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Wells County's Hometown Connection

Oh, deer

Efforts to get Norfolk Southern to clean up a local deer kill are stalled

BY MARK MILLER

The railroad tracks that travel north-to-south through Bluffton are owned and operated by Norfolk Southern, the same company in the news for the catastrophic derailment in East Palestine, Ohio, just over a month ago and yet another two derailments in the past week.

Bluffton resident Alan Daugherty has been trying to get the company to address a comparatively minor issue here, but it happens to be right outside his back door.

'It was only a day or two before that event in Ohio," Daugherty told the News-Banner. He described it as a "head-on collision between a train engine and a small herd of deer.'

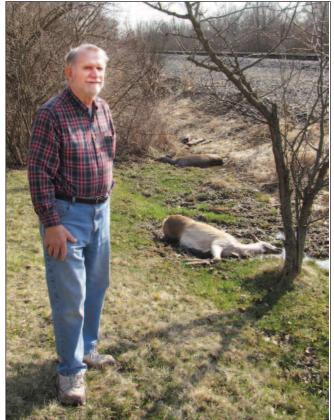
Daugherty writes a weekly column for the News-Banner about nature-related events on his pond and property at the southwest corner of the North Oaks addition which also borders the railway. He assumes the three-fatality accident occurred during the night or around dusk or dawn.

"I can only surmise that they stood on the track with that 'deer-in-the-headlights' occurrence," he commented. He discovered the deer during his daily morning walk around his property within a 24-hour span of the massive derailment in Ohio. Two of the deer carcasses were immediately adjacent — and perhaps straddling — his property line shared with Norfolk Southern. He found a third, decapitated, on the

Daugherty found an emergency number on Norfolk Southern's website, but decided this wasn't an emergency, and tried an administrative number he found, "but I was eventually forwarded to the emergency department," he

"A very friendly person very patiently took all the information," he continued, "and promised they would forward it to the maintenance department." Four weeks later, nothing has happened. "I know they have bigger fish to fry and frankly I didn't really expect, at least at the time, they might

Department, who informed him that "a dead deer — or even



Although he's been told the deer carcasses along his property line with Norfolk Southern railway do not pose a health threat, Alan Daugherty is trying to get the company to remove them. "With what's happened in Ohio, you wonder if that couldn't happen here," he says. "It would be a little reassuring if they could clean this up." (Photo by Mark Miller)

three — do not pose a threat to human health," he related. "They also shared that the county highway department will pick up dead animals along the county's roadways, but this was more than a quarter-mile north of 200 North.

A call to the sheriff's office, more for advice than anything else, found a sympathetic ear who promised to also contact the railroad company through their channels.

"Even if they would just move them maybe an eighth-ofa-mile south away from any residences," he explained.

A follow-up call to Norfolk Southern this past week His next call was to the office of the Wells County Health found another sympathetic employee who confirmed the

City considers settlement for junk violation

By DAVE SCHULTZ

A settlement appears to be at hand to settle the city's ongoing concerns about the amount of junk at 427 W. Lancaster St.

Family members have agreed to get the cleanup done quickly after Wells Circuit Court Judge Kent Kiracofe issued a default judgment for the city last month. The ruling upheld the city's junk ordinance and gave it the right to hire a company to clean up the property, should it choose to do so.

During Tuesday's meeting of the Bluffton Board of Public Works and Safety, Adrian Halverstadt, an attorney from Huntington, who represented the city in the court case, asked the board if they'd be willing to mitigate the costs for the Jayne Schoeff family if they took care of the cleanup themselves. Members of the family were also present at Tuesday's meeting with their attorney, Cady Wilson.

The family agreed to take care of the attorney fees for the litigation, as well as do the cleanup, if the city would waive some or all of the fines associated with the matter. The consensus of the board appeared to be that they would be willing to at least consider that.

The situation at 427 W. Lancaster St. first came to the city's attention in mid-2021 when former Building Commissioner Ted Smith issued his first citation to Schoeff, who owns but does not live at the property. The

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Bids on Lancaster Park are opened

By DAVE SCHULTZ

Bids were opened Tuesday for construction at Lancaster Park, a project made possible in large part by a grant of more than \$600,000 the Bluffton Parks and Recreation Department received last year.

Six bids were received prior to the weekly meeting of the Bluffton Board of Public Works and Safety. Two bids were received on each of the three parts of the improvements that went out for bids. They were:

 Pavilion — Coblents Construction of Geneva, \$210,600; Meyer Building of Craigville, \$232,390.

• Site development — Habig Trucking of Bluffton, \$99,950; Frauhiger Excavating of Bluffton, \$228,000.

Site Development — Brooks Construction of Fort Wayne, \$99,983; Wayne Asphalt of Fort Wayne, \$132,025.

The bids were taken under advisement. They will be reviewed by the Bluffton Parks Department's board.

Many donations were received for improvements at the park, which is the city's northernmost park across from Lancaster Central Elementary School off of Ind. 1. The total cost has been estimated at \$1.2 million. The grant of \$608,270 came from the Land and Water Conservation Fund, administered by the National Park Service.

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State charter school bill moves forward

Charter schools win in proposed budget, property tax losses could be ahead for some public schools

By CASEY SMITH **Indiana Capital Chronicle**

Charter schools in Indiana could big gains under the current draft of the next two-year state budget. But the deal could cause long-term losses for traditional public schools, some of which stand to lose millions of dollars needed for teacher raises and other non-classroom expenses.

A new funding stream carved into the House Republican budget would mandate the amount of funds every public school district and charter school receives for operations, which are collected through local property

Charter schools would still be unable to tap into local tax revenues, but instead would get \$1,400 per student from state funds in 2024, and \$1,500 in 2025, according to the draft budget. A current state grant offers charter schools \$1,250 per student each school year.

The House-approved version of the budget also stipulates a levy cap on property taxes schools can receive for

operations and other non-classroom

That would mean cuts to local operations funds at some schools - especially in districts with a large tax base such as Indianapolis. It's still not clear how exactly individual school districts could be impacted, however. A fiscal impact statement says schools statewide could lose \$87 million in 2025 and \$177 million in 2026.

"I've supported equalizing. I just think there needs to be a little bit more work on this," said Denny Costerison, executive director of the Indiana Association of School Business Officials. "With less funding ... what you do

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Report: 6-year-old won't be charged after shooting teacher

By DENISE LAVOIE and BEN FINLEY **Associated Press**

RICHMOND, Va. (AP) -Authorities in the Virginia city where a 6-year-old shot and wounded his teacher will not seek criminal charges against the child, the local prosecutor told NBC News Wednesday, in a decision that was anticipated by legal

But Newport News Common-

wealth's Attorney Howard Gwynn said his office has yet to decide if any adults will be held criminally accountable.

Newport News police have said that the boy used his mother's 9mm handgun in the Jan. 6 shooting at Richneck Elementary School. A lawyer for the child's mother has previously stated that the weapon, which was legally purchased, was secured on a high closet shelf and had a lock on it.

Gwynn did not immediately respond to two phone messages and two emails from The Associated Press seeking comment.

He told NBC that the "prospect that a 6-year-old can stand trial is problematic" because he wouldn't have the competency to understand the legal system and what a charge means.

Gwynn told the news outlet that his office is still focusing on others besides the child.

"Once we analyze all the facts, we will charge any person or persons that we believe we can prove beyond a reasonable doubt committed a crime," he said.

The decision did not come as a surprise. Even though it is possible under Virginia law to criminally charge a 6-year-old child, legal experts said it would be highly unlikely that a prosecutor would even try.

A common-law doctrine known

as the "infancy defense" holds that children under 7 cannot be prosecuted for a crime because they are too young to be capable of forming criminal intent. A judge also would have to find that the child was competent to stand trial, meaning that he could understand the legal proceedings and assist attorneys defending him.

"You have to be able to show that they understand the serious-(Continued on Page 2)

Swarm of quakes at Alaska volcano could mean eruption coming

By MARK THIESSEN **Associated Press**

ANCHORAGE, Alaska (AP) A swarm of earthquakes occurring over the past few weeks has intensified at a remote Alaska volcano dormant for over a century, a possible indication of an impending eruption.

The Alaska Volcano Observa-

tory raised the alert level to advisory status for Tanaga Volcano late Tuesday after the quakes became very vigorous.
"We started seeing a whole

lot of earthquakes occurring, one after the other, several per minute," said John Power, a research geophysicist with the U.S. Geological Survey stationed in

Anchorage at the Alaska Volcano Observatory.

There have been hundreds of small earthquakes, none larger than magnitude 2.75, but they are concentrated beneath the summit of the volcano, he said.

"That indicates that we're seeing significant unrest at the volcano," Power said.

"Whether or not this will lead to an eruption is something we can't say at this point in time," he said. "But we are concerned about it enough that we have gone and elevated the warning level."

While the increase causes concern, he said many times earthquake activity will drop off with no eruption.

"It's anybody's guess as to where this particular round of earthquake activity may end up," he said.

The volcano is on an uninhabited island in the western Aleutians, about 1,250 miles southwest of Anchorage. There are no communities or structures there, but Adak, (Continued on Page 2)

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Norfolk Southern

report had been received and forwarded, but also explained that maintenance projects were prioritized.

"I understand they have their hands full in Ohio," he continued the story, "and when I expressed to her that Bluffton's deer collision compared minimally with New Palestine, the response on the railroad's end of the phone was an extended silence." Apparently, she did not want to talk about that.

"We're not terribly upset about this," Daugherty said, "but also not looking forward to when it gets warm-

He was encouraged, however, when a neighbor two doors north shared that the railroad had hauled away two dead deer from his yard sometime in the past couple years, "but he happened to be outside when a maintenance crew just happened by and volunteered to remove them. He hadn't even called

So the deer may be removed yet, but the whole incident has increased Daugherty's concern about the hazardous materials hauled through Bluffton by the railroad company and how they've handled their problems in Ohio. He has observed a very loose spike while checking out the deer but has been assured that's not unusual, particularly in the spring, and poses no immediate safety hazard.

"I've lived next the railroad so long, I don't even hear the trains anymore," he said, "but with what's happened in Ohio, you wonder if that couldn't happen here, too. It would be a little reassuring if they could clean

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Lancaster street

(Continued from Page 1) matter languished until the city took it to court. Now, with the judgment in hand, the city's junk ordinance has enough legal wherewithal behind it to get the property cleaned up.

Current Building Commissioner Richard Triplett

has been following the matter. After the judgment, he began contacting potential vendors to do the cleanup and the costs ranged from \$6,000 to \$23,000.

In an email from Mayor John Whicker to Halverstadt dated March 1, he said the family had been making progress on the cleanup. "I don't object to them cleaning it up as long as we have a firm date for completion," Whicker said.

The family has asked that the permanent injunction that was included in the judgment be removed as part of an agreement, but

the Whicker and the other two members of the Board of Works — Scott Mentzer and Josh Hunt — did not express any willingness to consider that option Tuesday. "We don't want this to happen again," Whicker

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Charter schools

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with the teacher salaries? What about the other expenses ... and inflation?"

Advocates for charter schools argue their students deserve the same funding as students who attend district schools.

But charter school critics have long argued that such schools are not obligated to serve every student in a given community — unlike their traditional public counterparts.

The public charters also have private boards and are therefore not accountable to voters, opponents say. They maintain, too, that finances at charter schools are also less transparent, given that they are not subject to the same budgetary oversight as traditional public schools.

"Equalizing" school operations funding

Under Indiana's current school finance system, state tax dollars are used to provide comparable per-pupil funding to district and charter schools. Districts can also levy local property taxes to pay off debt and for their operations funds.

Charter schools cannot draw on local property tax dollars like traditional public schools can, however, putting them at a disadvantage for paying for certain expenses, like transportation or facilities costs.

The state gives charter schools an extra \$1,250 per pupil to compensate for their lack of property taxes.

Now, House Republicans support a plan to eliminate that existing charter school grant program and replace it with an "Operations Fund" as part of the student funding formula.

The fund would ensure that every non-virtual charter school receives the same amount of per student funding as traditional public schools. The state would also subsidize any traditional public school that generates less than \$1,400 per student from its operation levy.

Charter schools and some small and rural schools would likely see a boost in state dollars, Costerison said.

But capping the per student funding

amount for traditional public schools would slash millions of dollars in local operation funds in larger districts. The impact would slowly build over the next eight years as the lower tax rates are phased in.

Another provision in the proposed budget would further require school corporations to have an operations tax levy of \$0.40 or less per \$100 of assessed value by 2031. Districts with larger tax bases are anticipated to lose even more money under this model.

House lawmakers estimate the new operations fund to cost roughly \$253 million over the next two years for all public K-12 schools.

Pro-charter lobbying intensifies

The proposal is one of several in the 2023 session that seek to extend more benefits to charter schools.

That includes Senate Bill 391, which would force Indiana school districts to make their underused buildings available to charter schools.

The state's existing "\$1 Law" already requires districts to sell or lease vacant or unused instructional buildings for a single dollar. The bill clarifies that the law additionally applies to "underutilized" buildings.

Still, Indiana legislators did not advance a separate proposal, Senate Bill 398, that would have required public school districts to share local property tax revenue with charter schools.

A similar bill in the House to further force school districts to share referendum funding with charter schools has also died.

The charter school funding plan in the House GOP budget additionally comes amid a public advocacy campaign centered around differences in funding between traditional public and charter schools.

A campaign for more charter school funding, specifically in the Indianapolis area, has highlighted the difference in per-pupil funding between Indianapolis Public Schools and area charter schools that are not connected to the

Various radio, TV and social media ads indicate an endorsement by the opaque Indiana Student Funding Alli-

Schools' revenues set to dip

More broadly, Indiana House Republicans have boasted that their \$43.3 billion state budget would increase funding for K-12 Hoosier schools. The plan includes nearly \$18 billion for the K-12 funding formula, an increase of more than 10 percent from the last state budget.

But roughly a third of the new state funds is actually earmarked for an expansion of the state's "school choice" voucher program.

Public school districts would also be on the hook for students' textbook and curricular fees. The House GOP budget prohibits individual school districts and charter schools from charging fees for textbooks and instructional materials. Budget writers did not specifically appropriate state dollars to cover the cost, however.

And while Indiana schools could see increases to foundation grants the basic grant for every student — of 4 percent in fiscal year 2024, those grant amounts would go up just 0.7 percent in the following year.

That means about three out of every four Indiana school districts would get less than a 2 percent increase — or less funding overall — in 2025, Costerison

State lawmakers are also contemplating a proposal to provide Hoosiers with temporary property tax bill relief. Schools are expected to take on the brunt of the tax burden if the policy change takes effect.

The current House-approved plan would limit the total amount of operating referendum tax that can be levied by a school corporation for taxes due in

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Weather

Thursday, March 9, 2023 (24-hour observations at 8:42 p.m. Wednesday) High: 44, Low: 28, Precipitation: None

Wabash River Level (at the Main Street bridge): 5.23 feet at 9:45 p.m. Wednesday

Wells County forecast

Today: Mostly cloudy, with a high near 46. East wind 10 to 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

Tonight: Rain and snow, becoming all rain after 4 a.m. Low around 33. East wind 10 to 15 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph. Chance of precipitation is 100 percent. New snow accumulation of less than a half inch possible. **Friday:** A chance of rain before 1 p.m., then a slight

chance of rain and snow between 1 p.m. and 4 p.m., then a slight chance of snow after 4 p.m. Cloudy, with a high near 37. East wind 10 to 15 mph becoming northwest in the afternoon. Winds could gust as high as 20 mph. Chance of precipitation is 50 percent.

Friday Night: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 22. North wind 10 to 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

Saturday: Partly sunny, with a high near 35.

Saturday Night: A 20 percent chance of snow after 1 a.m. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 25.

Sunday: A chance of rain and snow, mainly after 1 p.m. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 37. Chance of precipitation is 40 percent.

Sunday Night: A 20 percent chance of snow before 1 a.m. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 26.

Monday: A 20 percent chance of snow. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 35.

Monday Night: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 23.

Tuesday: Partly sunny, with a high near 36. **Tuesday Night:** Partly cloudy, with a low around 19.

Wednesday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 41.

Shooting

(Continued from Page 1) ness of it, planned it, and executed it," Julie McConnell, a law professor at the University of Richmond, told the AP. "It would be very hard to prove that a 6-year-old could understand that what he did could have permanent consequences," McConnell said.

She added: "The question is not how do we hold the child accountable? The question is how do we hold ourselves accountable as a society? How do we address the fact that it is so easy for children to get guns in the first place?"

Newport News police turned over their investigation to Gwynn's office last month. Police Chief Steve Drew said in February that he understands that "people would like to have a case open and shut — that's just not what we have here."

Drew described a complicated investigation that involved coordinating interviews with first-graders, which required permission from their parents as well as the expertise of a child psychologist.

Gwynn told the AP last month that the city's detectives handed over three binders of information to his

"It's a lot of information, and we're going to carefully review it as we do in every case," Gwynn said in Febru-

The decision to not charge the child is the lat-

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est development from the shooting, which sent shockwaves through the shipbuilding city of about 185,000 people near the Chesapeake Bay.

The 6-year-old boy, who has not been identified, shot first-grade teacher Abby Zwerner while she was teaching inside her classroom.

The police chief has repeatedly characterized the shooting as "intentional." Drew said there was no warning and no struggle before the child pointed the gun at Zwerner and fired one round, striking her in the hand and chest.

Zwerner, 25, hustled her students out of the classroom before being rushed to the hospital, where she stayed for nearly two weeks before she was released to continue recovering at home.

An attorney for the 6-year-old's family, James Ellenson, told the AP in January that the gun the boy used was secured in his mother's closet on a shelf well over 6 feet (1.8 meters) high and had a trigger lock that required a key.

The family's statement

in the wake of the shooting also said that the boy has an "acute disability" and was under a care plan "that included his mother or father attending school with him and accompanying him to class every day." The week of the shooting was the first when a parent was not in class with him, the family said.

Shades

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Alaska volcano

(Continued from Page 1) a city of about 170 residents on another island, is about 65 miles away and could see ashfall.

If the volcano were to erupt, the biggest threat would be to aircraft. The Aleutians are below the routes that jets fly between North America and Asia. Volcanic ash is angular and sharp and can cause an airplane engine to shut down. Previous eruptions

had both ash clouds and viscous lava that moves very slowly away from the mountain, much like what happened at Mount St. Helens in Washington state in

"It's very different than what you would see, for example, in Hawaii, Kilauea or Mauna Loa, where you see these beautiful red rivers of lava flowing down the side of the volcano," Power

Tanaga is actually part of a three-volcano complex on the island. It's the tallest of the three at 5,925 feet. It sits in the middle. with Sajaka, a 4,443-foot volcano to its west. Sajaka had an older cone that collapsed into the North Pacific Ocean with a new cone that has emerged.

To the east of Tanaga is Takawangha, a 4,75-foot volcano that is mostly icecovered except for four craters, the Alaska Volcano Observatory says.

The last known eruption for Tanaga was in 1914. It erupted twice in the late 1700s and again in 1829.

The observatory in a release said there are no known eruptions of Takawangha or Sajaka. However, field work has indicated that eruptions may have occurred from those volcanos and were attributed to



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OBITUARIES

Rodney Lohr, 58

Rodney Lohr, 58, of Bluffton, passed away early Tuesday morning, March 7, 2023, at Stillwater Hospice Home in Fort Wayne.

He was born on Jan. 3, 1965, in Fort Wayne to Robert R. and Nancy D. (Hitzfield) Lohr. Rodney graduated from Paul Harding High School with the class of 1984. He was a long-haul truck driver, which allowed him to see the coun-

try. He loved sports and was happiest when he was outside with his two dogs, Grizzly and Missy.

Survivors include his mother, Nancy,



and sister, Pam (Bob) Flory, both of New Haven, along with a daughter, Emera M. Lohr, and a granddaughter, Myla (Lohr) Rodgers, both of Fort Wayne. Rodney is preceded in death

by his father, Robert. As per Rodney's request, no

services are planned at this Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the care of

the Lemler family of Thoma/ Rich Lemler Funeral Home in Bluff-

ton. Friends can share memories and online condolences with the family at www.thomarich.com

Wayne A. Polley Jr., 86

Wayne A. Polley Jr., 86 of Fort Wayne, went home to be with his Lord and Savior on Monday, March 6, 2023, at Ossian Health and Rehabilitation Center following a short and unexpected battle with cancer. He will be dearly missed.

Wayne was born on Feb. 25, 1937, in Fort Wayne, to the late Wayne A. and Catherine (Kerns) Polley Sr. Wayne was a

1954 graduate of Elmhurst High School. Following graduation, he was employed by Wayne Paper Box (CCA/ Jefferson Smurfit) in Fort Wayne and retired after 44 years of service. Wayne also served in the Indiana Air National Guard.

Wayne married Ella (Kohls) on March 18, 1961. He was a devoted husband to her, especially caring for her during her 45-year battle with multiple sclerosis. They shared over 57 years of marriage together before Ella's passing on May 12, 2019. On March 1, 2020 Wayne married Tomme K. Snyder; she survives.

Wayne loved being with his family and watching it grow. He loved to fish, play golf and bowl. He was an avid I.U. basketball fan and Chicago Cubs fan. He was currently attending the Nine Mile United Methodist Church.

Wayne was a great dad to his two



daughters, Cindy (Mark) Imel and Cassy (Jeff) Johnson, all of Ossian. He was also an awesome grandpa and great-grandpa to his four granddaughters, Erin (Dustin) Auer, Kierstin (Mike) Saldivar, Morgin (Caleb) Buyer, and Nicole (Josh) Clark, and his 10 (soon to be 11) greatgrandchildren, Liam, Ian, and Eli Auer, Mia, Evan and Mara Saldivar, Micah, Ezra and Baby

(Ella) Buyer, and Conley and Keegan

Wayne was also preceded in death by his sister, Madonna Patty, brother, Terry Polley, and one great-grandchild.

A funeral service will be held at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, March 14, 2023, at Elzey-Patterson-Rodak Funeral Home at 120 West Mill Street in Ossian, with family and friends received one hour prior. Family and Friends will also be received from 2-8 p.m. on Monday, March 13, 2023, at the funeral home. Caleb Buyer to officiate the service. Burial to follow the service at Covington Memorial

Per Wayne's request, preferred memorials may be given to the National Multiple Sclerosis Society. Condolences can be left online at www.sloanandsonsfuneralhome.com

Rick L. Sharpe, 62

Rick L. Sharpe, 62 of Poneto, passed away on Tuesday afternoon, March 7, 2023, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort

He was born July 28, 1960 in Wells County to Rollie L. Sharpe and Lavelle Marie (Bower) Nierman. Rick graduated from Southern Wells High School with the class of 1978. On June 1, 1985 in Roanoke, Rick and Susan (White) Sharpe were married.

He enjoyed gardening and was always ready to set out on a trip or vacation, or attend a concert with his wife, Susie. Rick loved animals, especially his dog, Buddy.

Survivors include his wife Susie of Poneto along with his faithful dog, Buddy. He is also survived by 3 sisters, Alice (Jeff) Coratti of Bluffton, Teresa Coratti of Berne, and April Watson of Liberty Center; a brother, Larry (Anita) Sharpe of Warren. He was a proud uncle to 10 nieces & nephews; Joshua Coratti, Justin Coratti, Julie (Josh) Gregg, Kaci Coratti, Cody (Mikala) Watson, Summer Coratti, Taylor Coratti, Madison Watson, Mackinzie Sharpe, and Spencer Sharpe, along with 10 great-nieces and nephews.

Rick is preceded in death by his parents; twin sisters, Cammie & Tammie Sharpe; his step-father, Wendell Nierman; and a nephew Clayton Watson.

As Rick requested, there will be no service at this time. Memorials may be made in Rick's memory to St. Jude Children's Hospital or Friends of the Wells County Animal Shelter and can be sent to the funeral home.

Rick arrangements have been entrusted to the care of the Lemler family-Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home in Bluffton. Friends can share memories or condolences with the family at www. thomarich.com.

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Tego's Tips: A large backyard is best for large dogs while a smaller yard is better for small dogs.

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Reno is a four-month-old. Buff lab male.



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Police Notebook

Tuesday, 3:41 p.m., Hott Family Dentistry, 706 N. Main St. Burglar alarm. Officers responded. Employee was accidentally locked in the building and had triggered the alarm.

Tuesday, 7:03 p.m., alley next to Dollar General, 123 W. Market St. Bicycle abandoned in the alley.

Tuesday, 10:32 p.m., residence in the 1000 block of South Williams Street. Someone broke the head and tail off a wooden eagle statue in the front yard of the residence. The head was taken but the tail was left behind.

Wednesday, 6:46 a.m., Stogdill Road at Ind. 116. Officer assisted a motorist whose vehicle was out of gas.

Wednesday, 1:26 p.m., officer pulled over a vehicle in the parking lot of Pak-A-Sak, 904 S. Main St., and arrested the driver, Tony J. Worthington, 41, Huntington, on a warrant out of Grant County for battery resulting in bodily injury, a Class A misdemeanor. During the arrest process, the officer reportedly located a substance with the appearance of methamphetamine. Worthington was subsequently charged with possession of methamphetamine, a Level 6 felony.

County:

Tuesday, 7:16 p.m., U.S.

uty assisted a motorist with truck exceeded \$5,000. the changing of a vehicle

116 at Meridian Road. Sheriff's deputy removed trash cans that had blown into the

ACCIDENTS

City: Wednesday, 12:03 p.m., 1100 block of South Liberty Street. Howard R. Hull, 77, Bluffton, backed a 2006 Dodge pickup truck out of his driveway and crashed into the side of a 2008 Chevrolet Impala driven by John T. Brown, 39, Bluffton. Damage estimated at less than \$1,000.

County:

Tuesday, 2:45 p.m., 100E south of 500N. Skylar R. Symons, 18, rural Warren, was rounding a curve in the road when the back tires of the 2005 Ford F-150 pickup truck she was driving dropped off the edge of the road. Symons overcorrected and the truck spun around 90 degrees, traveled off the road and barrel rolled once completely, landing on its wheels. Bluffton Fire Rescue and Wells County EMS were dispatched to the scene. Symons nor her two passengers were injured. Damage exceeded \$5,000.

Tuesday, 11:15 p.m., 1200N near 200W. Kyle M. deer with his 2001 Dodge 224 at 100E. Sheriff's dep-Ram. Damage to the pickup own recognizance.

FIRE RUNS

Tuesday, 6:09 p.m., Star Tuesday, 7:53 p.m., Ind. Engineering and Machine, 1717 W. Lancaster St. Water flow alarm. Bluffton Fire Department dispatched. No fire. Alarm triggered accidentally.

ARRESTS

Trent Howard Boyle, 48, Bluffton; probation violation. No bond set.

Thomas Edward Roach, 39, Markle; domestic battery, a Level 6 felony. Bond set at \$25,000.

Andrew Curtis Dickerman, 37. Fort Wavne: vehicle theft and unauthorized entry of a motor vehicle, both Level 6 felonies; and criminal conversion, a Class A misdemeanor. Bond set at \$11,500.

Mark Dylan Moore, 30, Bluffton; probation violation. No bond set.

Ashley Rena Jarrett, 35, Bluffton; driving while suspended with a prior conviction for the same offense, a Class A misdemeanor; and operating a motor vehicle without insurance with a prior conviction for the same offense, a Class C misdemeanor. Bond set at \$2,000. Bonded.

Nichole Marie Colwell, 35, Bluffton; operating a motor vehicle without ever having obtained a driver's McAfee, 22, Ossian, hit a license, a Class C misdemeanor. Released on her

Wells Court Docket

Wells Superior Court **Criminal Cases**

Preliminary plea of not guilty entered for Michael Lynn Oliver Jr., 42, Bluffton, charged with two counts of harassment by means of a telephone call, both Class B misdemeanors. Larry Mock appointed public defender.

Oliver is charged with calling the downtown Dollar General Store four times on Feb. 24 and three times on March 4 and making sexually explicit threats to females who work at the store.

Preliminary plea of not guilty entered for Bo Bo Chit, 23, Fort Wayne, charged with false informing, a Class B misdemeanor; knowingly or intentionally operating a motor vehicle while never having been issued a driver's license, a Class C misdemeanor; and speeding, a Class C infraction. Released on his own recognizance. Patrick Miller appointed public defender.

While patrolling south on 100E near 200N March 4 a sheriff's deputy clocked a 2013 Chrysler 300 Chit was driving at 80 mph-55 zone and pulled it over.

Chit allegedly first identified himself to the deputy as Shwe Htoo and told the deputy he did not have a driver's license. The deputy could find no Bureau of Motor Vehicle records for someone named Shwe Htoo, so he placed Chit under arrest on the charge of knowingly or intentionally operating a vehicle without ever having been issued a driver's license.

However, after Chit was booked into the Wells County Jail under the Htoo name,

the jail received a call from him. He clocked its speed a member of Chit's family inquiring about Chit's bond. That's when Chit allegedly told the a jailer that he was not Shwe Htoo but rather was named Bo Bo Chit. He allegedly claimed to have lied about his identity because he thought he had an active warrant for his arrest out of Allen County.

He did have an active warrant, but there was no extradition attached to it.

Preliminary plea of not guilty entered for Shawn Gehrett, 41, Bluffton, charged with operating a vehicle while intoxicated endangering a person, a Class A misdemeanor; operating a vehicle with an alcohol concentration and open alcoholic beverage container during operation of a motor vehicle, both Class C infractions.

At 7:22 p.m. March 4, sheriff's deputies received a report of a Chrysler minivan southbound on 300W from 1100N that was weaving all over the road. A sheriff's deputy arrived at 300W and 700N in time to see a minivan matching the description headed southbound pass by

at 47 mph-55 zone. At U.S. 224, the van reportedly came to a stop well into the intersection and then proceeded south, crossing the center line and then swerving back into its own lane, only to veer off the road completely and into the ditch where it came to a stop. The deputy pulled in behind it.

While the deputy noted in his report that Gehrett smelled of alcohol and appeared to be intoxicated, he asked Gehrett anyway why he was swerving all over the road. Gehrett allegedly replied that he had dropped his cellphone.

The deputy had Gehrett exit his vehicle. He allegedly struggled to do so, had trouble following basic instrucequivalency of .15 percent or tions, failed field sobriety greater; driving left of center tests and blew a .245 percent alcohol concentration equivalency on a Breathalyzer test. That is more than three times Indiana's legal limit for intoxication of .08

> Preliminary plea of not guilty entered for Trever A. Sebring, 29, Ossian, charged with possession of methamphetamine, unlawful possession or use of a legend drug,

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Deference, sir, is no crime

I was not raised to say "sir" or "ma'am," so those words have never been part of my regular vocabulary, except for three years in the Army when they were forced on enlisted personnel as the required way to address officers.

I say this without regret or pride. It's simply a fact of my life and, perhaps, gives me some objectivity on the question of whether those forms of address are important to an ordered society and whether their

disappearance should be lamented or celebrated.

That they are disappearing is not in dispute. They are the remnants of a more formal age when people left

calling cards and gentlemen tipped their hats to ladies. This is very much an informal age in which few restaurants dare to have dress codes and men wear baseball caps backwards.

And that's just fine with some people.

We should all be looking for "more modern ways to be polite and show respect to people of all ages and genders," writes Anna Lee Beyer for the lifehacker.com website.

Devotees to "sir" and "ma'am," she writes, "say they expect children to say it to show respect, or maybe they say it to show respect (maybe someone in their family tree showed them manners and, by god, they listened). But I'm not sure at this point if we are talking about respect, or deference and obedience. Teaching children to be unquestionably submissive and obedient is obviously problematic.'

I think she is confusing "respect" (or, heaven forbid, deference and obedience) with "politeness." It has been my observation that people growing up in a "sir" and "ma'am" culture have not been taught to meekly yield to perceived authority but, rather, to be civil, courteous and well-mannered in their social encounters until and unless experience dictates otherwise.

It's the same culture that encourages people to say please and thank you, to make others feel comfortable instead of asking them too-personal questions, to not interrupt, to disagree while still being kind and to accept criticism with equanimity, to neither spread nor solicit gossip. In other words, to behave decently toward oth-

Anybody think there's too much of that going around today? You, sir? How about you, ma'am?

To be fair, the author does acknowledge the need for civility in our lives. She just thinks we can do it without teaching children "to continually sort themselves into groups that do or don't deserve respect."

We absolutely must use our words in a way that does not "make assumptions about or potentially offend the person we are talking to." We should avoid the risk of 'misgendering trans, nonbinary and gender-nonconforming people." Or offending "people who feel young but associate the word (sir or ma'am) with age." Or use a term that can be offensive to older women. Or confuse childrden growing up in an atmosphere of mutual respect "by the special rules for some people based on their age, gender or geography." Or expressing an "unsettling throwback to requiring people of color to say 'sir' or 'ma'am' to the white people they served."

That seems like a whole lot of baggage to put on two simple words. Elevating people who don't deserve it but expect it. Denigrating people who will be further downtrodden by all our wanton displays of politeness.

What about the older, white male who happens to be the most decent person you've ever met? Or the youthful, transgender person of color who is a selfish, dishonest jerk? Would we be better off to live in a world in which, until we got to really know them, we said "sir" or "ma'am" to both of them or neither of them? I think there is more riding on that question than we want to

Spanish-speaking people have a better handle on this sort of thing. They don't have just one second-person tense the way English speakers do. They have an informal way to address someone they know well or are more or less equal to and a formal tense for those they have just met or whose status is unknown to them. They gradually ease from one tense to the other as they go

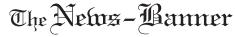
Sort of levels the playing field.

In my Army days, I encountered the "sir" and "ma'am" culture at its worst, being forced to show absolute respect for people who may or may not have deserved it. I don't think it made me a better person, but I can't say it did me any great harm, either. It did allow me to navigate an environment in which everyone knew the rules and followed them.

Such certainty is not a bad foundation for civilized behavior. Bringing "sir" and "ma'am" back into play would not be the worst thing we ever did.

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What would a win in Ukraine look like?

Retired four-star Gen. Jack Keane knows how to win wars. A former vice chief of staff of the Army, Keane is the intellectual author of the 2007 "surge" strategy that turned around the war in Iraq. My American Enterprise Institute colleague Danielle Pletka and I recently interviewed Keane on our podcast. We asked him what winning in Ukraine would look like and how it could be accomplished.

Some excerpts, with Keane's answers edited for style and clarity:

You say victory is achievable in Ukraine, defined as driving Russia out of all the territory it has unlawfully seized - including Crimea. How?

Keane: [Russia's] conventional ground forces' ability to conduct "combined armed" attack - that means a maneuver, artillery and support, and air support, all coordinated - they just can't do it. The elements of their conventional ground forces have all either sustained high casualties or have literally been defeated.

The Ukrainians, through the use of HIMARS [High Mobility Artillery Rocket Systems], have been able to deplete - not extinguish, but deplete - these forces significantly. . . . So, we assessed that while [the Russians will] make some tactical gains, they will, in a matter of weeks, culminate [their offensive].

That will allow the Ukrainians to conduct an offensive operation that will likely begin somewhere around May, June. . . . They would have liked to have started this offensive a number of weeks ago . . . [but] they couldn't do that because they didn't have tanks, they didn't have enough armored vehicles, they didn't have enough mobility to do that. And yet the Russians were very, very vulnerable to that kind of an exploitation...

We do calculate that if [the Ukrainians are] able to continue this offensive and we get the proper weapons to them, over time, yes, they can penetrate and go through the Zaporizhzhia oblast, go down on an axis dealing with Melitopol and get to the southern coast - but more significantly, [they can] sever the east-west main supply route that is the land bridge to Crimea. And then [they can] bring forward longrange missiles and rockets to begin to pummel the [Russian] bases in Crimea, the military bases and depots that are providing significant support to the Russians. And then, eventually, [they can] also use ground maneuver, combined arms to be able to move

Hopefully, by that time, we would have given

them a couple of things that are necessary. One is ATACMS [Army Tactical Missile Systems], long-range missiles that go 194 miles vs. the 50 or so miles that the HIMARS give, and also advanced fighters like the F-16s. . . . [With those capabilities] the Ukrainians do have the opportunity to retake their territory, yes.

If Biden gave them those capabilities, could this help Ukraine retake its territory before the second anniversary of the Russian invasion?

If we had everything there, yes, I think we could.

What do you say to critics who say we're spending too much on Ukraine?

Thiessen

One hundred billion dollars, yes, that is a significant amount of money. But it's a small part of [a roughly] \$6 trillion budget. What a return on investment of \$100 billion we're getting, for stopping Russian aggression. If we're able to succeed in that, that will literally make President Xi think twice before likely going into Taiwan. When he sees that American geopolitical stand, taken in concert with allies, it will send a huge message. I think Iran will get the same.

What will happen if China does start providing Russia with military aid?

I was really pleasantly surprised by the E.U., who stood up and said that they want no part of that, and, "This will be a red line for us." And I think if [China does] provide this lethal aid, it will bring the United States and Europe much closer together in opposing China.

If Putin is not defeated, what will he do?

Putin has said time and time again his major objective is returning to the Russian empire. . . . He wants the former Soviet republics that are now part of NATO to come back into that empire. He will do it by force, and he's threatened it. . . . I think he's dead

Now listen: His military is in bad shape. It's not something where, if the war ended tomorrow, Putin is going to be able to mount up in six months or a year, and conduct an invasion of a Baltic state, or a Bulgaria or Romania. Those are the most vulnerable. Moldova is something he could take in a [matter] of weeks, but they're not NATO-aligned. . . . I don't believe for a minute that Putin has given up on that goal.... He doesn't even believe [Ukraine] is a country. [He sees it as] it belongs to Russia. . . . I think we should take him seriously.

Marc A. Thiessen is on Twitter, @marcthiessen.

Reset your clocks, stink bugs are back Angelkeep Journals

didn't run into

prior to 1998.

Asia, first spotted

in Allentown, Pa.,

but from there

Yes we returned to the archaic activity of thinking we could change time by setting a clock forward one hour. It was

a bit like Angelkeep's ancestors passing through circles of tall standing stones to enter a world of yesteryear, or advance in the con-

tinuum of time. Diana Gabaldon made millions with her time-travel Outlander novel series, but that's fiction. Right? Or truth? If you change your clock on Saturday night, and awaken to Buz Lightyears ahead, will it be a good thing? Some things are best left

behind, unchanged. Actually it all began back in 1918 and World War I. Does that mean Sunday's time-tinkering was successful well over a century ago, or are we living with that much lack of advancement?

Few realize that changing the clock to bring about additional daylight hours, is closely coordinated with the return of stink bugs. Most recognize the invasive pest, but few understand their origin, similar to time-warping. They are related only by similar dates. Well, some have claimed a second commonality occurred due to the "stink factor."

Never pick up a stink bug with bare fingers or the result could be an odiferous malady that could linger as long as Daylight Savings. It's their natural defense mechanism, and they have perfected it down to a "T," and yes, my friends, that means Trouble, right here in River City (to steal lyrics from The Music Man.)

In Truth (with a capital "T") you



Alan **Daugherty**

moved and multiplied in a magnitude beyond Biblical loaves and fishes. Do not blame stink bug's invasion on Punxsutawney, Pa., as they have their own critter issue to resolve.

> the story than just a bug's body odor. Stink bugs deforest plants that produce delightful foods, like apples, field crops, and Angelkeep's squash. In 2000, Angelkeep produced

There's more to

an overabundance of butternut, zucchini, yellow summer and acorn, requiring the crops to be freely distributed or sliced and frozen for winter delights. Since then the possibility of having one meal of Angelkeep-grown squash has gone by way of the outhouse. Nonexistent. No longer operable. And by the way, the old pit toilets smelled better than a handful of stink bugs ever did.

If you want a name to spit in disgust the next time a stink bug lands on your arm while enjoying the great outdoors, try Brown Marmorated stink bug. It was first classified in 1855, but not as an American bug. Its binomial name is *Halyomorpha halys*, very reminiscent of halitosis. That stinks too.

If there was a saving grace to a Brown Marmorated, "BM" for short, stink bug, 'tis the shell. It resembled an escutcheon, or heraldic shield, much like that of Clann O'Dochartaigh, ancestral homelanders for all Daughertys, originally farmers of Inishowen Peninsula of County Donegal, Ireland. The shield held three stars and an eightpoint stag. Angelkeep evolved from 'Aingeal," Gaelic for Angel, and the O'Dochartaigh Inishowen "keep," a tower-like castle summer home yet found on the banks of River Crana upstream from Buncrana Town.

BM's are typically brown, but can come in shades of red, gray, copper, or black, not to mention other stink bugs in various green hues. "Marmorated" means variegated or veined, and that they are. Light colored bands on antennae, and alternating colored light triangles, between brown segments containing a stripe of bronze or ochre. Legs too are mottled and striped. The entire shell-like back has miniscule designs mixed between larger shapes mostly in ochre, browns, and gray, with a dark umber triangle at the tail end.

One online page characterized BM's smell like "pungent odor that smells like coriander." What a terrible thing to say about coriander, although some say that herb tastes like dish soap. No research uncovered a description resultant from any attempt to dine on a meal of stink

Angelkeep recommends your Sunday celebration of DST, and stink bug's return, to include a March Badness Buffet of skunk jerky, rotting spuds, and spoiled-boiled eggs dipped in melted limburger cheese.

Mr. Daugherty is a Wells County resident who, along with his wife Gwen, enjoy their backyard and have named it "Angelkeep."

Opinions expressed on this page do not necessarily represent the views of this newspaper.

A mysterious visitor and some marvelous goodies

"Austin, you may answer the knock on the door.'

The knock had come at the living room door, the room where we were relax-

ing and winding down for the night.

Walking over to the door he turned back with a strange report. "No one is there, but I saw some sort of package on the porch."

With trusting eyes widening Hosanna looked up at me and said, "I think it was

"Perhaps it was," I responded.

At that moment Julia, who had been in the kitchen, joined us.

"Julia, check what is going on, Austin says there's something on the porch, but no one is around."

In a moment I knew it was true. "There's a box loaded with goodies and there goes someone out across the yard!'

The next instant I slid Hosanna from my lap and dashed for the porch. I didn't mind the damp coolness on my stockings.

Sprinting across the yard, was the outline

The Amish ing toward the driveway. "Hey, who are Cook you?" I called out. No by Gloria response. Now running, he headed out the driveway. Curios-

ity who the gift giver may be took over as I again called out, "Who are you?!" By now the children had joined me on

the porch and together we hollered, "Thank

Turning to the box, the children grabbed one end and I got the other. In the living room we all talked at once as we laughed then laughed again, rehashing the details and piecing it all together.

After Austin had checked the door to welcome the guest who had knocked, and there was no one there, he freaked out a bit and took a seat where he happened to be lined up with the window. Moments later the motion light went on. Austin, quick as a flash, turned to look out, just in time to see someone inching their way up the porch steps. The individual clapped his hands over his face and turned to make a quick retreat, so as not to

of someone head- be discovered as the gift giver.

The way it appears he had come back to knock again to make sure we discovered the box, not knowing that the outside motion light had been turned on. Austin was pretty sure that through the semidarkness, he recognized the individual as a gentleman from the community.

Now we dug through the box, exclaiming over everything in it. There were bananas, donuts, bacon, potatoes, shrimp, orange juice, butter, the list goes on. After a bit, I told them to sit back on their spots in the living room, for a bedtime snack. (They each have a designated spot on the couches to call their own when it's time for story, prayer, and singing.)

The oranges from the box were perfect for the occasion. Little hands were soon peeling oranges as we tried to decide how we will find out who it was for sure, and how to thank them.

"For tonight, let's thank God for everything, then tomorrow we'll take it from there, I finally told them. I explained how God knows exactly what we need and some-

times he sends actual angels to help, and other times he sends people to do his work.

Certainly last night, as always, God knew it all. The evening had been more rough, and we needed to lighten up with laughter, curiosity, and happiness.

Last night before the surprise box came, we enjoyed Poor Man's Steak, made by Daniel's sister Mary from Ohio, which she had frozen along with other goodies sent with her brother who had come to Flat Rock.

Easy Poor Man's Steak

1 pound hamburger

1 cup milk

1/4 teaspoon pepper 1 cup cracker crumbs

1 teaspoon salt

1 small onion, chopped 10 1/2 ounce cream of mushroom soup

Mix all ingredients except mushroom soup. Shape into a loaf. Refrigerate overnight. Slice and roll in flour. Fry until browned. Put into roaster. Dilute with soup with 1 soup can water. Pour over meat. Bake at 350 for 1 hour. Especially good with mashed potatoes.

'MAKING A DIFFERENCE' SPONSORS



Ten area business groups were the main sponsors of the recent "Making a Difference" fund-raiser for the Wells Community Boys & Girls Club. Pictured here in the center are the people from Parlor City Cabinetry, John Stauffer and Nathan Stauffer, accepting a sponsoring sign from Nick Huffman, left, vice chairman of the Bovs & Girls Club, and Club Director Vicki Bell, right.

Family Ford of Bluffton staff members were sponsors of the Boys & Girls Club fundraiser. Making the sign presentation was Jim Westbrook, holding the sign, who is a club board member. With Westbrook, left to right, are Rodney Reimschisel, Brandi Hewson, Jeremy Reimschisel, Todd Reimschisel, Lori Reimschisel, Eric Purrine, and Grant Arnold.





Laura Kukelhan's dental office also was a sponsor with Bell, at left, presenting Kukelhan, center, and Doug Lehman, at right, a sponsor's



Employees of the General Insurance Agency, Danica Dunwiddie and Bret Beer, center, were presented their sponsorship sign by Lipp, at left, and Bell, at right.



Honegger Ringger also was a sponsor. Presenting the business with its "Making a Difference" sign were Todd Reimschisel, at left, Vicki Bell, center, and Dan Lipp, at right. Representing Honegger Rinnger were Holly Smith, second from left, and Trent Bucher, second from right.

Cyndee Fiechter, at right, is not only is a board member for the Boys & Girls Club but her company, North Eastern Group Realty, also was a sponsor for the Making a Difference event. Bell presented her the sponsorship sign.



FW Philharmonic, musicians come to terms

Fort Wayne Philharmonic concerts will resume following a tentative agreement Wednesday of a new contract between the Fort Wayne Musicians Association (AFM Local 58) and the Philharmonic. The new agreement expires in August of 2026.

This four-year contract gives musicians their first wage increase since 2016, brings musician salaries above pre-pandemic levels,

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Concerts will resume in March as the production of "Swan Lake" with the Fort Wayne Ballet will be presented March 24 at Arts United Center. The remainder of the 2022-2023 season will continue as scheduled on April 13 with "Bach in the Barn."



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First Bank of Berne makes a donation to the Brok'n Axoles

First Bank of Berne made a \$500 donation to The Brok'n Axoles.

The Brok'n Axoles are small local group of classic car owners who love the old body styles, manual transmissions, and roaring engines. Shari Tomac said "We hope to share our passion of classic cars with the younger generations so they will continue to be cherished and shown in the future. We also share a love for helping less fortunate kids, so we use our car shows to raise money for our Cruisin' 4 Christmas event. We are doing what we love and helping kids at the same time so everybody wins.'

The Brok'n Axoles work with Bluffton Middle School to identify 5th grade students

who are in need. They team up with the Bluffton Fire Department for their annual Cruisin' 4 Christmas event to help the kids shop for their siblings, as well as get something they need, and two things they want for Christmas.

Their goal is to raise enough to provide each child with a box of non-perishable food for Christmas break and treat the child and their parents to lunch after they

Other businesses and individuals can donate by calling Shari Tomac at 260-466-1628, e-mailing broknaxolescc@gmail.com, or visit their website at broknaxoles.com and click the VENMO link.

Oldest reference to Norse god **Odin found in Danish treasure**

By JAMES BROOKS **Associated Press**

COPENHAGEN, Denmark (AP) — Scandinavian scientists said Wednesday that they have identified the oldest-known inscription referencing the Norse god Odin on part of a gold disc unearthed in western Denmark in 2020.

Lisbeth Imer, a runologist with the National Museum in Copenhagen, said the inscription represented the first solid evidence of Odin being worshipped as early as the 5th century — at least 150 years earlier than the previous oldest known reference, which was on a brooch iound in southern Germany and dated to the second half of the 6th cen-

The disc discovered in Denmark was part of a trove containing about a kilogram (2.2 pounds) of gold, including large medallions the size of saucers and Roman coins made into jewelry. It was unearthed in the village of Vindeley, central Jutland, and dubbed the Vindelev

Experts think the cache was buried 1,500 years ago, either to hide it from enemies or as a tribute to appease the gods. A golden bracteate — a kind of thin, ornamental pendant - carried an inscription that read, "He is Odin's man," likely referring to an unknown king or overlord.

'It's one of the best executed runic inscriptions that I have ever seen," Imer said. Runes are symbols that early tribes in northern Europe used to communicate in writing.

Odin was one of the main gods in Norse mythology and was frequently associated with war as well as

More than 1,000 bracteates have been found in northern Europe, according to the National Museum in Copenhagen, where the trove discovered in 2020 is on display.

Krister Vasshus, an ancient language specialist, said that because runic inscriptions are rare, "every

runic inscription (is) vital to how we understand the past.'

"When an inscription of this length appears, that in itself is amazing," Vasshus said. "It gives us some quite interesting information about religion in the past, which also tells us something about society in the

During the Viking Age, considered to be from 793 to 1066, Norsemen known as Vikings undertook largescale raiding, colonizing, conquest and trading throughout Europe. They also reached North America.

The Norsemen worshipped many gods and each of them had various characteristics, weaknesses and attributes. Based on sagas and some rune stones, details have emerged that the gods possessed many human traits and could behave like humans.

"That kind of mythology can take us further and have us reinvestigate all the other 200 bracteate inscriptions that we know," Imer said.

Wells Court Docket

and possession of marijuana with a prior conviction for

the same offense, all Level 6 felonies; and possession of drug paraphernalia, a Class B misdemeanor. Bond set at \$15,500. Larry Mock appointed public defender.

Ossian police, Wells County EMS, and Ossian Fire Department First Responders were dispatched to Sebring's Brookridge residence in Ossian Jan. 27 on a report that Sebring had possibly overdosed on illegal substances.

Because Sebring lived with relatives (who were not home at the time) and because deputies needed to know what Sebring had potentially overdosed on - since the person Sebring was with at the time allegedly was not very forthcoming with that information — the investigating deputy contacted one of the relatives by phone and received permission to search the house.

While searching Sebring's room, the deputy and other law enforcement officers on scene to assist, allegedly found methamphetamine and a prescription anti-anxiety medication similar to Xanax for which Sebring allegedly did not have a prescription.

Sebring's companion in the house with him at the time of the alleged overdose — Ian Sinclair York, 29, Fort Wayne — has previously been arraigned on charges of dealing marijuana and possession of marijuana with a prior conviction for the same offense, both Level 6 felonies.

York, who reportedly had a large amount of marijuana in his possession, allegedly admitted to the deputy he had met Sebring in the Allen County Jail and came to Sebring's house to smoke marijuana.

Preliminary plea of not guilty entered for Jody R. Ogle, 54, rural Bluffton, charged with failure to remain at the scene of an accident wherein the defendant had initially stopped at the scene but did not wait until the arrival of law enforcement personnel, a

Class B misdemeanor. On Feb. 17 at 5:32 p.m., Bluffton police received a report that a 2020 Chevrolet Express work van registered to Collier's Comfort Services in Ossian had struck another vehicle parked behind the Bluffton Post Office. The driver of the van allegedly told the owner of the car that he had hit that he had been drinking beer at The Elks Lodge and was afraid he would lose his job if his employer discovered he had been drinking. The van driver allegedly offered the car owner \$2,000 for

The car owner said she planned to call police anyway. The van driver then reportedly told the car owner he had to use the restroom and went back into The Elks — but never came

The investigating officer went into The Elks to see if the van driver was in the restroom. He was not. He then asked if there had been anyone in the Elks who worked at Collier's. The patrons allegedly told him that Jody Ogle had been in the establishment but had

The officer then contacted Collier's and an employee there confirmed that Ogle worked at Collier's.

Ogle reportedly contacted the officer later and explained that he had been suffering from a stomach virus and that was why he had left the scene. He also reportedly told the officer that he saw a friend and had asked him to take him home. He allegedly told the officer that he thought he would be OK in leaving because the van was marked with the company name and a phone number on the side.

The officer, however, observed in his report to the court that the actions of Ogle combined with the officer's observation that people who have been drinking will sometimes leave the scene of an accident to avoid further trouble, led him to believe that Ogle was actually trying to avoid a potential charge of driving while intoxicated.

Donald R. Waters Jr., 42, Bluffton, pleaded guilty to possession of marijuana by growing or cultivating it, with a prior conviction for the same offense, a Level 6

Sentencing set for 9 a.m. May 11.

Jules Omar Buffington III, 18, rural Peru, pleaded guilty to operating a vehicle while intoxicated, a Class C

misdemeanor. Sentenced to 60 days in the Wells County Jail, with all but four days suspended, and placed on probation for

361 days. Ordered to pay a \$200 Countermeasures fee, court costs and probation fees.

As part of a plea agreement, charges of operating a vehicle while intoxicated endangering a person, a Class A misdemeanor, and minor consuming alcohol, a Class C misdemeanor.

While investigating a report of an underage drinking party in the 500 block of West Central Avenue Jan. 28, a Bluffton police officer heard a loud crash just up the street and went to inves-

What he found was a 2016 Chevrolet Impala that had backed into a parked 1998 GMC Jimmy. Buffington was in the driver's seat and there were three other passengers in the vehicle. One of the passengers reportedly volunteered that they had not been at the nearby underage drinking party. The officer investigating the crash had not asked anyone in the vehicle about attending the party.

The officer observed in his report to the court that while Buffington denied having drank alcohol he smelled of alcohol and appeared intoxicated.

Buffington reportedly failed field sobriety tests but allegedly refused to take a portable Breathalyzer test at the scene.



Federal protection granted for imperiled freshwater mussels

By JOHN FLESHER AP Environmental Writer

TRAVERSE CITY, Mich. (AP) - Federal regulators designated two U.S. freshwater mussels as threatened on Wednesday, a further sign of trouble for native mollusks that help cleanse waters by filtering out pollutants as they feed.

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service said it was granting protection to longsolid and round hickorynut mussels, which have declined in many Eastern and Midwestern streams.

The primary cause is habitat damage from urban sprawl, farming, oil and gas development, pipelines and mining. Other factors include competition from nonnative mussels and rising stream temperatures linked to climate change.

"Both of these mussels have suffered proverbial deaths from a thousand cuts," said Gary Peeples, deputy supervisor of the agency's field office in Asheville, North Carolina.

Flourishing mussel populations signal healthy streams, he said. North America is a historical showcase of mussel diversity, hosting about 300 of the world's roughly 900 types. But about two-thirds

of the continent's freshwater mussels are imperiled.

The newly designated threatened species have much wider ranges than many struggling mussels, Peeples said. Both favor stream bottoms with mixtures of sand, gravel and cobble.

The longsolid can reach five inches in length and live up to 50 years. It's found in Alabama, Indiana, Kentucky, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Tennessee, Virginia and West Virginia.

Of 60 known populations, 48 are in a limited area with no indication that young mussels are reaching adulthood, according to Fish and Wildlife Service.

Previously, there were 160 known populations. The mussel has disappeared from Georgia and Illinois.

The round hickorynut grows as long as three inches and is found in Alabama, Indiana, Kentucky, Michigan, Mississippi, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Tennessee and West Virginia.

Only 69 populations are believed to remain, down from a historical high of 301. Of the survivors, 49 are in a narrow area and show no signs of young mussel maturity. They are no longer

found in Georgia, Illinois or

New York.

Threatened species are considered likely to become in danger of extinction within much or all of their range.

Protection under the Endangered Species Act will help the mussels "by raising awareness, inspiring conservation partnerships and making funding available for their recovery," said Mike Oetker, regional director of the Fish and Wildlife Service.

The agency will designate critical habitat and work with state wildlife biologists to promote recovery, he said. For the longsolid, protected areas include 12 units along 1,115 river miles, while the round hickorynut's critical habitat has 14 units along 921 river miles. Both species are largely in the same areas as other federally protected mussels. Federal agencies will be required to consult the service before allowing potentially harmful activities.

Under the law, the service can authorize actions that would cause "a minimal level of disturbance" to the mussels, Peeples said. That includes logging with bestmanagement practices such as maintaining buffer zones along streams to prevent

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Knights' Fuelling named to 2023 Indiana Girls' hoops Junior All-Star list

Norwell guard Kennedy Fuelling was named to the 2023 Indiana Girls Junior All-Star list by the IndyStar on Wednesday.

Fuelling led the Knights to a sectional championship this season, averaging 21.8 points, 3.5 steals per game, and shooting 41 percent from beyond the arc — all team highs. The junior also broke the school's single-game scoring record with 40 points back in Nov. against Concordia, the three-point single-season record in Jan., and eclipsed the 1,000-point scoring mark, one of six others have done that in school history.

The annual Indiana Junior All-Star program began in 1996. Coaches in the IBCA and the 20-member all-state committee selects 18 athletes who will play against the Kentucky Junior All-Star team this summer.

Sunday, June 4, at Jefferson High School. Admission is \$10 per person at the door. Adults, school-aged students, and preschool children get in for free.

The 18 players were selected in the junior class and are in three groups. Fuelling resides in the "Blue Group" along with Aniyah Bishop from Lake Central, Joh'nea Donahue from Fort Wayne Snider, Kyra Hill from Goshen, Camryn Runner from Hamilton Heights, and Adrianne Tolen from West Lafayette.

On top of Fuelling's accomplishments this season, she was just added last week to the IBCA Underclass Supreme 15 all-state

She is currently undecided, heading into her final season this upcoming winter.

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Ohio State holds on to edge Wisconsin in B10 tourney

CHICAGO (AP) — Sean McNeil scored with 1:20 left for the Buckeyes. After that 17 points, Justice Sueing added 16 and 13thseeded Ohio State held on to defeat 12th-

seeded Wisconsin 65-57 on Wednesday night to open the Big Ten Tourna-

The Buckeyes (14-18), who had a 27-point lead with 15 1/2 minutes to play, face fifth-seed Iowa in the second round on Thursday.

Bruce Thornton added 15 points for Ohio State, which went 1 for 8 from the field in the final 10 minutes and missed six

free throws, including the front end of two 1-and-1's in the final four. Brice Sensabaugh had nine points and 11 rebounds.

Tyler Wahl had 19 points and 10 rebounds and Connor Essegian scored 11 for the Badgers (17-14), who were 8 of 31 through almost 35 minutes before going 12 of 23 when they closed within 57-52 with 2:13 to go.

Ohio State turned it over, but Max Klesmit missed a 3-point attempt that could have cut it to two. McNeil made two free throws they were just 4 of 8 until Roddy Gayle Jr. made a pair with 11.2 to play to seal it.

Wisconsin, which has been to 22 of the last 23 NCAA Tournaments, went 1 of 8 in the final two minutes and finished at 34%, going 4 of 22 from 3-point range. Ohio State was 6 of 13 from long range and shot 52% overall but had 16 turnovers and allowed Wisconsin 15 offensive rebounds.

Thornton had 13 points as the Buckeyes shot 68% to race to a 36-18 halftime lead. The Badgers missed all seven of their 3s and shot 30% (7 of 23) for their biggest halftime

deficit of the season. When Felix Okpara and Sueing opened the second half with baskets for the Buckeyes for a 40-18 lead, Wisconsin had its largest deficit of the season. When Sensabaugh hit a 3-pointer it was 57-20 with 15:31 remaining.

Both teams had their worst seed ever for the Big Ten tourney.



It's 10 against 10 as Kennedy Fuelling launches a mid-range jumper over New Haven's Sissy Davis in the first quarter Friday at Norwell. (Photo by Glen Werling)

Jim Boeheim's long career at Syracuse comes to an end

By TIM REYNOLDS AP Basketball Writer

Jim Boeheim enrolled at Syracuse in 1962. Played there until 1966. Started coaching there in 1969. Took over the program as head coach in 1976.

Jim Boeheim

Put simply, he was Syracuse basketball. Until now.

The Basketball Hall of Famer's 47-year tenure as coach at Syracuse came to an awkward end on Wednesday, with the university saying Orange associate head coach and former Syracuse player Adrian Autry has been

promoted to the job. The Orange moved quickly, making the announcement less than three hours after Syracuse lost to Wake Forest in the Atlantic Coast Conference Tournament. And if Boeheim knew the announcement was coming, he didn't let on at what was his final postgame news conference.

"Īt's up to the university," Boeheim said. "They have to make their decision, and it's up to them.'

The university didn't wait long before making the decision public, saying in part: "Today, as his 47th season coaching his alma mater comes to an end, so too does his storied career at Syracuse University. Associate Head Coach Adrian Autry '94, one of Boeheim's former players and longtime assistant, has been named the program's next head coach."

Autry has been on Boeheim's staff since 2011, and held the title of associate head coach since March 2017.

"There have been very few stronger influential forces in my life than Syracuse University and Jim Boeheim," Autry said. "They have both played such important roles and without either of them, I am certain I would not have this incredible opportunity before me."

The 78-year-old Boeheim's record in his 4/ seasons, officially, was 1,015-441. That reflects 101 wins taken away by the NCAA for violations between the 2004-07 and 2010-12 seasons.

Whether the count was 1,015 or 1,116, only now-retired Duke coach Mike Krzyzewski had more wins than Boeheim at the Division I level. Boeheim led the Orange to the 2003 national title — Carmelo Anthony's lone season in Syracuse - and saw 46 of his players get taken in NBA drafts. Among them: Anthony, Derrick Coleman, Rony Seikaly, Dion Waiters, Billy Owens, Sherman Douglas and Pearl Washington. Boeheim also was a USA Basketball assistant under Krzyzewski on the teams that won Olympic gold medals in 2008, 2012

"I've been very lucky to be able to coach my college team, to play and then be an assistant coach and then a head coach, never having to leave Syracuse," Boeheim said in that postgame news conference, one in which he hinted at retirement, then hinted at returning. "It's a great

only): Norwell at IPFW Bull-No events scheduled. dog Ínvitational, 10 a.m. FRIDAY, MARCH 10

No events scheduled. **SATURDAY, MARCH 11**

High School Calendar

MONDAY, MARCH 13 No events scheduled.

No events scheduled. **WEDNESDAY, MARCH 15** SOFTBALL: Bluffton at Delta, 5:30 p.m.

Harrington, LPGA founders

join '24 Golf Hall of Fame class

By DOUG FERGUSON **AP Golf Writer**

VEDRA PONTE BEACH, Fla. (AP) Three-time major champion Padraig Harrington of Ireland, the late Tom Weiskopf and the remaining founders of the LPGA Tour were among those elected Wednesday for the World Golf Hall of Fame.

The induction will be June 10, 2024, the Monday ahead of the U.S. Open in Pinehurst, North Carolina. The six inductees — the LPGA founders were voted as one — is the largest class since six were inducted in 2008.

Others to be elected by a 20-member panel of golf leaders, media and four Hall of Fame members were Sandra Palmer, whose 19 career wins on the LPGA Tour included two majors; three-time major champion Beverly Hanson; and former U.S. Open champion Johnny Farrell.

Harrington and Palmer are the only two living players who were elected.

Among the finalists who did not get 75% of the voting were swing coach Butch Harmon and Dottie Pepper, the two-time LPGA major champion and longtime golf analyst.

Harrington, a finalist in the previous Hall of Fame election, broke through for his first major by winning

the British Open at Carnoustie in a playoff over Sergio Garcia. The following year, he won the Open at Royal Birkdale and then added the PGA Championship at Oakland Hills.

'It's somewhat humbling. At this stage of my life, it gives me some validation to what I've done in golf," Harrington said. "This is a deep-down satisfaction, and I'm very proud to be included with the players before me. Seeing your name beside the names that I've looked up to as a boy and young golfer, it's very nice.'

Weiskopf, who died last August of pancreatic cancer, won 16 times on the PGA Tour and captured his lone major at Royal Troon in the British Open. His contributions extended to golf architecture and candid unfailingly accurate commentary on television. His design work was known for the short par 4s, among the most exciting and enjoyable holes.

Palmer went seven years before winning her first LPGA event in 1971, and then she won with alarming regularity. Her first major was the 1975 U.S. Open.

"I'm overcome with emotion and very grateful," Palmer said. "I just couldn't believe it when I got the call, this is my sixth time to be nominated. What an incredible group of women that I played with over the years. I'm definitely going to have some champagne. It's one of those times that you sit down and your whole career comes before you."

Hanson was renowned not only for what she won but whom she beat. The North Dakota native won 17 times on the LPGA Tour and three majors. She won her first event as a pro by beating Babe Zaharias, and she won two of her majors by beating Louise Suggs.

Six of the 13 founders of the LPGA Tour previously were inducted. The other seven were nominated for the ballot as a group, women who promoted the sport, set up the golf course, acted as rules officials and even wrote the pay checks. It was founded in 1950 and has become the most successful women's sports league in the world, offering some \$100 million in prize money without ever getting outside help from other golf

leagues. Farrell previously was a member of the PGA Hall of Fame before it moved to Florida under the name World Golf Hall of Fame. A 22-time winner, he was famous for his one-shot victory in a 36-hole playoff against Bobby Jones in the 1928 U.S. Open. He spent the second half of his life as a club pro at Quaker Ridge and Baltusrol.

Cincinnati can see the future in their trio of young pitchers

By MITCH STACY **AP Sports Writer**

The Cincinnati Reds brought up their three top pitching prospects last season to revive a starting rotation decimated by cost-

Right-handers Hunter Greene and Graham Ashcraft, and lefty Nick Lodolo experienced rookie struggles — with stunning flashes of brilliance mixed in — as the rebuilding Reds lost 100 games for the first time in 40 years.

"The progress you would like to see, we've already seen that," manager David Bell said early in spring training at Goodyear, Arizona. "Hopefully they have many, many years to come. This is just the very, very beginning. They have to keep working to get better. You never have it figured out. That's what I'm seeing this spring.

Pitching coach Derek Johnson spoke to them about how they have the chance to become a foundation similar to Greg Maddux, Tom Glavine and John Smoltz for the 1990s Atlanta Braves

"The three of us talk about being the core every day," the 23-year-old Greene said. "Looking at us in that light is pretty special. Having the friendship but also the competitiveness is exciting. The chemistry couldn't

Greene was the second overall pick in the 2017 amateur draft. He made the opening day roster in 2022, threw 100 mph fastballs and led the Reds in starts, innings and strikeouts. He had a late stint on the injured list with a strained shoulder, finishing 5-13 with a 4.44 ERA with 164 strikeouts in 125 2/3 innings.

In a start against Tampa Bay in July, Greene threw 38 pitches of 100 mph or more. When Greene returned from the injured list in September, he threw 33 pitches of 101 mph or higher in six innings against the Cardinals, striking out 11.

Having relied on a four-seam fastball and a slider, Greene has worked on developing a changeup — he threw it just 5% of the time last year, at an average of 90 mph.

"An extra tool for me to become even a better pitcher," he said.

The 6-foot-6, 25-year-old Lodolo (4-7, 3.66 ERA in 19 starts) doesn't have that kind of velocity but is an intimidating presence with a high strikeout percentage and low walk rate. The stocky, 25-year-old Ashcraft (5-6, 4.89) averaged 97 mph with his fastball and cutter.

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N.Y. Islanders 3, Buffalo 2 Calgary 1, Minnesota 0, SO Colorado 6, San Jose 0 Arizona 6, St. Louis 2 Seattle 5, Anaheim 2 Wednesday's Games Minnesota 4, Winnipeg 2 Detroit 4, Chicago 3
Anaheim at Vancouver, 10 p.m.

Thursday's Games
Dallas at Buffalo, 7 p.m.
N.Y. Islanders at Pittsburgh, 7 p.m.
N.Y. Rangers at Montreal, 7 p.m.

New Jersey at Washington, 7 p.m. Philadelphia at Carolina, 7 p.m. Vegas at Tampa Bay, 7 p.m. Edmonton at Boston, 7:30 p.m. San Jose at St. Louis, 8 p.m. Los Angeles at Colorado, 9 p.m. Nashville at Arizona, 9 p.m. Ottawa at Seattle, 10 p.m. Ottawa at Seattle, 10 p.m.

Friday's Games
Chicago at Florida, 7 p.m.
Anaheim at Calgary, 9 p.m.

Saturday's Games
Detroit at Boston, 1 p.m.
Philadelphia at Pittsburgh, 3:30 p.m.
N.Y. Rangers at Buffalo, 5 p.m.
Arizona at Colorado, 6 p.m.
Chicago at Tampa Bay, 7 p.m.
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Winnipeg at Florida, 7 p.m. Washington at N.Y. Islanders, 7:30

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Tampa Bay	5	5 .500
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San Diego	6	5 .500 7 .462
Philadelphia	5	6 .45
Atlanta	4	5 .444
Colorado	5	7 .41
Washington	4	6 .400
Arizona	5	8 .38
Milwaukee	4	8 .385 7 .364
Pittsburgh	4	7 .300
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San Francisco Tuesday's Games Minnesota 7, Baltimore 6 Pittsburgh 7, Toronto 2 Detroit 16, St. Louis 3 Tampa Bay 7, Philadelphia 3 Washington 5, Miami 3 Chicago Cubs 9, Texas 6 Chicago White Sox 5, Milwaukee 2 Cincinnati 7, San Francisco 3 Oakland 9, Arizona 3 L.A. Angels 5, San Diego 4 Boston 10, Atlanta 2 N.Y. Mets 5, Houston 5 N.Y. Mets 5, Houston 5
Wednesday's Games
Baltimore 7, Pittsburgh 4
St. Louis 4, N.Y. Yankees 0
Detroit 2, Washington 1
Minnesota 7, Toronto 0
L.A. Angels 4, Colorado 3
Arizona 2, Texas 0
Cincinnati 10, San Diego 9
Seattle 2, L.A. Dodgers 2
Kansas City 14, Chicago White ox 5

Thursday's Games Toronto (ss) vs. Tampa Bay at St.
Petersburg, Florida, 1:05 p.m.
Boston vs. N.Y. Yankees at Tampa,
Florida, 1:05 p.m.
Detroit vs. Pittsburgh at Bradenton,
Florida, 1:05 p.m. Baltimore vs. Philadelphia at Clear-

Baltimore vs. Philadelphia at Clearwater, Florida, 1:05 p.m.
Atlanta (ss) vs. Toronto (ss) at Dunedin, Florida, 1:07 p.m.
Cincinnati vs. Chicago Cubs at Mesa, Arizona, 3:05 p.m.
L.A. Dodgers vs. Oakland at Mesa, Arizona, 3:05 p.m.
Milwaukee vs. San Francisco at Scottsdale, Arizona, 3:05 p.m.
San Diego vs. Cleveland at Goodyear, Arizona, 3:05 p.m.
Friday's Games

Friday's Games

Atlanta vs. Tampa Bay at St.
Petersburg, Florida, 1:05 p.m.
Toronto vs. Boston at Fort Myers,
Florida, 1:05 p.m.

Florida, 1:05 p.m.

N.Y. Yankees vs. Detroit at Lakeland, Florida, 1:05 p.m.

Pittsburgh vs. Philadelphia at
Clearwater, Florida, 1:05 p.m.
Houston vs. N.Y. Mets (ss) at Port
St. Lucie, Florida, 1:10 p.m.

L.A. Angels vs. L.A. Dodgers at

L.A. Angels vs. L.A. Dodgers at Phoenix, Arizona, 3:05 p.m.
Chicago White Sox vs. Chicago
Cubs at Mesa, Arizona, 3:05 p.m.
San Diego vs. Kansas City at Surprise, Arizona, 3:05 p.m.
Texas vs. Oakland at Mesa, Arizona, 3:05 p.m.
Cincinnati (ss) vs. Seattle at Peoria, Arizona, 3:10 p.m.
Cleveland vs. Milwaukee at Phoenix, Arizona, 3:10 p.m.
San Francisco vs. Colorado at Scottsdale. Arizona, 3:10 p.m.

Scottsdale, Arizona, 3:10 p.m. Miami vs. Washington at Palm Beach, Florida, 6:05 p.m.
Minnesota vs. Baltimore at Sara-

sota, Florida, 6:05 p.m. N.Y. Mets (ss) vs. St. Louis at Sarasota, Florida, 6:05 p.m. Arizona vs. Cincinnati (ss) at Good-year, Arizona, 8:05 p.m.

TRANSACTIONS

Wednesday's Transactions BASEBALL

Major League Baseball National League CHICAGO CUBS — Agre CHICAGO CUBS — Agreed to terms with RHPs Adbert Alzolay, Javier Assad, Ben Brown, Jeremiah Estrada, Ryan Jensen, Caleb Kilian, Julian Merryweather, Ethan Roberts, Michael Rucker, Keegan Thompson, and Hayden Wesneski, as well as LHPs Brandon Hughes and Justin Steele, INFs Miles Mastrobuoni, Zach McK-instry, Christopher Morel, and Patrick Wisdom, C Miguel Amaya and OFs Kevin Alcántara, Alexander Canario, Brennen Davis and Nelson Velázquez on contracts.
COLORADO ROCKIES — Agreed

to terms with RHPs Jake Bird, Blair Calvo, Noah Davis, Ryan Feltner, Gavin Hollowell, Peter Lambert, Justin Lawrence, Nick Mears, Riley Pint and Connor Seabold, LHPs Lucas Gilbreath and Ryan Rolison, C Brian Serven, INFs Warming Bernabel, Julio Carreras, Elehuris Montero, Ezequiel Toyar and Alan Trejo, OFs Sean Bouchard, Yonathan Daza and Brenton Doyle and INF/OFs Nolan Jones and Michael Toglia on one-year contracts.
PITTSBURGH PIRATES — Acquired

INF/OF Mark Mathias from Texas in exchange for a player to be named later. Placed RHP Max Kranick on the **60-day IL.**

Minor League Baseball
Atlantic League
LONG ISLAND DUCKS — Signed
LHP Kyle Lobstein. Frontier League
EMPIRE STATE GREYS — Signed
RHPs Alejandro Arteata and Jhoendri

Herrera. EVANSVILLE OTTERS — Signed INF **Daniel Harris** NEW YORK BOULDERS — Traded
OF Francisco Del Valle to Gary South Shore (American Association).

OTTAWA TITANS - Signed INF/OF Jamey Smart. WASHINGTON WILD THINGS -Named Ryan Whithorn bench coach B**ASKETBALL**

National Basketball Association NEW YORK KNICKS — Signed C Moses Brown to a two-way contract. **FOOTBALL**

National Football League
ARIZONA CARDINALS — Released
WR Chosen Robbie Anderson.
BALTIMORE RAVENS — Named Chuck Smith outside linebacker coach and Greg Lewis wide receivers coach. CAROLINA PANTHERS — Waived LB Jordan Mack. Released DB Justin Layne from the did not report list and DB Rashaan Melvin from the retired

list.
DETROIT LIONS — Tendered
an exclusive-rights contract to LB
Anthony Pittman. Re-signed OL Ross
Pierschbacher.
HOUSTON TEXANS — Signed C
Scott Quissenberry to a one-year contract extension. Claimed QB E.J. Perry
off waivers from Jacksonville.
JACKSONVILLE JAGDARS —
Released CB Shaquill Griffin Released CB Shaquill Griffin.
NEW YORK GIANTS — Re-signed LB

Jarrad Davis. HOCKEY

National Hockey League
NHL — Suspended Philadelphia D
Tony DeAngelo for two games for
spearing during a Mar. 7 game against
Tampa Bay. Fined Minnesota F Ryan Hartman an undisclosed amount for slashing during a Mar. 7 game against

Calgary.

ARIZONA COYOTES — Reassigned LW Bokondji Imama to Tucson (AHL).

BUFFALO SABRES — Loaned D Lawrence Pilut to Rochester (AHL). LOS ANGELES KINGS — Recalled D Jordan Spence from Ontario (AHL). NASHVILLE PREDATORS Acquired F Anthony Angello from St. Louis in exchange for future consid-

erations.
TORONTO MAPLE LEAFS — Returned C Pontus Holmberg and LW Alex Steeves to Toronto (AHL). American Hockey League
CALGARY WRANGLERS — Acquired

D Connor Murphy.
MILWAUKEE ADMIRALS — Released RW Cam Hausinger from a professional tryout contract (PTO).
ROCKFORD ICEHOGS — Returned D Koletrane Wilson to Indy (ECHL) and D Nolan Valleau to Savannah

SPRINGFIELD THUNDERBIRDS fessional tryout contract (PTO). **ECHL** Signed D Anton Malmstrom to a pro-

ALLEN AMERICANS — Placed F Chad Butcher on injured reserve. ATLANTA GLADIATORS — Signed F Mitch Walinski. Placed F Michael Turner on reserve. Released G Jon Horrel as an emergency backup goal-tender (EBUG).

CINCINNATI CYCLONES — Activated D Steven MacLean from reserve.

Placed D Bray Crowder on reserve. FLORIDA EVERBLADES — Activated F John McCarron from injured reserve.
Placed D Xavier Pouliot on reserve. Placed F Carson Focht on injured reserve.
INDY FUEL — Signed D Trevor Zins

to an amateur tryout contract (ATO). IOWA HEARTLANDERS — Activated F Jake Durflinger from reserve. Placed S Steven Leonard on reserve. JACKSONVILLE ICEMEN — Released D John De Roche.
MAINE MARINERS — Activated F Tyler Hinam from injured reserve.

NORFOLK ADMIRALS — Signed F
Gueorgui Feduolov. Placed F Dean
Yakura on reserve. Placed Fs Tanner
Schachle and Griffin Lunn on injured reserve. Traded D Eric Williams to Allen TOLEDO WALLEYE — Signed D Thomas Farrell to an amateur tryout contract (ATO).

LaVine helps Bulls beat Nuggets

By CRAIG MEYER **Associated Press**

DENVER (AP) - Nikola Vucevic had scored 29 points on 12-of-18 shooting and the Chicago Bulls gave their playoff hopes an unexpected boost with a 117-96 victory against the Western Conference-leading Denver Nuggets on Wednesday night.

It was Vucevic's 40th double-double of the season, the third-most in the NBA.

LaVine is averaging 34.8 points in Chicago's last four games.

With the win, the Bulls moved within 25 points and 15 rebounds, Zach LaVine a game of the Washington Wizards for the final spot in the NBA's play-in tournament, with 16 games remaining in the regular season. The victory was just the fourth in the

UP NEXT

Bulls: At Houston on Saturday. Nuggets: At San Antonio on Friday.

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LEGAL NOTICE FOR
PLANNED IMPROVEMENT
The Indiana Department of

Transportation (INDOT), with funding from the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), is proposing to proceed with a bridge replacement project on State Road (SR) 3 over Salamonie River (Des 1900038), approximately 1.32 miles south of SR 218 near War-ren, in Jackson Township, Wells

County, Indiana.
This project involves replacing the existing bridge with a 3-span continuous composite prestressed concrete bulb-tee beam bridge, supported by semi-fixed piers, and integral end bents that is approximately 268 feet in length, and has a 44-foot clear roadway width. The typical approach section will involve full-depth pavement replacement and consist of two, 12-foot travel lanes, 1 in each direction, bordered by 10-foot usable shoulders (4-foot paved and 6-foot aggregate). SE Willow Road will have full-depth pavement replacement resulting in two, 10-foot travel lanes, 1 in each direction, bordered by 5-foot usable shoulders (4-foot paved and 1-foot aggregate). The bridge railing offset will match the existing to produce a clear roadway width of 44 feet. Riprap drainage turnouts will be constructed at each bridge corner on SR 3 to direct drainage away from the bridge and into drainage ditches and riprap will be placed along the abutments. Approximately 45 to 55 feet of channel clearing under Spans A and C will occur to level the ground and lay a 6.5-foot-wide wildlife passage consisting of natu-ral sand over stone. In addition, a 120-foot long by 15-inch diameter drainage pipe will be installed on the east side of the SR 3 and SE Willow Road intersection that will run beneath SE Willow Road. The project limits will extend approxi-mately 402 feet north and 439 feet south from the center of the bridge for a total of 841 feet along SR 3.

The need for this project is due to the deteriorating conditions of the existing bridge (003-90-01421A/National Bridge Inventory: 001240) conveying SR 3 over Salamonie River. The April 14, 2021 INDOT Bridge Inspection Report, documented moderateto-heavy surface scaling to stem with delamination and spalling with exposed rebar at the west widening joint. There is also an unsound patch on both sides of the east widening joint as well as a large area of delamination and spalling in the southwest corner at the west wid-ening joint and the stem has spalling at the east widening joint. Piers

2 and 3 have moderate-to-heavy surface scaling to stem with vertical cracking and delamination at the north face of the west widening joint. In addition, the channel banks are exhibiting major damage caused by erosion with debris build-up within the stream channel. The Bridge Inspection Report gave the bridge an overall condition rating of poor (4 out of 9). Condition ratings range from "0" to "9", with "0" indicating a structure in poor condition and "9" indicating a structure in excellent condition. The purpose of this project is to provide a structurally sufficient bridge on SR 3 over Salamonie River. This project is anticipated to result in an overall bridge condition rating of at

least 7, indicating good condition.

Approximately 1.132 acres of permanent right-of-way (ROW) is anticipated to be needed from 6 parcels, primarily consisting of forested property. No temporary ROW will be needed, and this project will not require the displacement or relocation of any residents or busi-

Impacts to Salamonie River will equal approximately 85 feet and 0.019 acre of permanent impacts due to the installation of new piers, and approximately 89 feet and 0.022 acre of temporary impacts due to temporary cofferdam and causeway. In addition, approximately 0.10 acre of tree trimming/ clearing will occur.
The Maintenance of Traffic

(MOT) for this project will require closure of SR 3 and Willow Road, as well as a detour utilizing state routes. The proposed detour route will be from SR 3 to SR 18, to SR 5, to SR 218, then return to SR The official detour length will be approximately 31 miles long. The local Southeast Willow Road detour route will utilize West 625 South, SR 3, West 700 South, and South 700 West and is approxi-mately 7 miles in length. The detours are anticipated to be in place for approximately 150 days during the Spring and Summer of 2024. Access to all properties will be maintained throughout con-struction. School corporations and emergency services will be notified prior to any construction that would block or limit access. The total esti-mated project cost is \$3,562,391. This project is anticipated to begin

construction in Spring of 2024.

The Federal Highway Administration and INDOT have agreed that this project falls within the guidelines of a Categorical Exclusion (CE) Level 2 environmental document with no significant adverse impacts to the human and natural environment found during

past 13 games for Chicago.

Public Notice

the creation of this document.

Preliminary design plans, along with the CE, are available for review at the following locations:

1. INDOT Fort Wayne District Office, 5333 Hatfield Rd, Fort Wayne, IN 46808 2. Wells County Library, Bluff-ton Branch, 200 West Washington Street, Bluffton, Indiana 46714 3. Beam, Longest and Neff,

8320 Craig Street, Indianapolis, Indiana 46250

4. Website: https://tinyurl.com/1900038Documents

All interested persons may request a public hearing be held and/or submit comments to the attention of Raquel Walker by email at rwalker@b-l-n.com by phone at 317-558-7546, or by mail at 8320 Craig Street, Indianapolis IN 46250 on or before March 24, 2023. In addition, project information, including the environmental document, may be mailed to interested persons upon request. Persons with limited internet access may request project information be mailed, please contact Raquel Walker by email at rwalker@b-l-n.com or by phone at 317-558-7546, or by mail at 8320 Craig Street, Indianapolis, IN 46250.

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), persons and/or groups requiring project information be made available in alternative formats are encouraged to contact INDOT Fort Wayne District for the arrangement and coordination of services. Please contact Janette Jacquay at 260-969-8309 or JJacquay1@ indot.IN.gov. In accordance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, persons and/or groups requiring project information be made available in another language are encouraged to contact Raquel Walker at 317-558-7546 or

rwalker@b-l-n.com. This notice is published in compliance with: 1) Code of Federal Regulations, Title 23, Section 771 (CFR 771.111(h)(1) stating, "Each State must have procedures approved by the FHWA to carry out a public involvement/public hearing program."; 2) 23 CFR 450.210(a) (1)(ix) stating, "Provide for the periodic review of the effectiveness of the public involvement process to ensure that the process provides full and open access to all interested parties and revise the process, as appropriate."; and 3) The INDOT Public Involvement Policies and Procedures approved by the Federal Highway Administration on July 7, 2021

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Hamilton says that Mercedes 'didn't listen' to his advice

LONDON (AP) - Lewis Hamilton says Mercedes "didn't listen" when he raised concerns about the development of this season's Formula One car.

The seven-time world champion finished fifth at the sea-

son-opening Bahrain Grand Prix on Sunday. Hamilton told BBC Radio 5 Live's Chequered Flag podcast on Wednesday that last year "there were things I told

them" regarding issues with the car. "I've driven so many cars in my life. I know what a car needs. I know what a car doesn't need. I think it's really about accountability," he said. "It's about owning up and saying, 'Yeah, you know what? We didn't listen to you. It's not where it needs to be and we've got to work.'

The 38-year-old Hamilton finished nearly 51 seconds behind race winner Max Verstappen in Bahrain.

IMSA issues heavy penalties on Shank

By JENNA FRYER **APAuto Racing Writer**

Meyer Shank Racing has fired the technical director for its sports car team after IMSA ruled Wednesday the team manipulated tire pressure data while winning the seasonopening Rolex 24 at Daytona.

IMSA said that Honda Performance Development selfreported the manipulation after the results of the January race were official. IMSA said it conducted a thorough review that included comparing data from all the cars in the top GTP class.

The No. 60 ARX-06 was driven by Tom Blomqvist, Colin Braun, Simon Pagenaud and Helio Castroneves. It was the second consecutive Rolex 24 victory for MSR.





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MIL needs to enforce our rules, too

Dear Annie: I just want to start by bills. Our siblings saying I love my mother-in-law. She has helped me with the kids more often than not, and I am extremely grateful for her. My issue is when it comes time to tell my toddler "no," my mother-in-law just laughs, which makes my toddler laugh and encourages her to keep doing whatever it is we told her to not do (like jumping in the chair or on her bed). Or climbing on my mother-in-law's sore back.

I have been getting harder on my toddler that when we tell her "no," we mean it. We're going to put up electric fences for our cattle and goats (we live on a farm), and our toddler needs to learn that we mean no for her safety. How do I get it across to my mother-in-law that she needs to support us being more stern with the kids? I'm not saying she needs to lose her sense of humor; I just want my toddler to listen to us when we tell her no. I feel like not enough people do that with their kids anymore. — No Means No

Dear No Means No: Tell her exactly what you told me -- that you love the playful relationship she shares with your toddler but that, for the sake of your daughter's safety, she needs to back you up when you enforce a rule. The electric fence scenario is a great example you can use to drive your point home. Ideally, once she understands your intentions, she will support you as a parent.

and I are in frustrating situations. We each have a sibling that is the favorite child. Both siblings get taken on shopping trips and out to eat weekly. They are also both unemployed. Their children are the favorite grandchil-

We have always worked, saved where we could and taken care of our

Dear live like there Annie is no tomorrow. Their children by Annie Lane want for nothing. And to be honest, this has

caused hard feel-

ings, and we no

longer visit our

parents or our

siblings regular-

ly. Our children

are old enough



to recognize the difference, and we really have no answer as to why things are the way they are; it's always been this way. My husband tried to talk to his mom about it, but she accused him of being jealous. We are to the point of moving and never looking back. How do we move on and let go of hard feelings? Overshadowed

Dear Overshadowed: You have two choices: hold onto the jealousy and resentment you feel toward your parents, or strive to be the best versions of yourselves for the sake of your children. Let the shortcomings of your own childhood be your catalyst toward becoming better parents.

Your kids will be motivated by witnessing parents with a strong work ethic who show them unconditional

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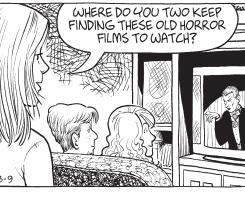
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My Answer

By Dr. Billy Graham

Q: I grew up in a Christian home and my parents were wonderful believers. They raised me in church and taught me the basics of Christianity, but I am unsure that I've been born again. Is this the same as being converted, and do the converted possess righteousness? My parents both recently died and I don't have the assurance any more that I am really saved.-S.C.

A: Jesus told the great religious leader Nicodemus, "You must be born again" (John 3). Jesus knew that this man had covered himself with religion but had not yet found fellowship with God.

Never put off what can be done today

conversion, commitment, repentance, or

being saved, but we must ask ourselves if we've been born again. Does Christ live in our heart? Every person needs a radical change by having sins forgiven by the One who died for us. The Bible says that those who receive Christ and believe in Him are born not of blood, nor the will of the flesh, nor of the will of men, but born of God (see John 1:13). We do not receive this gift through our mothers and fathers, though they may be great Christians. We may sing religious songs; we may even say prayers. But if we haven't been to the foot of the cross and repented of sin before holy God,

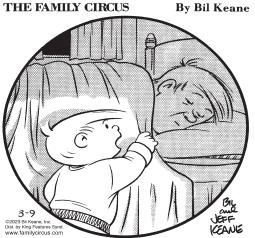
We can call it we haven't been born

Never put off what can be done today. The Bible says, "Now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation" (2 Corinthians 6:2). Salvation brings a newness to life and Jesus provides the faith to receive Him. This reality empowers us to follow Him in obedience, in which the Holy Spirit helps us as we read the Bible, pray for guidance, and emboldens us to tell others about Him.

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Auto/Trucks

1994 CHEVROLET SUBUR-**BAN,** 2500, 184,000 miles, white/blue, 4x2, 6.5 turbo diesel, new paint, loaded, Reese hitch, trailer brakes, original, 260-450-2432

Motorcycles

1994 HD HERITAGE softail, black, excellent, 22,333 miles, \$5,000, 260-273-7921.

EMPLOYMENT

Help Wanted

LOCAL CLASS-A CDL driver. Pick up, delivery, and transport oversize loads locally in Fort Wayne area. Personalized dispatch, great pay, sign on & bonus incentive, excellent health, disability & life insurance, 401K, direct deposit, well-maintained equipment. Must have good Class- A CDL record. Sycamore Spec. Carriers, 3400 Engle, Fort Wayne, IN. Phone: 877-478-6377 Ex-E-mail: recruiting @sycamoretrkg.com (A)

FOOD SERVICE Food Service position available at the Wells Community Boys & Girls Club in Bluffton, IN. Key roles include, but not limited to: meal preparation and serving, maintain inventory control, prepare menus, order food, verify that prepared meals meet requirement for quality and quantity, prepare and maintain ail records required by the Indiana State Service Programs. Must have knowledge working with Excel spreadsheets For more information, contact Sue or Vicki (260) 824-5070. https://wellscommunityboysgi rlsclub.com/

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Second installment will be delinquent after November 13, 2023. Lisa McCormick, Auditor, Auditor of Wells County.

Help Wanted

BLUFFTON **POLICE** PARTMENT Now Hiring! The Bluffton Police Department is accepting applications for the position of police officer. Applicant must be 21 years of age by close of application date, but less than 40; have a high school diploma; two-year college degree or equivalent (60 hours), or three years of work experience in police related field or an ILEA Basic graduate or equivalent. Must provide college transcripts. Applicant must possess and maintain a valid Indiana driver's license and responsible work experience. Applicant must pass a background investigation, written test, physical agility test, oral interview, voice stress examination, required statewide baseline physical and psychological examination and drug test. Applications may be picked up at the Clerk-Treasurer's Office, 128 E Market St, Bluffton, IN, between the hours of 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday or online at blufftonindiana.net. If you have questions about the application process, you may call the Bluffton Police Department at 260-824-3320, Kyle Randall, Chief of Police. Last day to accept applications will be March



LENGERICH MEATS IS looking for a motivated and reliable individual with great attention to detail to join our team. The position is for general labor starting at \$15.00/hr. Send resume Lengerich@frontier.com stop in and fill out an applica-

REAL ESTATE

Open Houses

SATURDAY, MARCH 11, 10 a.m.-3 p.m., 426 S. Main St., Bluffton, 2-story, brick house, 4 bedrooms, 2 full baths, large laundry room, generator, fireplace, detached, 2-car garage.

Home For Sale



102 CHURCH ST., Ossian, spacious home w/much potential. 4 BR, 2 bath, additional 1 bedroom apartment upstairs. \$98,000. Call 260-760-1705.

NOTICE

Notices

AUCTION NOTICE: BLUFFTON U-STOR to enforce storage lien per IC 26-3-8, for default in rental payment. Lien notice may still be in the mail to Joseph Davis, Unit 109. Auction to begin March 18th at 8:00 AM with Storagetreasures.com. Auction ID: 2863751. Bluffton U-Stor, 755 N. Main St., Bluffton, IN 46714. 260-827-7679

AUCTION NOTICE: BLUFFTON U-STOR to enforce storage lien per IC 26-3-8, for default in rental payment. Lien notice may still be in the mail to Pamela Cummins, Unit #87. Auction to begin March 21st at 8:00 AM with Auc-Storagetreasures.com. tion ID: 2865989. Bluffton U-755 N. Main Street, on, IN 46714. Stor, 755 N Bluffton, 260-827-7679

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CONSTRUCTION MARV'S Room additions, fix old saggy floors, all types remodeling. Redo bathrooms, old foundation repairs. Mary Schwartz: 260-525-8877.

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Lottery Numbers

Wednesday's Drawings HOOSIER LOTTERY Cash 5 — 02-03-18-34-

Lotto Plus — 08-29-39-40-45-46

Cash4Life — 02-15-20-39-42, Cash Ball: 01

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63-67-73-79, BE: 23 Daily Three-Midday — 08-09-05, SB: 08

Daily Three-Evening -07-07-05, SB: 06 Daily Four-Midday —

01-05-02-01, SB: 08 Daily Four-Evening — 01-09-01-07, SB: 06

Quick Draw Evening – 02-03-06-10-14-17-22-23-24-25-27-28-31-40-46-58-65-76-77, BE: 02

Hoosier Lotto -04-09-15-17-22-41

MEGA MILLIONS Estimated jackpot (for Friday): \$203 million

POWERBALL 26-27-43-61-69 Powerball: 04; Power Play: 3X

Services

LAWN CARE & LANDSCAP-ING

Ethan's Outdoor Services LLC is taking on new Residential & Commercial accounts 2023. We offer Lawn Care, Landscaping & Landscape Maintenance. Free Estimates. 260-827-7945 ethansoutdoor@gmail.com

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Public

LOTS CLOSING MARCH 9 STARTING AT 10 AM EDT - Allen Acres Inc., Kandy Villanueva. Tractor, harvest equipment, planting equipment, tillage, application equipment, farm support items. Merit Auctions, 833-273-9300, www.meritauctions.

MARCH 10 - 8 a.m. EST -Secured creditors & various consignors, owners. 815 Adams Street, Decatur. Live & online truck & equipment auction! Over 500+ lots! Off lease day cabs and sleepers, trailers, variety of trucks, group of 3/4 ton & 1 ton pickup & utility trucks, SUV's, motorcycles, directional bore machines, forklifts, skid steers, shop & construction equipment, 75+ skid steer attachments, 40' container loads of brand new items, more! Preview March 9, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Krueckeberg Auction & Realty LLC, 260-724-7402, kjauction.com. MARCH 11 - 10:30 a.m. -

Robert Clifton, owner. 2092 E 500 S, Bluffton. From intersection of SR 1 & SR 116 on south side of Bluffton, travel 3½ miles south on SR 1 to CR 500 S, then west approx. 11/2 miles. Online bidding available. Tractors, combine, corn head, grain platform, grain cart, semi, hopper bottom trailer, seed tender truck, pickup. Inspection March 10, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Auction managers: Arden Schrader, 260-229-2442, Al Pfister, 260-760-8922, Schrader Real Estate and Auction Company, Inc., 800-451-2709, SchraderAuction.com.

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

James S. Jackson Co., LLC, a General Contractor and Equal Employment Opportunity Employ-er is seeking certified MBE/WBE/ VBE/DBE Subcontractors and Suppliers to bid the Bid Package F- Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvements (WW Project 8B), located in Bluffton, Indiana. The bids for this project will be due by: Tuesday, March 21, 2023, @ noon. Interested and Certified MBE/ WBE/VBE/DBE Subcontractors and Suppliers should contact our office via phone 260.824.0918 or email your bid to: mstudebaker@ jjacksonco.com. Please include any bid certifications you have.
Plans and Specifications are available to be viewed and download at no cost by sending a request to: mstudebaker@jjacksonco.com, also at the offices of James S. Jackson Co., LLC, 304 West Market Street, Suite 100, Bluffton, Indiana 46714.

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MARCH 13 - 6 p.m. ET - Eloise A. Hamrick Trust, farm. Adams County 4-H Park, dining hall, 160 W. Washington Street, Monroe. Property location: 6 miles east of Monroe IN, Adams County, Blue Creek Township. 78+/- total acres, productive farmland, 62.2+/tillable acres, 15+/- woods, 0.8+/- non-tillable acres. Soil types: Blount silt loam, Pewamo silty clay, Morley silty clay loam. WAPI: 145.5 corn bu., 44 soybeans bu. Rick Johnloz: 260-827-8181, Halderman Real Estate & Farm Management, halderman.com, 800-424-2324.

MARCH 16 - 8 a.m.-6 p.m. ET - online Only - Spaulding Farms LLC, farm. Property location: 3508 E 500 N, Montpelier, IN. 23.57+/- total acres, 22+/- tillable, 1.57+/- other, Blackford Co., Harrison Twp. Soil types: Blount-Glynwood, Pewamo silty clay. WAPI: 141.3 corn bu., 43.5 soybeans bu. Contact us today! Scott Shrader, 765-348-6538, Rick Johnloz, 260-827-8181. *Hal*derman Real Estate & Farm Management, 800-424-2324 halderman.com.

Public Notices

Public Notice

In accordance with IC 3-11-In accordance with IC 3-11-14.5 and IC 3-11-13-22; 3-11-13-23; 3-11-13-24; 3-11-13-25; 3-11-13-26 A Public Test will be held at the Wells County Clerk's Office located at 102 W Market St. Suite 201, Bluffton, IN 46714 on March 23, 2023 at 10:00AM. This will be a test of the Electronic Voting System and the Automatic Tabulat tem and the Automatic Tabulating Machine to ascertain that the machines and the components of the voting system will correctly count and tabulate the votes cast for all candidates and/or public questions for the 2023 Primary

Election Beth Davis Wells County Clerk

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Tab Rate Chart for the year 2022 Payable 2023

Notice is hereby given that the Tax Duplicates for the Taxing Units of Wells County, for the year 2022 payable 2023, are now in the hands of the Wells County Auditor, who is ready to receive the Taxes charged thereon. The following table shows the rate of taxation on each \$100.00 of Taxable Real Estate, Personal Property, and Mobile Homes. The first installment will be delinquent after May 10, 2023.

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90 6	Management Total SPECIAL UNIT 301-ROCKCREEK	0.0069 0.0156	0.0069 0.0156	0.0069 0.0156	0.0069	0.0069 0.0156	0.0069	0.0069	0.0069	0.0069	0.0069	0.0069	0.0069			0.0069 0.0156		0.0069	0.0069	0.0069	0.0069	0.0069	0.0069
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