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### Abandoned river bank campfire

A large campfire on the north bank of the Wabash River near the Main Street bridge was extinguished by Bluffton public safety officials shortly before 7 p.m. Tuesday. Lt. Jim Platt of the Bluffton Fire Department said that a call came in about a fire that was out of control on the river bank. Bluffton police officers were the first on the scene and firefighters arrived shortly thereafter. Platt said whoever started the fire had apparently left the area. Firefighters put about 200 gallons of water on the fire, he said. The location of the fire was several yards east of the Crosbie Bridge, which carries Ind. 1/Main Street traffic over the river. Firefighters returned to the Police/Fire Building shortly after 7 p.m. (Photo by Dave Schultz)

## County Highway Department gets \$17K donation

By HOLLY GASKILL

After establishing a donation fund in June, the Wells County Commissioners approved the first donation agreement for the Highway Department.

In the agreement, Kyle Lund, resident of 604N 500E in Markle, agreed to donate \$17,000 to fund asphalt improvements to County Road 700 North starting at Marzane Road and going west. Highway Supervisor Shawn Bonar told the commissioners Tuesday the department had hoped to complete the improvements, but did not have the budget to do so.

"Consider it an upgrade to the project," Bonar said. "We were just sealing the entire stretch of the road. They wanted to contribute to make it asphalt pavement."

These funds will enter the Highway Improvement Donation Fund, and will be returned should improvements not be completed.

Separately, County Engineer Nate Rumschlag said he and Bonar have recently fielded some complaints regarding the downslope off the edge of the stone shoulder. Rumschlag said the widening and leveling of the road has left some areas with an elevated shoulder. These complaints have generally come from farmers who have had issues with their equipment on the roadway.

Rumschlag stated that Bonar is coordinating with these

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## Wells Election Board disqualifies Uniondale Town Council candidate

By HOLLY GASKILL

The Wells County Election Board has determined Shane Brown is ineligible to run for Uniondale Town Council.

Brown had filed his candidacy on June 15, which was contested by Stanley Hoffacker on Aug. 25. In a hearing Tuesday, the board determined Brown's criminal history made him ineligible for the position.

The election code, board member Larry Sell cited, states that any felony charge disqualifies a candidate. A misdemeanor carrying a sentence above one year may also disqualify a candidate. Brown possesses one felony charge and multiple misdemeanors resulting in

more than one year in jail.

Brown defended his candidacy, saying he's petitioned for his record to be expunged, and expects it to be finalized shortly. Brown filed for expungement in Wells County on Aug. 19.

Sell questioned the validity of this argument, noting that both Wells County judges declined the case due to their involvement in the prosecution, and Adams County Judge Hon Kukelhan was assigned to hear the case. Furthermore, the State filed a motion to deny the petition due to improperly filed paperwork. Brown stated his lawyer had filed incorrectly, and he was working to correct the

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### Pop the hood

Hardees on Main Street held another summer car show Tuesday night. A few familiar grills were in attendance. (Above photo by Dave Schultz, photo at left by Holly Gaskill.)

## City moves forward on server purchase

By DAVE SCHULTZ

The city has put together a financial package to purchase a \$198,000 computer server that will serve all city departments.

The purchase, from Reliance I.O. Technology Group, has been discussed for several weeks by officials in the Whicker administration, the Bluffton Board of Works, and the Bluffton Common Council. Reliance, which has a presence in City Hall and serves as the city's information technology provider, was the only company to submit a bid for the server.

Bluffton has hired a new director of information systems, Karen Morris, who was tasked with examining the bid and making a recommendation to the city. Some officials expressed the opinion that \$198,000 was too much money for only one bid.

However, Morris was present at one of Tuesday's meetings — the city's usual Tuesday Board

of Works and Common Council meetings — and deferred to Tami Runyon to explain where the money was coming from.

The decision was made, by both the council and the Board of Works, to take \$9,250 from the city's Rainy Day Fund and \$90,750 from the city's remaining American Rescue Plan Act funds.

The rest of the money will come from the city's utilities — \$32,666.66 each from the Electric Fund and the Water Fund, and \$16,333.33 and \$16,333.34, respectively, from the Wastewater Fund's Contractual Service and the Wastewater Fund's Miscellaneous Expenses-Collect line items. That total comes to \$198,000.

The decision was ratified by both the Board of Works and the Bluffton Common Council Tuesday.

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## Ossian Police Commissioners OK motion to increase chief salary

By SYDNEY KENT

The Board of Ossian Police Commissioners approved a motion to increase the Chief of Police salary from \$70,000 per year to \$75,000 per year on Tuesday. The board also approved a motion to increase vacation time from two weeks to three weeks per year.

Police Commissioner President Caleb Chichester plans to present both proposals to the Ossian Town Council at the next meeting, scheduled for 7 p.m. on Sept. 11 at Collier's.

Officer Brian McClish was present at the meeting on behalf of the Ossian Police Department. McClish reported that two full time hires are scheduled to begin employment in November and January,

though it is unlikely the soon to be officers will begin academy until next Spring. A new police vehicle was ordered and delivery is expected in February or March next year. McClish also shared that work continues on docking stations and watchdog cameras with the help of Commissioner Jay Esparza.

Esparza gave an update on the department's social media metrics. He noted the page has seen a 200 percent increase in overall growth since the beginning of the year. Social media growth is measured by an accumulation of data collected from an increase in likes, shares, views, video views, comments, and page follows.

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**Outside**

No sign of lemon drops or gumdrops, just rain

Today	Thursday	Friday
High 84	High 74	High 70
Low 63	Low 58	Low 58

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# Highway Department

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farmers to address complaints and will work on problem areas in the coming weeks. He emphasized it was not an issue with the contractor but that the department would take note of the item for future projects.

“Overall, it was a success,” Rumschlag said. “We were ahead of schedule, and the total project remained under budget. I would encourage the

public to contact our office with any questions or concerns.”

Other updates from the Highway Department were:

- The asphalt portion of CR 700N will be completed Thursday, and paving in Craigville along Market Street and part of CR 700E will be completed Friday. Bridge 147 has also been repaired.
- The four-year contract for bridge

inspection totals \$434,373, which Rumschlag noted was under initial estimates.

- The commissioners approved a Vision Zero policy statement, which is a requirement for federal funding guidelines. This policy predominantly outlines the department’s priority to protect the health and safety of the public through transportation systems.

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# Election Board

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mistake.

Kukelhan rejected the expungement on Sept. 1, and the paperwork was filed Tuesday. A second petition for expungement was filed in Dekalb County on Monday.

“Our hands are tied,” Sell

said. “As it stands before us today, they are not expunged felonies.”

“To be honest with you, I didn’t think it mattered,” Brown said.

The candidate form not ask the applicant to disclose convictions, but does require the applicant to

affirm they are “not ineligible to be a candidate due to a criminal conviction that would prohibit (the candidate) from serving in this office.”

John Ringger (R) is the only other person who filed to run for Uniondale Town Council. Clerk Beth Davis

said the previous council members will determine who is “grandfathered” into the role or new members will be appointed. Current Uniondale Town Council members are Erin Kreigh, Geoff Lance, and Corey Elzey.

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# Fewer Hoosier kids take free summer meals

*A new Food Research & Action Center report shows decline in breakfasts and lunches served in Indiana.*

**By CASEY SMITH**  
**Indiana Capital Chronicle**

Thousands of Hoosier kids are missing out on free breakfast and lunch, even though nutrition advocates say many Indiana families continue to struggle with hunger and food insecurity.

That’s according to a new report by the Food Research & Action Center, a national nonprofit that aims to reduce poverty-related hunger.

FRAC’s report indicates that nearly 58,000 fewer children in Indiana received a lunch on an average day in July 2022, a decrease of more than 50 percent from the previous summer. Data for 2022 is the latest to be released.

Participation rates for breakfast fell even further as 60,000 fewer children received breakfast on an average day in July 2022, a decrease of about 81 percent compared to July 2021.

The decline in participation follows previous increases in summer meal participation in 2020 and 2021.

Across the country, every other state also saw a decrease in the average daily participation in summer lunch in July 2022 compared to July 2021, according to FRAC.

Child nutrition waivers issued by the U.S. Department of Agriculture make the free meals available at summer meal sites, oftentimes located at schools and community centers.

While waiver access was expanded during the COVID-19 pandemic, eligibility restrictions are back in place, meaning fewer kids can access free meals.

“During the height of the pandemic, families could drive through summer meal sites and pick up multiple meals for a few days, making the process a whole lot easier for many,” said Emily Weikert Bryant, executive director of Feeding Indiana’s Hungry, an Indianapolis-based nonprofit focused on increasing Hoosiers’ access to food. “As we’ve returned more to normal operating procedures, we just don’t have the ability to reach as many kids with as many meals.”

Although state and federal officials have piloted new programs to get additional kids fed, Bryant said many still lack access to nutritious

foods.

**Summer meal options**

The two federal summer nutrition programs — the Summer Food Service Program and National School Lunch Program — provide funding to serve meals and snacks to children at sites during summer vacation or the extended breaks of year-round schools. The programs also can be used to feed children during unanticipated school closures.

The SFSP is a federally-funded, state-administered program that reimburses approved program operators who serve free, healthy meals and snacks to children under age 18 in low-income areas when school is not in session.

Sponsorship is open to public and private nonprofit groups, including local governments, summer camps, religious organizations and recreation centers. Organizations may also consider partnering with an existing sponsor, such as a school corporation, to serve students in areas where kids lack good nutrition during the summer months.

Separately, the NSLP is available for schools that operate summer school. Only the students enrolled in summer school can receive a meal, however.

The FRAC report indicates the number of SFSP sponsors and sites decreased from July 2021 to July 2022.

Specific data obtained by the Indiana Capital Chronicle from the Indiana Department of Education shows there were 280 sponsors and 2,035 sites statewide that provided summer meals in 2021. That decreased to 192 sponsors providing summer meals at 1,047 sites in 2022.

FRAC experts and state officials attribute much of the decrease in participation to the reintroduction of limitations on summer nutrition programs.

Prior to the pandemic, to qualify as a summer meal site, at least 50 percent of the children in a given geographic area had to be eligible for free or reduced-price school meals, or at least 50 percent of kids participating in the program at the site had to be individually determined eligible for free or reduced-price school meals. Sites that primarily served

migrant children also qualified.

Once a site was determined eligible, all children who come to the site can eat for free, regardless of their economic or migrant status.

Through the program, a sponsor enters into an agreement with the state education department to run the program and receives reimbursement for each eligible meal and snack served at meal sites.

That changed, though, during the pandemic — from Spring 2020 through Summer 2022 — when states could utilize a nationwide child nutrition waiver that allowed any community to have a summer meal site.

Although waivers were technically available for Summer 2022, Congress did not extend the waivers again until late June, which IDOE officials said was “too late” for Indiana’s SFSP operations.

This year, federal meal program eligibility returned to standard procedure, meaning only low-income areas were qualified to participate.

FRAC noted that program staffing shortages, supply chain disruptions and many meal sites shuttering as a result of the pandemic additionally led to fewer children receiving a summer lunch in 2022 and 2023.

**Why are fewer kids participating?**

FRAC’s goal is for all states to feed summer lunches to 40 kids for every 100 children who received free or reduced-price lunch in the 2021–2022 school year.

As of July 2022, just eight students in Indiana received a summer lunch per every 100 students who ate school lunches during the regular academic year, according to FRAC.

To meet the nonprofit’s goal, the Hoosier state would need to increase the number of students served summer lunches by more than 200,000: from 54,445 kids to more than 268,000. That equates to more than \$19 million in additional federal reimbursement dollars for summer lunches.

Bryant applauded IDOE for a program piloted this summer that allowed additional meals sites in rural areas. Kids in certain parts of the state were able to access meals without having

to be present at that site to eat the meal, “which is a big step toward increasing summer meals,” Bryant said.

Bryant and FRAC also pointed to federal legislation adopted in December 2022, creating a permanent program that will provide an Electronic Benefit Transfer card to purchase food during the summer months to families eligible for free or reduced-price school meals, extending the summer benefits families have received through the Pandemic EBT Program. The legislation takes effect next summer.

Still, FRAC is urging policymakers to improve summer meals access. At the state level, that includes better advertisement about summer meals to families, as well as more financial support for summer food sponsors to increase the number of available meal sites. More broadly, the hunger relief organization called on the federal government to lower the eligibility threshold from 50 percent to 40 percent, and to make permanently increase funding for summer and after school programs where meals can be served.

# Weather

**Wednesday, September 6, 2023**  
**(24-hour observations at 9:49 p.m. Tuesday)**  
**High: 88; Low: 69; Precipitation: 0.01 inches of rain**  
**Wabash River Level (at the Main Street bridge): 1.16 feet at 8:45 p.m. Tuesday**

## Wells County forecast

**Today:** A 40 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms, mainly after 7 a.m. Partly sunny, with a high near 84. Southwest wind 10 to 15 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

**Tonight:** A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms before 2 a.m. Partly cloudy, with a low around 63. West wind around 10 mph.

**Thursday:** Partly sunny, with a high near 74. West wind around 10 mph.

**Thursday Night:** Mostly cloudy, with a low around 58. Northwest wind around 10 mph.

**Friday:** Mostly cloudy, with a high near 70.

**Friday Night:** Mostly cloudy, with a low around 58.

**Saturday:** Partly sunny, with a high near 72.

**Saturday Night:** Partly cloudy, with a low around 55.

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**Rough Sunday Saturday Sept. 16 Concert 6-9 p.m.**  
**Rylie Lynn Band Saturday Oct. 28 Concert**

# Proud Boys’ Tarrío gets 22 years in prison for Jan. 6 seditious conspiracy

WASHINGTON (AP) — Former Proud Boys leader Enrique Tarrío was sentenced Tuesday to 22 years in prison for orchestrating a failed plot to keep Donald Trump in power after the Republican lost the 2020 election, capping the case with the stiffest punishment that has been handed down yet for the U.S. Capitol attack.

Tarrío, 39, pleaded for leniency before the judge imposed the prison term topping the 18-year sentences given to Oath Keepers founder Stewart Rhodes and one-time Proud Boys leader Ethan Nordean for seditious conspiracy and other convictions stemming from the Jan. 6, 2021, riot.

Tarrío, who led the neo-fascist group as it became a force in mainstream Republican circles, lowered his head after the sentence was imposed, then squared his shoulders. He raised his hand and made a “V” gesture with his fingers as he was led out of the courtroom in orange jail garb.

His sentencing comes as the Justice Department prepares to put Trump on trial at the same courthouse in Washington on charges that the then-president illegally schemed to cling to power that he knew had been stripped away by voters.

Rising to speak before the sentence was handed down, Tarrío called Jan. 6 a

“national embarrassment,” and apologized to the police officers who defended the Capitol and the lawmakers who fled in fear. His voice cracked as he said he let down his family and vowed that he is done with politics.

U.S. District Judge Timothy Kelly, who was appointed to the bench by Trump, said Tarrío was motivated by “revolutionary zeal” to lead the conspiracy that resulted in “200 men, amped up for battle, encircling the Capitol.” Noting that Tarrío had not previously shown any remorse publicly for his crimes, the judge said a stiff punishment was necessary to deter future political violence.

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OBITUARIES

**Bonnie L. Johnson, 90**

Bonnie L. (Snyder) Johnson, 90, of Lafayette, passed away on Thursday, Aug. 31, 2023, at Aster Place in Lafayette. She was born March 18, 1933, in Wells County, to the late Avon and Pauline (Hoopingarner) Snyder.



On Dec. 9, 1950, she married Larry A. Johnson in Fort Wayne and he survives.

She was a member of Grace United Methodist Church in Lafayette. Bonnie enjoyed cooking, baking, reading, needlework, quilting and spending time with friends and family.

Surviving along with her husband are her daughters Cynthia D. (Gilbert) Souerdyke of Omaha, N.E., and grandchildren Richard and Kevin Souerdyke, Kate Sanburn, Julie A. (Jay) Sunderlin of Lafayette, and grandchildren Jacob and Benjamin Sunderlin, Sarah McCann, and 13 great-grandchildren.

Also surviving are her siblings Molly Stier of Fort Worth, Texas, Janice (Thomas) Forbing of Fort Wayne, Dale (Marilyn) Snyder of Bellvue, C.O., and a sister-in-law Janice Snyder in Garrett, Ind.

Bonnie was preceded in death by siblings Sharon Hormann and Ronald Snyder.

Memorial service will be at 2 p.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 6, 2023, at Grace United Methodist Church in Lafayette. Private interment will be at Meadow View Cemetery in Lafayette.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. Jude Children's Hospital in Bonnie's memory. You may leave condolences and memories at [www.soller-baker.com](http://www.soller-baker.com).

# Holcomb lauds county buy-in on public health

By WHITNEY DOWNARD  
Indiana Capital Chronicle

The vast majority of Indiana's counties opted to participate in a statewide program designed to revamp the state's public health investment — which averages \$55 per resident, far below the national average of \$91 per capita.

Gov. Eric Holcomb celebrated the commitment, which requires participating counties to offer several "core" public health initiatives to receive funding, and will reach 96 percent of Hoosiers. The recommendation legislation emerged from the Governor's Public Health Commission, which lawmakers codified in the last legislative session.

"From the beginning of the public health commission, we were committed not just to identifying problems, but to solving Indiana's pressing health problems in a way that meets the unique needs of Hoosiers, regardless of where they live," Holcomb said in a statement. "Communities across the state are recognizing this 1500 percent increased state investment as a game-changer for Hoosiers not just today, but for generations to come."

Each county had until Sept. 1 to finalize their decision and ultimately 86 of the 92 counties joined. Last month, the Indiana Capital Chronicle called several local public health departments to determine their participation, with some saying the timing simply wasn't right while others were concerned about state control.

The six counties that didn't opt in — Whitley, Wells, Fountain, Johnson, Crawford and Harrison — can still participate in the 2025 cohort.

Prior to the program, called Health First Indiana, the state's public health investment was around \$6.9 million, compared to the 2024 commitment of \$75 million followed by \$150 million in 2025.

Counties qualify for a range of funding, depending on whether they meet specific goals and their county matching amount. To see a map of what participating counties could receive, visit [healthfirstindiana.com](http://healthfirstindiana.com).

Dr. Lindsay Weaver, the state health commissioner, said she had traveled to various counties to discuss public health goals and found local stakeholders "embracing the opportunity" to focus on disease prevention and to improve physical well-being.

"In every community I visit, I hear about exciting new partnerships and programs that are breaking down silos and bringing public health, nonprofits, community groups and health care together to deliver local solutions to improve Hoosiers' health," Weaver said in the release. "Good health is the foundation on which successful families, businesses and communities are built. By providing the financial resources and renewing the focus on prevention, Indiana is in the best position it has ever been to create the safest, healthiest state possible."

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- Childhood lead poisoning
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INCIDENTS

**City:**

Monday, 4:54 p.m., 900 block of West Lancaster Street. Caller requested officer stand by while retrieving property.

Monday, 5:23 p.m., Advance Auto Parts. Driver on bicycle issued warning.

Monday, 6:07 p.m., 400 block of South Johnson Street. Report of an abusive male at location, safety plan and sober driver established.

Monday, 7:19 p.m., Short Stop. Report of a lost debit card, returned to owner.

Monday, 8:11 p.m., Save On Liquor North. Caller reported a white truck unoccupied for about 45 minutes.

Monday, 8:51 p.m., 1300 West South Street. Caller requested officers check residence after hearing a noise. Officers did not locate any issues.

Monday, 11:05 p.m., 1200 South Main Street. Report of a Little Debbie's box truck missing or stolen.

Tuesday, 2:10 a.m., 1300 block of West South Street. Caller reported seeing possible subjects outside of window. Officers checked the area and were unable to locate any issues.

Tuesday, 10:57 a.m., 1300 block of West South Street. Male caller reported that someone was trying to kill him. A female subject took the phone and said they wanted an ambulance for the threats. Officer sent.

Tuesday, 12:03 p.m., 900 block of Riverview Drive. Subject reported that her wallet was stolen in Chicago, and that Chicago would not file a report.

Tuesday, 1:50 p.m., North Main Street and East Dustman Road. Caller reported a yellow and white propane trailer leaking. Officers located and stopped the tanker.

**County:**  
Friday, 2:56 p.m., N 100E and E 500N, Bluffton. Citation issued for speeding.

Saturday, 4:55 a.m., NW Ind. 116 and N 300W, Markle. Complaint of semi truck swerving on the roadway. The driver stated he was tired and needed to pull over to rest.

Saturday, 7:34 p.m., Life Community Church, Bluffton. Car alarm going off in the area for approximately 10 minutes. Located the owners and shut the alarm off.

Sunday, 2:03 a.m., 2809 W Market St., Liberty Center. Possible underage man under the influence. The man consented to a portable breath test, which returned a zero percent. The man indicated he wanted his ex-girlfriend warned for trespassing, which the deputy conducted.

Sunday, 5:30 a.m., N 300W and W 200N, Bluffton. Sheep in the roadway. Neighbors advised the sheep had been running loose since Friday.

Sunday, 8:18 a.m., 4449W 300N, Bluffton. Report of sheep running westbound on 300N. Unable to locate.

Sunday, 11:02 a.m., S Ind. 1 and E 800S, Bluffton. Citation issued for 84 in a 55 mph zone.

# Police Notebook

Sunday, 1:46 p.m., residence on 200W, Liberty Center A man reported issues with a company he had hired to prepare his modular home for moving. The man stated he wanted to file a police report and would pursue civil action.

Sunday, 2:32 p.m., Country Corner Deli, Liberty Center. Report of a vehicle driving away without paying for their gas. An employee advised she believed the subject was 50-60 years old with white hair and driving a John Deere tractor. A deputy was unable to locate a tractor matching the description but heard the subject later returned and paid for the fuel.

Monday, 11:17 a.m., residence on 200W, Uniondale. Homeowner reported that someone had entered the residence through a window, taken two saws and removed copper pipe from the home. The pipe and the saws were estimated at a \$850 value.

Monday, 7:02 p.m., 3988W 300S, Liberty Center. Mailbox hit by a vehicle. The homeowner said she saw the vehicle go into the ditch and continue westbound kicking up gravel and smoke. She believed the vehicle may have popped a tire. While checking the area, a deputy observed another mailbox had also been recently struck.

Sunday, 9:53 p.m., 4250S Meridian Road. Report of an individual shining a green laser into a vehicle's moving windshield. Deputy made contact with the homeowner, who was unaware of the situation, but collected and surrendered the laser.

**Ossian:**  
Friday, 5:26 p.m., Norwell High School. The school administration asked an apparently intoxicated male subject to leave after he was being belligerent to students. The subject was given a ride by a family member and left without incident.

Saturday, 12:37 a.m., residence on South Melching Drive. Civil dispute between family members. The complainant wanted family members removed from his rental property. Deputy advised the complainant, who was intoxicated, to return to his residence and file paperwork with the courthouse to have the individuals removed.

Saturday, 7:19 a.m., N 100E and E 900N. Citation issued for 64 in a 45 mph zone.

Saturday, 10:19 a.m., Silo Farms. The Sheriff's Department received notice that a man with an active warrant for his arrest was at this location. The man's girlfriend was outside the location and advised the man was not present. She initially denied access to the residence, but later confirmed he was home and gave entry. Prior to his arrest, the man advised he was very ill and had been for several weeks. He then requested to be evaluated by EMS and was transported to Bluffton Regional Medical Center. BRMC then advised he needed to be transported to Lutheran Hospital.

Saturday, 11:45 p.m., 7601N 400E. Caller report-

ed damage to a mailbox. A deputy observed that the mailbox looked like it had been "blown up" and there was a black powder inside. The homeowners said they heard an explosion around midnight the night prior and sounds of a truck leaving. They didn't initially note the sound because they were unsure where it came from, but then found the mailbox the morning afterward. The homeowners advised this was the third time their mailbox had been vandalized. They advised they had an idea who had done it and wanted them to pay for a new one.

Saturday, 8:38 p.m., 11565N 100E. Caller reported they struck another vehicle when they were pulling out of their driveway.

Saturday, 11:18 p.m., residence on Shady Lane. Loud music. Homeowner advised he would turn down the music for the night.

Sunday, 6:10 a.m., N Ind. 1 and Hillcrest Drive. Citation issued for speeding.

Sunday, 7:24 a.m., N Ind. 1 and E U.S. 224. Citation issued for 70 in a 55 mph zone.

Monday, 4:50 p.m., 613 Shady Lane. A juvenile traveling on an ATV at a high rate of speed.

Monday, 8:26 p.m., Shady Lane and Homestead Avenue. An intoxicated male on an ATV reportedly approached a woman. The man stated he was asking neighbors if they had reported him earlier. The deputy advised the man of laws regarding operating a golf cart on the roadway.

Monday, 8:26 p.m., Ossian Deli. Two-vehicle accident. Parties exchanged information and left the scene without requiring a report.

Tuesday, 9:18 a.m., 2046E 800N. Assisted with tire change.

ACCIDENTS

**City:**  
Friday, 2:20 p.m., near the corner of Marion and Ohio streets. Lisa Jack was parking her vehicle in front of her residence when she turned too quickly. Jack's Hummer scratched the drivers side of a Mitsubishi Endeavor that was parked and unattended. Damages not exceeding \$1,001.

Friday, 2:50 p.m., 984 North Main Street. Samuel Hellwarth stated he was in the drive thru when his foot got stuck under the brake pedal, resulting in Hellwarth's Buick Enclave colliding with Kathleen Tan-

ner's Dodge Grand Caravan. Damages not exceeding \$2,500.

Friday, 3:09 p.m., intersection of Main and Perry streets. Timothy Sipe advised he was driving when an unidentified driver abruptly stopped, causing the front end of Sipe's Ford Explorer to collide with the rear end of the vehicle. The vehicle fled the scene. Elizabeth Hartman's GMC Yukon then collided with the rear end of Sipe's Explorer. Sipe's vehicle sustained damage to both the front and rear end, and Hartman's vehicle sustained damage to the front end.

County:

Friday, 11:10 a.m., U.S. 224 at the intersection of N 100W, Uniondale. Janice M. Braun, 57, Markle, was driving a 2022 Toyota Sienna van southbound on N CR 100W and stopped at a red flashing signal. Braun stated she did not see any vehicles approaching the intersection and continued, and was unable to stop when she did see a 2009 Buick Lucerne driven by Janice I. Groff, 78, Huntington. Braun's vehicle struck Groff's on the driver's side. Damage exceeded \$5,000.

Tuesday, 8:27 a.m., CR 500N, Craigville. Terry Myers, 39, Ossian, was driving a 2012 Ford F-350 truck eastbound on 500N and slowed to stop at an intersection. Myers said because of the sun he did not see a bicyclist, and his vehicle's side mirror struck the bicyclist's helmet, throwing the woman off the bike. The bicyclist had some cuts and scrapes and complained of pain; a friend agreed to transport the woman to the hospital. Damage did not exceed \$1,000.

**ARRESTS**  
Tyler Lee Collins, 30, Huntington; theft, a Class A misdemeanor. Booked and released.  
Jill Ann Sweeney, 55, Elsie, Mich.; child solicitation, a Level 4 felony. No bond set.  
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## In search of the Big 5 on east African safari

As we rounded the corner on the dirt road in our green Toyota Land Cruiser safari car, almost out of nowhere I saw a long neck reaching for the sky as our driver slowly stopped the vehicle.

It was at least 15 feet tall and stopped to look right at us as we admired from a safe distance its beautiful coat of brown patches separated by pale lines and its peaceful presence in the tall African grass.

We had interrupted the giraffe's breakfast as it stopped chowing down on leaves from an acacia tree to watch us. He appeared to be just as curious about us as we were about him as we admired this beautiful animal that probably weighed close to 4,000 pounds.

A few minutes later another giraffe was alongside the first, ignoring us as he enjoyed leaves from an acacia tree.

We had only been on our safari for 30 minutes and already we had seen a plethora of zebras and now giraffes — signs that it was going to be a great day to see wildlife in east Africa.

Jen and I had arrived in Kigali, Rwanda, June 5. We booked a full-day safari for June 10 to Akagera National Park, located about three hours from Kigali in the eastern part of the landlocked country near the border of Tanzania.

Our friends and their three kids joined us to enjoy a day in search of the Big Five — lions, leopards, rhinoceros, elephants and buffalo, in addition to a myriad of other animals we hoped to see as we drove around the park that encompasses some 400 square miles on bumpy roads. The countless trips I have taken down I-69 — aka pothole paradise — prepared us well for the safari.

"Today you will get an African massage," our guide and driver joked as we moved up and down, back and forth, and sideways as we cruised through the national park's primitive roads.

By the time the sun set, we had seen four of the Big Five and I was already making plans in my head to do another safari.

At the beginning of the safari, our guide cautioned us that we might not see a lot of animals to start the day. Within the first two hours, however, we had seen Cape buffalo, topi, zebras, giraffes, baboons and elephants.

A troop of baboons was resting near the river where two elephants had entered the water to cool off as the primates watched from a distance, looking back and forth at us and the elephants.

Less than an hour later, we found ourselves stuck behind an elephant who decided to take a slow stroll down the narrow dirt road that the safari cars use to traverse the park. Eventually the shrubs and leaves enticed the 12,000-pound mammal to wander into the nearby bush for a snack.

After a quick stop for a picnic lunch, we were back on the safari in search of lions, leopards and rhinoceros.

My vision is 20-20, but I never would have seen what our guide saw as we drove along the windy road in an area that the lions frequent. Our driver quickly stopped the SUV as the guide called our attention to the tall grass where she saw a lioness' tail moving back and forth perfectly camouflaged to our untrained eyes.

A few seconds later, we realized there was a second lioness to the right of the first. They were just far enough away that we couldn't get a picture — but close enough that we could make them out as they rested in the field.

Thirty minutes later, we stumbled across a rhinoceros and her baby rhino next to the road — moments before we had seen a black mamba slither across the same road.

By 5 p.m., our safari was nearing the end as we searched one last time for the last of the Big Five — the leopard.

We knew from the beginning that seeing a leopard is rare. While we didn't come across one on this safari, we're hoping to see one on the next.

Our day trip to Akagera National Park was even better than I imagined, and we are already looking forward to going back when we return to Rwanda.

Next time, however, I think we'll turn the one-day safari into a two-day excursion and spend the night at the lodge inside the national park that overlooks a lake along the Tanzanian border.

One day just wasn't enough at such a beautiful national park that is home to so many amazing animals that prior to June 10 I had only seen in a zoo or on TV.

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Justin Peeper



## Trump's enemies have a new scheme

Let's say you hate Donald Trump and really, really, really don't want him to become president of the United States again. How do you prevent that? Well, most would agree the best way would be to defeat him electorally, either in the Republican primaries or in the 2024 general election.

But a significant number of Trump's adversaries don't have enough faith in our democratic process to make that happen. So they hope that at least one of the four prosecutions targeting Trump will put an end to Trump's presidential chances. Even though conviction does not legally bar Trump from running and winning, the hope is that as a practical matter, there's no way a convicted Trump could regain the presidency.

But there are some of Trump's opponents who don't appear to have a lot of faith in that course of action, either. So they are now exploring the idea that Trump is already disqualified from running for office. State election boards, or secretaries of state, they say, can — and should — simply remove his name from the ballot in their states. There's no need for a hearing, or a trial, or a legal ruling, or legislation, or any sort of adjudication process that might get messy. It's already done. Voila! Trump is off the ballot. Let's move on.

This magical result occurs, proponents say, by way of the 14th Amendment. Section 3 of the amendment prohibits anyone who has taken an oath to uphold the Constitution, and then "engaged in insurrection or rebellion against [the United States], or given aid or comfort to the enemies thereof" from ever holding public office. The 14th Amendment was ratified in 1868. Section 3 was intended to apply to former Confederate officials. It has "played no significant role in American governance since 1872 and was regarded by many scholars as moribund," writes legal scholar and former federal judge Michael McConnell. But that was until some anti-Trumpers came up with the idea of using it against the former president.

The idea of using Section 3 to disqualify Trump from office has been floating around for a while. I wrote about it in January 2022. At the time, I wrote that for Trump to be kicked off ballots, some authority, like Congress, "would first have to establish that the events of Jan. 6 constituted an "insurrection or rebellion" against the United States government, and then that Trump engaged in the insurrection, and then, such a judgment would have to stand up in court."

The new twist is the idea that none of that is necessary. Trump is already disqualified, and all state election officials have to do is remove him from ballots on their own initiative. And then he is gone. Section 3, in this way of thinking, is "self-executing." It is "constitutionally automatic," in the words of law professors William Baude and Michael Stokes Paulsen, writing in a new law review article that is making the rounds. "Section 3 requires no legislation or adjudication to be legally effective. It is enacted by the enactment of the Fourteenth Amendment [in 1868]. Its disqualification, where triggered, just is." All a state election official has to do is pick it up and use it.

The anti-Trump law professors are telling election officials across the country that they can just take Trump's name off now. In fact, if they don't, they might find themselves the target of lawsuits from anti-Trump forces who demand Trump be removed.

It all seems a little too simple, doesn't it? A voice of

caution in all this comes from McConnell. First, McConnell is skeptical about applying the word "insurrection" to the events of Jan. 6, 2021. "Section 3 speaks of 'insurrection' and 'rebellion,'" he writes. "These are demanding terms, connoting only the most serious of uprisings against the government, such as the Whisky Rebellion and the Civil War. The terms of Section 3 should not be defined down to include mere riots or civil disturbances, which are common in United States history. Many of these riots impede the lawful operations of government, and exceed the power of normal law enforcement to control. Are they insurrections or rebellions, within the meaning of Section 3?"

McConnell questions Baude and Paulsen's belief that all sorts of actions fit under the heading of "insurrection," even actions that many Americans would consider constitutionally protected speech. "Baude and Paulsen maintain that Section 3 'covers a broad range of conduct against the authority of the constitutional order, including many instances of indirect participation or support,'" McConnell writes. "They explicitly state that Section 3 trumps the First Amendment. The terms 'broad range of conduct' and 'indirect support' are ominous, especially since they also say that Section 3 trumps the First Amendment and does not require due process. What could go wrong?"

A lot could go wrong. And then there is the problem of letting state secretaries of state make so momentous a decision as to remove a major political party's presidential candidate from the ballot on their own authority. "We must not forget that we are talking about empowering partisan politicians such as state secretaries of state to disqualify their political opponents from the ballot, depriving voters of the ability to elect candidates of their choice," McConnell writes. "If abused, this is profoundly anti-democratic."

Finally, McConnell notes that Congress has passed a law against insurrection, which, like the 14th Amendment, also carries the penalty of disqualification to hold public office. The Justice Department could actually charge people with insurrection if it chose.

"It is significant that the Department of Justice has prosecuted hundreds of persons for their involvement in the Jan. 6 incursion at the Capitol, but has not charged anyone, including Trump, with insurrection under this or any other statute."

McConnell's objections capture in some depth the essential danger of the latest 14th Amendment craze in anti-Trump world. In addition, no one's analysis, so far at least, has really explored the effect such a stunt would have on our political system. But you can be sure of one thing: Someone is going to try this. Some official somewhere will cite the new interpretation of the 14th Amendment, Section 3, to remove Trump from a ballot. And then, who knows what will happen?

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Byron York

## More climate fiction

It's been a good summer for climate activists who are pushing the false narrative of "climate change."

We had the Canadian wildfires with smoke drifting into other parts of North America. Then there were hotter than usual temperatures in many parts of the country (it's summertime and I predict temperatures will drop this fall, winter and spring, as usual), followed by a devastating fire in Maui, and then Hurricane Idalia.

Never mind that the fires in Canada might have been prevented if environmentalists had not opposed clearing underbrush and removing old trees. The same goes for Maui, along with better management of the fire when it first broke out.

President Joe Biden added to this fictional summer storyline by embellishing an often-told story about a fire at his Delaware home. We've heard several versions, the latest being firefighters "ran into flames" to rescue his wife and the house "almost collapsed." Previous stories put his 1967 Corvette and cat at risk after a lightning strike.

Much of the media are hauling out one of their favorite words - "unprecedented" - to describe the force and destructive power of Idalia, which is not true. Hurricanes happen during the summer and early fall and some of the worst occurred long before the



Cal Thomas

Industrial Age. Let's not forget the "experts" who swore in the 1970s that the Earth was headed for a new ice age in which we would all freeze to death. Trust the science we were told.

The deconstruction of this latest chapter of fiction begins with this: According to the Hawaii Wildfire Management Organization, "98 percent of all Hawaiian fires are started by people, of which 75 percent are due to carelessness." Bring back Smokey Bear who said: "Remember, only YOU can prevent forest fires."

Returning to those Canadian wildfires - common across that country during summer - the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel reported that half were caused by lightning strikes while the other half were caused in different ways, from discarding cigarette butts to sparks from passing trains. While the newspaper includes "climate change" as a contributing factor, better forest management would have helped reduce the risk.

Concerning the predictable hysteria from some TV reporters standing in ankle or hip-deep water, the climate Chicken Littles are wrong again. According to the webpage Advancing Earth and Space Sciences: "Global hurricane counts and Accumulated Cyclone Energy (ACE) have significantly decreased since 1990 likely due to a trend toward LaNina.

(The) decreasing trend in global hurricanes and ACE is primarily driven by (the) downturn in western North Pacific activity."

CNN went full crisis mode when its top climate "expert" Dr. Bill Weir said: "The cost of (using fossil fuels) is becoming bigger with every storm. Science has been warning about this for a very long time, in many ways it has been predicted..."

Not all "science" and not all scientists, especially those who are in the field of environment and not receiving grants from the federal government, which could skew the credibility of their findings. The organization Climate Intelligence has published a letter signed by 1,609 scientists who say there is no climate emergency. Their letter is loaded with scientific facts and not statements by politicians and reporters who repeat familiar lines.

In addition to their citation of scientific facts, they write: "To believe the outcome of a climate model is to believe what the model makers have put in. This is precisely the problem with today's climate discussion to which climate models are central. Climate science has degenerated into a discussion based on beliefs, not on sound self-critical science. Should we not free ourselves from the naive belief in immature climate models?"

It's a good question and one purveyors of the "climate change" storyline should contemplate. [tcaditors@tribpub.com](mailto:tcaditors@tribpub.com)

## Today in History

By The Associated Press  
Today is Wednesday, Sept. 6, the 249th day of 2023. There are 116 days left in the year.

Today's Highlights in History: On Sept. 6, 1901, President William McKinley was shot and mortally wounded by anarchist Leon Czolgosz at the Pan-American Exposition in Buffalo, New York. (McKinley died eight days later.)

On this date:  
In 1909, American

explorer Robert Peary sent a telegram from Indian Harbor, Labrador, announcing that he had reached the North Pole five months earlier.

In 1943, 79 people were killed when a New York-bound Pennsylvania Railroad train derailed and crashed in Philadelphia.

In 1975, 18-year-old tennis star Martina Navratilova of Czechoslovakia, in New York for the U.S. Open, requested political asylum in the United States.

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# Phrases passed from generation to generation

Have you ever stopped in mid-sentence and was hit with the realization that you sounded just like your Mom or Dad?

It is funny how certain phrases are carried from generation to generation, and no one really knows what it means. My mother was famous, in my mind, for her one-liners that she felt summarized the world around her. She was a simple farm wife that had her hands filled raising a family, gathering food, preparing food, and doing normal chores that needed her attention.

When mom would come in and announce, "It's hot enough to fry eggs on the sidewalk!" you just knew it was really hot out. We never questioned "Why would anyone want to fry an egg on a sidewalk?" Let alone point out we had no sidewalk. We just knew it was a day that we would take cold water to Dad in the fields, and the least amount of clothing

within decency would be required for that day. I now hear my children exclaim, "It's hot enough to fry eggs on the sidewalk" and smile to think that there is proof that I did have some influence on my children.

At breakfast if mom said she was "redding" out drawers, you knew instantly that some of our valued treasures that were hidden in that massive jumble were in danger of never being seen again! You would dash and try to retrieve them before Mom would swoop in and throw them in the trash. Mom never "redd" out anything but drawers. She would "straighten" up the closet, "rearrange" the pantry, and "clean up" the toy room. I wonder why the drawers were chosen to be the ones to be "redd" out? I, too, only redd out the drawers, though a few closets definitely could use a redding out.

"Thingamajigs" had a special place in Mom's vocabulary. We instantly knew what stray toy or abandoned piece of clothing she referred to as she instructed



us to pick it up. When describing to my dad what she felt was wrong with the washing machine, thing-amajig was used often and my Dad seemed to know exactly what she was talking about. I use "thing-amajig" in reference to anything whose name has escaped me, which is more often as the years are added to my driver's license.

Mom would explain that thunder was simply "God moving his furniture" and lightening as "God flashing on and off the lights," which was something I loved to do. It calmed my fears and to this day I am not frightened in a thunderstorm. I somehow can still hear my Mom exclaim "Oh, God's moving his furniture again." Mom never explained why it always seem to rain when God was moving his furniture.

I wondered if there are words and phrases I use, that my children in turn inflicted on their children. It was confirmed when my daughter introduced the Christmas Fairy to my granddaughter. Let me explain.

As my three children would awake at the predawn hours of Christmas morning, I longed for more sleep because I usually didn't get to bed until 3 a.m. due to finishing up wrapping the Christmas surprises. I needed a plan. The Christmas Fairy was born. I told my children that Santa had a fairy that accompanied him on Christmas Eve. After Santa had placed the presents under the tree, the Christmas Fairy would sprinkle her magic dust on the presents, and the articles inside would disappear. It would take sunlight to make them reappear. If anyone gazed upon the presents before the sun was up, the presents were gone forever! I reinforced this by unwrapping a present the night before and sure enough, there wasn't anything in it. The Christmas fairy wasn't all bad. She left a present outside the bedroom door which always contained new pajamas. These presents were to be opened and put on before you could view the tree. This solved the problem of Christmas photos with raggedy pajamas.

The first Christmas of the Christmas Fairy was so entertaining. My husband and I laughed

as we heard the two older ones threaten the younger one with bodily harm if he should go into the living room before the sun came up. Needless to say, when the sun broke on the horizon, great screams of joy were heard. To this day, it is understood that presents aren't opened until after the sun comes up, and the Christmas Fairy still leaves those pajamas by the door.

**Here's the Thing:** What we say to and around our children is important. It forms a bond to situations and circumstances. When hearing certain words, you can be thrown back to a time that brings a smile to our face and warmth in our heart. Take care that the words you pass on don't cause you embarrassment. With that thought, because I don't want to fry eggs outside, I need to go redd out my drawers to throw out the thingamajigs that I don't need.

*Editor's Note: This is one of a series of articles written by a group of retired and current teachers — LaNae Abnet, Ken Ballinger, Billy Kreigh, Kathy Schwartz, and Anna Spalding. Their intent is to spur discussions at the dinner table and elsewhere. You may also voice your thoughts and reactions via The News-Banner's letters to editor.*



Kathy Schwartz

## Norwell Internship Spotlight award Morgan Batdorff

Senior Morgan Batdorff has been selected to receive the Weekly Norwell Internship Spotlight award.

Morgan is doing her experience with NHS teachers Autumn Rinehart (Family and Consumer Sciences) and Ty Platt (Psychology and Social Studies). Morgan is the daughter of Dan and Suzanne Batdorff of Ossian.

Morgan has spent most of her time observing her mentors while they teach their classes. She has learned their many teaching styles, classroom management techniques, and strategies for learning and behavior. She is helpful with grading and assisting individual students with their work. With



Morgan Batdorff

Mrs. Rinehart, Morgan sets up and tears down food labs as the students learn about nutrition. Her internship goal for second semester is to be with a registered dietitian.

Upon graduation, Morgan plans to attend Purdue University to study Nutrition and Dietetics.

## The risks and benefits of testosterone therapy

Also: Every bit counts

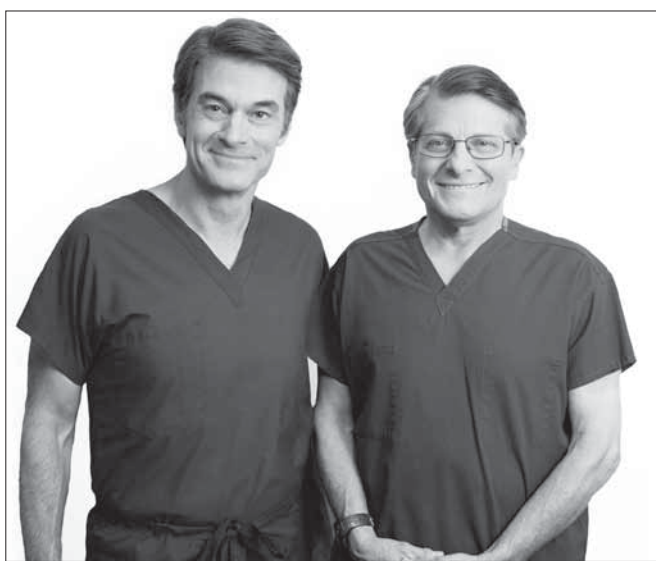
*Question: I turned 63 and I have lost interest in sex and am tired much of the time. It's embarrassing to admit, but should I see a doctor about it? — J. T., Miami*

**Answer:** Yes, you should see a doctor any time you notice a change in your well-being or functioning. I suggest an internist like me who focuses on longevity or a urologist — they specialize in diagnosis and treatment of testosterone deficiency.

While only about 1 percent of younger men have testosterone deficiency, 30 percent of those over age 50, and as many as 50 percent of men over 80 may have it. TD is also more likely if a guy is a smoker, has thyroid-related issues, elevated LDL cholesterol, high blood pressure, diabetes, sleep apnea, chronic stress or anxiety, or consumes excess alcohol.

TD can lead to fatigue, mood swings, erectile dysfunction, lack of interest in sex. Treatment is available using testosterone-releasing agents (which we prefer, to avoid testicular shrinkage) or testosterone creams, pills or injections — but many men worry about potential side effects, including cardiovascular disease.

The good news is that the TRAVERSE study led by the Cleveland Clinic looked at men age 45 to 80 with preexisting or a high risk of CVD and with symptoms of and measurably low testosterone levels and found that testosterone supplementation didn't increase risks of major cardiac events. But those receiving testosterone did show a higher incidence of atrial fibrillation, acute kidney injury, and blood clots. So you and your doctor have to weigh your risks and benefits. (The testosterone-releasing agents plus a low-dose aspirin with water may be helpful.)



Mehmet Oz, M.D. and Mike Roizen, M.D.

Plus, weight loss, physical activity and diet often increase testosterone levels. Zinc, omega-3 fatty acids like those found in salmon, and vitamins C, E and beta carotene support testosterone production. The ultimate testosterone-boosting dinner is salmon, a bowl of grapes, pomegranate, and watermelon, and cabbage sprinkled with pumpkin seeds. The meal also relaxes blood vessels to improve erectile dysfunction.

*Question: I have been sedentary for years — working a desk job 10 hours a day. I'd like to change that, but it's hard to jump into doing a workout five days a week, like the guidelines suggest. What should I do? — Denis W., Atlanta*

**Answer:** Bravo — it's never too late to reap the health benefits of increasing physical activity to achieve a younger actual age. And despite what you may think, you can start out with small steps. Two new articles show just how much you can gain from starting to put one foot in front of the other.

The first is a Viewpoint published in JAMA titled "Physical Activity for

Health — Every Minute Counts." In it, the authors make it very clear that you can reap enormous benefits by going from sedentary to moving — even a little bit. For example, a meta-analysis of eight studies with 36,383 participants demonstrated that with 10-20 minutes of moderate to vigorous activity daily, formerly sedentary folks saw a 45 percent to 50 percent reduction in risk for all-cause mortality. Those minutes can be spent walking (you can do that after dinner or during a lunch break) or using a stationary bike at home after dinner.

The second is a study out of Massachusetts General Hospital published in JAMA. They looked

at 90,000 folks and found that so-called weekend warriors who get moderate to vigorous activity over one to two days a week lower their risk for incident atrial fibrillation, heart attack, heart failure, and stroke almost as well as folks who spend the same amount of time spread over seven days a week — all without increasing the risk of muscle or joint injuries.

So, start with what you can fit into your schedule, and let your love for how much better you feel every time you move around inspire you. Your goal? To build up to a level of 10,000 steps daily or the equivalent by following the exercise suggestions at LongevityPlaybook.com.

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## Upcoming Saturday events at the Parlor City Market

Saturday, Sept. 9 will be the final market of the season. In addition to the market vendors, the Creative Arts Council will host Parlor City Fine Arts Day. Local artists will be present throughout the day.

Events include CAC voice students performing at 9:30 a.m., Creative Arts Dance Co. at 9:45 a.m., Studio 88 Piano at 10:30 a.m. and a performance by Parlor City Shakespeare at 11:15 a.m.

Kids activities will include chalk art and printmaking. There will also be a pottery demonstration from JH Pottery Works.

The market, located at the Parlor City Plaza, is open Saturday from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

## Dino Days at FW Children's Zoo

Dino Days at the Fort Wayne Childrens Zoo will be held from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Sept. 9, 10, 16, 17, 23 & 24.

Dinosaurs will roam the zoo those days and an archeological dig will be in progress. The event is free with regular zoo admission: \$18 adults and children (2-12).

The zoo will continue to be open daily from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. through Oct. 29th. The rides on the ski safari, railroad, carousel and creek are \$3 per person while feeding the goats, chickens and giraffes are \$1 and stingrays \$5.

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Norwell's Grace Mann (left) scores her first of three goals of the night against Wayne at home Tuesday night. Teammate Makenzie Fuess (middle), who scored four goals on her own during the match, watches the ball go through the net. (Photo by Ryan Walker)

## Fuess, Mann ignite the Knights' offense with seven goals in win over Generals

By RYAN WALKER

Grace Mann and Makenzie Fuess's hat tricks accounted for seven of Norwell's 10 goals Tuesday night at home in a win over Wayne.

The Knights (4-2-1) have been working all season on "through balls," or passes that split the opposing defense going toward the net. Head coach Dan Batdorff said that his team has been unsuccessful so far this season with those passes, but the last two games have 20 combined goals, and the Knights are steaming with confidence.

"I mean, it's great for our confidence," Batdorff said after the game. "We've had a couple tough ones there early in the season, so this is the part of the schedule that we start gaining confidence back. But it's great to see communication going on, the movement off the ball, looking for those through balls. I was very impressed with how the team's responding to things that we've worked on early that may haven't worked earlier in the season but now are starting to come together now."

Norwell got on the board first over Wayne (2-5) within the first seven seconds of the game when Mann connect-

ed with Fuess in front of the net. By halftime, it was 4-1 Knights.

Fuess' four goals are now good for second in the Northeast 8 Conference with seven. While Mann tallied up to a team and NE8-leading eight goals on the season.

The two used their speed on the receiving end of the through balls set up by Batdorff's offense. Seven goals were clearly enough, but the two had multiple other chances that could have given them more points on the night.

The two have been a force to be reckoned with dating back to last season, as Mann and Fuess put up 34 total goals.

"Grace and Makenzie are rock solid in the middle," Batdorff said. "I mean, whether they're playing offense mid, striker — I think Morgan was in there a little bit there with them tonight — the three of them just did a phenomenal job looking for each other, supporting each other, and that really helps us."

Addison Norris, Ridley Sheets, and Morgan Batdorff scored one each to round out the scoring.

On the defensive end, the Knights have only allowed two goals in their past two games. Batdorff, though,

wants to see more of his team do better in that category, trying to force attackers to the outside rather than allowing them to cut toward the middle.

He has seen improvement, especially from his depth on the defensive end but also the communication by goaltender Gracie Rinkenberger.

Rinkenberger has been one of Batdorff's highly regarded players over the last two seasons, as not only is she good in net, but also orchestrating the defense.

Gracie Rinkenberger, in the goal, is doing a phenomenal job," Batdorff said. "She's communicating with (the defense). She's getting them in the position she wants, which helps her cut off the angles that she has to defend. It's all working together with those things."

All of Norwell's defenders saw action in the win over Wayne to continue gaining experience.

Norwell also won the junior varsity game 1-0, with Aubrey Meyer scoring the only goal of the match.

Norwell's next game will be at New Haven, starting at 6 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 6.

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## Colorado, Duke surge into the AP Top 25 after huge upsets; Florida State in top five

By RALPH D. RUSSO

AP College Football Writer

No. 21 Duke and No. 22 Colorado moved into the Associated Press Top 25 college football poll Tuesday after scoring the biggest upsets of the opening weekend of the season and No. 4 Florida State jumped into the top five after its resounding victory over LSU in Week 1's marquee game.

Georgia remained No. 1 with 58 first-place votes and Michigan held steady at No. 2 with two first-place votes.

No. 3 Alabama moved up a spot and Florida State climbed four places and received the remaining three first-place votes after beating LSU, 45-24. The Seminoles are in the top five for the first time since the beginning of the 2017 season.

Ohio State rounded out the top five in the AP's first regular-season poll of the season.

LSU dropped nine spots to No. 15. Clemson, which was upset at Duke, fell 16 places to No. 25. TCU, which lost to Colorado, dropped all the way out of the rankings after being No. 17 in the preseason.

Colorado's victory as a three-touchdown underdog at TCU in coach Deion's Sanders debut was the story of the weekend, and now the Buffaloes are ranked for the first time since a brief stay in the 2020 season. The Buffs were also ranked for two weeks in 2018, but have only finished a season in the Top 25 once (2016) in the last 20 seasons.

"I don't care about no ranking," Sanders said. "I care about how we practice tomorrow. That's what I'm caring about right now. Ranking don't have a record, does it? Ranking don't have a record."

Sanders, the former NFL star and Florida State All-American, took over a team that went 1-11 last season and did an unprecedented roster makeover, with nearly 90 new players, 58 of them transfers. The new-look Buffs came away with a 45-42 victory on the road against the program that played in the national title game last season.

The rest of the top 10 was Southern California at No. 6, followed by Penn State, Washington, Tennessee and Notre Dame.

Duke capped the long Labor Day weekend of college football by knocking off Clemson 28-7 on Monday night in Durham, North Carolina. It was the Blue Devils' first victory against a team ranked in the top 10 since 1989 against a Clemson team ranked seventh.

In Year 2 under coach Mike Elko, perennial basketball powerhouse Duke is ranked for the first time in the AP college football poll since a one-week stint in 2018.

That season was also the last time Florida State made an appearance in the preseason Top 25. The Seminoles quickly faded that year, slipping into the worst stretch the program has had since the 1970s.

These Seminoles opened with their most impressive victory since coach Jimbo Fisher left for Texas A&M late in the 2017 season.

Coach Mike Norvell's team broke through last season, going 10-3 and finishing No. 11 in the country. The victory over LSU was the Seminoles' first against a team ranked in the top five since October 2014 at home against No. 5 Notre Dame.

## USA rolls past Italy to reach World Cup semis

By TIM REYNOLDS

AP Basketball Writer

MANILA, Philippines (AP) — Losing a game at the Basketball World Cup, the U.S. national team said, was quite the wake-up call. It brought a renewed focus, an extra level of commitment, even some promises to one another that things would change.

Poor Italy.

The Americans turned words into actions and handed the Italians their worst loss in a global tournament — the World Cup or the Olympics — in nearly 55 years. Mikal Bridges scored 24 points, Tyrese Haliburton added 18 on six 3-pointers and the U.S. simply was airtight defensively on the way to a 100-63 win in the World Cup quarterfinals on Tuesday night.

"It's been a five-week journey for this group and there's five more days. That's how we look at it," U.S. coach Steve Kerr said. "We're the horse turning back to the barn. The horse starts picking up pace when it's near the barn, and that's what's happening right now. Our guys are sensing this is the end of the journey and the energy picked up tonight, the pace, the force. They know what's ahead. They know

what the goal is."

Gold is the goal, and the Americans can reach the gold-medal game if they win Friday in a semifinal against either Germany or Latvia; those teams meet Wednesday in a quarterfinal. The medal games are Sunday.

The last time Italy lost a game this badly in a tournament of this level was Oct. 14, 1968 — USA 100, Italy 61 in the Mexico City Olympics. The Italians shot 31% on Tuesday and were just 7 of 38 (18%) from 3-point range.

Let that show the level of improvement from the U.S.: Lithuania started 9 for 9 on 3s in what became a stunning victory over the Americans on Sunday. Italy didn't make nine 3s in the entire game Tuesday.

"We just felt that energy from the jump," Bridges said. "Everybody felt it."

It was 46-24 USA by halftime, with Austin Reaves providing the exclamation point courtesy of a follow-slam that had his teammates out of their seats. The margin was that big despite Anthony Edwards — the team's leading scorer entering Tuesday, averaging just over 20 points in the first five games of the World Cup — not even getting on the scoresheet until the first

possession of the third quarter.

His heroics weren't needed. Not much on the offensive end was. The defensive effort — which was shredded for 110 points in a six-point loss to Lithuania — sure seemed like the best of the summer from the Americans.

"Everything stayed the same," U.S. point guard Jalen Brunson said. "It's just, our approach had to be a little better."

Reaves finished with 12 for the Americans, who improved to 10-1 overall this summer. Simone Fontecchio led Italy (4-2) with 18 points.

"They played very good basketball," Italian forward Luigi Datome said. "They created very good shots and they made them."

It was the quarterfinal round where it all went wrong for the U.S. at the World Cup four years ago in China. A loss to France in the Round of 8 eliminated the Americans from medal contention and started a free-fall all the way to seventh place, the worst finish ever by a U.S. team in a major men's international event.

UP NEXT

USA: Face Germany or Latvia in semifinals Friday.

## Sports Roundup

### Knights top Eagles in NE8 girls' golf

The Norwell girls' golf team defeated NE8 foe Columbia City on the road 188-225.

Leading the Knights on the scoresheet was Ellie Gatton with a 38, and earned the medalist of the match. Following her was Nevada Lenwell with a 47, Savanna Simmerman (51), Anna Dodane (52), and Emmy Heaston (53).

The junior varsity team also won by default, as the Eagles did not have enough golfers for a full lineup.

The team scored a 203 with four golfers led by Emma Dodane and Kylee Nevius with 48's, followed by Sami Lemler (51), and Jessica Bynum (81).

Norwell will be at Leo for 5 p.m. start Wednesday, Sept. 6.

### Knights fall in V-ball to Saints

The Norwell volleyball team fell on the road against Bishop Dwenger in three sets Tuesday night.

The Saints won the first set 25-17, the second 25-6, and the third 25-18.

Individual stat leaders for the Knights were Rebecca Settle with four kills, Macie Saalfrank with one ace and 12 digs, Marlee Wenger with eight assists, Mekynzi Beck with one block.

The Knights also lost the junior varsity match in two sets (20-25, 13-25).

Norwell will be at home next against Northfield at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 6.

### Apaches defeat Tigers in boys' tennis

Bluffton's tennis team lost on the road to Wabash 4-1 Tuesday night.

#### Results

- Grant Ford (W) defeated Anthony Hartman 6-0, 6-1 at No. 1 singles.

- Eli Mattern (W) defeated Nolan Lambert 6-0, 6-4 at No. 2 singles.

- TJ Fritter (W) defeated Jacob Ribich 4-6, 6-1, 6-0 at No. 3 singles.

- Alex Dinkins and Cooper Long (W) defeated Kade Abbett and Ben Maggard 7-6 (7-1), 7-5, at No. 1 doubles.

- Dane Schlagenhauf and Coy Lantz (B) defeated Spencer Stout and Ashton Coffman 6-4, 6-2 at No. 2 doubles.

The junior varsity team won 6-2.

#### Results for JV

- Lance Moser (B) defeated Dylan Pence 6-3.
- Alex Maggard (B) defeated Dylan Pence 6-3.

- Nick Perkins (W) defeated Jed Logan 6-4.
- Nick Perkins (W) defeated Grant Reifsteck 6-1.

- Braden Lemler (B) defeated TJ Tracy 6-2.
- Graham Linderwell (B) defeated TJ Tracy 6-1.

- Lincoln Rodgers (B) defeated Cael McCann 6-4.
- Evan Klopfenstein (B) defeated Cael McCann 6-3.

Bluffton will be at Carroll starting at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 6.

### Tigers swept by Apaches in volleyball

Bluffton's volleyball team lost on the road against Wabash in three sets Tuesday night.

The Tigers lost the first set 25-17, the second 25-19, and the third 27-25.

Stat leaders for the Tigers were Haley Gibson with 17 assists, Konley Ault with two aces and two stuff blocks, Maryn Schreiber with seven kills, and Marly Drayer with 13 digs.

The junior varsity team also lost in two games 25-16, 25-11.

Stat leaders for the junior varsity team were Isla Gibson with two assists and one block assist, Ella Borrer with five digs, Rori Drayer with one ace and five digs, Madelyn Funk with one ace, Sophie Eisenhut with five kills and one ace, and Rylenn Penick with one block assist.

Bluffton will be at South Adams at 6 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 7.

### Raiders fall to Stafires in volleyball

The Southern Wells girls' volleyball team lost in three sets to South Adams at home Tuesday night.

The Raiders lost the first set 25-6, the second 25-17, and the third 25-9.

The Raiders will host Heritage at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 12.

### Green Valley Senior Golf League results

Steve Folk had the closest to pin in the Florida Scramble at the Tuesday Senior Golf League at Green Valley. Rick Murphy had the longest putt.

The winning team was Mike Bennett, Jack Blair, Arley Higginbotham, and Howard Lewelyn.

## High School Calendar

**WEDNESDAY, SEPT 6**  
BOYS SOCCER: New Haven at Norwell, 7 p.m.

BOYS TENNIS: Norwell at DeKalb, 5 p.m.; Bluffton at Carroll, 5:30 p.m.

GIRLS GOLF: Norwell at Leo, 5 p.m.; Bluffton at Eastbrook, 5 p.m.

GIRLS SOCCER: Norwell at New Haven, 6 p.m.  
VOLLEYBALL: Northfield at Norwell, 7:30 p.m.

**THURSDAY, SEPT 7**  
BOYS SOCCER: Bishop Luers at Norwell, 7 p.m.  
BOYS TENNIS: Bellmont at Norwell, 4:30 p.m.

GIRLS GOLF: Bluffton at Norwell, 4:30 p.m.; Canterbury at Southern Wells, 4:30 p.m.

VOLLEYBALL: Blackford at Norwell, 7:30 p.m.; Bluffton at South Adams, 6 p.m.

**FRIDAY, SEPT 8**  
FOOTBALL: Bellmont at Norwell, 7 p.m.; Bluffton at Woodlan, 7 p.m.; Wes-Del at Southern Wells, 7 p.m.

**SATURDAY, SEPT 9**  
BOYS SOCCER: Leo at Norwell, 11 a.m.  
BOYS TENNIS: Bluffton at Madison-Grant Invitational, 9 a.m.

CROSS COUNTRY (CO-ED): Norwell, Bluffton. Southern Wells at Wildcat

Class Invitational at Indiana Wesleyan University, 9 a.m.

GIRLS GOLF: NE8 Meet at Cross Creek CC 10 a.m.; Bluffton, Southern Wells ACAC at Celina Linx, 9 a.m.

GIRLS SOCCER: Norwell at Leo, 11 a.m.

**MONDAY, Sept 11**  
BOYS SOCCER: Norwell at East Noble, 7 p.m.

BOYS TENNIS: Bluffton at Norwell, 4:30 p.m.  
VOLLEYBALL: Norwell at Eastbrook, 7:30 p.m.; Bishop Luers at Bluffton, 6 p.m.

**TUESDAY, SEPT 12**  
BOYS TENNIS: Norwell at New Haven, 5 p.m.

GIRLS GOLF: Norwell at Canterbury, 4:30 p.m.; Southern Wells at Jay County, 4:30 p.m.

GIRLS SOCCER: Eastbrook at Norwell, 7 p.m.  
VOLLEYBALL: Norwell at Marion, 7:30 p.m.; Bluffton at Woodlan, 6 p.m.; Heritage at Southern Wells, 7 p.m.

**WEDNESDAY, SEPT 13**  
BOYS TENNIS: Bluffton at Bishop Luers, 5 p.m.

BOYS SOCCER: Norwell at Concordia, 7 p.m.  
GIRLS GOLF: Bishop Luers and South Adams at Norwell, 4:30 p.m.

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# Arrivals of West Coast schools could change Big Ten offenses

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MADISON, Wis. (AP) — The Big Ten's westward expansion could challenge the league's reputation for smashmouth football.

No Power Five conference has tended to rely more on defense and the running game than the Big Ten. The arrival of Southern California, UCLA, Oregon and Washington next year just might change that.

"It'll be a fun mix of leagues," said new Purdue offensive coordinator Graham Harrell, who held the same position at USC from 2019-21.

Perhaps the mix will help balance a conference whose strength has come on one side of the ball lately.

The list of the 14 Bowl Subdivision programs to allow the fewest yards per game last season included six Big Ten schools: Iowa (2nd), Illinois (3rd), Michigan (6th), Minnesota (9th), Wisconsin (11th) and Ohio State (14th). That marked the 10th straight season in which at least two Big Ten teams ranked in the top 10 in total defense.

Each of the last five years, Ohio State has been the only Big Ten program to finish among the nation's top 20 teams in total offense. The last time the Big Ten had two teams rank in the top 15

in total offense was 2014.

"I do think there's a nature of playing really sound in the Big Ten," said new Wisconsin coach Luke Fickell, who previously spent about two decades in the conference as a defensive tackle, assistant coach and interim head coach at Ohio State. "There's a nature of playing really physical in the Big Ten, not that they don't do it in other conferences. If that means maybe there's better defenses or less offensive firepower in the Big Ten, so be it."

That offensive firepower is coming soon.

Washington ranked second, USC third, UCLA fourth and Oregon sixth nationally in total offense just last season. All four teams averaged at least 500 yards per game, something no Big Ten program other than Ohio State has done since Indiana in 2015.

Granted, most of the schools leaving the Pac-12 will have different quarterbacks by the time they enter the Big Ten. Yet these schools still should provide a change of pace from typical Big Ten football because their styles are more in line with nationwide trends prioritizing offense.

"I think defensively in general we haven't been as good throughout the country of keeping up with the offenses," Fickell said. "I think defensive guys have been

set in their ways a little bit. But I think what you're starting to see is an evolution and change on both sides of the ball. Will it affect the Big Ten? Yes. I don't know exactly how."

That uncertainty carries over to the players with experience in both the Pac-12 and Big Ten.

Nebraska center Ben Scott transferred from Arizona State and Wisconsin wide receiver CJ Williams began his college career at USC. Both predict slight changes in the Big Ten's style of play with the arrival of the Pac-12 schools, but they don't expect a major transformation.

Scott noted the four schools making the move also might have to adapt to the more run-oriented Big Ten, for years the league known for "three yards and a cloud of dust" on offense.

"I guess they would have to get more physical and bring in bigger safeties and bigger linebackers instead of coverage linebackers and safeties," Scott said.

Harrell doesn't expect many schools to alter their approaches solely because of conference realignment.

"I don't think any West Coast team coming in is going to change what they do or change what anyone over here does," Harrell said. "I think these guys are going play their style of football. Whatever

that looks like, it looks like."

He still can't wait to discover just what kind of long-term impact this shift will have.

"Bringing in the West Coast teams and even some of the hires they've made in the Big Ten already, it'll be interesting to see what the league looks like," Harrell said.

Harrell can consider himself among these new attention-getting hires. Harrell set a since-broken Bowl Subdivision record by throwing 134 touchdown passes while operating the late Mike Leach's Air Raid attack at Texas Tech from 2005-08.

His move to the Big Ten coincides with Wisconsin's hiring of offensive coordinator Phil Longo, an Air Raid disciple who previously held the same position at North Carolina. Longo's two starting quarterbacks at North Carolina were current Washington Commanders starter Sam Howell and projected first-round draft pick Drake Maye.

Ohio State was the only Big Ten program to rank among the nation's top 21 teams last season in yards passing per game. The arrivals of Harrell and Longo suggest Big Ten teams might start throwing the ball more often. Minnesota already has shown signs of backing off from its traditional run-oriented approach; Athan

Kaliakmanis' 44 pass attempts in a 13-10 season-opening victory over Nebraska were the most by any Gophers quarterback since 2010.

"Throwing it 44 times was probably shocking to a lot of people, but that's what was required to win that particular game," Minnesota coach P.J. Fleck said.

Longo said repeatedly during the offseason that Wisconsin would continue to emphasize the ground attack that has been synonymous with Badgers football since former coach Barry Alvarez's arrival in the early 1990s. Wisconsin's 38-17 season-opening triumph over Buffalo bore that out.

SMU transfer Tanner Mordecai's 24 pass completions were the most by any Wisconsin quarterback in a debut performance since at least 1968, but the Badgers' 312-yard rushing output represented their highest single-game total since Oct. 9, 2021.

That balance could reflect the way the Big Ten looks after the four Pac-12 schools have arrived.

"I definitely think football as a whole has kind of shifted to that spread offense, West Coast offense-type of deal from Coach Leach," Williams said. "I think you'll see a lot more of it in the Big Ten as well, but I think there's always room for that hard-nosed smash running the football."

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### FOOTBALL

#### High School

6A			
	Rcd	TP	Pvs
1. Indpls Ben Davis	3-0	288	1
2. Brownsburg	3-0	260	2
3. Crown Grove	2-1	232	3
4. Hamilton South	3-0	212	4
5. Indpls Cathedral	2-1	158	6
6. Fishers	3-0	150	7
7. Westfield	3-0	148	5
8. Crown Point	3-0	90	9
9. Lawrence North	3-0	38	NR
10. Carmel	2-1	30	NR

Others receiving votes: Carroll (Fort Wayne) 20, Penn 16, Warsaw 4, Franklin Central 2, Noblesville 2.

5A			
	Rcd	TP	Pvs
1. Ft. Wayne Snider	3-0	300	1
2. Bloomington South-3	0-0	264	3
3. Valparaiso	2-1	202	5
4. Whiteland	2-1	184	6
5. Bloomington North-3	0	162	7
6. Plainfield	3-0	150	8
7. Merrillville	2-1	138	2
8. Mishawaka	2-1	90	10
9. Decatur Central	2-1	66	4
10. Lafayette Harrison-2	1	62	NR

Others receiving votes: Castle 14, Michigan City 10, Franklin 6, Concord 2.

4A			
	Rcd	TP	Pvs
1. E. Central	3-0	294	1
2. Ev. Reitz	3-0	248	2
3. Kokomo	3-0	234	3
4. NorthWood	3-0	222	4
5. Ev. Memorial	3-0	168	5
6. Greenfield	3-0	114	9
7. Columbia City	3-0	110	8
8. Indpls Roncalli	1-2	68	6
9. New Palestine	1-2	54	10
10. Indpls Brebuaf	2-1	44	NR

Others receiving votes: New Prairie 20, New Haven 18, Northridge 10, Leo 10, Mississinewa 10, E. Noble 8, Hobart 6, Pendleton Hts. 6, Northview 4, Mt. Vernon (Hancock) 2.

3A			
	Rcd	TP	Pvs
1. Indpls Chatard	3-0	300	1
2. Guerin Catholic	3-0	252	2
3. Heritage Hills	3-0	182	6
4. Western Boone	3-0	180	3
5. Lawrenceburg	2-1	156	4
6. W. Lafayette	2-1	152	5
7. Hanover Central	3-0	124	7
8. Gibson Southern	2-1	94	8
9. Oak Hill	3-0	66	NR
10. Tri-West	2-1	50	9

Others receiving votes: Peru 22, Hamilton Hts. 20, Yorktown 18, Monrovia 16, Knox 8, Lakeland 4, Delta 4, Danville 2.

2A			
	Rcd	TP	Pvs
1. Indpls Scecina	3-0	288	3
2. Brownstown	3-0	242	5
3. LaVille	3-0	192	8
4. Triton Central	2-1	190	1
5. Bluffton	3-0	178	10
6. Linton	2-1	152	2
7. N. Posey	3-0	136	NR
8. Eastbrook	2-1	82	4
9. Ev. Mater Dei	1-2	54	6
10. Andean	1-2	46	NR

Others receiving votes: Northeastern 28, Heritage Christian 24, Lafayette Catholic 24, Sullivan 8, S. Vermillion 4, Ft. Wayne Luers 2.

1A			
	Rcd	TP	Pvs
1. Indpls Lutheran	3-0	300	1
2. Adams Central	3-0	270	2
3. Carroll (Flora)	3-0	230	4
4. S. Putnam	3-0	204	5
5. Providence	3-0	156	7
6. Indpls Park Tudor	3-0	120	8
7. N. Judson	2-1	104	3
8. Sheridan	2-1	90	9
9. N. Decatur	2-1	48	10
10. W. Washington	3-0	34	NR

Others receiving votes: S. Adams 24, Madison-Grant 22, Clinton Prairie 16, Pioneer 14, Triton 14, Tri 4.

#### Football

Houston 14, Texas 1			
Tampa Bay 8, Boston 6, 11 innings			
Baltimore at L.A. Angels, late			
Toronto at Oakland, late			
Wednesday's Games			
Minnesota (Ryan 10-8) at Cleveland (Williams 1-5), 1:10 p.m.			
Toronto (Ryu 3-1) at Oakland (Sears 3-11), 3:37 p.m.			
Boston (Pivetta 9-7) at Tampa Bay (Glasnow 7-5), 6:40 p.m.			
Seattle (Gilbert 12-5) at Cincinnati (Richardson 0-1), 6:40 p.m.			
Detroit (Manning 5-4) at N.Y. Yankees (Schmidt 8-8), 7:05 p.m.			
Chicago White Sox (Toussaint 2-7) at Kansas City (Lyles 4-15), 7:40 p.m.			
Houston (Verlander 10-7) at Texas (Scherzer 12-5), 8:05 p.m.			
Baltimore (Gibson 13-8) at L.A. Angels (Sandoval 7-11), 9:38 p.m.			

#### Football

St. Louis (Hudson 5-1) at Atlanta (Strider 16-4), 7:20 p.m.			
Thursday's Games			
L.A. Dodgers at Miami, 6:40 p.m.			
St. Louis at Atlanta, 7:20 p.m.			
Arizona at Chicago Cubs, 7:40 p.m.			

#### Midwest League

Tuesday's Games			
Dayton 10, Fort Wayne 4			
Wednesday's Games			
Fort Wayne at Dayton, 7:05 p.m.			

#### BASKETBALL

##### WNBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE				
	W	L	Pct	GB
x-New York	31	7	.816	—
x-Connecticut	26	12	.684	5
Atlanta	17	20	.459	13½
Washington	17	20	.459	13½
Chicago	16	22	.421	15
Indiana	12	26	.316	19

WESTERN CONFERENCE				
	W	L	Pct	GB
x-Las Vegas	32	6	.842	—
x-Dallas	20	18	.526	12
x-Minnesota	19	19	.500	13
Los Angeles	16	22	.421	16
Seattle	11	26	.297	20½
Phoenix	9	28	.243	22½

x-clinched playoff spot

**Monday's Games**  
No games scheduled.

**Tuesday's Games**  
Chicago 96, Indiana 69  
Connecticut 90, Los Angeles 76  
New York 94, Dallas 93  
Washington at Phoenix, 10 p.m.

**Wednesday's Games**  
Seattle at Atlanta, 7 p.m.

**Thursday's Games**  
Los Angeles at New York, 7 p.m.

**Friday's Games**  
Atlanta at Washington, 7 p.m.  
Indiana at Connecticut, 7 p.m.  
Minnesota at Chicago, 8 p.m.  
Seattle at Dallas, 8 p.m.  
Las Vegas at Phoenix, 10 p.m.

#### TRANSACTIONS

Tuesday's Transactions	
<b>BASEBALL</b>	
<b>Major League Baseball</b>	
<b>American League</b>	BALTIMORE ORIOLES — Sent RHP Austin Voth outright to Norfolk (IL).
<b>NATIONAL LEAGUE</b>	BOSTON RED SOX — Sent RHP Zack Kelly to Salem (CRL) on a rehab assignment.
<b>CHICAGO WHITE SOX</b>	— Claimed RHP Yohan Ramirez off waivers from Pittsburgh.
<b>HOUSTON ASTROS</b>	— Sent 3B Rylan Bannon outright to Sugar Land (IL). Recalled LHP Parker Mushinski from Sugar Land. Placed RHP Ryne Stanek on the 15-day IL.
<b>LOS ANGELES ANGELS</b>	— Sent SS Zach Neto to Salt Lake (PCL) on a rehab assignment.
<b>OAKLAND ATHLETICS</b>	— Placed 1B

#### Football

Lawrence Butler on the bereavement list. Recalled SS Kevin Smith from Las Vegas (PCL).			
TEXAS RANGERS			
Reinstated RHP Nathan Eovaldi from the 15-day IL. Selected the contract of RHP Ian Kennedy from Round Rock (PCL). Placed RHP Josh Sborz on the 15-day IL. Designated RHP Glenn Otto for assignment.			

#### Football

National League			
ATLANTA BRAVES — Sent SS Ehire Adrianza to Rome (SAL) on a rehab assignment. Optioned RHP Ben Heller to Gwinnett (IL). Recalled RHP Michael Soroka from Gwinnett. Transferred RHP Yonny Chirinos from the 15-day IL to the 60-day IL. Claimed SS Andrew Velazquez off waivers from the Los Angeles Dodgers and optioned him to Gwinnett.			
CINCINNATI REDS — Agreed to terms with RHP Denis Correa on a minor league contract. Set SS Kevin Newman to Louisville (IL) on a rehab assignment. Designated RHP Michael Mariot for assignment. Selected the contract of RHP Kevin Herget from Louisville.			
COLORADO ROCKIES — Selected the contract of INF/OF Cole Tucker from Albuquerque (PCL). Optioned 1B/OF Michael Tojia to Albuquerque. Designated INF Coco Montes for assignment.			
NEW YORK METS — Placed RHP Carlos Carrasco on the 15-day IL. Recalled RHP Sam Coonrod from Syracuse (IL).			
PHILADELPHIA PHILLIES — Placed SS Tra Turner on the paternity list. Recalled INF/OF Weston Wilson from Lehigh Valley (IL).			
PITTSBURGH PIRATES — Sent OF Cal Mitchell outright to Indianapolis (IL). ST. LOUIS CARDINALS — Reinstated LHP Matthew Liberatore from the 15-day IL. Placed LHP Jolo Romero on the 15-day IL, retroactive to September 2. Recalled INF Jose Fermín from Memphis (IL). Designated INF Taylor Motter for assignment.			

#### Football

SAN FRANCISCO GIANTS			
Placed OF A.J. Pollock on waivers. Reinstated RHP John Brebbia from the 60-day IL. Optioned RHP Tristan Beck to Sacramento (PCL).			
WASHINGTON NATIONALS <td></td> <td></td> <td></td>			
Optioned LHP Joe La Sorsa to Rochester (IL). Reinstated LHP MacKenzie Gore from the bereavement list.			

#### BASKETBALL

National Basketball Association			
CHARLOTTE HORNETS — Signed Fs Angelo Allegrí, Nathan Mensah, and Tre Scott and G Jaylen Sims.			
Women's National Basketball Association			
PHOENIX MERCURY — Released Gs Ashley Joens and Madi Williams. Signed G Ashley Joens to a rest-of-season contract.			

#### Football

LAS VEGAS RAIDERS			
Signed WR Keelan Cole to the practice squad. Released WR Antoine Wesley from the practice squad. Waived RB Jordan Perryman and WR Isaiah Zuber from injured reserve with settlements. Waived WR Chris Lacy.			
LOS ANGELES RAMS — Waived DB Shaun Jolly with an injury designation.			
MINNESOTA VIKINGS — Waived LB Abraham Beaplan from injured reserve with a settlement.			
NEW YORK GIANTS — Placed WR Cole Beasley on the practice squad injured reserve. Signed WR Cam Sims to the practice squad. Waived G Jack Anderson.			
SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS — Released DB A.J. Parker and K Zane Gonzalez from injured reserve with settlements.			
TAMPA BAY BUCCANEERS — Waived DB Don Gardner from injured reserve with a settlement. Waived TE Dominique Dafney, LB Christopher Allen and S Kendrick Whitehead.			

### BASEBALL

#### American League

East Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Baltimore	86	51	.628	
Tampa Bay	84	55	.604	3
Toronto	76	62	.551	10½
Boston	72	67	.518	15
New York	69	69	.500	17½

Central Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Minnesota	73	66	.525	
Cleveland	66	73	.475	7
Detroit	63	75	.457	9½
Chicago	53	86	.381	20
Kansas City	44	96	.314	29½

West Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Houston	79	61	.564	
Seattle	77	61	.558	1
Texas	76	62	.551	2
Los Angeles	64	74	.464	14
Oakland	42	96	.304	36

**Monday's Games**  
Kansas City 12, Chicago White Sox 1

**Tuesday's Games**  
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Cincinnati 6, Seattle 3  
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Houston 13, Texas 6  
Minnesota 20, Cleveland 6  
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and we're getting married in December. The thing is, I really like her. I love her, actually, but there are five different girls who have a crush on me...

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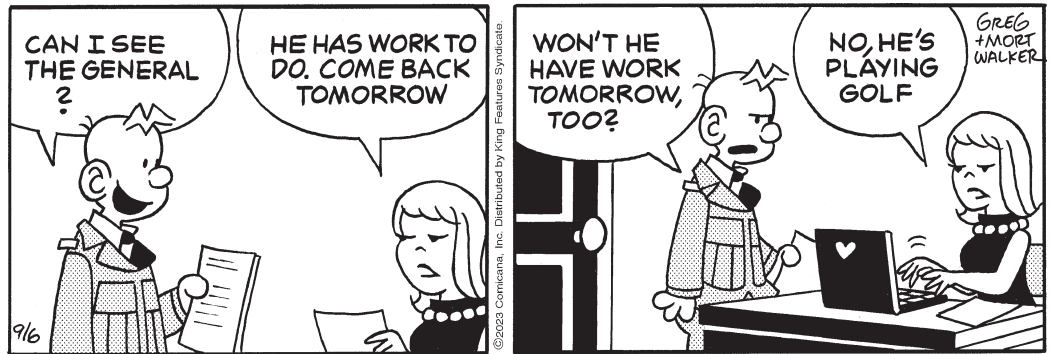
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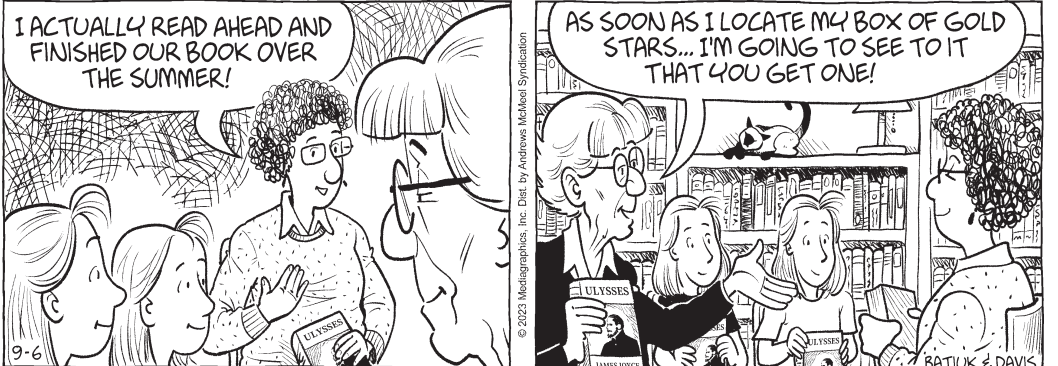
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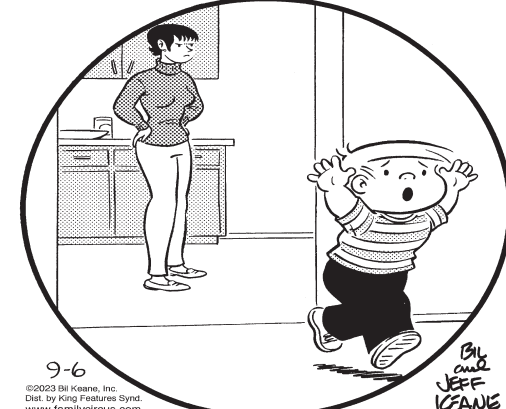
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By Dr. Billy Graham



What a comfort to know that our Savior is constantly praying for us

Q: I was listening to a Bible study on a secular cable station and one of the ladies said that we all feel tensions and have contentions and that God understands when we let our emotions overtake us...

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We are the dwelling place of the Holy Spirit. Jesus promised that God the Father would send His Spirit to help us in all things. We must admit our weakness so that we can ask Him to take

over. Standing with Christ means that we stand aside and let Him have His way in our hearts and minds.

What a comfort to know that our Savior is constantly praying for us. "There is ... no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus, who do not walk according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit" (Romans 8:1).

This should be a tremendous encouragement to every follower of Christ. (This column is based on the words and writings of the late Rev. Billy Graham.)

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Large crossword puzzle grid with numbers 1-41 indicating starting positions for clues.

# Some small towns in America are disbanding police forces

Hiring woes cited as cause

By **TRISHA AHMED**  
and **JIM SALTER**  
Associated Press

**GOODHUE, Minn. (AP)** — As Goodhue Police Chief Josh Smith struggled this summer to fill vacancies in his small department, he warned the town's City Council that unless pay and benefits improved, finding new officers would never happen.

When nothing changed, Smith quit. So did his few remaining officers, leading the Minnesota town of 1,300 residents to shutter its police force in late August.

America is in the midst of a police officer shortage that many in law enforcement blame on the twofold morale hit of 2020 — the coronavirus pandemic and criticism of police that boiled over with the murder of George Floyd by a police officer. From Minnesota to Maine, Ohio to Texas, small towns unable to fill jobs are eliminating their police departments and turning over police work to their county sheriff, a neighboring town or state police.

The trend isn't altogether new. At least 521 U.S. towns and cities with populations of 1,000 to 200,000 disbanded policing between 1972 and 2017, according to a peer-reviewed 2022 paper by Rice University Professor of Economics Richard T. Boylan.

In the past two years, at least 12 small towns have dissolved their departments.

Goodhue County is now under contract for law enforcement duties in the town of Goodhue, even as Sheriff Marty Kelly tries to fill four vacancies in his own department. He said he has around 10 applicants for those jobs. By comparison, one open position in 2019 drew 35 applicants, he said.

Kelly knows that to get to full staffing, he'll have to hire new deputies away from other towns or counties — creating vacancies in other places that will struggle to fill them.

"It's scary," Kelly said. "We are robbing Peter to pay Paul. And we're not alone."

At the heart of the problem is the exodus from law enforcement. Officer resignations were up 47 percent last year compared to 2019 — the year before the pandemic and Floyd's killing — and retirements are up 19 percent. That's all according to a survey of nearly 200 police agencies by the Police Executive Research Forum, a Washington, DC.-based think tank. Though the survey represents only agencies affiliated with PERF, a fraction of the more than 18,000 law enforcement agencies nationwide and is not representative of all depart-

ments, it's one of the few efforts to examine police hiring and retention and compare it with the time before Floyd's killing.

Compounding the exodus of veteran officers, young people are increasingly unwilling to go through the months of training necessary to become a police officer, said Chuck Wexler, executive director of the Police Executive Research Forum.

"Fewer people are applying to be police officers, and more officers are retiring or resigning at a tremendous rate," Wexler said. "There's a shortage of police officers across the country."

Agencies of all sizes are struggling to fill open positions. But the problem is especially dire in smaller communities that can't match the pay and incentives offered by bigger places.

Another Minnesota town, Morris, dissolved its police department last year after continued departures of officers. The town of 5,100 residents was down to two officers at the time. In Maine, the town of Limestone disbanded its police department in March. Neighboring Van Buren did the same two years earlier.

Generally, crime rates were unchanged in towns that dropped their departments, the Rice University study found. Leaders of several towns said they've been happy with the change.

Town leaders in Washburn, Illinois, dissolved their department in 2021 and let the county take over law enforcement duties for its 1,100 residents.

"You really can't tell much of any difference," Mayor Steve Forney said. "The sheriff's department is very responsive. I like it. I was always one who was very hesitant to go this direction, but I feel it's working for us."

Lott, Texas, a town of about 700 residents, disbanded its department last year. Mayor Sue Tacker said the town was going broke and couldn't afford to pay two officers and two other employees.

With county deputies now patrolling Lott, the crime rate remains low and response times have been good, Tacker said. She believes residents are OK with the change.

"I haven't had any griping or fussing," Tacker said.

Goodhue occupies about one square mile of land 65 miles south of Minneapolis. It's made up of tidy homes with a few small businesses — a bakery, a florist, a café, a supermarket, a taxidermist — most of them in brick storefronts in the small downtown area.

The town struggled for years to recruit and retain officers. The City Council had boosted pay by 5 percent earlier this year and gave Smith a \$13,000 raise.

It wasn't enough. Smith told the

City Council at a meeting on July 26 that it was virtually impossible to attract applicants for a job starting at \$22 an hour. That's about \$10 per hour less than Goodhue County deputies earn.

"There's zero incentive to come out here to a small town," Smith said at the meeting.

Two weeks later, Smith gave notice of his resignation. Within days, the remaining full-time officer and five part-time employees also called it quits. The town agreed to pay the county about \$44,000 for law enforcement services through the end of this year. Goodhue leaders will decide later whether to extend the contract through 2024.

Goodhue resident Ron Goebel, a retired accountant, said he believes the sheriff's department will do a good job, and he expects townspeople to help out, too.

"People can kind of watch out for each other a little bit," Goebel said, noting that he himself watches for strange vehicles in his neighborhood. "We pretty much know our neighbors."

Goebel fears the loss of the police department is another challenge for Goodhue and towns like it across the nation.

"As you lose your schools, you lose your businesses and you lose your police force, how much longer can the town actually be viable as a town?" Goebel asked.

# Prosecutors urge Congress to strengthen tools to fight AI child sexual abuse images

**COLUMBIA, S.C. (AP)** — The top prosecutors in all 50 states are urging Congress to study how artificial intelligence can be used to exploit children through pornography, and come up with legislation to further guard against it.

In a letter sent Tuesday to Republican and Democratic leaders of the House and Senate, the attorneys general from across the country call on federal lawmakers to "establish an expert commission to study the means and methods of AI that can be used to exploit children specifically" and expand existing restrictions on child sexual abuse materials specifically to cover AI-generated images.

"We are engaged in a race against time to protect the children of our country from the dangers of AI," the prosecutors wrote in the letter, shared ahead of time with The Associated Press. "Indeed, the proverbial walls of the city have already been breached. Now is the time to act."

South Carolina Attorney General Alan Wilson led the effort to add signatories from all 50 states and four U.S. territories to the letter. The Republican, elected last year to his fourth term, told AP last week that he hoped federal lawmakers would translate the group's bipartisan support for legislation on the issue into action.

"Everyone's focused

on everything that divides us," said Wilson, who marshaled the coalition with his counterparts in Mississippi, North Carolina and Oregon. "My hope would be that, no matter how extreme or polar opposites the parties and the people on the spectrum can be, you would think protecting kids from new, innovative and exploitative technologies would be something that even the most diametrically opposite individuals can agree on — and it appears that they have."

The Senate this year has held hearings on the possible threats posed by AI-related technologies. In May, OpenAI CEO Sam Altman, whose company makes free chatbot tool ChatGPT, said

that government intervention will be critical to mitigating the risks of increasingly powerful AI systems. Altman proposed the formation of a U.S. or global agency that would license the most powerful AI systems and have the authority to "take that license away and ensure compliance with safety standards."

While there's no immediate sign Congress will craft sweeping new AI rules, as European lawmakers are doing, the societal concerns have led U.S. agencies to promise to crack down on harmful AI products that break existing civil rights and consumer protection laws.

In additional to federal action, Wilson said he's encouraging his fellow

attorneys general to scour their own state statutes for possible areas of concern.

"We started thinking, do the child exploitation laws on the books — have the laws kept up with the novelty of this new technology?"

According to Wilson, among the dangers AI poses include the creation of "deepfake" scenarios — videos and images that have been digitally created or altered with artificial intelligence or machine learning — of a child that has already been abused, or the alteration of the likeness of a real child from something like a photograph taken from social media, so that it depicts abuse.

"Your child was never

assaulted, your child was never exploited, but their likeness is being used as if they were," he said. "We have a concern that our laws may not address the virtual nature of that, though, because your child wasn't actually exploited — although they're being defamed and certainly their image is being exploited."

A third possibility, he pointed out, is the altogether digital creation of a fictitious child's image for the purpose of creating pornography.

"The argument would be, 'well I'm not harming anyone — in fact, it's not even a real person,' but you're creating demand for the industry that exploits children," Wilson said.

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Cash4Life — 07-19-43-54-56, Cash Ball: 01  
Quick Draw Midday — 03-04-07-16-18-22-30-39-41-43-45-46-51-58-62-63-65-66-71-75, BE: 58  
Daily Three-Midday — 00-05-02, SB: 01  
Daily Three-Evening — 01-00-03, SB: 07  
Daily Four-Midday — 09-08-06-02, SB: 01  
Daily Four-Evening — 02-02-05-04, SB: 07  
Quick Draw Evening — 02-04-08-09-19-21-22-24-26-29-36-45-48-57-60-62-63-69-70-73, BE: 45  
**Hoosier Lotto** — Estimated jackpot (for Wednesday): \$30.5 million  
**MEGA MILLIONS** 03-43-50-51-65; Mega Ball: 13; Megaplier: 3X  
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TO THE OWNERS OF THE WITHIN DESCRIBED REAL ESTATE AND ALL INTERESTED PARTIES

**NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE**  
Sheriff Sale File number: 90-23-0019-SS

Date & Time of Sale: Wednesday, October 11, 2023, at 1:00 pm  
Sale Location: Wells County Courthouse First Floor, 102 W Market St, Bluffton, IN

Judgment to be Satisfied: \$76,556.64

Cause No. 90D01-2207-MF-000026  
Plaintiff: Nationstar Mortgage LLC

Defendant: Neil T. Ainslie, Midland Funding, LLC and State of Indiana

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

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Scott Holliday, Sheriff of Wells County

By: Krista Markley, Phone: 260/824.3426  
Township of property location: Lancaster

Common street address of property: 3618 E 500 N, Ossian, IN 46777-9659

Property Tax ID: 90-05-10-100-004,000-010

Attorney: BARRY T. BARNES Attorney Number: 19657-49  
Law Firm: Feiwel & Hannoy, P.C.

Contact Number: (317) 237-2727

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Sheriff Sale file Number: 90-23-0020-SS

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Sale Location: Wells County Courthouse First Floor, 102 W Market St, Bluffton, IN

Judgment to be Satisfied: \$318,015.17

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# Special counsel: Trump's comments risk tainting jury in election subversion case

By ERIC TUCKER  
Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Justice Department special counsel Jack Smith warned Tuesday that former President Donald Trump's "daily" statements risk tainting a jury pool in Washington in the criminal case charging him with scheming to overturn the results of the 2020 presidential election.

Trump's provocative comments about both Smith's team and U.S. District Judge Tanya Chutkan — who is presiding over the case — have been a central issue since the indictment was filed last month. Prosecutors have repeatedly signaled their concerns about the impact of Trump's social media posts and Chutkan explicitly warned Trump against inflammatory remarks that could intimidate witnesses or contaminate potential jurors.

The posts continued Tuesday both before and after the latest concern flared, with Trump earlier in the day circulating a New York Post story about Chutkan on his Truth Social platform and openly mocking the idea that she could be fair in his case. Later in the evening, he issued another post in which he attacked Smith as a "deranged" prosecutor with "unchecked and insane aggression."

The latest complaint from the Justice Department underscores the extent to which Trump's social media attacks are testing the patience of prosecutors and also risk exposing him to sanctions from the judge, who last week set a trial date of March 4, 2024 in an effort to keep the case moving. Trump has faced warnings in other cases, too, with a condition of his release in a separate prosecution in

Atlanta being that he refrain from intimidating co-defendants, witnesses or victims in the case.

The subject surfaced again Tuesday in a dispute over a filing that the Justice Department sought to make under seal that it suggested concerned sensitive information, with an accompanying redacted version to be filed on the public docket. Defense lawyers objected, countering that they were entitled to time to review the Justice Department's filings and any proposed sealed exhibits.

But prosecutors said it would untenable for the court to take several weeks to decide whether "every ordinary filing that refers to Sensitive Materials may be docketed."

"Such a requirement would grind litigation in this case to a halt, which is particularly infeasible given the pressing matters before the Court — including the defendant's daily extrajudicial statements that threaten to prejudice the jury pool in this case, as described in the Government's motion," the Smith team wrote.

Chutkan agreed with the Trump team that it should have time to respond to the Justice Department's filings and set deadlines for next week.

Trump faces three other prosecutions besides the federal election subversion case. He's charged with 18 others in a state case in Atlanta with plotting to overturn the results of the 2020 election in Georgia; faces federal charges from Smith accusing him of illegally hoarding classified documents; and is accused in New York of falsifying business records in connection with a hush money payment to a porn actor.

# Oil prices spike as Saudi Arabia, Russia extend 1.3M barrel a day oil cut through December

By JON GAMBRELL  
Associated Press

DUBAI, United Arab Emirates (AP) — Saudi Arabia and Russia agreed Tuesday to extend their voluntary oil production cuts through the end of this year, trimming 1.3 million barrels of crude out of the global market and boosting energy prices.

The dual announcements from Riyadh and Moscow pushed benchmark Brent crude above \$90 a barrel in trading Tuesday afternoon, a price unseen in the market since November.

The countries' moves could increase inflation and the cost for motorists at gasoline pumps. It also puts new pressure on Saudi Arabia's relationship with the United States, as President Joe Biden last year warned the kingdom there would be unspecified "consequences" for partnering with Russia on cuts as Moscow wages war on Ukraine.

Saudi Arabia's announcement, carried by the state-run Saudi Press Agency, said the country still would monitor the market and could take further action if necessary.

"This additional voluntary cut comes to reinforce the precautionary efforts made by OPEC+ countries with the aim of supporting the stability and balance of oil markets," the Saudi Press Agency report said, citing an unnamed Energy Ministry official.

State-run Russian news agency Tass quoted Alexander Novak, Russia's deputy prime minister and former energy minister, as saying Moscow would continue its 300,000 barrel a day cut.

The decision "is aimed at strengthening the precautionary measures taken by OPEC+ countries in order to maintain stability and balance of oil markets," Novak said.

Benchmark Brent crude traded Tuesday above \$90 a barrel after the announcement. Brent had largely hovered between \$75 and \$85 a barrel since last October. A barrel of West Texas Intermediate, a benchmark for America, traded around \$87 a barrel.

White House national security adviser Jake Sullivan declined to comment on the market impact of the decision, though he said U.S. officials had regular contact with the kingdom. He added that Biden would look to utilize "everything within his toolkit" to assist

American consumers.

"The thing that we ultimately stand for is a stable, effective supply of energy to global markets, so that we can in fact deliver relief to consumers at the pump, and we do this in a way that is consistent with the energy transition over time," Sullivan said.

Bob McNally, the founder and president of the Washington-based Rapidan Energy Group and a former White House energy adviser, said Saudi Arabia and Russia had "demonstrated their unity and resolve to proactively manage" the risk of oil prices potentially dropping in tougher economic conditions with their announcement Tuesday.

"Barring a sharp economic downturn, these supply cuts will drive deep deficits into global oil balances and should propel crude oil prices well above \$90 per barrel," McNally said.

The average gallon of regular unleaded gasoline in the U.S. stands at \$3.81, according to AAA, just under the all-time high for Labor Day of \$3.83 in 2012. However, gasoline demand typically drops for U.S. motorists after the holiday so it remains unclear what immediate effect this could have on the American market, AAA spokesman Andrew Gross said.

"I'm more concerned about what the rest of hurricane season may hold," Gross told The Associated Press. "A big storm along the Gulf coast could move prices dramatically here."

Hurricane Idalia just plowed through Florida and U.S. forecasters said Tues-

day that Tropical Storm Lee in the Atlantic Ocean will become an "extremely dangerous" hurricane by Friday.

Meanwhile, higher gasoline prices can increase transportation costs and ultimately push the prices of goods even higher at a time when the U.S. and much of the world is already raising interest rates to combat inflation.

"The impact these cuts will have on inflation and economic policy in the West is hard to predict, but higher oil prices will only increase the likelihood of more fiscal tightening, especially in the U.S., to curtail inflation," said Jorge Leon, a senior vice president at Rystad Energy.

The Saudi reduction, which began in July, comes as the other OPEC+ producers have agreed to extend earlier production cuts through next year.

A series of production cuts over the past year has failed to substantially boost prices amid weakened demand from China and tighter monetary policy aimed at combating inflation. But with international travel back up to nearly pre-pandemic levels, the demand for oil likely will continue to rise.

The Saudis are particularly keen to boost oil prices in order to fund Vision 2030, an ambitious plan to overhaul the kingdom's economy, reduce its dependence on oil and to create jobs for a young population.

The plan includes several massive infrastructure projects, including the construction of a futuristic \$500 billion city called Neom.

# Idalia strengthens over Gulf of Mexico and is predicted to hit Florida as Category 4 hurricane

CEDAR KEY, Fla. (AP) — Florida residents living in vulnerable coastal areas were ordered to pack up and leave Tuesday as Hurricane Idalia gained steam in the warm waters of the Gulf of Mexico and threatened to unleash life-threatening storm surges and rainfall.

Idalia also pummeled Cuba with heavy rains on Monday and Tuesday, leaving the tobacco-growing province of Pinar del Rio underwater and many of its residents without power.

Idalia had strengthened to a Category 2 system on Tuesday afternoon, with winds strengthening to 110 mph by Tuesday evening. The hurricane was projected to come ashore early Wednesday as a Category 4 system with sustained winds of at least 130 mph in the lightly populated Big Bend region, where the Florida Panhandle curves into the peninsula. The result could be a big blow to a state still dealing with lingering damage from last year's Hurricane Ian.

The National Weather Service in Tallahassee called Idalia "an unprecedented event" since no major hurricanes on record have ever passed through the bay abutting the Big Bend.

On the island of Cedar Key, Commissioner Sue Colson joined other city officials in packing up documents and electronics at City Hall. She had a message for the almost 900 residents who were under mandatory orders to evacuate. More than a dozen state troopers went door to door warning

residents that storm surge could rise as high as 15 feet.

"One word: Leave," Colson said.

Gov. Ron DeSantis repeated the warning at an afternoon news conference.

"You really gotta go now. Now is the time," he said. Earlier, the governor stressed that residents didn't necessarily need to leave the state, but should "get to higher ground in a safe structure."

Not everyone was heeding the warning. Andy Bair, owner of the Island Hotel, said he intended to "babysit" his bed-and-breakfast, which predates the Civil War. The building has not flooded in the almost 20 years he has owned it, not even when Hurricane Hermine flooded the city in 2016.

"Being a caretaker of the oldest building in Cedar Key, I just feel kind of like I need to be here," Bair said. "We've proven time and again that we're not going to wash away. We may be a little uncomfortable for a couple of days, but we'll be OK eventually."

Tolls were waived on highways out of the danger area, shelters were open and hotels prepared to take in evacuees. More than 30,000 utility workers were gathering to make repairs as quickly as possible in the hurricane's wake. About 5,500 National Guard troops were activated.

In Tarpon Springs, a coastal community northwest of Tampa, 60 patients were evacuated from a hospital out of concern that the system could bring a 7-foot storm surge.

Idalia's initial squalls were being felt in the Florida Keys and the southwestern coast of Florida on Tuesday afternoon, including at Clearwater Beach. Workers at beachside bars and T-shirt shops boarded up windows, children skim-surfed the waves and hundreds of people watched the increasingly choppy waters from the safety of the sand.

After landing in the Big Bend region, Idalia is forecast to cross the Florida peninsula and then drench southern Georgia and the Carolinas on Thursday. Both Georgia Gov. Brian Kemp and South Carolina Gov. Henry McMaster announced states of emergency, freeing up state resources and personnel, including hundreds of National Guard troops.

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**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.  
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