

The News - Banner

www.News-Banner.com

THURSDAY, AUGUST 24, 2023

BLUFFTON, INDIANA • Wells County's Hometown Connection

\$1.00

Wells County Council budgets meager raises

PPE funding cut, health department on hold

By HOLLY GASKILL
 A proposed 2024 budget was approved by the Wells County Council Wednesday night, including several new positions and a slight raise for employees. The council previously discussed completely foregoing employee raises due to 2023's seven percent increase and the mid-year implementation of the pay matrix, which gave a 0.5 percent raise for every year of employment. This pay matrix will not take effect for elected officials until 2024. However, the council's disposition shifted when Highway Department Supervisor Shawn Bonar asked if the Sheriff's Department had received any raises after its matrix was introduced in 2019. Auditor Lisa McCormick confirmed that the Sheriff's Department had received a \$3,200 increase for deputies and \$2,500 for jail staff. "Best I can do is one percent to avoid zero," said Council member Brandon Harnish. He continued

to say that the effect of the pay matrix gave a four percent average increase. Surveyor Jarrod Hahn noted because of the timing, it was a two percent raise for this year. Council member Steve Higgins responded, "Alright, do we have a council meeting or do we want to talk to this crowd?" A one percent raise was ultimately approved 7-0 for matrix employees. Non-matrix employees, like part-time staff, were allotted a 3.5 percent raise. The council continued with unanimous approval of motions until reviewing the budget requests for Emergency Management. Director Rick Velasquez had requested \$5,000 for personal protective equipment, a 150 percent increase from last year, which the council had previously decided to cut to \$1,000. There were no PPE costs in 2022. However, Harnish stated he wanted to completely cut the line item as a "symbolic move." He added, "The rationale here

(Continued on Page 2)



Presenting the Scouts

Steve Higgins with the Cub Scouts gives a presentation to kids and parents at Bluffton-Harrison Elementary School Wednesday evening. Higgins has been a volunteer with the Boy Scouts of America since 1989 and a professional scouter since 2008. Pictured left to right is Roran Claghorn, Steve Higgins, Wesley Sills, and Jamie McLeod (Photos by Sydney Kent)



Norwell discusses calender changes; OK's changes to handbook

By HOLLY GASKILL
 A series of changes may be coming to the Norwell 2024-25 school calendar. Notably, days off for Good Friday and President's Day are possibly on the chopping block. Superintendent Mike Springer told the school board Tuesday it's been difficult to balance conflicting wants — like ending the school year earlier, a full-week fall break, and holidays — with state requirements. Good Friday coincides with spring break, the last week of March, for the current school year, but it will not in 2025, when the holiday falls on April 18. The 2024-25 calendar, as it was presented during the meeting, shows school beginning on Aug. 7 and ending on May 21. Several community members present expressed a desire

for Good Friday to remain an observed holiday. "I would probably pull my kids from school if Good Friday was a scheduled day, honestly," said Nicole Nussbaum. Springer stated he would consider these ideas, including using President's Day as a make-up day for cancellations, and see where adjustments could be made. Alongside this conversation, the board approved several changes to the Norwell Middle School student handbook. NMS Principal Andrew Enderle said these changes primarily provided a protocol for tardies and dress code. For example, the handbook now states a seventh tardy will result in lunch detention, an eighth detention results in two lunch detentions, and so on. Regarding the dress code,

(Continued on Page 2)

Heat wave in central U.S. strains infrastructure and Texas power grid

By ACACIA CORONADO and JUAN LOZANO
Associated Press
 AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Deadly heat that has gripped Texas for much of the summer has spread into other parts of the central U.S. this week where it is forecast to stay for days, with triple-digit temperatures buckling roads, straining water systems and threatening the power grid of the nation's energy capitol. With heat warnings and advisories stretching from New Orleans to Minneapolis, the unyielding weather is stressing the systems

put in place to keep resources moving and people safe. Just this week, a 1-year-old left in a hot van in Nebraska died, and Louisiana reported 25 heat-related deaths this summer — more than twice the average number in recent years. The heat is expected to become "dangerous to the average person" if they don't have air conditioning, said Alex Lamers, a warning coordination meteorologist at the National Weather Service's Weather Prediction Center. It has felt hotter than 110 degrees in cities in Texas and Louisiana more often than at any time

since World War II, Lamers said. The brunt of the enduring heat has hit states from Florida to New Mexico, he said. Texas' grid — which failed during a deadly winter storm in 2021 — has so far held up with no outages in the face of unrelenting heat. The Electric Reliability Council of Texas, which oversees the grid, asked residents twice last week to conserve energy because of high demand and low reserves. The agency issued a weather watch that's in place through Aug. 27.

(Continued on Page 2)

First 2024 Republican presidential debate is in the books

MILWAUKEE (AP) — The first Republican presidential debate illustrated the deep divisions within the GOP, with the candidates on stage arguing over issues including U.S. support for Ukraine, when and how to best restrict abortion nationwide, and support for the party's eventual 2024 nominee.

Most of the candidates vowed to support Ukraine in its war with Russia, but the notable exception was Vivek Ramaswamy. He suggested that supporting that country when the U.S. hasn't fixed its own problems was "disastrous." That drew rebukes from many of his rivals, including former United Nations Ambassador Nikki Haley,

who told the 38-year-old technology entrepreneur, "You have no foreign policy experience, and it shows." There was disagreement on abortion, with Haley calling for "consensus" and Pence saying that was the "opposite of leadership." The candidates largely agreed that Pence was right to protect the

results of the 2020 election against Donald Trump's pressure campaign. Trump skipped Wednesday night's event and was not a major focus of what was said. But both Christie and Hutchinson were booed for saying they wouldn't support him as their party's nominee, though Christie faltered in

his answer. Despite so much consensus on Trump, however, Pence drew applause when he said the former president wasn't above the law. **DeSantis, the highest-polling candidate on stage, takes back seat** After recent campaign stumbles, Ron DeSantis was expected

(Continued on Page 2)

Mercenary leader Prigozhin presumed dead after plane crash

By DASHA LITVINOVA
Associated Press
 TALLINN, Estonia (AP) — Mercenary leader Yevgeny Prigozhin, who led a brief armed rebellion against the Russian military earlier this year, was presumed dead Wednesday after a plane crash north of Moscow that

killed all 10 people on board. Prigozhin was on the plane, according to Russia's civil aviation agency, which cited the airline. The crash immediately raised suspicions since the fate of the founder of the Wagner private military company has been the subject of intense speculation ever since he

mounted the mutiny. At the time, President Vladimir Putin denounced the rebellion as "treason" and a "stab in the back" and vowed to avenge it. But the charges against Prigozhin were soon dropped. The Wagner chief, whose troops were some of the best fighting forces for Russia in

Ukraine, was allowed to retreat to Belarus, while reportedly popping up in Russia from time to time. The crash also comes after Russian media reported that a top general linked to Prigozhin was dismissed from his position as commander of the air force. A plane carrying three crew

members and seven passengers that was en route from Moscow to St. Petersburg went down almost 185 miles north of the capital, according to officials cited by Russia's state news agency Tass. Russia's civilian aviation agency, Rosaviatsia, quickly reported

(Continued on Page 2)

Inside
 Local/Area
 Obituaries 3
 Police Notebook . . . 3
 Opinion
 Angelkeep 4
 Also...
 Sports 6-7
 Classifieds 9
 Diversions 8

Outside

 Head advisory in effect, stay hydrated cool

Today	Friday	Saturday
High 94	High 87	High 83
Low 74	Low 68	Low 59

 More Weather on Page 2

Online
 Follow us on Facebook!
 Go to www.facebook.com/newsbanner
 Place Your Classified Ads 24/7
 Vol. 94 No. 250
 THURSDAY
 August 24, 2023

JC's GARAGE DOOR Sales & Service

 • Replace Broken Springs and Cables on All Makes
 • Replace or Repair Doors and Openers on All Makes
 • Residential & Commercial
 James Fisher - Owner
 Carl Fisher - Sales
 Serving Surrounding Counties
 Bluffton
 824-3262

How to contact us:
 Call us: 824-0224
 or 1-800-579-7476
 email@news-banner.com
 On the Web:
www.news-banner.com
 Follow us at:
twitter.com/newsbanner

OBITUARIES

Stephen Lowden, 73



Stephen Edward Lowden, 73, of Fort Wayne, passed away on Aug. 18, 2023. Steve's beloved family members were with him as he peacefully went to his Heavenly home on his birthday.

He was preceded in death by his father, Eugene R. Lowden, 96, in 2017. He leaves behind many loved ones, including his loving wife of 33 years, Barbara (Bobbie) Lowden; his mother, Anna May (Lahrman) Lowden, 94; sons, Stephen Eugene Lowden of Chicago, and John E. (Sherry) Mattingly Jr. of Cincinnati; daughters, Elizabeth (Gary) Toth and Laura (Ben) Stevens, both of Fort Wayne. He is also survived by his brother, Robert (Dorene) Lowden, and his sister, Sharon (David) White. Steve also had three loving nieces and seven grandchildren who thought "Papa" was the greatest.

Steve was born Aug. 18, 1950, in New Haven. He was very athletic, participating in all sports in high school and college.

Steve began his teaching career of 43 years in Northern Wells Community Schools. The majority of his years were spent teaching algebra at Norwell Middle School. He touched the lives of thousands and thousands of students who loved "Mr. Lowden." He also coached football at the middle school, teaching the boys that winning was not always the most important thing.

Steve was the kind of man who helped anyone who asked. He was indeed a "handy man." He could build anything and fix everything. Steve's favorite pastime was cultivating his garden and tending to his beautiful flowers that adorned his backyard. He was an avid outdoorsman, enjoying hunting and fishing. Heaven welcomed a great man upon his passing. Steve (Mr. Lowden) will be missed.

Mass of Christian Burial will be 11 a.m. Monday, Aug. 28, 2023, at St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church, 1502 E. Wallen Rd. in Fort Wayne, with calling one hour prior. Calling also from 2-4 p.m. and 5-7 p.m. Sunday Aug. 27, 2023, at Divine Mercy Funeral Home, 3500 Lake Ave. in Fort Wayne, with the Rosary recited at 1:45 p.m. Burial will be in Catholic Cemetery, Ft. Wayne.

Memorial contributions may be made to Heartland Hospice. To sign the online guest book, go to www.divinemercyfuneralhome.com.

85 counties opt in to public health funding

By WHITNEY DOWNARD

Indiana Capital Chronicle

Five Indiana counties are choosing to give up a combined maximum of \$3.3 million in enhanced public health funding from the state in 2024, with the bulk of that funding coming from Johnson County, which qualified for up to \$2.1 million in funds.

But Gov. Eric Holcomb said Tuesday he is happy with the progress — of Indiana's 92 counties, 85, or 92%, have chosen to join the state program with a few days left before a Sept. 1 deadline.

"I think if you would have asked most (people) a few months ago, some smart people told me maybe 50% (would opt in)," Holcomb said. "... this is no state take-over; this is no mandate. This is about local providers and their community; it is about addressing quality of place.

"Hopefully they'll see the light and seek to join."

None of the Johnson County commissioners responded to calls from the Indiana Capital Chronicle nor did the public health department.

Johnson County leaders told the Daily Journal earlier this month that the health department didn't need the funds and already performs the "core public health services" required by the grant funding.

"We're not greedy. I mean, I just think the consensus is we don't need it. So why would we take it?" Johnson County Commissioner Kevin Walls told the local publication. "... It could be better utilized someplace else. That's kind of the bottom line."

Saying no before the deadline doesn't prohibit the municipality from opting into the funding in future years. Public health departments in four other counties, Whitley, Wells, Fountain and Crawford, all indicated that their commissioners declined the funding as well.

Health departments and commissioners in an additional two counties — Adams and Harrison — didn't respond to calls about whether they'd meet the deadline for the public health funds.

The Indiana Capital Chronicle called stakeholders in each of the 15 counties the Indiana Department of Health map says haven't yet committed. Eight of those counties indicated that they had decided to opt-in recently but hadn't yet finalized their paperwork, meaning at least 85 counties have committed to participating in the state program.

The stakes

A yearlong analysis from the Governor's Public Health Commission found that Indiana spends a paltry \$55 per resident annually on average when it comes to public health compared to the nationwide average of \$91.

Spending varied widely from county to county, from \$1.25 in Shelby County to \$83 in Marion County. Of the five confirmed counties that are bypassing the funding, none spent more than \$15 per capita on public health annually.

In Wayne County, poor health metrics and lagging funding pushed commissioners to vote to accept the funds in a Wednesday meeting. That came after citizen input and a planned budget.

"There was no prize for being first," Wayne County Commissioner Jeff Plasterer said. "We went about it deliberately and we have a plan that the council, commissioners and board of health buy into."

He said there was some public opposition, mostly over maintaining local control.

"We tried to address every issue raised ... called the governor's office over a few things," Plasterer said. Discussions with his local state Rep. Brad Barrett, R-Richmond, also comforted the commissioners.

"He assured us the legislature crafted a bill that protects counties. We are happy to move forward," Plasterer said.

In an effort to incentivize counties to better address the public health needs of their residents, the state committed \$75 million in grant funding the first year to bolster budgets — so long as counties continued to pay the average amount allocated in recent years. Each government unit is guaranteed a minimum amount of grant dollars and receives the maximum if they meet a set of goals established by the state health department.

Holcomb did express concern about the initial funding provided by state legislators considering that so many counties chose to participate.

"I would have like to have gotten more funding," Holcomb said. "... divided out amongst more people, it's less money per county. So we've got a long way to go. But like so many things in life, half of it's just getting going in the right direction and then getting some momentum."

"We're well on our way," he continued.

Another \$150 million has been set aside for the second year.

Police Notebook

INCIDENTS

City:

Tuesday, 4:55 p.m., 900 West Market Street. Report of man threatening to hit callers family.

Tuesday, 5:22 p.m., 900 West South Street. Welfare check requested.

Tuesday, 6:13 p.m., Inteva Products. Officer requested to be in parking lot due to fight.

Tuesday, 6:20 p.m., Washington Park. Caller reported van parked at park for several days. Vehicle was legally parked.

Tuesday, 11:27 p.m., Lit-

tle Caesars. Report of two people on roof. People were cleaning grease traps.

Wednesday, 1:39 a.m., Bluffton Rentco. Report of vehicle pulling out and stopping in turn lane. Employee loading up rentals.

Wednesday, 4:10 a.m., 1400 West Central Avenue. Caller requested welfare check. Subject was fine.

Wednesday, 12:16 p.m., 500 block of Normandy Drive. Report of a loaded magazine for a gun found in the yard.

Wednesday, 1:41 p.m., Walmart. Report of theft.

County:

Tuesday, 3:02 p.m., South 100 East and East 100 South, Keystone. Report of a car striking a deer.

Tuesday, 8:37 p.m., 5600 West 400 South. Caller reported hitting a dog in the roadway. Vehicle was disabled and towed by Pemberton's.

Wednesday, 5:54 a.m., South Main and East State streets, Bluffton. 19 year old driver issued citation for possession of alcohol and released.

Wednesday, 9:55 a.m., near 7200 East Ind. 224,

Craigville. Animal complaint.

Wednesday, 10:51 a.m., 6100 North 100 West, Uniondale. Report of a maroon truck possible firing a weapon towards callers home.

Ossian:

Tuesday, 3:08 p.m., near 5700 East Ind. 224, Ossian. Caller requested to speak to a deputy regarding unwanted subject on property.

ARRESTS

Freedy Linares, 55, Fort Wayne, arrested for operating without ever obtaining a license, a Class A misdemeanor.



Pictured in the photo from left, Family Centered Services Director of Development and Duck Race Coordinator Ashleigh King and grand prize winner Barbara Barbieri. (Photo submitted)

18th Farmers & Merchants Duck Race Wrap Up

The 18th annual Farmers & Merchants Duck Race to benefit non-profit Family Centered Services took place on Saturday, August 12. This was the first year Farmers & Merchants Bank was the naming sponsor for the race.

A total of 3,366 ducks floated down a flooded Washington Street as a crowd of approximately 461 spectators watched in anticipation, competing for 25 prize packages ranging from local gift certificates to gift baskets. This year's grand prize winner of \$1,000 was Barbara Barbieri.

Additional prize winners were Brad Fiechter, Jill Shelton, Seth Fiechter,

Amanda Butz, Molly Hoag, Kayla Lakey, Steve Ault, Lyn Steffen, Jamie Lemler, Joline Bowman, Abby Moser, Marcia Hotopp, Kelly Goode, Greg Werich, Shirley Harman, Ginny Garwood, Kristy Fisher, Katie Lopolito-Meyer, Ann Eakright, Roger Sherer, James Wilson, Scharna Bendes, Cameron Kohler, and Jennifer Hupfer.

Along with the duck race itself, the event also included foam machines, lifelike dinosaurs, bounce houses, kids games, free door prizes, two food trucks, six raffles, and five community partners. Life Community Church, Saint Marks Lutheran Church, and

First United Methodist Church were also present to give out shoes and socks to children.

In total, the duck race grossed over \$50,000. The funds received will go toward continuing the work of FCS in the community.

FCS, which began in 1990, exists "to strengthen our community by empowering families and youth through services that educate and inspire." For more information on FCS or the programs they offer, visit fcs-inc.net or call 824-8574. They are located at 1515 N. Sutton Circle, Bluffton.

10 Indiana historical sites are 'most endangered'

By CASEY SMITH
Indiana Capital Chronicle

A statewide collection of historic fraternal lodges, the former home of a wealthy South Bend industrialist, and once-bustling venues in Anderson, Evansville and Stinesville. Those sites are among Indiana Landmarks' 10 "Most Endangered," an annual list published by the Indianapolis-based nonprofit that seeks to save historic and "meaningful" places across the Hoosier state.

The organization says the places on the list often face a multitude of problems, including abandonment, neglect, or owners who lack money for repairs.

These places "shape lives," the nonprofit emphasized in a news release, "and when they're gone, they leave a void that can't be filled."

This year's list features five new landmarks and five repeats from the 2022 list.

"Each endangered place tells a distinct story, and each faces its own set of challenges. In all cases, when an endangered place lands on our list, we commit to seeking solutions that lead to rescue and revitalization," Indiana Landmarks President Marsh Davis said in a statement.

Indiana Landmarks first published its "Most Endangered" list in 1991. Since then, 153 sites have been included on the list. The nonprofit notes that 101 places have been completely restored or are no longer endangered, while only 20 have been demolished.

"Indiana Landmarks uses its 10 Most Endangered list in several ways. Sometimes it serves an educational role. It functions as an advocacy tool. And it can assist in raising funds needed to save a place," said Indiana Landmarks President Marsh Davis. "Each endangered place tells a distinct story, and each faces its own set of challenges. In all cases, when an endangered place lands on our list, we com-

mit to seeking solutions that lead to rescue and revitalization," he adds.

Get a glimpse at the full 2023 list below:

- Historic Fraternal Lodges, statewide
- International Harvester Engineering Building, Fort Wayne
- Thomas and Louisa Little House, Plainfield
- Starr Historic District, Richmond
- The State Theater in Anderson
- Birdsell Mansion, South Bend

- First Friends Church, Marion
- Hulman Building & Garage, Evansville
- The Hulman Building and Garage in Evansville
- Knox County Poor Asylum, Vincennes
- Stinesville Commercial Buildings, Stinesville 1990s.

Still Waters
FAMILY DENTISTRY

**YOUR SMILE.
OUR PASSION.
EVERY TIME.**

Accepting many new insurance plans including Humana and United Healthcare. Always accepting new patients. Please call today to schedule an appointment.

10045 North State Road 1 Ossian, IN 46777

(260)-622-4138
www.stillwatersfamilydentistry.com

VISITATION & SERVICES

Gloria J. Reeves
Calling: 3 - 7 p.m. Thursday, August 24 and one hour prior to the service.
Service: 10:30 a.m. Friday, August 25 at the funeral home.

Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home
308 W. Washington St.
824-3850
www.thomarich.com

WE HELP YOU GET SOCIAL SECURITY, MEDICARE AND MEDICAID READY!

Jerry Flack & Associates

WE REPRESENT MANY - MANY - MANY INSURANCE COMPANIES

WE HAVE ALL THE MEDICARE AND MEDICAID OPTIONS AVAILABLE

MARKETPLACE ANNUAL ENROLLMENT IS NOV 1ST - DEC 15TH

The Price Tag is the Same Everywhere Consider Local for Better Service

ANNUAL ENROLLMENT OCT 15 TO DEC 7 CALL US

WHEN YOU HAVE PROBLEMS AND YOU WILL HAVE PROBLEMS YOU WILL HAVE US TO COUNT ON
MEDICARE SUPPLEMENTS - MEDICARE ADVANTAGE PLANS - PRESCRIPTION DRUG PLANS.

Life Insurance - Long Term Care Insurance - Investments - Individual and Small Group Health - Dental - Vision - Hearing - Cancer Insurance

Folks on Medicare A and B and Diabetic can get FREE Nice Looking Diabetic Shoes Every Year from Us

We Do FREE Information/ Education Seminars In Your Business (Again Former Teachers)

WE CAN MEET: IN OUR OFFICE - IN YOUR HOME - IN A FAVORED LOCATION

In the 1882 Building at Main & Market with the mural on the outside wall • 260-824-1618

It's not just a buzzword: Why civility matters in Congress

Given everything that's been taking place on Capitol Hill, I'd guess you missed the announcement a few months back that the House Civility Caucus has been revived. It would be hard to call this earth-shattering news — but in our current political climate, it's a notable measure of hope.

The caucus first came into being in 2018, when two members of Congress from Columbus, Ohio — Democrat Joyce Beatty and Republican Steve Stivers — launched the group with the idea that disagreement is inevitable in politics, but being disagreeable about it doesn't have to be. It helped that the two had been friends for decades, ever since Beatty, then a state representative, confronted Stivers, a banker, about his bank's practice of charging check-cashing fees for child-support checks. He'd agreed that, as he later told a reporter, "we needed to take responsibility and fix what we had done." In Congress, the caucus attracted a handful of Democrat-Republican pairs from other states, but folded after Stivers left Congress.

This spring, however, Beatty and Stivers' Republican successor, Mike Carey — the two are also friends — decided it was time to resuscitate the effort. In a talk not long afterward, Beatty noted that they have significant political differences. "But we have a secret weapon," she said. "We actually like each other, and that makes a huge difference. We have a friendship beyond the House floor. We've also figured out how to have a friendship on the House floor — which, unfortunately in today's times, might seem kind of rare." The Congressional Civility and Respect Caucus, to give it its formal name, has several dozen members — split evenly between Democrats and Republicans, since anyone who wants to be part of it has to find a partner from the other party to join with them.

It might seem a sad commentary on the state of American politics that you need a formal caucus to promote civility, but I prefer to look at the other side of the coin: the fact that the caucus has been able to form and grow is a hopeful sign that even in that most partisan and divided of legislative bodies, the US House, a significant number of politicians want to chart a better way forward.

This matters because civil political debate actually stands at the core of our representative democracy. Our system was constructed as a way to manage disagreement — sometimes heart-felt, impassioned disagreement — without coming to blows or rioting or launching a civil war. People who don't agree can still weigh issues carefully and, if they're sincere, find common ground. Our founders did not count on all Americans becoming friends, but they did believe that we could be respectful and civil toward one another, and that by doing so, we could wrestle with and resolve the challenges facing our country.

And let's be clear: Incivility is a problem. We don't send our representatives to Congress or the 50 state capitals to yell at one another or refuse to cooperate with each other. We send them there to get things done, to confront the tough issues our communities, states, and nation face and to hammer out policies that make the lives of ordinary Americans better. In a country as ideologically and demographically diverse as ours, this cannot happen unless people who come from dramatically different points of view figure out how to work together. People who are rude and disagreeable — who play to their followers' worst instincts, damn the consequences — just get in the way.

We've had a lot of that in Washington and elsewhere over the last decade or so, and my sense is that Americans have grown tired of it. So what may be most interesting about this problem is that we don't have to change any laws or create new regulations in order to address it. It's as simple as encouraging respectful behavior, one person at a time.

That's why the Congressional Civility and Respect Caucus is a hopeful sign. The few dozen House members who have joined up so far are like a down payment, a small knot of legislators who know in their bones that there's a better way and are determined to find it. Here's hoping their influence grows.

Lee Hamilton is a distinguished scholar with the IU School of Global and International Studies. He was a member of the U.S. House of Representatives for 34 years.

Today in History

By The Associated Press
Today is Thursday, Aug. 24, the 236th day of 2023. There are 129 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: On Aug. 24, A.D. 79, long-dormant Mount Vesuvius erupted, burying the Roman cities of Pompeii and Herculaneum in volcanic ash; an estimated 20,000 people died.

On this date:
In 1814, during the War of 1812, British forces invaded Washington, D.C., setting fire to the still-under-

construction Capitol and the White House, as well as other public buildings.

In 1932, Amelia Earhart embarked on a 19-hour flight from Los Angeles to Newark, New Jersey, making her the first woman to fly solo, non-stop, from coast to coast.

In 1949, the North Atlantic Treaty came into force.

In 1954, President Dwight D. Eisenhower signed the Communist Control Act, outlawing the Communist Party in the United States.



Lee Hamilton

Hoosier Opinions



The 5 mistakes of Donald Trump

As Donald Trump appears in court to face his 91st felony charge since April (with a possible 700 years in prison!) many Republicans correctly believe that he is in the crosshairs of a deeply politicized justice system — one that has bent over backward to protect the Biden family while using novel legal theories to target the former president.

But it is also clear that Trump bears much responsibility for his predicament. To see why, consider five disastrous choices Trump made over the past three years — mistakes that have given his enemies the pretext to go after him in court, while alienating swing voters and undermining his chances of winning back the presidency.

Mistake No. 1: Imagine how different things would be today if, after exhausting his legal challenges to the 2020 election, Trump had presided over a smooth transition. Imagine if, even without conceding he lost, he invited Joe Biden to the White House as Barack Obama had invited Trump, attended Biden's inauguration and left office graciously — with a MacArthur-esque farewell address promising that he would return in four years' time. There would have been no "Stop the Steal" rally in Washington, no Jan. 6, 2021, riot at the Capitol and no second impeachment.

Mistake No. 2: Instead of contesting certified election results accepted by Georgia's popular Republican governor, Brian Kemp, Trump should have focused his attention on turning out his loyal base in Georgia to save the GOP majority in the U.S. Senate by winning the two runoff elections. He could have left office with a major political victory under his belt and momentum toward a 2024 run — and would have been able to take credit for a GOP Senate reining in the Biden administration. Instead, his false fraud claims depressed GOP turnout, handed Senate control to the Democrats and enabled Biden to ram through trillions in new spending with Democratic votes alone, which helped unleash the worst inflation in four decades.

Mistake No. 3: When it was discovered that he had taken highly classified materials to Mar-a-Lago, Trump could have cooperated and handed over the documents, rather than reportedly ordering aides to hide documents and delete security footage.

Mistake No. 4: Instead of spending the past three years railing against the "rigged election" (a claim that 70 percent of Americans reject), Trump should have focused on Biden's failings in office. Trump should have contrasted Biden's disastrous policies with his many successes, and reminded the record 56 percent of voters who told Gallup just before Election Day 2020 that they were better off under Trump than they

had been four years earlier how good they had it when he was in office. Imagine if his message had been "Miss me yet?" instead of "I am your retribution."

Mistake No. 5: Rather than saddling the GOP with midterm candidates whose main or only qualification was parroting his election denial, Trump could have backed electable candidates and used his \$100 million-plus war chest to help Republicans take back the Senate and win an overwhelming House majority in 2022 — thus getting credit for propelling the GOP back into power on Capitol Hill.

If Trump had done these things, he would be facing no criminal charges, except perhaps the flimsy indictment brought by Manhattan District Attorney Alvin Bragg. No serious Republicans would be challenging him for the GOP nomination. He would be raising and spending millions for attack ads against Democrats instead of using campaign funds to pay his mounting legal bills. And he would likely have a double-digit lead over Biden in the polls. Indeed, Biden would probably be the one facing serious primary challengers and calls to step aside for the good of the party. Amid the Democratic weakness and infighting, Trump could be cruising toward victory as the 47th president of the United States — possibly in a landslide.

Instead, Trump spent the past three years relentlessly promoting election lies, putting revenge ahead of victory at the polls, costing his party Senate control, alienating swing voters who will decide the next presidential election, and diverting millions of dollars away from beating Democrats and toward his legal defense. So, yes, Democrats are weaponizing the justice system against Trump. But Trump is clearly the author of his own misery.

Do we need to clean house in the Justice Department? Absolutely. But Republicans can't do that if Biden wins a second term. Right now, 63 percent of Americans say they won't vote for Trump in 2024, including a 53 percent majority who say they "definitely" won't vote for him, an AP-NORC poll found last week. That would leave in charge at the Justice Department the same people who went after Trump while trying to give Hunter Biden a pass.

In other words, if GOP voters really want to rally around Trump, the best way to do so is to choose another nominee — someone who can beat Biden, pardon Trump and take on the administrative state.

If Republicans nominate Trump, he will likely lose — and go to jail.

Marc A. Thiessen is on Twitter, @marcthiessen.



Marc Thiessen

Those carnations, how they do go wild

Mom used to ask, "Can you quit being so wild?"

That memory probably came from days when the rain fell hard and summer playtime happened inside the house. Mom had too much to do all day to play with children inside.

It was the wringer washer era. Each piece was lifted out and run through the wringer into a galvanized rinse wash tub, later to be wringered and hand-wrung before taken outside to the clothes line. We owned no dryer.

On rainy days, clothesline ropes stretched from the dining room, through the living room, and into the parlor and back. Clothing hung inside until dry. Siblings raced between hanging pieces of clothing, zig-zagging like it was a ski slalom course in August. The action grew so strenuous it turned childhood cheeks pink. Connected clothespins shaped into airplanes flew fast between shirtsleeves and underwear.

More than likely that's where the phrase originated, "Can you quit being so wild? Tarnation."

That wild-tarnation story finally brought Angelkeep to the subject at hand. Not wild tarnation, but wild carnation. It's a stretch as to how those two topics segue and link. It is the way things happen at Angelkeep. We'd have it no other way.

Wild carnations seemed to appear out of nowhere at Angelkeep. The hot pink color, though very small, with its half-inch diameter single bloom, stood out amid all the brownish-green growth along the edge of the chipped limestone driveway.

Once upon a time, it had been sometime since a rain of any proportion soaked the earth. Other blooms

Angelkeep Journals

withered. A lone stalk with the hot pink four-petal pod stood out.

A photo inspired investigation as to the name and type of this unknown flower. Had it ever been featured in Angelkeep Journals? Much remained unknown. Enlightenment relied on Googling "four-petal pink wildflower."

The world has been overrun with pink wildflowers. Google ignored the fact the request had been for a four-petal bloom. All forms of higher count pink petal flowers were identified. No photo compared to Angelkeep's four-petal pink.

Angelkeep was too smart to think it had discovered the world's first four-petal pink bloom.

A wild carnation looked very promising. The size matched. Color matched. Leaves appeared similar. However Google indicated wild carnations as five-petal. Typically they grew in clumps of stalks. Angelkeep had but a single stalk topped with only four hot pink petals.

Had the rain been more frequent, the lawn would have been mowed more often. The four-petal pink bloom would have been lopped off long before any hot pink popped.

To be honest, the thought had occurred that perhaps the plant had been rubbed by a local critter and a petal lost. The "reason of four" could never be determined. Over time,



Alan Daugherty

other locations at Angelkeep began to sprout single stalks with hot pink petals. Nearly all discovered after the initial sighting had petals countable on all five fingers. Apparently the first sighted had been a fluke of nature, or a one-petal causality due to critter contact.

The newly found pinks, now considered to be the common pink wildflower, popped up all over Angelkeep. Some Angelkeep areas continued to be saved from the lawn mower. Certain spots remained as natural habitat for animals. At other areas, such as under trees, the grass continued to grow slow due to insufficient rainfall. These areas offered a fresh peek at hot pink plants perpetuating prolonged perplexity and pondering.

Some places grew multiple plants in close proximity. None held multiple stalks coming from a single root system. All seemed to be its own plant. A single bloom bearing five petals topped each.

Questions remained about the four-petal pink. Why only four, when all of its Angelkeep cousins bloomed with five? Where did they come from? Angelkeep recalled potting "pinks" years ago. Did they grow wild from that potted plant? Had they been growing for years, simply overlooked? What's a dianthus?

One fun part of gardening and nature was the fact full disclosure remained unnecessary to enjoy either. "Please, please, please, Angelkeep, never stop being so wild."

Full laundry disclosure: Angelkeep occasionally continued the tradition of hanging a few pieces of wash on hangers to dry inside the house.

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

The News-Banner

(USPS 059-200)

Evening News est. 1892 • Evening Banner est. 1899 • Consolidated 1929

News-Banner Publications, Inc.

George B. Witwer, Chairman of the Board
Doug Brown, President, Publisher
Dianne Witwer, Secretary/Treasurer

Periodicals Postage Paid at Bluffton, IN 46714. Published every day except Sundays and principal holidays at 125 N. Johnson St., Bluffton IN 46714, Post Office Box 436

Holly Gaskill, Editor
Mark Miller, Opinion Page Editor

Historical quilt taking honors at 1982 museum quilt show returns to Wells Historical Museum



The 1982 Wells County Historical Quilt has found a home at the Wells County Historical Museum as museum members Connie Brubaker, upper left; Lynn Elliott, upper right; and Marcia Hottopp, lower left, help display it along with Barbara Barbieri, lower right, representing the Creative Arts Council, donors of the quilt. (Photo by Jim Hotopp for the Historical Society)

By **BARBARA BARBIERI**

Back in the 1980's the Wells County Historical Society sponsored a yearly Quilt Show and for the one held in June of 1982 one of the quilt entries was one sponsored and quilted by the Cotton Patch (then a local fabric store located on South Johnson St. in Bluffton).

It was designed, appliquéd and quilted by women of Wells County and after taking honors in the Quilt Show was donated to the Wells County Creative Arts Council to be auctioned off during a Junefest Fund-raiser.

Janet Heller (Mrs. Donald) of Rockford in Rockcreek Twp. was the winner of the quilt. Most recently it again became the property of the Creative Arts Council and they in turn are donating it to the Historical Society—the place where a historical quilt should find a home.

Joyce Carney of Uniondale was the chairman of the committee that created the quilt under the leadership of Lucy Venis, owner of the Cotton Patch. Artists who designed the squares included Eva Rhodes, Roz Collins, Marcella Hart and Don Thompson with Venis and Virginia Johnson selecting the overall quilting pattern.

The appliqueing and sewing of the quilt blocks were done by the following county residents: Martha Eiche: Cardinal bird; Beverly Rich: Bridge and Deam Oak; Carolyn Huvendick: Indiana's state flag, Church and Brown Squirrel; Marcella Phegley: Black Squirrel; Leota Kline: Map; Barbara Barbieri: Creative Arts Council logo; Marti Moser: Piano and Oil Derrick; Sarah Reinhard: Wells County Courthouse; Marion Skelton: Corn; Francis Smith: Ouabache Park; Lorene Metz: Iris; Diana Sell: Tulip Tree; Birdena Day: Quail; Mary Speheger: Indian, Farm and Red Squirrel; Martha Allen: Sports equipment, School, Pheasant, Fire Truck and Brown Squirrel.

At the quilt show Sell's Tulip Tree took 1st place for Workmanship while Speheger's Farm took 2nd place for workmanship.

The quilt also was displayed at a Berne Quilt show in 1982.

Creative Arts Council Executive Director Janiece Lipsey explains she doesn't know how the quilt was back with her organization, but during the council's move to the current site it was "uncovered." And she explains, "We are glad they are willing to treasure it and give it a new home."

Gloria returns next week but shares a recipe in her absence

Editor's Note: Gloria is taking a deserved late-summer break. Her column will return next week with a special family guest writer and then Gloria will return. She thanks readers for their well-wishes and encouragement.

Meanwhile, enjoy this recipe from the Amish Cook archives, perfect and refreshing for a hot late-summer day!

The Amish Cook

by Gloria Yoder



SUMMER MELON SALAD

- 1 container of strawberries
- 2 containers of blackberries
- 1 half cantaloupe melon
- 1 half watermelon
- 1 half of honey dew melon
- 1 half of canary melon
- 1 half of a pineapple

Wash all the fruit that needs it. Use an ice cream scoop to scoop out balls of melon or cut it and chop it. Put all the fruit into one big bowl. Mix thoroughly. Serve and enjoy!

Fall Outdoor Soccer registration ending soon at the YMCA

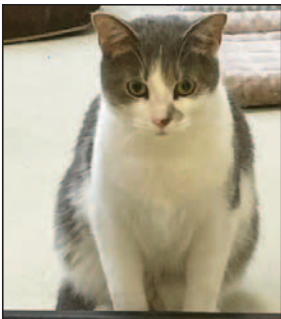
The Caylor-Nickel Foundation Family YMCA is hosting an outdoor soccer league this fall. Register by Sunday, Aug. 27.

The league will run from Sept. 9 through Oct. 21. Games will be Saturdays and will include one or two practices depending on

age division. The fee for the league is \$40 for YMCA members or \$80 for non-members.

For more information contact call 260-565-9627 or email Ashley_Vandenboom@fwymca.org.

A Talk with Tego



Aeros is a one-year-old, domestic short hair, neutered male.



Hazel is a two-year-old, tortoiseshell female.



Loki is a one-year-old, domestic short hair, neutered male.



Tego

Tego's Tips: Aeros and Loki are bonded brothers and will be adopted together.

These are just a few pets available for adoption at the Wells County Animal Shelter, 1613 W. Cherry St., Bluffton. For more information call 824-6063.

Weekend car shows at 4H Park

Moon Pie Mania Car, Truck, Bike and Camper show this Saturday

The Moon Pie Mania show will be held Saturday, Aug. 26 at the Wells County 4H Park. Registration will be 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. The band Wild Card Rumble will perform at 1 p.m. The show includes a Pinstripers Charity Auction and finishes with awards and door prizes at 4 p.m.



Midwest Rat Rod Rumble and Rockabilly show on Sunday

The Midwest Rat Rod Rumble will be held Sunday, Aug. 27 at the Wells County 4H Park. Registration will be 8 a.m. to noon. The band Hot Rod Kings will perform at 1 p.m. with Memories of the King featuring Brent Cooper following afterwards. The show includes a Pin-Up Contest and finishes with awards at 3 p.m.



Eagle head wood carving to be given away to a veteran

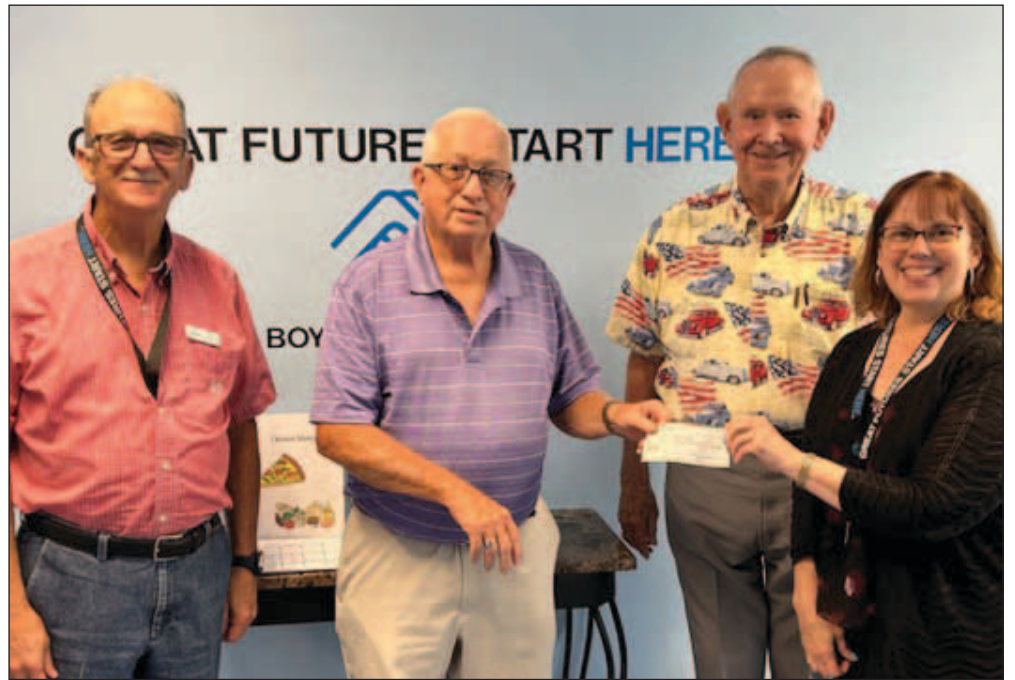
Sid King will be giving the eagle head wood carving, shown at right, to a veteran during the Moon Pie Mania show on Saturday, Aug. 26. Any veteran is eligible for the drawing, you aren't required to have a car in the show. Register in person Saturday at the Wells County 4H Park. Must be present to win. No purchase necessary.



Lancaster Chapel to host ice cream social

The Lancaster Chapel United Methodist Church, 4510E-400N, will host a homemade ice cream social from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 26. The menu includes coney dogs, sloppy

joes, pie, cake, and beverages. Freewill donations will be accepted for the Wells Community Boys and Girls Club and the sidewalk awning project.



Check for entrance renovation

Representatives of the First United Methodist's Men's group, Gary Boone and Paul Reiff, center, are shown presenting a check to Boys & Girls Club representatives, Gene Bell, at left, and Vicki Bell, at right. The funds will be used to renovate the club's entrance to concrete making it more walker and wheelchair friendly for all. The donor bricks, currently lining the walkway, will be incorporated into the design. Serving as Resource Development officer Gene Bell explained that this is just one of the many ways the men's club have assisted with club needs over the years. (Photo provided)

Online Directory

Check out these websites of local & area companies and businesses.

 dazeys.com/bluffton-in	 abovebeyondrecon.com	 thegmcfamily.com	
 jcsgaragedoor.com	 daniels-jewelers.net	 kellysautocollision.com	 fishersgaragedoors.com
 3riversfcu.org	 myersfuneralhomes.com	 steffengroup.com	 steffinancial.com
 riverstonedental.net	 blufftontire.com	 www.lifeheritage.org	 Find Us On Facebook
 icav.us	 hidaymotors.com	 EdwardJones.com	 myblufftonsfagent.com
 lengerichmeats.com	 jerryflackinsuranceandinvestments.com	 lafontainecenter.org	 homecourthomecare.com
 stillwatersfamilydentistry.com	 bi-countyservices.com	 thomarich.com	 nb-digital.com

Have a Website? Tell the World!

Ask for our latest Website visitor statistics!
The power of print and the Internet, working for you! Call 824-0224 for more information.



Week 2 preview: Tigers & Raiders seek win No. 2; can Knights bounce back?

By RYAN WALKER

Last Friday, Wells County went 2-1 in football, with Bluffton and Southern Wells picking up victories over Northfield and Elwood and Norwell falling to Mississinewa.

The Tigers handled their business with ease at Northfield, Southern Wells got its first football win in three years, and Norwell's comeback fell just short by two points at home against Mississinewa.

What can we expect this week? Here is a preview for all three schools in week two.

Bluffton

The Tigers are set to host their first game since winning the sectional 42-35 over Eastbrook. Even after a year has passed, the team looks relatively the same, returning all but two starters.

In the win over Northfield, head coach Brent Kunkel pulled all of his rabbits out of the hat, even some we didn't expect.

With the loss of Khameel Moore for now, we saw Ben Ramseyer and Tucker Jenkins split carries in the scrimmage with Norwell, but freshman Cooper Craig stood out the most with his stellar 7-139 on the ground and three scores.

Ramseyer still got over 100 yards, and Jenkins was productive on the ground, through the air, and on defense.

With veteran quarterback Braxton Betancourt's arm and legs, too, teams are in for a ride with this offense.

In week two, Bluffton will face Manchester, who is 1-0 after a 10-point victory over North Miami last week. The Squires had a 2-9 record last year that included a home loss to the Tigers in a rout 42-14.

Manchester breaks in a new head coach and quarterback this season, hiring Eddie Fields, who has had stops in the Fort Wayne area, including at Manchester University.

Though Manchester is more of a ground-and-pound team, new quarterback Logan Eastgate, a junior, completed 8-10 passes for 146 yards and two touchdowns.

On the ground, four rushers had at least seven attempts. The best of the bunch was Reiss Gaerte, with 14 carries, 134 yards (9.6 average), and a score.

It will likely be more of the same from the Squires this Friday, but if Bluffton gets an early lead; I expect Fields to call for plays in the air more often. The Tigers could take that opportunity to pounce, as Eastgate hasn't needed to throw consistently yet in his career.

Southern Wells

I'll keep saying it like a broken record without hesitation: the Raiders won a football game last week.

That was week one, and there are still nine more games to go. So here we are with a tough road game against Madison-Grant (8-3 last year).

The Argyll pounded the Raiders 46-8 in 2022 but graduated their leading rusher.

The game plan is simple: stop the run. According to the only five games documented on MaxPreps, Madison-Grant threw the ball 0 times last year.

The game last week has no stats that I could find, but Madison-Grant got a 58-27 win over Tri-Central.

The Argylls are led by Maverick Mill-

er, who was their top returning back with 11.7 per carry last year (in the five games documented).

Southern Wells also did not throw the ball with just one attempt last week in the 29-26 win at Elwood.

Head coach Jeff Sprunger's plan was to run with multiple players in the Wing-T offense, but Bryar Gearheart was the main hero. The senior led with over 100 yards on the ground, and one of his three touchdowns came late with 5:55 remaining to seal the victory.

Case Boxell contributed 87 yards rushing, and the combination of Tucker Worster, Trey Slusher, and Owen King got time, too.

It'll be a tall task, but with the win last week, these boys are playing some inspired football.

Norwell

If you told me that the county went 2-1 last week, Norwell would have been my last pick for the one loss.

I was at the home opener for the Knights, and I still can't believe how quickly the game turned after a 64-yard pick-six by Mississinewa.

Norwell played bully ball early, as newly named starting quarterback Drew Graft crafted a great first drive with a little bit of everything for a touchdown.

Still with a marginal 14-7 lead at the half, I was convinced of a win, but the Indians played spoiler and converted just about every single situational third and fourth down on offense.

Unfortunately for Norwell, it doesn't get much easier as the Knights will meet with Delta on its home turf in week two. The Eagles got some receiving votes in the first AP Poll on Tuesday, while Norwell did not.

The Eagles defeated Muncie Central 35-14 last week behind a four-touchdown game from running back Nolan Carpenter.

The Eagles can sling it, too, with Bronson Edwards, who tossed 185 yards and a score.

In Graft's debut behind center, he was able to make plays as a true dual-threat quarterback. He didn't overdo it running the ball, had a nice balance through the air, and utilized his skills well with 157 passing yards and two touchdowns.

Trey Bodenheimer was the beneficiary of that, catching four passes and gaining 107 yards.

What I'm looking for in the Knights in week two is a bounce-back in all phases on both sides of the ball.

Can the young offensive line help Norwell run the ball more effectively? Timothy Bonjour went for 23-80 last week, but with more lanes to run through his breakout speed.

To me, this is a perfect game for Norwell to get right with and gain some confidence opening conference play with a title contender, Leo, coming into Ossian.

sports@news-banner.com



Ryan Walker



Bluffton running back Cooper Craig powers his way toward the end zone during the second half of Friday night's game against Northfield. The Tigers kicked off the season with a 47-6 victory over the Noresmen. (Photo by Chad Kline)

High School Calendar

THURSDAY, AUGUST 24	VOLLEYBALL: Northfield at Bluffton, 6 p.m.
BOYS TENNIS: Adams Central at Norwell, 5 p.m.	TUESDAY, AUGUST 29
GIRLS GOLF: East Noble at Norwell, 4:30 p.m.; Southern Wells at Delta, 5 p.m.	BOYS SOCCER: Norwell at Belmont, 6:30 p.m.
VOLLEYBALL: Norwell at Woodlan, 7:30 p.m.; Churubusco at Bluffton, 7:15 p.m.; Southern Wells at Mississinewa, 7:30 p.m.	BOYS TENNIS: Norwell at Carroll, 4:30 p.m.; Bluffton at Manchester, 5 p.m.
FRIDAY, AUGUST 25	CROSS COUNTRY (CO-ED): Bluffton, Norwell, Southern Wells at Bi-County Meet at South Adams, 5 p.m.
BOYS TENNIS: Blackhawk Christian at Norwell, 4:30 p.m.	GIRLS GOLF: Norwell at DeKalb, 4:30 p.m.; Bluffton at South Adams, 4:30 p.m.
FOOTBALL: Norwell at Delta, 7:30 p.m.; Manchester at Bluffton, 7 p.m.; Southern Wells at Madison-Grant, 7 p.m.	GIRLS SOCCER: Belmont at Norwell, 6:30 p.m.
SATURDAY, AUGUST 26	VOLLEYBALL: Southern Wells at Norwell, 7:30 p.m.; Bluffton at Marion, 6 p.m.
BOYS TENNIS: Bluffton at JV Invitational at Norwell, 9 a.m.	WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 30
CROSS COUNTRY (CO-ED): Norwell, Southern Wells at Taylor University Invitational, 9 a.m.; Bluffton at Oak Hill CC Invitational, 10 a.m.	BOYS TENNIS: Bluffton at Wayne, 5 p.m.
GIRLS GOLF: Bluffton, Norwell, Southern Wells at Bi-County Meet at Timber Ridge, 8 a.m.	VOLLEYBALL: Norwell at Wayne, 6:45 p.m.
GIRLS SOCCER: Norwell at Columbia City, 11:30 a.m.	THURSDAY, AUGUST 31
VOLLEYBALL: Norwell at Prairie Heights Invitational, 9 a.m.; Southern Wells hosts Raider 4-Way 1A Invitational, 9 a.m.	BOYS SOCCER: Jay County at Norwell, 6:30 p.m.
MONDAY, AUGUST 28	BOYS TENNIS: Norwell at Columbia City, 5 p.m.
BOYS TENNIS: Bluffton at Leo, 5 p.m.	GIRLS GOLF: Huntington North at Norwell, 4:30 p.m.; Heritage at Bluffton, 5:30 p.m.; South Adams/Woodlan at Southern Wells, 5 p.m.
GIRLS GOLF: Concordia at Bluffton, 4:30 p.m.	GIRLS SOCCER: Norwell at Jay County, 5 p.m.
	VOLLEYBALL: South Adams at Norwell, 7:30 p.m.; Manchester at Bluffton, 6 p.m.

Yan Gomes' single breaks a late tie as the Cubs defeat the Tigers

By LARRY LAGE

AP Sports Writer

DETROIT (AP) — Yan Gomes hit a tie-breaking, two-out single in the eighth inning and the playoff-contending Chicago Cubs beat the Detroit Tigers 6-4 on Wednesday.

Detroit's Kerry Carpenter hit a grand slam in the sixth inning off Jameson Taillon that tied the game at 4-all, but his teammates didn't do much else at the plate.

The Cubs have won 24 of their last 34 games and took two of three from the Tigers, improving to 9-1-1 in their last 11 series.

Chicago currently holds the second NL wild-card spot in what looks like a six-team race for three spots, and is trying to challenge NL Central-leading Milwaukee and stay ahead of division rival Cincinnati.

"We've got a little over a month left of the season, and we get to play a lot of those teams that are around us and ahead of us," Cubs manager David Ross said. "This is what you sign up for. This is what I signed up for. This team has done a nice job of being really resilient in tough times and continuing to push through."

Julian Merryweather (5-1) struck out three in 1 1/3 innings. Adbert Alzolay pitched the ninth, striking out Jake Rogers with runners on second and third for his 19th save — converting on his 15th straight opportunity.

In the eighth, Ian Happ had a one-out infield hit against Beau Brieske (0-2), who walked Seiya Suzuki with two outs and then yielded Gomes' single to left.

Nico Hoerner's sacrifice fly in the ninth gave the Cubs a two-run cushion.

Chicago led 4-0 through four innings, scoring each run with two-out hits.

The Cubs went ahead 1-0 in the second when former Tigers infielder Jeimer Candelario hit his 37th double of the season.

Cody Bellinger's two-run single in the third and Nick Madrigal's RBI single gave Chicago a four-run cushion that seemed comfortable with the way Taillon was pitching. The right-hander didn't give up a hit through five innings, getting some help from Bellinger tracking down drives to the warning track in center.

Andy Ibanez, who hit two homers for Detroit in Tuesday's win, broke through with a leadoff single in the sixth on an 0-2 fastball over the middle of the plate.

Jake Rogers and Akil Baddo followed with singles to load the bases, and Carpenter cleared them with two outs. His grand slam to right-center was his 20th homer of the season.

"We did come alive in the sixth and had really good at-bats, but we didn't really see (Taillon) well early," Tigers manager A.J. Hinch said.

Taillon gave up four runs on four hits and a walk while striking out six over 5 2/3 innings.

"I just need to make one more pitch, and I wasn't quite able to do that," he said.

Michael Rucker replaced Taillon and combined with Merryweather and Alzolay for 3 1/3 innings of scoreless relief.

HE SAID IT

The rebuilding Tigers fell to 58-69, but players such as Carpenter and Spencer Torkelson, who has 23 homers, are generating some hope for the franchise's future.

"That's a better team than their record over there, with all those young guys swinging it well," Ross said. "The heart of their order is really deep and young and talented."

UP NEXT

Cubs: LHP Justin Steele (14-3, 2.80 ERA) is expected to start Thursday's series opener at Pittsburgh.

Tigers: Following a day off, Detroit RHP Matt Manning (5-4, 4.31) is scheduled to start Friday night against visiting Houston.



ACC progressing toward the west with Stanford, Cal, SMU

By RALPH D. RUSSO
AP College Football Writer

The Atlantic Coast Conference is making progress toward an expansion that could grab Stanford and California from the sink-

ing Pac-12, a person with direct knowledge of the ACC's potential move told The Associated Press on Wednesday.

The person spoke on condition of anonymity because the conference was not making its internal discussions public.

"It's gaining momentum," the person said about the possibility of expansion being approved.

Two weeks ago, the ACC got so far as to gather its entire board of university leaders twice in three days to consider adding Stanford, Cal and possibly SMU, the Dallas-based American Athletic Conference school. They never took an official vote, knowing they would not have had the necessary 12 of 15 votes for expansion to be approved.

How new revenue generated by adding members to the conference would be distributed has been a sticking point for several schools, among them Florida State, Clemson and North Carolina.

But expansion was never a dead issue.

The person said Commissioner Jim Phillips has continued to work on a revenue distribution model that would direct a large portion of the money ESPN would pay the conference to cover three new members to a pool that pays out performance-based bonuses.

The person said the league was trying to arrange a meeting of its athletic directors for Thursday, but there was no meeting of the full board of presidents and chancellors yet scheduled.

ACC leaders earlier this year agreed to a "success incentive initiative" that would allow schools to earn more money generated from their own post-season performances. Media rights revenue is shared equally in the ACC, but expansion could force a shift in that philosophy.

Schools joining a new conference often receive reduced shares of revenue. Stanford last week informed Pac-12 partners Oregon State and Washington State that it had told the ACC it was open to join for a drastically reduced share or even no media rights revenue for several years.

The Pac-12 has been stripped of eight members, who have already announced they will join either the Big Ten or Big 12 in August 2024.

That has left Stanford and Cal desperate to find another power conference home. The westernmost ACC school is Notre Dame in South Bend, Indiana, though the Fighting Irish remain a football independent that plays a limited number of ACC opponents each season.

The westernmost football member of the ACC is Louisville, 2,300 miles from the Bay Area in California. Most ACC schools are located on the East Coast.

ESPN first reported the ACC was ramping up its expansion conversations.



News-Banner Scoreboard

FOOTBALL

High School

6A	
Rcd	TP
1. Indpls Ben Davis	1-0 292
2. Indpls Cathedral	1-0 274
3. Center Grove	0-1 258
4. Hamilton Southeastern	1-0 248
5. Brownsburg	1-0 216
6. Westfield	1-0 160
7. Carmel	1-0 124
8. Fishers	1-0 98
9. Penn	1-0 82
10. Crown Point	1-0 46

Others receiving votes: Carroll (Fort Wayne) 36. Homestead 14. Lawrence Central 10. Warsaw 8. Lawrence North 2. Noblesville 2.

5A	
Rcd	TP
1. Ft. Wayne Snider	1-0 326
2. Whiteland	1-0 306
3. Merrillville	1-0 288
4. Bloomington South	1-0 236
5. Mishawaka	1-0 196
6. Lafayette Harrison	1-0 158
7. Valparaiso	0-1 136
8. Decatur Central	1-0 108
9. Bloomington North	1-0 98
10. Concord	1-0 44

Others receiving votes: Franklin 38. Plainfield 38. Ev. North 34. Ft. Wayne North 26. LaPorte 4. Ft. Wayne Dwenger 2. Castle 2.

4A	
Rcd	TP
1. E. Central	1-0 350
2. Indpls Roncalli	1-0 316
3. Ev. Reitz	1-0 262
4. NorthWood	1-0 222
5. Kokomo	1-0 184
6. New Palestine	0-1 170
7. Ev. Memorial	1-0 122
8. Northridge	1-0 86
9. Columbia City	1-0 72
10. Greenfield	1-0 46

Others receiving votes: Hobart 38. Indpls Brebeuf 34. New Prairie 24. Leo 14. Martinsville 14. E. Noble 8. Missis-sinewa 6. Mooresville 6. Northview 6.

3A	
Rcd	TP
1. Indpls Cathol	1-0 360
2. Guerin Catholic	1-0 274
3. Tri-West	1-0 228
4. Western Boone	1-0 168
5. Lawrenceburg	0-1 152
6. W. Lafayette	0-1 144
7. Hanover Central	1-0 142
8. Heritage Hills	1-0 124
9. Gibson Southern	0-1 116
10. Oak Hill	1-0 94

Others receiving votes: Yorktown 58. Danville 30. Owen Valley 24. Peru 14. Monrovia 14. Southridge 12. Delta 8. Charlestown 8. Knox 8. Fairfield 2.

2A	
Rcd	TP
1. Ev. Mater Dei	1-0 340
2. Triton Central	1-0 288
3. Lafayette Catholic	1-0 224
4. Linton	1-0 220
5. Indpls Scecina	1-0 206
6. Eastbrook	1-0 184
7. Brownstown	1-0 110
8. Andean	0-1 104
9. LaVille	1-0 70
10. Ft. Wayne Luers	0-1 58

Others receiving votes: Rochester 46. Heritage Christian 44. N. Posey 36. Bluffton 26. Eastside 16. S. Vermillion 6. Sullivan 2.

1A	
Rcd	TP
1. Indpls Lutheran	1-0 340
2. Adams Central	1-0 306
3. N. Judson	1-0 250
4. N. Decatur	1-0 216
5. Carroll (Flora)	1-0 180
6. S. Putnam	1-0 150
7. Providence	1-0 104
8. S. Adams	1-0 102
9. Indpls Park Tudor	1-0 90
10. Sheridan	0-1 52

Others receiving votes: Triton 30. Tri 26. W. Washington 8. Pioneer 6. Madison-Grant 6. Covenant Christian 4.

BASKETBALL

WNBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE			
	W	L	Pct
x-New York	25	7	.781
x-Connecticut	23	10	.697
Atlanta	16	17	.485
Washington	15	18	.455
Chicago	13	20	.394
Indiana	9	24	.273

WESTERN CONFERENCE			
	W	L	Pct
x-Las Vegas	29	4	.879
Dallas	18	15	.545
Minnesota	16	17	.485

Former USC star Reggie Bush plans lawsuit against NCAA

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Former Southern California running back Reggie Bush plans to file a defamation lawsuit against the NCAA over a statement made by college sports' governing body about the reasoning for its decision not to restore the Heisman Trophy winner's records.

Bush and his attorneys at McCathern PLLC announced the lawsuit Wednesday in the rented President's Suite atop the Coliseum, the Trojans' home for the past 100 years. The Peristyle end of the venerable stadium features large banners honoring all of USC's eight Heisman winners except current quarterback Caleb Williams and Bush, who is hoping to clear up his current murky status in college football history.

Bush is filing the suit as part of his quest to reclaim the Heisman he voluntarily returned in 2010 after the school was hit with heavy NCAA sanctions related to improper financial benefits he received during his playing career.

"I've got dreams of coming back in this stadium and running out of that tunnel with the football team," Bush said. "I've got dreams of walking back in here and seeing my jersey and my banner right down there next to the rest of the Heisman Trophy winners. But I can't rightfully do that without my Heisman Trophy."

Bush is suing over a statement issued in July 2021 describing the star's playing career at USC as a "pay-for-play" arrangement. The NCAA used the phrase while detailing why it wouldn't restore the records of Bush's playing career, which the Heisman Trust has cited as the next step in returning Bush's trophy.

"The NCAA's statement is completely false and highly offensive," a statement from Bush's lawyers read. "The NCAA knew Mr. Bush was never even accused of, involved in, much less sanctioned for any 'pay-for-play' arrangement" which never occurred."

The NCAA didn't immediately respond to Bush's lawsuit.

"Pay-for-play" typically refers to a different type of improper benefit arrangement than the one which the NCAA cited in leveling USC's sanctions. The NCAA claimed Bush accepted extra benefits from people not affiliated with USC who hoped to cash in on Bush's professional career as agents or sports marketers. Bush played 11 seasons with five NFL teams after New Orleans chose him with the second overall pick in 2006.

"Not only is it not true, but there is no evidence to even support that claim," Bush said. "It wasn't even part of the initial NCAA investigation, so this is a new accusation as far as I'm concerned. That's what this lawsuit is about. It's about truth, getting the facts out and holding the NCAA accountable, which I think is maybe the first time in my memory that this has happened, someone holding them accountable for their actions and what they've done in regards to me and other players as well."

Two years ago, after NCAA athletes were given the right to profit off their name, image and likeness rights, the Heisman Trust issued a statement saying it would look "forward to welcoming (Bush) back to the Heisman family" if the NCAA formally restored its recognition of Bush's accomplishments. The NCAA subsequently issued the statement that sparked Bush's lawsuit.

The NCAA's sanctions against USC included a two-year bowl ban, 14 vacated victories and severe scholarship restrictions. Bush also was required to "disassociate" from USC for 10 years.

That ban ended in 2020, and USC has already welcomed back one of the greatest running backs in school history. Bush wants to take the next step in restoring the luster to one of the greatest careers in college football history.

"When the (new) NIL (rules) came out, I thought that I would at least be able to get my Heisman Trophy back, at least have those things restored to me," Bush said. "That was a horrible feeling, and it's something that still sticks out in my mind."

Lions hoping Montgomery, Gibbs can keep running game going in a positive direction

By PAULA PASCHE Associated Press

ALLEN PARK, Mich. (AP) — The Detroit Lions are counting on running backs David Montgomery, in his fifth season, and rookie Jahmyr Gibbs to give them a strong running game for the second straight season.

Neither played in last week's preseason loss to the Jaguars and they likely won't see action in the preseason finale on Friday at Carolina. The pair flashed during training camp which wrapped up on Wednesday at the Lions practice facility.

"Seeing those guys in the explosive runs really takes your eyes back to what we've been focusing on in our room for a long time is our O-line. They were fantastic, some of those holes I think I could've gotten through," assistant head coach Scottie Montgomery said on Wednesday. "Collectively, what I did like to see from those guys is what we did on the second level, our O-line is getting us to the second level, sometimes even to the third level."

Gibbs, drafted 12th overall, has been a good fit from the get-go.

"We kind of opened it up, we said we were going to slowly give it to him at the beginning, then we just kind of threw it all at him," Scottie Montgomery said. "Physically he's been on point. He's quick, he's fast, he sets blocks."

The Lions ranked 11th in the NFL with 2,179 rushing yards in 2022 with RBs Jamaal Williams and D'Andre Swift who are no longer with the team. It was the team's best team rushing production since 1997 when the Lions ranked second with

2,464 yards — 2,053 of those from Hall of Famer Barry Sanders.

Expectations are high.

"I think it's going to be lethal, I think it's going to be real deadly," Montgomery said of his pairing with Gibbs. "Jah does some special things and I think I can do a lot of special things too. It'll be fun to be able to get behind those guys up front, the way the wide receivers block too."

During an intersquad full contact scrimmage on Tuesday, Gibbs' scampered nearly 30 yards for a touchdown and Montgomery scored from 1 yard out.

"I know me, I like getting hit so I've got to get out there and make sure I get hit every now and then so I get my pads loose so I can be ready to run into somebody," said David Montgomery who played for the Bears the past four years.

He calls the adjustment "pretty smooth."

"I mean every day he gets more and more comfortable with what we're doing and look, it's a long year too. You can try to do everything you can possibly do to be like you're going to be ready for Week 1 — and you are and we are, but God dang, man, it's a long season," coach Dan Campbell said.

Scottie Montgomery credits the veteran running back in the development of Gibbs.

"The level of professionalism you learn not from coaches, you learn from your peers. That's what you do," Montgomery said. "When I came in as a rookie, I had great guys around me, this is the standard, the standard is set. If you get off the standard you're not worried about your coach saying something you're worried about the rest of the room saying something."

Palacios has 3 hits as Cardinals beat Pirates to avoid a sweep

By WES CROSBY Associated Press

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Richie Palacios had a career-best three hits and drove in two runs, and the St. Louis Cardinals beat the Pittsburgh Pirates 6-4 on Wednesday to avoid a three-game sweep.

Palacios capped a three-run first inning with a two-run double, singled in his next two at-bats and walked in the ninth. The 26-year-old had his first three-hit performance in 61 major league games.

The last-place Cardinals had lost six of seven and were outscored 17-4 in the first two games of the series.

JoJo Romero struck out three in the final two innings for his third save, allowing an RBI double from Connor Joe with two outs in the ninth.

Pirates starter Luis Ortiz (2-4) lasted just 3 1/3 innings, surrendering five runs on seven hits and five walks.

The Cardinals went ahead 3-0 in the first thanks to three hits and three walks.

Alec Bursleson got on with a bunt single and scored on Paul Goldschmidt's single to right-center. After Nolan Arenado and Willson Conteras walked, Palacios doubled to right.

Arenado put St. Louis up 5-0 with a two-run double to left after Ortiz walked two more in the second.

Thompson hit Joe with the bases loaded in the third, cutting the lead to four runs.

Ke'Bryan Hayes made it 5-2 with a solo homer in the fifth.



NASCAR CUP SERIES
Coke Zero Sugar 400
Site: Daytona Beach, Florida.
Schedule: Friday, qualifying, 5:05 p.m.; Saturday, race, 7 p.m. (NBC).
Track: Daytona International Speedway.
Last race: William Byron led 66 of the 90 laps, including the last 33, at Watkins Glen to win his series-best fifth race of the season.
Next race: Sept. 3, Darlington, South Carolina.

NASCAR XFINITY SERIES
Wawa 250 Powered by Coca-Cola
Site: Daytona Beach, Florida.
Schedule: Friday, qualifying, 3 p.m., and race, 7:30 p.m. (USA).
Last race: Sam Mayer spun race leader and archrival Ty Gibbs following a late restart at Watkins Glen and won for the second time in four weeks.
Next race: Sept. 2, Darlington, South Carolina.

NASCAR TRUCK SERIES
Clean Harbors 175
Site: West Allis, Wisconsin.
Schedule: Saturday, practice, 2 p.m.; Sunday, qualifying, 11:30 a.m., and race, 4 p.m. (FS1).
Last race: Ty Majeski led 179 of 200 laps at Indianapolis in the first race of the playoffs to guarantee himself a spot in the next round.
Next race: Sept. 8, Kansas City, Kansas.

PRECISION SERVICE
Family, Farm and Fleet Vehicle Repair
FLEET ACCOUNTS AVAILABLE
0520 S. Decker Dr. Bluffton
"The Quality Service You Deserve!"
260-824-9149 ESTIMATES FREE

Bluffton Tire Inc.
1308 S. Main St. Bluffton
10% OFF Discontinued Closeout Tires
1-260-824-0418

HIDAY CHRYSLER
Looking for New Tires for Your Ride?
WE HAVE ALL THE MAJOR BRANDS
BRIDGESTONE GOODYEAR
MICHELIN Firestone

See Us for All Makes and Models of **WeatherTech**

CHRYSLER DODGE Jeep Ram
1791 North Main • Bluffton • 260.824.1931
www.hidaychryslerdodgejeep.com

Service with a Smile!

Barry Scott Service Manager
Mark Foreman Service Consultant
Marion Wells Service Consultant

Hiday Motors
1743 N. Main St., Bluffton • 824-0900

The Classifieds

Place Your Ad 24/7: GO TO www.news-banner.com AND CLICK ON "Classifieds"

OR CALL 824-0224 MON-FRI 8-5 • TOLLFREE 800-579-7476 • FAX 824-0700

WE ACCEPT



SEE your ad published every day in Wells County homes ...
All ads are searchable at classifieds.news-banner.com...

SUDOKU

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

King Classic Sudoku

		3	2	8				5
		2	4					
5	8	1				2		9
		9	3	4			5	
7			5	1			3	
3	4					7		
	3						9	1
6						5		
1				2	3	8	7	

©2023 King Features Syndicate, Inc.

Difficulty: ★★★

8/24

FOR SALE

Used Furniture/Collectibles

KING SIZE BED with newer mattress, \$100, Bluffton, 863-991-1555.

SERVICES

Services

WE DO CONCRETE coatings. Garages, offices, dog kennels, patios and more. Call for free estimate, 260-296-2427.

SERIOUSLY INJURED IN AN AUTO ACCIDENT? Let us fight for you! Our network has recovered millions for clients! Call today for a FREE consultation! 844-517-6414 (I)

ADVERTISE YOUR SERVICES every day in Wells County's most popular daily marketplace! A 20 word, line classified for 2-months is \$97. Contact the Bluffton News-Banner at 125 N. Johnson St., 260-824-0224, or submit on-line at www.news-banner.com, click on classifieds.

Services

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

DIRECTV. NEW 2-YEAR Price Guarantee. The most live MLB games this season, 200+ channels and over 45,000 on-demand titles. \$84.99/mo for 24 months with CHOICE Package. Some restrictions apply. Call DIRECTV 1-888-885-8931 (I)

NEVER PAY FOR Covered Home Repairs Again! Complete Care Home Warranty COVERS ALL MAJOR SYSTEMS AND APPLIANCES. 30 DAY RISK FREE. \$200.00 OFF 2 FREE Months! 1-855-408-3894 (I)

DIAGNOSED WITH LUNG CANCER? You may qualify for a substantial cash award - even with smoking history. NO obligation! We've recovered millions. Let us help!! Call 24/7, 844-229-7933 (I)

Lottery Numbers

Wednesday's Drawings HOOSIER LOTTERY

Cash 5 — 08-15-20-33-36
Lotto Plus — 04-15-17-20-31-45
Cash4Life — 03-27-29-30-47, Cash Ball: 01
Quick Draw Midday — 01-05-10-11-18-19-24-28-44-49-57-63-67-70-72-73-75-76-77-80, BE: 63
Daily Three-Midday — 01-08-07, SB: 09
Daily Three-Evening — 05-03-05, SB: 03
Daily Four-Midday — 08-09-06-04, SB: 09
Daily Four-Evening — 07-03-09-09, SB: 03
Quick Draw Evening — 13-15-18-22-26-27-29-33-38-41-42-48-53-54-55-56-59-60-62-77, BE: 62
Hoosier Lotto — 10-15-26-28-35-46
MEGA MILLIONS
Estimated jackpot (for Friday): \$52 million
POWERBALL
25-30-32-33-55 Powerball: 20; Power Play: 2X

LINE CLASSIFIED AD DEADLINES

Monday editions: Friday by 4 p.m.
Tuesday-Friday editions: day-before by 4 p.m.
Saturdays: Friday by noon

EMPLOYMENT

Help Wanted

WE ARE HIRING
1ST SHIFT
COMPETITIVE WAGES
FULL TIME EMPLOYMENT

APPLY ONLINE AT
[HTTPS://ALH-BUILDING.COM](https://alhbldg.com)

MUST PASS
DRUG SCREEN

MARKLE, IN

RENTALS

Office Space Rental

OFFICE OR RETAIL space. Ready for you with new flooring and paint. 1,188 sq. ft. of open space that can be divided to whatever your needs are. Parking is no problem on this x-large parking lot. Located on north side of Bluffton. Rent includes water & sewer, \$650 a month. Call Jim, (260) 413-8872.

INDIVIDUAL OFFICE SPACE for rent. Located on Market St., across from Courthouse. As low as \$100/mo. Contact 260-827-8943

Public Notices

NOTICE OF HEARING FOR AREA PLAN COMMISSION 8/18/23

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 W. Washington St., in the City of Bluffton, IN at 7:00 o'clock P.M. on the 7th day of September, 2023, for the purpose of reviewing and hearing comment on the request of Judith K Booth, 3930 W 1100 N, Markle, IN 46770 for the purpose of a Division of a Minor Subdivision.

Current Zoning: A-1
Proposed Division of a Minor Subdivision: 7.05 acres w/ 483 ft road frontage

Common Location: The subject property is located at 3930 W 1100 N, Markle, Indiana, 46770

Brief Legal: The subject property is described as 16.44 ac NW/4 9-28N-11E in Union Township of Wells County.

Dated this 18th day of August, 2023

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

oj, nb 8/24 hspaxlp

90C01-2308-EU-000033 STATE OF INDIANA WELLS COUNTY

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF KARYN J. GILLY, Deceased

NOTICE OF UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION

Notice is hereby given that LARRY M. GILLY was, on the 10th day of August, 2023, appointed personal representative of the estate of KARYN J. GILLY, deceased, who died on July 6, 2023, and was authorized to administer said estate without court supervision.

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

Dated this 10th day of August, 2023.

Beth Davis
Clerk, Wells Circuit Court
Timothy K. Babcock
Attorney No. 21526-90
DALE, HUFFMAN & BABCOCK
30 Premier Avenue
Bluffton, Indiana 46714
(260) 824-5566
Attorney for Estate

nb 8/17, 8/24 hspaxlp

August GOODS & SERVICES DIRECTORY

YOUR LOCAL AGENTS, HERE FOR YOU.

INDIANA FARM BUREAU INSURANCE

BLUFFTON OFFICE: (260) 824-2234
1307 Baker Place • Bluffton, IN
Mike Lampton | Michael Towne | Jacob Duncan

Sure-Flo Seamless Gutters

5" & 6" Continuous Gutters
Leaf Protection Systems
Large Color Selection - FREE Estimates
260-888-5062
www.seamlessgutter.net



Jerry Flack & Associates

Jerry Flack & Julie Myers
Retirement Advisors

A Senior Citizen Answers Our Phone!

OFFICE 260-824-1618 • Corner of Main & Market • Bluffton, IN

ASSISTING IN:

- FREE Medicare Supplement Comparison
- Life Planning
- Safe Money Ideas
- Dental - Vision - Hearing

STOR-N-GO STORAGE UNITS
2740 E. 200 N. • Bluffton, IN • 260.273.8345
with Security Cameras

A-1 U-Stor Safe & Secure Self Storage
824-1846

- Safety Lighting • Clean Units
- 24 Hr. Access
- Video Cameras

www.a1-ustor.com

After hours & Saturdays
Call 273-9678 or 824-4782

In Monroe at corner of U.S. 27 and S.R. 124
Office at 1180 N. Main, Bluffton

J&F Wood Working
Custom Cabinet
New Construction
Remodel

Custom Wood Working of Any Kind.

260-223-4243

As a resident of the Wells County community for decades, Attorney, Gerret J. Swearingin, has devoted his legal practice to assisting clients in preserving the family assets from the high cost of Nursing Home and In-Home Healthcare.

As your guide through the "Medicaid Planning" process, Swearingin Elder Law will provide the right path to both protect your life savings and receive the quality of care we all deserve.



SWEARINGIN ELDER LAW

• Medicaid Planning • In-Home Healthcare Planning
• Durable Power of Attorney • Wills, Living Wills, & Advance Healthcare Directives
• Estate Planning & Deeds • Special Needs Trusts
• Long Term Care Planning

(260) 888-9256
FREE INITIAL CONSULTATION!

Primary Contracting, LLC 260-223-4276 Free Estimates

Decks • Garages • Pole Barns • Siding • Remodeling
Metal and Shingle Roofing • Storm Damage • Trim Wood Working and more!

Owner - Edwing Wickey COMPETITIVE RATES!

JC'S GARAGE DOOR SALES & SERVICE
All makes & models • broken springs & cables
Owner: James Fisher • Sales: Carl Fisher
"50 Years of Combined Experience"
Call us at **824-3262**

Wickey Construction
Free Estimate on Metal Roofing & More
260-273-9776

Come See Us for Your CBD Oil Needs

Rx Warren Pharmacy
(260)375-2135

Nature's Sunshine Distributor
222 N. Wayne St., Warren • 1-800-895-7035
Terry Daniels, Pharmacist • Melinda Daniels, RN

The HIDEAWAY BEER & BOURBON

THURSDAY - Dollar Off Drinks (Excludes Pop)

WEDNESDAY - KARAOKE
FRI. & SAT. - Live Music

Follow us on [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/hideawaybluffton) for our events.
123 S JOHNSON ST. • 824-0455

Zap Electric, Inc.
260-824-2927

Commercial-Industrial-Residential
24 Hr. Emergency Service

Charles Miller-Electician
1233 W. Cherry St., Bluffton
FREE Estimates

LANCASTER Senior Apartments
1800 S. Wayne St. | Bluffton

- 1 & 2 Bedrooms
- Maintenance Free
- All Ground-level
- Private Entrances
- Water Included

260 824-5280

TDD: 7-1-1

For those 62+ or disabled, regardless of age.

AMISH CREW
will do roofing, siding, remodeling, pole barns. Specializing in redoing old barns. Free estimates. Call **260-438-2508**

Home Remodel and Repair
Locally Owned

Repair Bowed Basement Walls
Foundations repaired
Floor joist repair or replaced
Concrete • Doors
Windows • Painting
Tile • Small Jobs Welcome

Text me at **260-301-1269**
Jim Baker

LJ Mechanical LLC
Commercial and Residential
All Plumbing Service
Water Softeners and Water Heaters and Water Hookups
Stools and Sinks Tubs
Showers - Fix Leaks
Licensed and Insured

Joseph (260) 402-2676 PLC 12300146#

For as little as **\$123** PER ISSUE
YOUR BUSINESS IN THE NEWS-BANNER Every Day!

Call 824-0224 or 622-4108
Sept. deadline is Tues, Aug. 29!

SUDOKU ANSWER

9	2	8	3	7	6	4	5	1
3	2	9	7	1	8	6	5	4
1	6	7	9	8	4	2	3	5
8	1	2	7	6	9	5	4	3
4	3	6	8	1	9	5	7	2
2	9	9	4	7	3	6	1	8
6	7	2	9	3	1	8	5	4
4	8	3	1	9	7	2	9	6
9	9	1	6	8	2	3	4	7

oj, nb 8/24 hspaxlp

Giuliani turns himself in on Georgia 2020 election charges

By KATE BRUMBACK
Associated Press
ATLANTA (AP) — Rudy Giuliani, Donald Trump's lawyer and confidant, turned himself in at a jail in Atlanta on Wednesday on charges related to efforts to overturn then-President Trump's loss in the 2020 presidential election in Georgia.

The former New York mayor, was indicted last week along with Trump and 17 others. Fulton County District Attorney Fani Willis said they participated in a wide-ranging conspiracy to subvert the will of the voters after the Republican president lost to Democrat Joe Biden in November 2020.

Bond for Giuliani, who was released after booking like the other defendants, was set at \$150,000, second only to Trump's \$200,000.

Giuliani, 79, is accused of spearheading Trump's efforts to compel state law-

makers in Georgia and other closely contested states to ignore the will of voters and illegally appoint electoral college electors favorable to Trump.

Other high-profile defendants also surrendered Wednesday, including Jenna Ellis, an attorney who prosecutors say was involved in efforts to convince state lawmakers to unlawfully appoint presidential electors, and lawyer Sidney Powell, accused of making false statements about the election in Georgia and helping to organize a breach of voting equipment in rural Coffee County.

Georgia was one of several key states Trump lost by slim margins, prompting the Republican and his allies to proclaim, without evidence, that the election was rigged in favor of his Democratic rival Biden.

Giuliani is charged with making false statements and soliciting false testimony,

conspiring to create phony paperwork and asking state lawmakers to violate their oath of office to appoint an alternate slate of pro-Trump electors.

Outside the Fulton County Jail Wednesday afternoon, Giuliani laughed when asked if he regretted allying himself with Trump.

"I am very, very honored to be involved in this case because this case is a fight for our way of life," Giuliani told reporters. "This indictment is a travesty. It's an attack on -- not just me, not just President Trump, not just the people in this indictment, some of whom I don't even know -- this is an attack on the American people."

After Giuliani's surrender, Trump repeated his unfounded claims that the election was rigged and stolen and wrote on his social media site, "The greatest Mayor in the history of New York City was

just ARRESTED in Atlanta, Georgia, because he fought for Election Integrity."

Trump, the early front-runner in the 2024 Republican presidential primary, has said he plans to turn himself in at the Fulton County Jail on Thursday. He and his allies have characterized the investigation as politically motivated and have heavily criticized District Attorney Willis, a Democrat.

Former White House chief of staff Mark Meadows and former Justice Department official Jeffrey Clark are both trying to have the case against them heard in federal court rather than in Fulton County Superior Court. Both argue the actions that gave rise to the charges in the indictment were related to their work as federal officials and that the case should be moved to federal court and the charges against them dismissed.

They had each asked a

judge to allow them to avoid being arrested while those requests are pending. But U.S. District Judge Steve Jones on Wednesday rejected their requests to avoid having to be booked in jail while they fight to move the case to federal court.

Willis has set a deadline of noon on Friday for the people indicted last week in the election subversion case to turn themselves in. Her team has been negotiating bond amounts and conditions with the lawyers for the defendants before they surrender at the jail.

Misty Hampton, who was the Coffee County

elections director when a breach of election equipment happened there, had her bond set at \$10,000. David Shafer, who's a former Georgia Republican Party chair and served as one of 16 fake electors for Trump, and Cathy Latham, who's accused in the Coffee County breach and was also a fake elector, turned themselves in Wednesday morning. Also surrendering Wednesday were lawyers Ray Smith and Kenneth Chesebro, who prosecutors said helped organize the fake electors meeting at the state Capitol in December 2020.

Native American group to digitize 20K archival pages

The pages are linked to Quaker-run Indian boarding schools

By LUIS ANDRES HENAO
Associated Press
NEW YORK (AP) — A coalition advocating for Native American people traumatized by an oppressive system of boarding schools for Native youths plans to digitize 20,000 archival pages related to schools in that system that were operated by the Quakers.

The Quakers and other faith groups — including Episcopalians, Methodists and Catholics — have in recent years either begun or increased efforts to research and atone for their prior roles in the boarding school system that Native children were forced to attend, and that cut them off from their families, tribes and traditions.

For decades, documents related to Quaker-operated Indian boarding schools have been largely unstudied, as they exist in remote and dispersed collections with limited access, said leaders of the National Native American Boarding School Healing

Coalition. Now, the coalition, also known as NABS, will make them available to scholars and nonspecialists by housing digital records on a public database.

The records will provide a better understanding of the conditions that children experienced at these schools, and help the compilation of statistics, including how many children went missing and died, said Stephen Curley, director of digital archives for NABS.

"There are hundreds of schools that were operated historically with the sole aim to sever ties between child and family and between child and cultural heritage ... so a lot of instances of abuse were administered to these children," said Curley, a Navajo whose own family was affected by the boarding schools. The records, he said, will be crucial to confirming the anecdotal retelling of their harrowing experiences.

"Not to diminish people speaking up and telling their truths," Curley said, "but

when it comes to providing testimony and having that inform what policy should look like, looking at the records is going to play an integral role to codify what happened next."

The initiative is funded by a grant of more than \$124,000 from the National Historic Publications and Records Commission. It was awarded to NABS to work with Friends Historical Library of Swarthmore College and Quaker & Special Collections at Haverford College, both near Philadelphia.

"This is a profound moment because as we have been calling on churches to increase the accessibility of these records for years now, it's groups like these at these Quaker institutions who have responded to that call," said Samuel Torres, deputy CEO of NABS, and a mem-

ber of the Mexica-Nahua Indigenous people.

Partnership leaders said NABS, Swarthmore and Haverford will scan 20,000 pages of enrollment papers, photographs, financial information, correspondence and administrative records this fall.

The records from Swarthmore and Haverford range from 1852 to 1945, according to project organizers. They include at least nine Quaker-operated Indian boarding schools in Indiana, Kansas, Nebraska, New York, Ohio, Oklahoma and Pennsylvania.

After the scanning, project leaders will hold an information session with tribal communities to discuss the findings. The project will include the production of a video with shared oral histories from boarding school survivors and their families.

Precision Service wishes everyone a safe & happy return to school for the 2023-2024 school year!

The start of a new school year means that streets and roadways suddenly will be busier, especially at certain times of day, like as school begins and ends each day. Plan your route ahead of time, leaving a few extra minutes in case of traffic delays, and try to practice patience; remember, everyone on the streets and roads is trying to get somewhere. And whether walking, biking, driving, or waiting to ride, please pay attention to your surroundings; distractions can be dangerous to you and to others around you.

Stay safe. Be kind. Learn much. Have a great school year!

PRECISION SERVICE
Automotive & Truck Service Specialists
0520 S. Decker Dr., Bluffton, IN • 260-824-9149
"The Quality Service That You Deserve"
Kevin & Deb Morris, Owners • Jason Rekeweg, Service Manager

Public Sale Calendar

AUGUST 26 - 9 a.m. - Multiple consignors. 6632 N. 500 W., Decatur, IN. Personal property: Seeburg jukebox, Husqvarna Z-248F zero turn mower, furniture, electronics, toys, jewelry, antiques, collectibles, ephemera, advertising items, glassware, hand & power tools, Gene Stratton Porter collection, 500+/- collection of Star Wars, TMNT, Marvel & DC characters and more! Preview Aug. 25, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. *Wiegmann Auctioneers*, 260-447-4311, wiegmannauctioneers.com.

BIDDING ENDS AUGUST 27 - (Online Only Auction) - Mildred and Ann Dee Ferguson, sellers. Lifetime collection of country primitives and collectibles including brass school bells, oil lamps, arrow heads, antique furniture, extensive collection of precious stones and gems, antique slanted display case, crocks, appliances and much more. *This is a large auction with many unique items! Open house: Aug. 24 from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m., 314 W. 1200 N., Ossian, IN. *The Steffen Group Inc.*, Pat Carter, sale manager, 260-824-3006, www.steffengrp.com.

AUGUST 27-SEPTEMBER 1 - (Online Only Auction) - Mildred and Ann Dee Ferguson, sellers. Spacious 5 bedroom, 2 full baths, split level located in Northern Wells County. 7.22+/- acres with over 40 varieties of trees on the property, 30'x40' pole barn, updated septic system. "Explore the potential." Open houses: Aug. 24 from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. and Aug. 29 from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m., 314 W. 1200 N., Ossian, IN. Pat Carter, sale manager, *The Steffen Group Inc.*, www.steffengrp.com, 260-824-3006.

SEPTEMBER 2 - 10 a.m. - Marlin M. and Irene D. Graber. 9001W 800S, South Whitley. 53.5+/-A offered in 4 tracts, productive, tillable land, home, outbuildings, hunting/recreation opportunities, Whitley County. Tract 1: 29+/-A farmland w/access off CR 800S. Tract 2: 12.5+/-A w/home, outbuildings. Tract 3: 6+/-A farmland, possible building site w/frontage on 800S. Tract 4 ("Swing tract"): 6+/-A wooded land. Sale manager, Ritter Cox, 260-609-3306, *Schrader Real Estate and Auction Company, Inc.*, 800-451-2709, schraderauction.com.

SEPTEMBER 3-SEPTEMBER 10 - (Online Only Auction) - The Estate of Vincent Tippmann, seller. 2300 Meyer Rd., Fort Wayne, Indiana. "An auction of the year." One of the Midwest's largest Indian and Native American artifact collections, unique antiques and collectibles, large butcher block on legs, outstanding coin collection, art, bronze sculptures, vintage stoves, much more. Brandon Steffen, sale manager, *The Steffen Group Inc.*, www.steffengrp.com, 260-824-3006.

SEPTEMBER 9 - 9 a.m. - Various consignors, sellers. Lehman Feed Mill, 511 S 000 Rd., Berne. Farm machinery consignment auction. Tractors, hay wagons, grain carts, discs, planters, plows, trucks, trailers, semis, livestock trailers, tools, lawn and garden equipment, shop equipment, livestock equipment and more! Consign Sept. 6-8 from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. *Heartland Auction & Realty, Inc.*, 260-724-3499, heartlandauctionrealty.com.

SEPTEMBER 9 - 10 a.m. - Les Conrad, owner. 8383 N 700 W, Decatur. Live onsite Les Conrad woodworking retirement auction! Online bidding available! Nearly 6,000' board foot lumber & timber! Featuring 250+ lots! This impressive assortment includes an abundance of walnut, cedar, cherry, oak, live edge, various other species, custom made wood furniture, Latina band saw, Leneave 8" jointer, Super Max drum sander, Woodmizer LT15 portable sawmill. Preview Sept. 4 & 8, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. *Krueckeberg Auction & Realty LLC*, KJauction.com, 260-724-7402.

SEPTEMBER 9 - 10 a.m. - Melvin J & Effie Graber, owners. 7820S 850W, South Whitley, 40+/-A offered in 4 tracts, Cleveland Township, Whitley County. Tract 1: 20+/-A farmland, 850W frontage. Tract 2: 4+/-A w/home, outbuildings. Tract 3: 8+/-A, corner lot, 800S and 850W frontage, possible building site. Tract 4: 8+/-A wooded pasture or possible building site, fence w/mature trees. Auction manager Ritter Cox, 260-609-3306, *Schrader Real Estate and Auction Company, Inc.*, schraderauction.com, 800-451-2709.

SEPTEMBER 14 - Online - 2-6 p.m. - Farm: GRS Holdings. Property location: 7370 E US 224, Craigville, IN. Wells Co., Lancaster Twp., 2.243+/- acres include: 1,952' sf 2-story home (4 bedrooms, 2 baths), attached garage, basement, 4,860' sf pole barn (metal roof, half concrete floor), 5,000+ sf historical pin frame barn (metal roof), (3) steel grain bins. Open house: Aug. 31, 4-6 p.m. *Halderman Real Estate & Farm Management*, 800-424-2324, halderman.com, Rick Johnloz, 260-827-8181.

2023 Kekionga Festival Rendezvous

Thurs., Aug. 24 - Sun., Aug. 27

A Celebration of Our Heritage

Decatur, Indiana

List of Events at the Site!

BREAKFAST - LUNCH - DINNER

WEST END RESTAURANT

702 W. Monroe St. • Decatur 260-724-2938

Hours: 5:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m. Mon.-Tues.
5:00 a.m.-9:00 p.m. Wed.-Thurs.-Fri.
6:00 a.m.-9:00 p.m. Sat.

Since 1886

INNOVATIVE CONCEPTS

AUDIO VIDEO SECURITY NETWORKING

1421 Manchester St., Decatur
260.724.2276 • www.icav.us

Intrigued? To see more ... visit eichhornjewelry.com click on Shop Our Estate Collection ... Enjoy!

Eichhorn Jewelry, Inc. 130 N. Second St. Decatur, Indiana 800-589-2621

Arnold Lumber Co.

Decatur, Indiana

Full Service Lumberyard
Kitchens • New Homes and Remodels
Garages and Complete Pole Barn Packages • Erected or Materials Only
Doors, Windows and Decks • Repair or Replacement
Free Roof Top Delivery with Shingle Purchase

FABRAL
METAL WALL AND ROOF SYSTEMS

1-800-903-4206 | Check Us Out on Facebook
Hours: Mon-Thur 7AM-5PM • Fri 7AM-5:30PM • Sat 7AM-11:30PM
425 S. Winchester St. • 260-724-3108 • Fax 260-724-4505