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Battle of the bands

Twenty Indiana marching bands competed Saturday in the annual "On the Banks of the Wabash" competition at Bluffton High School. The BHS band closed the evening with "9 O'Clock on a Saturday," featuring "Piano Man" by Billy Joel, as a nod to the group's performance time, 9:30 p.m. The day was also proclaimed as "Jim Bueter Day" by Mayor John Whicker. **Scores on Page 3.** (Photos by Holly Gaskill)



Why The UAW union is poised to strike U.S. car makers this week

DETROIT (AP) — About 146,000 U.S. auto workers are set to go on strike this week if General Motors, Ford and Stellantis fail to meet their demands for big pay raises and the restoration of concessions the workers made years ago when the companies were in financial trouble.

Shawn Fain, the combative president of the United Auto Workers union, has threatened to strike any of the three companies that hasn't reached an agreement by the time its contract with the union expires at 11:59 p.m. Eastern time Thursday.

Both sides began exchanging wage and benefit proposals last week. Though some incremental progress appears to have been made, a final agreement could come too late to avoid walkouts by UAW workers at fac-

ories in multiple states. Any strike would likely cause significant disruptions for auto production in the United States.

Here's a rundown of the issues that are standing in the way of new contract agreements and what consumers could face if a prolonged strike occurs:

What do workers want?

The union has asked for 46 percent raises in general pay over four years — an increase that would elevate a top-scale assembly plant worker from \$32 an hour now to about \$47. In addition, the UAW has demanded an end to varying tiers of wages for factory jobs; a 32-hour week with 40 hours of pay; the restoration of traditional defined-benefit pensions for new hires who now receive

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Biden says U.S. outreach to Vietnam is about providing global stability

By **JOSH BOAK**
and **AAMER MADHANI**
Associated Press

HANOI, Vietnam (AP) — President Joe Biden said Sunday his visit to Vietnam to showcase stronger ties with Hanoi was not about trying to start a "cold war" with China, but rather was part of a broader effort to provide global stability by building U.S. relationships throughout Asia at a time of tensions with Beijing.

"It's not about containing China," Biden said at a news conference in Vietnam's capital after attending the Group of 20 summit in India. "It's about having a stable base."

The American president came to Hanoi as Vietnam was elevating the United States

to its highest diplomatic status, comprehensive strategic partner. That is evidence of how far the relationship has evolved from what Biden referred to as the "bitter past" of the Vietnam War.

The expanded partnership reflects a broader effort across Asia to counter China's influence. Biden has said Vietnam wants to flex a degree of independence, and U.S. companies are seeking an alternative to imports from Chinese factories. He is pursuing possible allies while also trying to soothe tensions with China.

"I think we think too much in ... cold war terms," Biden said at his news conference. "It's not about that. It's about generating

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Russia turns to N. Korea to refill its arsenal

By The Associated Press

After a year and a half of fighting in Ukraine, Russia needs to replenish its supplies of ammunition for what could be a long war of attrition. Along with ramping up its domestic arms production, Moscow is turning to an old ally with a vast arsenal — North Korea.

Estimates say the reclusive and isolated Asian country has tens of millions of artillery shells and rockets that could give a huge boost to the Russian army.

U.S. officials expect North Korean leader Kim Jong Un to visit Russia in the coming days to seal a possible deal on munitions transfer with President Vladimir Putin. That would be a remarkable reversal from the

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The show comes to a close

Saturday was Parlor City Plaza's last farmer's market of the season. Above, during the Snow White ballet, Snow White (Izzi Curless) encountered the evil witch (Rayne Smith) as Jonah Bultemeier and Lily Morgan held the magic mirror. At right, a few short scenes from the Parlor City Shakespear's production of "Love's Labour's Lost" were presented by production director Meagan Vandelaar, center, and two other cast members. **More photos on Page 10.** (Photos by Barbara Barbieri)



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Sunny and warm today, chance of showers tonight

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UAW union strike

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only 401(k)-style retirement plans; and a return of cost-of-living pay raises, among other benefits.

Perhaps most important to the union is that it be allowed to represent workers at 10 electric vehicle battery factories, most of which are being built by joint ventures between automakers and South Korean battery makers. The union wants those plants to receive top UAW wages. In part, that is because workers who now make components for internal combustion engines will need a place to work as the auto industry increasingly transitions to EVs.

“Our union,” Fain has said, “isn’t going to stand by while they replace oil barons with battery barons.”

Currently, UAW workers who were hired after 2007 don’t receive defined-benefit pensions. Their health benefits are less generous, too. For years, the union gave up general pay raises and lost cost-of-living wage increases to help the companies control costs. Though top-scale assembly workers earn \$32.32 an hour, temporary workers start at just under \$17. Still, full-time workers have received profit-sharing checks ranging this year from \$9,716 at Ford to \$14,760 at Stellantis.

What have the companies proposed?

A contract offer from Ford proposed a cumulative 10 percent pay raise over the course of the four-year contract, plus several lump-sum payments, including \$6,000 to cover inflation. GM has offered 10 percent as well, with similar lump sums. Stellantis (formerly Fiat Chrysler) offered 14.5 percent wage increases over four years, without lump sums in the wage package. But it proposed lump sums to cover inflation. All offered contract-ratification bonuses but rejected the shortened work week the UAW requested.

Under its proposal, Ford said it calculated that average annual pay, including overtime and lump-sum bonuses,

would rise from an average of \$78,000 a year last year to more than \$92,000 in the first year of a new contract.

The companies have rebuffed the union’s demands as too expensive. The automakers’ argument is that they will be absorbing enormous capital expenses in the coming years to continue to build combustion-engine vehicles while at the same time designing electric vehicles and building battery and assembly plants for the future.

They also contend that too lavish a UAW contract would saddle them with expenses that would force up the retail prices of vehicles, pricing Detroit automakers above competitors from Europe and Asia. Outside analysts say that when wages and benefits are included, Detroit Three assembly plant workers now receive around \$60 an hour while workers at Asian automaker plants in the U.S. get \$40 to \$45.

What happens next?

The union and companies are continuing to trade wage and benefit counteroffers and will likely continue to do so into the work week ahead of Thursday night’s strike deadline.

“Things are moving but they’re moving very slow and we’ve got a long way to go in four days,” Fain said on a Sunday night video event.

On Friday, Fain said that the company offers weren’t enough and that he had put them in the trash. But he said he visited GM and Ford on Sunday and was preparing to meet with Stellantis on Monday.

On the one hand, the UAW has struck a confrontational stance. Its members voted 97 percent in August to authorize leaders to call for walkouts. It has filed unfair labor practice charges with the federal government against Stellantis and GM — charges that the companies have denied. And the union has called contract offers from all three companies “disappointing.”

Can a strike cause car prices to increase?

Eventually, GM, Ford and Stellantis

have continued to run their factories around the clock to build up supplies on dealer lots. But that’s also putting more money into the pockets of UAW members and strengthening their financial cushions.

At the end of August, the three automakers collectively had enough vehicles to last for 70 days. After that, they would run short. Buyers who need vehicles would likely go to nonunion competitors, who would be able to charge them more.

Vehicles are already scarce when compared with the years before the pandemic, which touched off a global shortage of computer chips that hobbled auto factories.

Sam Fiorani, an analyst with Auto-Forecast Solutions, a consulting firm, said the automakers had roughly 1.96 million vehicles on hand at the end of July. Before the pandemic, that figure was as high as 4 million.

“A work stoppage of three weeks or more,” Fiorani said, “would quickly drain the excess supply, raising vehicle prices and pushing more sales to non-union brands.” Fiorani said.

Could a strike hurt the economy?

Yes, if it’s long and especially in the Midwest, where most auto plants are concentrated. The auto industry accounts for about 3 percent of the U.S. economy’s gross domestic product — its total output of goods and services — and the Detroit automakers represent about half of the total U.S. car market.

If a walkout occurs, workers would receive about \$500 a week in strike pay — far short of what they earn while they’re working. As a result, millions of dollars in wages would be removed from the economy.

The automakers would be hurt, too. If a strike against all three companies lasted just 10 days, it would cost them nearly a billion dollars, the Anderson Economic Group has calculated. During a 40-day UAW strike in 2019, GM alone lost \$3.6 billion.

Weather

Monday, September 11, 2023

(24-hour observations at 10:04 p.m. Sunday)

High: 74; Low: 51; Precipitation: None

Wabash River Level (at the Main Street bridge): 1.09 feet at 8:45 p.m. Sunday

Wells County forecast

Today: Patchy fog before 10 a.m. Otherwise, partly sunny, with a high near 78. South wind around 5 mph becoming southwest in the afternoon.

Tonight: A chance of showers and thunderstorms. Cloudy, with a low around 59. West wind around 5 mph. Chance of precipitation is 40 percent.

Tuesday: A 50 percent chance of showers. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 70. Northwest wind 5 to 10 mph.

Tuesday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 48. Northwest wind 5 to 10 mph.

Wednesday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 67.

Wednesday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 43.

Thursday: Sunny, with a high near 68.

Russia arsenal

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1950-53 Korean War, when the Soviet Union provided the communist North with weapons and ammunition.

“We know that Russian Defense Minister Sergei Shoigu has visited recently for artillery shells predominantly, and most likely that will be discussed between Putin and Kim Jong Un,” said Alexander Gabuev, head of the Carnegie Russia Eurasia Center.

Shoigu became the first Russian defense chief to visit North Korea since the 1991 collapse of the Soviet Union. Images of him at a military parade in the capital, Pyongyang, in July, alongside Kim and the medal-laden North Korean military brass, was a strong sign of a vigorous effort by Moscow to reach out to the North. Shoigu said that joint military drills were possible.

Asked about a possible visit by Kim and a deal that would see North Korean arms supplies to Russia, Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov refused to comment.

But he emphasized that

Moscow cherishes ties with Pyongyang, adding: “North Korea is our neighbor, and we will further develop our relations without looking back at other countries’ opinion.”

Kim made his first visit to Russia in 2019 and held talks with Putin that included pledges of closer cooperation but weren’t followed by any visible breakthroughs.

While the bulk of the Korean People’s Army arsenals are dated, their enormous size would offer the Russian military a potential key lifeline amid Europe’s largest land conflict since World War II.

Hong Min, an analyst at Seoul’s Korea Institute for National Unification, said that Russia could seek to establish North Korea as a “rear base” for its war efforts, providing a major flow of munitions.

“Russia is hoping that North Korea could swiftly establish support channels to provide it with war materials like ammunition, bombs and other supplies,” Hong said.

Vietnam outreach

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economic growth and stability in all parts of the world. And that’s what we’re trying to do.”

He added: “We have an opportunity to strengthen alliances around the world to maintain stability. That’s what this trip is all about.”

Biden opened his news conference by saying he had “traveled around the world in five days,” from Washington to New Delhi and now Hanoi, showcasing efforts by his administration to forge alliances. The president will stop in Alaska on the way home Monday to commemorate the anniversary of the 9/11 attacks.

In response to one question, Biden told reporters he had met with Chinese Premier Li Qiang while in India. The contact is the highest-level interaction between U.S. and Chinese officials since Biden and China’s president, Xi Jinping, held talks at last year’s G20 in Indonesia. Xi skipped the India talks and sent Li in his place.

The exchange, between G20 sessions Saturday, was brief, according to a senior Biden administration official. It was not clear who approached whom, but Biden was interested in seeing Li and underscoring his desire to stabilize the up-and-down relationship between the two countries, said the official, who was not authorized to discuss the matter publicly and spoke

on condition of anonymity.

Biden went into meetings with Vietnam’s leaders after his arrival in the country. He welcomed the new partnership and said he hoped for progress on climate, the economy and other issues during his 24-hour stop in Hanoi.

“We can trace a 50-year arc of progress between our nations from conflict to normalization to this new elevated status,” Biden said with Nguyễn Phú Trọng, general secretary of the Communist Party of Vietnam, at party headquarters.

Biden has described himself as being part of the “Vietnam generation” although he did not serve in a war. He was given five draft deferments and was exempted from military service because he had asthma as a teenager.

Biden called Vietnam “a friend, a reliable partner and a responsible member of the international community.” He noted that veterans such as John Kerry, his climate czar, and the late John McCain, a Vietnam POW and Republican senator from Arizona, found ways to build a relationship with Vietnam after the war.

“Both men saw so clearly, as I and so many others did, how much we had to gain by working together to overcome a bitter past,” he said.

Trong pledged that his country will work hard to implement the agreement. “Only then can we say it is a

success,” he pledged.

Biden described the U.S. and Vietnam as “critical partners at what I would argue is a very critical time.” Neither leader specifically discussed how China’s economic and geopolitical rise had contributed to their countries’ expanded partnership, yet it was hard to explain the mutual embrace without Beijing’s growing influence.

Vietnam previously bestowed the same level of relations on China and Russia. Elevating the U.S. suggests that Vietnam wants to hedge its friendships as U.S. and European companies look for alternatives to Chinese factories.

With China’s economic slowdown and Xi’s consolidation of political power, Biden sees an opportunity to bring more nations, including Vietnam and Cambodia, into America’s orbit.

Biden was welcomed upon his arrival in Vietnam with a pomp-filled ceremony outside the mustard-colored Presidential Palace. Schoolchildren lined the steps and waved American and Vietnam flags. Biden watched from an elevated review stand as high-stepping members of the military marched past.

Biden and Trong both expressed happiness over seeing each other again after last meeting some eight years ago in Washington. Biden was vice president at that time.

Trong had some flattering

words for Biden, who is running for reelection next year and faces persistent questions at home about his age.

“You have nary aged a day, and I would say you look even better than before,” Trong said. “I would say every feature of you, Mr. President, is complimenting your image.” Biden chuckled at that.

But the packed schedule and jet lag appeared to take a toll on the 80-year-old president, who wrapped up his news conference saying “I’m going to go to bed.”

Jon Finer, Biden’s principal deputy national security adviser, addressed reports that Vietnam was pursuing a deal to buy weapons from Russia, even as Hanoi is seeking stronger relations with the U.S. Finer acknowledged Vietnam’s lengthy military relationship with Russia. He said the U.S. continues to work with Vietnam and other countries that have similar ties to Russia to try to limit their interactions with Moscow, which Washington accuses of committing war crimes and violating international law with its aggression in Ukraine.

U.S. trade with Vietnam has already accelerated but there are limits to how much further it can grow without improvements to the country’s infrastructure, its workers’ skills and its governance. Nor has increased trade automatically put the Vietnamese economy on an upward trajectory.

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OBITUARIES

Patty L. Glenn, 91

Patty L. Glenn, 91, of Bluffton, passed away Thursday evening, Sept. 7, 2023, at Woodcrest in Decatur. Patty was born on May 21, 1932, in Bluffton to Robert Neal and Emma Marie (Reaser) Miller. She graduated in 1950 from Bluffton High School.



She worked in the Insurance Claims Department at Caylor-Nickel Clinic, retiring in 1999. She was a member of the Mulberry Wesleyan Church, where she was a bookkeeper and a Sunday School Teacher. She attended Grace Baptist Church in Bluffton.

Survivors include her daughter, Judy Glenn; and three sons, Tim (Debbie) Glenn, Rick (Belinda) Glenn, and Gary (Linda) Glenn all of Bluffton; five grandchildren, Christina Oman, Gregory Glenn, Anthony Glenn, Ryan Glenn and Ashley Rinehart; and nine great-grandchildren, Kaden and Liam Oman, Madison Woods, Everly and Kaleb Glenn, Elena Glenn, Scout and Caroline Kukelhan, and Landon Glenn; and a sister, Joyce Marie Warthman of Liberty Center.

Patty is preceded in death by her parents; a daughter Susan Glenn; and a sister, Doris Ann Wilson.

Funeral services will be held at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, Sept. 13, 2023, at the Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home in Bluffton with Pastor Doug McClure officiating. Visitation will take place from 3 to 7 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 12, 2023, at the funeral home and for one hour prior to the service. Burial will follow at Six Mile Cemetery in Bluffton.

Memorials may be made in Patty's memory to Grace Baptist Church. Friends wishing to participate in Patty's service but are unable to attend can utilize a Zoom Meeting. You can login using the Zoom Meeting I.D. # 773 520 7951 after 10:15 a.m. Wednesday to watch the service.

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

Suzanne Jacobs-Shadle, 95

Suzanne Jacobs-Shadle, 95, of Warren, died Sunday morning, Sept. 10, 2023, at Parkview-Huntington Hospital.

Funeral arrangements are pending at this time with the Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home in Bluffton.

Wells Court Docket

Wells Superior Court Criminal Cases

Zachary Allen McDowell, 27, Bluffton, was sentenced to one year at the Indiana Department of Correction. McDowell was given 148 days of jail credit for the 74 days he has been incarcerated so far.

The sentence comes after McDowell pled guilty to domestic battery, a Level 6 Felony, in August. McDowell was charged with domestic battery committed in the presence of a child less than 16 years old in June after police were called to his residence.

According to a probable cause affidavit, domestic issues at this residence have

been ongoing. McDowell reportedly told officers he put his hand up after the woman attempted to hit him several times. The woman told officers McDowell forcefully clapped in her face, knocking her glasses off and drawing blood, while she was in bed with her sleeping child. She reportedly began to hit him back after this and the two continued to argue. McDowell was the only party that acquired charges from the incident.

McDowell is also ordered to pay court fees in the amount of \$189.

Alison P. Frederick, 25, Zanesville, was sentenced to 1,460 days at the Indiana

Department of Correction with 1400 days suspended. Frederick was given 60 days of jail credit. She was also ordered to serve 780 days on probation and 540 days on home detention.

In April, Frederick pled guilty to operating a vehicle with an ACE of .15 or more, a Level 6 Felony. As part of the plea agreement, charges for operating a vehicle while intoxicated - endangering a person less than 18 years, operating a vehicle while intoxicated - endangering a person - prior within 7 years, both Level 6 Felonies, were dismissed. Several infractions were also dismissed.

Frederick is also ordered to pay court fees in the

amount of \$189 and drug interdiction fees in the amount of \$200.

Wells Circuit Court Criminal Cases

Jill Sweeney, 55, Elsie, Mich., entered a plea of not guilty to child solicitation, a Level 4 Felony. According to a probable cause affidavit, Sweeney believed she was meeting a 13 year old child and traveled nearly three hours to Bluffton in order to meet the girl. The charge was filed last week after the nonprofit group, Predator Catchers Indianapolis, facilitated a sting operation with her. Sweeney is scheduled for a pretrial conference at 1 p.m. on Nov. 8 in the Wells Circuit Court.



Success at State Convention

Southern Wells FFA competed in the State Convention at Purdue University this summer, where they participated in convention sessions, delegate business sessions, and competed in numerous Career and Leadership Development Events. The club was ranked as a Gold Emblem Chapter in Indiana, eight members received their Indiana FFA Hoosier Degree, and received the following competition placements: 1st Place Horticulture & Landscape Management Demonstration, 2nd Place Agricultural Sales Presentation, 3rd Place Novice Chapter Meeting, 4th Place Freshman Extemporaneous Public Speaking, 4th Place Plant & Soil Demonstration, 5th Place Agricultural Issues Team, 6th Place Agricultural Mechanics Team, 7th Place Leadership Ambassador, 9th Place Discovery Degree Public Speaking and 10th Place Agriculture Mechanics Demonstration. (Photo provided)

Battle of the Bands competition scores

Results of the competition were:

Open Class D
Triton — First Place; Best Music; Best Visual; Best General Effect

Adams Central — Second Place; Best General Effect
Woodlan — Third Place

Open Class C
• Concordia — First Place; Best Music
• Leo — Second Place; Best General Effect; Best Visual
• Angola — Third Place
• Garrett — Participation
• Norwell — Participation
• Twin Lakes — Participation

Open Class B
• East Noble — First Place; Best General Effect; Best Visual

• Dekalb — Second Place; Best Music
• Huntington North — Third Place

Open Class A
• Homestead — First Place; Best General Effect; Best Music; Best Visual

Scholastic B
• Bishop Dwenger — First Place; Best Music; Best Visual; Best Effect

• Eastside — Second Place
• Heritage — Third Place
• Pioneer — Participation

Scholastic A
• Snider — First Place; Best Music; Best Visual; Best Effect

• Wayne/South Side — Second Place
• New Haven — Third Place

Gov. Holcomb announces READI 2.0 timeline

By **LESLIE BONILLA MUNIZ**

Indiana Capital Chronicle
Indiana's second Regional Economic Acceleration and Development Initiative — better known as READI 2.0 — is in motion, Gov. Eric Holcomb announced Tuesday.

Hoosier leaders want the \$500 million grant-loan program to enable new projects boosting the state's quality of life, place and opportunity. And it's time to start readying proposals.

"Innovation knows no boundaries and there's no limit to what can be accomplished when we work together to better the lives of Hoosiers," Holcomb said in a news release.

"This transformative program will fund projects that lean into a region's strengths while building community gathering places, accessible parks, performing arts centers and expanding the trail system that will have generational impact across each region and with every person who visits our great state," he continued.

READI 2.0's 15 regions should begin developing their funding proposals this month, according to a

timeline the administration released Tuesday. They'll have until late February.

Meanwhile, the Indiana Economic Development Corp., the quasi-public agency administering the program, will hold forums and visit the regions to discuss their previous investments and future plans.

The IEDC expects its board to meet in April to approve investment commitments and regional allocations. In May, the entity plans to start coordinating with regions to identify specific projects for investment. The maximum award per region is \$75 million, an increase from the previous cap of \$50 million.

READI has been a signature policy of Holcomb's administration. The outgoing governor — he's term-limited — launched the program in 2021.

The 17 regions in READI 1.0 have been awarded \$487 million of the original \$500 million appropriation, according to the news release. It's going toward 361 projects and programs.

And the state's money is backed up by \$12.2 billion in public, private

and nonprofit funds. The administration said every state dollar averaged a \$26 match during READI's first round.

Projects highlighted on READI's website include community, sports and early learning centers; housing and riverfront developments; innovation and tech-

nology projects. Leaders maintain high hopes for the next round.

"In Indiana, there is no greater priority for us as leaders than to work in unison to improve Indiana's standing as the best location to live, work, play, study and stay," Holcomb said.

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Lawsuits now regular part of the legislative process

It might be a record this year: five lawsuits filed against newly-enacted legislation, all brought by the American Civil Liberties Union of Indiana.

When I first started covering the legislature in 1999, litigation challenging the constitutionality of a new law was a pretty big deal. In fact, if during the session there was even a hint of a lawsuit, legislators would regroup.

Some of that is on the GOP supermajority, which seems to now consider these lawsuits an expected cost of governing. Yawn.

But, to be fair, even when they work with opposing viewpoints and make significant changes, they still get sued. And frankly, society as a whole has become uber litigious.

There are costs to these suits.

The Attorney General's Office defends the cases with existing resources, though it occasionally hires outside experts and attorneys to help. And if the state loses, it must pay attorney's fees to the ACLU. For years, the state lost case after case on abortion regulations, costing taxpayers millions. But since the overturning of Roe last year, those rulings are going the other way.

There are likely a few issues that will always end in litigation, but others can easily be avoided.

Let's go through the cases from this year:

Senate Enrolled Act 480 banned gender-affirming care for minors, even when authorized by parents. This goes much further than surgery — which likely wouldn't have drawn a challenge — to puberty blockers and hormone replacement therapies. A federal judge issued an injunction protecting the medical care but allowed the surgical ban to go into effect. There honestly wasn't much middle ground on this debate. Either you believe in parents' rights to make medical decisions for their children, or you don't.

House Enrolled Act 1569 blocked the Indiana Department of Correction from paying for any inmate's gender reassignment surgery. The lawsuit is on behalf of Autumn Cordellioné, an adult transgender female prisoner confined in the Branchville Correctional Facility, an all-male institution within the DOC, according to the lawsuit. State records indicate Cordellioné is serving a 55-year murder sentence. She has identified as a girl since she was six, and the ACLU says the surgery is considered lifesaving. I think many Hoosiers would consider this to be an elective procedure, like other plastic surgery, and lawmakers have a duty to oversee state spending.

House Enrolled Act 1050 allows individuals from Ukraine on humanitarian parole to obtain an I.D. or driver's license. But it doesn't give the same opportunity to those from other countries, including Haitian refugees that sued. Honestly, this seems to be the most clear-cut of the cases and should have been stopped in the Legislature. Giving favors to one group but not another is an example of unequal privileges. Additionally, it is based on national origin, which is specifically not allowed under Indiana's civil rights protections.

House Enrolled Act 1186 creates a 25-foot buffer zone around police that bystanders can't cross. If they do, they can be arrested even if they aren't interfering with an investigation. Critics note that law enforcement can use the new law to block recording of police, and therefore accountability. Let's be clear: if someone is yelling or touching an officer, there are already laws for that and they should be used. This is a brand-new law in which one can be standing quietly simply recording and police can unilaterally move them back. The constitutionality of the law was considered by panels in both the House and Senate and there is legal precedent for some restrictions. But the details are important, and this could be the closest call for judges.

House Enrolled Act 1608 is known as the pronoun law. It has two sections, the first requiring schools to notify parents if a child changes their name or pronouns. That part of the law — while annoying to parents having to sign off on calling William by the nickname Bill — wasn't challenged. A second section said teachers can't teach human sexuality to students from kindergarten through third grade. A federal judge denied an injunction, saying when government employees — like public school teachers — express themselves while on the job, that speech isn't protected by the First Amendment. The original version of this bill was much more onerous, and Republicans listened to feedback. They dialed it back immensely, but still got sued.

I think through these examples you can see that there is room for improvement on all sides of the issues.

Lawmakers should care more about cases being taken to court, but Hoosiers unhappy with the laws should also stop using the courts as a backdoor to the ballot box.

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Hoosier Opinions



Mike Pence's 'populism siren song' warning to the GOP

Mike Pence posed the most important question of his lengthy career to conservatives and Republicans from beneath the deep shadow of Donald J. Trump while campaigning in New Hampshire earlier this week.

"Republican voters face an important choice next year," the former vice president and Indiana governor said. "It will determine both the fate of our party and the course of our nation. Will we be the party of conservatism, or will we follow the siren song of populism unmoored to conservative principles? The divide between these two factions is unbridgeable."

He was conspicuous in naming Trump, his former presidential boss, while speaking at the New Hampshire Institute of Politics at Saint Anselm College in Manchester on Wednesday. "The truth is the Republican Party did not begin on a golden escalator in 2015," Pence said of Trump's campaign kickoff at his Manhattan skyscraper. "He promised to govern as a conservative, and together we did. But it's important for Republicans to know that he and his imitators in this Republican primary make no such promise today."

Pence connected Trump to current and distant progressive populists — Vermont Socialist Sen. Bernie Sanders, thrice-defeated Democrat presidential nominee William Jennings Bryan, and the late Louisiana strongman governor and senator Huey Long — saying they were "fellow travelers on the same road to ruin. Donald Trump, along with his imitators, often sound like an echo of the progressive they would replace in the White House."

Pence, who is expected to testify against Trump in future trials that will determine the former president's fate after 91 criminal indictments in four jurisdictions, said that Republican populists would "erode our constitutional norms." Trump faces a federal indictment, alleged to have tried to persuade Pence to break with the Constitution over the counting of Electoral College ballots, leading to the Jan. 6 U.S. Capitol insurrection.

He then cited "a leading candidate last year" (Trump) who called for the "termination of all rules, regulations, and articles, even those found in the Constitution, while his imitators have demonstrated willingness to brandish government power to silence critics. Republican populists would have us trade in our time-honored principles for passing public opinion."

"That isn't a trade I am willing to make. "But a populist movement is now rising in the Republican Party," Pence warned. "This growing faction would substitute our faith in limited government and traditional values for an agenda stitched together by personal grievances and performative outrage. Should the new populism of the right seize and guide our party, the Republican Party as we have long known it will cease to exist. And the fate of American freedom would be in doubt."

This is a Republican Party that has lost the popular

vote in seven out of the last eight presidential elections, including twice by Trump. President George W. Bush was the only Republican to carry the popular vote in his 1988 reelection bid since 1992.

Pence cited the nation's "brilliant system of checks and balances, divisions of authority, coequal branches of government and sovereign state governments. Conservatives understand that to advance an agenda. We must work through this system."

Are Hoosier Republicans willing to follow Pence into this historic GOP battle?

U.S. Rep. Jim Banks, the Republican U.S. Senate front-runner in 2024, tweeted the jail mugshot of Trump following his Georgia indictment and arrest, saying, "There can be no other candidate in 2024." It was an incredible departure from American political norms where an indicted candidate in the past fades and folds.

Gov. Eric Holcomb, House Speaker Todd Huston and U.S. Reps. Greg Pence and Larry Bucshon have endorsed Pence's presidential bid. Holcomb told me in late June that the coming campaign sequence will be defining. "We'll be in a different place in September than we are today," he said.

There are signs that the Trump fever is breaking here in Indiana. Beyond Banks, the Republican congressional delegation is mostly uncommitted.

U.S. Sen. Todd Young urged Republicans to nominate a candidate who can win, saying Trump can't. U.S. Sen. Mike Braun told reporters he is undecided, while expressing interest in Vivek Ramaswamy.

U.S. Rep. Rudy Yakym told me earlier this that he is "confident we will have a Republican president. At this point, I have not endorsed, or am backing, anyone."

In late August, Bucshon told the Evansville Courier & Press, "I think a lot of people who are still supporting President Trump, the support is soft, and you're hearing that when you actually talk to people. I don't think he's going to drop out; I just think people are going to overtake him and win the nomination because of all the things around him."

U.S. Rep. Erin Houchin told me on Aug. 24, "I am not backing anybody as yet in the presidential race. I've made my support known for Trump-era policies in the past. I think we're better off with a Republican in the White House. I think primaries are good for the party. I think it will vet out who our party wants the nominee to be. It looks like it could be Donald Trump. We shall see."

Republican U.S. Reps. Jim Baird and Victoria Spartz — who is Mike Pence's congresswoman — have not announced who they are supporting.

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Politicking

Getting the Saudi-Israeli formula wrong

If one is mixing chemicals, getting the formula wrong can produce disastrous results.

It is the same with international diplomacy. For decades the left was wrong about the Soviet Union and China, believing that what the U.S. did or did not do would have a positive influence on communist dictators who jailed and executed opponents of their regime, and still do. Though the Soviet Union is no more, Russia's Vladimir Putin behaves like his predecessors, Mikhail Gorbachev being a possibly milder version.

The Biden administration is once again employing the wrong formula in the Middle East. On a recent visit to Saudi Arabia, Secretary of State Antony Blinken said that Israel would have to make considerable concessions to the Palestinians if a deal brokered by the U.S. with Riyadh were to succeed. Many observers believe that had Donald Trump been re-elected that deal with the Saudis would have been made because Riyadh wants to shore up its defenses against what it considers a threat from Iran. The Abraham Accords seemed a major motivator for Saudi Arabia to join other countries making peace with Israel.

Now that Secretary Blinken



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has reverted to an old and failed formula, promoted by President Barack Obama and some of his predecessors, the Saudis apparently think they can appease their fellow Arabs by appearing to squeeze Israel into making new concessions. This despite the fact that previous concessions have not changed the minds of Palestinian leaders who regularly affirm their desire, not just for a state of their own, but for a state that replaces the Jewish state.

The Wall Street Journal has reported that the Saudis are considering establishing a nuclear plant provided by China. The U.S. had conditioned its help with nuclear power on the Saudis promising not to enrich their own uranium or mining their uranium deposits. We've seen how such an approach has worked with Iran which appears to be nearing production of nuclear weapons despite numerous U.S. concessions to the religious fundamentalists running the country. No one should be surprised that China's offer of a nuclear plant comes with no conditions.

Neither should anyone forget what relatives of the nearly 3,000 people who were killed during the 9/11 terrorist attack have been saying — that they believe Saudi Arabia had a major hand in the attack and that there has never been a full accounting

of that role. Oil is usually given as the main reason a full accounting is never pursued, so that Saudi Arabia will keep pumping it and prices will get no higher than they already are.

Will we ever learn that you can't bargain with evil, or evil ultimately wins because it knows no constraints?

In his autobiography, "Bibi," Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu tells of a meeting he had with then-Vice President Joe Biden. He quotes Biden as saying, "You don't have many friends here, buddy. I'm the one friend you do have. So call me when you need to." Friends don't try to lead their friends into peril as the administration appears willing to do.

Following that meeting, Netanyahu spoke at Bar-Ilan University during which he said a successful conclusion to any negotiations with the Palestinian leadership would require two elements: "a public, genuine and binding Palestinian recognition of Israel as the nation-state of the Jewish people" and "The Palestinian areas would have to be demilitarized with solid security arrangements for Israel."

To this day the Palestinian leadership has agreed to neither condition, so it is hard to fathom why Secretary Blinken believes an old and potentially explosive formula would work now when it hasn't before.

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What's happening at the Wells County Public Library

The Wells County Public Library takes its mission to "provide the community with access, knowledge and growth" very seriously and offers a variety of events each week for kids, teens, and adults.

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

Tail Waggin Tutors and Therapy Dogs International

At the Main Library (Bluffton)
Children: Does your child need to practice reading? Read to Oria on the 1st & 3rd Wednesday of the month from 3:30-4:30 p.m. and read to Reddington on the 2nd & 4th Wednesday of the month from 3:30-4:30 p.m.. Read to Indy on the Thursdays from 3-4 p.m.. Feel free to call ahead to make sure the dogs will be here for your visit, since sometimes schedules can change last minute. No registration needed.

Brown Bag Book Club

At the Main Library (Bluffton): Monday, Sept. 11 from 1:30 p.m.
Adults, make sure to pick up a copy of the book-of-the-month before the discussion that is held the 2nd Monday of each month. September's book is "Shantyboat: A River Way of Life" by Harlan Hubbard. Registration appreciated.

Bingo with Jason

At the Main Library (Bluffton): Monday, Sept. 11 from 3:00-4:30 p.m.
Adults. Enjoy a lively game of Bingo for a chance to win a candy bar with everyone's favorite librarian named Jason! Registration required.

Crafty Kids

At the Ossian Branch Library: Monday, Sept. 11 from 3:30-5:30 p.m.

Grades K-6. Drop-in for a craft and snack.

Teen Gaming Club

At the Main Library (Bluffton): Monday, Sept. 11 from 6-7 p.m.

Grades 6-12. Enjoy a variety of different games each month, including video games, trading card games, and board games. Sept. will be a special Mario Kart Tournament to help celebrate One Book One County. No registration needed.

Computer and iPad Club

At the Main Library (Bluffton): Tuesday, Sept. 12 from 1-3 p.m.

Adults. Start with Computer Club and then go or stay for iPad Club. Each month has a different tech focus and there is plenty of time for questions. All skill levels are welcome. Registration appreciated.

Cook, Talk, Taste

At the Main Library (Bluffton): Tuesday, Sept. 12 from 6-7 p.m.

Adults. Enjoy the tastiest club at the library. Each month will feature a different theme and hostess. Registration appreciated.

Hot Dogs from Around the World

At the Main Library (Bluffton): Wednesday, Sept. 13 from 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Adults. Help us kick off our One Book One County program this year, which is featuring the book "The Anthropocene Reviewed" by John Green. Enjoy taste-testing several fancy hotdogs from around the world and give each one a rating from 1-5 stars. A special focus will be on Icelandic hotdogs as featured in "The Anthropocene Reviewed." Also, learn more about Iceland while tasting a piece of its culture. Registration required.

Book Discussion: "Mistaken Identity: Two Families, One Survivor, Unwavering Hope"

At the Main Library (Bluffton): Thursday, Sept. 14 from 6:30 p.m.

Adults. Pick up a copy of the book-of-the-month at the library before the discussion each month. April's book for discussion is "Mistaken Identity: Two Families, One Survivor, Unwavering Hope" by Don Van-Ryn. Registration appreciated.

Club 456

At the Main Library (Bluffton): Thursday, Sept. 14 from 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Grades 4-6. Come participate in creative activities including STEM projects, escape rooms, fun in the kitchen, and more! Sept.'s theme will be a "Keeper of the Lost Cities" Escape Room Registration requested.

Ballerina Storytime

At the Main Library (Bluffton): Saturday, Sept. 16 from 10:30 a.m.

All ages. Enjoy a special ballerina-themed storytime with special guests from the Creative Arts.
Registration requested.

Library Closed for In-Service, Inventory, and Street Fair

The Main Library (Bluffton) will close at 5 p.m. on Monday, Sept. 18 and then be closed from Sept. 19-23. The Ossian Branch Library will be closed from Sept. 20-21. Make sure to spot the library staff in both the Tuesday and Thursday parades during Street Fair. Online services and digital books will still be available while closed.

Children's Book Festival

At the Main Library (Bluffton): Saturday, October 7 from 9 am-4 p.m.

All ages. The library's biggest event of the year is coming up. Award-winning musician and author Jim Gill will perform many of his signature songs for our young attendees. Author Shannon Anderson will give a general presentation about her books and creative process and then a writing workshop later in the day, while author and illustrator David Slonim will be offering two drawing workshops for our young attendees.



Everyone in the family is invited to attend this free event.

There will also be carnival games, a bounce house and inflatable obstacle course, food trucks down Washington Street selling food, balloon animals, local authors, and appearances by

Elephant & Piggie. Attendees might win an autographed book or CD that day!

Sponsored by the Virginia Gene Neuen-schwander Youth Fund from the Wells County

Foundation, the Friends of the Library, Wabash Endowment, Gay Saunders, and local schools and PTOs.

No registration is needed for the Children's Book Festival. Full schedule can be viewed at wellscolibrary.org/news-events/childrens-book-festival/

Library Hours

At the main library in Bluffton — Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Friday, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.; and Saturday, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

At the Ossian branch library — Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and Saturday, 9 a.m. to noon.

Access the library online at www.wellscolibrary.org for digital books, magazines, online databases, event info, and more.



Tail waggin tutors meet

Usually the "tail waggin tutors" don't visit the Wells County Public Library's Children's Room on the same day but earlier this week they both arrived to be read to on Wednesday afternoon. And as the two dogs had not previously met Mel Carpenter (Reddington's owner), at left, encouraged Oria, at right, to come meet Reddington. After eyeing one another both dogs settled down to be read to by eager young readers. Oria is at the library on the first and third Wednesday of the month. Reddington is at the library on the second and fourth Wednesday. A third dog, Indy, is at the library Thursdays from 3 to 4 p.m. (Photos by Barbara Barbieri)



Young reader Dominic, at right, read to a very alert Reddington, at left, under the watchful eye of Mel Carpenter (Reddington's owner).



In another corner of the children's room Oria, at right, relaxed as Journey, at left, gave her some welcoming pets. Oria's owner Carol Butler, seated behind.

'Fall trails' next for Ouabache's lunch and learn

Friends of Ouabache State Park's next "Lunch & Learn" will be held on Thursday, Sept. 14, with Jody Heaston, IMN State Coordinator, presenting the program about "Fall Trail Tales."

Participants should bring their own lunch and gather at noon at the Lodge by the Lake. Dessert will be furnished by Corner Depot Catering.

The program is free, however gate fees apply.

'Dream worlds' programs at USF

Four artists will be featured in the Dream Worlds exhibit at the Rolland Gallery at the University of Saint Francis through Sept. 18.

On Saturday, Sept. 16, a Gallery Talk will be presented by artists Lori Nix and Kathleen Gerber. Works by Thomas Allen and Karen Thompson also are featured in the exhibit.

Regular hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and 1 to 5 p.m. Sunday. (Galleries to be closed Sept. 2-4, Labor Day weekend.)

The President's Art Gala will be held on Saturday, Sept. 16, from 6 to 9 p.m. For tickets and information call 260-399-8064.

On Wednesday, Oct. 18, at 12 noon Thomas Allen will lecture on how he creates 3-D experiences. His work is featured in Vanity Fair, National Geographic and the Wall Street Journal.



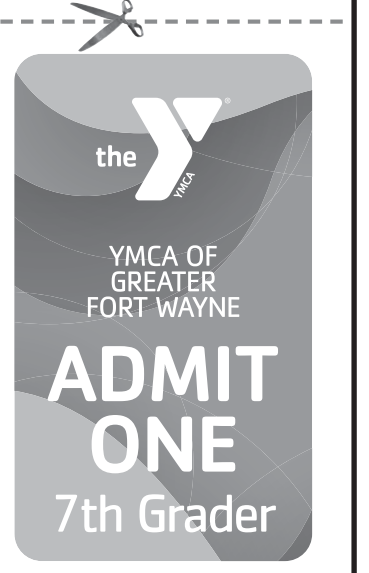
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Tigers dominate the ACAC Conference championship in girls' golf by 37 strokes

By RYAN WALKER
Bluffton's girls' golf team blew the ACAC away at the conference meet, winning by 37 strokes at Celina Lynx Golf Course on Saturday.

The group took home the championship with a chip on its shoulder with a South Adams team that had beaten them in virtually every event.

At the South Adams Invitational earlier in the season, the Starfires placed just ahead of the Tigers by five strokes and finished just ahead of them at the Bi-County meet a few weeks ago.

The tremendous growth from a team that lost senior leaders Lily King and Kennedy Nash from graduation and gained some first-time golfers this year.

"This question puts tears in my eyes because, while their golf games have grown and all of them have had PR's this season, the real growth is in their mental approach to the game," head coach Tara Cocanower said. "I've been a bit (missing in action) for parts of the season with (Indiana Teacher of the Year) stuff, and they have encouraged me and led each other in the times when I couldn't be there. They get all the credit. They hit the shot. I'm just a proud coach that is better for being around them."

On Saturday, Bluffton shot a 413 that was led by a newfound leader Emma Schwartz, the medalist of the ACAC.

Schwartz, a sophomore, shot a 48 in the front nine but followed it with an impressive 43 on the back, finishing three strokes ahead of South Adams' Addy Hinton.

Schwartz has golf in her

blood with her older brothers Spencer and Keegan, who were top-notch golfers themselves. Cocanower said she's gotten compliments from other coaches based on her ability and the last name she carries, but that she's a leader in her own right.

"She leads by example," Cocanower said. "Obviously, lots of coaches comment about having a Schwartz on the team because of the golf legacy her brothers have left at Bluffton, but Emma is her own person. She's forging her own path with them supporting her. She's worked on her mental game and spent countless hours on the course. The other girls see that and are starting to want to keep up with the example Emma is leaving. Last week, she started playing worship music on the bus, and all the girls were jamming out. Leadership looks a lot of ways, and Emma is finding her stride."

Tressa Renner and Eve Corkwell's 103 scores also earned them first-team all-conference.

Caroline Ripperger earned second-team all-conference with her 110 score.

Last year, Southern Wells took the ACAC trophy back home to Poneto, but the Tigers didn't end the season empty-handed.

The Tigers at the Timber Ridge sectional in 2022 snuck into a regional appearance by three strokes over Belmont, who perhaps was the projected third-place contender. The accomplishment marked the first time all three Wells County schools — Norwell, Bluffton, and Southern Wells, — made it to the regional in the same season.

This year, Cocanower and assistant coach Jody

Ault aren't going to try and sneak in, rather, to make their mark with more confidence.

"Last year was a shock to us," Cocanower said. "We just played and waited to see what happened. Now they're asking if we can do it again. Coach Jody Ault does a good job of asking, 'why can't we?' Everyone hits one shot at a time. We are focused on the next one."

The sectional this year will take place at Chesnut Hills in Fort Wayne starting at 9 a.m. Friday, Sept. 15.

Homestead is the host school, and the rest of the field is as follows: Adams Central, Belmont, Bluffton, Fort Wayne Bishop Luers, Fort Wayne Canterbury, Fort Wayne South Side, Fort Wayne-Wayne, Heritage, New Haven, Norwell, and South Adams.

Bluffton does have one more match in the regular season before the sectional. It will host Belmont at Timber Ridge starting at 4:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 14.

Full team results

1. Bluffton 413, 2. South Adams 450, 3. Heritage 454, 4. Woodlan 462, 5. Adams Central 462, 6. Southern Wells 465, 7. Jay County 525.

Individual results

• Bluffton was led by Emma Schwartz with a score of 91, followed by Eve Corkwell and Tressa Renner with 103, Piper Morgan 116, and Aleeah Grover 136.

• Southern Wells was led by Caroline Ripperger with 110, followed by Erika Beavans and Collena Reeves 118, Sophie Meeks 119, and Kolbie Beavans 123.

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The Bluffton girls' golf team won the Allen County Athletic Conference meet Saturday at Celina Lynx Golf Course, shooting a 413 on the day and outlasting South Adams by 37 strokes. Members of the team are pictured from left to right: Aleeah Grover, Piper Morgan, all-conference award winner Tressa Renner, all-conference award winner and medalist Emma Schwartz, and all-conference award winner Eve Corkwell. (Photo provided)



Norwell's Eli Randol (second from right) gets his head on the ball for a corner kick near the Leo goal as teammate Kyler Morris (second from left) also went up for the ball in Saturday's game at Norwell. The Knight's fell to the Lions 2-1. (Photo by Chad Kline)

Sports Roundup

Norwell finishes 2nd at NE8 girls' golf meet

Norwell's girls' golf team finished runner-up in the Northeast 8 Conference meet at Cross Creek Golf Course on Saturday.

The Knights fell behind the champions DeKalb, who shot a 326, and Norwell posted a 356 on the day.

Ellie Gatton was the top golfer for Norwell, earning a fifth-place finish overall with her score of 85. Savanna Simerman was right behind her in sixth place with a score of 87. In 10th place, Anna Dodane had a 90, followed by Nevada LEnwell in 13th with a score of 94. Finally, Emmy Heaston rounded out the Knights scoring with a 101.

Team Results

1. DeKalb 326, 2. Norwell 356, 3. Belmont 361, 4. Leo 394, 5. Columbia City 404, 6. Huntington North 410, 7. East Noble 425, 8. New Haven 433

Norwell will finish the regular season at home against Bishop Luers/South Adams starting at 4:30 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 13.

Tigers earn 2nd at MG boys' tennis invite

The Bluffton boys' tennis team finished second at the Madison-Grant Invitational Saturday.

The team went 1-1, defeating Blackhawk Christian in the first round 3-2, and lost in the championship to Madison-Grant 5-0.

Results (Blackhawk match)

• Anthony Hartman (B) defeated Geno Rongos 6-3, 6-1 at No. 1 singles.

• Nolan Lambert (B) defeated Sam Donnelly 0-6, 6-3 (10-8) at

No. 2 singles.

• Caleb York (BC) defeated Jacob Ribich 6-4, 6-4 at No. 3 singles.

• Will Guthrie and Bryce Sefton (BC) defeated Kade Abbett and Ben Maggard 7-5, 6-2 at No. 1 doubles.

• Dane Schlagenhauf and Coy Lantz (B) defeated Luke Mansfield and Conner Treesch 2-6, 6-4, (10-3).

Results (Madison-Grant)

• Luke Gilman (MG) defeated Anthony Hartman 6-1, 6-2 at No. 1 singles.

• Christopher Fox (MG) defeated Nolan Lambert 6-4, 6-0 at No. 2 singles.

• Clayton Hull (MG) defeated Jacob Ribich 6-1, 6-0 at No. 3 singles.

• Brogan Brunt and Ben Pax (MG) defeated Kade Abbett and Ben Maggard 6-4, 6-2 at No. 1 doubles.

• Dalton Gibson and Ty Evans (MG) defeated Dane Schlagenhauf and Coy Lantz 4-6, 6-2, (10-8) at No. 2 doubles.

Lance Moser also competed in three junior varsity matches during the day.

Results for JV

• Luke Chhabra (BC) defeated Lance Moser 8-6.

• Lance Moser (B) defeated Eli Chastain (MG) 8-0.

• Lance Moser (B) defeated Luke Nelson (MG) 8-4.

Tigers, Raiders race at Wildcat Invite grey division

The Bluffton and Southern Wells cross country teams were at the Wildcat Classic at Indiana Wesleyan University Saturday

morning.

The Bluffton boys placed fifth, while the girls finished 12th in the grey division race.

The Southern Wells boys placed fifth and the girls 14th in the grey division race.

Individual results

Boys

Bluffton's Tyler Godwin finished second overall with a time of 16:24.4, Levi Johns seventh (17:11.1), Jude Baumgartner 11th (17:31.9), Griffin Linderwell 32nd (18:16.5), Ayden Teeple 37th (18:26.5), Brett Kuhlbeck 42nd (18:30.0), Aidan Graves 53rd (18:55.6), Jackson Rockwell 63rd (19:10.9), Ryan Schlagenhauf 73rd (19:20.0), Manning Nash 101st (20:06.1).

Southern Wells' Joshua Bricker finished 15th overall with a time of (17:51.40), Andrew Aker 18th (18:01.30), Jarin Frauhiger 19th (18:15.80), Colter Kiel 74th (19:20.40), Kelton Barr 77th (19:22.60), Peyton Ellis 81st (19:24.70), Dalton Stephan 85th (19:30.10), Kane Jenkins 87th (19:32.21), Miles Garrett 92nd (19:42.80), Aiden Carroll 100th (20:05.0).

Girls

Bluffton's Dakota Lee 34th (22:40.21), Reagan Harris 71st (25:00.1), Lucia Corkwell 79th (25:14.0), Kierstynn Reed 89th (25:29.6), Amarah Robles 97th (26:22.8), Alydia Bertsch 98th (26:23.3), Sophia Mayne 120th (31:06.2).

Southern Wells' Alexis Leidig finished 87th overall with a time of 25:29.50, Ella Lahr 108th (27:41.70), Chanie Mounsey 109th (28:13.30), Shaylinn Geesaman 114th (29:26.10), Adeline Sabinske 115th (29:48.70).

Team Scores

Boys

Heritage Christian finished first with a team score of 55, Bluffton's second (89), Heritage third (103), Lakewood Park Christian fourth (146), Southern Wells fifth (209), Horizon Christian sixth (211), Woodlan seventh (231), Carroll (Flora) eighth (245), Daleville ninth (254), Logansport 10th (280), Kokomo 11th (283), Adams Central 12th (283), Cowan 13th (290), Wisdom Builders 14th (338), Mississinewa 15th (379), Anderson 16th (413), Connersville 17th (423), Purdue Polytechnic (464), Peru 19th (485), Faith Christian 20th (491), Fremont 21st (516).

Girls

Adams Central first with a team score of 48, Woodlan second (73), Oak Hill third (83), Daleville fourth (139), Carroll (Flora) fifth (140), Wapahani sixth (144), Faith Christian seventh (144), Heritage Christian eighth (161), Heritage ninth (265), Wisdom Builders 10th (271), Logansport 11th (275), Bluffton 12th (285), Kokomo 13th (347), Southern Wells 14th (390), Horizon Christian, Mississinewa, Connersville, Lakewood Park Christian, Cowan, Fremont, Purdue Polytechnic, and Peru incomplete scores.

Bluffton and Southern Wells will be at the South Adams Invitational starting at 10 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 16.

Knights race in IWU Wildcat Invitational

The Norwell cross-country teams competed at the Wildcat Invitational Saturday.

The girls finished in 11th place race, while the boys finished 23rd

in the red division.

Team results

Girls

Hamilton Southeastern came in first with a team score of 40, Noblesville second (114), Avon third (133), East Noble fourth (149), Harrison fifth (168), Huntington North sixth (173), Fishers seventh (187), Columbia City eighth (192), West Lafayette ninth (219), Westfield 10th (294), Norwell 11th (358), Yorktown 12th (366), Kettering Fairmont 13th (385), Westview 14th (419), South Bend Riley 15th (421), Warren Central 16th (435), Culver Academies 17th (454), South Bend St. Joseph 18th (461), Marion 19th (516), Richmond 20th (536), McCutcheon 21st (600), Lafayette Jefferson 22nd (648), New Haven 23rd (663).

Boys

Hamilton Southern finished first with a team score of 96, Penn second (107), Greenfield-Central third (141), Homestead fourth (193), Harrison fifth (238), Oak Hill sixth (242), Noblesville seventh (249), West Lafayette eighth (269), Wapahani ninth (274), Lafayette Jefferson 10th (305), Culver Academies 11th (326), Richmond 12th (330), Columbia City 13th (343), Marion 14th (358), Yorktown 15th (363), Westview 16th (375), McCutcheon 17th (402), Fishers 18th (413), South Bend St. Joseph (490), East Noble 20th (499), South Bend Riley 21st (509), Southport 22nd (559), Norwell 23rd (628), Kettering Fairmont 24th (655), New Haven 25th (684), Huntington North 26th (733), Horizon Christian incomplete.

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Colts' Richardson laments loss to Jags despite in his NFL debut

By MICHAEL MAROT
AP Sports Writer

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — On Sunday, the Indianapolis Colts got a glimpse at the promise, poise and power that convinced them to draft Anthony Richardson fourth overall in April.

Only this time at Lucas Oil Stadium, the former Florida quarterback was wearing a helmet and pads instead of shorts and a T-shirt. And instead of working in front of NFL

scouts, he was playing in front of a capacity crowd and facing AFC South champion Jacksonville.

Afterward, Colts coaches and fans seemed to like the first impressions Richardson made in his professional debut. Richardson, meanwhile, was not satisfied with the results.

"We didn't win, so I didn't do good enough," he said following a 31-21 loss that extended Indy's opening day winless streak to

10. "But first game, first experience, felt good just being out there with my teammates. The energy was good. We've just got to clean some things up, including myself."

Statistically speaking, Richardson was solid.

He went 24 of 37 with 223 yards, one touchdown and led the Colts in rushing with 10 carries for 40 yards and another score. He also was sacked four times, three of them from Josh Allen,

threw a late interception that led to Jacksonville's game-sealing touchdown and wound up watching the final 58 seconds from the sideline after hurting his left knee on a goal-line run.

Richardson said he actually hurt the leg in the first quarter and new Colts coach Shane Steichen told reporters his starting quarterback should be just fine.

What was clear in Week 1, though, was just how different Indy's new offense

and new era may look.

"He's a great athlete," Jacksonville linebacker Travon Walker said. "But there's always room to improve. He's definitely a great athlete, showed off his running skills as a quarterback, and I feel like he's going to be pretty good."

Richardson also acknowledged he needs to get better in multiples facets.

But at age 21, the third-youngest quarterback to

start an NFL opener — and one of the most athletic to ever work out at the NFL's annual scouting combine in Indy — is far from a finished product.

The biggest questions about Richardson entering the draft were consistency and accuracy. The results on those points were mixed on Sunday.

His completed 64.8% of his throws, a significant improvement over his col-

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Sports Roundup

High School Calendar

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Individual results

Girls
Ashley Waldman finished 39th overall with a time of 20:27.80, Elizabeth Norris 54th (20:54.80), Haleigh Reinhard 84th (21:28.40), Brooklyn Meyer 87th (21:31.40), Addison Meyer 137th (22:30.80), Tegan Lesley 161st (23:05.90), Alana Cady 166th (23:27.60), Mariah Kline 170th (23:22.60), Eden Nash 178th (23:49.0).

Kylee Hannie 184th (24:01.10), Lyanna Kelley 207th (24:54.20), Marina Andrade 213th (25:39.21.)
Boys
Gage Reinhard finished 117th overall with a time of 17:39.21, Gavin Threewits 138th (17:58.0), Elijah Jacob 152nd (18:10.20), Lukas Mashuda 154th (18:11.50), Luke Johnson 184th (18:36.10), Parker McCartney 252nd (20:27.60).
Norwell will be at the Riverview Health Invitational at 9 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 16.

Knight girls, boys shut out against Lions in soccer

The Norwell girls' soccer team was shut out on the road 2-0 against Leo on Saturday.
The Knights are now 5-3-1 (2-2 NE8) on the season.
Gracie Rinkenberger made an impressive 21 saves for Norwell in net.
In the junior varsity game, Norwell lost 2-0.
Norwell will host East Noble at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, Sept. 11.
The Norwell boys' soccer team fell at home against Leo 2-1 on Saturday.
The loss was its first in Northeast 8 Conference play, and it now sits 3-5-1 (2-1 NE8).

MONDAY, SEPT 11
BOYS SOCCER: Norwell at East Noble, 7 p.m.
BOYS TENNIS: Bluffton at Norwell, 4:30 p.m.
GIRLS SOCCER: East Noble at Norwell, 6:30 p.m.
VOLLEYBALL: Norwell at Eastbrook, 7:30 p.m.
TUESDAY, SEPT 12
BOYS TENNIS: Norwell at New Haven, 5 p.m.
GIRLS GOLF: 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.
THURSDAY, SEPT 14
BOYS TENNIS: East Noble at Norwell, 5 p.m.; Bluffton at South Adams, 5 p.m.
GIRLS GOLF: Belmont at Bluffton 4:30 p.m.
GIRLS SOCCER: South Adams at Norwell, 5 p.m.
VOLLEYBALL: Leo at Norwell, 7:30 p.m.; Southern Wells at Bluffton, 6 p.m.
FRIDAY, SEPT 15
GIRLS GOLF: (Sectional) Norwell, Bluffton at Chesnut Hills, 9 a.m.; Southern Wells at Arbor Trace, 7 p.m.
FOOTBALL: Norwell at New Haven, 7 p.m.; Bluffton at Jay County, 7 p.m.; Woodlan at Southern Wells, 7 p.m.
SATURDAY, SEPT 16
CROSS COUNTRY (CO-ED): Norwell at Riverview Health Invitational at Northview Christian Church, 9 a.m.; Bluffton, Southern Wells at South Adams Invitational, 10 a.m.
GIRLS GOLF: (sectional) Norwell, Bluffton at Chestnut Hills, 9 a.m.; Southern Wells at Arbor Trace, 9 a.m.
VOLLEYBALL: Bluffton at Canterbury, 9 a.m.
MONDAY, SEPT 18
BOYS SOCCER: DeKalb at Norwell, 6:30 p.m.
BOYS TENNIS: Snider at Norwell, 4:30 p.m.; Adams Central at Bluffton, 5 p.m.
GIRLS SOCCER: Norwell at DeKalb, 7 p.m.
VOLLEYBALL: Norwell at DeKalb, 7:30 p.m.
TUESDAY, SEPT 19
BOYS TENNIS: Huntington North at Norwell, 4:15 p.m.
VOLLEYBALL: Adams Central at Bluffton, 6 p.m.; Canterbury at Southern Wells, 7:30 p.m.
WEDNESDAY, SEPT 20
BOYS TENNIS: Belmont at Bluffton, 4:30 p.m.

Colts lose to Jags

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lege days. The problem: He didn't take many chances showing off the strong arm fans witnessed during his daily warmup routine at training camp.
Part of that was by design.
He targeted mostly running backs and tight ends in the first half before finally taking some downfield chances in the second half. Michael Pittman Jr. caught eight passes for 97 yards and a 39-yard score — the first TD pass of what is expected to be many from the 6-foot-4, 244-pound rookie.
“I thought he managed the game well, though he did some really good things, really encouraged with his progress,” Steichen said. “Obviously, we had a few quarterback designed runs that he popped. Early on that one drive went down and scored, and it was good to see him get his first touchdown of his career.”

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He also celebrated with a spinning spike and with Colts fans seated in the field level suites as well as teammates.
Ultimately, though, Richardson understands what matters most in the NFL is winning and staying healthy. Richardson may need to work on his sliding technique, which he jokes he's only used seven times to achieve both.
But the opening day reviews of the new face of Indy's franchise were positive.
“It was everything I expected,” second-year Colts receiver Alec Pierce said. “It's good to kind of see that in person because they wear the red jersey to practice and stuff so you kind of miss that, him getting to use his physicality and athleticism. But I was definitely impressed.”

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FOOTBALL

NFL

AMERICAN CONFERENCE													
East					South								
W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA		
Miami	1	0	0	1.000	36	34	Jacksonville	1	0	0	1.000	31	21
Buffalo	0	0	0	.000	0	0	Houston	0	1	0	.000	9	25
N.Y. Jets	0	0	0	.000	0	0	Indianapolis	1	0	0	.000	21	31
New England	0	1	0	.000	20	25	Tennessee	0	1	0	.000	15	16

NATIONAL CONFERENCE													
East					South								
W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA		
Philadelphia	1	0	0	1.000	25	20	Atlanta	1	0	0	1.000	24	10
Washington	1	0	0	1.000	20	16	New Orleans	1	0	0	1.000	16	15
Dallas	0	0	0	.000	0	0	Tampa Bay	1	0	0	1.000	20	17
N.Y. Giants	0	0	0	.000	0	0	Carolina	0	1	0	.000	10	24

Monday, Sept. 18

New Orleans at Carolina, 7:15 p.m.
Cleveland at Pittsburgh, 8:15 p.m.

College

EAST										
Army 57, Delaware St. 0	Boston College 31, Holy Cross 28	Cincinnati 27, Pittsburgh 21	Fordham 40, Buffalo 37	Maryland 38, Charlotte 20	Miami (Ohio) 41, Umass 28	Navy 24, Wagner 0	Penn St. 63, Delaware 7	Rutgers 36, Temple 7	Syracuse 48, W. Michigan 7	West Virginia 56, Duquesne 17

SOUTH										
Alabama A&M 51, Lane 13	Bethune-Cookman 31, Savannah St. 6	Campbell 56, The Citadel 7	Chattanooga 27, Kennesaw St. 20	Clemson 66, Charleston Southern 17	Coastal Carolina 30, Jacksonville St. 16	Duke 42, Lafayette 7	Florida 49, McNeese St. 7	Florida St. 66, Southern Miss. 13	Georgia 45, Ball St. 3	Georgia Southern 49, UAB 35

Auburn 14, California 10	BYU 41, S. Utah 16	Colorado 36, Nebraska 14	Fresno St. 34, E. Washington 31,
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Chicago Cubs 5, Arizona 2	L.A. Dodgers 7, Washington 3	N.Y. Mets 2, Minnesota 0	Houston 12, San Diego 2
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BASEBALL

American League

Saturday's Games									
Minnesota 8, N.Y. Mets 4	Milwaukee 9, N.Y. Yankees 2	Toronto 5, Kansas City 1	Tampa Bay 7, Seattle 5	Baltimore 13, Boston 12	Detroit 3, Chicago White Sox 1	Texas 3, Oakland 2	Houston 7, San Diego 5	L.A. Angels 6, Cleveland 2	Tampa Bay 6, Seattle 3

National League

Saturday's Games									
Minnesota 8, N.Y. Mets 4	Milwaukee 9, N.Y. Yankees 2	Arizona 3, Chicago Cubs 2, 10	Washington 7, L.A. Dodgers 6, 11	Philadelphia 8, Miami 4	St. Louis 4, Cincinnati 3	Houston 7, San Diego 5	Pittsburgh 8, Atlanta 4	San Francisco 9, Colorado 1	Sunday's Games

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Remembering 9/11

Dear Readers: Twenty-two years later, our country is still healing from the horrific events of Sept. 11, 2001. On 9/11, 3,000 innocent people lost their lives during a series of coordinated terrorist attacks that took down the Twin Towers, damaged the Pentagon and crashed four flights.

Sadly, 22 years later, people are still dying from the effects of being close to the World Trade Center directly after the attack. Many are developing cancer and have long-term lung damage over 20 years later as a result of the smoke. As tragic as the events were that day, many people showed great strength, faith and courage. For that fact alone we must never forget and honor all the men, women and children who suffer as a result of that day.

Below are some quotes coming from a variety of people commenting on the strength of that day.

"Remember the hours after Sept. 11 when we came together as one! It was the worst day we have ever seen, but it brought out the best in all of us." — Former U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry

"I was in New York on Sept. 11 when those planes hit the World Trade Center. At the time, it seemed like it was a local thing. But three or four days later, by the time we drove across the country in the bus, we realized it wasn't a local thing. You could really feel the states become united. We became the United States of America." — John Madden, former NFL coach

"On Sept. 11, I always take the day off. I want to be in a peaceful quiet place praying. It is a day I both mourn and celebrate." — Genelle Guzman-McMillan, 9/11 survivor

"Sept. 11, 2001, revealed heroism in ordinary people who might have gone through their lives never called upon to demonstrate the extent of their courage." — Geraldine Brooks, author

"If we learn nothing else from this tragedy, we learn that life is short and there is no time for hate." — Sandy Dahl, wife of United Flight 93 pilot

Jason Dahl "Even the smallest act of service, the simplest act of kindness, is a way to honor those we lost, a way to reclaim that spirit of unity that followed 9/11." — Former President Barack Obama

"These acts shattered steel, but they cannot dent the steel of America's resolve." — Former President George W. Bush

"I may never know the answers to the questions that plagued me after 9/11. But I know if we lean on God and each other we will be guided to a better, brighter future." — Michael Hingson, 9/11 survivor

"I still have the shoes I wore to work that day. The soles are melted and they're caked in ash. I keep them in a shoebox with the word 'deliverance' written all around it. They're kind of like my ark, a reminder of God's presence and the life I owe to him." — Stanley Prainnath, 9/11 survivor

"What separates us from the animals, what separates us from the chaos, is our ability to mourn people we've never met." — David Levithan, author

"If Sept. 11 has taught us anything, it's certainly that the world has never been so interdependent. It is impossible now to be an island of prosperity in a sea of despair." — Bono, singer

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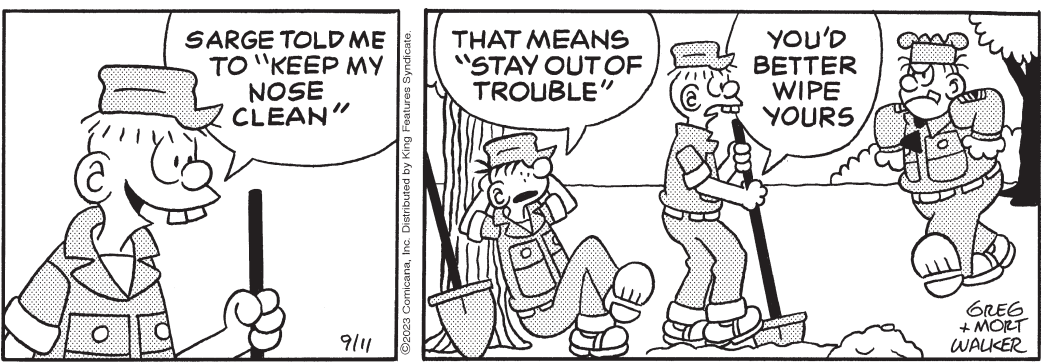
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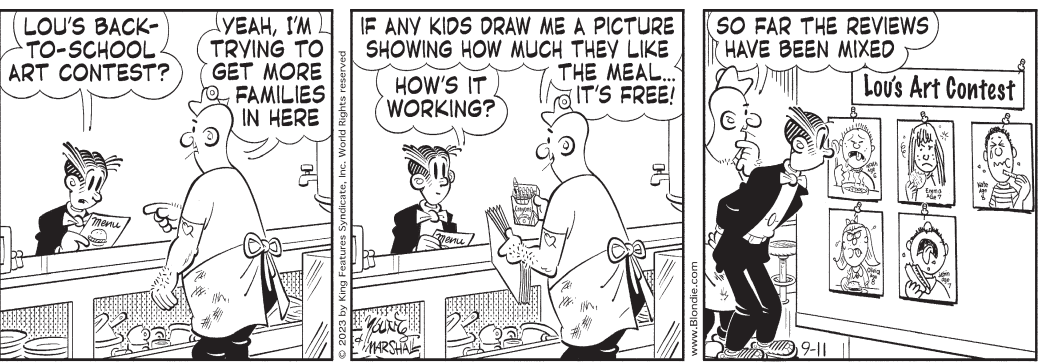
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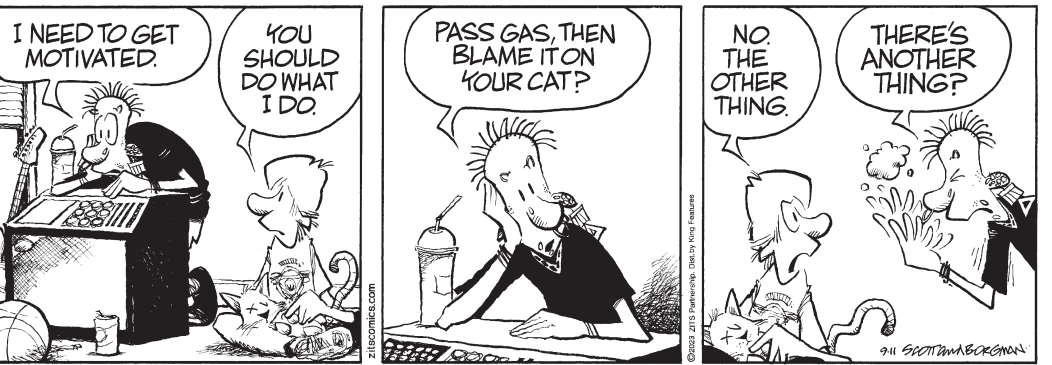
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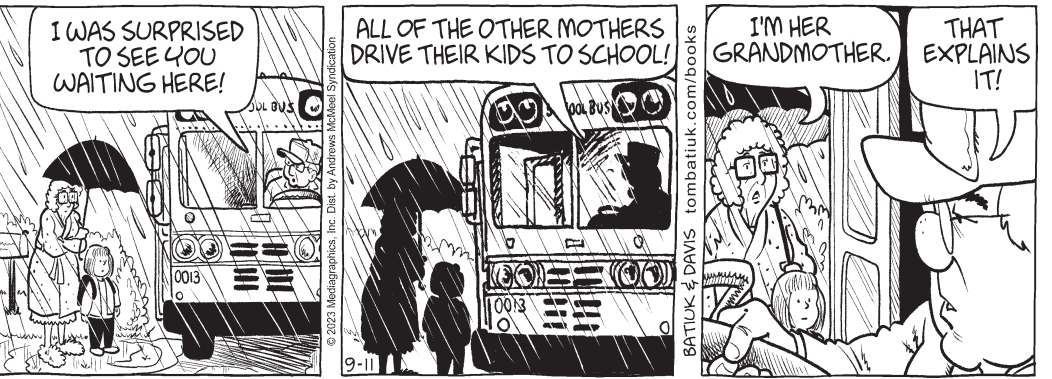
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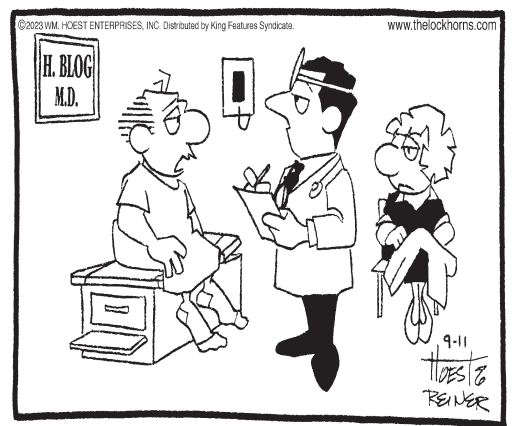
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THE FAMILY CIRCUS

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My Answer

By Dr. Billy Graham



Evil is real — but so is God's power and love

Q: Sept. 11, 2001, marked one of the darkest days in our nation's history. Still today, it brings horror to our minds. There are prayer vigils held still today to remember those who innocently lost their lives. As hard as I try to understand why God allows such tragedy, I never will, yet I believe that this evil deed came from evil in people's hearts. — D.D.

A: None of us will ever forget Sept. 11, 2001. Within minutes, our world changed forever as two hijacked airliners plowed into the twin towers of the World Trade Center in

New York City, a third slammed into the Pentagon in Washington, and a fourth aircraft crashed into an open field in Pennsylvania.

Three days later, a special service of prayer and remembrance was held in the Washington National Cathedral and it was humbling to be invited by the president to speak words of comfort and hope to a nation in crisis.

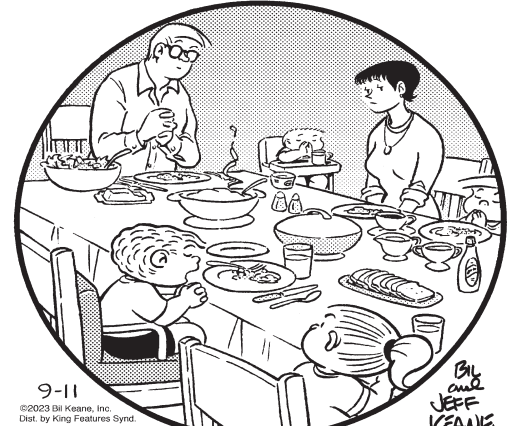
"I have been asked hundreds of times in my life why God allows tragedy and suffering. I really do not know the answer totally, even to my own satisfaction. I have to accept, by faith, that God is sovereign and He is a God of love and mercy

and compassion in the midst of suffering."

Evil is real — but so is God's power and love. And because He is all-powerful and loving, we can cling to Him in trust and faith — even when we don't understand — and as believers in Jesus Christ, we can say with the psalmist, "The children of men put their trust under the shadow of [God's] wings" (Psalm 16:7).

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

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ABC WPTA (21)	4	3	21	21	Family Feud	25 Words or Less	King "Two Kings Go"	Modern Family	21Alive News at 6	Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing	Son of a Critch (N)	Run the Burbs (N)	Children "Bump (N)"	Dish Nation (N)	Chicago P.D. "Ghosts"	Family Guy	Goldberg's "Erasim"	Bob's Burgers		
NBC WPTA-2 (212)	7	8	14	14	Family Feud	25 Words or Less	King "Two Kings Go"	Modern Family	21Alive News at 6	Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing	Son of a Critch (N)	Run the Burbs (N)	Children "Bump (N)"	Dish Nation (N)	Chicago P.D. "Ghosts"	Family Guy	Goldberg's "Erasim"	Bob's Burgers		
MNT WPTA-3 (213)	10	9	56	34	Family Feud	25 Words or Less	King "Two Kings Go"	Modern Family	21Alive News at 6	Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing	Son of a Critch (N)	Run the Burbs (N)	Children "Bump (N)"	Dish Nation (N)	Chicago P.D. "Ghosts"	Family Guy	Goldberg's "Erasim"	Bob's Burgers		
CW WISE (33)	8	4	33	33	S. Wilkos "My Mom Thinks I Killed My Baby"	TMZ Live (N)	PBS NewsHour (N)	BBC News America	PBS NewsHour (N)	Matters of Mind	PBS NewsHour (N)	Antiques "Vintage Orlando Hour 2"	Experience Court-mandated social integration unleashes racial unrest throughout Boston in the 1970s.	Amanpour and Company (N)	FOX 55 News First at 10 (N)	Young Sheldon	Young Sheldon	Neighbor "Pilot"			
PBS WFWA (39)	13	5	39	39	Antiques "Vintage Orlando Hour 1"	Context	BBC News America	PBS NewsHour (N)	Big Bang	Big Bang	Beat Shazam	MasterChef	FOX 55 News First at 10 (N)	Young Sheldon	Young Sheldon	Neighbor "Pilot"					
PBS WWPB (46)	3				Antiques "Vintage Orlando Hour 1"	Context	BBC News America	PBS NewsHour (N)	Big Bang	Big Bang	Beat Shazam	MasterChef	FOX 55 News First at 10 (N)	Young Sheldon	Young Sheldon	Neighbor "Pilot"					
FOX WFFT (46)	6	6	55	55	WFFT Fox News at 5 (N)	WFFT Fox News at 6 (N)															
CABLE CHANNELS																					
LIFE	23	113	108	252	Rizzoli & Isles "Sister Sister"	Rizzoli & Isles "Fake It 'Til You Make It"	Rizzoli & Isles "5:26"	#TextMeWhenYouGethome "Deanna Cook" (N)	#TextMeWhenYouGethome "Carolina Vargas" (N)	(05) Murder "Fatal Affair" (N)	(05) #TextMeWhen	#TextMeWhenYouGethome "Deanna Cook" (N)	(05) #TextMeWhen	(05) #TextMeWhen	(05) #TextMeWhen	(05) #TextMeWhen	(05) #TextMeWhen	(05) #TextMeWhen	(05) #TextMeWhen	(05) #TextMeWhen	
FX	24	132	136	148	*** Fantastic Four: Rise of the Silver Surfer	*** Fantastic Four: Rise of the Silver Surfer	*** Iron Man 3 (13)	Gwyneth Paltrow, Don Cheadle, Robert Downey Jr.	Everybody Raymond	Everybody Raymond	Everybody Raymond	Everybody Raymond	Everybody Raymond	Everybody Raymond	Everybody Raymond	Everybody Raymond	Everybody Raymond	Everybody Raymond	Everybody Raymond	Everybody Raymond	
TVLAND	25	106	304		Andy Griffith	Andy Griffith	Andy Griffith	Andy Griffith	Andy Griffith	Andy Griffith	Andy Griffith	Andy Griffith	Andy Griffith	Andy Griffith	Andy Griffith	Andy Griffith	Andy Griffith	Andy Griffith	Andy Griffith	Andy Griffith	
E!	26	142	114	236	Saved by the Bell	Saved by the Bell	Saved by the Bell	Saved by the Bell	Saved by the Bell	Saved by the Bell	Saved by the Bell	Saved by the Bell	Saved by the Bell	Saved by the Bell	Saved by the Bell	Saved by the Bell	Saved by the Bell	Saved by the Bell	Saved by the Bell	Saved by the Bell	
PARMT	30	241	241		Two and a Half Men	Two and a Half Men	Two and a Half Men	Two and a Half Men	Two and a Half Men	Two and a Half Men	Two and a Half Men	Two and a Half Men	Two and a Half Men	Two and a Half Men	Two and a Half Men	Two and a Half Men	Two and a Half Men	Two and a Half Men	Two and a Half Men	Two and a Half Men	
ESPN	31	50	140	206	Around (N)	Pardon (L) (N)	NFL Football	NFL Football	NFL Football	NFL Football	NFL Football	NFL Football	NFL Football	NFL Football	NFL Football	NFL Football	NFL Football	NFL Football	NFL Football	NFL Football	
ESPN2	32	54	143	209	NFL Live (N)	SportsCenter	SportsCenter	SportsCenter	SportsCenter	SportsCenter	SportsCenter	SportsCenter	SportsCenter	SportsCenter	SportsCenter	SportsCenter	SportsCenter	SportsCenter	SportsCenter	SportsCenter	
FSMW	33		418	671	The Rally (L) (N)	Cardinals' MLB Baseball Pre (L) (N)	Cardinals' MLB Baseball Pre (L) (N)	Cardinals' MLB Baseball Pre (L) (N)	Cardinals' MLB Baseball Pre (L) (N)	Cardinals' MLB Baseball Pre (L) (N)	Cardinals' MLB Baseball Pre (L) (N)	Cardinals' MLB Baseball Pre (L) (N)	Cardinals' MLB Baseball Pre (L) (N)	Cardinals' MLB Baseball Pre (L) (N)	Cardinals' MLB Baseball Pre (L) (N)	Cardinals' MLB Baseball Pre (L) (N)	Cardinals' MLB Baseball Pre (L) (N)	Cardinals' MLB Baseball Pre (L) (N)	Cardinals' MLB Baseball Pre (L) (N)	Cardinals' MLB Baseball Pre (L) (N)	
USA	34	133	105	242	Chicago Fire "The Solution to Everything"	Chicago Fire "Always a Catch"	Chicago Fire "The Solution to Everything"	Chicago Fire "Always a Catch"	Chicago Fire "The Solution to Everything"	Chicago Fire "Always a Catch"	Chicago Fire "The Solution to Everything"	Chicago Fire "Always a Catch"	Chicago Fire "The Solution to Everything"	Chicago Fire "Always a Catch"	Chicago Fire "The Solution to Everything"	Chicago Fire "Always a Catch"	Chicago Fire "The Solution to Everything"	Chicago Fire "Always a Catch"	Chicago Fire "The Solution to Everything"	Chicago Fire "Always a Catch"	
DISC	35	72	182	278	Street Outlaws: Red Line "The Sweet 16"	Street Outlaws: Red Line "The Sweet 16"	Street Outlaws: Red Line "The Sweet 16"	Street Outlaws: Red Line "The Sweet 16"	Street Outlaws: Red Line "The Sweet 16"	Street Outlaws: Red Line "The Sweet 16"	Street Outlaws: Red Line "The Sweet 16"	Street Outlaws: Red Line "The Sweet 16"	Street Outlaws: Red Line "The Sweet 16"	Street Outlaws: Red Line "The Sweet 16"	Street Outlaws: Red Line "The Sweet 16"	Street Outlaws: Red Line "The Sweet 16"	Street Outlaws: Red Line "The Sweet 16"	Street Outlaws: Red Line "The Sweet 16"	Street Outlaws: Red Line "The Sweet 16"	Street Outlaws: Red Line "The Sweet 16"	
TLC	36	73	183	280	90 Day Fiancé: Other Side	90 Day Fiancé: Other Side	90 Day Fiancé: Other Side	90 Day Fiancé: Other Side	90 Day Fiancé: Other Side	90 Day Fiancé: Other Side	90 Day Fiancé: Other Side	90 Day Fiancé: Other Side	90 Day Fiancé: Other Side	90 Day Fiancé: Other Side	90 Day Fiancé: Other Side	90 Day Fiancé: Other Side	90 Day Fiancé: Other Side	90 Day Fiancé: Other Side	90 Day Fiancé: Other Side	90 Day Fiancé: Other Side	
HIST	38	77	120	269	Inside Air Force One	The First 48	The First 48	The First 48	The First 48	The First 48	The First 48	The First 48	The First 48	The First 48	The First 48	The First 48	The First 48	The First 48	The First 48	The First 48	
A&E	39	134	118	265	The First 48	The First 48	The First 48	The First 48	The First 48	The First 48	The First 48	The First 48	The First 48	The First 48	The First 48	The First 48	The First 48	The First 48	The First 48	The First 48	
HALL	40	117	185	312	The Professional Bridesmaid (2023, Romance)	The Professional Bridesmaid (2023, Romance)	The Professional Bridesmaid (2023, Romance)	The Professional Bridesmaid (2023, Romance)	The Professional Bridesmaid (2023, Romance)	The Professional Bridesmaid (2023, Romance)	The Professional Bridesmaid (2023, Romance)	The Professional Bridesmaid (2023, Romance)	The Professional Bridesmaid (2023, Romance)	The Professional Bridesmaid (2023, Romance)	The Professional Bridesmaid (2023, Romance)	The Professional Bridesmaid (2023, Romance)	The Professional Bridesmaid (2023, Romance)	The Professional Bridesmaid (2023, Romance)	The Professional Bridesmaid (2023, Romance)	The Professional Bridesmaid (2023, Romance)	
SVFY	41	135	122	244	*** Texas Chainsaw Massacre: Next Generation	*** Texas Chainsaw Massacre: Next Generation	*** Texas Chainsaw Massacre: Next Generation	*** Texas Chainsaw Massacre: Next Generation	*** Texas Chainsaw Massacre: Next Generation	*** Texas Chainsaw Massacre: Next Generation	*** Texas Chainsaw Massacre: Next Generation	*** Texas Chainsaw Massacre: Next Generation	*** Texas Chainsaw Massacre: Next Generation	*** Texas Chainsaw Massacre: Next Generation	*** Texas Chainsaw Massacre: Next Generation	*** Texas Chainsaw Massacre: Next Generation	*** Texas Chainsaw Massacre: Next Generation	*** Texas Chainsaw Massacre: Next Generation	*** Texas Chainsaw Massacre: Next Generation	*** Texas Chainsaw Massacre: Next Generation	
TBS	43	130	139	247	Sheldon	Sheldon	Sheldon	Sheldon	Sheldon	Sheldon	Sheldon	Sheldon	Sheldon	Sheldon	Sheldon	Sheldon	Sheldon	Sheldon	Sheldon	Sheldon	
TNT	44	131	138	245	*** Jurassic World (2015, Adventure)	*** Jurassic World (2015, Adventure)	*** Jurassic World (2015, Adventure)	*** Jurassic World (2015, Adventure)	*** Jurassic World (2015, Adventure)	*** Jurassic World (2015, Adventure)	*** Jurassic World (2015, Adventure)	*** Jurassic World (2015, Adventure)	*** Jurassic World (2015, Adventure)	*** Jurassic World (2015, Adventure)	*** Jurassic World (2015, Adventure)	*** Jurassic World (2015, Adventure)	*** Jurassic World (2015, Adventure)	*** Jurassic World (2015, Adventure)	*** Jurassic World (2015, Adventure)	*** Jurassic World (2015, Adventure)	
AMC	45	131	254		*** Furious 7 (15) Vin Diesel	*** Vegas Vacation (1997, Comedy)	*** Vegas Vacation (1997, Comedy)	*** Vegas Vacation (1997, Comedy)	*** Vegas Vacation (1997, Comedy)	*** Vegas Vacation (1997, Comedy)	*** Vegas Vacation (1997, Comedy)	*** Vegas Vacation (1997, Comedy)	*** Vegas Vacation (1997, Comedy)	*** Vegas Vacation (1997, Comedy)	*** Vegas Vacation (1997, Comedy)	*** Vegas Vacation (1997, Comedy)	*** Vegas Vacation (1997, Comedy)	*** Vegas Vacation (1997, Comedy)	*** Vegas Vacation (1997, Comedy)	*** Vegas Vacation (1997, Comedy)	
COM	47	107	249		Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	
FSN	48	64	150	219	(14:30) Speak (L) (N)	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	
WGN	53		307		The Hill (L) (N)	On Balance (N)	On Balance (N)	On Balance (N)	On Balance (N)	On Balance (N)	On Balance (N)	On Balance (N)	On Balance (N)	On Balance (N)	On Balance (N)	On Balance (N)	On Balance (N)	On Balance (N)	On Balance (N)	On Balance (N)	
WE	57	128	260		9-1-1	9-1-1	9-1-1	9-1-1	9-1-1	9-1-1	9-1-1	9-1-1	9-1-1	9-1-1	9-1-1	9-1-1	9-1-1	9-1-1	9-1-1	9-1-1	
FOOD	59	153	110	231	Halloween Wars	Halloween Wars	Halloween Wars	Halloween Wars	Halloween Wars	Halloween Wars	Halloween Wars	Halloween Wars	Halloween Wars	Halloween Wars	Halloween Wars	Halloween Wars	Halloween Wars	Halloween Wars	Halloween Wars	Halloween Wars	
BRAVO	60	140	129	237	Southern Charm	Below Deck Down	Below Deck Down	Below Deck Down	Below Deck Down	Below Deck											

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Lottery Numbers

Saturday's Drawings HOOSIER LOTTERY

Cash 5 — 06-11-18-42-43
Cash4Life — 02-06-41-55-57, Cash Ball: 02
Lotto Plus — 05-11-15-20-34-46
Quick Draw Midday — 02-04-05-07-10-15-17-24-26-28-30-35-51-57-63-66-74-75-77-79, BE: 24
Daily Three-Midday — 01-02-05, SB: 03
Daily Three-Evening — 01-01-03, SB: 07
Daily Four-Midday — 00-00-08-00, SB: 03
Daily Four-Evening — 08-00-00-05, SB: 07
Quick Draw Evening — 15-16-27-28-29-30-31-33-38-44-48-51-53-61-63-64-68-72-77, BE: 30
Hoosier Lotto — 10-11-21-34-36-44
POWERBALL
11-19-29-63-68; Powerball: 25; Power Play: 2X

Sunday's Drawings HOOSIER LOTTERY

Cash 5 — 02-04-12-32-45
Cash4Life — 20-21-25-43-45, Cash Ball: 04
Quick Draw Midday — 02-04-15-19-22-23-26-28-31-33-38-45-48-55-60-65-70-71-76-80, BE: 70
Daily Three-Midday — 08-09-07, SB: 07
Daily Three-Evening — 01-01-00, SB: 01
Daily Four-Midday — 09-08-03-07, SB: 07
Daily Four-Evening — 02-06-03-01, SB: 01
Quick Draw Evening — 01-08-21-25-28-29-30-31-33-34-40-44-51-57-59-61-67-68-69-71, BE: 33
Hoosier Lotto — Estimated jackpot (for Wednesday): \$31.7 million

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SEPTEMBER 14 - Online - 2-6 p.m. - Farm: GRS Holdings. Property location: 7370 E US 224, Craigville, IN. Wells Co., Lancaster Twp., 2.243+/- acres include: 1,952 sf 2-story home (4 bedrooms, 2 baths), attached garage, basement, 4,860 sf pole barn (metal roof, half concrete floor), 5,000+ sf historical pin frame barn (metal roof), (3) steel grain bins. **Halderman Real Estate & Farm Management**, 800-424-2324, halderman.com, Rick Johnloz, 260-827-8181.
SEPTEMBER 26 - 6 p.m. - Steven H. Arnold, seller. OK Modern Dry Cleaners, 404 S. Main St., Bluffton. Empty building, 1,078 sq. ft., 70'x55' lot, half bath. Open house Sept. 12, 4-6 p.m. **Heartland Auction & Realty, Inc.**, 260-724-3499, heartlandauctionrealty.com.
BIDDING NOW OPEN AND STARTS CLOSING SEPTEMBER 26 - 6 p.m. EST - Leo Thieme, owner. Real estate 6 p.m.: 1,780 sq. feet, full basement, 3 bedroom, 2 full bath home, oversize 2 car attached garage, 3 acres. Personal property 6:30 p.m.: 2007 Dodge Grand Caravan, 131k miles, appliances, antiques, collectibles, furniture, fish and animal mounts, household items, tools, etc. Preview Sept. 12, 5-6, 6850 E 700 N Decatur. **Krueckeberg Auction & Realty LLC**, Kjauction.com, 260-724-7402.

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OCTOBER 1-8 - (Online Only) - Estate of Robert Isch, seller. 1978 White 2-50 diesel tractor, 2015 EX-Mark Laser-Z zero turn riding lawn mower, 2002 Simplicity lawn mower, 2006 Simplicity Legacy riding lawn mower, single axle utility trailer, tandem axle trailer, 14' hay wagon, 3 bottom plow, Winco generator, lawn and garden, tools, antique & modern furniture, antiques, primitives, glassware, household. Preview: Sept. 28, Oct. 5, from 3-6 p.m., 601 E St. Rd. 124, Monroe. Sale manager, Patrick Carter, The Steffen Group Inc., 260-824-3006, www.steffengrp.com.

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Liberty Township Advisory Board meeting will take place on Thursday, September 21, 2023 at 6:30 pm at the Liberty Center Fire Department location at 2600 S 300 W, Liberty Center, IN 46766. Meeting agenda: General Business, Budget Discussion, and other township matters.
Liberty Township Advisory Board meeting will take place on Thursday, October 5, 2023 at 6:30 pm at the Liberty Center Fire Department location at 2600 S 300 W, Liberty Center, IN 46766. Meeting agenda: General Business, Budget Adoption, and other township matters.
Dated this 8th day of September, 2023
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Piano students from Studio 88 each took to the Parlor City Plaza stage Saturday morning to play a solo. Left to right with their teacher Amy Chaplin are Jeremy Brown, Gracey Yergler, Emily Maggard, Maddy Tanner, Lilly Hams and Riley Kelly. (Photos by Barbara Barbieri)



Curlless posed with the dwarfs at the conclusion of the ballet they presented Saturday morning at Arts Day at Bluffton's Parlor City Plaza. Dwarfs included Avery King, Junia Kay Schnaars, Alex Fuhrmann, Jonah Bultemeier and Lily Morgan.



Offering information about coming events to be presented by the Wells Council Creative Council were left to right Ella Wheeler, Miss Heart of the Midwest Teen; Tammy Ray, creative services director; and Janiece Lipsey, creative arts executive director.

Moroccans sleep in the streets for 3rd night following earthquake that took more than 2,100 lives

AMIZMIZ, Morocco (AP) — People in Morocco slept in the streets of Marrakech for a third straight night as soldiers and international aid teams in trucks and helicopters began to fan into remote mountain towns hit hardest by a historic earthquake.

The disaster killed more than 2,100 people — a number that is expected to rise — and the United Nations estimated that 300,000 people were affected by Friday night's magnitude 6.8 quake.

Amid offers from several countries, including the United States and France, Moroccan officials said Sunday that they are accepting international aid from just four countries: Spain, Qatar, Britain and the United Arab Emirates.

"The Moroccan authorities have carefully assessed the needs on the ground, bearing in mind that a lack of coordination in such cases would be counterproductive," the Interior Ministry said in a statement.

While some foreign search-and-rescue teams arrived on Sunday as an aftershock rattled Moroccans already in mourning and shock, other aid teams poised to deploy grew frustrated waiting for the government to officially request assistance.

"We know there is a great urgency to save people

and dig under the remains of buildings," said Arnaud Fraisse, founder of Rescuers Without Borders, who had a team stuck in Paris waiting for the green light. "There are people dying under the rubble, and we cannot do anything to save them."

Help was slow to arrive in Amizmiz, where a whole chunk of the town of orange and red sandstone brick homes carved into a mountainside appeared to be missing. A mosque's minaret had collapsed.

"It's a catastrophe," said villager Salah Ancheu, 28. "We don't know what the future is. The aid remains insufficient."

Residents swept rubble off the main road into town and people cheered when trucks full of soldiers arrived. But they pleaded for more help.

"There aren't ambulances, there aren't police, at least for right now," Ancheu said, speaking about many parts of the region on Sunday morning.

Those left homeless — or fearing more aftershocks — slept outside Saturday, in the streets of the ancient city of Marrakech or under makeshift canopies in hard-hit Atlas Mountain towns like Moulay Brahim. Both there and in Amizmiz, residents worried most about the damage in hard-to-reach

communities. The worst destruction was in rural communities that rely on unpaved roads that snake up the mountainous terrain covered by fallen rocks.

Those areas were shaken anew Sunday by a magnitude 3.9 aftershock, according to the U.S. Geological Survey. It wasn't immediately clear if it caused more damage or casualties, but it was likely strong enough to rattle nerves in areas where damage has left buildings unstable and residents feared aftershocks.

In a region where many build bricks out of mud, Friday's earthquake toppled buildings not strong enough to withstand such a mighty temblor, trapping people in the rubble and sending others fleeing in terror. A total of 2,122 people were confirmed dead and at least 2,421 others were injured — 1,404 of them critically, the Interior Ministry reported.

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Escaped Pennsylvania murderer escapes search area

Steals van, tries to contact ex-co-workers

PHOENIXVILLE, Pa. (AP) — Authorities say an escaped murderer who has eluded capture since breaking out of a southeastern Pennsylvania prison a week and a half ago slipped out of the search area, changed his appearance, stole a dairy delivery van, abandoning it miles away and remained at large.

Lt. Col. George Bivens of the Pennsylvania State Police said Sunday that Danelo Souza Cavalcante stole the unlocked van which had the keys inside sometime Saturday night about three-quarters of a mile from the northern perimeter of the search area where hundreds of law enforcement officers had been searching for him.

Baily's Dairy said on its Facebook page that the delivery van was stolen between 7 p.m. and 10 p.m. Saturday "while we were still here working."

The theft wasn't noticed for hours, and in the meantime Cavalcante, 34, traveled more than 20 miles northeast to East Pikeland Township and Phoenixville. Shortly before 10 p.m. Saturday he went to an East Pikeland Township home of a person he had worked with several years ago and asked to meet with him, police said.

The homeowner, who was at dinner with his family and didn't respond, called police after returning home and reviewing his doorbell video. Shortly after 10 p.m. Saturday, police said, Cavalcante went to the Phoenixville area home of another former work associate, who wasn't home, police said.

Doorbell video images showed Cavalcante to be now clean-shaven and wearing a yellow or green hooded sweatshirt, black baseball cap, green prison pants and white shoes, police said. The stolen van was found at 10:40 a.m. Sunday in a field behind a barn in East Nantmeal Township, about 15 miles west of Phoenixville.

Bivens said he believed Cavalcante abandoned the vehicle at least in part because it was low on fuel. While law enforcement was searching the immediate area for any signs of him authorities were concerned that he would attempt to obtain another vehicle or had already done so.

"I do not have a report of a stolen vehicle; I anticipate that we will," he said.

Bivens expressed confidence, how that the fugitive would eventually be recap-

tured, vowing to "aggressively continue" the search with the aid of federal, state, county and local resources.

"This is a minor setback," he said. "We'll get him, it's a matter of time."

Cavalcante, 34, escaped from the Chester County Prison while awaiting transfer to state prison on Aug. 31 after being sentenced to life for fatally stabbing his ex-girlfriend in 2021. Prosecutors say he wanted to stop her from telling police that he's wanted in a killing in his home country of Brazil.

Police on Saturday had reported two more confirmed sightings of Cavalcante within the search area around the Longwood Gardens botanical park, the center of the search in recent days. Bivens said Friday that about 400 personnel were taking part in the search, including tactical teams, tracking dogs, and officers on horseback as well as aircraft.

Despite the massive searches, Bivens said the area had some underground tunnels and "very large drainage ditches" that were

impossible to secure completely. Police had been planning to use close to 600 personnel Monday for "one massive sweep" of the search area, he said.

Authorities have described Cavalcante as extremely dangerous. Police are asking anyone with information to call 911. A \$20,000 reward is being offered for information leading to his capture.

Authorities on Friday announced the firing of the prison tower guard on duty when Cavalcante scaled a wall by crab-walking up from the recreation yard, climbed over razor wire, ran across a roof and jumped to the ground. His escape went undetected for more than an hour until guards took a headcount.

Cavalcante's escape and the search has attracted international attention and became big news in Brazil, where prosecutors in Tocantins state say he's accused of "double qualified homicide" in the 2017 slaying of Valter Júnior Moreira dos Reis in Figueirópolis, which they allege was over a debt the victim owed him in connection with repair of a vehicle.

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