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Body found in Wabash river

By HOLLY GASKILL

Police retrieved a body believed to be a missing 19-year-old from Geneva Thursday morning.

Branden Beer was reported missing to the Adams County Sheriff's Office on Wednesday, May 3. His vehicle was recovered in the Wabash River in Bluffton later the same day, with tire tracks leading to the vehicle.

The Indiana Department of Natural Resources located the body at approximately 9 a.m. on Rose Road roughly a half-mile west of CR 100E, roughly 6 miles downriver from the vehicle. The body was then transported to the Northeast Indiana Forensic Center, where an autopsy will be conducted on Friday.

Detective Greer stated the initial accident is still believed to have only involved Beer's vehicle. Prior to the river accident, Beer had been allegedly missing since Sunday, April 30. His death is still under investigation.

Assisting in the investigation were the ACSD, WCSD, Bluffton Fire and Rescue, the Bluffton Police Department, Decatur Fire Department, Indiana DNR, Wells County Coroner's Office, and Haggard, Hirschy, and Zent Funeral Home.

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INDOT will begin repairing sections of Main Street

Motorists using Bluffton's Main Street may want to be wary of the thoroughfare next week.

The Indiana Department of Transportation is planning to begin repairs on portions of the city's busiest street next week, planning to start on Wednesday, May 17.

INDOT is in charge of the project because Ind. 1 is a state highway.

E&B Paving of Huntington will be the contractor for the project. The work is expected to take about a week, weather permitting.

The latest start date is Friday, May 19, with the work done before Memorial Day.

The work will go from south to north, starting at Wells County Road 200S and continuing to the Crosbie Bridge over the Wabash River.

If necessary, the road repair project will use what is called "soft closings" at intersections if necessary. Side streets will be closed at Main Street by cones, forcing traffic to find another way across or onto Main Street.

E&B will use flaggers for traffic control.

U.S. accuses South Africa of providing weapons to Russia

By GERALD IMRAY and MICHAEL BIESECKER
Associated Press

CAPE TOWN, South Africa (AP) — The U. S. ambassador to South Africa accused the country Thursday of providing weapons and ammunition to Russia for its war in Ukraine via a cargo ship linked to a sanctioned company that docked secretly at a naval base near the city of Cape Town in December.

South African President Cyril Ramaphosa said an investigation into the visit by a Russian vessel named Lady R to his nation's main naval base was already underway behind the scenes with the help of U.S. intelligence services before Ambassador Reuben Brigety went public at a news conference in the South African capital, Pretoria, that the cargo

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Window treatments

Stronghold Glass workers replace windows in downtown Bluffton on Thursday afternoon. (Photo by Holly Gaskill)

Celebrating National Nurses Week

By SYDNEY KENT

National Nurses Week, a time used to celebrate and recognize the critical role nurses hold, is recognized every year from May 6-12. The theme this year is: You Make A Difference.

One young Wells County nurse is making a difference in patients' lives at the Med/Surg and ICU units in Adams Memorial Hospital.

For Ashlyn Shanks, a 17-year-old junior at Norwell High School, simply lending a hand to the people around her provided inspiration for her chosen profession.

"I grew up out in the country, and when I was younger, I had a neighbor. He was suffering with many hernias," Shanks said. "I would pick up sticks in his yard and just try to help out however I could. I liked the idea that I can be there for people in a different way with my work. I want to make people smile."

And so Shanks pursued certification as a nursing assistant, which required a training course and passing a state

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Ashlyn Shanks prepares for her shift at Adams Memorial Hospital in Decatur. (Photo by Sydney Kent)

Event for Vietnam-era veterans May 17

American Legion Post 111 will host a "Welcome Home" event for Vietnam-era veterans from 1 to 4 p.m. Wednesday, May 17.

The post home is at 1111 W. Washington St. in Bluffton. All Vietnam-era veterans are welcome, no matter where they were stationed. That includes active duty military personnel, National Guard members, and reserves.

Veterans will receive a personal "welcome home" greet-

ing and a special gift.

The event is sponsored by Indianapolis-based Welcome Home Vietnam Vets Inc., as well as American Legion Post 111 and the Wells County Veterans Service Office. A representative of the VSO will be on site to answer questions.

Welcome Home Vietnam Vets — website: whvv.org — is an organization that seeks community partners "to help find, thank, and repay Indiana's Vietnam-era veterans."

U.S. approves \$42B in loan forgiveness for public service workers

By ADRIANA MORGA and CORA LEWIS
Associated Press

The U.S. has approved more than \$42 billion in federal student loan debt forgiveness for more than 615,000 borrowers in the past 18 months as part of a program aimed at getting more people to work in public service jobs, the

U.S. Department of Education said this week.

The Public Service Loan Forgiveness program is open to teachers, librarians, nurses, public interest lawyers, military members and other public workers. It cancels a borrower's remaining student debt after 10 years of public interest work, or 120 monthly payments.

The program is separate from President Joe Biden's student debt relief plan, which would wipe away or reduce loans for millions of borrowers regardless of what field they work in. The U.S. Supreme Court is currently considering whether that plan can go ahead.

The Public Service Loan For-

giveness program, known as PSLF, was launched in 2007, but stringent rules meant that more than 90% of applicants were rejected, the Department of Education said in 2019.

In October 2021, the government temporarily relaxed the requirements, making it easier for people to apply and be approved.

Those relaxed requirements ended in October 2022. However, borrowers who want to increase their payment count have another opportunity to do so. They can apply for the one-time account adjustment until the end of the year.

Through the one-time account

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National Nurses Week

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exam. "I have been a CNA for two years. Norwell High School has a program to get your license," Shanks said. "But I actually got my license earlier, on my own when I was 15 through the Swiss Village Retirement Community in Berne."

Shanks said she loves the opportunity to "always keep learning" and working in an often fast-paced environment. "Sometimes you don't know what is going to happen. I have been asked to help in ICU at times, I have helped

in OB," Shanks said. "There was a mom that was coding and her baby was moving like crazy because she was losing oxygen. I stayed focused and ready to help however I was needed."

Shanks said she learns from watching fellow nurses. "Ashlyn and Amy are my go-to nurses that help me with everything," Shanks said. "They help me learn a lot, they are awesome CNAs. All of my charge nurses help teach and guide me as well."

Next year, Shanks said she will participate in the ICE program at Norwell

High School. The following year, she hopes to graduate with an acceptance letter to Saint Francis.

"I am really hoping to attend Saint Francis and obtain my BSM in nursing," Shanks said. "After that, I might continue on to be a Nurse Practitioner."

Shanks said she enjoys riding ATVs and dirt bikes, being around farm animals and loves spending time with her friends and family. Shanks also said she is excited about the potential in her future as a nurse.

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Weapons to Russia

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was weapons and ammunition.

Brigety said the U.S. was certain that military equipment was loaded onto the Lady R at the Simon's Town naval base between Dec. 6 and Dec. 8 and then transported to Russia. He said it brought into question South Africa's supposed neutral stance on the war in Ukraine and its calls for the conflict to end.

"The arming of the Russians is extremely serious and we do not consider this issue to be resolved," Brigety said in comments reported by multiple South African news outlets.

If South Africa is found to be giving Russia military aid, it threatens to fracture the relationship between the United States and a key partner in Africa. Despite South Africa's neutral stance

on the war in Ukraine, the Biden Administration was hoping it could still be a key buffer against growing Russian and Chinese influence on the continent.

While Ramaphosa's office said in a statement later Thursday that there was currently "no evidence" to support allegations that arms were loaded onto the Lady R, The Associated Press established that the vessel is tied to a company that was sanctioned last year by the U.S. for being involved in transporting military equipment for the Russian government.

The news of Brigety's comments broke while Ramaphosa was in Cape Town answering questions on other matters in Parliament. When the leader of the political opposition, John Steenhuisen, asked about the weapons and ammunition,

the president replied that "the matter is being looked into, and in time we will be able to speak about it."

Ramaphosa declined to comment further, citing the need for the investigation to play out.

Steenhuisen asked the president if South Africa was "actively arming Russian soldiers who are murdering and maiming innocent people?"

Ammunition supplies have become a problem for Russia in the war. The leader of Russian military company Wagner complained last week about his mercenary soldiers in Ukraine allegedly dealing with dire shortages.

Ramaphosa's office acknowledged in its statement that the Lady R docked in South Africa, but did not say when, where or for what reason. The statement

also criticized the American ambassador for going public.

Records reviewed by the AP show the Lady R was purchased by a Russian company, Transmorfol LLC, in 2019. In May 2022, the U.S. sanctioned Transmorfol and several vessels it alleges are controlled by the company, including the Lady R, for aiding the Russian war effort. The company then changed its name to MG-Flot LLC, which is also listed as the current owner of the Lady R.

Loan forgiveness

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adjustment, borrowers with direct loans through the William D. Ford program will have similar benefits to those that were available under the limited PSLF waiver. Borrowers who do not have direct loans can consolidate and receive PSLF credit for prior payments as part of this adjustment, as long as they submit a consolidation application by the end of 2023.

One of the people who benefited from the PSLF waiver was Beth Bourdon, an assistant public defender in Orlando, Florida.

Bourdon had about \$57,000 of student loans forgiven in February 2022. Previously, because her loans had been acquired through the Family Federal Education Loan Program, Bourdon didn't qualify for relief. But when the waiver took effect in October 2021, she successfully applied.

"I kept checking and re-checking the site, and one day I went and the balance was zero," Bourdon said. "Two days later I got the official letter."

With the exception of one two-year period, Bourdon has worked in public interest law since 2005. She said she made payments of about \$417 every month from June 2008 to October 2021, when she consolidated her loans and applied for PSLF.

"Public defenders, we don't get paid a lot," she said. "When people's student loans hit, they're faced with a really hard decision. Can I remain doing this job I love or will I have to go to a civil firm to try to make money? The PSLF helps try to retain talented people who would otherwise go somewhere else."

Bourdon said the cancellation gives her "breathing room."

She added that she personally talked about 10 people she knows through the process of applying for forgiveness via the waiver, and that several have already received cancellation.

"It's so great — knowing how relieved I was, for my friends to have that kind of relief too," she said.

Starting July 1 of this year, the Education Department will implement changes designed to make the PSLF application process easier. Some of the changes were previously included in

the waiver.

Here's what you need to know if you want to apply:

Who qualifies?

If you are or were previously employed at least 30 hours per week with the following types of organizations, you qualify:

- Government organizations at any level (U.S. federal, state, local, or tribal). This includes the U.S. military, all work in public education, and full-time volunteer work with AmeriCorps and the Peace Corps.
- Any not-for-profit organization that is tax-exempt under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.
- If you work for a not-for-profit organization that is not tax-exempt, you may still qualify for PSLF if the organization provides certain types of qualifying public services such as emergency management, legal aid and legal services, early childhood education, service to individuals with disabilities or the elderly, public health, including nurses and nurse practitioners, public library and school library services, and public safety such as crime prevention and law enforcement.

To demonstrate that your job in public service qualifies you for forgiveness, you'll file an employer certification form with your servicer, listing jobs you've held.

You must have direct loans or consolidate other federal student loans into a direct loan. You must also make 120 qualifying payments or 10 years of payments.

Which student loans are eligible?

Any federal student loan received under the William

D. Ford Federal Direct Loan program is eligible.

If you have either a Federal Family Education Loan (FFEL) or a Federal Perkins Loan, you'll need to consolidate those into direct loans with your servicer. Payments made on these loans before you consolidated them do not count as qualifying PSLF payments.

Private student loans are not eligible.

What counts as a qualifying payment?

A qualifying monthly payment is a payment that you made after Oct. 1, 2007, while you were employed by a qualifying employer.

The 120 qualifying monthly payments don't need to be consecutive. For example, if you have a period of employment with a non-qualifying employer, you will not lose credit for prior qualifying payments.

What about the payment pause?

Student loan payments are currently paused because of the COVID pandemic.

Payments are set to resume, along with the accrual of interest, 60 days after the current Supreme Court case about student loan forgiveness is resolved. If the case hasn't been resolved by June 30, payments will start 60 days after that.

Borrowers will get credit toward PSLF for payments they would have made during the pause as long as they meet all other qualifications for the program, according to the Education Department.

For the qualifying payments to show in your account, you must submit a PSLF form that certifies your employment during the pause.

Weather

Friday, May 12, 2023
 (24-hour observations at 9:27 p.m. Thursday)
High: 80; **Low:** 51; **Precipitation:** None
Wabash River Level (at the Main Street bridge): 2.54 feet at 9:45 p.m. Thursday

Wells County forecast

Today: A slight chance of showers before 11 a.m., then a chance of showers and thunderstorms between 11 a.m. and 2 p.m., then showers likely and possibly a thunderstorm after 2 p.m. Cloudy, with a high near 75. South wind 5 to 10 mph. Chance of precipitation is 60 percent. New rainfall amounts between a tenth and quarter of an inch, except higher amounts possible in thunderstorms.

Tonight: Showers likely and possibly a thunderstorm. Cloudy, with a low around 62. Southeast wind 5 to 10 mph becoming north after midnight. Chance of precipitation is 60 percent. New precipitation amounts between a tenth and quarter of an inch, except higher amounts possible in thunderstorms.

Saturday: A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms, mainly after 2 p.m. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 76. Northeast wind around 10 mph.

Saturday Night: A chance of showers and thunderstorms before 11 p.m., then a slight chance of showers. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 55. Northeast wind 10 to 15 mph. Chance of precipitation is 30 percent.

Sunday: A 30 percent chance of showers, mainly after 2 p.m. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 70.

Sunday Night: A 30 percent chance of showers, mainly before 8 p.m. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 47.

Monday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 71.

Monday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 50.

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OBITUARIES

Jean A. Lawhorn, 66

Jean A. Lawhorn, 66, of Bluffton, died Thursday afternoon, May 11, 2023, at I.U. Health Ball Memorial Hospital. Funeral arrangements are pending with Goodwin – Cale & Harnish Memorial Chapel in Bluffton.

Police Notebook

INCIDENTS

City:

Wednesday, 2:30 p.m., residence on Grove Court. Juvenile reported feeling unsafe at home.

Wednesday, 3:18 p.m., 121 N Main St. Glass reported in the roadway. Street Department contacted.

Wednesday, 7:40 p.m., residence on East Wiley Avenue. Juvenile reportedly using drugs.

Wednesday, 8:56 p.m., residence on West Washington Street. Caller stated three juveniles through a stick at her while driving by. A juvenile had called in prior to report her friend had been throwing a stick.

Wednesday, 9:45 p.m., residence on Sunset Drive. Report of an aggressive dog. The dog's leash was no longer secure in the owner's yard. A person with a key to the property arrived to put the dog inside.

Wednesday, 11:11 p.m., 501 W Market St. Line down in backyard.

Thursday, 3:33 a.m., Bluffton-Harrison Elementary School. Attempting jump a vehicle's dead battery.

Thursday, 6:52 a.m., South Williams and West Washington Streets. Street signs switched.

Thursday, 9:28 a.m., Walmart. Driver appears to falling asleep and weaving in and out of traffic.

Thursday, 10:15 a.m., Bluffton High School. Reported vandalism at the football stadium. Investigation ongoing.

Thursday, 11:37 a.m., First Bank of Berne. Customer hit multiple pillars in the drive-thru.

Thursday, 11:45 a.m., Family Farm and Home. Semi-truck stopped. Brakes have locked up and driver has help on the way.

County:

Wednesday, 1:12 p.m., 10415N 300W, Markle. Advised of a loose dog roaming around, possible having killed a cat. A deputy made contact with the owners of the dog, and advised of laws about loose animals and the neighbors' concerns.

Wednesday, 1:23 p.m., Wells County Animal Shelter. The shelter reported a dog owner has not gotten the proper shots for her dog. The owner advised she had an appointment for the dog in June, but would try to get it scheduled sooner.

Wednesday, 2:35 p.m.,

North 100E and East 950N. Citation issued for speeding.

Wednesday, 3:44 p.m., East U.S. 224 and North Ind. 1. Report of a broken down semi-truck. Advised the truck had moved on.

Thursday, 2:09 a.m., residence on Sherwood Drive, Bluffton. Unconscious person. Possible drug overdose. Narcan and CPR administered. Individual declared deceased.

Thursday, 11:32 a.m., East U.S. 224 and North 700E. Vehicle left on the side of the road. Note on windshield states the driver will be back at 11 a.m.

Ossian:

Thursday, 10:10 a.m., Norwell High School. Minor property damage.

Thursday, 10:56 a.m., residence on Aviation Drive. Report of an individual attempting to break into a building.

ACCIDENTS

City:

Wednesday, 9:27 p.m., South Adams Street, Bluffton. Heather M. Elzey, 39, Bluffton, was driving a 2013 Chevrolet Traverse northbound on South Adams Street near Western Avenue and struck a deer in the roadway. Damage exceeded \$2,500.

County:

Tuesday, 1:05 p.m., Ind. 1 at the intersection of Margaret's Road. Myron J. Disher, 32, Ossian, was driving a 2015 Kia Soul northbound on Ind. 1 and strayed from his lane, striking a 2017 Chevrolet Silverado pickup truck driven by Berry W. Weaver on the passenger side front fender. Damage exceeded \$2,500.

Wednesday, 12:44 p.m., Walmart. Laura K. Smith, 39, Ossian, was driving a 2005 Chrysler Town and Country van and, while attempting to park her vehicle, she misjudged the space between her vehicle and a parked and unoccupied 2011 Jeep Wrangler. Damage exceeded \$1,000.

Wednesday, 7:36 p.m., Zestos. Abigail N. Dale, 16, Ossian, was backing a Chrysler Town and Country out of a parking space and collided with a parked and unoccupied 2014 Dodge Charger. Damage exceeded \$2,500.

ARRESTS

David William Allen Wagers, 28, Fort Wayne; probation violation, a Class A misdemeanor. No bond set.

Indiana hiker missing in Alaska's Denali national park presumed dead, officials say

By BECKY BOHRER Associated Press

Two climbers last heard from as they prepared to scale a peak in Alaska's Denali National Park and Preserve last week are believed dead, the park said Thursday.

Leaders of the search efforts "have concluded that survival is outside the window of possibility," citing the rocky terrain, the climbers' limited supplies, temperatures dipping as low as 5 degrees Fahrenheit overnight and the time that has passed since the men were last heard from, according to a statement from the park.

Eli Michel, 34, of Columbia City, Indiana, and Nafiu Awal, 32, of Seattle, were last heard from on May 5, when they checked in with a friend using a satellite communication device before setting out to climb on the 10,300-foot peak called the Moose's Tooth, the park has said. The mountain is about 12 miles southeast of Denali, the tallest mountain in North America, park officials have said.

"Based on communications with their friend, the team had intended to climb the route in a single, long push. As is typical, to minimize weight and move fast, they did not take overnight gear, nor likely more than a day's supply of food, water and fuel," according to Thursday's statement.



BHS prom royalty

Bluffton High School honored its prom court and royalty last week. The court was (front) Lillian King, Emma Baumgartner and Hannah Gallion, and (back) Sam Baumgartner, Preston Daughtery and Kayden King. Prom king and queen, Daughtery and Gallion, were crowned Saturday night at Lighted Gardens in Ossian. (Photo Provided)



4 staff leave Indianapolis-area school where kid made to eat vomit

BROWNSBURG, Ind. (AP) — Four staff members at a suburban Indianapolis school have been fired or have submitted their resignations after a 7-year-old special education student was told to eat his own vomit.

The board of the Brownsburg Community School Corp. approved the actions Monday night for the staff at Brown Elementary School.

They are among five staff members the Hendricks County Prosecutor's Office has charged with neglect or failure to report neglect after the February incident. The fifth, a behavioral technician, works for an outside agency and cannot be disciplined by the school district.

A sixth staffer who does not face charges but who the school district said also did not report the incident, also has submitted a letter of resignation. That letter was not received in time to be acted upon during Monday's meeting and will be discussed at a June board meeting.

A teacher and an instructional aide at the school were charged with neglect. They as well as a second teacher, a second aide and the behavioral technician were charged with failure to report the incident.

The teacher charged with neglect told the student during lunch that if he vomited, he would need to eat whatever he threw up, Brownsburg police said. The child vomited on a tray provided by the second teacher, and the aide charged with neglect then gave the child a spoon, police said.

The boy ate some of the vomit, then used paper towels to clean up what remained, police said.

The Brownsburg Community School Corp. said it learned of the incident on April 12 and removed the five staffers who have been charged from contact with students.

Superintendent Jim Snapp said in a statement at the time, "We are deeply saddened by the actions of these staff members and will work in conjunction with our local law enforcement as they move forward with possible criminal charges."

Indiana man gets 38 years in beating of woman found in ditch

NEW CASTLE, Ind. (AP) — An Indianapolis man convicted of abducting and severely beating a woman in 2018 and dumping her in a ditch where she was found the next day has been sentenced to 38 years in prison.

A Henry County judge sentenced Christopher Thomas Williams, 39, after a jury convicted him in March of attempted murder, criminal confinement, intimidation, theft and criminal mischief.

Indiana State Police said Williams and co-defendant Jonathan D. O'Connor, 38, of Beech Grove, abducted the woman in June 2018 after she dropped her children off at an Indianapolis daycare facility.

O'Connor told police he drove a car while Williams assaulted the victim in the back seat.

He said Williams removed the woman, who appeared to have been choked into unconsciousness, from the car and "threw her over the ravine" along Interstate 70 in Henry County, The Star Press reported.

Trial testimony indicated that the woman had laid in a ditch along I-70 near Knightstown for nearly 24 hours until a passersby who heard her screams discovered the woman with severe injuries.

O'Connor also told police that Williams destroyed the woman's cellphone and threw it into a Henry County creek, according to court records.

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Postal employees will have distributed bags for the collection either Thursday or Friday for pickup on Saturday.

Brian Smith of the Bluffton post office said the food will be given to the Wells County Food Bank on South Main Street.

SW Indiana police shoot, wound wanted man who pulled handgun

EVANSVILLE, Ind. (AP) — Southwestern Indiana police shot and wounded a man who pulled a gun on officers on a residential street, police said Wednesday.

The man underwent surgery following the shooting in Evansville Tuesday afternoon but no additional information was available, Sgt. Anna Gray, an Evansville Police Department spokeswoman, said.

Gray said two Evansville officers driving in separate vehicles recognized the man, who was wanted for failing to appear in court on criminal mischief, disorderly conduct and drug-related felony charges, the Evansville Courier & Press reported.

Police dash camera footage released Tuesday evening shows an officer pull up in front of an SUV parked on a residential street with its rear hatch

open and two men standing nearby.

One man puts his hands in the air and walks away, but the other remains at the rear of the SUV as the officer repeatedly yells for him to put his hands up and step toward him.

Gray said the man removed his right hand from the SUV holding a handgun before "he raised the firearm and racked the slide."

Dashcam footage shows the man with a gun in his hand as officers shoot him and he falls to the ground.

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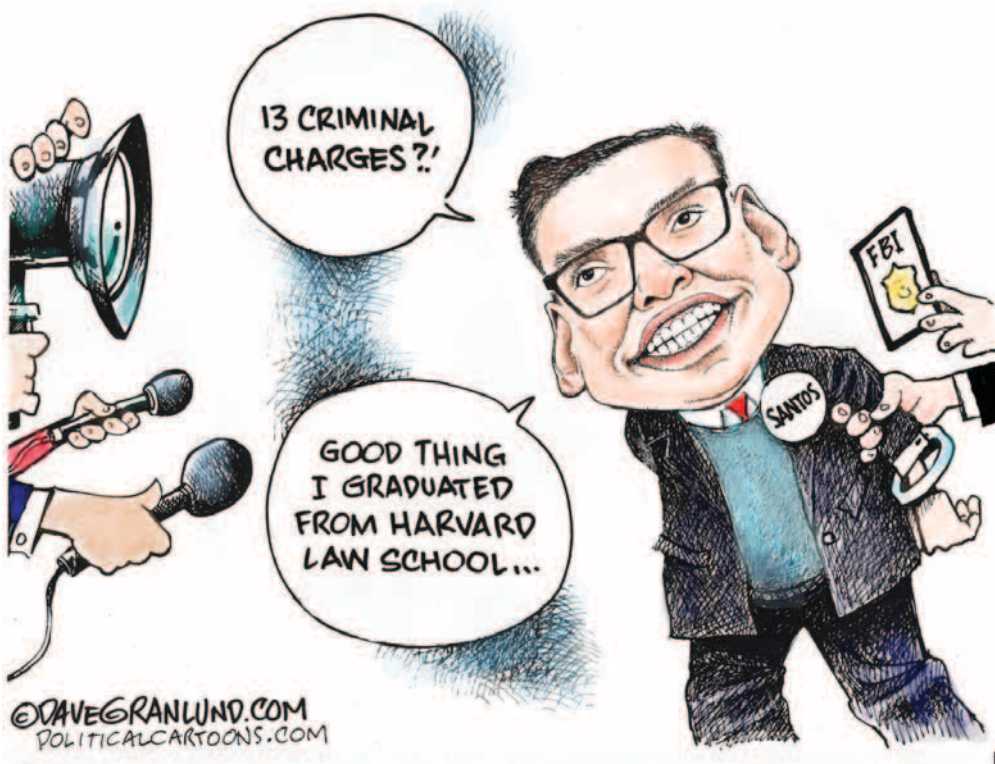
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The Week That Was - a look back through cartoonists' eyes...



What did you inherit from your mother?

As Mother's Day approaches, it is appropriate that we discuss the physical characteristics, personality traits, coping mechanisms, etiquette rules, life ambitions, etcetera that we inherited from our mothers.

Let's discuss it in hushed tones, though. We don't want Uncle Sam salivating over a new type of inheritance tax.

I inherited my soft spot for stray animals from my mother. And when confronted with her clutter, she takes a perverse pride in confessing, "I'm a packrat — like Danny!"; but in many ways, we are complete opposites.

As my bookshelves will attest, I did not inherit her aversion to reading. If she possessed a time machine (a flip time machine, not one of those newfangled smart time machines), she would go back and snatch Johannes Gutenberg from his crib and train him for a life of lawnmowing.

Okay, I admit I did inherit my mother's fashion sense (or lack of same). She's an industrious woman, beloved by many; but she is not renowned for matching colors, patterns and fabrics. I was oblivious to the teasing at school until the time she sent me off wearing the purple mohair vest with the red loincloth.

I dutifully attend my share of funerals, but I did not inherit my mother's morbid fascination with final arrangements. If I make the mistake of mentioning the obituary of some minor acquaintance, the topic keeps resurfacing like a game of Whac-A-Mole.

It's especially bad if the surviving family members schedule the funeral several days after the "kicking off" phase. Even when my mother has no intentions of attending, sending a sympathy card or sharing thoughts and prayers, she embarks on day after day of pointless speculation about possible attendees, embalming versus cremation, estimated income for the florist...

"Will there be an open casket?" passes my mother's lips more often than an entire alcoholic family asks, "Will there be an open bar?" about a wedding reception.

Finally, the day after the funeral, Mom inevitably asks, "Well, I wonder if they ever got ol' what's-his-name buried?"

"They tried — they really tried. But the ground rejected him! I understand they're going to try irrigating the cemetery with holy water."

I know I was temperamental as a child, but I would like to think introspection has made me more thick-skinned than my mother. She grew up poor, so to her, everything is a perceived slur or disparagement.

I do hope that I have inherited my mother's longevity gene. (Well, it's a gene or so many people saying, "Bless her heart" through gritted teeth.) She has seen better days, but she is still serving as the family matriarch at age 96.

If I do make it to such a ripe old age, I hope the IRS agents whom Uncle Sam tries to sic on me had good mothers.

"Darn! We can't make a raid until an hour after we've eaten! And, Sam, why are you wearing red, white and orange horizontal stripes???"

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Danny Tyree

Tyrades

Why even the preppy look is preferable to egalitarian shabbiness

"Because you see the main thing today is — shopping. Years ago a person, he was unhappy, didn't know what to do with himself — he'd go to church, start a revolution — something. Today you're unhappy? Can't figure it out? What is the salvation? Go shopping."

— Solomon, in "The Price" by Arthur Miller

In the era of the American Revolution, the distilled essence of the nascent nation's aspiration was Thomas Paine's "Common Sense." Today, some culture mavens say that, beginning in the fourth quarter of the 20th century, a comparable distillation of the American Dream has been found in catalogues from J. Crew. Who knew?

This clothing retailer has demonstrated that shopping catalogues can be more than an answer to Americans' perennial prayer, "Lead us into temptation." J. Crew's catalogues have been didactic, teaching consumers how to emulate, and aspire to membership in, the upper crust — the effortlessly confident elites in Oxford-cloth button-down shirts. At least as those few, those happy few, are imagined by J. Crew's catalogues.

They might be lounging in Adirondack chairs on the deck of an Ivy League boat house. The company named itself J. Crew for a reason.

Reviewing a new book (Maggie Bullock's "The Kingdom of Prep: The Inside Story of the Rise and (Near) Fall of J. Crew") in the New Yorker, Hua Hsu suggests that J. Crew decoded for aspirants the dress-as-lifestyle code of those who, having attended the right prep schools and colleges, assimilated the code — a "potent yet amorphous sensibility" — by osmosis.

The establishment's nonchalant, pre-rumpled leisure uniform — anoraks, chambray shirts, roll-neck sweaters, striped rugby shirts, madras walking shorts, barn jackets with pinwale cord collars, boat shoes (no boat needed) — was the aesthetic offered by a retailer whose chosen name echoed that of J. Press, an Ivy League Look clothier. The day after Barack Obama's 2009 inauguration, at which Michelle, Sasha and Malia wore J. Crew items, potential customers crashed the company's website.

In 1973, historian Daniel J. Boorstin published "The Americans: The Democratic Experience," the third volume in his trilogy on the nation's trajectory. He noted that whereas Europeans went shopping to get what they want, Americans went to discover what they want. Before the internet brought the marketplace to consumers' fingertips, mailed catalogues did: In the 1980s, Americans were pelted by an estimated 13.6 billion of them.

When J. Crew's catalogues arrived, Americans had long since outgrown tangible shopping — buying goods they could touch from shopkeepers they knew. In 1884, Montgomery Ward's 240-page catalogue listed almost 10,000 items. In 1893, the Sears catalogue exceeded 500 pages; in 1907, more than 3 million of them were distributed, thanks to the federal government: RFD (rural free delivery). The social soil was being prepared for Amazon.com: the market for everything coming to customers everywhere. Americans could shop as increasing numbers of them want to work: in their pajamas.

Advertising has generally stimulated consumption. J. Crew refined the process of turning consumption into advertising. This process was not new: Detroit had already taught Americans that to graduate from Chevrolet to Pontiac to Oldsmobile to Buick to Cadillac was to announce your ascent up consumption's status ladder.

Jonathan Clarke, writing in the Manhattan Institute's City Journal, of which he is a contributing editor, said the "democratization of dress" in recent decades has produced "the rapid casualization of American life." But this has calcified into an unattractive norm. Is there a more obvious contemporary ostentation than tech billionaires conducting business wearing T-shirts to advertise that they are too rich to have sartorial concerns?

Clarke, who confesses a "slightly antique sense of propriety," writes "few things are more heartening than to see a man or woman of advanced age very well dressed." Such muted rebellion against what Clarke calls the "dubious new catechism of perpetual leisure" is not, as some might censoriously insist, the sin of asserting "privilege" in violation of the ethic of "inclusiveness." Rather, it is a way to quietly assert that attention to one's presentation is a form of respect for those to whom one is presented. And it is a way to acknowledge this: Because not all occasions are created equal, not all ways of dressing are equally appropriate.

In this column's first 50 years, the strongest reaction it elicited was a tornado of fury in 2009 when the column disparaged American adults' infantile manner of dress: everyone everywhere wearing denim — a democratic conformity to egalitarian shabbiness. J. Crew, J. Press, J. Almost Anything would be an improvement.

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George Will

Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Friday, May 12, the 132nd day of 2023. There are 233 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: On May 12, 1949, the Soviet Union lifted the Berlin Blockade, which the Western powers had succeeded in circumventing with their Berlin Airlift.

On this date:

In 1780, during the Revolutionary War, the besieged city of Charleston, South Carolina, surrendered to British forces.

In 1932, the body of Charles Lindbergh Jr., the 20-month-old kidnapped son of Charles and Anne Lindbergh, was found in a wooded area near Hopewell, New Jersey.

In 1933, the Federal Emergency Relief Administration and the Agricultural Adjustment Administration were established to provide help for the needy and farmers.

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Bothersome belching

Dear Annie: I started seeing someone recently. "Matthew" is a perfect gentleman in many respects, but he has one habit that I find very rude and jarring: He burps, frequently, and sometimes without even covering his mouth. We sit down to watch a movie together after dinner, and all I can focus on is his constant gurgles next to me on the couch. The relationship is still relatively new, and I don't want to hurt his feelings, but this is a serious turnoff. What should I tell him? — Excuse You

Dear Excuse You: Don't be too quick to judge: It might not be his fault. Frequent belching can be a sign of acid reflux, which might seem like a minor condition now; however, in the long term it can cause serious damage to the esophagus if left untreated. The next time he's having these attacks of indigestion, suggest that he talk to his doctor about it, thus bringing his attention to the issue while also showing that you care — a win-win.

Dear Annie: Today, I'd like to share some insights concerning bathroom safety. My wife and I are senior citizens, and we sometimes have dizzy spells while in the shower. We used to have a rubber mat on the floor of the shower, but I noticed that the mat became very slippery, which happens over time due to the fats in the bath soap. Seniors should be careful to make sure their bath mat isn't slippery and should replace it if it is.

We've also found that it helps if we wash our faces prior to showering, so that we don't have to wash our faces in the shower, as this tends to be when the dizzy spells occur (because our eyes are closed). Also, I recommend installing a hand-held showerhead and hose so that the water can be directed wherever you wish.

But I think the most helpful thing for us has been buying a chair that is designed to fit in a tub or shower stall. This allows us to clean ourselves while sitting. They're about \$40 and are very lightweight so that they can be removed from the tub or shower enclosure eas-

ily. I hope these suggestions are helpful and avoid hurtful accidents, especially to our seniors. — Al R.

Dear Al: The bathroom can be a dangerous place even for young folks. The CDC reports that 235,000 people visit the emergency room for accidents they suffered in the bathroom every year. But of course, the danger increases with age, and seniors should take every precaution to make the bathroom a safer place, from installing handrails to using a shower chair, as you suggest. The AARP has an extensive "Bathroom Checklist" on their website that goes into greater depth.

Dear Annie: I have a different take on our obsession with celebrities, which "Ordinary Real Person" wrote to you about. For me, celebrity culture and reality shows offer a temporary and fun escape into a world filled with glamour and drama. When I return to my ordinary world, I'm grateful that I don't have to share my children with five ex-husbands, that I don't have to worry about four homes on four continents, that I don't have to go under the knife so people will love me, and that I don't have to be trussed up like a turkey before I leave the house. I'm grateful that celebrities allow me an escape, but I'm also grateful that I'm not one of them! — Love Being Ordinary

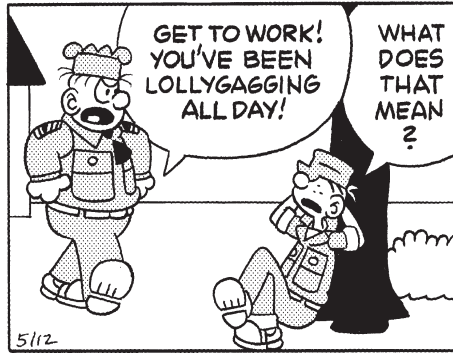
Dear Love Being Ordinary: And I love this take. Thanks for sharing it.

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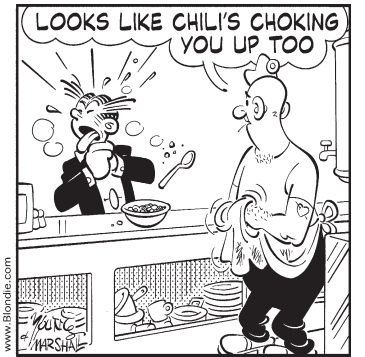
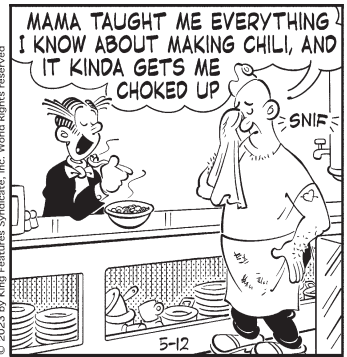
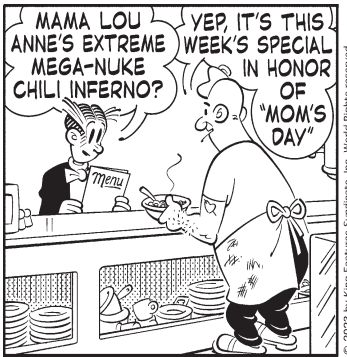
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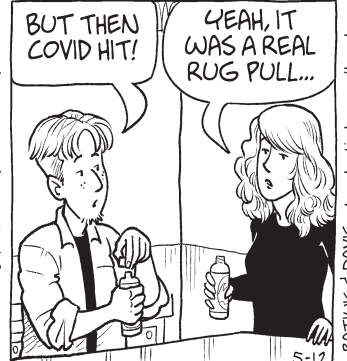
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My Answer

By Dr. Billy Graham



Works without faith have no meaning

Q: My coworker and I enjoy discussing biblical topics. We want to learn more about faith and works. Which is the most important in the Christian faith? — WF.

A: People have debated about faith and works and which one carries the most weight with God. Jesus didn't offer a choice of faith or works. The Scripture teaches that works without faith have no meaning, because we cannot work our way to Heaven.

Those who testify of their goodness often talk about paying their taxes on time, never defrauding anyone, being faithful to their spouse, and giving to charity. But God is clear

that our righteousness is like a filthy rag. There's nothing we can do to measure up to God's standard.

Once we are saved, however, God expects us — in fact, He commands us — to not be hearers of the Word only, but doers as well. Works, when we are in Christ, are an extension of Christ's ministry. In fact, works are not ends in themselves, but they demonstrate God's love toward others so that they will know God loves them and so that they will desire to learn about God's provision for their greatest needs.

The Bible says a man in a ditch is not helped if we pass by, wish him well, and tell him of God's love. No, God's love is dem-

onstrated by attending to the man's physical needs and helping him out of the ditch. This is how people learn that the Father has sent the Son. Works must never replace faith and the sharing of the Gospel, but they are a natural extension of faith. And our works are manifested in living according to the fruits of the Spirit.

Jesus said, "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven" (Matthew 5:16).

(This column is based on the words and writings of the late Rev. Billy Graham.)

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CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

Crossword puzzle grid with clues for Across and Down. Includes 'Solution time: 25 mins.' and 'Yesterday's answer 5-12'.

Grid for yesterday's crossword puzzle answer, with numbers 1-44 indicating starting positions.

Brown, Knights rout the Tigers in softball

By RYAN WALKER

The Norwell softball team breezed past Bluffton on the road with an 11-1 victory Thursday.

The Knights (11-8-1) tallied 13 hits in the game compared to the Tigers' (6-11-1) two, and that was thanks to freshman starting pitcher Kara Brown.

"I like the fact that our pitcher was a freshman. She hit her spots," Norwell head coach Kevin Baird said after the game. "She's working hard at practice, so we gave her an opportunity."

Brown has spent time with the junior varsity team this season but has made a few starts on the varsity squad. On Thursday, it paid off with a six-inning, complete game that kept the Tigers off the base paths with just two hits and a walk. The lone run came by an error that went unearned.

On the other side of the field, the Tigers came out flat, which has been an on-and-off issue with the team lately.

After a loss to South Adams in the conference opener, Bluffton went on a four-game win streak and averaged 15 runs per game. Since then, it's been four-straight losses with just three runs combined in those games.

"I told them, 'I felt like we were beat before we took the field today,'" Bluffton head coach Ben Powers said. "The team's made huge strides in areas, but the mental aspect is where we need to change. Let's compete and not take ourselves out of poor starts."

Norwell jumped out to a 4-0 lead by the second inning as Jordan Markley singled and doubled home a pair of runs. Leah Werling and Reese Frauhiger singled home two more.

Bluffton got its only run off of a fielder's choice by Madison Smith but ended the inning with a runner in scoring position and shutting down just about the only sign of life the Tigers had.

Bluffton's starting pitcher Lily King was

able to hold the Knights in the third inning and got the first two outs in the fourth and the fifth, but a two-out rally broke the game open.

"Lily pitched a solid enough game to keep us in it, but our bats were flat and not ready to play," Powers said.

Alyssa Krinn, Frauhiger, Kaydance Clark, and Tessa Garrett all singled home runs in the fourth, while Makayla Young had the lone RBI in the fifth.

Markley and Frauhiger put on a show for the Knights, going 7-8 in the game and scoring all seven times. Add to that the three stolen bases each, and Baird's got a solid 1-2 punch in his lineup.

"They're both fast. They're both leaders. It's really important to get them going in their first at-bat," he said. "As long as they go out and they're really focused on executing and not trying to overswing, those two could be dynamite every single game. When they're both on, boy, that really starts our engine pretty quickly."

Outside of Markley and Frauhiger, Baird wasn't entirely thrilled with his team's at-bats, saying that there were too many swings and misses and the team has not found the barrel of the bat he wants them to.

Baird is looking for his Knights to be more disciplined at the plate and make adjustments to pitching. Even with the 11 runs, he is holding his team to a higher standard with what they're doing at the plate, regardless of the stat sheet.

"We need to clean some stuff up," he said. "Our team is not mentally always there. It's something we need to adjust. To us, this was a really ugly game for me even though we won by 10."

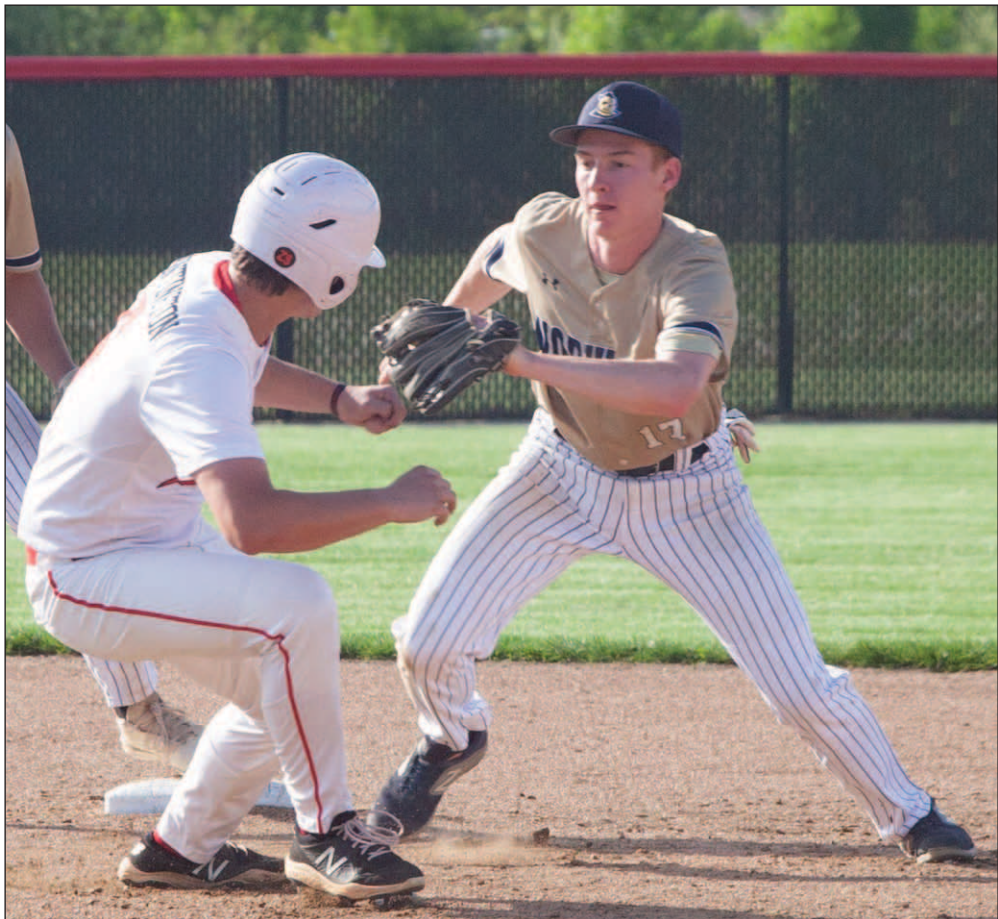
Norwell will be right back in action hosting Northrop at 6 p.m. Friday, May 12.

Bluffton will have a day to prepare for its next game at New Haven starting at 10 a.m. Saturday, May 13.

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Norwell's Kara Brown fires a pitch during a game against Bluffton Thursday afternoon. Brown helped the Knights win 11-1, throwing all six innings and allowing one unearned run. (Photo by Ryan Walker)



Norwell's second baseman Luke McBride reaches to tag out a Viking runner during a game Thursday at Huntington North High School. (Photo by Chad Kline)

Vikings take NE8 baseball lead with win over Knights

By DAVE SCHULTZ

HUNTINGTON — The host Vikings almost put the game away early. The visiting Knights almost came all the way back to win the game.

Almost. Norwell rallied from a 5-1 deficit by pushing three runs across in the bottom of the seventh inning and had the bases loaded and the team's No. 5 hitter at the plate.

However, Huntington North relief pitcher Isaac Wilson struck out Norwell's Cade Shelton for the final out of Thursday afternoon's NE8 baseball game. The Vikings were able to escape with a 5-4 victory over the Knights in a game between the only two unbeaten teams in the conference.

Huntington North is now 6-0 in the league and 13-3 overall and Norwell is 5-1 and 16-6 overall. Should the Vikings defeat New Haven (0-5, 5-11) in their conference finale, they'll own the NE8 championship outright; if the Vikings lose to the Bulldogs and the Knights defeat Columbia City (3-3, 15-5), the two teams will share the crown.

Thursday's game showed how comparable the two teams are.

The Vikings scored three times in the first inning and added single runs in the third and fourth innings. Down 5-1 entering the top of the seventh inning, the Knights rallied for three runs and had the bases loaded — that close to tying the game or taking the lead.

The game featured gutsy performances by the two starting pitchers — Norwell's Lane Lewis, who was on the mound for all six innings against the Vikings, and Huntington North's Cole Martz, who went 6 2/3 innings but couldn't subdue the Knights in that fateful seventh inning.

Nevertheless, Norwell head coach Dave Goodmiller gave credit to Martz for his effort.

"We were down too much against a really good pitcher," Goodmiller said. "He's been dominating people all year and he threw really well tonight. We popped out too many times."

Norwell's Lane Lewis struggled early but clamped down on the HNHS offense in the game's late stages. After giving up an RBI double to Isaac Wilson in the fourth inning, Lewis retired the final seven Viking batters he faced in the game.

Norwell's Curtis Ellis opened the top of the seventh with a single between third and shortstop. Cale Mallory grounded into a fielder's choice but reached second on a throwing error. After Trey Bodenheimer flew out to left, Luke McBride and Drew Graff walked to load the bases. Luke Graff drew another walk to make the score 5-2.

Huntington North coach Jarod Hammel then pulled Martz to bring in Wilson to pitch. Brody Bolyn greeted Wilson with a two-run single to make the score 5-4.

Lleyton Bailey then reached on an error to once again load the bases, but Wilson overpowered Shelton on a 2-2 pitch to end the game.

"We felt really good going into the seventh but I think in the heat he (Martz) hit a wall," Hammel said.

However, Hammel said, the credit for the comeback belonged entirely to Norwell. "It's about Norwell's fight and that's coach Goodmiller's team," Hammel said. "It's less about us on the mound maybe falling apart and more about them battling and taking a good approach. I credit Norwell for that."

Martz did not allow a hit until the fifth inning and only one of the four runs he allowed was earned.

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High School Calendar

- FRIDAY, MAY 12**
SOFTBALL: Northrop at Norwell, 6 p.m.; Southwood at Southern Wells, 5 p.m.
- SATURDAY, MAY 13**
BASEBALL: Norwell at Jay County, 10 a.m.; Bluffton at St. Marys Memorial, 11 a.m.
BOYS GOLF: Norwell at Angola Invitational, 12:30 p.m.
GIRLS TENNIS: Norwell JV Invitational, 9 a.m.
SOFTBALL: Bluffton at New Haven, 10 a.m.; Liberty Christian at Southern Wells, 5 p.m.
TRACK & FIELD: Norwell 9/10 Boys Invitational at Huntington North, 11 a.m.
- MONDAY, MAY 15**
BASEBALL: Bluffton at Blackhawk, 5 p.m.; Southern Wells at Adams Central, 5:30 p.m.
BOYS GOLF: South Adams at Bluffton, 4:30 p.m.
SOFTBALL: Norwell at Columbia City, 5:30 p.m.; Wes-Del at Bluffton, 5:30 p.m.; Lakewood Park at Southern Wells, 5 p.m.
UNIFIED TRACK & FIELD: Norwell at Columbia City, 5:30 p.m.
- TUESDAY, MAY 16**
BASEBALL: Columbia City at Norwell, 6:30 p.m.; Bluffton at Southern Wells, 5 p.m.
- BOYS GOLF:** Norwell at Belmont, 4 p.m.
GIRLS TENNIS: (sectional) Bluffton at Norwell, 4:30 p.m.
TRACK & FIELD (GIRLS): (sectional) Norwell, Bluffton, Southern Wells at Indiana Wesleyan, 5:30 p.m.
- WEDNESDAY, MAY 17**
BASEBALL: Northrop at Norwell, 6:30 p.m.
GIRLS TENNIS: (sectional) TBD at Norwell, 4:30 p.m.
SOFTBALL: Norwell at Woodlan, 5:30 p.m.; Bluffton at Fremont, 5:30 p.m.
- THURSDAY, MAY 18**
BASEBALL: Norwell at Bluffton, 5 p.m.
BOYS GOLF: Eastbrook at Bluffton, 4:30 p.m.; Southern Wells at Madison-Grant, 4:30 p.m.
GIRLS TENNIS: (sectional) TBD at Norwell, 4:30 p.m.
SOFTBALL: Norwell at North Side, 5:30 p.m.; Bluffton at Winchester, 5:30 p.m.; Southern Wells at Wapahani, 5 p.m.
TRACK & FIELD (BOYS): Norwell, Bluffton, Southern Wells at Indiana Wesleyan, 5:30 p.m.
- FRIDAY, MAY 19**
SOFTBALL: Wayne at Southern Wells, 5:30 p.m.



NASCAR CUP SERIES
Goodyear 400
Site: Darlington, South Carolina.
Schedule: Saturday, practice, 10:35 a.m., and qualifying, 11:20 a.m.; Sunday, race, 3 p.m. (FS1).
Last race: Denny Hamlin bumped Kyle Larson off the lead heading into the backstretch of the final lap at Kansas and ended his 33-race winless streak.
Next race: May 21, North Wilkesboro, North Carolina.

NASCAR XFINITY SERIES
Shriners Children's 200
Site: Darlington, South Carolina.
Schedule: Friday, practice, 5:05 p.m., and qualifying, 5:35 p.m.; Saturday, race, 1:30 p.m. (FOX).
Last race: Ryan Truex dominated at Dover, winning the first two stages, leading 124 of the 200 laps and claiming his first series victory by nearly five seconds.
Next race: May 27, Concord, North Carolina.

NASCAR TRUCK SERIES
Buckle Up South Carolina 200
Site: Darlington, South Carolina.
Schedule: Friday, practice, 3:05 p.m., qualifying, 3:35 p.m., and race, 7:30 p.m. (FS1).
Last race: Grant Enfinger won for the first time this season, beating Corey Heim by more than four seconds at Kansas.
Next race: May 20, North Wilkesboro, North Carolina.

FORMULA ONE
Last race: Max Verstappen kept Red Bull unbeaten through five races, racing from ninth at the start and passing teammate Sergio Perez with nine laps remaining.
Next race: May 21, Imola, Italy.

INDYCAR
GMR Grand Prix
Site: Indianapolis, Indiana.
Schedule: Friday, practice, 9 a.m. and 1 p.m.; and qualifications, 4 p.m.-5:15 p.m.; Saturday, race, 3:30 p.m. (NBC).
Track: Indianapolis road course.
Last race: Scott McLaughlin surged past Romain Grosjean and was scarcely challenged the rest of the way in Alabama for his fourth IndyCar victory.
Next race: May 28, Indianapolis, Indiana.

NHRA DRAG RACING
Last events: Antron Brown won in Top Fuel and Matt Hagan won in Funny Car in Las Vegas.
Next events: May 10, Abbottstown, Pennsylvania; May 12-13, Mechanicsburg, Pennsylvania.

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Sports Roundup

Raiders fall in boys' golf

The Southern Wells boys' golf team traveled to Eastbrook and fell to the Panthers along with Southwood Thursday.

Eastbrook was the top team with a score of 152, Southwood second with 167, and Southern Wells third at 197.

Leading scorer for the Raiders was Chandler Oswalt, who shot a 46, followed by Gabe McElhaney with a 47, Bailey Couch 49, Tristen Worster, and Quinton Mullins 72.

Southern Wells will be at home against Madison-Grant starting at 4:30 p.m. Thursday, May 18.

Raiders fall to Warriors

The Southern Wells softball team dropped 10-0 on the road against Woodlan Thursday.

The Raiders had three hits in the game, one each by Colleena Reeves, Hannah Duncan, and Jady Yencer.

Southern Wells will host Southwood at 5 p.m. Friday, May 12.

in ACAC softball

The Raiders swept in track to Warriors

The Southern Wells track teams fell to Woodlan at home Thursday.

The boys team lost by a team score of 79-44, while the girls lost 112-10.

Individual winners for the boys:

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Individual winners for the boys:

- Kane Jenkins in the 100m hurdles with a time of 17.69 and in the 300IM with a time of 46.85.
 - Joshua Bricker in the 3200m with a time of 10:51.91.
 - Peyton Long in the shot put with a throw of 37-3 1/2.
 - Perrin Gates in the discus with a throw of 118-10.
 - Potter Garrett in the 1600m with a time of 4:56.
- Top performers for the girls were:
- Sydney Alstoft third in the 100 hurdles with a time of 19.43.
 - Brianna Hughett, Audriana Stuller, Alstoft, and Zoey Solga third in the 4x100m relay team with a time of 55.91.
 - Bella Maul third in the 400m with a time of 1:08.5.

- Solga third in the 200m with a time of 29 seconds.
 - Maul, Lexie Fiechter, Adeline Sainske, and Kate McMillen second in the 4x400m relay team with a time of 5:13.55.
 - Brooke Tonner first in the high jump with a jump of 5-2.
- The girls team will be at the sectional hosted by Marion High School starting at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 16.

Raiders defeated by Warriors in ACAC baseball

Southern Wells was shut out against Woodlan on the road 11-0 Thursday.

The Raiders had three hits in

the game, one each by Cody Perdue, Bryar Gearheart, and Parker Miner.

Southern Wells will travel to Adams Central for a non-conference game starting at 5:30 p.m. Monday, May 15.

Chargers sweep Tigers in girls' tennis

Bluffton was swept on the road 5-0 against Carroll in girls' tennis Thursday.

Results for varsity:

- Jana Beier defeated Emma Schwartz 6-0, 6-0 in No. 1 singles.
- Riley Glassley defeated Gretchen Crist 6-0, 6-1 in No. 2 singles.

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The Classifieds

SUDOKU

Complete the grid so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains every digit from 1 to 9 inclusively.

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5/12

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Public Notices

NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION TO CREDITORS ESTATE NO. 90C01-2304-EU-000017

THE CIRCUIT COURT OF WELLS COUNTY

Notice is hereby given that **JEFFREY A. DOLBY** was on the 30th day of April, 2023, appointed as Personal Representative of the **ESTATE OF PAUL W. DOLBY**, deceased, who died on the 5th day of April, 2023.

All persons who have claims against this estate, whether or not now due, must file the claim in the Office of the Clerk of this Court within three (3) months from the date of the first publication of this notice, or within nine (9) months after decedent's death, whichever is earlier, or the claims will be forever barred.

DATED AT BLUFFTON, INDIANA, THIS 30th DAY OF April, 2023.

Beth Davis
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR WELLS COUNTY, INDIANA
nb 5/12, 5/19 hspaxlp

STATE OF INDIANA }
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CIRCUIT COURT }
PROBATE DIVISION }
CAUSE NO.: }
90C01-2304-EU-000020 }
IN RE: THE ESTATE OF }
RICKY L. CAPPS }
NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION }
For Publication in Newspaper }
Notice is hereby given that }
JESSE S. CAPPS was on May 8, }
2023 appointed Personal Representative of the estate of RICKY L. CAPPS, deceased, who died on January 19, 2023.

All persons who have claims against this estate, whether or not now due, must file the claim in the office of the Clerk of this Court within three (3) months from the date of the first publication of this notice, or within nine (9) months after the decedent's death, whichever is earlier, or the claims will be forever barred.

Dated at Wells County, Indiana, this May 8, 2023.

Beth Davis
Clerk, Wells Circuit Court
Attorney for the Estate:
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TO THE OWNERS OF THE WITHIN DESCRIBED REAL ESTATE AND ALL INTERESTED PARTIES

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE

Sheriff Sale File number: 90-23-0011-SS
Date & Time of Sale: Wednesday, June 14, 2023, at 1:00 p.m.
Sale Location: Wells County Courthouse First Floor, 102 W Market St, Bluffton, IN
Judgment to be Satisfied: \$124,419.89
Cause No. 90C01-2211-MF-000040
Plaintiff: Lakeview Loan Servicing, LLC
Defendant: Cody L. Hunter and United States of America Department of Housing and Urban Development

By virtue of a certified copy of a decree to me, directed from the Clerk of Wells Circuit Court of Wells County, Indiana, requiring me to make the sum as provided for in said Decree, with interest and cost, I will expose at public sale to the highest bidder, at the hour of 1:00 PM of said day as listed above, at 102 W Market St, Bluffton, IN 46714, the fee simple of the whole body of Real Estate in Wells County, Indiana:

Part of the Southeast Quarter of Section 21, Township 27 North, Range 12 East, Lancaster Township, Wells County, Indiana, described as follows: Starting at the Northeast corner of said Southeast Quarter found per record witness; thence Westerly 1279.0 feet along the North line of said Southeast Quarter to a PK nail found, which shall be the place of beginning; thence continuing Westerly 155.0 feet along said North line to a PK nail found; thence Southerly, deflecting left 89 degrees 58 minutes, 205.05 feet to a 5/8" rebar stake found; thence Easterly deflecting left 90 degrees 00 minutes, 155.0 feet to a 5/8" rebar stake found, thence Northerly, deflecting left 90 degrees 00 minutes, 205.21 feet to the place of beginning, containing 0.73 acres and also being tract Number 84 of the unrecorded plat of North Oaks Subdivision recorded in Misc. Record 43, page 481.

Commonly Known as: 2724 E 250 N, BLUFFTON, IN 46714-9207
Parcel No. 90-05-21-501-084.000-010

Together with rents, issues, income and profits thereof, said sale will be made without relief from valuation or appraisal laws. This Notice shall also represent service of Notice of Sale of this real estate upon the owners.

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Attorney No. 18762-29
Feiwell & Hannoy PC
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Attorney: BRYAN K. REDMOND
Attorney Number: 22108-29
Law Firm: Feiwell & Hannoy, P.C.
Contact Number: (317) 237-2727

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Lottery Numbers

Thursday's Drawings HOOSIER LOTTERY
Cash 5 — 09-17-27-43-44
Cash4Life — 11-22-39-50-56, Cash Ball: 01
Quick Draw Midday — 06-12-17-19-20-23-26-30-39-40-44-46-60-61-63-67-68-69-77-79, BE: 40
Daily Three-Midday — 08-06-02, SB:01
Daily Three-Evening — 02-05-02, SB: 06
Daily Four-Midday — 07-08-08-00, SB: 01
Daily Four-Evening — 01-03-06-07, SB: 06
Quick Draw Evening — 04-05-06-10-11-12-14-19-23-24-27-45-48-50-56-59-62-66-67-79, BE: 11
Hoosier Lotto — Estimated jackpot (for Saturday): \$17 million
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Public Sale Calendar

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MAY 14-MAY 21 - (Online Only Auction) - Multiple consignors, seller. Outstanding antiques and collectables including rare neon Coke Cola clock, Coca Cola advertising, antique and vintage furniture, vintage toys, Longaberger basket collection, glassware, military items, collectibles. Preview: May 16 and 18 from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m., 102 S. Jefferson St., Ossian (Steffen Group Auction Gallery). *The Steffen Group Inc.*, www.steffengrp.com, 260-824-3006.

MAY 16 - 6 p.m. EST - John M Widman, owner. 6027 Wayne Trace, Fort Wayne. Real estate auction held live onsite! Tract 1: 2 bedroom, 1 bath, 1,085 sq. feet home, partial basement, 18'x20' detached garage, 24'x34' bank barn, sitting on 3+/- acres. Tract 2: 20'x24' detached garage sitting on 2+/- acres. Tract 3: Combination of Tracts 1 & 2. *Krueckeberg Auction & Realty LLC*, 260-724-7402, kjauction.com.

BIDDING ENDS MAY 17 - Soft close begins at 6 p.m. Online lure & more auction. Pick up May 18, 4-6 p.m., 130 W. Market St., Bluffton. *Heartland Auction & Realty, Inc.*, 260-724-3499, heartlandauctionrealty.com.

MAY 17 - 6:30 p.m. Auction location: Markle Volunteer Fire Dept., 150 W. Sparks St., Markle. Farm location: Take SR 3 two miles south of Markle to 200 S., then go west to 300 E., then north! 126 acres offered in 3 tracts, Rock Creek Twp., Huntington Co., high quality cropland & woods. *Metzger Property Services, LLC*, MetzgerAuction.com.

BIDDING STARTS CLOSING MAY 21 AT 6 P.M. EST - Joy A. Bauman estate owner. Online only! Real estate 6 p.m., 112 SF, 3 bedroom, 1 1/2 bath home, 2-car attached garage, .38 acre cul-de-sac lot, North Adams Community Schools. Personal property 6:30 p.m. Lifetime collection of Joy Bauman! Large collection 100's of pieces of Carnival, Fenton, Opalescent glassware, appliances, household & more! Preview May 15, 5-6 p.m., 139 Riverside Ct., Decatur. Pick up May 22, 3-6 p.m. *Krueckeberg Auction & Realty LLC*, 260-724-7402, kjauction.com.

MAY 21-MAY 28 - (Online Only Auction) - Life estate of Dorothea Teagle, seller. Clean modern furniture, electric fireplace, Samsung flat screen TV, 1973 Gibson guitar, glassware, Craftsman riding lawn mower, tools, modern appliances, household, Trek tandem bicycle, much more. Preview: May 18 and 25 from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m., 401 N. Meadow Lane, Hartford City, IN. Pat Carter, sale manager, 260-273-8294, *The Steffen Group Inc.*, http://www.steffengrp.com.

MAY 27-JUNE 3 - (Online Only Auction) - Schwartz, seller. Great collection of vintage car parts, Ford tractor, dump trailer, Bobcat backhoe & tractors, tools, mower parts, collectibles, construction equipment, much more. Preview: May 31 from 4 p.m.-7 p.m., 1055 US Hwy. 27, Berne. Sale manager, Isaac Stoller, *The Steffen Group Inc.*, 260-824-3006.

JUNE 6 - 7 p.m. EST - Estate of Ida Hilty, Phillip Hilty, owner. 2499 S US Hwy. 27, Berne. Real estate auction! Modern Amish home with electricity, 3,056 sq. feet building, 1,200 sq. retail shop space w/bath, 1,800 sq. feet living area, 2 bedroom, 1 bath living space, 2+/- acres, 6" walls, beautiful hickory kitchen, built in 2019. Items selling following real estate: 10'x16' shed, propane heater, road sign, stove, refrigerator. Open house May 22, 5-6 p.m. *Krueckeberg Auction & Realty LLC*, kjauction.com, 260-724-7402.

This Week's Garage Sales

- Clip & Save**
- DOWNSIZING GARAGE SALE,** 104 Siebold St., Ossian, May 11 & 12, 8-4, May 13, 8-2. Home decor, antiques, surround sound system, misc.
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- 160 STONEY CREEK COURT, BLUFFTON** GARAGE SALE Closet clean out! Name brand women's clothes, small-large and men's medium-large. Shoes, tops, sweaters, jackets and more. Some misc. items as well. May 12 9:00 AM-3:00 PM, May 13 9:00 AM-2:00 PM Rain or Shine
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Knights win the NE8 girls' tennis championship

The Norwell girls' tennis team clinched the Northeast 8 Conference championship with a 5-0 sweep on the road against Huntington North Thursday.

The Knights finished the regular season 10-3, with the only losses coming by Belmont, Homestead, and Carroll.

This championship makes it now five in a row for the team and head coach Holly Kimball.

Varsity results:

- Addy Heyerly defeated Kylee Burnau 3-6, 7-6(3), and 7-6(4) in No. 1 singles.
- McKenna McNabb defeated Kallory Kline 6-2, 6-2 in No. 2 singles.
- Delaney Hoover defeated Hannah Szelis 6-4, 6-0 in No. 3 singles.
- Annabelle Johnson and Macy Felger defeated Gabby Leichty and Avery Bonewitz 3-6, 6-4, 6-4 in No. 1 doubles.

- Jordyn Xayyachack and Idoia Ochoa defeated Morgan Betterly and Sam Weicht 6-4, 6-3 in No. 2 doubles.

The junior varsity team also won, sweeping the Vikings in all 10 matches. The team went a perfect 13-0 on the season.

Results for JV:

- Brooklyn Puine defeated Ava Christiansen 6-3.
- Macie Saalfrank defeated Sarah Crist 6-1.

- Eilla Krug defeated Kendra Killen 6-0.

- Ciera Hiester and Gracie Rinckenberger defeated Reece Bonewitz and Olivia Craig 6-3.

- Emma Roembke and Gabbi Hoepfner defeated Mia Nava and Sophie Hart 6-4.

- Emmaline Johnson and Aubrey Meyer defeated Emma Szelis and Avery Szelis 6-3.

- Hope Mitchell and Addison Roembke defeated Nathalia Cam-

pos and Dani Franco 6-1.

- Sam Evans and Campbell Sloan defeated Annabel Van Baal and Gracie Shopof 6-1.

- Gabbi Hoepfner and Emma Roembke defeated Marlene Bue- neger and Addison Strine 6-0.

- Eilla Krug and Brooklyn Pine defeated Maggi Hall and Allison Poff 6-2.

Norwell is hosting the sectional starting next week at 4:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 16.

Sports Roundup

- Kanna Shoup defeated Hazel Pfister 6-4, 6-4 in No. 3 singles.
- Katie Siegwarth and Brenna Bullock defeated Alexis Grover and Eve Corkwell 6-1, 6-0 in No. 1 doubles.
- Julianne Ounsombath and Abbye Williams defeated Avery Hunt and Ella Wheeler 6-0, 6-1 in No. 2 doubles.

Carroll also won the junior varsity match 9-2.

Winners for Bluffton on JV were:

- Karlie Brown defeated Skylar Parks 8-7 (7-2).
- Karli Anderson defeated Crinela Cernelea 8-6.

Bluffton's losses were:

- Gracie Widenhofer defeated Kinzie Fiechter 8-3.
- JJ Kokonaing defeated Gissel MArtinez 8-0.
- Sasha Sazonova defeated Mary Beth Zurcher 8-0.
- Georiga Evans defeated Zoey Schmidt 8-1.
- Jocelyn Hotchkiss

defeated Madison Murray 8-7 (7-5).

- Skylar Parks defeated Tiffany LAnning 6-0.

- Georiga Evans defeated Hasanah PRadungsit 6-0.

- Jocelyn Hotchkiss defeated Farangiz G'aybulayeva 6-1.

- Crinela Cernelea defeated Aziza Yeleussin 6-0.

Bluffton will compete in Round 1 of the sectional starting next week at 4:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 17, at Norwell High School.

Knights win over Vikings in junior varsity baseball

The Norwell junior varsity baseball team defeated Huntington North at home 8-2 Thursday.

The Knights had nine hits, led by Max Babcock and Eli Randol with two each. Babcock had a double and an RBI.

Will Case added a double and two RBIs.

Noah Turk got the win, throwing six innings, allowing two runs on three hits, and struck out 12. Adam McBride threw a scoreless inning in relief.

Norwell will be at Columbia City at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 16.

Knights fall to Braves in JV softball

The Norwell junior varsity softball team was defeated by Belmont 19-14 Thursday.

The Knights had 14 hits in the game, including three each from Madison Mashuda, Abby Wagner, and Hayden Herman. Wagner had a double and two RBIs, while Mashuda had a double. Herman with three RBIs.

Ayla Nern had a solo home run in the game.

Norwell will be at Jay

County starting at 4:30 p.m. Friday, May 12.

Bluffton MS sweeps Maple Creek in golf

Bluffton's middle school golf teams swept both the Maple Creek varsity and junior varsity squads on Thursday.

The varsity team won 183-220 over the "A" team and the junior varsity won 213-224 against the "B" team.

The varsity team was led by Rafe Gerber who shot a 34 and was the medalist of the match. Following Gerber was Reid Abbett with a 36, Abe Atkins 37, Bennett Stoller 38, and Gibson Gri- eser 38.

Leading the Tigers junior varsity team was Will Ault

who shot a 40, followed by Cooper Pearson with a 41, Evan Klopfenstein 42, Parker Klopfenstein 43, and Clive Gerber 47.

Vikings edge Knights in JV softball

The Norwell junior varsity softball team dropped

a close game at Huntington North 15-13 Wednesday.

The Knights tallied 18 hits in the game, led by Abby Wagner's four, including a double and two RBIs. Makayla Young added three hits, including a double and three RBIs.

Ayla Nern drove in two runs with a double and a single, and Alyssa Krinn had two hits and had two RBIs.

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Vikings

(Continued from Page 6)
Goodmiller said it would have been a good thing if those seventh-inning heroics had come in the middle of the game.

"That would have helped a great deal," he said. "That was just a little bit too little too late at that point, but our kids competed there at the end. Huntington's got a good team."

The Vikings got to Lewis

for three runs in the bottom of the first. Llandon Moreland drew a bases-loaded walk and Martz had a two-run single to put Huntington North up 3-0.

The Vikings added a run in the third when Martz hit a home run over the wall in right center. In the fourth, Wilson had an RBI double.

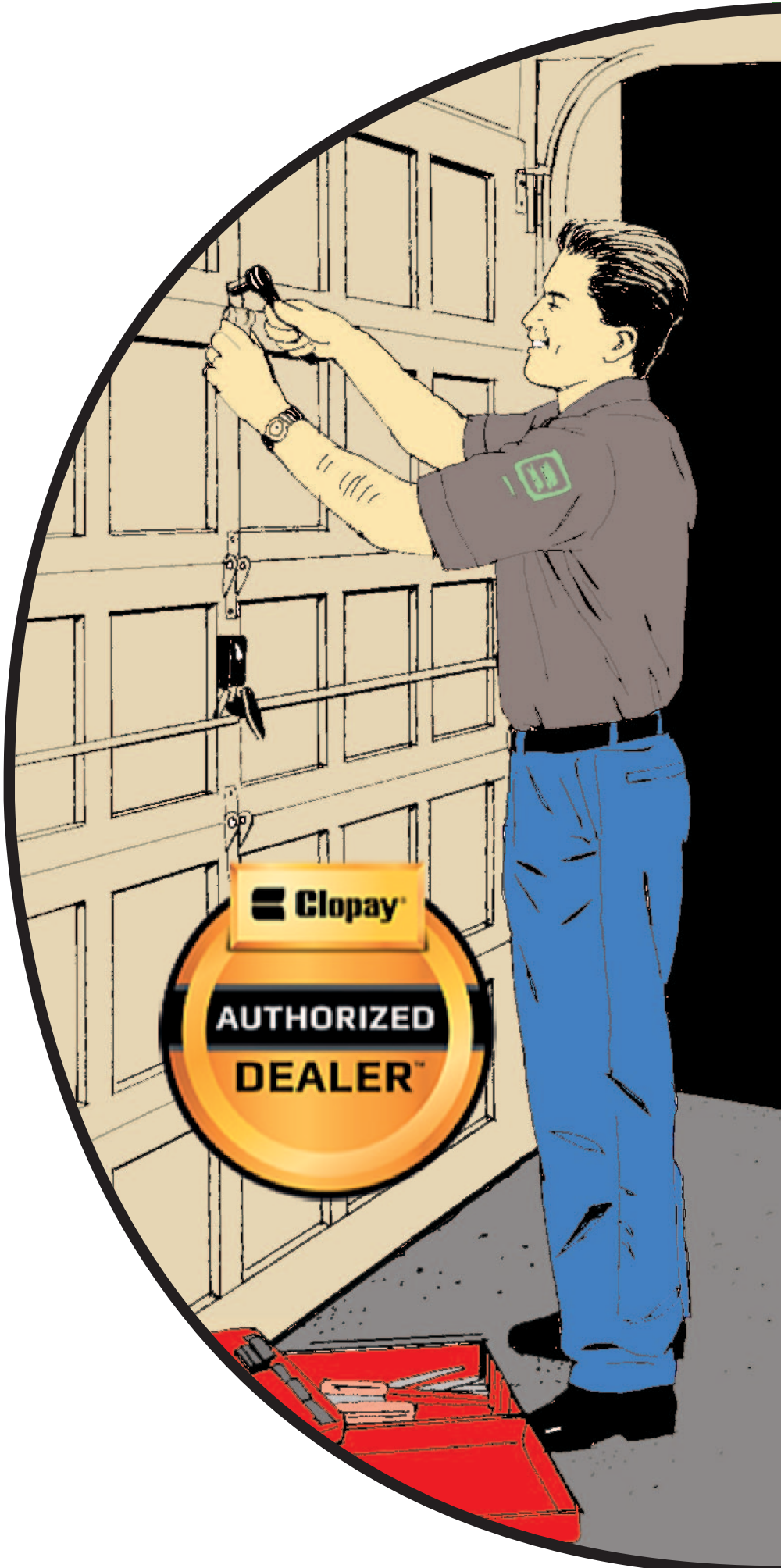
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