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A welcome to remember

Vietnam-era veterans were part of a "Welcome Home" event at Bluffton's American Legion Post 111

By SYDNEY KENT

Wells County Vietnam-era veterans received a long overdue "welcome home" Wednesday, May 17, at American Legion Post 111 in Bluffton.

The event was sponsored by a partnership between the Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans organization, the Captain William Wells chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution in Wells County, and American Legion Post 111.

"Vietnam veterans deserve to hear that they are welcomed home, that their community is grateful for their sacrifice during the war, and that they matter," Jill Fewell, executive director of WHVV, said at the event

'Each veteran receives a sincere thank you, a brief presentation, and then we pin a lapel on them to welcome them home and take their photo," Fewell said. "We eventually want to create a book of photos of every Vietnam-era veteran. We also gift them a

The book given out at the event, "A Time To Honor," is a compilation of first-hand experiences about the war offered by those who served in the Southeast Asia Theater.

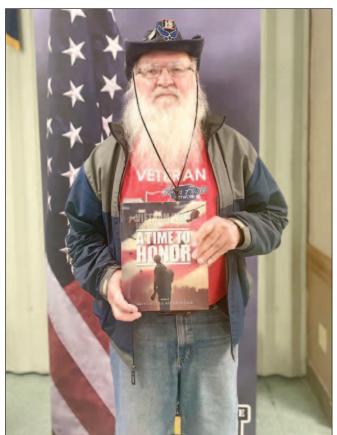
Fewell said the book is a "very special piece of patriotism and history," WHVV hopes to one day include in multiple librar-

"We have a goal to get the book into the Library of Congress," Fewell said. "We're also giving a copy to every public library and every high school in the state of Indiana. It truly is the preservation of history."

Fewell said WHVV hosted approximately 151 events. In addition to being welcomed home, veterans also have the option to access local resources.

"About 50 percent of Vietnam veterans are not receiving the benefits they have earned," Fewell said. "Dewey Randall, the Wells County Veterans Service Offi-

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Jonathan Wyatt, Vietnam-era veteran, holding "A Time To Honor" after receiving a warm welcome home. (Photo by

Road conversion project is stalled by a 1-acre property

By HOLLY GASKILL

Another stalled road conversion project has become a point of discussion among the Wells County Commissioners.

The mile gravel road, located on CR 700S from 300W to 400W in Poneto, is the highest-ranked project of those with only one petition holdout, County Engineer Nate Rumschlag said. The holdout is a one-acre property housing only an old schoolhouse.

The owners of the remaining three properties along the area were present during the commissioners' meeting to voice their frustration

Tom McElhaney, resident of

6998S 300W in Poneto, stated he's petitioned for road conversion for 30 years, even offering to purchase the property. According to McElhaney, the owner rejected his request. "He lives on two paved roads," McElhaney noted.

McElhaney added the ditch has been eating away at the current road. "It's getting pretty dangerous something has got to be done before long because of the ditch."

Petitions for road conversion are due June 1. Rumschlag will provide an update regarding the petitions and conversions at the beginning of July. He also added the commissioners begin thinking about the processes and procedures for addressing holdouts.

"I'm not in the business of taking people's rights away," Commissioner Jeff Stringer said. "But we need to factor in safety blind corners, Meridian Road with school buses going up and down it — at some point, we've got to get to that decision.'

Later, Highway Supervisor Shawn Bonar stated the county has had recent issues with dumpsters in the right-of-way, sometimes only a few feet from the road. The commissioners approved sending a letter asking these properties to move the dumpsters, which present a safety hazard for travel.

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Construction will begin on Ind. 116

By HOLLY GASKILL

Construction on Ind. 116 will begin in the near future. The Indiana Department of Transportation stated construction is expected to start on or after May 24 and will be completed by Sept. 1.

INDOT will shift a portion of the roadway - a half-mile located approximately 4 miles east of Ind. 1 - 75 feet south of its current path. The outlined area was the site of a fatal car accident in 2017.

Preparation for the construction began earlier this year when crews cleared trees and moved utility poles to account for the new pathway.

During this closure, a detour will take travelers around construction via CR 600E, CR 350S, CR 300E and Church Road, adding roughly 10 miles to travel.

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Markle considers future in comprehensive plan discussion

By DAVE SCHULTZ

Representatives of the Region 3A community development organization spoke to the Markle Town Council Wednesday night about the town's good points and bad points, even as they asked for more input.

Region 3A, which includes Huntington County as a member, is working on a comprehensive plan for the town. Markle straddles the Huntington/Wells county line and uses the Huntington County

Department of Community Development for planning and zoning

Matt Brinkman, Region 3A's executive director, and Patrick Rorick, the agency's community development planner, were at the meeting and Brinkman had an interesting take on the community of 1,071 people.

"The thing about Markle is that it's 10 miles from everything," he said. "That's a good thing. It's also a bad thing.'

it's easy to get goods and services, such as a large grocery store, because it's only a short drive away. It also means that those goods and services are not likely to be present in the town. Getting a Meijer or a Kroger in Markle will not happen, he said.

He led the group attending the Markle council meeting through a survey — "This is about the last chance to get additional feedback from the community," he said —

What he meant by that is that and spoke about the points in the survey and what's been observed thus far.

'People like the small-town feel," he said. However, when they've been asked what the community needs, people have mentioned three primary things broadband internet access, downtown revitalization, and sidewalks.

The survey covered several different areas, even though he said the biggest factor in a comprehensive plan is land use. In terms

of the overall zoning in the town, Brinkman said, Markle's residents 'are in really good shape here."

The areas the survey particularly asked about were:

• Growth and annexation. The remarks on the survey indicated that the town was seeking voluntary annexation. The goal, Brinkman said later in the meeting, was to "maintain the small-town feel of the town while embracing growth and development."

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Rule targets college programs leaving grads with high debt

By COLLIN BINKLEY **AP Education Writer**

WASHINGTON (AP) — College programs that leave graduates underpaid or buried in loans would be cut off from federal money under a proposal issued Wednesday by the Biden administration, but the rules would apply only to for-profit colleges and a tiny fraction of programs at traditional universities. The Education Department is call-

ing it a significant step toward accountability for the nation's colleges. With more students questioning the value of

a degree, the measure aims to weed out low-performing programs and assure students the cost of tuition will pay off in the long run.

"Investing in a college degree or career certificate is supposed to pay off - instead, too many students are getting ripped off every single year," Education Secretary Miguel Cardona said in a call with reporters. Opponents, however, say the scope is

too narrow to help most students. Known as gainful employment, it

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Russia agrees to extend grain deal for global food security

By SUZAN FRASER and COURTNEY BONNELL **Associated Press**

ANKARA, Turkey (AP) - Russia agreed to a two-month extension of a deal that has allowed Ukraine to ship grain through the Black Sea to parts of the world struggling with hunger, Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan announced Wednesday, a boost to global food security after the war drove up prices.

Turkey and the U.N. brokered the breakthrough accord with the warring sides last summer, which came with a separate agreement to facilitate shipments of Russian food and fertilizer that Moscow insists hasn't been applied.

Russia had threatened to bow out if its concerns were not ironed out by Thursday. Such brinkmanship isn't new: With a similar extension in the balance in March, Russia unilaterally decided to renew the deal for 60 days instead of the 120 days outlined in the agreement.

Russian Foreign Ministry spokeswoman Maria Zakharova said Wednesday that problems would need to be resolved "at the technical level." Neither she nor Erdogan mentioned any concessions Moscow may have received.

"We will continue our efforts to ensure (Continued on Page 2)

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Weather

Thursday, May 19, 2023

(24-hour observations at 8:17 p.m. Wednesday)

Wells County forecast

Today: Sunny, with a high near 72. East wind around 5

Tonight: Mostly clear, with a low around 51. Southeast

Friday: Showers likely and possibly a thunderstorm after

2 p.m. Partly sunny, with a high near 79. South wind 10 to

15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph. Chance of precipi-

tation is 70 percent. New rainfall amounts between a tenth

and quarter of an inch, except higher amounts possible in

storm. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 49. Northwest

wind around 10 mph. Chance of precipitation is 70 percent.

Saturday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 47.

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

Monday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 47.

Tuesday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 53.

Friday Night: Showers likely and possibly a thunder-

Saturday: A 30 percent chance of showers before 8 a.m.

Wabash River Level (at the Main Street bridge): 1.96

High: 64, Low: 48; Precipitation: None

feet at 10:45 p.m. Wednesday

wind around 5 mph.

'Welcome Home' event

(Continued from Page 1) cer, has been incredible at helping vets access available resources and figuring out the areas where Wells County veterans can look for support. He is responsible for initially organizing the event."

Randall said this is his second year organizing the event with WHVV.

"Most vets were not welcomed back warmly, or at all, after the war," Randall said. "This was an opportunity for them to get a handshake, for us to thank them for their service, and give them the gratitude and welcome home they never received."

Randall said the Wells County Veterans Service Organization assists veterans with many needs, including obtaining benefits that may be applicable to them, and filing serviceconnected disability claims with the VA.

"We're here part-time, around 20 hours per week, and we're glad to help. It



Members of the Captain Williams Wells chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution and representatives from Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans (also D.A.R. members) at the event on Wednesday. (Left to right) Jill Fewell, Stephanie Scott, Meredythe Fritz, Alice Curry,

becomes a calling."

Randall said all veterans

benefits or "just coming to St., call 260-824-6403, or talk" should visit the American Legion Post 111, locat-

email: veterans@wellscoun-

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Grain deal

Mostly sunny, with a high near 67.

Sunday: Sunny, with a high near 75.

Monday: Sunny, with a high near 73.

Tuesday: Sunny, with a high near 77.

Wednesday: Sunny, with a high near 81.

(Continued from Page 1) that all the conditions of the agreement are fulfilled so that it continues in the next period," said Erdogan, who announced the highly anticipated decision two days after being forced into a runoff in Turkey's presidential election.

Extending the Black Sea Grain Initiative is a win for countries in Africa, the Middle East and parts of Asia that rely on Ukrainian wheat, barley, vegetable oil and other affordable food products, especially as drought takes a toll. The deal helped lower prices of food commodities like wheat over the last year, but that relief has not reached kitchen tables.

"Ukrainian and Russian products feed the world," U.N. Secretary-General António Guterres said. "They matter because we are still in the throes of a record-breaking cost-of-living crisis.'

Deputy Prime Minister Alexander Kubrakov welcomed the extension, but emphasized that the deal "has to work effectively." On Facebook, he blamed Russia for dragging its heels on joint inspections of ships by Russian, Ukrainian, U.N. and Turkish officials.

Average daily inspections — meant to ensure vessels carry only food and not weapons that could aid either side — have steadily dropped from a peak of 10.6 in October to 3.2 last month. Shipments of Ukrainian grain also have declined in recent weeks.

Russia had denied slow-

ing the work. No vessels have been cleared to enter Ukraine's three open ports since May 6, and Kubrakov says nearly 70 vessels are waiting in Turkish waters to

participate. Russia, meanwhile, is shipping record amounts of its wheat through other ports. Critics say that suggests Moscow was posturing or trying to wrest concessions in areas such as Western sanctions.

The deal has allowed over 30 million metric tons of Ukrainian grain to be shipped, with more than half that going to developing nations. China, Spain and Turkey are the biggest recipients, and Russia says that shows food isn't going to

the poorest countries. Guterres has said developed countries bring in Ukrainian corn for animal feed, while emerging economies receive "a majority" of grain for people to eat. He noted exports bring prices down for everyone.

"Looking ahead, we hope that exports of food and fertilizers, including ammonia, from the Russian Federation and Ukraine will be able to reach global supply chains safely and predictably," the U.N. chief said Wednesday.

The U.S. said Russia should stop creating hurdles to the deal.

"We should not need to remind Moscow every few weeks to keep their promises and to stop using people's hunger as a weapon in their war against Ukraine," State Department deputy spokesman Vedant Patel told reporters.

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Decatur, IN

Diane Burke, and Bonnie Wooten. (Photo by Sydney Kent)

in Wells County interested

in assistance with obtaining ed at 111 W. Washington

Road conversion

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"It's clearly unacceptable for us," Rumschlag said. Other during the commissioners'

meeting were: • Highway garage construction

encountered an issue with its concrete work. Bonar stated the team was working on correcting it, and

project manager Conor Jackson said they currently don't anticipate

• Preceding their next meeting, June 5, the commissioners will hold a hearing regarding a request to vacate an alley in Uniondale. This hearing was previously scheduled for April 17, but the petition was withdrawn to fix surveying issues.

• As of Monday, the Wells County Jail housed 60 inmates. Of this population, 22 were pre-trial holds for the Superior Court, 20 were pre-trial holds for the Circuit Court, eight were Level 6 felony and seven were from the Department of Correction.

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Comprehensive plan

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- Improving civic awareness and participation. It's something that could be improved, Brinkman said, but the town has a distinct advantage: "Your website is one of the better ones," he said.
- Conversion of vacant properties into community facilities.
- Increased access to local healthy foods, possibly establishing a community garden, farmers market, or retail store.
- Grow and develop downtown. In the strategy session of the survey, it said the town should "take advantage of the busy highways and state roads to encourage business growth and development while maintaining a small-town feel and atmosphere."

In other business:

• The council members of a Class 3 quick-charging Matthew Doss and Nick Lund, with Blake Caley abstaining - approved a resolution to buy part of the Markle bank building across Morse Street from the Town Hall. The resolution sets up the mechanism for making the purchase, including the appointment of two appraisers to set a price for the purchase. Caley abstained due to a potential conflict of interest.

• With Brinkman and Rorick still present, the council talked about electric vehicle charging stations in the town — particularly noteworthy because of the town's proximity to Interstate 69. While grants are expected to be availbeing 20 percent, the cost told Grant that the stage

facility for an electric vehicle with a 400-mile cruising range would be 20 minutes to get to 80 percent of a charge. However, the cost would be \$570,000. The cost of a Class 2 charging outfit would be \$20,400, but the time needed to charge a car would be 10 to 11 hours.

Doss said he's been told that Markle would be "a very competitive community" for a charging state. "If you put a charging station anywhere in Markle, you would be about a mile from the interstate," he

• Mike Grant, the town's assistant superintendent, said the stage in the Markle able on an 80/20 basis, with Fish and Game Club Park is the community's match coming along. Crews have the town's ordinance.

will be completed for the first scheduled performance, which will be June 9.

The council also discussed the status of a request from Jamie Albanese, 201 W. Morse St. The town allows chicken coops within city limits, but they must be in the back yard of a house. The Albaneses' back yard is the Wabash River, however, so they'd like to put a chicken coop in the west side of their yard.

The council members went on the record as being in favor of the request if two conditions were met — first, that Town Marshal John Markley found no opposition to the plan from their neighbors, and second, that town attorneys approved the measure after a review of

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College programs

revives an Obama-era policy that was dismantled by the Trump administration before it took full effect. It was enacted amid a federal crackdown on for-profit colleges that contributed to the closure of several chains accused of fraud, including Corinthian Colleges and ITT Technical Institute.

Like the Obama rule, the new proposal would apply to all programs at for-profit colleges, but only to certificate programs at traditional universities. Opponents say it creates a double standard, with the potential to kill off hundreds of programs at for-profit colleges while leaving other programs unscathed even if they leave students buried in debt.

"The rule unfairly targets programs at proprietary institutions and fails to account for the unique challenges facing students and communities that career-oriented programs serve," said Jason Altmire, president and CEO of Career Education Colleges and Universities, an industry trade group.

The proposal could take effect no sooner than July 2024. The federal government must first collect and review public comment. It's sure to draw outrage from Republicans in Congress, who have called the policy an attack on the entire for-profit college industry.

The proposal would put college programs through two tests to determine whether they're serving students

The first test would check whether a program's graduates carry heavy student debt compared to their earnings. Programs would pass if their graduates have annual loan payments averaging no more than 8 percent of their total income, or 20 percent of their discretionary income.

A second test would check whether at least half of a program's graduates earn more than working adults in their state with only a high school diploma.

Programs that fail at least one test would need to warn students that they're at risk of losing federal money. Those that fail the same test twice in

any three-year period would be cut off from federal aid. That amounts to a death sentence for most programs, especially at for-profit colleges that rely heavily on students who use federal financial aid to pay for tuition.

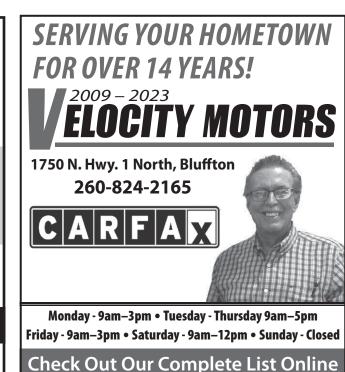
The Education Department says the rule would help an estimated 700,000 students who would otherwise enroll at one of nearly 1,800 low-performing colleges.

Cardona said the agency can't keep sending taxpayer money to programs "that cost students an arm and a leg and then leave them in a ditch, unable to climb the economic ladder. It's not right and it's not sustainable.'

A separate part of the proposal would release new information showing students the true cost of programs across all types of colleges. The Education Department would publish data detailing the amount students pay for individual programs — including, tuition, fees and books — along with their student debt levels and earnings after graduation.



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OBITUARIES

Kris Martin, 59

Kris Leroy Martin, 59, of Midlothian, Va., went to be with the Lord on Saturday, March 18, 2023, surrounded by his family.

He is preceded in death by his father, Donald Martin. He is survived by his loving wife of 32 years, Michelle Martin; children, Meredith Martin, Kaitlynn Martin (Mikey Buchanan), Jared Martin, and Jacquelynn Martin; mother, Marlene Martin; brother, Keith Martin (Jill); sister, Renee Baker



(Ray), in-laws Larry and Carol Sievert, and several cousins, nieces, nephews, in-laws and friends.

Kris was an assistant Boy Scout master and softball coach in Woodlake. He was an avid NASCAR and Colts fan and a member of the Knights of Columbus. The family will receive friends from 12:30-2 p.m. on Saturday, May 20, 2023 at Ossian United Methodist Church, with a service following at 2:00 p.m.

In lieu of flowers donations may be made to VCU Massey Cancer Center or Ossian United Methodist Church.

Charles R. "Charlie" Uptgraft, 84

Charles R. "Charlie" Uptgraft, 84, passed away Wednesday morning, May 17, 2023, at River Terrace Estates in Bluffton.

Charlie was born on July 31, 1938, in Bluffton, to William W. and Elizabeth (Lash) Uptgraft, both parents preceded him in death. He married Dolores D. "Dee" (Smethurst) in Bluffton on Jan. 19, 1963, she survives in

Charlie was a 1956 graduate of P.A. Allen Bluffton High School. Fol-

lowing graduation, he served in the United States Navy from 1958 to 1962. Charlie was the owner/operator of Uptgraft Welding and Fabrication located south of Bluffton. He was a member of the American Legion Post 111 in Bluffton, and the Old Fort Model A club. In his spare time, Charlie enjoyed playing golf, working on his Model A car, being outdoors and spending time with

In addition to his wife, he is survived by two sons, David (Kristina) Uptgraft of Ossian, and Mike (Cindy) Uptgraft of Bluffton; four grandchildren and 11 greatgrandchildren. Charlie was preceded in death by his parents and two brothers, William "Bill" and Jack W.

Arrangements have been entrusted to Goodwin -Cale & Harnish Memorial Chapel, Bluffton.

In accordance with Charlie's wishes, there will be no public services. Private family burial will take place at the Stahl Cemetery, Wells County, Ind.

Memorials may be made to the organization of the donor's choice.

Online condolences can be made to goodwincalehar-

Bluffton High School announces Senior Class Day, **Commencement exercises**

Senior Class Day will be held on Wednesday, May 24, in the gymnasium beginning at 9:10 a.m. Parents and community members are welcome to attend. Parking will be provided in the front parking lot of the high school. Please enter

Bluffton High School's commencement exercises will be held on Friday, May 26, at 7:30 p.m. in the high school gymnasium. Doors 2, 5, and 8 should be used when entering the school. Since parking is limited at the high school lots, it is asked that as many people as possible park at the middle school lot. In that way, people with handicaps or the elderly may park closer to the school.

A Talk with Tego





Nova is a 1 one-year-old, dilute calico female.

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Tego

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The News-Banner and Ossian Journal publishes "basic" obituaries free of charge for "local" deaths. "Basic" obituaries will include the deceased's name, age, community of record, date and place of death, basic genealogical information, the date, time and location of calling hours and services and the name of the funeral home handling arrangements.

If additional information and/or a photo is desired to be included, or if the deceased does not meet the definitions of a "local" person, there is a charge

Area funeral homes will provide details on the policy and will coordinate obituary publication.









Spelling Bee winners

Five Southern Wells Elementary School students were recognized for their accomplishments during the board's Tuesday meeting pictured left to right, Amelia Penrod, who won the 5th grade spelling bee, Naomi Shirar, Maya Campbell, and Annie Herr, who received perfect scores on the IREAD-3, and Annalyse Roe, who was the spelling bee runner-up. (Photo by Holly Gaskill)

Police Notebook

INCIDENTS

City:

Tuesday, 2:53 p.m., east Ind. 124, caller requested television and other media be removed from property.

Tuesday, 6:28 p.m., corner of South Liberty and East South streets, caller reported verbal domestic altercation.

Tuesday, 7:35 p.m., near Autumn Court and Abbey Lane, stray dog reported. Owner of animal was locat-

Tuesday, 10:23 p.m., Kroger, caller reported suspicious person on south end of parking lot. Man advised he is homeless and trying to

Wednesday, 12:15 a.m., Bluffton Regional Medical Center, lost driver looking for Inteva, officer escorted driver there.

Wednesday, 2:45 a.m., corner of Oak and Miller streets, caller reported seeing a semi-truck hit stop sign. Stop sign down at Water and Oak streets, unable to locate vehicle.

Wednesday, 6:44 a.m., South Main Street, driver only able to move 5 mph. An officer followed behind driver to ensure safety until driver arrived at Goodyear.

Wednesday, 10:35 a.m., Bluffton High School, student found with vape by school staff.

Wednesday, 11:42 a.m., Pretzels, officer requested in office to retrieve found

Wednesday, 11:52 a.m., corner of West South and South Johnson streets, assistance requested with tenants who refused to leave after eviction.

County:

Tuesday, 1:04 p.m., Wells County Jail. Report of a former employee making threats and acting erratically. Complaintants were asked to file a written statement and send records of the threats.

Tuesday, 3:51 p.m., Northwest Ind. 116 and North 100W. Vehicle ran out of gas. Driver advised help is arriving soon.

Tuesday, 4:13 p.m., 2736 SE Mulberry St., Bluffton. Permanent trailer plate found at the intersection. License plate was registered in Mich-

4884S 400W, Poneto. Caller reported a package had arrived but was empty. The package did not seem disturbed. A deputy advised the caller to contact the company she had ordered the item from.

Tuesday, 5:20 p.m., North 300W and West 700N. Twovehicle accident. No injuries.

Tuesday, 9:24 p.m., West Market and South Main streets. Caller advised their partner was driving intoxicated. The vehicle arrived at the destination prior to locat-

Tuesday, 11:14 p.m., residence on 300W, Liberty Center. Report of a domestic disturbance. Male reportedly busted the door in of his house and appears agitated and aggressive. He had been previously reported as driving drunk. Responding deputies reported the man smelled of alcohol and was uncooperative, and was put in handcuffs while deputies investigated. He claimed his wife had hit him over the head and asked for handcuffs to be removed. When this request was denied, the man dove to the ground head first, and then acting unconscious. Deputies called for medics. When the man was read his rights, he repeatedly kicked law enforcement and yelled expletives. He then denied medical attention. The other residents were advised how to file a restraining order, collected their belongings and left. When the man was released from handcuffs, he continually yelled expletives at law enforcement and told them to leave, following them to the roadway.

Ossian: Wednesday, 12:50 a.m., residence on 900N. Domestic incident between a man and a woman. A juvenile called to report her guardians were intoxicated and involved in an altercation. The deputy observed several facial and neck injuries on the woman involved. She advised that the man had been aggressive, but that things were OK and he was now sleeping. The deputy then spoke with the man, who also smelled of alcohol. Roger Allen Buuck, 48, Ossian, was arrested for Tuesday, 4:59 p.m., domestic battery of a person

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with a protection order that protects family or household members of the protected person, a Class A misdemeanor, strangulation resulting in the loss of consciousness or other effects, a Level 6 felony. Bond was set at

Wednesday, 5:32 a.m., residence on Westview Drive. Report of a male attempting to break into a residence. Elvis Aaron Larkey, 43, Ossian was arrested for breaking and entering, a Level 6 felony, and public intoxication. Bond set at \$6,000.

ACCIDENTS

City:

Tuesday, 1:49 p.m., West Lancaster and East Adam streets, failure to yield right of way. A maroon Nissan Maxima was turning left onto private drive at Inteva while a white Dodge Caravan turned from private drive at Inteva onto the roadway. No injuries reported, damages estimated at \$5,001-\$10,000.

County: Sunday, April 23, 12:35 p.m., CR 800N just east of 600W, Markle. Juvenile was claiming he couldn't breathe riding a 2017 Polaris Rzr off road when the vehicle tery with a prior unrelated rolled. The juvenile was ejected from the vehicle and received injuries to their leg, head and neck. The juvenile was transported to Lutheran Hospital, and the vehicle was towed by Freeman's. The investigating Indiana Conservation Officer was

Jean Ann Lawhorn Calling: 4 - 7 p.m.

Friday, May 19. Time of Sharing: 7 p.m. Friday, May 19 at the funeral home.

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advised that the juvenile had been speaking to a friend on the phone at the time of the accident, which the juvenile later confirmed. The ICO tested the vehicle's brakes, which appeared to be work-

FIRES

Tuesday, 11:56 p.m., Praxis, fire alarm set off, building evacuated. No fire found, alarm was set off by

Wednesday, 12:29 p.m., North 250 East and 224, vacant field fire reported. Property owner present and reported they will control fire and report back controlled burn information.

ARRESTS

Amiya Mitchell Smith, 18, Fort Wayne; minor in possession of an alcoholic beverage, a Class C misdemeanor. Bond set at \$500.

Isaac Brian Charles Ingram, 23, Fort Wayne: probation violation, a Level 6 felony. No bond set. Curtis A. Schorey, 51,

Bluffton; dealing cocaine or a narcotic drug, a Level 5 felony, and dealing meth, a Level 2 felony. No bond set.

Nichole Marie Colwell, 35, Bluffton; domestic batconviction, a Level 5 felony, invasion of PTR privacy, a Level 6 felony, and contempt of court. Bond set at



Calling: 2 - 7 p.m. Thursday, May 18 at the funeral home. Service: 10 a.m. Friday, May 19 at Pleasant Dale Church of the Brethren - Decatur.

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People keep saying government should be run like a business.

If you are one of them, consider this option. If your company needed a new president, which would you prefer: an outsider with demonstrable management skills but no knowledge of your product, service or customer base; or the best candidate from within the company, one with a proven track record in every department?

I've been around enough poorly run companies to know it really isn't, but the answer should be obvious. If you can't promote from within, you've been doing something wrong.



Leo Morris

Hoosier **Opinions**

I ask the question because I realize I've been part of the "throw the bums out" movement for most of my journalistic career. I could probably find scores of editorials and columns in which I've written along the lines of "the problem with career politicians" and "the evils of politics as a profession" and "we need to drain the swamp."

There is a lot of truth in this point of view. There is a swamp (or, rather, are swamps; there are federal, state and local varieties). Government at all levels is overburdened with people who have made running for office their whole lives, people with no knowledge of and little love for the private sector.

But by focusing too much on that perspective, we've helped create a bizarre situation in which the people seeking elective office must profess a deep animosity for the very thing they are engaged in. "Elect me — I'm an outsider, and I'll get in there and break things. I hate politicians as much as you do, so please, please make me your favorite politician."

How odd. It's like looking for an atheist to seek the papacy or asking a high school dropout to be your college president.

And an important consideration is being overlooked. This nation was founded by career politicians.

James Madison, father of the Constitution, first won a seat in the Virginia legislature at 25. John Adams began his political career in 1774. John Jay spent 27 years in public service. Alexander Hamilton got involved in politics almost as soon as he arrived in this country.

Thomas Jefferson, the genius behind the Declaration of Independence, was elected to the Virginia House of Burgesses in 1769 and worked in politics for the next 40 years. Even George Washington, the so-called non-politician of the bunch, won a seat in the Virginia legislature in 1758 at 26 and served there until the Revolution.

"Each of these men," notes Georgia writer Chet Martin, "made public service the purpose of their lives." He quotes Madison's observation from Federalist 62 that wise and just systems require "some stable institution in the government."

Of course, there is one major difference between those career politicians and the ones who walk the halls of power today, a difference the Indiana General Assembly made me think about with its most audacious action in the recently ended session.

In the middle of the night, with no public notice and no discussion, our legislators sneaked through a series of breathtaking raises for the governor and other top elected state officials. The next governor will enjoy a raise of 48 percent, becoming the fifth-highest-paid state chief executive in the nation instead of the 34th. The lieutenant governor gets a whopping 60 percent bump, the attorney general 45 percent, and auditor, treasurer and secretary of state 39 percent each.

Whew. Lawmakers did it the way they did it for a reason. Employees who pilfer from the company's petty cash do not do it in the middle of the day, carrying the loot out for all to see.

My first instinct about the raises was, "Well, there goes the swamp, taking care of its own." But the longer I thought about it, the more I realized it wasn't just the career-politician angle that bothered me. Which brings us back to the business analogy.

We've all heard stories about innovative startup companies and moribund Big Business corporations. Startups are energized by entrepreneurs with bold ideas and the courage to take risks. Big Businesses are so focused on the bottom line that any change to the status quo frightens them. It's why a company like Apple can come along and eat IBM's lunch in the personal computer market. (Until, of course, the point at which Apple becomes another IBM).

The Founders were like a startup. Though career politicians, they were able to look beyond the system they were in and realize it was lacking. They were bold enough to risk scrapping the Articles of Confederation for the Constitution, and wise enough to consult the great thinkers for ideas — a little Hobbes, a little Montesquieu, a lot of Locke, even a smattering of the misguided Rosseau (much less than the French, thank goodness).

Today's careerists are more like the Big Business functionaries. They can't see beyond the way things are being done to please the customer base. They're afraid of asking hard questions about the status quo, adamantly opposed to thinking boldly and taking risks. They're not even CEO material. They are mediocre middle manag-

So, the problem isn't that we're rewarding career politicians. It's that we are encouraging the wrong kind of career politicians. If we identified and nurtured more of the good ones, we wouldn't feel such a great need for outsiders to come in and start throwing bombs.

Yes, I know, they're few and far between. But that has always been the case. How very lucky we were that one time.

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Honoring Our Heros



National Police Week

How to honor our officers during National Police Week

I was proud and moved to participate in opening ceremonies, at the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial in Washington, D.C., commemorating National Police Week.

President John F. Kennedy signed the proclamation, in 1962, designating May 15 as Peace Officers Memorial Day, and establishing the week in which this occurs as National Police Week.

It seems another strange and discomforting irony that the president who moved to establish a national day and week to memorialize police officers who have fallen in the line of duty is a president who himself was murdered.

Scripture always speaks loudest to me, so the inscription on the memorial taken from the opening verses from Proverbs 28 immediately jumped out and captured me: "The wicked flee when no man pursueth. But the righteous are as bold as a lion.'

The verses that immediately follow, which don't appear, are equally worth noting.

When the land is sinful, its princes are numerous: but when there is a judicious man, knowing what is right, he shall endure.'

King Solomon, the author of the Book of Proverbs, the wisest of kings, shows the timelessness of wisdom. His words of thousands of years ago ring true to us today. Indeed, in our nation today, our "princes are numerous." That is, government grows and grows.

Our debt ceiling debates reflect government that has grown far beyond our resources. And this is happening, and getting worse each day, because we look to government to solve problems for which individual citizens should be taking personal responsibility.

As I write, news is reported of yet another pointless, meaningless, gratuitous act of violence and murder. Three civilians killed and two police officers in New Mexico shot by a berserk individual with a gun. The report includes the now all-too-familiar words: "a motive is also unknown at this time."

The Hill, which reported the story, conveys that "According to the nonprofit Gun Violence Archive,



Star Parker

the country has logged more than 200 mass shootings since the start of the year."

A just and peaceful society must have an outside and an inside.

On the outside, we have government, laws and peace officers, patrolling out streets, whom we choose to recognize and honor during National Police Week.

Those incidents, which are really the exception to the rule, when policemen act wrongly, get disproportionate attention. Because we have become a society with no inside, just an outside, we're always looking for whom to blame. The last place we want to look is inside ourselves.

But a society must have an inside as well as an

As The Wall Street Journal recently reported in its new poll with NORC at the University of Chicago, only 39 percent today say religion is "very important" to them, compared to 62 percent in 1998 who said religion is "very important." Only 31 percent of those under 30 say religion is "very

Unfortunately, these polls do not ask individuals who say religion is not important how they discern right and wrong, or even if there is such a thing.

The "inside" rules, which shine the light for selfgovernance, are flickering or gone altogether. The result is the chaos we are now experiencing.

Fortunately, we still have brave and principled men and women who are willing to put on a uniform, patrol our cities at personal risk, and help maintain the law, order and peace without which no society can function. But as part of honoring them, let's step up and let them know that we're in the game with

Restoring an "inside," recognition of right and wrong and personal responsibility, in a society in which these are becoming lost, is not easy.

One way to start is, when we hear politicians saying our answers are in more government, more spending, more politics, know it's time to change the

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Quack! Quack! Them's fighting words.

Having grown up in a family of eight which included five sibling brothers, fighting just came natural. Fights emerged from whose

mowing turn came next, or "that was a ball, not a strike," to "stay off my side of the bed." Attempted sharing became a way of life.

Being sibling three, I always wore my brother's hand-me-downs, never anything new. He got new. Jealousy caused fights. Never ever use a brother's cap gun without asking or that'll cause a fight. Almost without exception, an hour after a fight it fell forgotten. A new play event inspired comradery.

Angelkeep offered abundant occasions to be witness to fighting of many creatures from nature. Some Angelkeep's bouts became as notorious as Cassius Clay vs. Sonny Liston when Clay (later Muhammad Ali) danced like a butterfly and stung like a bee in the seventh round as the 8-1 underdog. Angelkeep's hawk vs. cat ended in a draw when both stalked the other, and attacked at precisely the same time. It ended with a giant dual head-butt sending both to licking wounds in a sheltered corner. Hilari-

Angelkeep critter visitors seldom fought, but co-existed. Some animal forms had their hierarchy, or pecking order. Deer had been observed standing on their hind legs while jousting with foreleg hooves. If a buzzard spreads its wings wide in front of others dining on carrion, they usually back away to await another turn. Birdfeeder dining generally had a pecking order based on size. Sometimes a red-winged blackbird challenged a larger blue jay and rued the day.

Mallards seldom fought. They



a time on Angel-

pond. It involved

what could be

Alan **Daugherty**

assumed to be a fight by a novice birdwatcher. A male mallard climbed on the back of his spouse, grabbed her neck with his beak, and dunked her for however long he decided sufficient. She then popped up, furiously flapping her wings while literally standing on the water crest. She spent the next thirty minutes tucking feathers back into

This sounded and looked atrociously wrong. However also witnessed at Angelkeep was the preliminary, courtship, simultaneous, head bobbing by both partners acknowledging that "this is the time, the moment of bliss." Invitation and acceptance in unison was quite different than an also witnessed duck fight.

When more male mallards appeared than the number of females a problem existed. All mallard men recognized themselves as being the "desired one." If a pair had, in their natural way, said their marriage vows, it became the instinctive duty of the male of the pair to defend his "true love's" honor. Prolonged and extremely combative duck fights were seldom seen by humans.

Angelkeep received ring-side seating recently to the longest duck bout ever taking place on Angelpond. "In this corner we have brown mallard wearing a green head. In another cor-

ner we have a brown mallard wearing, well it seems he's chosen to wear a green head as well."

It lasted for hours, carrying on through several rounds with periods between to allow the combatants to go to their own corner for a betweenround rest. They returned to the center of the ring, pond, and the bell rang to start the frolic anew.

A round literally began with both mallards close-circling in tight formation. The goal by both involved getting slightly behind the other. At that moment the trailing mallard reached up and grabbed his opponent by the nape of the neck and clung on for all his worth. Circle paddling continued with splashing, and wing flaps. The aggressor bit the neck of the other. Then he flapped wings hard on the back of the other in an attempt to do

The mallard being held by the neck, at the mercy of the other, returned flaps in an attempt to be released from the hold, or to inflict any possible damage at the same time. During this splashing, merrygo-round fight, the held male was dunked for severe lengths of time under the water crest. Apparently if beating a mallard to death, or biting it to death, proved unsuccessful, hopefully a drowning would occur to end the bout.

It took several hours and several rounds, but the mated mallard won. Suitor mallard left the pond to the winning Mallard Ali and bride. She'd watched from a distance flapping her wings and bobbing her head. If Mr. Mallard completely misunderstood the head bobbing action of his mate, a different form of mallard fight might

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

Courageous the kitten causes a stir in the household

cats are dumped in Amish country often. So strays are a part of daily life and most Amish do the best they can to care for them, which can include spaying and neutering and taking them in when they can.

"May we keep it and give it kitty, what shall it be? some milk?"

"Of course you may feed it, gested. They all agreed. we'll see about keeping it."

In a short order Julia had warmed milk and put it in a syringe.

There were little hands on all sides to help. "Mom, may I have a turn? When may I hold it?"

The little kitty caught on and tried to suck it from the syringe and soon began to relax.

The sad sight was about more than I could bear, especially with the stark reality lurking in the back of my mind that there are also many, many children out there who are being neglected.

A while later while Austin was cradling it in his arms, he said, "Mom, I hear it, it's purring!" It was an accomplishment.

The children decided it will need a name. Various ideas were discussed. They decided it should have one that goes with other pets nephew found a nest of five kittens in the past. They talked about their in our large warehouse, joined to

Editor's Note: Unfortunately, Auntie's pet baby skunk years ts are dumped in Amish country ago, which she had named Joy Unspeakable, then there was that other kitten the children had rescued soon after that; Daddy had suggested it could be Faith Unspeakable. Now looking at the gray and white

"Courageous," one of them sug-

I tried to get more of the story about Courageous, but no one seemed to know for sure where it came from. We kept her in the house the next couple of days. Hosanna tenderly cared for the kitten hour after hour. I explained to her how cats also enjoy sleeping a lot. That was an issue to her why would kitten need to lie down to sleep? She put on her sweater and carefully stuck the little kitten inside, with only part of her head peeping out, then placing her own hand over the sweater to keep her from falling out. It worked perfect.

"Mom, may I take it with me to bed?" Hosanna wanted to know.

"Perhaps if you have it with you all day and night it won't learn how to be content when we put her in her bed," I said.

A couple days later Daniel's

The Amish Cook by Gloria Yoder



the woodworking shop. Together we went to check it out. There was no doubt that those curious little eyes in the corner staring back at us, were siblings to little Coura-

I was relieved; though Courageous had improved so much since that first day, I felt like she really needed a mama cat to feed her, lick her, and all that mommies can do for their babies.

Soon they were reunified as a family, but never would Mama Cat allow us to see her. Every now and then we'd catch a glimpse of her streaking here and there. And who knows how many mice and rats she has killed from our farm?

Thanks, Mama Cat.

The next day when the children went out to check on Courageous they came back with despondent expressions. "They're gone, they're all gone!"

A few simple explanations on how Mommy cats move their babies when they think they're in

My mind went back on how important kittens were to me when I was their size. "I'll go with you." Soon we had walked back past the working area in

the shop, now in the warehouse we walked down the wide isles with bunks of lumber and piles of logs on either side. "Here kitty, kitty, kitty... Come Courageous!

Ambling on, the children helped me, "Kitty, kitty, kitty..." "Meow!"

We looked at each other then quickly walked toward where the sound was coming from. Sure enough, there came little Courageous, walking out toward us.

She recognized our voices!" I exclaimed. Eager hands once more snuggled their precious 'Courageous.'

Time and again after that, Couwhere the latest hiding place of the litter as she came to meet us.

OK, now for a recipe, I don't have any kitty-friendly recipe (though Joshua was hand-feeding it a ham chunk the other day), so I'll give you this all-time spring favorite from Daniel's family in Danville Ohio. I had never tried it before I married Daniel, now

danger, put their minds in slight my eyes widen every time I see it. Enjoy!

Rhubarb Cake Dessert

Bottom Layer 1 cup butter

1 cup brown sugar 2 cups flour

Second Layer

6 egg yolks 2 cups sugar

3/4 cup flour 1/4 teaspoon salt

1 cup sweet cream 5 cups rhubarb, finely chopped

Step 3 6 egg whites, stiffly beaten

1 cup sugar

pinch of salt

2 tablespoons vanilla STEP 1

Mix ingredients and press into a 9x13 pan.

STEP 2

Mix well and spoon over botrageous would be the tell tale of tom layer. Bake at 350 for 40-45 minutes

STEP 3

Stir 1 cup sugar into egg whites. Add salt, vanilla, and beat whites until stiff. Spread meringue on top of crumb mixture.

Take out of oven and top with meringue. Put back in oven on top shelf for 20 minutes or until browned.



Exchange student

Shukia Gigauri, is an exchange student at Norwell High School, who soon will be returning to her native Georgia, a nation which was part of Russia until 1993 but now is an independent state of 3 million people. This past Tuesday morning she presented the final Senior Snippets program for the Bluffton Parks Department's spring gatherings. Program attenders learned that in her country Easter is the big holiday, rugby is the big sport, Orthodox Christianity is the main religion, and that the official music for the space station is "Music From Earth," her country's type of music. (Photo by Barbara Barbieri)

Class offered on use of pressure cookers

A class on Cooking Under Pressure — about using electric programmable pressure cookers such as an Instant Pot — is being offered the evening of Thursday, May 25, at the Wells County Community Center in the

The class is from 6 to 7:30 p.m. and is being offered by the Wells County Extension Homemakers. The event is free and is open to the public. Those interested in attending are asked to call 824-6412 by May 23.

Those attending will learn about the features of appliance and their benefits plus techniques on using the cookers. Discussions of food safety and recipes are also planned, and a food demo will be included.

Collegiate Honors

Larry Diskey of Bluffton has been named to the Dean's List at the Southern New Hampshire University for the winter 2023 term. The winter term runs from January to May.

Full-time undergraduate students who have earned a minimum grade-point average of 3.500 to 3.699 for the reporting term are named to the Dean's List.

Work day for friends of **Ouabache set** for Saturday

Friends of Ouabache State Park's President Al Arnold has announced a work day for all volunteers for this Saturday, May 20, beginning at 10 a.m.

Participants are to meet at the Friends storage shed by the park office. Projects will include moving Wonderland of Lights displays and strings of lights from the former Pool House to organized storage in the Friends shed.

The Friends' next Lunch and Learn event will be held at noon Thursday, June 8, at the park. The program will be about herpetology and be presented by the Upper Wabash Interpretive Services. Those attending should bring their own lunch; dessert will be provided by Corner Depot Catering.

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doon," by Fire & Light productions, will be presented this weekend after its original production schedule

Performances are scheduled for 7 p.m. Friday, Friday. May 19, and at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. Saturday, May 20, at 2 and 7 p.m. at the University of Saint Francis Performing Arts Center, 431 W. Berry St. in Fort Wayne.

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Knights sweep Vikings to earn birth in sectional tennis final

By RYAN WALKER

The Norwell girls' tennis team punched its ticket to the sectional championship with a 5-0 win over Huntington North Wednes-

The Knights, also the hosts of the sectional, received a bye in round one before defeating the Vikings and now will face Bellmont in the championship Thursday at 4:30 p.m.

The score may indicate a blowout, but the teams were fairly even in three of the five matches, two of which went to a third set. At No. 2 doubles, Idoia Ochoa and Jordyn Xayyachack won in a close two sets 6-4, 6-4, and at No. 3 singles, Delaney Hoover won her match 6-0, 4-6, 6-2.

The main event, though, was at No. 1 singles. Addy Heyerly of Norwell and Kylee Burnau of Huntington North played last week in a match that went for three and a half hours. Heyerly edged out the win 3-6, 7-6(3), 7-6(4).

In the rematch, Heyerly got the best of Burnau in another neck-and-neck match, 6-4, 2-6, 6-3, but this time the match lasted just under three hours.

Eighth-year head coach Holly Kimball was happy with the win and made note that the sweep wasn't by any means accurate with the level of competition.

"It always feels good to get a win. I know that (the 5-0 score) makes it sound really lopsided, but all of those matches were really close. So, to pull that out and have a score like that is fantastic," she said.

Norwell's other two matches went by more quickly and put the Knights in good position with a 2-0 lead. The No. 1 doubles team of Annabelle Johnson and Macy Felger was the first match to get done with a speedy 6-1, 6-0 win. No. 2 singles McKenna

McNabb made quick work going 6-4, 6-1.

To repeat as champions, Norwell must do what it didn't do earlier in the season, and that's to defeat Bellmont. The Braves swept Bluffton in round one on Tuesday and beat Adams Central Wednesday in round two on Wednesday.

Oddly enough, Bellmont did not win the Northeast 8 Conference with the win over the eventual champion Norwell.

The Braves won at home 3-2 back in late April, but now the home-court advantage favors the Knights and potentially some level of revenge.

"Oh yeah, of course," Kimball said when asked if there's a revenge factor with Bellmont. "There's always a little bit of a chip on our shoulder because we lost 3-2, so now we get to defend our home courts here. We go in with nothing to lose because we lost last time, so we're going to come out swinging, and we'll see what happens."

Perhaps Bellmont will come into the match with revenge on its mind, too, as the Braves lost 4-1 in the sectional championship last year to Norwell on the Knights' home courts.

Full results and scores:

 Addy Heyerly defeated Kylee Burnau 6-4, 2-6, 6-3 in No.1 singles.

 McKenna McNabb defeated Mallory Kline 6-4, 6-1 in No. 2 singles.

 Delaney Hoover defeated Hannah Szelis 6-0, 4-6, 6-2 in No. 3 singles.

 Annabelle Johnson and Macy Felger defeated Avery Bonewitz and Gabrielle Leichty in No. 1 doubles.

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

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Norwell No. 1 singles player Addy Heyerly eyes a return during her match Wednesday against Huntington North. The Knights advanced to the sectional final Thursday at 4:30 against Bellmont with the 5-0 win. (Photos by Chad Kline)



Norwell brothers Drew (right) and Luke Graft race toward home following a hit by Brody Bolyn in the bottom of the fifth inning during Wednesday nights game against Northrop. Bolyn's walk-off RBI double secured the 10-0 five-inning win by mercy rule for the Knights.

Knights rout Bruins in baseball

Sports Roundup

Warriors top Knights in extra-inning softball

Norwell's softball team traveled to Woodlan and lost in a nine-inning game 2-1 Wednesday.

The Knights are now 13-10 in the regular season with two games remaining on the

Of the six hits, leadoff hitter Delaney Connett led the way with two hits and the team's lone RBI.

Sami Lemler picked up the loss, despite throwing eight innings with just two runs allowed. Kayla Watkins came into the ninth inning, but the final run was charged to Lemler. She struck out three, allowed seven hits and one walk.

Norwell will host Whitko in a doubleheader to finish the regular season starting at 10 a.m. Saturday, May 20.

The team was led by Averi Petty, who had three hits. Kayla Kiefer, Isabella Stout, Lily King, and Claire Craighead had two

Tyrah Shaw took the loss for the Tigers. Bluffton will head to Winchester at 5:30 p.m. Thursday, May 18.

Knights beat Panthers in junior varsity baseball

The Norwell junior varsity baseball team had the bats going with a 12-4 victory at Snider Wednesday.

The Knights had 10 hits in the game, led

by Gary Riley's three, including a triple and two RBIs. Noah Turk had a double in the game and brought in two runs.

Noah Schamerloh earned the win going six innings, allowing three runs and striking out seven. Korben Nuenschwander threw an inning and allowed one run, and struck out

Norwell will host Leo at 5:30 p.m. Thursday, May 18.

Tigers fall to Eagles in softball

The Bluffton softball team was defeated in a road trip to Fremont 14-8 Wednesday.

The Tigers are now 7-13-1 on the season with two games left before traveling to Manchester High School to face South Adams in the sectional.

Tigers MS tennis loses to Eagles

The Bluffton Middle School tennis team lost 6-4 in varsity tennis to Columbia City Wednesday.

The winners for the Tigers were Coy antz and Jacob Ribich, Dane Fiechter and Graham Linderwell, and Sophie Eisenhut and Kenley Falk.

Bluffton won the junior varsity match 13-5. Winners for the JV team were Lance Moser and Reid Abbett, Dane Fiecther and Lincoln Rodgers, Eli Seago, and Heath Gerber, Alex Maggard and Graham Linderwell, Carter Williams and Ithan Rinkenberger, and Aleeah Grover and Madison Duncan.

Green Valley Senior Golf League

Results for the Green Valley Tuesday Senior Golf League were Steve Folk with the low gross of 37. Ron McDonald had the low net. Greg Castilow was closest to

Rich Borror had the longest putt, and the winning team was Ron McDonald, Greg Castilow, Rick Borror, and Wayne Close.

Morant takes accountability for video, as Silvers is disappointed

By TIM REYNOLDS AP Basketball Writer

Ja Morant spoke out Tuesday night about his latest troubles, three days after the Memphis guard apparently held a firearm again while being broadcast on social media and was suspended by the Grizzlies from all team activities.

He's also being investigated by the NBA for his actions, two months after the league suspended him for essentially the same thing — displaying a gun on social media.

"I know I've disappointed a lot of people who have supported me," Morant said in a statement released Tuesday night by his representatives. "This is a journey and I recognize there is more work to do. My words may not mean much right now, but I take full accountability for my actions. I'm committed to continuing to work on myself."

His comments came a few hours after NBA Commissioner Adam Silver expressed disappointment over the situation. Silver handed down an eight-game suspension in March; there is no way of knowing yet what penalties Morant may face this time.

"Honestly, I was shocked when I saw, this weekend, that video," Silver said in a televised interview with ESPN before the draft lottery in Chicago. "We're in the process of investigating it and we'll figure out exactly what happened as best as we can. The video's a bit grainy and all that, but I'm assuming the worst. We'll figure out exactly what happened there."

The first video, which cost Morant about \$669,000 in forfeited salary, came out in March. The second was captured Saturday night and widely shared online. It was streamed on the Instagram account of Morant associate Davonte Pack, a person familiar with the situation told The Associated Press, speaking on condition of anonymity because the Grizzlies have not commented on the specifics of the latest video.

The video streamed by Pack shows Morant briefly appearing to display a handgun. At the very brief moment — maybe less than a second — when Morant is shown holding what appears to be a weapon as he sits in the passenger seat of a vehicle, the livestream had 111 viewers.

"He could have injured, maimed, killed himself, someone else, with an act like that," Silver said. "And also the acknowledgement that he's a star. He has an incredibly huge following. And my concern — and I thought he shared with me that millions if not tens of millions of kids globally would see him as having done something that was celebrating in a way that act of using a firearm in that fashion.'

Morant said in March that he needed to work on himself, and when the season ended a couple weeks ago, he offered similar thoughts.

"Being disciplined on both sides, off the court making better decisions and on the court being locked in even more," Morant said. "Being a leader of this team, it pretty much starts with me. ... I've got to be better in that area.'

High School Calendar

THURSDAY, MAY 18 BASEBALL: Norwell at Bluffton, 5 p.m.

facing Mississinewa.

BOYS GOLF: Eastbrook at Bluffton, 4:30 p.m.; Southern Wells at Madison-Grant, 4:30 p.m. GIRLS TENNIS: (sectional) TBD at Norwell,

The Norwell baseball team earned win

The Knights are now 18-7 on the season

The Knights were led by Brody Bolyn,

No. 18 on the season with a 10-0 blow-

out win over Northrop in its final home

and have one game left in the regular season

before heading to Oak Hill in the sectional,

who had a double in his two-hit day, driving

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 Marion High School, 5:30 p.m. FRIDAY, MAY 19

BASEBALL: Southern Wells at Anderson Prep, 5:30 p.m.

SOFTBALL: Southwood at Bluffton, 5 p.m.; Wayne at Southern Wells, 5:30 p.m.

SATURDAY, MAY 20 BASEBALL: Southwood at Bluffton, 10 a.m.

BOYS GOLF: Norwell NE8 Meet at East Noble Cobblestone Golf Course, 9 a.m.; Bluffton, Southern Wells ACAC Meet at Celina Linx Golf Course, 9 a.m.

Thursday, May 18.

hits in the game as well.

SOFTBALL: Whitko at Norwell, 10 a.m. UNIFIED TRACK & FIELD: (sectional) Norwell at North Side, 12 p.m. **MONDAY, MAY 22**

in three runs. Luke Graft drove in two with

two RBIs, and Luke McBride tallied two

innings of shutout baseball, allowing just

two hits and two walks, and stuck out

County rivalry game starting at 5 p.m.

Bolyn earned the win, throwing five

Norwell will travel to Bluffton in a Wells

SOFTBALL: (sectional) Norwell vs. Oak Hill at Bellmont, 5 p.m.

TUESDAY, MAY 23

BOYS GOLF: South Adams at Norwell, 4:30 p.m.; Huntington North at Bluffton, 4:30 p.m.; Northfield at Southern Wells, 4:30 p.m.

TRACK & FIELD (GIRLS): (regional) Norwell at Carroll High School, 5:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 24 BASEBALL: (sectional) Norwell vs. Mississinewa, 7 p.m. at Oak Hill.; Southern Wells vs.

Wes-Del, 5:30 p.m. at Anderson Prep HS THURSDAY, MAY 25

BOYS GOLF: Bluffton, Norwell at Timber Ridge Golf Course, 4 p.m.; Delta at Southern

Liberatore works 5 scoreless innings, Cardinals down Brewers

By STEVE OVERBEY Associated Press

ST. LOUIS (AP) — Matthew Liberatore tossed five shutout innings in his season debut and Paul DeJong homered to lead the St. Louis Cardinals to a 3-0 win over the Milwaukee Brewers on Wednesday night.

St. Louis has won eight of 10 after a 10-24 start to the season.

Milwaukee has dropped two of three following a three-game winning streak.

Nolan Arenado added a run-scoring hit for St. Louis, which remains in last place in the NL Central for the 22nd successive day after winning the division last season.

Liberatore (1-0), a 23-year-old lefthander, gave up three hits in a 95-pitch stint. He struck out six and left after giving up a leadoff walk to Willy Adames to start the sixth.

Liberatore was recalled Tuesday from

Triple-A Memphis. He was making his first big league appearance since Oct. 5, 2022, at Pittsburgh.

Relievers Andre Pallante, Giovanny Gallegos and Ryan Helsley combined to nail down the seven-hit shutout. Helsley recorded the final four outs for his fifth save in

Corbin Burnes (4-3) gave up three runs on eight hits over six innings in the loss. DeJong hit a two-run homer off Burnes

with two out in the sixth to push the lead to Arenado, who had homered in his previ-

ous five games, drove in the first run of the game with a single off the glove of third baseman Brian Anderson in the first. Milwaukee outfielder Owen Miller

extended his hitting streak to 10 games with three hits. Miller has reached base safely in a career-best 19 straight games.

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BASKETBALL National Basketball Association

CONFERENCE FINALS (Best-of-7; x-if necessary)
Eastern Conference Miami 1, Boston 0 Wednesday, May 17: Miami 123.

Boston 116 Friday, May 19: Miami at Boston,

8:30 p.m. Sunday, May 21: Boston at Miami, 8:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 23: Boston at Miami,

8:30 p.m. x-Thursday, May 25: Miami at Boston, TBA x-Saturday, May 27: Boston at Miami, TBA

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x-Monday, May 29: Miami at Boston, TBA
Western Conference
Denver 1, L.A. Lakers 0
Tuesday, May 16: Denver 132, L.A.
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Thursday, May 18: L.A. Lakers et

Lakers 126
Thursday, May 18: L.A. Lakers at Denver, 8:30 p.m.
Saturday, May 20: Denver at L.A. Lakers, 8:30 p.m.
Monday, May 22: Denver at L.A. Lakers, 8:30 p.m.

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x-Wednesday, May 24: L.A. Lakers at Denver, TBA x-Friday, May 26: Denver at L.A.

Lakers, TBA x-Sunday, May 28: L.A. Lakers at Denver, TBA

HOCKEY National Hockey

League **CONFERENCE FINALS**

(Best-of-7; x-if necessary) **EASTERN CONFERENCE** Carolina vs. Florida Thursday, May 18: Florida at Carolina, 8 p.m. Saturday, May 20: Florida at Carolina,

Monday, May 22: Carolina at Florida, 8 p.m. Wednesday, May 24: Carolina at Florida, 8 p.m. x-Friday, May 26: Florida at Carolina

-Sunday, May 28: Carolina at Florida,

x-Tuesday, May 30: Florida at Carolina, TBA
WESTERN CONFERENCE

Vegas vs. Dallas Friday, May 19: Dallas at Vegas, 8:30 Sunday, May 21: Dallas at Vegas, 3 p.m. Tuesday, May 23: Vegas at Dallas,

Thursday, May 25: Vegas at Dallas, 8 p.m. -Saturday, May 27: Dallas at Vegas,

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New York	25	20	.556	71/2
Boston	24	20	.545	8
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Minnesota	24	20	.545	
Detroit	19	22	.463	3½
Cleveland	19	23	.452	4
Chicago	16		.364	8
Kansas City	14	31	.311	10½
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Tuesday's Games
Detroit 4, Pittsburgh 0
Baltimore 7, L.A. Angels 3
Boston 9, Seattle 4
Tampa Bay 8, N.Y. Mets 5
N.Y. Yankees 6, Toronto 3
Texas 7, Atlanta 4 Houston 7, Chicago Cubs 3
Chicago White Sox 8, Cleveland 3
Kansas City 5, San Diego 4
Minnesota 5, L.A. Dodgers 1
Oakland 9, Arizona 8, 12 innings

Wednesday's Games
Pittsburgh 8, Detroit 0
L.A. Dodgers 7, Minnesota 3
Arizona 5, Oakland 3 Kansas City 4, San Diego 3 Baltimore 3, L.A. Angels 1 Boston 12, Seattle 3
Toronto 3, N.Y. Yankees 0, 10 innings N.Y. Mets 8, Tampa Bay 7, 10 innings
Atlanta 6, Texas 5
Chicago White Sox 7, Cleveland 2
Houston 7, Chicago Cubs 6
Thursday's Games

L.A. Angels (Anderson 1-0) at Baltimore (Wells 3-1), 12:35 p.m.

Tampa Bay (Bradley 3-0) at N.Y. Mets (Megill 4-2), 1:10 p.m.

Cleveland (Allen 1-1) at Chicago White Sox (Cease 2-2), 2:10 p.m. N.Y. Yankees (Cortes 3-2) at Toronto (Berríos 3-3), 7:07 p.m. riday's Games Milwaukee at Tampa Bay 6:40 p.m.

N.Y. Yankees at Cincinnati, 6:40 p.m. Detroit at Washington, 7:05 p.m. Baltimore at Toronto, 7:07 p.m. Cleveland at N.Y. Mets, 7:10 p.m. Seattle at Atlanta, 7:20 p.m. Colorado at Texas, 8:05 p.m. Kansas City at Chicago White Sox, Oakland at Houston, 8:10 p.m. Minnesota at L.A. Angels, 9:38 p.m. Boston at San Diego, 9:40 p.m.

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Texas 7, Atlanta 4

Houston 7, Chicago Cubs 3

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San Francisco 4, Philadelphia 3
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Oakland 9, Arizona 8, 12 innings

Wednesday's Games
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Arizona 5, Oakland 3 San Francisco 7, Philadelphia 4 Kansas City 4, San Diego 3 Miami 4, Washington 3
St. Louis 3, Milwaukee 0
N.Y. Mets 8, Tampa Bay 7, 10 innings
Atlanta 6, Texas 5
Houston 7, Chicago Cubs 6

Thursday's Games
Tampa Bay (Bradley 3-0) at N.Y. Mets
(Megill 4-2), 1:10 p.m.
Washington (Williams 1-1) at Miami (Pérez 0-0), 1:10 p.m. L.A. Dodgers (Urías 5-3) at St. Louis (Wainwright 0-0), 7:45 p.m. **Friday's Games** Arizona at Pittsburgh, 6:35 p.m. Milwaukee at Tampa Bay, 6:40 p.m. N.Y. Yankees at Cincinnati, 6:40 p.m.

Detroit at Washington, 7:05 p.m. Cleveland at N.Y. Mets, 7:10 p.m. Seattle at Atlanta, 7:20 p.m. Colorado at Texas, 8:05 p.m. L.A. Dodgers at St. Louis, 8:15 p.m. Boston at San Diego, 9:40 p.m. Miami at San Francisco, 10:15 p.m.

Chicago Cubs at Philadelphia, 7:05

TRANSACTIONS

Wednesday's Transactions BASEBALL

Major League Baseball
MLB — Suspended New York Yankees RHP Domingo German for 10
games and fined him an undisclosed
amount for violating the prohibitions on foreign substances, which resulted on loreign substances, which resulted in his ejection prior to the bottom of the fourth inning of their game against Toronto on May 16th .

American League KANSAS CITY ROYALS — Trans-

ferred LHP Ryan Yarbrough from the 15-day IL to the 60-day IL. Selected the contract of RHP Mike Mayers

Hill baffles Tigers for six innings as Pirates earn split

By DANA GAURUDER **Associated Press**

DETROIT (AP) — Rich Hill gave up one hit in six innings, Austin Hedges drove in three runs and the Pittsburgh Pirates rolled to an 8-0 victory over the Detroit Tigers on Wednesday.

The 43-year-old Hill (4-3), the oldest active player in the majors, gave up an infield single to Matt Vierling and two walks while striking out seven. A trio of relievers completed the shutout as Pittsburgh won for just the third time in 15 games.

Hill recorded 56 strikes on 84 pitches.

Vierling's hit proved to be all the Tigers could muster as their batters struck out 14

In contrast, the Pirates had their highest scoring output since piling up 16 runs against Washington on April 29. They scored only 22 runs in their previous 14

Tigers starter Eduardo Rodríguez, who had allowed just two runs in his previous six starts, gave up four runs and six hits in five innings.

Rodolfo Castro gave Pittsburgh a 3-0 lead in the fourth with his fifth homer.

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FAMILY DENTISTRY

from Omaha (IL). NEW YORK YANKEES — Placed RHP Ian Hamilton on the 15-day IL. Recalled LHP Nick Ramirez from Scranton/Wilkes-Barre (IL).
OAKLAND ATHLETICS — Acquired RHP Lucas Erceg from Milwaukee for cash considerations.

TAMPA BAY RAYS — Optioned RHP Yonny Chirinos to Durham (IL). Selected the contract of RHP Zack Burdi from Durham. Sent RHP Javier Guerra outright to Durham. TEXAS RANGERS — Reinstated SS Corey Seager from the 10-day IL.

Optioned C Sam Huff to Round Rock Mational League
ARIZONA DIAMONDBACKS —
Recalled RHP Luis Frias from Reno
(PCL). Optioned OF Alek Thomas to

LOS ANGELES DODGERS -LOS ANGELES DODGERS —
Selected the contract of RHP Dylan
Covey from Oklahoma City (IL).
Optioned LHP Justin Bruihl to Oklahoma City. Transferred RHP Jimmy
Nelson from the 15-day IL to the

60-day IL.
MILWAUKEE BREWERS — Placed LHP Wade Miley on the 15-day IL.
Recalled RHP Jake Cousins from Nashville (IL). NEW YORK METS — Recalled INF

Mark Vientos from Syracuse (IL). Optioned INF Luis Guillorme. ST. LOUIS CARDINALS — Optioned RHP James Naile to Memphis (IL). Recalled LHP Matthew Liberatore from Memphis. Placed OF Dylan Carlson on the 10-day IL, retroactive to May 15. Selected the contract of OF Oscar Mercado from Memphis. Transferred LHP Packy Naughton from the 15-day IL to the 60-day IL. SAN FRANCISCO GIANTS — Sent RHP Luke Jackson to Sacramento (PCL) on a rehab assignment. WASHINGTON NATIONALS -

Recalled INF/OF Jake Alu from Rochester (IL). Placed 1B/DH Joey Meneses on the paternity list. Minor League Baseball

Atlantic League
LONG ISLAND DUCKS — Reinstated LHP Ian Clarkin to the active list.
Placed OF Lew Ford on the DL, retroactive to May 14. Frontier League
EVANSVILLE OTTERS — Signed C

Jake Green and OF Kona Quiggle. NEW JERSEY JACKALS — Signed C Jonathan Soto.
NEW YORK BOULDERS — Signed

RHP Brandon Backman. OTTAWA TITANS — Signed RHP

Max Steffens.

QUEBEC CAPITALES — Signed
RHP Julian Tymochhko.

TROIS-RIVIERES AIGLES — Signed
INF/OF Malik Williams.

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LOS ANGELES SPARKS — Waived G Yang Liwei. FOOTBALL

National Football League GREEN BAY PACKERS — Signed TE Tucker Kraft, P Daniel Whelan. Waived DB Benije Franklin, Claimed Valved DB Beiljie Franklin. Claimed
C D.J. Scaife off waivers from Miami
HOUSTON TEXANS — Signed TE
Jordan Murray. Waived P Joe Doyle.
INDIANAPOLIS COLTS — Signed WR Josh Downs.
JACKSONVILLE JAGUARS —
Signed LB Willie Taylor III. Placed
WR Jaylon Moore on injured reserve.
LOS ANGELES RAMS — Signed

WR Tyler Hudson and DB Jaiden Woodbey. MINNESOTA VIKINGS — Signed WR

MINNESOTA VIKINGS — Signed WI Jordan Addison. NEW ORLEANS SAINTS — Signed DT Bryan Bresee, QB Jake Haener and OT Scott Lashley. PITTSBURGH STEELERS —

Released CB Ahkello Witherspoon. Signed QB Mason Rudolph, WR

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Hakeem Butter and CB Luq Barcoo.
Canadian Football League
EDMONTON ELKS— Signed DB
Darrius Bratton.
WINNIPEG BLUE BOMBERS —
Signed WR Sean Coyne and DT
Keenan Agnew. Released DT Julius
Turner, QB Billy Hall, WR Timothy
Knuettel, OLs Brandon Sanford and
Payton Mulio, DI. Jedrian Taylor. Payton Muljo, DL Jadrian Taylor, LB Christian Dixon and DBs Deuce Wallace, Gee Stanley and Charles Antoine Beaulieu. Transferred WR Janorian Grant to the suspended list

National Hockey League SEATTLE KRAKEN — Returned G Chris Driedger, RW Jesper Froden and LW Tye Kartye to Coachella Valley (AHL).
TORONTO MAPLE LEAFS —

Returned LW Bobby McMann to Toronto (AHL). SOCCER

Major League Soccer
AUSTIN FC — Signed M David
Rodriquez to a short-term contract.
NEW YORK RED BULLS — Signed
Ds Davi Alexandre and O'Vonte Mullins and M Amos Shapiro-Thompson

Inis and Marios Strapho-Thompson to short-term contracts. National Women's Soccer League NWSL — Fined Angel City FC presi-dent Julie Uhrman an undisclosed amount for approaching officials at the conclusion of a May 13 match against Washington. COLLEGE
CALIFORNIA — Announced the

CALIFORNIA — Announced the hiring of Jason Glover as assistant women's basketball coach.

MANHATTAN — Named Tim Brooks, Anthony Doran and J.R. Lynch assistant men's basketball coaches. ST. BONAVENTURE — Announced the hiring of Dana Valentine as assistant men's basketball coach.



Knights place third in MS Golf Open

The Norwell Middle School golf team competed in the first annual Northern Indiana Middle School Girls Golf Open Championship on Wednesday. Along with Norwell were Maple Creek, Warsaw, DeKalb, and Prarie Heights. The Knights placed third in the meet, scoring a 224. Vivian Reidenbach finished sixth of 25 participants and earned a medal. (Photo provided)



NASCAR CUP SERIES NASCAR All-Star Open

Site: North Wilkesboro, North Carolina.

Schedule: Friday, practice, 4 p.m., and qualifying (All-Star Pit Crew Challenge), 5:45 p.m.; Saturday, Heat No. 1, 7:35 p.m., and Heat 2, 8:15 p.m.; Sunday, All-Star Open, 5:30 p.m. (FS1), and All-Star Race, 8 p.m. (FS1).

Track: North Wilkesboro Speedway.

Last race: William Byron avoided a crash six laps from the finish and won in overtime at Darlington.

Next race: May 28, Concord, North Carolina.

NASCAR XFINITY SERIES

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

Tyson 250 Site: North Wilkesboro, North Carolina.

Schedule: Friday, practice, 3:05 p.m.; Saturday, qualifying, 10:30 a.m., and race, 1:30 p.m. (FOX).

Track: North Wilkesboro Speedway.

Last race: Christian Eckes led 82 of 158 laps and won under caution in double overtime at Darlington. Next race: May 26, Concord, North Carolina.

FORMULA ONE

Emilia Romagna Grand Prix Site: Imola, Italy.

Track: Autodromo Internazionale Enzo e Dino Ferrari. Last race: Max Verstappen kept Red Bull unbeaten

through five races, racing from ninth at the start in Miami and passing teammate Sergio Perez with nine laps remaining. It was the fourth 1-2 finish for the Red Bull drivers this season.

Next race: May 28, Monte Carlo.

INDYCAR

Last race: Alex Palou inherited the lead on Lap 65, then drove away from the pack to win the Indianapolis Grand Prix by 16.8006 seconds over Pato O'Ward.

Next race: May 28, Indianapolis, Indiana. NHRA DRAG RACING

Last event: Antron Brown won in Top Fuel and Matt Hagan won in Funny Car in Las Vegas.

Next event: May 21, Ellwood, Illinois.

WORLD OF OUTLAWS

Next events: May 19, Attica, Ohio, and May 20, Hartford, Ohio.





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World War wedding

Dear Annie: My son and new wife recently eloped with a small ceremony on a Tuesday (when we all had to take off work), but most of my family was tim of domestic not invited. She invited her parents, grandmother, aunt, uncles, best friend I agree wholeand cousin. But only me, my fiance and my other son were invited on my son's side.

The bride commented that I would never understand her family dynamics.

She got very angry that I told my mother and sisters about their elopement/wedding, even though my family wasn't invited to the wedding. She wanted to keep it a secret and then announce their wedding at my sister's wedding. I told them not to because that is my sister's day to celebrate.

Needless to say, WWIII broke out. How can this be managed? She is already alienating me from my son, who ghosted my last text to him. — Unwelcome at the Wedding

Dear Unwelcome: If your daughter-in-law wanted the wedding to be a secret, she probably should have communicated that with you earlier. Yes, it's her day, but she can't expect you to read her mind on this one. I'd tell her you're sorry for spilling the beans, explain to her that you didn't know, and then move on. I would also tell her that you are grateful to have been there; with such a small guest list, it seems like it was a real honor to make the cut.

In terms of her plan to announce at your sister's wedding, you are absolutely right. Why don't you suggest that she plan a separate family party — or even something casual, like a barbecue or a dinner — to tell everyone the news? If you really want to get on their good side, you could offer to help organize the event.

The last point that I'll make is that it's concerning that she's keeping your son from you. If her controlling behavior continues, I would have a conversation with your son to make sure he isn't caught in an abusive relationship.

Dear Annie: This is in response to

Dear Annie by Annie Lane



a big part missing. One of the incidents she mentioned in her letter was that her husband had kicked her dog. I'm sure it wasn't the only time the dog suffered abuse at the hands of this man.

your answer to

violence. While

heartedly with

every part of your advice, there was

I am here to tell you as a lifelong animal advocate and rescue coordinator, animals are more often than not victims of domestic abuse as well. At the very end of the letter, you advised the "woman and her son" to move to someplace safe until the husband is willing to seek treatment. There was no mention of

I have helped countless people rehome their animals, some of them due to domestic violence. Please, please don't EVER leave your animals behind in a domestic violence situation. Most likely, those animals will continue to suffer abuse, oftentimes compounded by the absence of the intended victim(s). Those animals can be surrendered to a local shelter or rescue. And oftentimes, women's shelters will make provisions for the animals until the victims are reestablished. — Animal Lover

Dear Animal Lover: Thank you for pointing out this crucial missing piece in the advice I offered. Animals are indeed family, and they must be taken care of as

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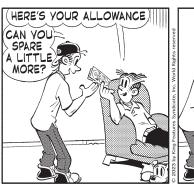
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My Answer

By Dr. Billy Graham

Q: If God made us in His image, why are so many of us empty and disappointed with life and running around frantically trying to find the next happy thing to do? I've just returned from Disneyland and I've never seen so many cranky and unkind people, and this is supposed to be the "happiest place on Earth." Most of the people there were alive and breathing, but their eyes looked empty. -

A: We are made in the image of God. We are made to glorify God. We are made for God; and without God, there's an empty place within. That empty place can be filled only by a simple surrender

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Human nature searches for pleasure

to Jesus Christ.

But people by nature don't look to God for happiness.

Instead, they want instant pleasure — and now. The Apostle Paul wrote, "In the last days... men will be lovers of themselves... unthankful... unloving, unforgiving" (2 Timothy 3:1-3).

Human nature searches for pleasure, strives for happiness, and searches for kicks. Often they stumble right into it all — until the morning after. The kick has a kickback.

The Bible says, "But she who lives in pleasure is dead while she lives" (1 Timothy 5:6). Many living and searching feel dead inside. And something is dead — the soul. A person is dead toward God because of never coming to the cross of Jesus Christ

and repenting of sin and turning from a life of sin to the glories of the Savior.

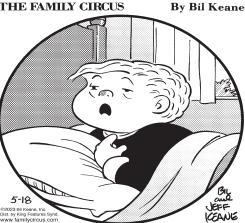
The Apostle Peter wrote, "Beloved, I beg you as sojourners and pilgrims, abstain from fleshly lusts which war against the soul" (1 Peter 2:11). The things of this world fight the soul; they fight a relationship with God.

The more worldly pleasure we enjoy, the less satisfied and content we are with life. Today our world is mad in its obsession with pleasure. Life can be turned around by turning to Christ

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

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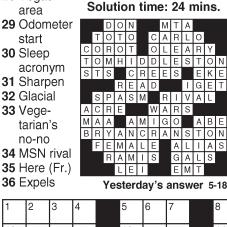
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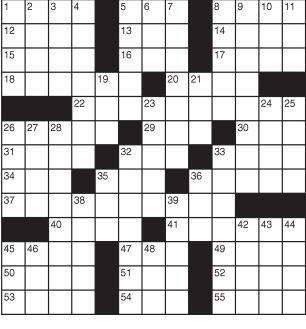
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NEW HOPE LUTHERAN Church, Ossian, Friday, May 19, 8 a.m. to 6:30 p.m., bag sale Saturday, May 20, 8 a.m.

8 FAMILY SALE Thursday, May 18, & Friday, May 19, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturday, May 20, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., 4360 E 900 N, Ossian. Furniture, kitchen items, gardening tools, DVDs, clothes, lots more items still coming.

FRIDAY, MAY 19, 8 a.m.-4 p.m., Saturday, May 20, 8 a.m. -2 p.m., 0200 East 100 South Bluffton, IN, 1 mile west of Peyton's. Men, women, baby clothes, DVD's, books, PS4 games, household items, and more. Rain or shine.

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Public Notices

STATE OF INDIANA COUNTY OF WELLS IN THE WELLS COUNTY

CIRCUIT COURT CASE NO. 90C01-2304-MI-000008 IN RE THE MATTER OF:

Anna Michele Bressler

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR
CHANGE OF NAME

Anna Michele Bressler, whose
mailing address is: 10195 N.
McNeal Cir. Ossian Indiana 46777, and if different, whose residential address is, in the Wells County, Indiana, hereby gives notice that Anna Michele Bressler has filed a petition in the Wells County Circuit Court requesting that their name be changed to Harvest Anna Michele Wemhoff.

Notice is further given that the hearing will be held on said Petition on: JUNE 21, 2023 at 9:30 AM Anna Michele Bressler

Petitioner May 12, 2023 Date Beth Davis County Clerk nb 5/18, 5/25, 6/1 hspaxlp

NOTICE OF HEARING FOR AREA PLAN COMMISSION

5/12/2023 Notice is hereby given that the AREA PLAN COMMISSION will hold a Public Hearing in Conference Room 105 in the Wells Carnegie Government Annex, 223 Washington St., in the City of Bluffton, IN at 7:00 o'clock P.M. on the 1st day of June, 2023, for the purpose of reviewing and hearing comment on the request of Bark-ley Properties, LLC, 1383 E 950 N, Ossian, IN 46777 for the purpose

of a Rezoning.

Current Zoning: B-1

Proposed Rezoning: R-3 Common Location: The subject property is located at 126 E

Lafever, Ossian, Indiana. 46777 Brief Legal: The subject property is described as East 2/3 of Craigs Addition Lots 10-12 in Jefferson Township of Wells County.
Dated this 12 day of May, 2023
WELLS COUNTY AREA
PLAN COMMISSION

Director

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Current Zoning: I-1
Proposed Major Subdivision:

Common Location: The subject property is located at south side of CR 850 N and in the southwest area of SR 1 & 850 N, Ossian, Indiana. 46777

Brief Legal: The subject property is described as 33.44 acres SE/4 -28N-12E in Jefferson Township of Wells County.

Dated this 12th day of May,

2023 WELLS COUNTY AREA PLAN COMMISSION Michael Lautzenheiser, Jr.,

Director oj, nb 5/18

ADVERTISEMENT TO BID REHABILITATION OF **BRIDGE 85 CARRYING HOOSIER HIGHWAY OVER** THE ROCK CREEK WELLS COUNTY, INDIANA

Sealed proposals will be received by the Wells County Board of Commissioners, Owner, at the Wells County Auditor's Office at 102 W Market St., Suite 205, Bluffton, IN 46714, until 2:00 P.M (Local time) on June 8, 2023, and then will be publicly opened and read aloud in Suite 104. Any bids received later than the above time will be returned unopened DESCRIPTION OF WORK:

Work for which proposals are to be received is for the removal and replacement of Bridge No. 85 carrying Hoosier Highway over the Rock Creek. The work consists of mill and partial patching of the concrete bridge deck. Concrete overlay and minor guardrail safety improvements will be included in the scope of the work

BID DOCUMENTS: Prospective Bidders may examine the Bidding Documents at the Issuing Office on Mondays through Fridays between the hours of 8 am and 4 pm, and may obtain copies of the Bidding Documents as described below. The contract documents, including plans, specifications are available in **print** or **digital** format rom eastern Engineering Supply Reprographics, 1239 Wells St., Fort Wayne, Indiana 46808 (telephone: 260-426-3119, fax: 260-426-3101). Printed plans and specifications may be purchased from Eastern Engineering for a from Eastern Engineering for a non-refundable fee.

Bids shall be properly and completely executed on Bid Forms and in the order as identified and contained in the Contract Documents obtainable from the offices as stated above. Each bid shall be accompanied by a completely filled out Form No. 96 (latest revision) and acceptable Bid Security. Any bid not accompanied by the above required items shall be deemed to

be a non-responsive bid.

No Bidder may withdraw his proposal within a period of 60 days following the date set for the receiving of bids. The Owner reserves the right to retain any and all bids for a period of not more than 60 days and said bid shall remain in full force and effect during said time. The Owner further reserves the right to waive infor-malities and to award the Contract to any Bidder all to the advantage of the Wells County or to reject all

BID SECURITY: Each bid shall be accompanied by an acceptable certified check made payable to the Wells County Board of Commissioners or an acceptable bid bond in the amount equal to 5% of the total bid price executed by an incorporated surety company in good standing and qualified to do business in the State of Indiana and whose name appears on the current Treasury Department Cir-

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Standard Questionnaire Form 96 (latest revision), completely filled out and signed, including attachment of Contractor's Financial Statement as stipulated in Section

FOR THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS WELLS COUNTY, INDIANA By: Nate Rumschlag, PE MCM Wells County Engineer

By: Lisa McCormick, Auditor Date: May 11, 2023

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DESCRIPTION OF WORK: Work for which proposals are to be received is for the removal and replacement of Bridge No. 170 carrying County Road 900 South over Shoemaker/Thomas Ditch. The work consists of replacing the existing structure with a 3-sided precast concrete box bridge on spread footers into the existing rock. Along with the guardrail, bridge work, approximately 300 feet of minor approach work and grading is included in the immediate vicinity of the bridge to tie the new structure into existing roadway features and ditches.

BID DOCUMENTS: Prospec-

tive Bidders may examine the Bidding Documents at the Issuing Office on Mondays through Fridays between the hours of 8 am and 4 pm, and may obtain copies of the Bidding Documents as described below. The contract documents, pelow. The contract documents, including plans, specifications are available in **print** or **digital** format from eastern Engineering Supply Reprographics, 1239 Wells St., Fort Wayne, Indiana 46808 (telephone: 260-426-3119, fax: 260-426-3101). Printed plans and specifications may be nurchased specifications may be purchased from Eastern Engineering for a non-refundable fee

Bids shall be properly and completely executed on Bid Forms and in the order as identified and contained in the Contract Documents obtainable from the offices as stated above. Each bid shall be accompanied by a completely filled out Form No. 96 (latest revision) and acceptable Bid Security. Any bid not accompanied by the above required items shall be deemed to be a non-responsive bid.

No Bidder may withdraw his

proposal within a period of 60 days following the date set for the receiving of bids. The Owner reserves the right to retain any and all bids for a period of not more than 60 days and said bid shall remain in full force and effect during said time. The Owner further reserves the right to waive informalities and to award the Contract to any Bidder all to the advantage of the Wells County or to reject all

BID SECURITY: Each bid shall be accompanied by an acceptable certified check made payable to the Wells County Board of Com-missioners or an acceptable bid bond in the amount equal to 5% of the total bid price executed by an incorporated surety company in good standing and qualified to do business in the State of Indiana and whose name appears on the current Treasury Department Cir-**BONDS:** A Performance Bond

and Payment Bond each in the amount of 100% of the Contract price will be required from the Contractor to whom the work is INDIANA REQUIREMENTS:

Standard Questionnaire Form 96 (latest revision), completely filled out and signed, including attachment of Contractor's Financial Statement as stipulated in Section III.

FOR THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS WELLS COUNTY, INDIANA By: Nate Rumschlag, PE MCM Wells County Engineer

Attest: By: Lisa McCormick, Auditor Date: May 11, 2023 hspaxlp TO THE OWNERS OF THE WITHIN DESCRIBED REAL ESTATE AND ALL INTERESTED

PARTIES NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE
Sheriff Sale File number: 90-23-0010-SS

Date & Time of Sale: Wednes-day, June 14, 2023, at 1:00 p.m. Sale Location: Wells County Courthouse first floor, 102 W Mar-

ket St, Bluffton, IN
Judgment to be Satisfied: \$88,399.41

Cause Number: 90C01-2001-MF-000002 Plaintiff: UNITED STATES OF THE RURAL HOUSING SER-VICE OR SUCCESSOR AGENCY, UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT

OF AGRICULTURE

Defendant: KIM D. BANAS

By virtue of a certified copy of a decree to me, directed from the Clerk of Superior/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 date, time and location listed above, the fee simple of the whole body of Real Estate, a certain tract or parcel of land described as fol-

as known and designated on the recorded Plat of Hi-Lo Addition No. 2 to the City of Bluffton, reference being had to Plat Book 3, page Commonly Known as: 1417 HI

Lot Numbered Forty-one (41)

LO DRIVE, BLUFFTON, IN 46714 Parcel No. 90-08-05-509-041.000-004/010-07566-07 Together with rents, issues,

income and profits thereof, this sale will be made without relief from valuation or appraisement laws. In accordance to the requirements of IC 32-29-7-3, this Notice shall also represent service of Notice of Sale of this real estate

upon the owners.

* An entire Sheriff's Sale may be cancelled due to inclement weather or other county emergencies. If the entire Sheriff's Sale is cancelled, each parcel will be cancelled. Each parcel will be assigned to the next available sale (normally 2 months from original sale). This will allow compliance with Indiana Code concerning posting, publication, and serving time frames. Also, new Sheriff's Sale fees will be assessed and the parcels will be automatically re-advertised. The plaintiff will be responsible for the new fees and advertising costs.
Fredric Lawrence, Plaintiff's

Attorney No. 20224-49

Nelson & Frankenberger 550 Congressional Blvd Suite 210 Carmel, IN 46032 (317) 844-0106 Scott Holliday, Sheriff By: Krista Markley, Phone: 260/824.3426 Harrison Township

The Sheriff's Department does not warrant the accuracy of the commonly known address published herein. PLEASE SERVE: KIM D. BANAS

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Montana: 1st-in-nation TikTok ban protects; TikTok says it violates rights

By AMY BETH HANSON and HALELUYA HADERO Associated Press

HELENA, Mont. (AP) — Montana became the first state in the U.S. to enact a complete ban on TikTok on Wednesday when Republican Gov. Greg Gianforte signed a measure that's more sweeping than any other state's attempts to curtail the social media app, which is owned by a Chinese tech company.

The measure, scheduled to take effect on Jan. 1, 2024, is expected to be challenged legally and will serve as a testing ground for the TikTok-free America that many national lawmakers have envisioned. Cybersecurity experts say it could be difficult to enforce the ban.

"Today, Montana takes the most decisive action of any state to protect Montanans' private data and sensitive personal information from being harvested by the Chinese Communist Party," Gianforte said in a statement.

TikTok spokesperson Brooke Oberwetter argued that the law infringes on people's First Amendment rights and is unlawful. She declined to say whether the company will file a lawsuit.

"We want to reassure Montanans that they can continue using TikTok to express themselves, earn a living, and find community as we continue working to defend the rights of our users inside and outside of Montana," Oberwetter said in a statement.

The American Civil Liberties of Montana and NetChoice, a trade group that counts Google and TikTok as its members, also called the law unconstitutional. Keegan Medrano, policy director for the ACLU of Montana, said the Legislature "trampled on the free speech of hundreds of thousands of Montanans who use the app to express themselves, gather information and run their small business, in the name of anti-Chinese sentiment."

Some lawmakers, the FBI and officials at other agencies are concerned the video-sharing app, owned by ByteDance, could be used to allow the Chinese government to access information on U.S. citizens or push pro-Beijing misinformation that could influence the public. TikTok says none of this has ever happened.

A former executive at ByteDance alleges the tech giant has served as a "propaganda tool" for the Chinese government, a claim ByteDance says is baseless.

When Montana banned the app on government-owned devices in late December, Gianforte said TikTok posed a "significant risk" to sensitive state data. More than half of U.S. states and the federal government have a similar ban.

On Wednesday, Gianforte also announced he was prohibiting the use of all social media applications tied to foreign adversaries on state equipment and for state businesses in Montana effective on June 1. Among the apps he listed are WeChat, whose parent company is headquartered in China; and Telegram Messenger, which was founded in Russia.

The legislation, drafted by the attorney general's office, easily passed through Montana's GOP-controlled Legislature.

Gianforte had wanted to expand the TikTok bill to include apps tied to foreign adversaries, but lawmakers did not send him the bill until after the session ended this month, preventing him from offering any amendments.

Montana's new law prohibits downloads of TikTok in the state and would fine any "entity" — an app store or TikTok — \$10,000 per day for each time someone "is offered the ability" to access the social media platform or download the app. The penalties would not apply to users.

Opponents say Montana residents could easily circumvent the ban by using a virtual private network, a service that shields internet users by encrypting their data traffic, preventing others from observing their web browsing. Montana state officials say geofencing technology is used with online sports gambling apps, which are deactivated in states where online gambling is illegal.

Though many lawmakers in Montana have been enthusiastic about a ban, experts who followed the bill closely said the state will likely have to defend the legislation in court.

Officials are also bound to receive criticism from advocacy groups and Tik-Tok users who don't want their favorite app to be taken

away. The app's fun, goofy videos and ease of use has made it immensely popular, and U.S. tech giants like Snapchat and Meta, the parent company of Facebook and Instagram, see it as a competitive threat.

TikTok has been recruiting so-called influencers and small businesses who use the platform to push back on a ban. But others who haven't been part of an official campaign coordinated by the company are also worried about what law-makers are doing.

Chatter about a Tik-Tok ban has been around since 2020, when thenPresident Donald Trump attempted to bar the company from operating in the U.S. through an executive order that was halted in federal courts. President Joe Biden's administration initially shelved those plans, but more recently threatened to ban the app if the company's Chinese owners don't sell their stakes.

TikTok doesn't want either option and has been clamoring to prove it's free of any Chinese government interference. It's also touting a data safety plan it calls "Project Texas" to assuage bipartisan concerns in Washington.

Public Sale Calendar

BIDDING STARTS CLOSING MAY 21 AT 6 P.M. EST - Joy A. Bauman estate owner. Online only! Real estate 6 p.m. 1,112 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! Pick up May 22, 3-6 p.m., 139 Riverside Ct., Decatur. Krueckeberg Auction & Realty LLC, 260-724-7402 kiauction com

BIDDING ENDS 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 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 21-MAY 28 - (Online Only Auction) - Life estate of Dorotha 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.steffengro.com.

MAY 27-JUNE 3 - (Online Only Auction) - Schwartz, seller. Great collection of vintage car parts, Ford tractor, dump trailer, Bobcat backhoe & tracts, 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.

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MAY 28-JUNE 4 - (Online Only) - Leffers Family, seller's. Huge complete estate closeout. 2008 Ford F250 Lariat super duty pickup w/35,711 original miles, 2011 Kubota L5240 tractor w/cab, 2018 Diamond C tandem axel dump trailer, tandem axel implement trailer, 2014 Kubota RTV-X utility vehicle, small farm equipment, farm, mechanics and construction tools, Ottawa hit and miss engine, complete windmill, lawn and garden furniture and equipment. Preview: May 30, 4-6pm and June 1, 5-7pm, 12910 Tonkel Road, Fort Wayne. *The Steffen Group Inc.*, www. steffengrp.com, 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 Wbath, 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.

Effort to expel Santos referred to Ethics board

By KEVIN FREKING Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — A resolution to expel Rep. George Santos, R-N.Y., from Congress was referred to the House Ethics Committee on Wednesday as Republicans successfully sidestepped an effort to force them into a vote that could have narrowed their already slim four-seat majority.

The House voted along party lines, 221-204, to refer the matter to the ethics panel, with Santos himself joining his GOP colleagues in voting to do so.

The freshman congressman has been charged with embezzling money from his campaign, falsely receiving unemployment funds and lying to Congress about his finances. He has denied the charges and has pleaded not guilty.

Rep. Robert Garcia, D-Calif., introduced a resolution in February to expel Santos, something the House has only done twice in recent decades. He sought to force a vote on that resolution under a process that left three options for Republicans: a vote on the resolution, a move to table, or a referral to committee.

House Speaker Kevin McCarthy chose the third option, much to the chagrin of Democrats who described it as a "complete copout." They noted that the ethics panel is already investigating Santos and that it was

time for Republican House members who have called for Santos to resign to back their words with action.

"It is simply an effort for the Republicans to avoid having to take an up-ordown vote on whether or not George Santos belongs here," said Rep. Dan Goldman, D-N.Y.

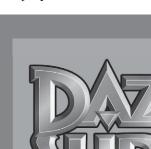
Santos made clear to reporters after the vote he has no intention of resigning. As he spoke on the Capitol steps, he was heckled by Democratic Reps. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez and Jamaal Bowman. Bowman yelled, "Resign, save yourself, have some dignity."

"I understand that politics is complicated, but the reality is there is a proce-

dure," Santos said. "You can't be judge, jury and executioner. I have a right, a constitutional right, to defend myself and I will do that. And I look forward to doing that. I look forward to seeing the process play out."

Democrats appealed to Republican lawmakers from New York for support. Many have been highly critical of Santos, and face the prospect of Democrats trying to link them to Santos in next year's general election.

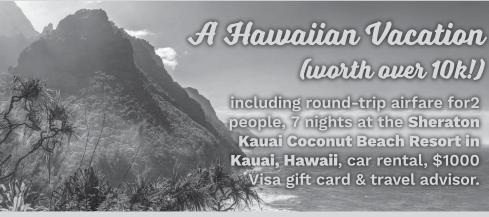
"I say to you, if you vote for this motion to refer it to the Ethics Committee, you are complicit in George Santos' fraud and you are voting to make sure that he continues to be a member of Congress," Goldman said.



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