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Duck race draws a crowd

A crowd of onlookers, top photo, watch as the participants in the 18th annual Duck Race, a fundraiser for Family centered Services Inc., head for the finish line on Washington Street early Saturday afternoon. In the bottom photo, race officials at left certify the winning ducks while volunteers scoop up the also-rans. (Photos by Dave Schultz)



Gaskill is named new editor of News-Banner

Holly Gaskill is the new editor of The News-Banner, succeeding Dave Schultz in the role as he eases into retirement. Publisher Doug Brown announced Gaskill's promotion over the weekend. "When former editor Jessica Bricker and I first met Holly, we knew that she was meant for this role," Brown said. "My faith and confidence in her has only grown since that day."



Holly Gaskill

"It's a great honor and responsibility to take the lead at The News-Banner," Gaskill said. "I'm excited to continue the long-standing work of the paper, sharing local stories that matter to the community."

Gaskill joined The News-Banner in May 2022 and has been predominantly covering Wells County government and school boards.

Originally from Berne, Gaskill graduated from South Adams High School with academic honors and then attended Taylor University as the Eugene C. Pulliam Promising Journalist. She graduated magna cum laude with her bachelor of science in multimedia journalism and a concentration in news media.

At Taylor, Gaskill was involved in the campus student newspaper, The Echo, serving as the co-editor in chief as (Continued on Page 2)



Dave Schultz

Hawaii churches offer prayers after Maui wildfires

By CLAIRE RUSH, AUDREY MCAVOY and CHRISTOPHER WEBER Associated Press

LAHAINA, Hawaii (AP) — Parishioners mourned the dead and prayed for the missing Sunday in Hawaii churches as communities began looking ahead to a long recovery from last week's wildfire that demolished a historic Maui town and killed more than 90 people.

Maria Lanakila Church in Lahaina was spared from the flames that wiped out most of the surrounding community, but with search-and-recovery efforts ongoing, its members attended Mass about 10 miles up the road, with the Bishop of Honolulu, the Rev. Clarence "Larry" Silva, presiding.

Taufa Samisoni said his uncle, aunt, cousin and the cousin's 7-year-old son were found dead inside a burned car. Samisoni's wife, Katalina, said the family would draw comfort from Silva's reference to the Bible story of how Jesus' disciple Peter walked on water and was saved from drowning.

"If Peter can walk on water, yes we can. We will get to the shore," she said, her voice quivering.

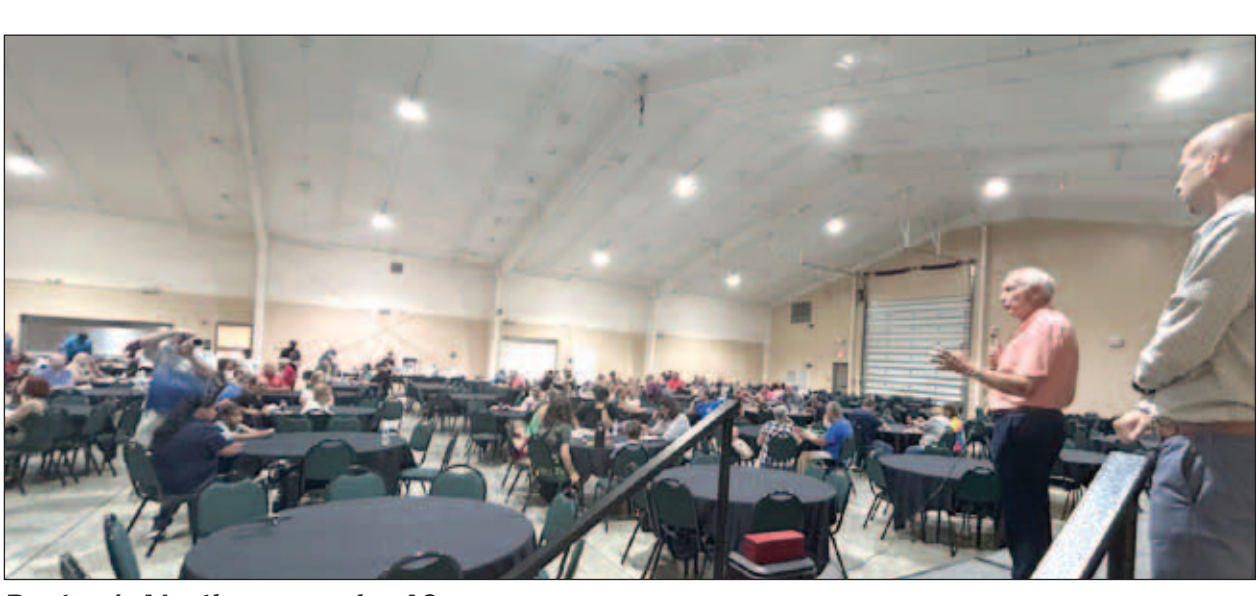
During the Mass, Silva read a message from Pope Francis, who said he was praying for those who lost loved ones, homes and livelihoods. He also conveyed prayers for first responders.

Silva later told The Associated Press that the community is worried about its children, who have witnessed tragedy and are anxious.

"The more they can be in a normal situation with their peers and learning and having fun, I think the better off they'll be," Silva said.

Meanwhile, Hawaii officials urged tourists to avoid traveling to Maui as many hotels prepared to house evacuees and first responders.

About 46,000 residents and visitors have flown out of Kahului Airport in West Maui since the devastation (Continued on Page 2)



Peyton's Northern marks 40 years

Bluffton-based Peyton's Northern, a distribution hub for Kroger and Wells County's largest employer, celebrated four decades of operation Saturday with a company picnic at the Wells County Community Center at the 4-H Park Saturday. Above, Bluffton Mayor John Whicker thanks those in attendance for their contribution to the community. At right is Chandler Gerber, a member of the Bluffton Common Council who also said a few words. (Photo by Dave Schultz)

House explosion in Pennsylvania kills 4

One missing after three structures destroyed

PLUM, Pa. (AP) — Four people were dead and a fifth was unaccounted for following a house explosion in western Pennsylvania that destroyed three structures and damaged at least a dozen others Saturday morning, authorities said. Allegheny County officials said three people were taken to hospitals

after the blast shortly before 10:30 a.m. in the borough of Plum, about 20 miles east of Pittsburgh.

Three people were transported to area hospitals, including one who was listed in critical condition and two who were treated and released. More than 20 firefighters were evaluated, many for heat exhaustion, authorities said.

The Allegheny County Medical Examiner's Office was expected to provide additional information about the deceased victims.

Emergency officials suspended operations Saturday night due to weather and concern for the safety of investigators. Crews were expected to resume working at the site on Sunday morning.

Emergency responders reported people trapped under debris after one house apparently exploded and two others were engulfed in flames, county spokesperson Amie Downs said.

Crews from at least 18 fire department (Continued on Page 2)

7 killed in Ukraine's Kherson region, including infant girl

By SUSIE BLANN Associated Press

KYIV, Ukraine (AP) — Seven people — including a 23-day-old baby girl — were killed in Russian shelling in Ukraine's southern Kherson region on Sunday, the country's Internal Affairs Ministry

said. Artillery shelling in the village of Shiroka Balka, on the banks of the Dnieper River killed a family — a husband, wife, 12-year-old boy and 23-day-old girl — and another resident. Two men were killed in the

neighboring village of Stanislav, where a woman was also wounded.

The attack on Kherson province followed Ukrainian Deputy Defense Minister Hanna Maliar's comments on Saturday attempting to quell rumors that Ukrainian

forces had landed on the occupied left (east) bank of the Dnieper in the Kherson region.

"Again, the expert hype around the left bank in the Kherson region began. There are no reasons for excitement," she said.

Kherson regional Gov. Oleksandr Prokudin said Sunday that three people had been wounded in Russian attacks on the province on Saturday.

Elsewhere, Ukrainian military officials said Saturday evening that Kyiv's forces had made prog-

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News-Banner editor

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a junior and senior. During her leadership, The Echo placed second in the Indiana Collegiate Press Association as a Division III newspaper and was named Best Student Newspaper by the American Scholastic Press Association. She also received multiple individual and team awards from the ICPA, in addition to awards from the Society of Professional Journalists, Broadcast Education Association and Indiana Association of School Broadcasters.

“We’ve had a long run of journalistic excellence led by Jim Barbieri, Joe Smekens, Mark Miller, Jessica Bricker and Dave Schultz,” Brown said. “Holly is the ideal person to carry on that tradition.”

Brown went on to thank Schultz for his service to the News-Banner.

“When I started (as publisher) in 2016, Dave told me that he wanted to work seven more years before retiring. He’s not quite out the door just yet.”

Maui wildfires

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in Lahaina became clear Wednesday, according to the Hawaii Tourism Authority.

“In the weeks ahead, the collective resources and attention of the federal, state and county government, the West Maui community, and the travel industry must be focused on the recovery of residents who were forced to evacuate their homes and businesses,” the agency said in a statement late Saturday. Tourists are encouraged to visit Hawaii’s other islands.

Gov. Josh Green said 500 hotels rooms will be made available for locals who have been displaced. An additional 500 rooms will be set aside for workers from the Federal Emergency Management Agency. Some hotels will carry on with normal business to help preserve jobs and sustain the local economy, Green said.

The state wants to work with Airbnb to make sure that rental homes can be made available for locals. Green hopes that the company will be able to provide three- to nine-month rentals for those who have lost homes.

As the death toll around Lahaina climbed to 93, authorities warned that the

Schultz grew up in Joliet, Ill., and is a 1975 graduate of Lincoln Christian College in Lincoln, Ill., with a bachelor’s degree in ministries. He took additional college courses at Huntington College and began his first journalism job at the Huntington Herald-Press in January 1976 after being a part of a journalism practicum class during HC’s former “J-term” program.

His professional life has rotated between service in the ministry and journalism. He has served churches and worked at the newspapers in Indiana’s Boone County and Rush County.

In 1996, he moved back to Huntington and resumed working at the Herald-Press, where he remained for 12 years. During much of that time, he also was a part-time minister at a small church near Roanoke.

He came to Bluffton in 2008.

“I had figured I would work at the Herald-Press until I retired,” he said, “But, instead, I had the opportunity to

come to Bluffton. It’s been a challenging, but still delightful, 15 years.”

Dave and his wife Susan, now just 13 1/2 months shy of their 50th wedding anniversary, have three children and three grandchildren. His post-retirement plans revolve around them. The couple plans to live with their youngest son, Bobby, and their grandson Liam on the west side of Fort Wayne. Their daughter, Linda Kay Impola, and her husband Dave live in the beautiful Finger Lakes region of upstate New York. Their oldest son and daughter-in-law, Tim and Samantha Schultz, plus their two children live in Huntington.

He intends to pick up some hours at the News-Banner as needed from time to time.

“I’m grateful that he is helping us transition for a little while longer,” Brown said. “Dave is a true professional, and we’re going to miss him when he’s gone.”

Disaster Center.

J.P. Mayoga, a cook at the Westin Maui in Kaanapali, is still making breakfast, lunch and dinner on a daily basis. But instead of serving hotel guests, he’s been feeding the roughly 200 hotel employees and their family members who have been living there since Tuesday’s fire devastated the Lahaina community just south of the resort.

His home and that of his father were spared. But his girlfriend, two young daughters, father and another local are all staying in a hotel room together, as it is safer than Lahaina, which is covered in toxic debris.

Maui water officials warned Lahaina and Kula residents not to drink running water, which may be contaminated even after boiling, and to only take short, lukewarm showers in well-ventilated rooms to avoid possible chemical vapor exposure.

“Everybody has their story, and everybody lost something. So everybody can be there for each other, and they understand what’s going on in each other’s lives,” he said of his co-workers at the hotel.

Hawaii Island Mayor

Mitch Roth warned that the recovery effort will be a “marathon not a sprint.” In order to keep the effort “coordinated and thoughtful,” Roth urged Hawaii residents to contribute money to established nonprofits and hold off on donating physical items because there is not yet a reliable distribution system in place.

The latest death toll surpassed that of the 2018 Camp Fire in northern California, which left 85 dead and destroyed the town of Paradise.

The cause of the wildfires is under investigation. The fires are Hawaii’s deadliest natural disaster in decades, surpassing a 1960 tsunami that killed 61 people. An even deadlier tsunami in 1946 killed more than 150 on the Big Island.

Fueled by a dry summer and strong winds from a passing hurricane, the flames on Maui raced through parched brush covering the island.

The most serious blaze swept into Lahaina on Tuesday and destroyed nearly every building in the town of 13,000, leaving a grid of gray rubble wedged between the blue ocean and lush green slopes.

House explosion

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ments worked to douse the flames with the help of water tankers from Allegheny and Westmoreland counties, Downs said.

Officials told reporters at the scene they did not know exactly who was at home and who may have had visitors at the time of the explosion, so they could not provide an exact number of people considered missing.

The cause of the explosion is under investigation by Plum and county law enforcement and the county fire marshal’s office. The state public utilities commission and local utilities also were at the scene.

George Emanuele, who lives three

houses down from the home that exploded, told the Tribune-Review that he and a neighbor went to the home before the fire got out of control, where they found a man laying in the backyard and dragged him away from the scene.

Rafal Kolankowski, who lives a few houses away, told the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette that the explosion broke the windows in his house and knocked him and his wife to the ground.

After recovering and checking on his son, Kolankowski went outside and a woman told him another woman had been upstairs and a man was in the basement. The other woman later emerged covered in white ash, but the

individual in the basement had not yet exited, he said.

“It’s just tragic, I mean, it looks like a war zone — it looks like a bomb hit our neighborhood and it’s just unfortunate,” Kolankowski said. “I was just with some of the neighbors yesterday, right, and now this happens.”

Jeremy Rogers, who lives two doors down, told the paper he had been out shopping when he got an alert about a problem at his house and saw “all sorts of stuff flying around.” His family was able to get out safely and he was allowed to go inside quickly to rescue his dog, although he could not locate the family’s three cats.

7 killed in Ukraine

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ress in the south, claiming some success near a key village in the southern Zaporizhzhia region and capturing other unspecified territories.

Ukraine’s General Staff said they had “partial success” around the tactically important Robotyne area in the Zaporizhzhia region, a key Russian stronghold that Ukraine needs to retake in order to continue pushing south towards Melitopol.

“There are liberated territories. The defense forces are working,” General Oleksandr Tarnavskiy, commander of Ukraine’s southern forces, said of the southern front.

Battles in recent weeks have taken place on multiple points along the over 600-mile front line as Ukraine wages a counteroffensive with Western-supplied weapons and Western-trained troops against Russian forces who invaded nearly 18 months ago.

Ukrainian troops have made only incremental gains since launching a counteroffensive in early June.

Meanwhile, a Russian warship on Sunday fired warning shots at a Palau-flagged cargo ship in the south-western Black Sea,

the first time Russia has fired on a merchant ship beyond Ukraine since exiting a landmark UN-brokered grain deal last month.

According to Russia’s Defense Ministry, the Sukru Okan was heading northwards to the Ukrainian Danube River port of Izmil.

“The captain of the dry-cargo ship did not respond to the request to stop for inspection for the carriage of prohibited goods. To force the ship to stop, warning fire was opened from automatic small arms from a Russian warship,” Russia’s Ministry of Defense wrote on Telegram, adding that the ship later stopped and allowed an inspection team to board.

Four weeks ago, Moscow withdrew from a key export agreement that allowed Ukraine to ship millions of tons of grain across the Black Sea for sale on world markets. In the wake of that withdrawal, Russia carried out repeated strikes on Ukrainian ports, including Odesa, and declared wide areas of the Black Sea unsafe for shipping.

In Russia, local officials reported on Sunday that air defense systems shot down three drones over the

Belgorod region and one over the neighboring Kursk region, both of which border Ukraine.

Ukrainian drone strikes on Russian border regions are a fairly regular occurrence. Drone attacks deeper inside Russian territory have been on the rise since a drone was destroyed over the Kremlin in early May. In recent weeks, attacks have increased both on Moscow and on Crimea, which Russia annexed from Ukraine in 2014 — a move that most of the world considered illegal.

Firing drones at Russia, after more than 17 months of war, has little apparent military value for Ukraine but the strategy has served to unsettle Russians and bring home to them the conflict’s consequences.

Later Sunday afternoon, local officials in the Belgorod province reported an explosion in an apartment building in the regional capital, also called Belgorod.

Regional Gov. Vyacheslav Gladkov said that the facade of the apartment building had been damaged, with windows shattered and air conditioning units broken. Fifteen cars parked nearby also sustained damage, but there

were no casualties. Gladkov said that the cause of the explosion was under investigation.

Weather

Monday, August 14, 2023

(24-hour observations at 8:41 p.m. Sunday)

High: 80; Low: 61; Precipitation: .02 inches of rain
Wabash River Level (at the Main Street bridge): 1.32 feet at 7:45 p.m. Sunday

Wells County forecast

Today: A chance of showers and thunderstorms, then showers and possibly a thunderstorm after 11 a.m. High near 77. Southeast wind 5 to 10 mph. Chance of precipitation is 80 percent. New rainfall amounts between a half and three quarters of an inch possible.

Tonight: Showers and thunderstorms before 11 p.m., then a chance of showers between 11 p.m. and 2 a.m. Low around 59. West wind around 10 mph. Chance of precipitation is 80 percent. New precipitation amounts between a tenth and quarter of an inch, except higher amounts possible in thunderstorms.

Tuesday: Mostly cloudy, with a high near 72. West wind 10 to 15 mph becoming north in the afternoon. Winds could gust as high as 20 mph.

Tuesday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 53. Northwest wind 5 to 10 mph.

Wednesday: Sunny, with a high near 76.

Wednesday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 57.

Thursday: A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms after 2 p.m. Mostly sunny, with a high near 80.

Thursday Night: A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms before 8 p.m. Mostly clear, with a low around 57.

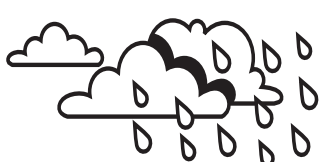
Friday: Sunny, with a high near 79.

Friday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 58.

Saturday: Sunny, with a high near 85.

Saturday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 64.

Sunday: Sunny, with a high near 89.



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OBITUARIES

Mark F. Coratti, 94



Mark F. Coratti, 94, of Bluffton, and a longtime resident of Huntington, passed away Friday morning, Aug. 11, 2023, at Bluffton Regional Medical Center.

He was born June 4, 1929, in Zemun, Yugoslavia to Frank and Marija Coratti.

In 1936 at the age of 7, Mark immigrated to the United States, moving to Baltimore and later to Madison Heights, Mich., before settling in Bluffton in 1967. After graduating from high school, he enlisted the United States Navy in Aug. of 1946, at the age of 17, with his parent's permission, and was assigned to the USS Gurke (DD783). He was discharged in June of 1950 but served in the Navy Reserves for six more years.

On May 13, 1951, at Main Street United Methodist Church in Logansport, Mark married Joetta (Rennewanz) Coratti. They have shared 61 years of marriage together, before she preceded him in death May 19, 2012.

He attended drafting school through the GI bill and started working at Essex Wire for 25 years, Ford Motor Company, and at Franklin Electric in Bluffton. He worked for Franklin Electric for 29 years, and retired in 1996. In his retirement, he kept busy volunteering at Parkview Hospital, 55 Alive Drivers, American Heart Association, with the DNR in Huntington County, and for Aging & In-Home Services. In 2011, he was recognized by the Indiana House of Representatives for his volunteerism through the Golden Hoosier Award. He was a 27-year member of the American Legion Post 111 of Bluffton, V.F.W. Post in Huntington, and was a past Exalted Ruler with the Bluffton Elks Lodge 796 and was a lifetime member. He volunteered for the Hoops Shoot thru the Elks for many years. He was an avid fisherman and enjoyed spending time with his family.

Survivors include his children, Mark (wife Cheryl) Coratti of Bluffton, Michael (wife Chris) Coratti of Bluffton, Jeffry (wife Alice) Coratti of Bluffton, James (wife Mary) Coratti of Port Charlotte; and a daughter Tina (husband Brian) Monroe of Huntington, along with 18 grandchildren and 22 great-grandchildren.

He is preceded in death by his parents; wife, Joetta; infant son, Jody Coratti ;and two siblings, Mitza Bozin and Anthony Korati.

Friends are invited to visit with the family from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 15, 2023, at the Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home in Bluffton.

Funeral Services will follow visitation at 1 p.m. Tuesday, at the funeral home with his son Rev. James Coratti officiating. Burial will follow at the Star of Hope Cemetery in Huntington County with Military Honors by the United States Navy Honor Guard and American Legion Post 111 of Bluffton, Honor Guard.

Memorials may be made to the American Alzheimer's Association.

Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the care of the Lemler family of Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home in Bluffton. Friends can send online condolences to the Coratti family at www.thomarich.com.

Thomas A. Gentis, 64



Thomas "Tom" A. Gentis, 64, of Keystone, passed away Thursday evening, Aug. 10, 2023, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Tom was born Feb. 22, 1959, in Bluffton to Jack Allen Gentis and Barbara J. (Slusher) Gentis Dunwiddie. He graduated from Southern Wells High School with the class of 1977. On July 26, 1980, Tom married his high school sweetheart, Kim L. (Lovell) Gentis.

Tom started working at Bluffton Tire while in high school and worked his entire career there until 2023. He was the true definition of an outdoors man! He loved spending time at Loon Lake fishing. When he was not on the water, he could be found collecting guns, coon hunting, coaching his sons' baseball teams, or attending the local Whitetails Unlimited events in the fall. Tom also enjoyed farming and anything he could do outside.

He is survived by his wife of 43 years, Kim Gentis of Keystone; and two sons, Dustin (Joli) Gentis of Greeley, Colo., and Corbin (Kaitlyn Roby) Gentis of Bluffton. He was a loving PaPaw to 6 grandchildren: Cora-Bryn, Clayton, Riley, Brooklyn, Grayson, and Hattie.

Tom is also survived by his siblings; Yvette Runkle of Bluffton, Bernie Kleinknight of Geneva, Tracy (Rhonda) Gentis of McNatt, Dan Dunwiddie of Bluffton, David (Cathy) Dunwiddie of Ossian, Doug (Amy) Dunwiddie of Bluffton, Donna Eisenhut and Diana (Stuart) Mutfeld, both of Fort Wayne

He is preceded in death by his parents; stepfather, Merlin Dunwiddie; a sister, Debbie Kemarly; and two brother-in-laws, Randy Runkle and John Kleinknight.

Visitation will be held from 2 p.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 17, 2023, at the Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home in Bluffton.

A service to celebrate Tom's life will be held at 10:30 a.m. Friday, Aug. 18, 2023 at the funeral home with calling for one hour prior to the service.

Memorials may be made in Tom's memory to the Wells County Whitetails - Catch a Dream Foundation or to The LIGHT program at the Wells County Foundation.

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

Wells Superior Court Criminal Cases

Jesse Allen Carr, 32, Bluffton; pleaded guilty to harassment using a computer network or other electronic communication, a Class B misdemeanor.

Jimmy Richard Robert Sheets, 45, Pennville, was sentenced to one year at the Indiana Department of Corrections with 355 days suspended and four days jail credit for driving while suspended: knowing violation and prior conviction, a Class A misdemeanor. Sheets was sentenced to 60 days in jail with 50 days suspended and four days jail credit for operating a vehicle while intoxicated, a Class A misdemeanor. The charges will run concurrently. Three additional charges for possession of paraphernalia, improper headlights, and operating a vehicle with a schedule I or II controlled substance were dismissed as part of the plea agreement.

Clint J. Dankson, 40, Bluffton, was sentenced to

Wells Court Docket

1 year at the Wells County Jail with eight days jail credit after he pleaded guilty to criminal trespassing, a Class A misdemeanor. Concurrent to this charge, Dankson was sentenced to 180 days in jail with 172 days suspended and eight days of jail credit. He was also ordered to complete 357 days of probation upon his release from incarceration. One charge for public intoxication, a Class B misdemeanor, was dismissed as part of the plea agreement. Last Sept. Bluffton police responded to a report from a woman that her former husband, Dankson, attempted to break into her home. She reported Dankson left in a Chrysler 300. Bluffton police located Dankson in the vehicle. He failed field sobriety tests and blew a .17 percent alcohol concentration equivalency on a breathalyzer test.

Angela D Schaden, 43, Bluffton, appeared in court for a bond violation; she was charged with a new offense while out on bond. Schaden

was arrested for family offense - invasion of privacy, a Class A misdemeanor, after an anonymous caller reported she recently moved back into the home with her husband. There is an active protection order between the couple. Schaden is now being held without bond. A pretrial conference is scheduled for 10 a.m. on Aug. 15 in the Wells Superior Court.

Kaleb Paul Ace Asher, 26, Bluffton, appeared for an initial hearing last week for intimidation, a Level 5 felony and domestic battery and strangulation, both Level 6 Felonies. The charges stem from a recent 911 call where a woman reported a man threatening her with a knife. Bond for Asher was reduced to \$15,000, surety only. A no contact order was issued. A status hearing is scheduled for this case at 9 a.m. on Aug. 21 in the Wells Superior Court.

Joel Anthony Michael Huerta, 37, Fort Wayne, appeared for an initial hearing after he was charged

with family offense invasion of privacy, a Class A misdemeanor. Bond was set at \$25,000. Huerta was arrested after officers received a report in June that Huerta had violated his protective order between himself and the mother of his child. According to a probable cause affidavit, Huerta told the woman to kill herself multiple times and said he would pay to see her take her life. Larry Mock was appointed Huerta's public defender. Huerta was waiting disposition at the time the report was made for invasion of privacy - violates protective order, a Class A misdemeanor, at the time he sent the messages. On June 27, Huerta was sentenced to 365 days in jail with 353 days suspended and 12 days of jail credit. He was also ordered to complete 353 days of probation. Due to the new charge, a petition to revoke Huerta's suspended sentence was filed. A pretrial conference is scheduled for 8:30 a.m. on Aug. 29 in the Wells Superior Court.

Lehman is named ISA Legislator of the Year

The Indiana Sheriff's Association is proud to announce the 2023 Legislator of the Year as Representative Matt Lehman. Presenting the award to Rep. Lehman was Adams County Sheriff Dan Mawhorr and Executive Director Steve Luce.

"Representative Lehman stood with law enforcement throughout the 2023 legislative session and has always been by our side as legislation is presented at the legislature," commented Luce.

"Matt Lehman represents Adams County and the State of Indiana with honor," stat-



Pictured is Adams County Sheriff Dan Mawhorr, Rep. Matt Lehman and Executive Director Steve Luce. (Photo submitted)

ed Sheriff Mawhorr. "We are pleased to present him with this award, and look forward to working with him in the future."

The ISA Legislator of the Year award is an annual award presented to an Indiana Legislator who displays strong character and a high

level of integrity, supporting efforts by law enforcement to make Indiana a safer and better place to live and work.

Jury acquits man charged in 2013 Indiana slaying

KOKOMO, Ind. (AP) — A jury has acquitted one of two brothers charged in a decade-old slaying in north central Indiana.

The jury deliberated less than 90 minutes Friday night before acquitting 36-year-old Jesse McCartney of Kokomo of all charges in the death of 21-year-old Destiny Pittman. She was found shot to death Feb. 7, 2013, at her Kokomo home.

McCartney was charged with two counts of felony murder and other counts including robbery resulting in bodily injury, burglary

resulting in bodily injury and conspiracy to commit burglary.

McCartney appeared to weep as the verdict was read, as did several members of Pittman's family, the Kokomo Tribune reported.

McCartney's co-defendant and brother, Joey McCartney, 32, of Graham, Kentucky, faces the same charges and is expected to go on trial this upcoming week.

Former Kokomo Police Detective Launa Hunt testified in Jesse McCartney's defense, saying cellphone records for potential sus-

pects appeared to put them near Pittman's home around the time she died but that neither McCartney brother was considered a suspect during her time on the case.

Witnesses told investigators that Pittman was shot in the chest after she went to confront intruders who had kicked in the door of her home, court documents said. The intruders then searched the home for drugs, investi-

gators said.

The brothers were arrested after a witness told detectives last December that she and Jesse McCartney drove to Pittman's home, where Joey McCartney met his brother, the brothers went inside and she heard a loud bang before the brothers ran outside with Jesse McCartney carrying a bag of marijuana and a handful of money.

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The Feds fail to see the (incandescent) light

Goodbye, incandescent light bulb.

You had a heck of a run before the government decided you wasted energy and effectively outlawed you out of existence.

The incandescent bulb remains one of the greatest inventions in human history.

By sending an electrical current through a thin filament that resides inside a bulb to keep the oxygen out, light is produced.

Until Edison improved them, the pre-1870 bulbs were finicky, noisy and burned out fast.

He introduced a carbonized-bamboo filament that made the light bulb cheap, bright and able to last up to 1,200 hours.

We'd been pretty much using Edison's light-bulb technology since 1870, so why did the federal government ban it on Aug. 1?

As electricity passes through the filament in the old bulb, you see, the filament gets white hot and produces light.

But heat is essentially wasted energy.

And since our electric energy comes from power plants, most of which still burn coal to produce it, that means your grandpa's old incandescent lights bulbs are bad for the environment.

Edison's once-cherished bulb has been on the endangered species list for years.

In 2007, reports Forbes, President Bush's Energy Independence and Security Act "called for household light bulbs to have 'about 25% greater efficiency.'"

Then in 2017 the Obama Administration added two new regulations that effectively would have phased out the making and sale of incandescent bulbs by January 2020.

President Trump gave the incandescent bulb new life by blocking Obama's regulations, but then the Biden Administration blocked Trump's block.

Therefore, as of Aug. 1, the incandescent light bulb — with the exception of appliance lights and bug lights — will slowly disappear from our daily lives.

Some conservative people have made a big fuss about the government giving Edison's light bulb the death penalty, but, if the truth be told, it's not the end of the world for most people.

Sure, consumers will have fewer choices and will have to spend more up front to buy long-lasting LEDs.

But LED bulbs have improved so much in recent years that half of U.S. households use them, according to the 2020 Residential Energy Consumption Survey.

I stopped using incandescent bulbs for indoor lighting on my own a few years ago. I replaced every bulb in my house with LEDs.

I also replaced the 500-watt halogen spotlights that could bake a turkey with commercial-grade LED spotlights.

It cost plenty to make these changes, but I cut my electric bill in half.

But the point here is, in my case, it was my choice to switch to LEDs, not the federal government's.

Unfortunately, not being able to choose our light bulbs is just one part of the federal government's war on appliance choice, according to MSN.

The Biden Administration's water- and energy-saving zealots are now demanding that dishwashers use about half as much water as they currently use per load — which is how the Clinton Administration wrecked clothes washing machines beginning in 2001.

Mandating stringent efficiency standards for water heaters, furnaces, refrigerators, air conditioners and portable generators — standards that some argue are impossible to meet and that only make appliances work less efficiently — is the worst kind of government meddling.

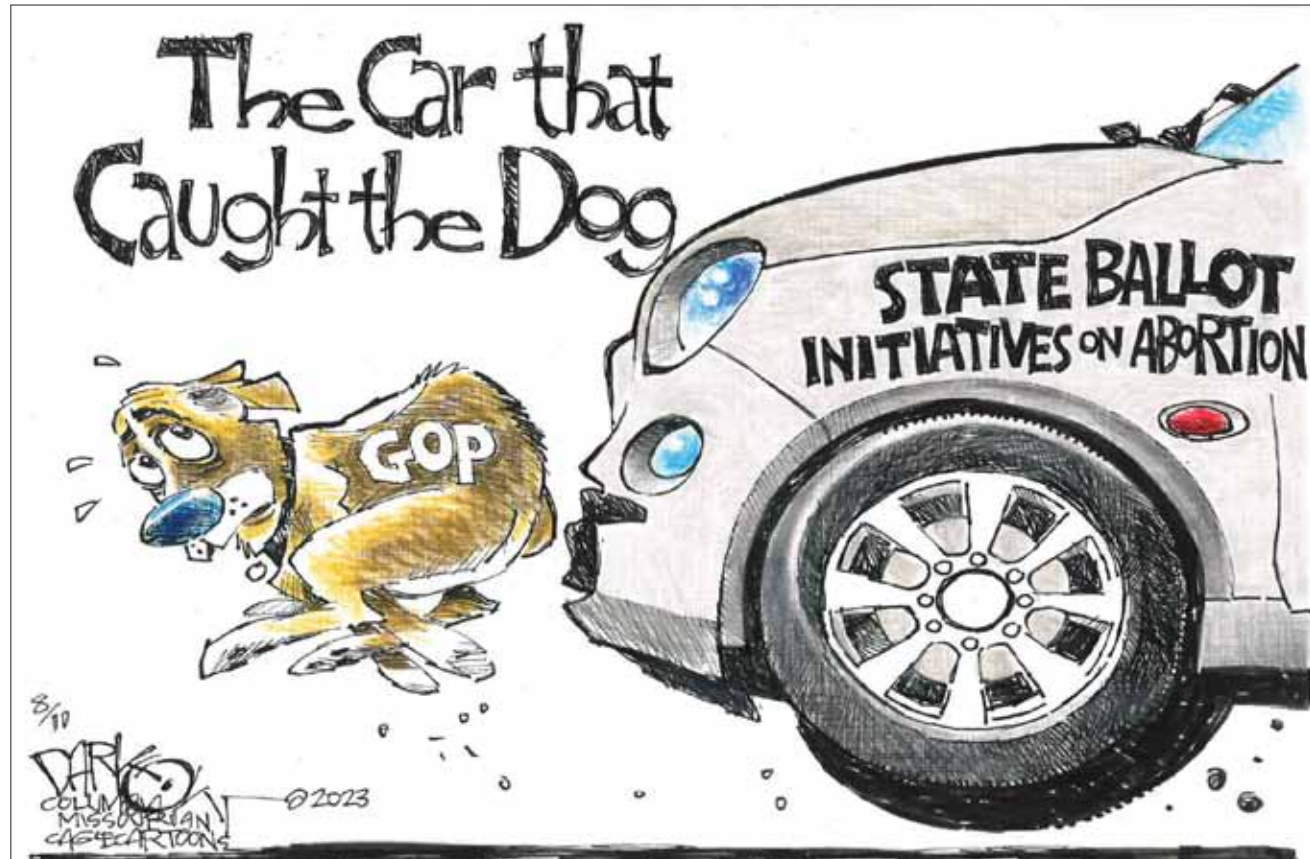
If you prefer the free market and want geniuses, such as Edison, to come up with new solutions and more efficient products for your kitchen, laundry room and furnace room, as I do, then you're out of luck.

The primary inventors these days are the busy-body Washington bureaucrats dreaming up a spate of ever-nuttier appliance regulations.

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Indiana is becoming an abortion restriction island

Indiana is turning into an abortion island. Girded by gerrymandered General Assembly maps, along with an anemic and broke Democrat Party, a year ago Republican super majorities passed and Gov. Eric Holcomb signed some of the most restrictive anti-abortion measures in the United States.

But on a single-issue referendum vote on Tuesday, Ohio voters followed a national trend, rejecting by a 57% no vote a measure that would have increased the threshold for constitutional amendments from a simple majority 50% plus one to 60%. That sets the stage for November, when voters in our red state neighbor to the east are expected to ensure continued abortion access.

According to Ballotpedia, in 2022, there were six ballot measures addressing abortion — the most on record for a single year. Measures were approved in California (67%), Michigan (57%), and Vermont (77%) to preserve abortion access. Measures for constitutional amendments outlawing most abortions were defeated in Kansas (59%), Kentucky (52%), and Montana (53%).

In Kansas and Kentucky — which are as conservative as Indiana, though both have Democrat governors — voters rejected ballot measures to state that nothing in their state constitutions creates a right to abortion or requires government funding of abortions. In Kentucky, 52.3% rejected a constitutional amendment. In Montana, voters rejected a measure called the Born-Alive Infant Protection Act.

In Michigan, 56.7% passed Proposal 3, the Constitutional Right to Reproductive Freedom in 2022.

While Michigan, Ohio and Kentucky have a constitutional amendment process that requires a citizen signature threshold to appear on a ballot, Indiana's process requires two bills in separately elected General Assemblies to pass a constitutional amendment qualify for the ballot. That will not happen on the abortion issue in the super majority House and Senate.

But Indiana voters are not unlike those in Michigan and Kansas. In a 2022 Hoosier Poll by Ball State University's Bowen Center, 56.7% — identical to the Michigan result — believe abortion should be legal in all or most cases. Most Hoosiers — more than 76% — find abortion to be an important or at least somewhat important issue. Hoosier voters were almost even split on whether they would vote for a candidate that has a different stance on this issue, with 48% saying they would not and 52% saying they would or might still vote for such a candidate.

What does this mean for Hoosiers?

Abortions had been legal up to 22 weeks. But after Gov. Holcomb quietly signed SEA 1ss last August (there was no ceremonial gathering with pro-life supporters for the signature), or instances of rape or incest, abortion will only be allowed up to 10 weeks. Fetal anomaly abortions are only permitted up to 20 weeks.

This means that for Indiana women seeking an abor-

tion, instead of traveling to Indianapolis, Bloomington or South Bend, they will have to drive to Chicago, Kalamazoo, Lansing or Louisville, and after the expected passage of abortion access amendment in November, to Ohio cities like Toledo, Dayton, Columbus or Cincinnati.

As for the political atmosphere, Republicans seeking the 2024 gubernatorial nomination — U.S. Sen. Mike Braun, Lt. Gov. Suzanne Crouch, Fort Wayne busi-

nessman Eric Doden, and former attorney general Curtis Hill — are all ardently pro-life.

The lone Democrat running, former Republican superintendent of public instruction Jennifer McCormick, is pro-choice. She told me last June, "I do support the standards that were set by Roe. I support a woman's right to choose."

McCormick's campaign has had little traction, after she posted just \$250,000 on her mid-year campaign finance report (compared to well over \$4 million for Braun and \$3.8 million for Crouch and Doden).

Indiana Right to Life CEO Mike Fichter noted that not one legislator who voted for SEA 1ss lost in 2022. "In spite of predictions by some pundits and pollsters that Indiana went too far in its approach to protecting unborn children, yesterday's election results serve as a reminder that Indiana is a pro-life state," Fichter said the day after the election.

Beyond McCormick's gubernatorial candidacy, few Democrats are stepping up, though many campaigns begin to take shape between Labor Day and next February's filing deadline. One is Matt McNally, who is seeking a rematch against State Rep. Jerry Torr, R-Carmel, after he lost in 2022 by a 52.4% to 47.6%. Citing "supermajority rule" since 2014 and the signing of SEA 1ss, McNally said, "I believe decision makers at our state capitol have embraced extreme policies that are out of step with our Carmel and Westfield communities."

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The honorable Mr. Pence

Mike Pence, after about seven years of campaigning with Donald Trump, serving with Trump, and showing as much deference as could possibly be expected to Trump, is now officially "liddle."

Donald Trump finally issued a complete denunciation of his former vice president, who now has been downgraded all the way to Marco Rubio-circa-2016 territory.

Pence becomes the highest official to have disappointed Trump with his supposed poor judgment and low character — a status that Pence will maintain until such time Trump is elected president again and inevitably let down by everyone around him, up to and including his next vice president.

The latest Jack Smith indictment has intensified the breach between Pence and Trump created by Jan. 6.

Pence got to the crux of the matter in saying that the indictment was a reminder that "anyone who puts himself over the Constitution should never be president of the United States," and Trump got to the crux of the matter in saying that Pence has embraced the "Dark Side," is "delusional," wants "to show he's a tough guy," was once the subject of a negative "major magazine article," and is, of course, *liddle*.

In political terms, this showdown can't be good news for Pence. On paper, he should have been positioned to inherit at least an element of the



Rich Lowry

Trump base and add Republicans who are more traditional for a competitive primary coalition.

This possibility got blown up by Trump's pressure campaign to get the former vice president to do his bidding on Jan. 6.

Pence did the honorable and constitutionally correct thing, and his reward has been Trump's inveighing against him on that day, declining approval ratings in the party, and now the row with Trump that will further push Pence into the minority non-Trump wing of the party.

Pence didn't even get praised much by left-of-center commentators after Jan. 6 because he has remained a dyed-in-the-wool conservative, and they'll never forgive him for being Trump's vice president in the first place.

Many still have the attitude that Pence has basically gotten what he deserves and should have known things with Trump would end badly.

Pence's choices, though, were reasonable ones.

When Trump came to him about the vice presidency in 2016, he had already sewed up the nomination — nothing Pence could do, including declining to join the ticket, was going to change that.

During the administration, he played an important role as the chief internal advocate of social conserva-

tives and also was a healthy influence on the president.

The fact that he was the one in the crucible on Jan. 6 and that he had the conscience and backbone to do the right thing should be enough, in and of itself, to vindicate his decision to serve.

Should we discount what he did on that day since it was simply what was expected of any person in that role? Well, maybe, but when their career is on the line, politicians have a way of finding a way to defend the indefensible or wiggle out of a tough choice. Pence didn't waver.

Now, the explosive indictment gives Pence, even if he were inclined to do otherwise, no choice but to robustly defend his historic role at the sorry end of the administration he served so loyally.

At a time when Republicans are putting a high value — at least in their rhetoric — on speaking the truth and showing courage, Pence is really doing it. And not over some policy issue — this isn't like being mispositioned on immigration or entitlement spending. It's a fundamental question that involved the integrity of our constitutional republic.

Trump would never admit as much, of course, but what he needed on Jan. 6 was someone who genuinely was small, who could be intimidated and swayed, and who was willing to put his own selfish interests over and above the constitutional order. What he got instead was Mike Pence.

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Registration is preferred at most events. To sign up, go to www.wellscolibrary.org, click on the Library Event Calendar, navigate to the date of the event, and view more to get to the registration screen. Alternatively, call 260-824-1612 (Bluffton) or 260-622-4691 (Ossian) to register.

Brown Bag Book Club

At the Main Library (Bluffton): Monday, August 14: 1:30 pm
 Adults. Held the 2nd Monday of each month. For August, participants can read any book with "heat," "hot," or "summer" in the title and bring it with them to discuss. Registration appreciated.

Calming Coloring

At the Ossian Branch Library: every Tuesday from 1-3 pm
 Adults. Stress-busting afternoon featuring Adult Coloring in a restful setting with soft music and snacks. No registration needed.

Theater Thursday

At the Main Library (Bluffton): Thursday, August 17: 10 am

Adults. Join us for the movie "Elvis" and popcorn. Sponsored by the Bluffton Parks Department and the library. No registration needed.

Board Game Night At Ossian

At the Ossian Branch Library: Thursday, August 17: 6-8 pm
 Adults. Join us at the Ossian Branch for a night of tabletop games. Registration appreciated.

Saturday Morning Movie

At the Main Library (Bluffton): Saturday, August 19: 11 am
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At the Main Library (Bluffton): Monday, August 28: 6:30-7:30 pm
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 On Saturday, Sept. 16, a Gallery Talk will be presented by artists Lori Nix and Kathleen Gerber. Works by Thomas Allen and Karen Thompson also are featured in the exhibit.
 Regular hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and 1 to 5 p.m. Sunday. (Galleries to be closed Sept. 2-4, Labor Day weekend.)
 The President's Art Gala will be held on Saturday, Sept. 16, from 6 to 9 p.m. For tickets and information call 260-399-8064.
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Norwell's boys' cross country team poses with its second-place ribbons earned at the Bob Dahl Invitational Saturday morning at Norwell High School. The team scored 93 points, falling behind Yorktown for first place, who had 43 points. (Photo provided)

Wells County schools begin boys, girls XC season at Bob Dahl Invite

By RYAN WALKER

All three of the Wells County schools kicked off their 2023 cross-country seasons at the annual Bob Dahl Invitational at Norwell High School Saturday morning.

Dahl, a longtime head coach for boys and girls cross country at Norwell High School, was in attendance but helping the Bluffton Tigers teams as an assistant coach.

The Knights' boys' team ended up as the top finisher in the county in both races earning second place. The team scored a 93 overall, falling short against Yorktown, who put up 43 points.

Freshman Gage Reinhard led the pack with a final time of 19:00.6 and was in 10th place overall as an individual. The rest of Norwell's finishers were Gavin Threewits in 16th with a time of 19:12.1, Elijah Jacob 21st (19:45.0), Luke Johnson 22nd (19:58.2), Lukas Mashuda 24th (20:00.3), Kale Meredith 55th (21:35.7), Zathan Westfall 61st (21:46.3), and Parker McCartney 71st (22:25.6).

Full team race results can be found at the end of the article.

Head coach of the Knights, Cody Hannie, was happy with the result of the race for the most part, although he found some kinks to sort out.

"It went well, as expected, probably. Had a couple guys go out too fast," Hannie said after the race. "So it's a learning experience. You can preach it all day, but until they do it and learn the repercussions of it. Next week, we'll bounce back. We'll learn from today."

Right behind Norwell in third place was Bluffton, the 2022 ACAC and sectional champion. The group returned all but one of its runners from last season and is expecting big things.

No expectation might be higher than head coach Michael Vanderkolk's, who thought perhaps the Tigers could have had a better showing at Saturday's meet, especially in the back end of the lineup. However, he is encouraged that his boys got the first race out of the way to build upon.

"Four through 10 (runners) definitely were packed together there - I think we do have some work that we need to do," Vanderkolk said. "We came out of the woods, and guys were out of position, out of where I thought that they would be, and it definitely hurt us a little bit today, but again, we wanted that to happen again so we can address it overall."

The story of both of the races went to senior Tyler Godwin, who has been the dominant leader for Bluffton's success in recent years.

Godwin led for the majority of the

race but, right at the last few steps, was edged out by Yorktown's Wyatt Turner by a margin of .01 of a second. He finished the day in second with a time of 17:18.0.

Of course, Vanderkolk wants his team to win every race, but he doesn't need his senior to place first in the first one of the year.

"I mean, it's heartbreaking winning the race for about 4,900 meters — getting a lead like 100 meters in and even in the last 10 meters for what my brother (Robert Vanderkolk) said," he said. "Definitely going to be frustrating for him, but this isn't the race we need him to be top form at, and if our season highlight was going to be winning the Norwell Bob Dahl Invitational, then that's not really a season I want us to be a part of."

The rest of the finishers for the Tigers were Levi Johns seventh (18:23.9), Jude Baumgartner 19th (19:25.0), Griffin Linderwell 34th (20:25.6), Ayden Teeple 38th (20:35.8), Jackson Rockwell 40th (20:56.2), Aidan Graves 41st (20:57.5), Brett Kuhlbeck 54th (21:33.7), Branson Claghorn 62nd (21:48.7), and Manning Nash 78th (23:16.1).

Southern Wells picked up a ninth-place finish with 224 points overall, and its top finisher was Jarin Frauhiger in 29th place with a time of 20:15.0.

The Raiders topped New Haven and Alexandria in the standings, and also incomplete finishers by Fremont and Blackhawk Christian.

Kane Jenkins and Jackson Rockwell finished in the top 40 for the team to help its team score.

Jenkins finished 37th with a time of (20:33.5), Peyton Ellis 39th (20:54.6), Kelton Barr 66th (22:10.7), Miles Garrett 67th (22:10.8), Aiden Carroll and 73rd (22:52.3).

Head coach Monica Edgeman, the head coach for the boys' and girls' teams, was not in attendance at the meet.

On the girls' side, Norwell also put out the best performance, finishing fourth with 76 points.

Leo was the overall winner at 54 points, followed by Yorktown and Eastbrook, each with 68 points.

Last season, Norwell won the sectional and regional races with a young group that included four freshmen. This year, the Knights remain young, as five of the eight varsity runners that competed Saturday are underclassmen.

"They ran strong and were in great headspace," head coach Vanessa Hannie said. "I am proud of how they have started the season, and now that we have a baseline, we can build from here. Those who have put in work this summer are

faster already than this time last season."

Ashley Waldman was the top girls' placer on her team and in the county with an eighth place finish overall with a time of 22:05.7. Elizabeth Norris, Hleigh Reinhard, and Brooklyn Meyer also were top 20 finishers for the Knights.

Norris finished 15th with a time of 22:43.5, Reinhard 18th (23:16.5), Meyer 19th (23:20.9), Addison Meyer 34th (25:11.9), Alana Cady 37th (25:21.2), Kylee Hannie 39th (25:30.1), and Teagan Lesley 44th (25:44.1).

Bluffton finished eighth, which was last of the schools with a full lineup. Six others received an incomplete for the meet.

The Tigers had a team score of 239, and their top runner was Dakota Lee in 55th with a time of 22:43.2. Following Lee was Reagan Harris in 62nd (28:44.9), Amarah Robles 67th (30:21.9), Kierstynn Reed 68th (30:21.9), Alydia Bertsch 78th (34:24.4), and Sophia MAYne 80th (35:57.2).

Head coach Vanderkolk was proud of his Tigers, who are much smaller in terms of total runners on the roster than the boys and are looking to compete at a higher level than last year.

"I'm proud of the way the girls fought all the way through," he said. "I know coming into this year, we're just looking to be competing more and more as a team every race, and I'm just definitely proud of the way that the girls competed today and pushed every mile, every step."

Southern Wells only had four runners, so it did not get a team score and a final place.

Adeline Sabinske finished the day as the top runner in 66th with a time of 30:05.9. Following Sabinske was Chaney Mounsey in 72nd (32:14.1), and Shaylinn Geesman 73rd (32:41.3).

Boys team scores

Yorktown first 48, Norwell second 93, Bluffton third 100, Garrett fourth 108, Lakewood Park Christian fifth 126, Eastbrook sixth 130, Belmont seventh 153, Adams Central eighth 163, Southern Wells ninth 224, New Haven 10th 264, Alexandria 11th 322. Incomplete Fremont and Blackhawk Christian.

Girls team scores

Leo first 54, Yorktown Eastbrook second 68, Norwell fourth 76, Adams Central fifth 92, Garrett sixth 151, Belmont seventh 185, and Bluffton eighth 239. Incomplete Alexandria, Southern Wells, New Haven, Lakewood Park Christian, Fremont, and Blackhawk Christian.

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High School Calendar

- MONDAY, AUGUST 14**
BOYS TENNIS: Bluffton at Huntington North, 5 p.m.
BOYS SOCCER: Norwell at Wayne, 5:30 p.m.
VOLLEYBALL: Norwell at North Side, 7 p.m.
- TUESDAY, AUGUST 15**
BOYS TENNIS: Bluffton at Union City, 5 p.m.
GIRLS GOLF: Southern Wells at Norwell, 4:30 p.m.; Adams Central/Woodlan at Bluffton, 4:30 p.m.
VOLLEYBALL: Northrop at Norwell, 7:30 p.m.; Bluffton at Huntington North, 6 p.m.; Southern Wells at Eastbrook, 7:30 p.m.
- WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 16**
BOYS TENNIS: Concordia at Norwell, 4:30 p.m.
GIRLS GOLF: Wayne at Norwell, 4 p.m.
- THURSDAY, AUGUST 17**
BOYS SOCCER: Blackhawk Christian at Norwell, 6:30 p.m.
BOYS TENNIS: Norwell at Jay County, 5 p.m.; Bluffton at Belmont, 5 p.m.
GIRLS GOLF: Belmont at Norwell, 4 p.m.
GIRLS SOCCER: Norwell at Northrop, 7 p.m.
VOLLEYBALL: Heritage at Norwell, 7:30 p.m.; Wabash at Bluffton, 6 p.m.; Southern Wells at Northfield, 6 p.m.
- FRIDAY, AUGUST 18**
FOOTBALL: Mississinewa at Norwell, 7 p.m.; Bluffton at Northfield, 7 p.m.; Southern Wells at Elwood, 7 p.m.
- SATURDAY, AUGUST 19**
BOYS SOCCER: Norwell at Woodlan, 11:30 a.m.
BOYS TENNIS: Norwell at DeKalb Invitational, 9 a.m.
CROSS COUNTRY (CO-ED): Norwell at Huntington North Invitational, 9 a.m.; Bluffton at Taylor Invitational, 9 a.m.; Southern Wells at Monroe Central Invitational, 10 a.m.
GIRLS SOCCER: Blackhawk Christian at Norwell, 10 a.m.
VOLLEYBALL: Bluffton at Argyll Invitational at Madison-Grant, 9 a.m.
- MONDAY, AUGUST 21**
BOYS SOCCER: Norwell at Manchester, 5:30 p.m.
BOYS TENNIS: Norwell at South Side, 5:15 p.m.; Blackford at Bluffton, 5 p.m.
GIRLS GOLF: Bluffton/Monroe Central at Jay County, 4:30 p.m.
VOLLEYBALL: Norwell at Blackhawk Christian, 7:30 p.m.; Bluffton at Mississinewa, 6 p.m.; Union City at Southern Wells, 6 p.m.
- TUESDAY, AUGUST 22**
BOYS TENNIS: South Adams at Norwell, 4:30 p.m.
GIRLS GOLF: Southern Wells/Northfield at Bluffton, 4:30 p.m.
VOLLEYBALL: Blackford at Bluffton, 6 p.m.; Monroe Central at Southern Wells, 6 p.m.

Guardians' Ramirez has MLB suspension for fighting reduced

By TOM WITHERS
AP Sports Writer

Cleveland Guardians All-Star third baseman José Ramírez had his MLB suspension for fighting with Chicago's Tim Anderson reduced from three games to two on Saturday.

Ramírez, who knocked Anderson to the ground with a wild, well-placed punch, will serve the suspension this weekend during Cleveland's series in Tampa Bay.

"Not having him for 10 minutes isn't fun, let alone two (games)," Guardians manager Terry Francona said before Saturday's game with the Rays. "But I'm glad it's two instead of three. We got the final verdict this morning."

Without Ramírez in the lineup, the Guardians wasted a strong performance by rookie starter Gavin Williams, losing 6-5. Williams struck out 10 in five innings.

Ramírez will also sit for Sunday's series finale.

Anderson was suspended six games for fighting with Ramirez near second base and triggering a benches-clearing melee on Aug. 5 between the Guardians and White Sox that went on for several minutes and included several other flare-ups.

MLB handed out its punishment two days after the brawl, but Ramírez continued playing this week until his appeal could be heard. Anderson also appealed his suspension.

Ramírez is hitting .156 (5 or 32) in 10 games this month.

"I told him, I said 'Hey, take a breath' because he really didn't get an All-Star break," Francona said. "He went to Seattle (for the All-Star Game). Hopefully this will be really good for him, and we'll try to make do without him, which isn't fun."

Gabriel Arias started at third base on Saturday.

Francona, third base coach Mike Sarbaugh and closer Emmanuel Clase were all suspended one game. Chicago manager Pedro Frífol also was suspended a game.

One of baseball's best all-around players, Ramírez is batting .282 with 18 homers and 65 RBIs in 113 games. He'll likely be back in Cleveland's lineup on Tuesday, when the Guardians, who trail first-place Minnesota by 3 1/2 games in the AL Central, open a two-game series in Cincinnati.

NCAA fails to approve suspension for head coach Jim Harbaugh

By CLIFF BRUNT
AP Sports Writer

It is unclear if the NCAA Committee on Infractions will accept Michigan's proposal of a four-game suspension for coach Jim Harbaugh to settle a case involving recruiting violations.

Michigan recently submitted a negotiated resolution to the NCAA in a case that has been in the works for about two years. The school received notice earlier this year that the NCAA was investigating impermissible texts and calls — including some by Harbaugh — to high school prospects during part of a pandemic-related dead period for contact with potential recruits. The details were confirmed by a person who spoke to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity because the agreement was not finalized at that time.

The committee could have approved a suspension for Harbaugh to start the upcoming season, but it reviewed the negotiated resolution between Michigan and the NCAA, and has more questions. Now, the case could go to a full hearing, which could lengthen the process and push any suspension back.

"It is not uncommon for the (Committee on Infractions) to seek clarification on key facts prior to accepting," Derrick Crawford, NCAA vice president for hearing operations, said in a statement to the AP. "The COI may also reject an (negotiated resolution) if it determines that the agreement is not in the best interests of the Association or the penalties are not reasonable."

Michigan spokesman Kurt Svoboda said in a text message to the AP that the school could not comment on an open NCAA case.

Michigan opens with four straight home games, starting Sept. 2 against East Carolina. The Wolverines then face UNLV, Bowling Green and Rutgers.

Harbaugh, 59, is entering his ninth season coaching at his alma mater. He is 74-25 with the Wolverines and has beaten archrival Ohio State each of the last two seasons.

Colts QB Richardson struggles; Bills safety Hamlin shines in Buffalo's preseason win

By JOHN WAWROW
AP Sports Writer

ORCHARD PARK, N.Y. (AP) — It didn't take Anthony Richardson long to learn the hard way how there may be limits to his exceptional ability at the NFL level.

The Colts rookie quarterback threw an interception and was unable to generate much offense with his legs either during Indianapolis' pre-season-opening 23-19 loss to the Buffalo Bills in an outing decided by the third-stringers on Saturday.

"Just find a way to manage it, instead of trying to force it and be Superman," Richardson said, referring to his third attempt, an awkward side-armed throw that was

easily intercepted by Dane Jackson. The Bills, meantime, got an emotional boost with safety Damar Hamlin credited with three tackles over two-plus defensive series in his first competitive game since going into cardiac arrest and being resuscitated on the field during a game at Cincinnati on Jan. 2.

Hamlin showed no signs of hesitation and made a key impact on his fourth defensive snap by stopping running back Evan Hull for no gain on fourth-and-1 at the Buffalo 40 to end the Colts' second possession.

Trailing 13-10, the Bills went ahead for good with 6:11 left in the third quarter, when Matt Barkley hit Tyrell Shavers for a 22-yard

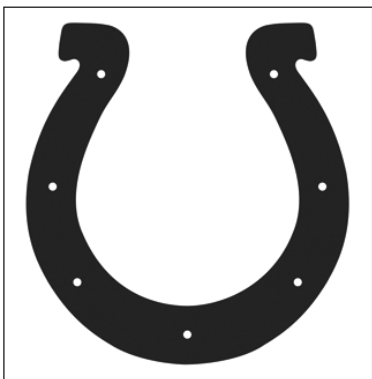
touchdown pass. Shavers' touchdown made up for his miscue earlier in the quarter when Kyle Allen's pass tipped off his hands and led to Darius Rush's 52-yard interception return for a touchdown.

Richardson, the No. 4 overall draft pick out of Florida and third quarterback selected in the draft, failed to quell questions about his accuracy over 13 college starts. He finished 7 of 12 for 67 yards and an interception and two carries for 7 yards.

First-year Colts coach Shane Steichen said he was impressed with Richardson's poise despite his struggles.

"It's a good learning experience," Steichen said. "He bounced back. It was the first drive of the game, we get the pick there. And he comes back and we start moving the ball pretty good. He threw some nice touch passes. Good calm, had some good things, command in the huddle, all those good things."

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Give yourself the gift of forgiveness

Dear Annie: My husband was out of town traveling for business during our first anniversary. So I thought it would be romantic if I met him where he was staying in Washington, D.C. That way, we wouldn't spend our first anniversary apart. I drove 13 hours straight from work to make this happen. I stayed for three days, and we had a great time. Or so I thought.

When my husband arrived home, he left his phone unlocked. I saw that he had texted his ex on our anniversary to meet him at his hotel for sex. Apparently, she was supposed to come one day before I arrived, but SHE told him no. Additionally, he sent sexual messages while we were in D.C. celebrating under my nose.

I was livid! But he says nothing happened so I should forgive him and give him a chance to earn back my trust. The only reason nothing happened is because she said no. Should I forgive him for sexting? I am so hurt he thought so little of our marriage and first anniversary. — Worst First

Dear Worst First: Of course you are hurt. You sound incredibly thoughtful, committed and considerate, while he sounds like a jerk. Whether or not you want to forgive him is up to you, but he is not off the hook just because he didn't actually go through with cheating on you. He certainly intended to. Marriage counseling is a must.

Dear Annie: My cousin and I attend the same church. We have never been close; she was closer to my younger sister, who passed away in April of last year. Although we are not close, we had always been cordial to each other.

Approximately two weeks ago, however, my cousin called a married man who attends the same church and told him she had heard that he and I were in a relationship. He said he told

her it was not true. I called her and she did not answer, so I left her a text asking why she asked him that. I am her first cousin, and if she needed to ask anyone, it should have been me. I have seen her since, but she has not responded. I am upset and feel she owes me an apology.

How should I approach her? It is not true, and the man and I have never been in a relationship. — Owed an Apology

Dear Owed: You are correct that, if we were all perfect, your cousin would realize how wrong she was and apologize to you. But all you can do to make that happen is talk to her about it. Tell her how you feel and that your feelings were hurt.

There is still a possibility that she won't apologize. Some people really don't like to. Then you have a choice. You can suffer by expecting someone to do something they are incapable of doing, or you can forgive her and free yourself of that burden. Forgiveness is a gift you give to yourself.

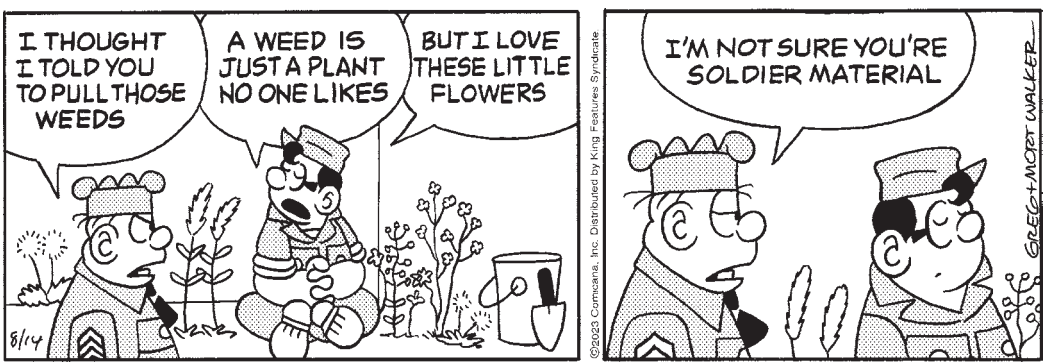
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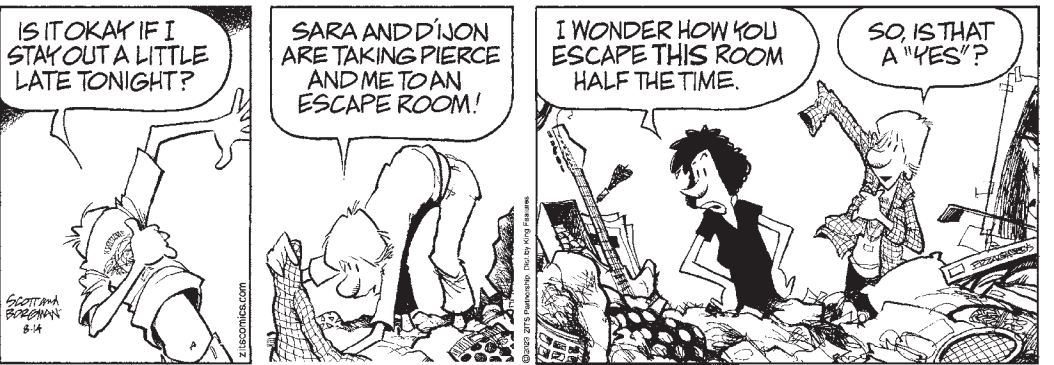
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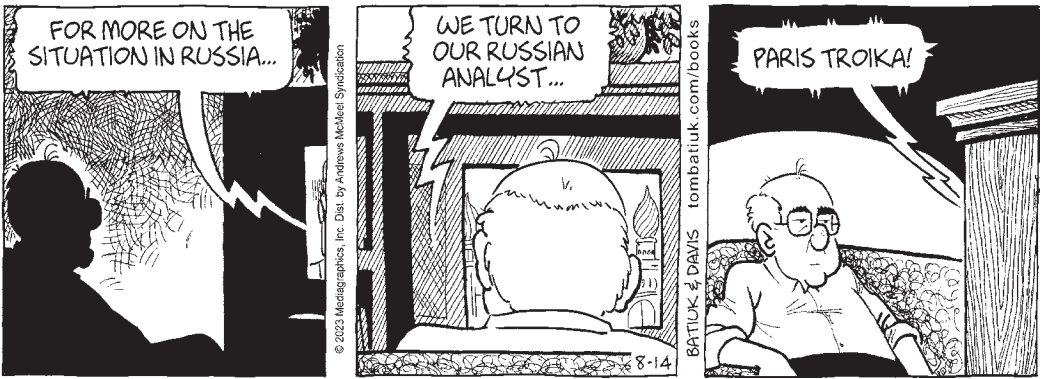
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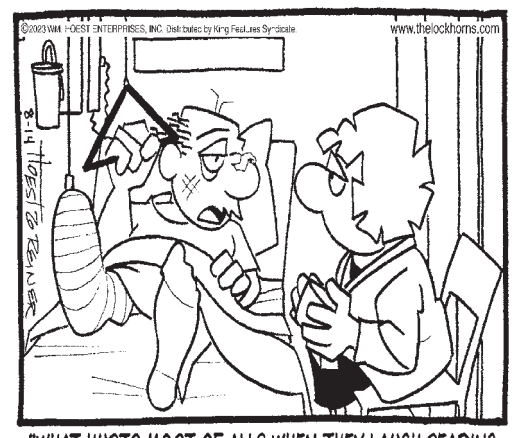
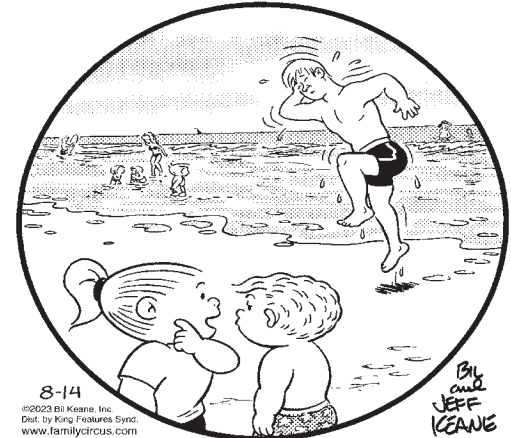
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THE FAMILY CIRCUS

By Bil Keane

The LOCKHORNS



My Answer by Dr. Billy Graham



The more worldly pleasure we enjoy, the less satisfied and contented we are with life

Q: I work in the entertainment industry. Honestly, watching people chase after the rich and famous leaves me weary and troubled, particularly when I see many celebrities so messed up. Why are most people absorbed by celebrity personalities? Is it because they want to be like them and can't, so they worship others they believe are greater than themselves? Why can't they see the folly of wanting to be someone else they think "has it all"? — C.P.

is too dull to hear the truth. Most people's eyes are blind — they do not want to see. They do not want to hear. They hurry to their doom. This reflects no appetite for spiritual things. Rather, the culture is absorbed in self.

The Bible says that as the end of time approaches, people will be lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God (see 2 Timothy 3).

How do we get our values so mixed up? Some people choose to live life through another's experiences.

Every time life turns against us, we stand at a crossroads. When disappointment or tragedy or suffering strike, we have a decision to make: Will we turn away from God, or will we turn toward

Him? Will we refuse His help, or will we seek it? Will we depend on ourselves for the strength we need, or will we depend on Him? Which road will we take?

One road leads to doubt, anger, bitterness, fear, hopelessness, and despair. The other leads to hope, comfort, peace, strength, and joy.

When we seek the Lord, He will lead according to His truth. "I have taught you in the way of wisdom; I have led you in right paths" (Proverbs 4:11).

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

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Niger's junta gains upper hand over regional bloc threatening military force

By SAM MEDNICK
Associated Press
NIAMEY, Niger (AP) — One week after a deadline passed for mutinous soldiers in Niger to reinstate the country's ousted president or face military intervention, the junta has not acquiesced. No military action has been taken and the coup leaders appear to have gained the upper hand over the regional group that issued the threat, analysts say.

The West African bloc ECOWAS had given the soldiers that overthrew Niger's democratically elected President Mohamed Bazoum until last Sunday to release and reinstate him or they threatened military action. On Thursday, the bloc ordered the deployment of a "standby" force to restore constitutional rule in Niger, with Nigeria, Benin, Senegal and Ivory Coast saying they would contribute troops.

But it's unclear when, how or if the troops will deploy. The move could take weeks or months to set into motion, and while the bloc decides what to do the junta is gaining power, some observers say.

"It looks as though the putschists have won and will stay ... The putschists are holding all the cards and have cemented their rule," said Ulf Laessing, head of the Sahel program at the Konrad Adenauer Foundation, a think tank.

ECOWAS is unlikely to intervene militarily and risk dragging Niger into civil war, he said, adding that ECOWAS and Western countries would instead likely press the junta to agree to a short transition period.

Europe and the United States will have little choice but to recognize the junta in order to continue the security cooperation in the region,

Laessing said. The July 26 coup is seen as a major blow to many Western nations, which viewed Niger as one of its last partners in the conflict-riddled Sahel region south of the Sahara Desert that they could work with to beat back a growing jihadi insurgency linked to al-Qaida and the Islamic State group. The U.S. and France have more than 2,500 military personnel in the region and together with other European countries have invested hundreds of millions of dollars in military assistance and training Niger's forces.

There was still little clarity about what would happen days after ECOWAS announced the "standby" force deployment.

A meeting of the region's defense chiefs was postponed indefinitely. The African Union is expected to hold a meeting on Monday

to discuss Niger's crisis. The group's Peace and Security Council could overrule the decision if it felt that wider peace and security on the continent were threatened by an intervention.

The delay of the defense chiefs' meeting to discuss the "standby" force shows that ECOWAS views the use of force as a last resort, said Nate Allen, an associate professor at the Africa Center for Strategic Studies.

"Given the likely challenges an intervention would face, (the use of force would) require a high degree of consensus and coordination not just within ECOWAS, but within the African Union and international community writ large," he said.

But those with ties to the junta say they are preparing for a fight, especially since the soldiers are unwilling to negotiate unless ECOWAS acknowledges its leader,

Gen. Abdourahmane Tchiani, who overthrew the president, as the new ruler.

"ECOWAS is demanding that (the junta) immediately release President Bazoum and restore him as head of state. Is this a joke?" said Insa Garba Saidou, a local activist who assists Niger's new military rulers with their communications and says he is in direct contact with them. "Whether Bazoum resigns or not, he will never be Niger's president again."

As time drags on, there is mounting concern for the safety of Bazoum, who has been under house arrest with his wife and son since the coup. Those close to him say his situation is deteriorating with no water, electricity and a lack of food. Niger's junta told a top U.S. diplomat that they would kill the deposed president if neighboring countries attempted any military inter-

vention to restore his rule, two Western officials told The Associated Press.

Most Nigeriens are trying to go about their lives as the standoff continues between the coup leaders and regional countries.

For the most part, the streets in the capital, Niamey, are calm with sporadic pockets of pro-junta demonstrations. Any pro-Bazoum demonstrations are quickly silenced by security forces.

On Sunday people marched, biked and drove through downtown Niamey, chanting "down with France" and expressing anger at ECOWAS.

"Niger is in a deplorable situation. We are very happy there was a coup d'etat. Now everyone can go into the streets without a problem ... (but) if ECOWAS allows people to attack Niger, it will cross a red line," said resident Saidou Issaka.

Montpelier Jamboree

Wednesday, August 16th – Saturday, August 19th
Theme: Welcome to the Jungle!



WEDNESDAY • AUGUST 16TH

- 6 am • Jamboree Committee Breakfast @ Fire Station - Biscuit/Gravy/Pancake (Freewill Donation)
- 5 pm • Subway Sub Eating Contest @ Main Stage
- 5:30 pm • Showtime @ Main Stage
- 7 pm • Chloe Cruz sings National Anthem @ Main Stage
- 7:15 pm • Derek Jones @ Main Stage

THURSDAY • AUGUST 17TH

- 4-8 pm • Street Freaks Car Show
- 6 pm • Jr. Miss Queen Contest @ Main Stage
- Montpelier Jamboree Queen Contest @ Main Stage - Following Jr Queens
- Southern Wells Worship Band @ Stage - Following Queen Contest

FRIDAY • AUGUST 18TH

- 6 pm • Southern Wells Worship Band @ Main Stage
- 6 pm • Mark's Ark @ Gazebo
- 7 pm • Motorcycle Stunt Rider Kyle Sliker @ Main/High
- 8 pm • Oasis's Hill @ Main Stage
- 9:30 pm • Night Golf Parade
- 10 pm • Night Golf Cart Parade (Line up 9:30 pm - Angle Drive at school) Open to anyone who wants to show their Jamboree Spirit. Theme: "Welcome to the Jungle"

SATURDAY • AUGUST 19TH

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- 1 pm • TRSS Drum Corp. @ Main Stage
- 4 pm • Bro Shadow Club Kiddie Tractor Pull @ High Street - Registration: 3:30 pm
- 8 pm • National Music Concert with Saving Abel \$7 at Gate @ Main Stage - Gates and Beer Garden (21+) Open 6:00 pm

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