

He would not be far off.

Since 2002, Everett has created thousands of handmade pens and other items at his Bluffton home. The pens, stylish and solid, are made with acrylics or wood. Some of the wood is exotic, originating from Africa and South America.

Besides selling his pens to area businesses and local individuals, Everett has attracted customers in New York state, Australia, and the United Kingdom.

Everett, who moved to Bluffton from Adams County 22 years ago, began making pens after a relative showed him the process of cutting and turning wooden pieces until they were smooth. Everett was entranced with the process.

It became a hobby until others noticed his precision and craftsmanship and asked for their own pens.

Everett attributes his skill at making the pens to his years of working as a machinist. He worked at Crown Unlimited in Bluffton and at Alliance Winding Equipment in Fort Wayne. He retired in 2016 but continues to work part-time at Troyer Brothers, Inc. on Ind. 124.

Upon deciding to open his own pen-making business, Everett named it “Home Sweet Turning.”

His pens vary in appearance. Those made of acrylics sport bright colors and a sheen, the result of several coats of polish. His wooden pens feel silky smooth but often have a special, organic appeal.

“Customers really like pens made from Bethlehem olive wood because the grain shows through,” he said.

Everett orders the pen kits from a company and assembles them with his own machines. Each pen requires two hours for assembly.

He has created other items in his shop, including seam rippers for sewing, bottle stoppers, pens for individual military branches, key chains, crochet hooks, pizza cutters, and pop bottle openers.

Everett wears a mask and keeps his work area well-ventilated. This is especially necessary for the times he has worked with deer antlers which give off a noxious odor when turned.

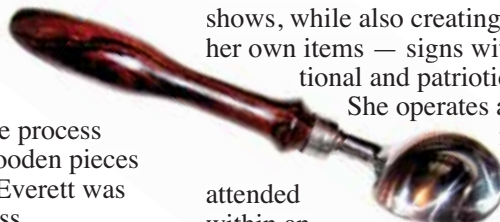
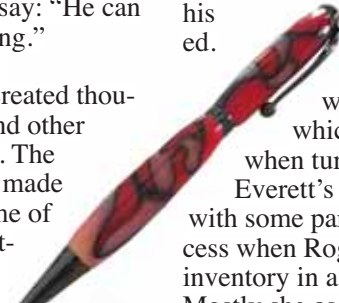
Everett’s wife, Karen, helps him with some parts of the assembly process when Roger needs to increase his inventory in a brief amount of time. Mostly she assists with recordkeeping and ordering supplies.

After retiring in 2016, Everett began attending craft shows with Karen, who retired in 2016 from Honegger, Ringger & Co. in Bluffton. She helps him at the shows, while also creating and selling her own items — signs with inspirational and patriotic messages.

She operates an Etsy shop for her items.

They have attended within an hour of home, going as far as Van Wert, Ohio, and northwest Indiana to Fairmount in the south. Their last show was at the Wells County Chamber of Commerce in December. They have several dates for indoor shows in 2022.

At the shows, Roger features a demonstration video of him turning a pen



Roger Everett of Bluffton creates writing pens of wood and acrylic, while his wife designs inspirational signs. (Photo by Kayleen Reusser)

on a lathe and other steps involved in its assembly. He also shows a display board of the steps involved to customers.

When some customers see the pens, they recognize Roger’s talent. “They assume I was a machinist because of the precise work,” he said. Lewis’ statement might be true of Everett after all.

The Everetts’ pens and signs can be purchased at Bijou Gift Boutique in Bluffton, by contacting them at SweetHomeTurning.Etsy.com, Sweethometurning@gmail.com, or call (260) 849-0384.

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LEFT: Surrounded by her supplies, Karen Everett creates inspirational signs in her Bluffton home.

ON THE COVER: Roger Everett at his lathe, which he uses to craft pens and other items such as handles for ice cream scoops, pizza cutters and bottle openers.

INSET: A few samples of Roger’s work.

Wells County's tomato celebrity

BY MARK MILLER

The garden used to be much larger. "I cut it down by 20 feet," Anna Lee Ault said.

Tilling and tending what is now a 40-foot by 60-foot garden may not be all that unusual, unless you celebrated your 95th birthday in late February. But that's what the Wells County resident will do, beginning sometime in March by starting her tomato seedlings inside. And it is those tomatoes that have brought her a bit of a celebrity status.

Ault has been growing tomatoes for "at least 50 years," she said. A friend once shared some tomatoes she had grown.

"Her name was Martha Linn," Ault continued. "She lived over on 600 (East), taught art at the college in Marion. Our boys mowed her yard. She had these large tomatoes and I got some seeds off her one year. Her mother got this seed from her mother, she called it 'Alaskan something.' So I've always called them 'Alaskan Linns.'"

Over the years, the family would enjoy the tasty, meaty variety and carefully preserve some seeds from each crop. The tomatoes proved popular with their friends and neighbors; seeds were freely shared.

Anna Lee and her husband Charles have always kept a large garden to help feed their family of five sons, growing anything from the tomatoes to corn and kohlrabi on their southeast Harrison Township property. She often bought seeds from a particular company — the Heirloom Seed Project in Lancaster, Pa. Some friends encouraged her to send them some of her seeds to see what they thought, believing them to be better than any other tomatoes they'd grown.

"So I did that, maybe four or five years ago," she continued, "didn't hear a word." Until a hand-written note arrived in early February.

"Dear Anna Lee,

"Several years ago you mailed some of your favorite tomato seeds to us. We grew them and found them to be delicious as you mentioned. They also performed well in hot and wet weather. We have now added them to our seed



Anna Lee Ault holds the hand-written letter she received from Joanne Dirks of the Heirloom Seed Project and a couple packets of the new tomato variety the company now offers that are named after her. The small packets are a bit more decorative, she admits, than the plastic bags in which she has stored her annual seeds in the freezer at her Harrison Township home. (Photo by Mark Miller)

catalog.

"Thank you again for sharing your excellent tomato. We will continue to grow and preserve it."

The note was signed by Joanne Dirks.

"Fame and fortune has arrived," their son Stacey, visiting from his home in Michigan joked.

Dirks, who is the coordinator for the Heirloom Seed Project, still has the original note from Ault, dated September 2018. When they do receive seeds (which does not happen very often anymore, Dirks said), a multi-year trial is begun, which includes classifying the seeds and charting their performance.

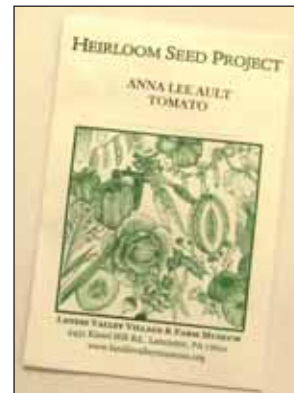
"Mrs. Ault sent us only a few seeds," Dirks said, "which is common, so that first year we only have a few plants to

work with." If the product is noteworthy, a large plot is grown the second year, which gives then a chance to test tomatoes' consistency.

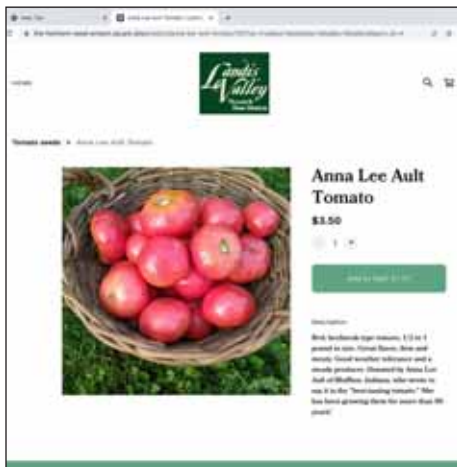
"Actually, the first year's trial, we had some really bad weather," Dirks continued. "But her tomato did really, really well, so we were anxious to give it the second full trial."

The project, she explained, is "primarily a volunteer program," so that the volunteers end up being the primary judges of how seeds perform. "One of our long-time volunteers noted that these were the best tomatoes she'd ever tasted."

Included with the note were a couple envelopes of the seeds of their new variety: the "Anna Lee Ault Tomato." A visit to the company's website — www.landisvalleymuseum.org — will find her namesake as their top suggestion of



A seed packet of the Heirloom Seed Project's newest tomato variety.



While Anna Lee Ault did not have any pictures of her tomatoes to share — “Who takes pictures of a tomato?” she asked — the website on which her seeds are sold shows the large red variety.

tomato seeds. It is described as “Red, beefsteak type tomato, 8 oz. to 16 oz. Great flavor, firm and meaty; good weather tolerance and a steady producer.” The envelope mistakenly identifies her as a resident of Bristol, Indiana, although Bluffton gets proper credit on the website.

Anna Lee chuckles when asked more technical questions about the variety of tomato that now bears her name — what varietal family is it in; what is its maturity period?

“I really don’t know that much about tomatoes,” she said, chuckling. “I just know these taste better than any others we’ve had.”

Sometime in March, she will start some tomato plants inside and then carefully move them into the garden, but that date varies.

“Whenever it gets warm,” she said, “and sometime even before.” If it gets too cold in early spring, she will line the plants with “water walls” to protect them. She has observed that they take a bit longer to mature than other varieties she has tried.

“I don’t have any idea what their maturity period is. When they get red, I pick ‘em,” she explained.

Despite a recent stay in the hospital and a bout with achalasia, she continues to mow their yard, till the garden and grow not just her tomatoes, but sweet corn, popcorn, lima beans, green beans, pees, carrots, kohlrabi and leeks.

“Oh, leek soup,” Charles added,

“that’s good stuff.”

Anna Lee cans and freezes her produce — some of the sweet corn is also dried in a dryer handed down “from Grandma Schlaugenhauf,” she added.

The couple celebrated their 75th wedding anniversary last year. Of their five sons, only Steve, the oldest, still lives nearby. Stan lives in California, Scott in Ohio, Stacey in Michigan and Stewart in Iowa. She believes they all have at least tried to grow their own tomatoes from her seeds at one time or another, although Stan never had any luck in California.

“Apparently, it’s too hot or too dry out there,” Charles added. “One time I sent some to a friend out there and he had the same problem.”

Getting a tomato named after her never crossed Anna Lee Ault’s mind when she mailed those seeds several years ago.

“We always thought, and we heard it often, that these were the best tasting tomatoes we’ve had,” she said. “I just wanted to share them.”

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‘77 Corvette has a special connection for Decatur’s Jim Brobst

BY BOB CAYLOR



Jim Brobst had always wanted a Corvette, but the cost — whether new or used — always deterred him. What finally made him an owner of America’s signature sports car was a terrible tragedy, one from which Brobst rescued an enduring heirloom.

Nine years ago, the best friend of his youngest son, Brian, was killed in an accident. At first, that friend’s father intended to keep his late son’s Corvette,

but as Brobst describes it, the beautiful car held too many memories for the bereaved father.

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Brobst, who lives in Decatur, arrived at a deal for the car. “The car wasn’t perfect,” he remembers, but it was generally sound, and it had a lot going for it. It has the 350-cubic-inch Chevy small-block engine, dressed up with lots of chrome under the hood.

High on the list of its advantages: The 1977 Corvette was the last year of the Stingray look. In 1978, the Corvette was redesigned with a fastback and a bulging expanse of rear window that dramatically changed its profile.

Since then, he’s tweaked it to suit himself.

He replaced its three-speed automatic transmission with the 700R four-speed automatic. Having that fourth gear, in effect an overdrive, made a real difference in driving. With only three speeds, “it always felt like there ought to be another shift,” he said.

He kept the stock engine, but added an oversize radiator and a new air-

conditioner.

He also changed the color, aiming to match a Honda Goldwing 1500 three-wheeler that he and his wife, Peggy, who died in 2011, had loved riding together.

He did the main paint job himself. That’s natural. Brobst, who is the maintenance supervisor at Bi-County Services, knows how to do his own work in many areas. But for the most delicate work — adding “ghost flames” — he turned to Dustin Kelly at Kelly’s Collision Center in Bluffton.

The Corvette had only 80,000 miles on it when he bought it — that’s barely

2,000 miles a year. He’s babied the car even more, adding only 3,000 miles to the odometer in nine years. He’s never driven it on a rainy day.

He’s made it his own in several ways, with its fresh color much loved by his late wife, and with its mechanical upgrades, but a large part of its appeal is the act of preserving it. He intends for it to be passed eventually to his son Brian, whose friend owned it before Brobst.

“It means more to him. There’s more memories in it for him,” Brobst said.

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Left: Although Brobst repaired his Corvette himself, when it came to adding ghost flames front and center on his hood, he turned to Dustin Kelly in Bluffton. (Photo contributed)

Below: The interior of Jim Brobst's 1977 Corvette is a compact but hard-to-resist nest. (Photo by Bob Caylor)



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The Bugler's Call

Kentucky Derby Museum is like attending the race without the hassle

BY ROD KING

After the thoroughbreds have paraded in front of the grandstand with their colorfully dressed jockeys sitting high on their saddles, the bugler plays the national anthem. Then he plays “My Old Kentucky Home” while more than 265,000 people belt out a fair rendition of the song. While playing “Call to the Post,” the horses are led into the starting gate, everyone takes a collective deep breath, the gates clang open and they’ll be off and running at Churchill Downs for the 145th Kentucky Derby.

The horses thunder down the track in front of the grandstand heading for the first turn in the mile-and-a-quarter race that is billed as the “greatest two minutes in racing.” Always held the

first weekend in May (May 7 this year), it’s the first race in the Triple Crown along with the Preakness and the Belmont Stakes. The

Derby has become an icon of Americana.

The Kentucky Derby is more than a horse race. It’s a week-long celebration that includes several races. Women wear outlandishly large hats and mint juleps are the drink of the day.

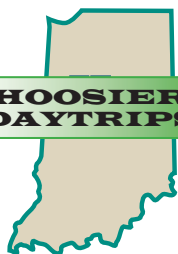
It’s possible, however, to enjoy the drama and excitement of the Derby without the hassle of the huge crowd, locating parking and baking in the sun or shivering in the cold, depending on Mother Nature’s whim at the moment. Here’s how: Visit the Kentucky Derby Museum. It’s located right at Churchill



Above: The museum houses a unique collection of objects documenting the history of the Kentucky Derby and thoroughbred racing from the middle of the 19th century to the present. May 7, 1875 was the date of the first race. An estimated 10,000 screaming fans watched. Below: Hands-on exhibits include riding a plastic horse in a race.

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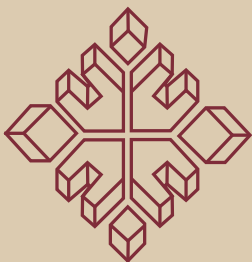


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Why does it feel like Covid requirements for travel are more confusing than ever?

BY CHRISTOPHER ELLIOTT

Now more than ever, travelers have to cross an ocean of red tape when they want to go abroad. But did you know that pandemic requirements for travelers are even confusing to the people enforcing them?



Neither did I — until I visited several countries with extensive testing and contact tracing requirements.

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Travel**

My story is a cautionary tale for anyone headed overseas this year. It can be chaos out there, and some officials seem to be making up the rules as they go along. But with a little creativity and determination, you can navigate the ever-changing regulatory landscape.

“Red tape is the new reality for travelers,” says Stephanie Goldberg-Glazer, owner of Live Well, Travel Often, a boutique travel agency. “It used to be visas and passport expiration dates. Now it is coronavirus testing requirements, vaccinations and contact tracing.”

Here’s my red-tape misadventure: A few weeks ago, my sons and I traveled from Doha, Qatar, to Abu Dhabi in the United Arab Emirates. Both countries have strict testing and vaccine requirements and mandate that visitors use contact tracing apps in most public places.

Normally, travelers would take PCR tests no more than 48 hours before departing Qatar, download the Alhosn app (the UAE’s version of the European Union’s digital green certificate), then take another PCR test after landing. But our trip took place just as the omicron surge started, and confusion reigned.

Al-Ahli Hospital in Doha, where we took our PCR tests, had a backlog of tests. Our results took more than 48 hours, so we couldn’t board our flight to Abu Dhabi.



To get into Abu Dhabi, I needed to take a PCR test within 48 hours, and ours were about to expire. Another stranded passenger shared a workaround: Fly to Dubai, which has a 72-hour testing window. Then drive to Abu Dhabi, which is about 90 miles away.

So that’s what we planned. But when we arrived in Dubai, we discovered one small problem. Although Dubai and Abu Dhabi are part of the United Arab Emirates, they each set their own health regulations and have an internal border.

No one would take us to Abu Dhabi. Not Uber, not a taxi. The drivers said they couldn’t cross the border without a PCR test. One driver said he refused to take a test, because “half of the time, the results come back positive, and I can’t afford to quarantine.”

And one more issue: We had each taken another PCR test when we arrived in Dubai, but we couldn’t activate our new accounts on the Alhosn app. A customs official told me I needed a local SIM card to do that.

Finally, I phoned the Park Hyatt Abu Dhabi Hotel, where I was supposed to stay. I told the concierge that we were

stuck in Dubai. He called a car, which picked us up from the terminal. We showed our expired PCR tests at the border, and they waved us through. Our smartphone apps started working a few hours later, displaying our negative test results.

There are a few takeaways from my Covid odyssey in the Persian Gulf. Pandemic requirements for travel are confusing. And if you’re confused, chances

are that you’re not alone.

As I sat in Terminal 3 at the Dubai airport, researching current travel restrictions, I found multiple sources offering conflicting information

online. The people you ask for help may also be getting their (mis)information from the same sources.

I spoke with taxi drivers, customs officials and a guy at the information booth at the Dubai airport, all of whom said I could never enter Abu Dhabi without a working contact tracing app, a local SIM card or a 48-hour PCR test.

“Do lots of research and from multiple sources,” advises Jeff Antonucci, a regional manager for a German medical device company who has traveled extensively during the pandemic. “The quality and accuracy of information

With a little persistence, you can cut through the red tape of pandemic travel requirements.

online can be inconsistent. Even the information listed on the embassy and consulate pages can vary per location. Check the sites frequently, and follow up with a phone call if anything is unclear.”

During the pandemic, the rules shift like desert sand. Allison Scola, owner of the tour operator Experience Sicily, visited Italy three times last year. “Each time I have gone, the regulations have changed,” she told me.

Deanna Ford, who writes a travel planning blog called the Detailed Traveler, says the requirements within Europe are particularly confusing. “Some countries have really locked down the border and require a negative coronavirus test, full vaccination status and a registration on their Covid app,” she says. “If you can’t comply, you’re required to quarantine on arrival.”

How do you ensure you aren’t confused by the pandemic requirements and ensnared by red tape? Phyllis Stoller,

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INDIANA-MICHIGAN-OHIO BORDER WARS?

‘Monumental’ musings on an alternate history of Indiana

BY TANYA ISCH CAYLOR

After being holed up for three days during a blizzard, the idea of going on a spontaneous road trip — with no expectations other than relaxed conversation — was extremely appealing.



We aimed our car for the simplest possible destination: a point on the map where three states meet, 80 minutes from our driveway.

Hoosier Fun

As we drove, my husband-the-history-buff filled me in on some past border disputes between Ohio, Indiana and Michigan.

Believe it or not, in 1834 armed residents of Ohio and Michigan actually fought over a 7-mile strip of land surrounding Toledo. No one was killed during what became known as “The Toledo War.” But it took three years before a compromise was reached and Michigan was granted statehood.

Indiana and Michigan also have had border disputes; even now, there’s some uncertainty about the exact boundary in some places, due to the erosion of hardwood surveyor’s stakes.

The biggest point of contention came in the early 1800s, over a 10-mile strip at the top of the state. When both states were territories, the border was drawn just below the bottom tip of Lake Michigan. Congress moved that boundary 10 miles north when Indiana became a state in 1816.

I thought the Indiana border dispute seemed lame by comparison with the Toledo standoff, a topic of interest only to surveyors. But as Bob sketched out an alternate history in which Indiana was 10 miles shorter, I was surprised at how different things would be now.

Turns out there’s all kinds of important stuff in that northernmost strip —



This monument in LaPorte shows where the Indiana-Michigan boundary was drawn in 1805, when Michigan became a territory. Congress moved the border 10 miles north when Indiana became a state in 1816. (Courtesy photo)

starting with Lake Michigan.

I thought of family trips to the Indiana Dunes when I was a kid. Would it have mattered much if those sand dunes were in Michigan instead? Maybe not. But I do recall my 11-year-old self feeling proud that our state had a beach that, with enough imagination, you could pretend was on the ocean.

South Bend and Notre Dame are in that 10-mile strip across the top of Indiana. So is the Toll Road, Lake James, Angola and Trine University, and a big chunk of the state’s Amish population near LaGrange.

The city of Gary was also on the list. But aside from it being Michael Jackson’s hometown, I was hard-pressed to think why any Hoosier would care about losing what has always seemed to me like the armpit of Indiana.

Bob pointed out those ugly steel mills you drive past on the way to Chicago helped many poor immigrants make a better life for their families and provided an economic boost to the state as well.

His college roommate’s dad grew up in one of those poor immigrant families. Working double shifts at what was once the world’s largest steel plant helped put him through medical school. That steelworker went on to become a prominent Bluffton physician: Dr. Con-

stantine Panos, founder of the Panos Free Clinic.

We headed out of Fremont — also a Michigan town in this alternate reality — on a snow-covered country road. Houses were few and far between.

Finally we turned onto the road that would take us to our destination, County Road N1000 East. In Ohio, it’s known as County Road 1. In Michigan, it’s Cope Road.

“Welcome to Ohio,” intoned our GPS.

Just ahead was a concrete pillar we believed to be a monument marking the tri-state boundary. The road had a slight uphill grade at the point, and in all the snow our little car couldn’t get enough traction. Finally we got moving again.

“Welcome to Michigan,” our GPS said a few feet later.

The pillar turned out to be an extra-wide fence post. There was a Tri-State monument, but it was a little farther up the road. In Michigan.

We weren’t the first visitors to this site since the blizzard; footprints in the snow led to the monument, placed along the side of the road by the Hillsdale County Historical Society in 1977.

With no pull-off in sight that didn’t look treacherous in the snow, we drove to the next intersection, turning around

by a “No Trespassing” sign that warned of a “dangerous bull.”

In the few minutes it took us to return, the sun had melted enough of the snow off the monument that we could read its message.

“130 feet south is the point where Indiana, Michigan, and Ohio meet,” it read.

I wondered why the monument wasn’t placed at the exact point where the states meet.

Did the Hillsdale County Historical Society not want to bother with their cohorts in the adjoining Ohio and Indiana counties?

Most likely it was just tricky finding a willing landowner to work with. At any rate, given the historical fluidity of the border, its precise location didn’t seem all that important.

Driving back on the Ohio side of the border, we overshot Fremont, where we’d planned to eat lunch. We wound up at Monument Pizza in Angola, which seemed fitting for a road trip based on visiting a monument.

Over 15-bean soup, we noted that this



This monument is located on the Michigan side of the point where Ohio, Indiana and Michigan intersect, a few miles northeast of Fremont. (Photo by Bob Caylor)

restaurant, as well as the downtown monument it’s named for, would be in Michigan in that alternate history of Indiana that had become the theme of our trip.

Thank goodness Indiana got a piece of Lake Michigan, and all that came with it.

The writer, a Wells County resident, can be contacted at tischcaylor@gmail.com.



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Houses of faith help Afghan refugees start over in Indiana

BY JOSEPH DITS

South Bend Tribune

Between the rush to settle and feed 39 Afghan refugees who've arrived in South Bend since December — and laughs over language barriers — local volunteers have yet to see signs of trauma.

Which they can only assume exist.

There was a hint of it when an Afghan father sat with volunteer translator Sarah Sheikh and began to reflect on his new life in South Bend, having been at a U.S. military base since September after the violent collapse of Afghanistan's government.

He'd been watching his daughter learn to walk and said of the girl, just more than a year old, "Every time she falls and gets up."

"Now," the man continued in Urdu, "I think every time I fall, I have to get up."

Sheikh admitted that she'd probably get emotional if families did relate detailed stories.

"I don't ask too many questions," she said. "They just told me they ran (when they left their homes in Afghanistan). They pick what they can."

Leaving many possessions, the refugees arrived in South Bend with just some small bags of goods.

Sheikh is among 100 or so volunteers from several houses of faith and a few ad-hoc groups that the United Religious Community of St. Joseph County has lined up to welcome and settle the Afghans in the county.

The groups procure welcome packages, transportation, food, clothes, furniture, towels and other household items.

The mosque at the Islamic Society of Michiana, where Sheikh attends, has been involved with all of the arrivals, URC Executive Director John Pinter said, from providing culturally appropriate food to providing translators.

The URC anticipates three more Afghans will arrive, reaching the 35 total people that the organization agreed to sponsor.

Another round of about 30 people, or



Aleemi, an Afghan refugee now living in South Bend, poses for a portrait at the Islamic Society of Michigan. Aleemi is his last name; he asked that his first name not be published. (Photos by Michael Caterina, The South Bend Tribune)

four families, is expected to arrive in the coming month, sponsored by Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend. Each family will be sponsored by a Catholic parish. Two of those families arrived in the past week, one with seven people, the other with nine.

Catholic Charities Interim CEO Dan Florin hopes to bring two of the English-speaking Afghans from Fort Wayne to South Bend for a day or two, to help situate the upcoming arrivals and make them feel comfortable.



In Fort Wayne, Catholic Charities has already received about 90 Afghans.

"They're doing very well," Florin

said. "They are extremely happy to be in America. We find them to be very friendly and thankful to be here and respectful of our laws."

In November, the URC and Catholic Charities — both of whom already had refugee resettlement programs — formed a Refugee Steering Committee with the city of South Bend, La Casa de Amistad and other partners to coordinate help for the Afghans.


Aleemi closed the door on his home in a city in Afghanistan in August, carrying just one bag for himself, his wife and their three young kids, and abandoning things like the white dress that his



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4-year-old daughter still asks if she'll see again.

As for his car, he said, "I left it on the road."

Two sets of clothing for each person. That was it.

The country's U.S.-backed government was rapidly collapsing to the Taliban, triggering a chaotic evacuation as thousands tried to flee a future under harsh and restrictive rule.

Aleemi and his family joined hordes of people for three days to see if they could board a flight out of the country. They landed at a Texas Army base and lived there for almost four months, lodged in a noisy tent for 100 people, with partitions for rooms but, gratefully, with soldiers who "treated us humbly, treated us with good manners and a positive attitude."

Aleemi is his last name, a very common one in Afghanistan. He asked The Tribune not to fully identify him for fear of reprisal from his native country.

He said he'd "worried too much" about moving to South Bend "because you don't know anybody."

That melted in December, when the family arrived at the airport near mid-

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Berne native had ‘the privilege of caring for our soldiers’

BY KAYLEEN REUSSER

While listening to a radio in the breakroom of Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne on December 7, 1941, Doris Eileen Stuckey was stunned to hear the horrifying news of the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor, when 2,403 American sailors were killed.

Stuckey and most of the medical staff had never heard of Pearl Harbor. Still, they understood it was a horrible event with far-reaching repercussions. It was in fact an event that would greatly affect Eileen Stuckey's life.

She was born in Berne in 1921. Upon graduating from Berne High School in 1939, she attended nursing school at the steep cost of \$125 a year.

After graduating in 1943, Stuckey began working at a local hospital. By now, the war had dragged on. Eileen Stuckey, like most Americans, wanted to help.

In June 1944, the same month the Allies completed the largest sea invasion the world had ever known at Normandy, France, Eileen joined the Army as a nurse. She was commissioned at the rank of second lieutenant and received a salary of \$150 per month. With that she purchased her own uniforms, which consisted of white one-piece dresses and white shoes. Off-duty, Army nurses wore military clothing, such as olive-colored dress uniforms.

Eileen worked at a military hospital at Fort Benjamin Harrison in Indianapolis before being sent to Ashford General Hospital at White Sulphur Springs, West Virginia. The former resort had been converted to a hospital with various wards, including general nursing, paraplegic, and post-op.

When trains brought in the wounded shipped home from overseas, the hospital staff scrambled to accommodate the needs. Nurses worked 12-hour shifts with one weekend off per month.

On May 8, 1945, Germany signed a formal surrender to the Allies. The war in Europe was over, but thousands of casualties required care throughout the continent. Eileen volunteered to go.

After sailing to England, Eileen worked at a hospital on the south coast before being transferred to a hospital



Berne native Eileen Stuckey served in the Army Nurse Corps during World War II. She would later marry Werner Zeissig of Fort Wayne. (Contributed photo)

in Reims, France — the city where the war's formal surrender had taken place.

Following another transfer to Bad Mergentheim, Germany, she worked at an evacuation hospital near the former frontlines.

On August 8, 1945, the Japanese emperor surrendered. The war was over!

People around the world celebrated the end that had begun when Hitler invaded Poland on September 1, 1939.

Eileen's last duty was accompanying 100 French women who had married American servicemen and their babies to America to live.

In June 1946, First Lieutenant Stuckey was discharged in New Jersey. She rode a train home to Indiana and returned to work at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

In 1947, Eileen married Master Sergeant Werner Zeissig from Fort Wayne. He had spent five years in the Army Air Corps stationed in England. The couple became parents to five children. Eileen worked in private duty nursing for much of her life.

One of her greatest privileges was



Kayleen Reusser, of Bluffton, has written a series of books, sharing the stories of area veterans of World War II. This is an excerpt from “Born To Be Soldiers: Those Plucky Women of World War II.” It is available on Amazon and the office of News-Banner Publications in Bluffton.

laying a wreath on the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier during an Honor Flight of Northeast Indiana in 2014.

“It was a privilege caring for our wounded soldiers,” she said during an interview. “I only wish we could have had today’s medical technology. We could have saved an awful lot more lives.”

Note: By the end of World War II, 57,000 women would join the Army Nurse Corps.

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Afghan refugees

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night and saw almost a dozen local volunteers to welcome them.

“Everything is different here — culture, language, everything,” he said inside the South Bend mosque where he attends prayers. “But, honestly, I’m glad I’m here because I am (free of worry) about the safety for myself and my family.”

Back home, he recalled, “When I leave home, I was not 100% sure because there were blasts.”

He’d seen explosions at close range. But he isn’t thinking about that now. He’s glad to live in a quiet apartment, next door to his mom, sister and niece.

“I’m very positive for my kids’ future,” he said, noting that the children now have lots of donated toys. “They will go for higher education. You can be a doctor. My son can be a soldier here and serve the country.”

They are among more than 52,000 Afghans who have been resettled across the U.S., many of whom had helped the U.S. military through its 20 years in the war in Afghanistan.

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Edinburgh gears up for bicentennial celebration

BY RYAN TRARES

Daily Journal of Johnson County

EDINBURGH — The tidbits accumulated over 200 years of history have bubbled up all over Edinburgh. As local residents prepared for the town's bicentennial this year, they discovered an amazing amount of wild, wonderful facts that had otherwise been lost to time. Edinburgh High School was one of the first 30 schools to be commissioned in the state. Lind Drive, a stretch of road on the east side of town, was named in honor Lt. Louis Grant Lind, a World War II U.S. Air Force fighter pilot who was killed in action over Italy.

The town is the final resting place of Red Cloud, a world record-holding trotting horse who took the country by storm in the 1870s.

"It's remembering things about our town that we may have forgotten," said Cathy Hamm, a member of the Edinburgh Bicentennial Committee. "Many of us know different things that have gone on in the community, and the notable ones that people talk about that may have happened way before some of us were born. But this is bringing to light so much of our heritage."

Excitement is percolating through the Edinburgh community as it gears up for its bicentennial celebration. Local residents and town officials have been working on the festivities for the past four years, planning activities, lining up sponsors and digging through two centuries of history.

Organizers have envisioned a gala dinner, a weekend-long festival and a parade to rival any other the town has put on. Activities will be worked into existing Edinburgh events throughout the year.

This year is a momentous occasion for the town, not only to look back to the past, but to unite Edinburgh in the present and plan for the future, said



Victorian-era buildings line the streets of Edinburgh's historic downtown district. The town is celebrating its bicentennial with a year-long slate of activities recognizing its storied past. (Courtesy photo)

SaraBeth Drybread, director of the John C. Drybread Community Center in Edinburgh and part of the bicentennial committee.

"The more that you read the history of a community, the more pride you have in it — to really understand the vision that so many of these early founders had and literally built this town from the ground up," Drybread said. "It makes me think about the next 200 years, and what we're doing now to leave behind for future generations."

The Edinburgh area was first settled in the early 1820s by John Campbell, with the original plat containing 32 lots in 1822. Throughout its history, it became a thriving town, boosted by railroads and mills and the establishment of the veneer industry, for which Edinburgh is still famous.

Log cabins became ornate mansions and Victorian buildings. Arts and culture flourished.

For the bicentennial, organizers wanted to weave all of those stories, and more, together. Planning for this year started in 2018, as Drybread and a dedicated team of volunteers met to discuss what should be included.

"The basic brainstorming was, what is it about our community that we really want to highlight and celebrate during

that year," Drybread said.

For years now, Edinburgh residents have spent hours pouring over archived documents, old newspapers and files of writings in search of unique pieces of history.

They discovered that the first store in Johnson County opened in the town in 1822. Merchants Booth and Newby of Salem opened a general store and sold the first goods in the county. A group called the Edinburgh Benevolent Society met in 1833 to plan and build the first religious meeting house.

In their searches, bicentennial organizers stumbled across an address presented to town residents on July 4, 1876. The United States was celebrating its own centennial, and Edinburgh officials took the opportunity to recognize its own 54-year-old history as well.

The author, J.H. Clarke, outlined the genesis of the town, from the exploits of French explorers to the arrival of

frontiersmen to the area to hardship and resolve of the first settlers.

"There were things that many of us had never heard of before," Drybread said. "There was information about the early settlers, and where they came from and the hardships they went through. It was written very poetically, and you really get a feel and picture for what life was like for these families who came in the 1820s to settle." But what truly resonated in the

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doctrine was the final lines: “Men of high resolve and unbending courage; untiring zeal and unconquered spirits; men with nerves of steel and sinews of iron! The pioneers of Blue River Valley, who in the contest with nature never faltered or gave up the batter and let their names be handed down the ages as mighty men of renown,” Clarke wrote.

The prescient and moving document has become the kick-off of the town’s bicentennial events and activities. On March 3, a group of residents read portions of the address while filling in some of the history of Edinburgh.

That reading led into a fundraising dinner on March 4 — the day Edinburgh was settled in 1822. Organizers have planned a pork loin dinner with roasted vegetables and a caramel popcorn-themed dessert at the Edinburgh Pixy Theatre, adjacent to downtown.

The celebration moves quickly from there. A historic church tour featuring four of Edinburgh’s longtime congregations — Holy Trinity Catholic Church, Edinburgh United Methodist Church, Edinburgh Presbyterian Church and Edinburgh Christian Congregation — will



Edinburgh residents line up in tartan plaids for the parade during Edinburgh’s 1922 centennial celebration. (Courtesy photo)

open up their buildings to show off the unique architecture and contributions to town.

Walking tours of the historic districts in the town are also planned.

All of it leads to the Bicentennial

Birthday Bash, scheduled for June 10 and 11.

People will gather on what’s known as “School Hill” on the west side of downtown for hot air balloon rides, pony rides, a magician, food trucks,

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local vendors, six different bands and fireworks. People will compete in historic games, such as pie-plate walk and rolling pin throw.

“We’re going to bring back some of these weird games, and have some new games as well,” Drybread said.

On the first day of the festival, Edinburgh will celebrate its diverse industry, past and present.

“Veneer is our bread and butter. That’s what we’re known for,” Drybread said.

“But the more we started talking about it, we realized that people aren’t always certain what a lot of the industries that we have here do. So we’ve asked those companies to come out and have a booth, bring a prototype … and talk to the community about what they create.”

Organizers also pushed to have a presence at some of Edinburgh’s other well-

known events, such as the annual Fall Festival. They’ll have floats in the parade and a booth at the different events.

Prior to the parade is a new running race — the Red Cloud Trot 5K, named for the record-holding trotting horse.



Planners have also worked with the family of long-time Edinburgh historian Sarah Otto, who wrote “The History of Edinburgh 1820-1986,” to reprint the book with an addendum updating the town’s history to the present. “We’ve been looking through old phone books, going through old

(Edinburgh) Couriers, finding all of the resources, recalling so much of days gone by,” said Hamm, who has been focused on this project. “It’s a fantastic opportunity for our whole community to relive what has happened over the years.”

No celebration would be complete without swag to commemorate the special year, and officials are planning to have t-shirts and hats and other items to help people remember the bicentennial.

Drybread has even worked with Middle Davids Artisan Candles in Franklin to create two Edinburgh-themed scents: a caramel popcorn candle, in reference to the town’s famed Not Just Popcorn business, and one that smells of a lumberyard, a nod to the veneer industry.

The project has been exciting to put together, and enthusiasm is building across the community. A buzz is palpable among local residents, and that’s only expected to grow as the year goes on, she said.

“You realize in this milestone year just how much of a family a small community is. As we get all of these facts online, people are commenting on things they remember, and their own stories,” Drybread said. “It’s been very inspirational. Edinburgh is a very unique community. We’re so self-sufficient, and for a small community, to be able to offer what we do, it’s really incredible.”

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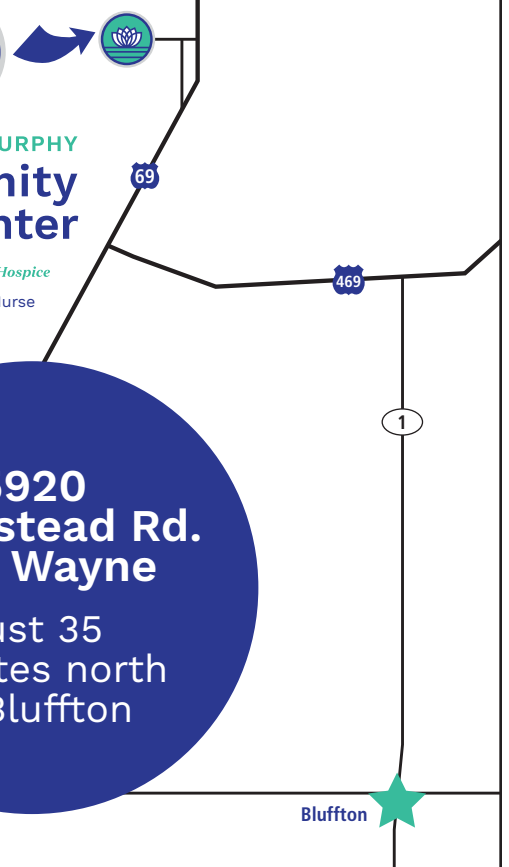


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A room in the museum is dedicated to the unbelievable hats worn to the Kentucky Derby. Inset: The wilder, the better. This beauty includes grandstand, track, horses and roses.

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Downs and when no races are going on, parking is free and close to the impressive entrance.

Inside are two floors of interactive, family-friendly exhibits. Visitors get a glimpse into every stage of a thoroughbred's life from birth to the first Saturday in May. Sit on a plastic horse and participate in a race with horses pounding past you on the screen kicking up dirt, surrounded by the sounds of the roaring crowd. One room is devoted to the unbelievable hats worn to the Derby.

Follow the Derby timeline back to its inaugural running in 1875 to find out that the idea for it began to gel when Col. Meriwether Lewis Clark, great grandson of William Clark of the famous explorer duo of Lewis and Clark, attended the Epsom Derby in England. He was determined to do something similar in the United States.

With the help of his uncles, John and Henry Churchill, who donated land, he began to develop a race track. In 1874 he formed the Louisville Jockey Club and started raising funds for a permanent track. On May 7, 1875 15 thoroughbreds were led to the starting line. An estimated 10,000 people watched Aristides take the first cup. The race was then one-and-a-half miles.

The signature exhibit of the museum is "The Greatest Race." It's a 360-degree movie shown in the museum's

Great Hall every hour. It starts quietly during an early morning workout. You hear horse whinnies, hooves pounding the track and see trainers timing their charges. Then its Derby day and the pageantry and excitement begin to build. You follow the race from start to finish around the room to the winner's circle and presentation of the cup and blanket of roses.

Tours of the grounds are also available. Check it out on the internet at kentuckyderby.com.

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Visitors enter the exhibit area through this starting gate to the sounds of race horses thundering toward them. The event is always held the first weekend in May.



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Ways to cut costs during retirement

The average person will spend more than 50 years in the employment sector. As retirement draws closer, many professionals begin to daydream about giving up the commute and having more

time to pursue their personal interests.

Even if planning for retirement has been

many years in the making, it can take some time for a person to become acclimated to having less income. According to data from the Bureau of Labor Statistics, “older households,” which are defined as those run by someone age 65 and older, spent an average of \$45,756 in 2018, or roughly \$3,800 a month. That’s roughly \$1,000 less than the monthly average spent by typical American households. Housing, transportation, health care, and food are some of the biggest bills retirees will have to

account for. Aiming to have savings in addition to any other retirement income or government subsidy coming in to cover that amount is a step in the right direction.

Retirees can make their money go further if they take inventory of their spending and make some cuts where possible.

- Know where your money is going. It’s impossible to save without knowing what your expenses are each month. Many people are surprised to learn how much little things add up over the course of a month. For example, spending \$4 for a take-out coffee each day can quickly become an

expensive luxury. Add all expenses and see where you can trim, especially if there’s a deficit each month.

- Consider extra health care. In the United States, Medicare participants can choose Medicare Supplement Insurance plans to help reduce out-of-pocket health care costs. Medicare Parts A and B only cover some of your health care costs. Supplemental insurance can cover some of the costs not covered by original Medicare, like copayments, deductibles and co-insurance, accord-



ing to AARP.

- Pare down on possessions. Take inventory of what you have and scale back where possible. If you are no longer commuting to work, you may be able to become a one-car household. Downsizing your residence can help seniors avoid spending too much of their retirement time and money maintaining their homes.

- Take advantage of senior discounts. Take advantage of the many discounts that are offered to seniors. Retirees can usually save on restaurants, travel, groceries, and much more by simply shopping on specific days or verifying their age when checking out.

- Purchase less expensive life insurance. According to Cheapism, a site that advises consumers about how to be more frugal, the chief purpose of life insurance is to replace income to ensure the financial security of dependents in the event of death. Retirees may have no dependents and little income. Therefore, a large life insurance policy may not be necessary, especially if you’ve already set aside funds to cover funeral costs.

- Pay off a mortgage. Housing is many people’s most substantial expense. Paying off a mortgage can free up more money each month and allow retirees to spend their golden years doing as they please.

Before and during retirement, adults can employ various strategies to reduce their monthly expenses. © MCS

Senior Life

Dealing with ‘Technostress’

Do you feel overwhelmed when you turn on your tablet, navigate your social media account or sort through your inbox? If so, you may be experiencing technostress. First coined in the 1980s, this term refers to feelings of stress, frustration, anxiety and depression that are linked to an inability to cope well with new technologies.

A changing world

Though technostress can be felt by individuals of all ages, it’s particularly common among older adults. This is largely because most seniors haven’t grown up, gone to school and worked in a plugged-in environment the way younger people have.

As a result, the ability to adapt to changing technologies doesn’t come easily, which can lead to an array of negative feelings like despair, distress and shame.



A recent study

In 2018, researcher Galit Nimrod conducted a study to assess technostress among 500 seniors in Israel. The results indicated that older adults tend to experience stress when faced with new technologies and feel pressured to use them. The study also revealed that older adults who struggle to adapt often compare themselves

to so-called digital natives, which leads to feelings of inferiority.

A way forward

If left unchecked, technostress can seriously impact the well-being of older adults. If you struggle to cope with this type of anxiety, speak with a health-care pro-

fessional. Additionally, if you want to learn how to better navigate the digital world, consider signing up for a computer course or asking a family member for a tutorial.

Are you an overindulgent grandparent?

What grandparent doesn't like to spoil their grandkids? While the occasional treat or gift is fine, an excess can do more harm than good. With the holidays coming up, here are some questions to consider to determine if you're an overindulgent grandparent.

- Do you have a tendency to serve your grandkids a generous portion of dessert, despite objections from their parents?
- Do you find yourself secretly giving your grandchildren candy or money?
- Do you regularly gift your grandchildren with expensive items like a bike, musical instrument or video game console?
- Do you frequently give your grandkids presents when it's not a special occasion like Christmas or their birthday?
- Do you automatically come to your



grandchildren's defense when their parents discipline them or withhold a privilege for misbehaving?

- Do your children mention that you go overboard when it comes to giving your grandchildren gifts?

If these descriptions sound familiar, it may be time to reflect on whether you

spoil your grandkids a little too much.

Consequences

Excessively spoiling your grandchildren can strain your relationship with their parents, especially if your generosity is at odds with their values. You're also teaching your grandkids to expect a reward every time they bat an eyelash or tear up in front of you. This can unintentionally encourage greed, impatience and tantrums.

Solutions

To avoid tension, speak with your grandchildren's parents and come to a consensus about how often to treat your grandkids. You should also decide on an appropriate quantity and price range for gifts. Additionally, if you truly want to strengthen your relationship with your grandkids, opt for activities and outings rather than material gifts.



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This Italian cheesecake makes a great holiday dessert

After a delicious Easter holiday meal — or an everyday meal for that matter — there's a good chance guests will be looking forward to a sweet treat. Many families have their go-to desserts on special occasions, but holiday meals can be made even more memorable,

and flavorful, by taking a chance on new recipes.

Spring Recipes

A decadent cheesecake is on the menu in many Italian American families, who may dive in after enjoying a bowl of fruit, fennel and chestnuts. Italian cheesecake does not typically contain the cream cheese or graham cracker crust found in many commercial cheesecakes. Rather, Italian cheesecakes are full of citrus flavor and made with modified pie crust. Dig into this recipe for "Torta Dolce di Ricotta" from Daniel Paterna's "Feast of the Seven Fishes: A Brooklyn Italian's Recipes Celebrating Food & Family" (Powerhouse Books).

Torta Dolce di Ricotta

Serves 10 to 12

Crust:

2 cups all-purpose flour, plus extra to dust board and pan

3/4 cup sugar

Zest of one lemon

1/2 cup unsalted butter, softened, plus extra to grease the pan

2 large eggs

Filling:

8 large eggs

3 pounds ricotta cheese, drained of excess water

2 teaspoons vanilla

1 1/2 cups sugar

Zest of 2 oranges

Juice of 1 orange

Juice of 1 lemon

1/4 cup candied pear, chopped (optional)

To make the crust, place the flour, sugar, and zest on a pastry board or clean, dry, flat surface. Mix thoroughly to combine. Add the butter and work it into the dry ingredients. Gather the mixture into a round and create a well in the center. Drop eggs into the well, beat with a fork while gathering the dry mixture, then knead once the dough completely forms. Refrigerate for 30

minutes.

Preheat the oven to 350 F. Butter and flour a 10-inch springform baking pan. Set aside.

Meanwhile, to prepare the filling,

combine the eggs, ricotta cheese, vanilla, sugar, orange zest, orange juice, lemon juice, and candied pear (if using) in a large mixing bowl. Mix thoroughly and set aside.

After the 30 minutes, remove the dough from the refrigerator and place it on a large board or clean, dry, flat surface, lightly dusted with flour. Using a floured rolling pin, roll the dough out into a large circle, approximately 14 inches in diameter. Now roll the dough over the rolling pin and carefully unwind it over

the baking pan, gently easing it to fit evenly in the bottom and up the sides of the pan.

Pour or spoon the filling mixture into the crust, leaving about 1/4 inch below

the rim of the pan. Place the pan in a preheated oven and bake for 1 hour and 45 minutes, until the center is slightly firm. Cool for at least 2 hours. Author's note: I have left it unrefrigerated overnight when I have baked it the night before to



save time.

Carefully run a plastic knife or rigid spatula around the sides of the pan to remove it, so that no crust is pulled away when you release the spring of the pan. Serve at room temperature.

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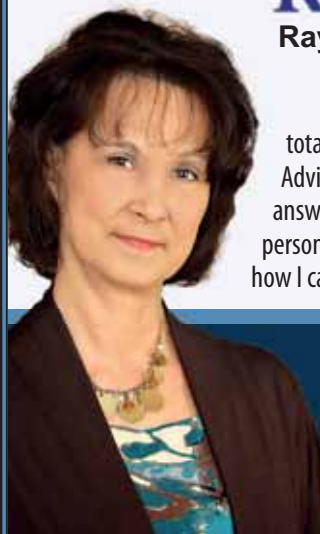
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Fire up the smoker for Easter dinner this year

For much of the country, Easter Sunday typically falls during a time of year when the weather outside is still pretty chilly. But this year

Easter falls on the third Sunday in April, increasing the chances that temperatures will be more spring-like and less reminiscent of winter.

Big meals are part and parcel for Easter Sunday, this recipe for “Pork Loin Roast with Hot Pepper Jelly Glaze” from Karen Putman and Judith Fertig’s “Championship BBQ Secrets for Real Smoked Food” (Robert Rose) is a great way to take advantage of warmer Easter weather while still ensuring everyone has a full belly by the end of the meal.



Pork Loin Roast with Hot Pepper Jelly Glaze

Serves 4 to 6

- 1 boneless pork loin roast (about 2 lbs.)
- 4 cups apple juice
- 1/2 cup Brown Sugar Rib Rub (see below)
- 1 cup hot pepper jelly
- Additional apple juice for spraying

1. Rinse pork under cold running water and pat dry. Place in a large sealable plastic bag and pour in apple juice. Seal bag and refrigerate for at least 8 hours and up to 12 hours.

2. Remove pork from marinade and pat dry. Discard marinade. Sprinkle dry rub over the surface of the meat,

coating evenly. Set aside.

3. Prepare a fire in your smoker.

4. Meanwhile, in a small saucepan, melt hot pepper jelly over medium-low heat. Keep warm by the smoker.

5. Place pork directly on the smoker rack, add wood to the coals and close the lid. Smoke at 225 F to 250 F, spraying with apple juice every 30 minutes, for 2 hours. Brush with hot pepper jelly, close the lid and smoke, spraying with apple juice every 30 minutes, for 1 to 1 1/2 hours, or until a meat thermometer inserted in the thickest part of the pork registers 160 F for medium, or until desired doneness. Let rest for 15 minutes before slicing.

Brown Sugar Rib Rub

Makes about 3 1/2 cups

- 2 cups packed dark brown sugar or granulated maple sugar
- 1/2 cup fine kosher or sea salt
- 1/4 cup sweet Hungarian paprika
- 1/4 cup chili powder
- 1/4 cup ground lemon pepper
- 1/4 cup granulated garlic
- 1 tablespoon freshly ground black pepper
- 1 teaspoon dried basil
- 1 teaspoon dried thyme

In a medium bowl, combine brown sugar, salt, paprika, chili powder, lemon pepper, garlic, black pepper, basil, and thyme.

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Alcohol abuse and seniors

Q. How extensive is alcoholism among older people?

Alcoholism is a serious problem among seniors. Here are just a few statistics that tell the story:

About 70 percent of hospital admissions for older adults are for illness and accidents related to alcohol.

About half of older adults in nursing homes have an alcohol problem.

Older adults lose an average of 10 years off their lives because of alcohol abuse.

About 80 percent of doctors misdiagnose alcoholism as depression in older women.

The highest growing number of alcoholics is among 75-year-old widowers.

About 10 percent of patients over age 60 who are diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease are actually suffering from brain damage caused by alcoholism.

"Alcohol abuse among older adults is something few want to talk about or deal with," said Charles Curie, former administrator of the U.S. Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration. "Too often family members are ashamed of the problem and choose not to address it. Health care providers tend not to ask older patients about alcohol abuse if it wasn't a problem in their lives in earlier years.

"Sometimes the symptoms are mistaken for those of dementia, depression, or other problems common to older adults. Unfortunately, too many older persons turn to alcohol as a comfort, following the death of a spouse, a divorce, retirement, or some other major life change, unaware that they are markedly affecting the quality of their lives."



The Healthy Geezer

By Fred Cicetti

A few definitions:

Alcoholism is a disease with four symptoms: craving or compulsion to drink, the inability to limit drinking, high alcohol tolerance, and physical dependence.

Alcohol abuse does not include strong craving, loss of control or physical dependence. Alcohol abuse is defined as drinking that causes problems in your life such as failing at work, getting arrested for drunk driving, hurting someone physically or emotionally because of drinking.

Moderate drinking is defined as consuming up to two drinks per day for men and one drink per day for women and older people. A standard drink is 12 ounces beer, 5 ounces of wine, or 1.5 ounces of 80-proof distilled spirits.

The American Medical Association offers the following list of physical symptoms to diagnose alcoholism. If an older person shows several symptoms, there is a high probability of alcoholism.

• Bruises, abrasions, and scars in locations that might suggest frequent falls, bumping into objects, physical altercations, or other violent behavior.

- Cigarette burns on the fingers.
- Flushed or florid faces.
- Jerky eye movement or loss of central vision.

• Damage to nerves causing numbness and tingling.

• Hypertension, particularly systolic (the first number).

- Gastrointestinal or other bleeding.
- Cirrhosis or other evidence of liver impairment, such as swelling in the lower extremities, and other signs of fluid retention.

• Psoriasis.

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Afghan refugees

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They've been through security vetting and COVID-19 testing and vaccination at the military bases where they landed, Florin said.

The URC-sponsored Afghans came primarily from Fort Bliss in Texas. In Fort Wayne, Catholic Charities received folks from Camp Atterbury, just south of Indianapolis, as well as a couple of other bases.

Atterbury had housed more than 7,200 people at its peak. The Indianapolis Star recently reported that the base hoped to settle the last of its refugees by the end of February.

"You see how excited people are to finally leave," Public Affairs Officer Maj. Jennifer Pendleton told the Star. "They get to start anew and it's great. ... It's really promising and fills you with a lot of positive vibes."

Their fate of landing in South Bend is mostly luck of the draw, as the U.S. State Department works with national charities to channel the refugees — through Church World Services for the URC's people, and through the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops for Catholic Charities' arrivals.

They are refugees in the broad sense of the term, but technically, most are coming through a program that the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services classifies as "humanitarian parole."

It isn't the same as the word's common definition in the criminal system. Nor is it the traditional refugee status, where someone seeks refuge in the U.S. from a dangerous situation back home.

Parole has been used, for example, when a child needs to come to the U.S. temporarily for surgery. The status allows the Afghans to legally live, work and receive assistance here.

Like many Afghans, Aleemi hopes to live here "for all my life." But parole doesn't provide an avenue for the Afghans to gain a "green card" or legal permanent residency. Agencies like Church World Service have urged Congress to adopt a solution.

Only two of the Afghans in South Bend, including Aleemi, speak English and just a handful of them do in Fort Wayne.

Sheikh works with three families but doesn't speak their languages of Pashto, Dari, Farsi and Turkmen. She can translate through her native language, Urdu.



Jessica Fuller, a local volunteer with Riverside Church in South Bend, works with Afghan refugees while shopping in mid-January at an Aldi store in Mishawaka.

She and her husband, a cardiologist, are both Pakistanis who moved to the South Bend area about 40 years ago.

Sheikh drives them to doctor appointments and talks to them on the phone about their needs and next steps. She's working with men who want to go to college, kids who are eager for school and women who got the sewing machines they'd requested to make their own clothes (they'd worked as carpet weavers in workshops back home).

Some of the families' kids are just beginning to learn English, having started language classes at the U.S. military bases and now resuming classes in local schools.

Adults will learn English at Notre Dame's Robinson Community Learning Center and through the Adult Education department at the South Bend Community School Corp.

"We do encourage them to pick it up as quickly as possible," Pinter said of English.

Aleemi, who had worked in construction management, wants to improve his English so he can eventually go to college for computer science. His wife, who doesn't speak English, has already begun the classes.

For now, Aleemi's priority is the same as the other Afghans: land a job.

Pinter said none of the refugees have begun work yet, though there are good leads, mostly in manufacturing.

Because none of the Afghans have a driver's license yet, volunteers provide

most of the transportation. The United Way of St. Joseph County recently confirmed that it will provide 15 free seats for the URC's Afghans through the Uber and Lyft rides that United Way supports.

There's also a critical need for housing, especially three- to four-bedroom rental homes that are "safe and clean and that we feel comfortable putting families in," Florin said.

After spending time in temporary homes, like empty rental units that the University of Notre Dame offered, half of the URC's first arrivals have moved into apartments, Pinter said.

In Fort Wayne, Florin said, Catholic Charities is on track for its goal of making the Afghans self sufficient within four to six months.

The agencies want employment to soon replace aid. For every refugee, federal dollars provide \$1,025 one time for basic needs, plus \$1,000 for the sponsoring agencies' operational costs, Pinter said.

Beyond that, local faith communities and an anonymous donor have provided the URC with start-up money for its Afghan program, which has hired a full-time case worker and a part-time volunteer coordinator.

And although Florin doesn't know what the refugees have been through, he acknowledged, "We need to be prepared to provide support because they've been through a lot of trauma."

Members of Clay Church in South Bend know little about the four single

Afghan men that they're assisting in a shared apartment — other than the men have wives and children back home. That comes across in the family photos that the men and church members show each other on their phones, church Executive Director Doug Fecher said.

"Each is excited to bring their families over," Fecher said.

About 20 Clay members have been helping. The men try to reciprocate. While a Clay volunteer went grocery shopping with the men one day, another shopper knocked over boxes of goods and walked away. The Afghan men quickly turned around and started piling the boxes back into place, Fecher recalled, even though someone else tried to tell them they didn't have to.

"They've (Afghans) been very conscientious to help in any way they can," he added. "They've been inviting us for tea and cookies."

The Afghans are coming from a predominantly Muslim country. But local agencies and volunteers, including Fecher, aren't asking what faith the Afghans are. Does it matter to Clay as a United Methodist church?

"No, not at all," Fecher said. "That is

what we are called to do."

"We laugh a lot because we trip over each other trying to understand each other," he said of the language barriers, which they ease through hand gestures and by using the Google Translate app on church members' phones to find the right Pashto words.

"We look forward to getting past the introductory phase and getting to know them," he said. "Not just surviving, but enjoying the area."

HOW TO HELP:

Financial donations help the most. Local faith communities have covered the material needs. There may be extra costs for dental work and translations. Catholic Charities needs help finding housing, especially for large families, plus volunteers to translate, mentor and provide rides.

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Confusing Covid travel restrictions

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president of tour operator the Women's Travel Group, says you have to focus on the details. Read everything and click through to the definitions. Type all the information carefully. "One typo can cause a rejection," she says.

Stoller says airlines are super strict about vaccine and testing requirements for entry to a country. A few months ago, she got a test at a clinic in England that wasn't on the approved list, and authorities turned her away at the airport.

Once you're on the ground, the rules are a little less rigidly enforced. For example, you might be able to get into a mall without your contact tracing app or cross a land border without all the necessary paperwork. So worry more about getting there than

getting around once you're there.

The confusing pandemic requirements may seem like too much, but experts say they're necessary.

"The industry needs to take measures to protect travelers," says Daniel Finkel, chief travel officer for TripActions, a travel management site. "And like we've adapted to safety measures in other situations, we're now adapting to new measures for travelers."


I agree. Travelers want to be safe but not confused. But with a little persistence, you can cut through the

red tape. Getting past those obstacles is part of the adventure.

Christopher Elliott has authored a number of travel books. His columns appear weekly in USA Today and the Washington Post.

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