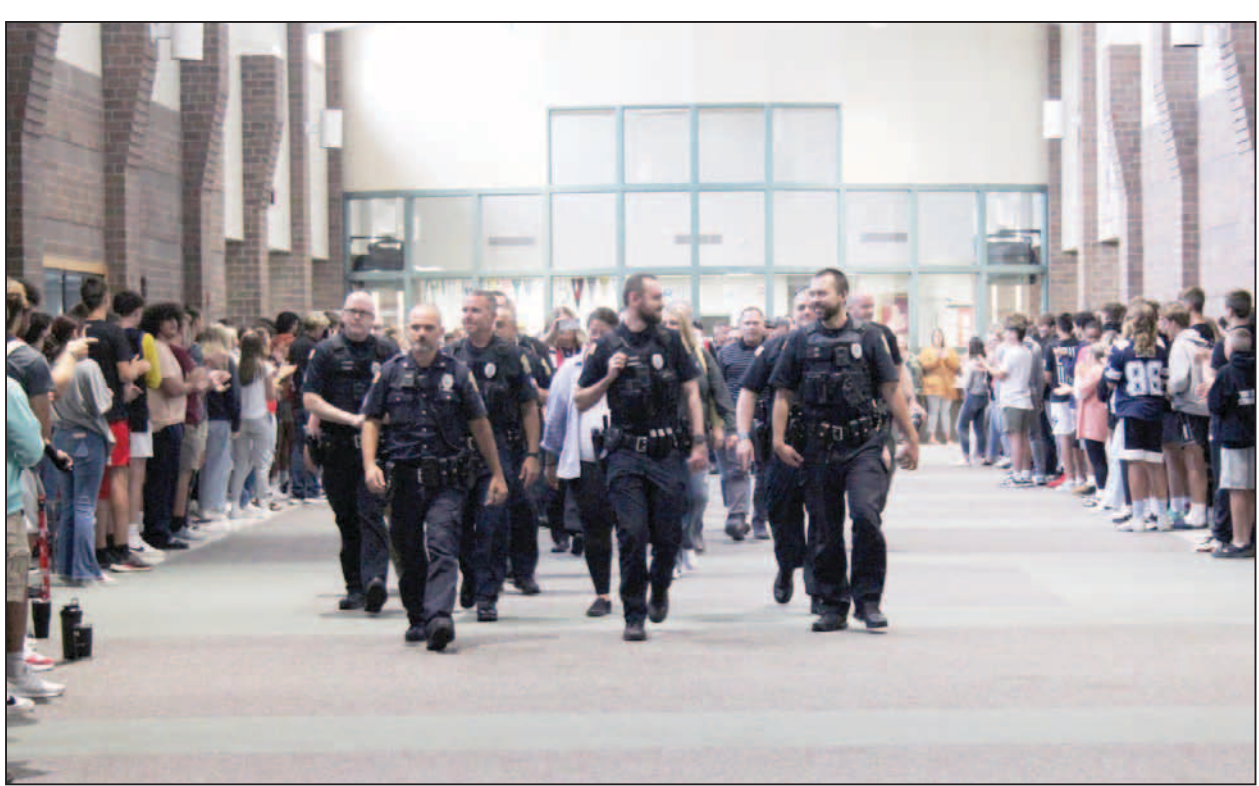


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Bluffton High School honored local first responders during its annual Patriot's Day breakfast Monday morning. After the student council served breakfast to first responders, students lined the hallway to applaud and recognize the men and women's service to the community. Pictured, several law enforcement officers lead the group down the tunnel. (Photo by Holly Gaskill)

RSD, Craigville residents discuss project irritations

By DAVE SCHULTZ

It's becoming an understatement to say that the board of the Wells County Regional Sewer District is not pleased with the progress being made on the installation of a sanitary sewer collection network in Craigville.

A meeting will be held as soon as possible with the owner of VTF Excavation LLC. The RSD will be represented by Bruce Stinson, the RSD board's president; Ryan LeFeld of Choice One Engineering, the engineer of the project; and Lewis Brown, the RSD's superintendent.

If necessary, the group will travel to Celina, Ohio, where VTF is headquartered.

It was not made immediately clear what kind of a deadline the company is facing, but it's apparently coming up quickly. No one at Monday night's monthly meeting of the RSD's board was particularly pleased with the progress — or, more particularly, the lack of progress — in Craigville.

Brandon Wright, who owns property in Craigville, addressed the board at the beginning of Monday night's meeting. He's not happy because he has to pay full price for monthly sewer service, due to the payment deadline put in place by the State Revolving Fund, part of the Indiana Finance Authority. That is the case even though he is not being provided the sanitary sewer service he and other Craigville-area residents are supposed to be receiving.

He let the board know that a formal complaint has been filed with the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission. He also noted that he's contacted a Fort Wayne TV station.

The board understands the frustration expressed by Wright and others in the community, but the board

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Ossian discusses other opioid fund uses

Hannah's House, Cody and John Speak among appropriation options; Chief of Police salary discussed

By SYDNEY KENT

The Ossian Town Council meeting opened with a public hearing to consider the additional appropriation of opioid fund uses. Christine Walker, Director of Community Care of Northeast Indiana, was present to discuss the potential use of these funds for a new recovery home in Bluffton.

Hannah's House, a recovery home with the ability to serve seven women at one time, is projected to cost approximately \$100,000 a year to operate. Unlike Grace and Mercy, residents will not be required to pay for services. Because of this, Walker said funding is critical. Hannah's House, anticipated to open in October, is the only recovery home of its kind in

Wells County. "What we found is we're missing a gap in our services," Walker explained. "Grace and Mercy is a home for women and children. We can only serve women 4-6 months out of active addiction there. Instead of sending away families to other cities, we decided to bridge this gap."

Walker asked for a yearly financial commitment. The council agreed to look into the potential uses for the funds and discuss the topic at the next regular meeting.

The council unanimously approved a motion to pay \$1,500 for the upcoming event, Cody and John Speak, which will take place at 7 p.m. Sept. 14, at the Wells County fairgrounds.

The event is intended to address the ongoing fentanyl crisis, discuss drug prevention tactics, and offer peer support.

"This seems to be an area ultimately that is getting worse and worse," Council President Josh Barkley said in regards to the rising number of individuals battling addiction. "This is what this event is for."

Police Commissioner Caleb Chichester updated the council on behalf of the Ossian Police Department Monday evening. Chichester told the council the salary for Chief of Police, who was also present at the meeting, was up for review according to his contract.

Chichester reported that the commissioners are very happy with the work Chief of Police Kurt Jack has performed thus far. He requested a

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U.S. marks 22 years since 9/11 with tributes, tears

By JENNIFER PELTZ and KAREN MATTHEWS
Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — Americans looked back Monday on 9/11 with moments of silence, tearful words and appeals to teach younger generations about the terror attacks 22 years ago.

"For those of us who lost people on that day, that day is still happening. Everybody else moves on. And you find a way to go forward, but that day is always happening for you," Edward Edelman said as he arrived at New York's World Trade Center to honor his slain brother-in-law, Daniel McGinley.

President Joe Biden, speaking at a military base in Anchorage, Alaska, urged Americans to rally around protecting democracy. His visit, en route to Washington from a trip to India and Vietnam, is a reminder that the impact of 9/11 was felt in every corner of the nation, however remote.

"We know that on this day, every American's heart was wounded," Biden said. "Yet every big city, small town, suburb, rural town, tribal community — American hands went up, ready to help where they could."

Nearly 3,000 people were killed when hijacked planes crashed into the trade center, the Pentagon and a Pennsylvania field, in an attack that reshaped American foreign policy and domestic fears.

On that day, "we were one country, one nation, one people, just like it should be," Eddie Ferguson, the fire-rescue chief in Virginia's Goochland County, said by phone before the anniversary.

The predominantly rural county of 25,000 people has a Sept. 11 memorial and holds two anniversary commemorations, one focused on first responders and another honoring all the victims.

At ground zero, Vice President Kamala Harris joined

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U.S. sets \$1B record for weather disasters

By SETH BORENSTEIN
AP Science Writer

The deadly firestorm in Hawaii and Hurricane Idalia's watery storm surge helped push the United States to a record for the number of weather disasters that cost \$1 billion or more. And there's still four months to go on what's looking more like a calendar of calamities.

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration announced Monday that there have been 23 weather extreme events in America that cost at least \$1 billion this year through August, eclipsing the year-long record total of 22 set in 2020. So far this year's disasters have cost more than \$57.6 billion and claimed at least

253 lives.

And NOAA's count doesn't yet include Tropical Storm Hilary's damages in hitting California and a deep drought that has struck the South and Midwest because those costs are still to be totaled, said Adam Smith, the NOAA applied climatologist and economist who tracks the billion-dollar disasters.

"We're seeing the fingerprints of climate change all over our nation," Smith said in an interview Monday. "I would not expect things to slow down anytime soon."

NOAA has been tracking billion-dollar weather disasters in the United States since 1980 and adjusts damage costs for inflation. What's happening

reflects a rise in the number of disasters and more areas being built in risk-prone locations, Smith said.

"Exposure plus vulnerability plus climate change is supercharging more of these into billion-dollar disasters," Smith said.

NOAA added eight new billion-dollar disasters to the list since its last update a month ago. In addition to Idalia and the Hawaiian firestorm that killed at least 115 people, NOAA newly listed an Aug. 11 Minnesota hailstorm; severe storms in the Northeast in early August; severe storms in Nebraska, Missouri, Illinois, Indiana and Wisconsin in late July; mid-July hail and severe storms in Michigan,

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McCarthy juggles shutdown, Biden impeachment inquiry

By LISA MASCARO
AP Congressional Correspondent

WASHINGTON (AP) — House Speaker Kevin McCarthy is a man who stays in motion — enthusiastically greeting tourists at the Capitol, dashing overseas to the G7 summit of industrial world leaders, and raising funds back home to elect fellow Republicans to the House majority.

But beneath the whirlwind of activity is a stubborn standstill, an imbalance of power between the far-right Republicans who hoisted McCarthy to the speaker's role yet threaten his own ability to lead the House.

It's a political standoff that will be tested anew as the House returns this week from a long summer recess and McCarthy faces a collision course of difficult challenges

— seeking to avoid a government shutdown, support Ukraine in the war and launch an impeachment inquiry into President Joe Biden.

"They've got some really heavy lifting ahead," said the No. 2 Republican in the Senate, John Thune, of South Dakota.

McCarthy, of California, is going to "have his hands full trying to figure out how to navigate and execute," he said.

Congress has been here before, as has McCarthy in his nearly two decades in office, but the stakes are ever higher, with Republicans powered by an increasingly hard-right faction that is refusing to allow business as usual in Washington.

With former President Donald Trump's backing, McCarthy's right flank pushed him into the speaker's office at the start of the year only after he agreed to a long

list of conservative demands — including the ability to call a quick vote to "vacate the chair" and remove him from office.

That threat of an abrupt ouster hovers over McCarthy's every move, especially now.

"We've got a lot of work to do," McCarthy told reporters late Monday at the Capitol, brushing off calls for his removal.

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Small chance of showers, cloudy and cool today

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Ossian council

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raise, which would increase Jack's salary from \$70,000 to \$75,000 per year. Chichester also requested an additional week of vacation time for Jack, which would bring his total vacation time to 3 weeks per year.

Council member Stephanie Tucker made a motion specifically to honor the contract and raise the chief's pay as discussed during hiring. Tucker did not include the vacation time in this motion. This was pointed out, however, no other coun-

cil members made a motion to increase vacation time. Tuckers motion passed.

Larry Heckber, President of the Ossian Revitalization Committee and founder of the Ossian Cemetery Restoration Project, made a request to replace the flags that are put up before Memorial Day and taken down after Veteran's Day each year. The flags have worn down over the years.

The council agreed to pay for the new flags. Heckber volunteered himself and his

brother, both veterans, to take the flags down and put them back up.

Jeff Osborn updated the council on the Ossian Parks Department, noting that the department plans to have a booth available at Ossian Days later this week. Osborn said the summer concert series has been successful this year, with the most recent concert going off without a hitch. Osborn also reported that Horizon Events is making progress with the free annual haunted house and trail at the Arch-

bold-Wilson Park, which is scheduled to be open Oct. 27-28.

Also at the meeting, the town accepted motions to:

- Purchase a new dump truck bed and hoist for \$26,957.

- Pay the WCSO for their hours for the month of August in the amount of \$5,457.50.

- Accept a resignation from a member of the Storm Board, David Bass, who expressed his gratitude to the town of Ossian.

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Weather

Tuesday, September 12, 2023
(24-hour observations at 8:46 p.m. Monday)
High: 77; Low: 49; Precipitation: None
Wabash River Level (at the Main Street bridge): 1.20 feet at 8:45 p.m. Monday

Wells County forecast

Today: A 30 percent chance of showers, mainly before 2 p.m. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 69. Northwest wind 5 to 10 mph.

Tonight: A 10 percent chance of showers before 8 p.m. Partly cloudy, with a low around 48. Northwest wind 5 to 10 mph.

Wednesday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 68. North wind 5 to 10 mph.

Wednesday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 44. Northeast wind around 5 mph.

Thursday: Sunny, with a high near 70.

Thursday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 45.

Friday: Sunny, with a high near 74.

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

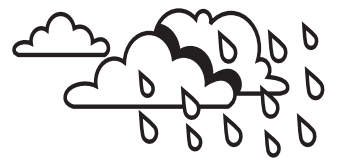
Saturday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 76.

Saturday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 53.

Sunday: A 20 percent chance of showers. Mostly sunny, with a high near 74.

Sunday Night: A slight chance of showers. Partly cloudy, with a low around 49.

Monday: A slight chance of showers. Mostly sunny, with a high near 72.



9/11 anniversary

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other dignitaries at the ceremony on the National Sept. 11 Memorial plaza. Instead of remarks from political figures, the event features victims reading the names of the dead and delivering brief personal messages.

Some included patriotic declarations about American values and thanked first responders and the military. One lauded the Navy SEALs who killed al-Qaida leader and 9/11 plotter Osama bin Laden in Pakistan in 2011. Another appealed for peace and justice. One acknowledged the many lives lost in the post-9/11 "War on Terror." And many shared reflections on missing loved ones.

"Though we never met, I am honored to carry your name and legacy with me," said Manuel João DaMota Jr., who was born after his father and namesake died.

To Gabrielle Gabrielli, reading names "is the biggest honor of my

life." She lost her uncle and godfather, Richard Gabrielle.

"We have to keep the memory of everybody who died alive. This is their legacy," Gabrielli said, heading into the ceremony.

Biden, a Democrat, became the first president to commemorate Sept. 11 in the western U.S. He and his predecessors have gone to one or another of the attack sites in most years, though Republican George W. Bush and Democrat Barack Obama each marked the anniversary on the White House lawn at times, and Obama also visited Fort Meade in Maryland.

Warning of a rise in extremism and political violence, Biden told service members and their families that "every generation has to fight" to preserve U.S. democracy.

"That's why the terrorists targeted us in the first place — our freedom, our openness, our institutions. They failed. But we must remain vigilant," he said.

First lady Jill Biden laid a wreath at the 9/11 memorial at the Pentagon, where a giant American flag hung over the side of the building. Earlier, bells tolled, and musicians played taps at 9:37 a.m., the time when one of the hijacked jets hit the military headquarters.

"As the years go by, it may feel that the world is moving on or even forgetting what happened here on Sept. 11, 2001," but the Defense Department will always remember, Secretary Lloyd Austin said. He deployed to Iraq in the war that followed the attack.

Harris' husband, Doug Emhoff, laid a wreath at the Flight 93 National Memorial near Shanksville, Pennsylvania, where another plane crashed after passengers tried to storm the cockpit. Earlier Monday at the memorial, a rabbi from Pittsburgh's Tree of Life synagogue, where a gunman killed 11 worshippers in 2018, called for ensuring that younger people know about 9/11.

Weather disasters

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Wisconsin, Ohio, Tennessee and Georgia; deadly flooding in the Northeast and Pennsylvania in the second week of July; and a late June outbreak of severe storms in Missouri, Illinois and Indiana.

"This year a lot of the action has been across the center states, north central, south and southeastern states," Smith said.

Experts say the United States has to do more to adapt to increased disasters

because they will only get worse.

"The climate has already changed and neither the built environment nor the response systems are keeping up with the change," said former Federal Emergency Management Agency director Craig Fugate, who wasn't part of the NOAA report.

The increase in weather disasters is consistent with what climate scientists have long been saying, along with a possible boost from a

natural El Nino, University of Arizona climate scientist Katharine Jacobs said.

"Adding more energy to the atmosphere and the oceans will increase intensity and frequency of extreme events," said Jacobs, who was not part of the NOAA report. "Many of this year's events are very unusual and in some cases unprecedented."

Smith said he thought the 2020 record would last for a long time because the 20 billion-dollar disasters that year

smashed the old record of 16.

It didn't, and now he no longer believes new records will last long.

Stanford University climate scientist Chris Field called the trend in billion-dollar disasters "very troubling."

"But there are things we can do to reverse the trend," Field said. "If we want to reduce the damages from severe weather, we need to accelerate progress on both stopping climate change and building resilience."

McCarthy juggles

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To start, Congress faces a deadline to fund the government by the end of the month, or risk a potentially devastating federal shutdown. There are just 11 working days for Congress to act once the House resumes Tuesday.

McCarthy and his team are pitching lawmakers on a stopgap funding bill, through Nov. 1, to keep the government running under a 30-day continuing resolution, or CR, according to a leadership aide granted anonymity to discuss the private talks.

But as McCarthy convenes lawmakers for a private huddle, even the temporary funding is expected to run into opposition from his right flank.

Facing a backlash from conservatives who want to slash government funding, McCarthy may be able to ease the way by turning to another hard-right priority, launching a Biden impeachment inquiry over the busi-

ness dealings of the president's son, Hunter Biden.

For McCarthy, running the two tracks — a government funding process alongside an impeachment drive — is an unusual and politically fraught undertaking. He gave no new timetable for action.

But starting a formal impeachment inquiry into Biden could help to appease Republican allies of Trump, who has emerged as the GOP frontrunner to confront Biden in the 2024 election for the White House.

"He's being squeezed," Brad Woodhouse, a veteran Democratic operative, said of McCarthy. Woodhouse is now a senior adviser to the Congressional Integrity Project, which is preparing to criticize Republicans over the Biden impeachment.

The White House has said Biden is not involved in his son's business dealings.

But Trump's allies among House Republicans are working furiously to

unearth any links between Biden and his son's business as they portray Hunter Biden as trading on the family name for financial enrichment and work to erode public support for the president ahead of the presidential election.

Republicans have not yet been able to produce evidence of wrongdoing by President Biden.

White House spokesman Ian Sams said: "Speaker McCarthy shouldn't cave to the extreme, far-right members who are threatening to shut down the government unless they get a baseless, evidence-free impeachment of President Biden. The consequences for the American people are too serious."

Meanwhile, what should have been a fairly prescribed process to fund the government after McCarthy and Biden negotiated a more than \$1 trillion deal earlier this summer over the debt limit appears to be falling apart. Even a stopgap mea-

sure to simply keep government funding at existing levels for a few months while Congress tries to finish the spending bills is a nonstarter for McCarthy's right flank.

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members — Stinson, Leon Berning, Andy Stoller, Jon Oman, and Dr. Richard Jackson — have, until now, been reluctant to fine the company for its delays. The amount of the fine could apparently be \$1,000 a day.

"It seems to be a very, very slow process," Brown said. Stinson put it this way: "I think two more weeks and

something's got to be done, but I want to talk to them first."

Brown, in his monthly report, said some property owners from Phase 1 of the RSD's work — in Liberty Center (seven) and Murray (one) — still have not connected to the completed sanitary sewage collection networks in those two communities.

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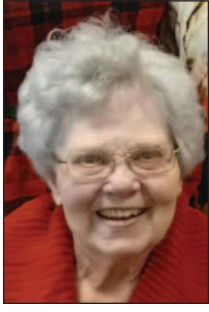
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OBITUARIES

Suzanne Jacobs Shadle, 95

Suzanne (Susie) Jacobs Shadle, 95, passed away Sunday morning, Sept. 10, 2023 at Parkview-Huntington Hospital. Susie was born July 13, 1928 to William H. and Mary (Gavin) Smith. She was a 1946 graduate of Liberty Center High School, and her post high school education degree was from Wayne University of Beauty Culture.



and Aidan Brewster, Austin and Gavin Kinney, Audrey, Vivian and Blythe Lieurance, Luke, Simon and Hattie Hull, Brayden, Keeton, Jaycee and Rylee Carroll, and Jenson and Jentry Jacobs.

Stepchildren include Gloria (Jerry) Mahan of Hartford City and Rex Shadle of New Palestine. Step-grandchildren include Michelle Williams, Kevin (Tonia) Mahan, Jeffrey Mahan, Brett Mahan, Martin (Jennifer) Shadle, Austin (Laurie) Shadle and Olivia Shadle. There are also 20 beloved step-great and great-great grandchildren. She is also survived by her brother, Tom (Sue) Smith of Huntington.

She began her career at Jackie's Beauty Shop in Warren and in 1968 continued at the Warren United Methodist Memorial Home beauty shop where she worked for 36 years. Susie loved watching IU basketball, Chicago Cubs baseball, and enjoyed collecting all kinds of cardinals – her favorite bird.

Susie was married to Joe M. Jacobs on Sept. 30, 1950. He preceded her in death on April 25, 1981. A second marriage was to Wilbur Shadle on Jan. 16, 2004, who also preceded her in death on May 23, 2014.

Survivors include daughters, Jo Oswald (Joe Stites) of Indianapolis, and Carol (Denny) Yontz of Fort Wayne; and son James (Jill) Jacobs of Montpelier. Grandchildren include, Mark Wilson, Kim (Cory) Brewster, Susan (Matt) Kinney, Amie (Nick) Lieurance, Kari (Mark) Hull, Diane (Justin) Carroll, John (Maddie) Jacobs, and Jared Jacobs. Great-grandchildren include Adela

Mahan, Martin (Jennifer) Shadle, Austin (Laurie) Shadle and Olivia Shadle. There are also 20 beloved step-great and great-great grandchildren. She is also survived by her brother, Tom (Sue) Smith of Huntington.

Funeral services will be held at 10:30 a.m. Thursday Sept. 14, 2023, at the Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home in Bluffton with Rev. Amy Beitelschees-Albers officiating. Burial will follow at Six Mile Cemetery in Bluffton.

Visitation will take place from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 13, 2023, at the funeral home, and for one hour prior to the service on Thursday. Memorials may be made in Susie's memory, to Calvary Lutheran Church in Bluffton.

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.

Marion Williams, 95

Marion MacLane Williams, 95, of Bluffton passed away on Friday, July 28, 2023, at River Terrace Estates in Bluffton.



City Country Club. Marion was known to have a zest for living. This was evidenced through her musical contributions and her ever-present reading interest.

She is survived by her children, Stan (Carol) Williams of St. Augustine, Fla., Anson (Sabine James) Williams of Chester, Virg., Patricia (John) Sheehan of Park Ridge, Ill., and Ralph (Alice) Williams of Newcastle, Calif.; four grandchildren, Zane Williams of St. Augustine, Fla., and Laura Sheehan (Philip) Suprise, Andrew Sheehan, and Tim Sheehan of Chicago; and one great-granddaughter, Zoe Suprise (6 mos) of Chicago.

Marion was born on Dec. 13, 1927, in Lynn, Mass. She received her B.A. in elementary education from the University of New Hampshire in Durham, N.H., and her M.A. in childhood education from St. Francis College in Fort Wayne.

She worked as an elementary school teacher for 30 years in Clinton, N.Y., and in the Fort Wayne school system. She also worked as a homemaker, raising four children with her husband, Frederick Williams.

Marion was active in her community – she was known for her piano-playing skill and was the Church Organist at Ossian Presbyterian Church for 30 years. She belonged to Sigma Alpha Iota, a music sorority, and was a member of the Organist Guild, University Women, Sargasso Book Club, Red Hatters and various bridge clubs. Marion and her husband Fred were long time supporters of the Fort Wayne Philharmonic and WBNI, the local PBS station. Marion and her husband were avid golfers at Parlor

She was preceded in death by her husband of 56 years, Frederick Allen Williams; parents, Stanley Robinson MacLane and Laura Newell MacLane of Alstead, N.H.; and her brother, Donald MacLane, of Geneseo, N.Y.

A Memorial Service will be held at 2 p.m. on Sunday, Sept. 17, 2023, at Ossian Presbyterian Church, 123 South Jefferson Street in Ossian, with an informal reception to follow. Memorial Contributions may be made to Wells County Public Library in Ossian.

Marion was active in her community – she was known for her piano-playing skill and was the Church Organist at Ossian Presbyterian Church for 30 years. She belonged to Sigma Alpha Iota, a music sorority, and was a member of the Organist Guild, University Women, Sargasso Book Club, Red Hatters and various bridge clubs. Marion and her husband Fred were long time supporters of the Fort Wayne Philharmonic and WBNI, the local PBS station. Marion and her husband were avid golfers at Parlor

Nancy Lavon Cripe, 71

Nancy Lavon Cripe, 71, of Bluffton, died Saturday morning, Sept. 9, 2023, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Nancy was born in Columbia City on Aug. 3, 1952, to Forrest M. and Eleanor (Woolley) Barney. She married Daniel W. Cripe in Fort Wayne on July 19, 1980; he survives.

In addition to her husband, Nancy is survived by two daughters; Karissa Cripe of Kan. and Joey Jones of Smithville, Mo.; two sons, Jared Cripe of Decatur and Forrest (Amanda) Cripe of Decatur; seven

grandchildren and three great-grandchildren; along with two sisters, Kay Schoeff of Warsaw and Janet Matson of Calif.

Aside from her parents, Nancy was preceded in death by her stepfather, Charles Rice.

Per Nancy's wishes, no public services are planned at this time. Goodwin – Cale 8 Harnish Memorial Chapel in Bluffton has been entrusted with the arrangements.

Online condolences may be made at www.goodwincaleharnish.com.

Police Notebook

INCIDENTS

City:
Friday, 2:37 p.m., 700 block of West Horton Street. Caller reported a bike found in their backyard. No description.

Friday, 3:16 p.m., 400 block of East Ohio Street. Caller reported child did not get off the bus from school. Child mistakenly boarded a different bus and was returned home safely.

Friday, 4:43 p.m., McDonald's. Report of an older male yelling and causing ongoing issues. Man was issued trespass warning and asked to leave.

Friday, 5:42 p.m., Bluffton Regional Medical Center. Report of sexual abuse allegations, referred to the Wells County Sheriff's Department since the incident occurred in the county.

Friday, 6:28 p.m., 100 block of South Johnson Street. Individual warned for trespassing.

Friday, 8:19 p.m., 1500 block of Ridgewood Lane. Report of a dog barking. Officers knocked on door of residence, no answer.

Friday, 10:10 p.m., 900 block of West Washington Street. Caller reported animal barking nonstop. Dog owner's girlfriend advised she would check on them.

Friday, 11:39 p.m., 500 block of West Miller Street. Caller requested assistance with ongoing issues. Officer spoke with subject.

Saturday, 1:05 a.m., Bluffton Regional Medical Center. Caller requested to speak to an officer in regards to finding shelter.

Saturday, 7:30 a.m., Airplane Express and Service Station. Report of medication found in parking lot.

Saturday, 8:51 a.m., North Main and East Market streets. Report of a large dog running into traffic. Did not locate Clifford.

Saturday, 11:01 a.m., South Adams Street and East 100 South. Report of 2 dogs in the road. Dogs appeared to have collars and tags and went into bean field.

Saturday, 12:59 p.m., Arby's. Report of a wallet. Owner contacted.

Saturday, 3:56 p.m., Eyecare Associates. Caller requested assistance with woman, woman left before officer arrived.

Saturday, 6:24 p.m., Mariachi Loco. Multiple callers reported a man attempted to leave without paying for his bill. Man paid after he spoke to officers.

Sunday, 12:56 a.m., Airplane Express and Service Station. Caller requested ride to look for property. Officer gave courtesy transport to river and bridge to look.

Sunday, 10:29 a.m., 200 block of East Townley Street. Caller reported a man possibly using meth and having hallucinations. Officers detained the subject.

Sunday, 4:57 p.m., Save On Liquor South. Report of a subject on property with previous trespass warning.

Sunday, 9:46 p.m., Bluffton Police Department. Subject requested resources for a person who is being abused. Did not give any info.

Monday, 1:00 a.m., 300 block of West Wabash Street. Caller reported woman screaming and yelling. Officers spoke to woman.

Monday, 7:12 a.m., Walmart. Report of semi truck in parking lot. Officer knocked on windows, no response.

Monday, 7:51 a.m., Bluffton Regional Medical Center. Officer transported woman to The Rescue Mission.

Monday, 11:37 a.m., Velocity Motors. Lost license plate reported.

Ossian:
Friday, 7:36 a.m., North 100 East and East 900 North, Ossian. Driver issued citation for speeding.

Friday, 7:51 a.m., North 100 East and Ind. 224, Ossian. Driver issued citation for speeding and warned for failure to update his driver license within 30 days.

Saturday, 9:44 p.m., 100 Block of East Roe Street, Ossian. Caller reported subject made threats. Subjects issued warning for trespassing.

Monday, 7:18 a.m., 11000 North 100 West, Ossian. Welfare check was requested.

Monday, 8:10 a.m., North 100 East and Ind. 224, Ossian. Driver requested report for deer accident.

County:
Friday, 12:22 p.m., South Main and West Cherry streets, Liberty Center. Report of a small child alone at the park. Parents advised someone left the door open and the child ran out, advised to use extra locks and safeguards.

Friday, 5:35 p.m., 7800 block of East Oblique Road, Bluffton. Caller reported someone going through his home and stealing his sons wallet.

Friday, 11:00 p.m., South 400 West and West 800 South, Poneto. Welfare check requested for man walking on the side of the road. Officers were unable to locate.

Saturday, 7:16 p.m., near 6800 South 700 West, Warren. Caller reported issue with subjects potentially entering the house. Subjects denied the accusation but stated they did go onto the property to feed dogs.

Saturday, 7:54 p.m., 5900 South Market Street, Poneto. Caller reported issues with juveniles possibly breaking and entering house under construction. Officers found six juveniles, some of which had been drinking alcohol. Parents were contacted.

Saturday, 11:26 p.m., 2400 North Main Street,

Craigville. Caller reported finding drugs outside.

Sunday, 5:11 p.m., Ind. 3 and West 750 South, Warren. Abandoned vehicle towed.

Sunday, 7:16 p.m., 1000 block of West 300 South, Bluffton. Officer served protection order to Ryan Stinson.

Sunday, 9:16 p.m., South Market and West Washington streets, Poneto. Caller reported suspicious activity.

Monday, 3:56 a.m., Wells County Jail. Warrant was served.

Monday, 5:07 a.m., Ind. 116 and North Meridian Road, Bluffton. Report of a deer in the roadway. Deer was removed.

Monday, 8:23 a.m., 4000 East Ind. 124, Bluffton. Welfare check requested for man near field along 124. Man advised he did not want any help and walk going to walk to Fort Wayne.

Monday, 11:52 a.m., Wells County Jail. Warrant served to subject in jail currently.

ACCIDENTS

City:
Friday, 12:47 p.m., Ind. 1 and Ind. 124. Charles Hunt advised he was in the center turn lane when Manuel Regina's Chevrolet HHR merged into Hunt's Ford F-150. Hunt entered the center two way left turn lane and was traveling South to enter the left turn only lane to turn onto Ind. 124. Hunt was informed he did not use the turn lane correctly. Damages not exceeding \$5,000.

County:
Friday, 6:58 a.m., West 900 South and South 100 West. Taylor J. Thompson was traveling westbound on 900 South when a deer struck the right front corner of her Chevrolet Bolt. Damages not exceeding \$10,000.

ARRESTS

Joshua D Huffman, 41, Montpelier, charged with one count of child molesting, a Level 1 felony and one count of child molesting, a Level 4 felony. Bond set at \$80,000.

Jordan Timothy Tierney, 27, Bluffton, charged with controlled substance - possession of paraphernalia, A Class A misdemeanor.

Robby Lee Bullard, 37, Hartford City, charged with battery against a public safety official, a Level 5 felony, resisting law enforcement, a Level 6 felony, criminal trespassing and resisting law enforcement, both Class A misdemeanor's.

Blainlee Engel Wygant, 30, Huntington, charged with motor vehicle - habitual offender, a Level 6 felony, operating a vehicle while intoxicated, a Class C misdemeanor, and operating a vehicle while intoxicated causing endangerment, a Class A misdemeanor.

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Street Fair souvenir shirts are now available for purchase at the Street Fair office, Parlor City Trophy & Apparel or at <https://blufftonfreestreetfair2023.itemorder.com/shop/sale/>. The 2023 design, Growing The Future 2023, is available in peach, tan, grey and blue. Styles include t-shirts, long sleeve t-shirts, hoodies and crew sweatshirts. (Photo provided)

Monthly Legion breakfast Saturday

The American Legion Post 111 will host their monthly all-you-can-eat breakfast from 8-10 a.m. on Saturday, Sept. 16. The cost is \$11 for adults and \$5 for children ages 5 to 12. Children under five years of age eat for free. The post home is at 111 W. Washington St. in Bluffton.

Corrections and clarifications

Photos on page 1 of Monday's News-Banner included ones from Art Appreciation Day taken Saturday morning at the Parlor City Plaza, including a photo of two young singers who were not identified. The two were Emily Maggard and Emma Shane.

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A day in a rural Rwandan community with five artisans

Aristotle coined the phrase, “The soul never thinks without an image.”

I think of those seven words often, including when I walk into our living room and look at the wall. Hanging on our wall are three hand-made colorful baskets.

Those three teal and tan baskets take me back to June when my wife and I spent a day in a rural village in east Africa learning about everyday Rwandan life from five women who work as artisans.

The three baskets are made from dyed natural sisal fibers and woven over a core of forest grasses. Sisal fiber comes from an agave and is the perfect fiber to make such baskets due to how strong and durable it is, we learned.

It took us a couple of minutes to pick out the baskets in a store and about five minutes to hang them on our wall. It took the talented artisan who made them, however, two to three days to weave each one by hand.

It was one of a myriad of “things” we learned and were amazed by as Jen and I spent “A Day in the Life of an Artisan” experience with the organization Azizi Life.

Jen had known about the organization for quite some time, as it started in partnership with Food for the Hungry when she was studying abroad in Rwanda in college more than a decade ago.

The products they sell are called fair trade, which means the artisans receive the funds for the products they make.

By spending the day with a group of artisans (and a translator), we were able to get a glimpse into their work and their everyday lives.

We left the capital city of Kigali early in the morning to drive almost two hours outside of the city to a rural community where we met five women who live there. The women are part of a group called “Helping Our Homes,” and they focus on using their skills and talents as artisans to create products they sell to earn extra income for their families.

Moments after we arrived and greeted our new friends with hugs and handshakes, they gave us a new outfit to wear made of traditional Rwandan fabrics.

Clad in our new clothes, our first task of the day was to go on a short hike to a near-by field and gather the ingredients we would need to make lunch. We saw a myriad of cassava plants, which are similar to yuca. Our first job was to dig up the plant’s root, peel the cassava plant and then clean it so that it could be cooked.

Next, we helped prepare a field for planting. Later, we cut some grass from another field to feed to the neighbor’s cow.

From there, we hiked down a hill to a well that had a spigot. This spot is where the community members walk every day with buckets to gather water to carry back to their homes to boil, as it is not safe to drink from the tap.

We spent a couple of hours working alongside our new friends and getting to know them through the help of our translator as we shared stories about our families and lives.

By 1 p.m., we were all ready for lunch as we sat down in Beatriz’s living room to enjoy a big plate of beans, cassava, sweet potato and avocado.

After lunch, we learned that the five women we were visiting specialize in making earrings for Azizi Life. This news made Jen’s day, as she loves the earrings that Azizi Life sells and wears them often.

What happened next absolutely amazed me as I observed how they make these earrings.

We walked to a plant where one of the women cut off a long leaf that to my untrained eyes appeared to be aloe vera. (It wasn’t.)

Next, she cut off the ends and made a few more cuts on the long leaf. Suddenly, she was removing individual pure white fibers from the large leaf that were the same texture as dental floss yet much stronger than what we use to clean our teeth.

We learned that the women dye the fibers using water and a powdered color so that the earrings they create are colorful.

Jen caught on quickly as the women taught us to make earrings; let’s just say that I won’t be going into the earring business anytime soon. I’d probably still be sitting there today trying to make my first pair if one of our new friends had not jumped in to show me (e.g. do it for me).

Jen and I were both amazed at how fast our new friends could weave the earrings that they gave Jen to bring home. By the end of the day, it was one of many aspects of their lives that amazed us.

We had spent the first two days of our time in Rwanda in the city. Our day trip to the rural village, however, gave us a small glimpse into what life is like for many people who live in the country’s small towns and rural villages and the challenges they face every day.

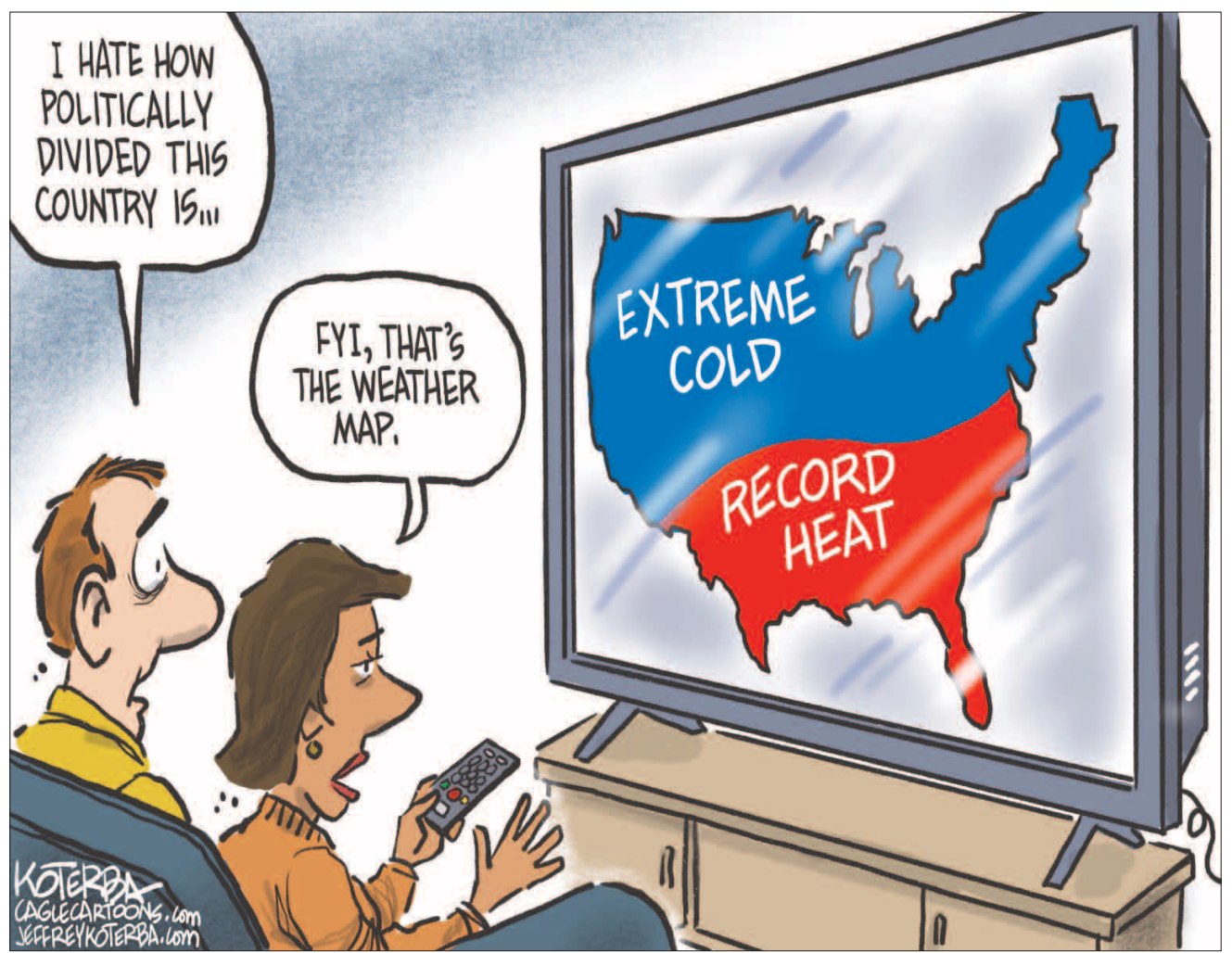
I’m reminded of that perspective every morning and every evening as I look at the baskets hanging on our wall and think about the day we spent in a rural east African community.

The soul never thinks without an image.

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Justin Peeper



We need a truce in our wars over religion. Here’s a glimmer of hope.

You could fill many cookbooks with the recipes being offered to ease division in American public life. Many are rooted in wishful thinking. But when it comes to religion - one of the most divisive topics in U.S. politics - there are glimmers of hope for a better conversation.

Over the past several months, an old truth has become new again: Houses of worship and other religious institutions play an essential role in promoting social connectedness, mutual aid and community building.

What has brought this realization to life is widespread concern over the rise of loneliness and decline of forces that pull communities together. With religious disaffiliation soaring, especially among younger Americans, there is reason to worry that secular alternatives to religious civil society are not growing fast enough to fill the void. Even if secular social spaces proliferate, a society suffering from disconnection can ill afford to lose any of its community-building capacity.

And there can be no denying that faith-based groups do that sort of work. As Daniel A. Cox, a senior fellow at the American Enterprise Institute (and former student of mine at Georgetown University), reported in a 2021 paper: “Americans who are members of a place of worship are much more likely than those who are not to volunteer in the community at least a few times a year (47 percent vs. 23 percent), talk to someone in their community they do not know well (64 percent vs. 54 percent), and attend a community meeting or local event (60 percent vs. 41 percent).” They are also “more likely than others to feel connected to their neighborhood and the people who live there (58 percent vs. 46 percent).”

But an appreciation of religion must be joined with an acceptance of its paradoxes: It can be both unifying and divisive, promote both dissent and conformity, bring forth both self-criticism and tribal self-satisfaction. What’s required to move forward is for religious people to face up to the downsides of faith’s public role and for religion’s critics to cultivate gratitude for how it enriches our common life.

On the negative side: The public voices of White Christianity especially have moved well to the right, in too many cases toward an embrace of a deeply intolerant ethno-nationalism. This has only accelerated the flight from religion, especially in more progressive, younger generations.

As a liberal Catholic, I welcomed Pope Francis’s recent warning against “a very strong reactionary attitude” among parts of the American Catholic leadership and a “climate of closure” in which “ideology

replaces faith.”

Yes, liberals need to worry about ideology replacing faith, too. But Francis is right that if religion becomes a synonym for reaction, many will fall by the wayside. As the traditions of the Black church have reminded us again and again, the prophetic power of religion must place love and justice at its core, or else it becomes, in the words of Saint Paul, “a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal.”

But critics of conservative religion need to remember that community-mindedness is not just a habit of progressives. As Cox’s data shows, it is a virtue that crosses lines of tradition and ideology.

Here’s what’s heartening about the new turn in the conversation: Many secular people and progressives are lifting up religion’s socially constructive role. My Post colleague Perry Bacon Jr., who left the church, wrote powerfully last month about a “church-size hole in American life,” noting that even attractive secular alternatives did not provide “singing, sermons and solidarity all at once.”

Two of the leading public voices highlighting the costs of rising loneliness, Sen. Chris Murphy (D-Conn.) and Surgeon General Vivek H. Murthy, have similarly cited the role of churches in combating isolation and building personal and neighborly bonds. In his report “Our Epidemic of Loneliness and Isolation,” Murthy was direct: “Religious or faith-based groups can be a source for regular social contact, serve as a community of support, provide meaning and purpose, create a sense of belonging around shared values and beliefs, and are associated with reduced risk-taking behaviors.”

It’s true that very few people decide to believe in God (or not) for reasons of social utility, and humans have argued for centuries over whether religious faith is good or bad for the world. Even those who share my tilt toward the positive side in this debate must acknowledge that religion has been mobilized for evil purposes and that religious leaders (like all human beings) have shown ample capacity for sin and corruption - another reason so many have fled to the ranks of the disaffiliated.

Nonetheless, critics of religion who rightly preach the value of open-mindedness should apply that virtue in their approach to people of faith and the institutions they build. Doing so won’t work miracles. But it might help us recognize that the path to truth and to a less fractious society often takes unexpected turns.

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No, we aren’t Rome

An op-Ed in The New York Times warns, as the headline puts it, that “America is an empire in decline,” and finds a precedent in imperial Rome.

The piece, written by the co-author of a new book, “Why Empires Fall: Rome, America, and the Future of the West,” shows that the cottage industry in comparisons between the United States and Rome is as robust as ever.

It is an irresistible temptation to superimpose the history of Rome and especially its decline and fall — an enduring subject of fascination — on top of our own experience and future.

Both conservatives and progressives are prone to their own versions of this narrative, tending to emphasize either moral decline or imperial over-stretch respectively.

But the most important thing to know about us and our supposed imperial forbear is that we aren’t Rome and aren’t experiencing any of the most direct, spectacular causes of its fall.

It’s become fashionable among some scholars to argue that there was no fall. There were no barbarian invasions. There was no material decline. Nothing to see here — simply evolutionary change.

It is true that Rome’s fall — a long, messy process — didn’t unfold with the pleasing cinematic simplicity that the popular imagination might



Rich Lowry

believe; the extent of the barbarian population transfers has been exaggerated and the Eastern half of the empire lived on for another 1,000 years.

Still, the Western Roman Empire unquestionably fell, with disastrous consequences for a long time. It’s just that dragging us into it is wildly off base.

Rome tore itself apart with constant assassinations, usurpations, and civil wars. It weakened itself economically and militarily, while confronting challenges from armed bands on its borders that it became incapable of handling as it steadily lost its territory and sources of financial support to barbarian groups.

At the same time, it had to grapple with the Persian Empire to the East.

Is this happening to the United States? Well, an armed contingent of Quebecers isn’t (like the Visigoths) wandering throughout the United States, fighting periodic battles with the U.S. military and seeking subsidies from the U.S. Senate before besieging — and eventually sacking — Washington, D.C.

Migrants to the United States don’t settle en masse in national groupings led by military leaders seeking power and preferment. They disperse throughout the country and take illegal jobs as busboys and the like.

U.S. presidents have to worry about declining poll numbers, a recalcitrant congressional opposition, and reelection campaigns.

They don’t, like Roman emper-

ors, need to think all the time about potential assassinations and armed usurpers. They don’t need to worry that if they assign a general to take over, say, CENTCOM, he will use the position to muster the troops and resources to challenge for power himself. They don’t need to consider the positioning of military forces with an eye to checking internal enemies.

Jan. 6 was disgraceful day but a blip hardly worth mentioning relative to the perpetual, large-scale internal disorder in imperial Rome.

The 1st Infantry Division isn’t marching on Washington, D.C., from Fort Riley, Kansas, and fighting a pitched battle with the 4th Marine Division devastating to the countryside somewhere in Ohio.

None of this is to deny that the United States and the West may have entered a period of what will ultimately prove to be terminal decline or that rivals, most notably China, are on the rise. It is to say that unless our representative democracy degenerates into an unelected dictatorship with no reliable means of succession and Canada and Mexico begin to eat away at our territory, the story of our decline is not going to track closely with that of Rome, a vastly different polity, at a different time.

By all means, study the history of Rome for its own sake and for the insights it affords into human nature and the roots of the Western world. But the moral of the story needn’t be about 21st-century America.

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New faces at Bluffton's 1st Presbyterian Church include the church's new Pastor Rev. Terry Epling, at left, and Candidate for Ordained Ministry Sandra Garcia, at right. (Photo by Barbara Barbieri)

New faces at First Presbyterian

By BARBARA BARBIERI

Members of Bluffton's First Presbyterian Church welcomed two new faces to their midst in August as they not only welcomed their new Pastor Rev. Terry Epling but also Sandra Garcia, a Candidate for Ordained Ministry, under the care of the Whitewater Valley Presbytery.

Pastor Epling graduated from Louisville seminary in 1995 and has served in Wisconsin, Missouri and Indiana—most recently at Trinity Presbyterian Church in Fort Wayne. He is married to the Rev. Dr. Anne Epling, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church in downtown Fort Wayne.

The Eplings reside in Fort Wayne and have four children. Their oldest is Henry who graduated from the College of Wooster and works in Fort Wayne as an environmental specialist; Tommy graduated from the University of Denver and is a special education teacher in the Denver Public Schools; Julia is a junior at Miami University in Ohio studying English Education and their youngest Charlotte is a sophomore at Homestead High School, playing clarinet in the band and excels at piano and Spanish.

In accepting the call to the church here Pastor Epling explains that he has

found that "the church has a deep history of community involvement, Christian spiritual formation and engaging worship that connected with his own commitments to connecting body, mind and spirit in service to God's mission."

"The congregation's newly constructed labyrinth is a physical expression of its desire to meet people where they are to help them become more centered in their walk of faith," Epling continued.

Over the next year Pastor Epling will be a mentor for Pastor Garcia, who also is a Fort Wayne resident along with her husband Martin Garcia.

As she prepares for her ordination, she is required to engage in supervised ministry within a congregation. Here she will be employed as an Assistant Pastor spending 12 to 15 hours a week and most Sundays on site. She also will continue taking classes in Indianapolis at Christian Theological Seminary.

Sandra and her husband Martin Garcia, who also is a pastor at Fort Wayne's Amistad Presbyterian Church, conduct a radio show once a week on Saturdays from 10 a.m. until noon with information relevant to the Latino community. To check it out go to amistadfw.com and weltfm.019.

Jefferson Homemakers hold September meeting

The meeting opened at 1 p.m. with Mary Ann thanking Judy Kaehr and Sharon Jump for hosting the September meeting at the Library.

The thought of the month: "A happy heart makes the face cheerful."

The inspiration was given by Sharon reading a prayer, "Peace in Ukraine."

The pledge to the Flag and Creed were led by Sharon and Judy Kaehr. Roll call was answered by 11 ladies by sharing a street fair memory.

Mary Ann asked the trivia question "What city celebrated Labor Day first and what President made Labor Day a Federal Holiday?" She told the answer: Grover Cleveland in New York in 1896.

The Health and Safety lesson was given by Sharon Jump on "Sorting out Good Carbohydrates". Eating whole grains, beans, lentils, and nuts protect you from getting liver and heart disease, and if you are diabetic, healthy carbs can help keep you healthy.

The secretary's minutes from the July picnic was read by Carol Baker, secretary, and approved.

The treasurer's report was given

by Margie Russ and was accepted.

A club collection was taken for five cents in the words STREET FAIR, and a voluntary collection was taken for Coins for Friendship/Nickels for Leadership.

Mary Ann read an interesting and humorous list of sayings older people say. Needless to say we all had heard them one time or another.

Two cards were signed for two members who were recuperating from an illness and surgery.

Birthdays are being celebrated in September by the following: Carol Baker on the 7th, Lesley Tillman on the 9th, and Joey Septer on the 27th. September anniversaries will be Cindy Jester on the 13th and Margie Huss on the 28th.

Mary Ann passed out schedules for hosting and co-hosting meetings for this next year along with a flyer prepared by Molly on "FREE community Awareness Night on two men speaking on the Opioid Crisis, Addition, and Recovery. This will be held at the 4-H Park on Sept. 14 at 7 p.m. and free to all and all welcome.

A program on "Balance" will be held at the YMCA on Oct. 31, Nov. 2, 7, 9, 14, 16, 21, and 28 from 1

to 3 p.m. each day listed. For more information call the YMCA.

Molly will give a program on Oct. 10 at 7 p.m. at the 4-H Building on her trip to Trinidad and Tobago.

The special project for Cultural Arts for next year will be to make a Table Runner 18 inches wide and the length of your desire. These will be displayed and voted on at the Homemaker's Festival in May 2024.

Volunteer workday will be at the 4-H Park on Thursday, Sept. 28, at 9 a.m.

Mary Ann passed out a humorous writing written by a cop.

The Backpack Program will be collecting canned fruit and granola bars at the October meeting.

Mental Health will be collecting deodorant, body wash, shampoo, toothpaste and toothbrushes. Please no glass and sharp objects.

The Quarter Fund Raiser will be due October (\$10).

Mary Ann gave an interesting lesson on picking out a good melon and the wide range of the various vinegars.

The next meeting will be Oct. 11 at 1 p.m. at the Ossian Library. Guests are always welcome to attend.

Masonic Lodge history program at the museum Sunday

On Sunday, Sept. 17, at 2 p.m. the Wells County Historical Museum Annex will be hosting a program about the history of Masonic Lodges in Bluffton.

Chuck Michael and Matthew Butterfield, representatives of the Bluffton Lodge will present the program. Of note is

that the Indiana department of natural Resources featured the Bluffton Masonic Lodge on their Historic Preservation of Indiana Fraternal Organizations poster this year.

The public is invited to this free program which will include a video tour of some of these historic buildings.

Zanesville News

by Melba Edwards

School is back in session since Labor Day is over. The kids are all involved in sports and music and other different academic and social clubs and organizations.

There is not too much going on in town right now but remember that the Town Council will meet at the Zanesville Town Hall building on Tuesday, Sept. 19, at 6:30 p.m. and all are welcome to attend.

If you are interested in what the Lions Club is doing you may be able to come to their meeting tonight at the clubhouse at 6:30 p.m. The address is 3088 W. VanHorn Street and the building is at the ballpark. A light meal is served at 6:30 with a short program and information on the rest of the year's projects to follow.

Be in special prayer for all who are having health problems.

As reported to me those fighting cancer are: Frank Ratcliffe, Randy Dammeyer, and Sandra Flum.

Those recovering are: Dan Platt from a stroke, Alyssa Sheley from gall bladder surgery, and Abi Fromm from her heart transplant.

As I write this article I need to send a plea out to anyone who has the time and will put out the effort to mow the ballpark next year. For several years now we have been mowed by volunteers and just in the past few years Randy Frick has been doing the mowing. Now Randy tells me he is returning to driving truck and will not be able to fit the bill for next year. Please call me if you are interested even if it

is for one week out of the month. The team that contracts the actual diamond takes care of the mowing inside the fence.

Did you know that Union Center's Independents won the Wells County Independent Basketball League Championship in 1945-46? Each player's year of graduation from Union Center is in parenthesis. They were: John Hoopingarner (34), Woodrow Pence (36), Max Wilson (45), Denver Slater (38) with manager Curly Burnau (35), Dewey Hobbs from Lafayette Central, George Schwartz (39), Dale Hoopingarner (44) and 'Bud' Jacobs (38). Don't you wonder what these guys would do today against high school teams?

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Knights win a Wells County rivalry match over Tigers in tennis

By RYAN WALKER

The battle between the two Wells County boys' tennis teams went down Monday afternoon, and the Norwell Knights were on top by the end of the night with a 4-1 victory over Bluffton.

A win is a win, but none sweeter than beating a crosstown rival for Norwell head coach Noah Tobias, who played for the same Knights team back in his career and understands the magnitude of the match.

"We definitely feel that pressure a little bit just because we do want to be considered the best team in Wells County, even though there's only two of us. It's still kind of a thing you hold," Tobias said after the match. "We're a very close community with Bluffton, so, yeah, it obviously feels a lot better whenever you beat Bluffton."

The Knights' victory was over within the first three matches, with Grant Mishler and Bodie Zimmer winning at No. 1 and No. 2 singles, while Jaden Payne and Jake Hoover won their match at No. 1 doubles.

On a young Tigers team that graduated virtually their entire roster, the ones that left the court early in two sets were all juniors. The junior class is the eldest, as there are no seniors on the team.

Bluffton head coach Robert Vanderkolk has seen his older group at its best this year, but it wasn't there on Tuesday.

"I need more out of my juniors," Vanderkolk said. "There's no senior leadership here. My juniors need to step up and take care of it. I've got five juniors on varsity. If they're not going to take care of it, it's impossible to win a match. I love 'em. They give me everything they got more often than not, but for whatever reason tonight, they didn't compete as well as they're capable of competing."

The last two matches had Bluffton winning in both at one point. Freshman Jacob Ribich ended up winning a close contest over Gavin Reynolds at No. 3 singles.

On the court right next to Ribich was junior Dane Schlagenhauf and freshman Coy Lantz at No. 2 doubles, who won the first set early, 7-5.

The Norwell No. 2 doubles team of Eddie Archbold and Ayden Quintanilla wouldn't go down without a fight, though, winning the next set 6-3 and ultimately coming back with a 7-5 victory in the third set.

Tobias was impressed with his team's ability to come back after losing the first game or set. Payne and Hoover lost the first game to Bluffton's Kade Abbett and Ben Maggard, along with the No. 2 doubles team, but were able to come back and win.

"Even though we're losing, we're still doing a good job at finding a way how to win," Tobias said. "Sometimes, we're playing bad because we're not perfect, obviously, but you just got to find a way, any way, and they did that, and I'm super proud of them."

Vanderkolk also complimented Archbold and Quintanilla on their efforts.

"It's just, 'OK, who wants it more at five all?' And Eddie and Ayden wanted it more, so hats off to them for finishing that match, especially coming into it down a set," Vanderkolk said.

This year, the boys' tennis sectional dropped Huntington North, which has had its way with bringing home hardware in recent history. The Vikings were the only team in the way of Norwell's first sectional title since 2016.

Bluffton still has yet to see any of the schools in the sectional field during the regular season, with South Adams, Adams Central, and Bellmont on the schedule. The Tigers will get a look at the Starfires this Thursday, while the Jets and Braves await next week.

Pending Vanderkolk's evaluation of the rest of the field, he believes there's a good chance his Tigers will match up with the Knights again, no matter where the draw lands them.

Vanderkolk also wants to see some changes in his lineup to string together by the season's end and give his best shot at winning. Like Tobias, his competitive spirit has him chomping at the bit to get back on the winners' side in the county.

"Yeah, I want to play Norwell," Vanderkolk said. "There's nothing better than beating Norwell to win a sectional championship. If my guys don't want to do that, we'll just go home and get ready for the winter sports season."

Norwell's next match will be at New Haven at 5 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 12.

Bluffton's next match will be at Bishop Luers at 5 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 13.

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Results for varsity

- Grant Mishler (N) defeated Anthony Hartman at No. 1 singles 6-0, 6-0.
- Bodie Zimmer (N) defeated Nolan Lambert 6-2, 6-1 at No. 2 singles.
- Jacob Ribich (B) defeated Gavin Reynolds 7-6, 7-5, 6-4 at No. 3 singles.
- Jaden Payne and Jake Hoover (N) defeated Kade Abbett and Ben Maggard 6-4, 6-0 at No. 1 doubles.
- Eddie Archbold and Ayden Quintanilla defeated Dane Schlagenhauf and Coy Lantz 5-7, 6-3, 7-5 at No. 2 doubles.

Norwell also won the junior varsity match 8-2.

Results for JV

- Jed Logan (B) defeated Christian Wering 8-4.
- Phillip Mayer (N) defeated Braden Lemler 8-5.
- Jasper Kreigh (N) defeated Graham Linderwell 9-8 (11-9).
- Alex Maggard and Lance Moser (B) defeated Rylan Heyerly and Landon Diver 8-6.
- Ryan Ewing and Ethan Williamson (N) defeated Jackson Meyer and Lincoln Rodgers 9-8 (7-4).
- Chase Houser and Evan Klopfenstein (B) defeated Kabyn Peterson and Alex Baker 8-0.



Norwell's Grant Mishler swipes a backhand during his No. 1 singles match against Bluffton's Anthony Hartman, in which he defeated in two sets Monday afternoon at Norwell High School. The Knights defeated the Wells County rival 4-1 (Photos by Ryan Walker)



Bluffton's Jacob Ribich forehands the ball during a match at Norwell High School. Ribich was the lone winner for the Tigers in the 4-1 loss to the Knights.



Norwell's Emerson Meredith (right) tries to keep up with East Noble's Addison Frye (left) during a match at Norwell High School. The Knights were victorious over the Northeast 8 Conference opponent and now are 3-2 in NE8 play. (Photo by Ryan Walker)

Sports Roundup

Norwell wins conference girls' soccer match against East Noble

The Norwell girls' soccer team defeated East Noble at home in a Northeast 8 Conference matchup.

The Knights are now 6-3-1 on the season and improved to 3-2 in the NE8.

Makenzie Fuess led the Knights with a hat trick, while Grace Mann scored one goal and assisted on three. Karrigan Melcher scored the first goal of the night, while Morgan Batdorff and Aubrey Meyer had assists.

Gracie Rinckenberger and Abby Wagner combined for a shutout in net for Norwell.

The Knights will host South Adams at 5 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 13.

Knights wins over Panthers in volleyball

Norwell won on the road against Eastbrook in four sets Monday night.

The Knights won the first game 25-14, lost the second 26-24, won the third 25-10, and won the fourth 25-19.

Their record is now 10-5.

Stat leaders on the night were Vanessa Rosswurm with 11 kills, Macie Saalfrank with 24 digs, Emma Vachon and Marlee Wenger with four aces, Wenger with 20 assists, and Mekynzi Beck with two blocks.

The junior varsity team won 2-0 (25-18, 25-8).

Norwell will be at Marion starting at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 12.

Norwell tops East Noble in road NE8 boys' soccer game

Norwell won on the road against Northeast 8 foe East Noble Monday night 3-0.

Kyler Morris scored two goals for the Knights, while Noah Schamerloh had one. Hudson Gerbers picked up an assist.

Noah Fromm earned the shutout in goal. East Noble won the junior varsity match 6-0.

Norwell will be at Concordia starting at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 13.

Knights JV football defeats Bellmont in football

Norwell's junior varsity football team topped Bellmont 38-0 on the road Monday night.

On offense, Adam Mahnensmith had four rushing touchdowns. Trey Privett had two two-point conversion carries and threw one to Titus Edwards. Kaiden Inostroza also ran for a two-point conversion.

Carson Powell returned a fumble 99 yards on defense for a touchdown.

Keaton Blinn and Luke Drieband both had interceptions for the Defense.

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FOOTBALL

NFL

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

East						
W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA	
Miami	1	0	0	1.000	36	34
N.Y. Jets	1	0	0	1.000	22	16
Buffalo	0	1	0	.000	16	22
New England	0	1	0	.000	20	25
South						
W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA	
Jacksonville	1	0	0	1.000	31	21
Houston	0	1	0	.000	9	25
Indianapolis	0	1	0	.000	21	31
Tennessee	0	1	0	.000	15	16
North						
W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA	
Baltimore	1	0	0	1.000	25	9
Cleveland	1	0	0	1.000	24	3
Cincinnati	0	1	0	.000	3	24
Pittsburgh	0	1	0	.000	7	30
West						
W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA	
Las Vegas	1	0	0	1.000	17	16
Denver	0	1	0	.000	16	17
Kansas City	0	1	0	.000	20	21
L.A. Chargers	0	1	0	.000	34	36

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

East						
W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA	
Dallas	1	0	0	1.000	40	0
Philadelphia	1	0	0	1.000	25	20
Washington	1	0	0	1.000	20	16
N.Y. Giants	0	1	0	.000	0	40
South						
W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA	
Atlanta	1	0	0	1.000	24	10
New Orleans	1	0	0	1.000	16	15
Tampa Bay	1	0	0	1.000	20	17
Carolina	0	1	0	.000	10	24
North						
W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA	
Detroit	1	0	0	1.000	21	20
Green Bay	1	0	0	1.000	38	20
Chicago	0	1	0	.000	20	38
Minnesota	0	1	0	.000	17	20
West						
W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA	
L.A. Rams	1	0	0	1.000	30	13
San Fran	1	0	0	1.000	30	7
Arizona	0	1	0	.000	16	20
Seattle	0	1	0	.000	13	30

Thursday's Games

Detroit 21, Kansas City 20	
Sunday's Games	
Atlanta 24, Carolina 10	
Baltimore 25, Houston 9	
Cleveland 24, Cincinnati 3	
Jacksonville 31, Indianapolis 21	
New Orleans 16, Tennessee 15	
San Francisco 30, Pittsburgh 7	
Tampa Bay 20, Minnesota 17	
Washington 20, Arizona 16	
Green Bay 38, Chicago 20	
L.A. Rams 30, Seattle 13	
Las Vegas 17, Denver 16	
Miami 36, L.A. Chargers 34	
Philadelphia 25, New England 20	
Dallas 40, N.Y. Giants 0	
Monday's Games	
N.Y. Jets 22, Buffalo 16	
Thursday, Sept. 14	
Minnesota at Philadelphia, 8:15 p.m.	
Sunday, Sept. 17	
Baltimore at Cincinnati, 1 p.m.	
Chicago at Tampa Bay, 1 p.m.	
Green Bay at Atlanta, 1 p.m.	
Indianapolis at Houston, 1 p.m.	
Kansas City at Jacksonville, 1 p.m.	
L.A. Chargers at Tennessee, 1 p.m.	
Las Vegas at Buffalo, 1 p.m.	
Seattle at Detroit, 1 p.m.	
N.Y. Giants at Arizona, 4:05 p.m.	
San Francisco at L.A. Rams, 4:05 p.m.	

N.Y. Jets at Dallas, 4:25 p.m.
Washington at Denver, 4:25 p.m.
Miami at New England, 8:20 p.m.
Monday, Sept. 18
New Orleans at Carolina, 7:15 p.m.
Cleveland at Pittsburgh, 8:15 p.m.

BASEBALL

American League

East Division					
W	L	Pct	GB		
Baltimore	91	52	.636		
Tampa Bay	88	56	.611	3½	
Toronto	80	64	.556	11½	
Boston	73	70	.510	18	
New York	71	72	.497	20	
Central Division					
W	L	Pct	GB		
Minnesota	75	68	.524		
Cleveland	68	76	.472	7½	
Detroit	66	77	.462	9	
Chicago	55	88	.385	20	
Kansas City	44	100	.306	31½	
West Division					
W	L	Pct	GB		
Houston	82	63	.566		
Seattle	79	64	.552	2	
Texas	79	64	.552	2	
Los Angeles	67	77	.465	14½	
Oakland	45	99	.313	36½	

Sunday's Games

Tampa Bay 6, Seattle 3	
Detroit 3, Chicago White Sox 2	
Toronto 5, Kansas City 2	
Boston 7, Baltimore 3	
N.Y. Mets 2, Minnesota 0	
Houston 12, San Diego 2	
N.Y. Yankees 4, Milwaukee 3, 13	
innings	
Texas 9, Oakland 4	
L.A. Angels 2, Cleveland 1	
Monday's Games	
Baltimore 11, St. Louis 5	
Texas 10, Toronto 4	
Oakland 4, Houston 0	
Tampa Bay at Minnesota, late	
L.A. Angels at Seattle, late	
Cleveland at San Francisco, late	
N.Y. Yankees at Boston, ppd.	
Kansas City at Chicago White Sox, ppd.	
Tuesday's Games	
N.Y. Yankees (Vásquez 2-2) at Boston (Pivetta 9-8), 1:35 p.m., 1st game	
Kansas City (Singer 8-10) at Chicago White Sox (Cease 6-7), 4:40 p.m., 1st game	
St. Louis (Wainwright 3-11) at Baltimore (Means 0-0), 6:35 p.m.	
Cincinnati (Williamson 4-4) at Detroit (TBD), 6:40 p.m.	
Texas (Scherzer 12-6) at Toronto (Ryu 3-2), 7:07 p.m.	
N.Y. Yankees (Rodón 2-5) at Boston (Crawford 6-7), 7:10 p.m., 2nd game	
Tampa Bay (Littell 3-5) at Minnesota (Ryan 10-9), 7:40 p.m.	
Kansas City (Lyles 4-16) at Chicago White Sox (Toussaint 3-7), 8:10 p.m., 2nd game	
Oakland (Sears 4-11) at Houston (Verlander 11-7), 8:10 p.m.	
L.A. Angels (Sandoval 7-12) at Seattle (Woo 2-4), 9:40 p.m.	
Cleveland (Quantrill 2-6) at San Francisco (Manaea 5-5), 9:45 p.m.	
Wednesday's Games	
Tampa Bay at Minnesota, 1:10 p.m.	
Cleveland at San Francisco, 3:45 p.m.	
L.A. Angels at Seattle, 4:10 p.m.	
St. Louis at Baltimore, 6:35 p.m.	
Cincinnati at Detroit, 6:40 p.m.	
Texas at Toronto, 7:07 p.m.	
N.Y. Yankees at Boston, 7:10 p.m.	

Oakland at Houston, 7:10 p.m.
Kansas City at Chicago White Sox, 7:40 p.m.

National League

East Division					
W	L	Pct	GB		
z-Atlanta	94	50	.653		
Philadelphia	79	65	.549	15	
Miami	74	70	.514	20	
New York	65	77	.458	28	
Washington	65	79	.451	29	
Central Division					
W	L	Pct	GB		
Milwaukee	80	63	.559		
Chicago	77	67	.535	3½	
Cincinnati	74	71	.510	7	
Pittsburgh	66	78	.458	14½	
St. Louis	63	81	.438	17½	
West Division					
W	L	Pct	GB		
Los Angeles	87	55	.613		
Arizona	75	69	.521	13	
San Francisco	73	70	.510	14½	
San Diego	67	77	.465	21	
Colorado	51	91	.359	36	

Sunday's Games

Atlanta 5, Pittsburgh 2	
Miami 5, Philadelphia 4	
Cincinnati 7, St. Louis 1	
Chicago Cubs 5, Arizona 2	
L.A. Dodgers 7, Washington 3	
N.Y. Mets 2, Minnesota 0	
Houston 12, San Diego 2	
N.Y. Yankees 4, Milwaukee 3, 13	
innings	
San Francisco 6, Colorado 3	
Monday's Games	
Atlanta 10, Philadelphia 8, 10	
innings, 1st game	
Washington 6, Pittsburgh 2	
Philadelphia 7, Atlanta 5, 2nd game	
Baltimore 11, St. Louis 5	
Milwaukee 12, Miami 0	
Arizona at N.Y. Mets, late	
Chicago Cubs at Colorado, late	
Cleveland at San Francisco, late	
San Diego at L.A. Dodgers, late	
Tuesday's Games	
St. Louis (Wainwright 3-11) at Baltimore (Means 0-0), 6:35 p.m.	
Washington (Adon 2-1) at Pittsburgh (TBD), 6:35 p.m.	
Atlanta (Fried 7-1) at Philadelphia (Wheeler 11-6), 6:40 p.m.	
Cincinnati (Williamson 4-4) at Detroit (TBD), 6:40 p.m.	
Arizona (Nelson 7-7) at N.Y. Mets (Butto 0-2), 7:10 p.m.	
Miami (Chargois 1-0) at Milwaukee (Peralta 11-8), 7:40 p.m.	
Chicago Cubs (Assad 3-3) at Colorado (Flexen 1-7), 8:40 p.m.	
Cleveland (Quantrill 2-6) at San Francisco (Manaea 5-5), 9:45 p.m.	
San Diego (Wacha 11-3) at L.A. Dodgers (Lynn 10-11), 10:10 p.m.	
Wednesday's Games	
Chicago Cubs at Colorado, 3:10 p.m.	
Cleveland at San Francisco, 3:45 p.m.	
St. Louis at Baltimore, 6:35 p.m.	
Washington at Pittsburgh, 6:35 p.m.	
Atlanta at Philadelphia, 6:40 p.m.	
Cincinnati at Detroit, 6:40 p.m.	
Arizona at N.Y. Mets, 7:10 p.m.	
Miami at Milwaukee, 7:40 p.m.	
San Diego at L.A. Dodgers, 10:10 p.m.	

Midwest League

Sunday's Games	
Lake County 3, Lansing 2	
Dayton 4, Fort Wayne 2	
Wisconsin 8, Cedar Rapids 5	

Great Lakes 4, West Michigan 1
Beloit 6, Peoria 5
South Bend 8, Quad Cities 1
Monday's Games
No games scheduled
Division Series
Best of Three
x-if necessary
Cedar Rapids, Peoria
Tuesday, Sept. 12: Cedar Rapids at Peoria, 7:30 p.m.
Thursday, Sept. 14: Peoria at Cedar Rapids, TBD.
x-Friday, Sept. 15: Peoria at Cedar Rapids, TBD.
Great Lakes, TBD
Tuesday, Sept. 12: Great Lakes at Fort Wayne, 6:35 p.m.
Thursday, Sept. 14: Fort Wayne at Great Lakes, 7:05 p.m.
x-Friday, Sept. 15: Fort Wayne at Great Lakes, 7:05 p.m.

BASKETBALL

WNBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE					
W	L	Pct	GB		
x-New York	32	8	.800		
x-Connecticut	27	13	.675	5	
x-Atlanta	19	21	.475	13	
x-Washington	19	21	.475	13	
x-Chicago	18	22	.450	14	
Indiana	13	27	.325	19	
WESTERN CONFERENCE					
W	L	Pct	GB		
x-Las Vegas	34	6	.850		
x-Dallas	22	18	.550	12	
x-Minnesota	19	21	.475	15	
Los Angeles	17	23	.425	17	
Seattle	11	29	.275	23	
Phoenix	9	31	.225	25	

Sunday's Games

Indiana 87, Minnesota 72	
Washington 90, New York 88	
Dallas 94, Atlanta 77	
Chicago 102, Connecticut 91, OT	
Las Vegas 100, Phoenix 85	
Los Angeles 91, Seattle 89	
Monday's Games	
No games scheduled.	
Tuesday's Games	
No games scheduled.	
Wednesday's Games	
Minnesota at Connecticut, 8 p.m. (Playoffs, Game 1)	
Chicago at Las Vegas, 10 p.m. (Playoffs, Game 1)	
Thursday's Games	
No games scheduled.	

TRANSACTIONS

Monday's Transactions

BASEBALL
Major League Baseball
American League
CHICAGO WHITE SOX — Recalled RHP Deivi Garcia and C Carlos Perez from Charlotte (IL). Optioned OF Oscar Colas and RHP Edgar Navarro to Charlotte.
National League
CHICAGO CUBS — Selected the contract of OF Pete Crow-Armstrong from Iowa (IL). Reinstated RHP Michael Fuler from the 15-day IL. Placed RHP Adbert Alzolay on the 15-day IL. Optioned Alexander Canario to Iowa. Designated LHP Anthony Kay for assignment.
FOOTBALL
National Football League
CHICAGO BEARS — Signed LB Dylan Cole.

Indiana ends quarterback competition by naming Tayven Jackson the starter

By MICHAEL MAROT
AP Sports Writer

Indiana's quarterback competition ended Monday with coach Tom Allen naming Tayven Jackson the Hoosiers' starter.

Jackson had been competing with Brendan Sorsby throughout the offseason and over the first two games this season for the job. Both are second-year players who threw only a handful of passes as true freshmen, and both made their first career starts this season.

Sorsby got the first shot in a season-opening 23-3 loss to then No. 3 Ohio State. Jackson started last weekend's 41-7 victory over Indiana State. While neither has thrown a touchdown pass yet, Jackson ran for one score in Week 2 and appeared to energize the Hoosiers offense in both games.

Allen saw it similarly heading into Saturday's showdown with unbeaten Louisville (2-0) at Lucas Oil Stadium in Indianapolis.

"We've got two quarterbacks I believe can both successfully lead our program and do great things on game day," Allen said. "I felt like we needed to get full game evaluation because it was so close and to be able to see, 'OK, who moves the ball down the field and scores points?' That's really

what it comes down to at the end of the day, and there's a field presence you have during games."

Jackson went 18 of 21 with 236 yards against the Sycamores, an FCS program that has lost all seven meetings, against the state's bigger-name program while Sorsby was 9 of 16 with 108 yards.

Against Ohio State, Sorsby was 8 of 16 with 58 yards while Jackson went 1 of 6 for 24 yards and led Indiana to its only score — a banked 42-yard field goal in the second quarter.

Sorsby signed with Indiana as a highly touted recruit out of Texas and made one relief appearance with the Hoosiers last season.

Jackson, the brother of Indiana basketball All-American Trayce Jackson-Davis, chose to attend Tennessee after leading Center Grove High School to two straight undefeated seasons and consecutive Indiana state championships. He then opted to transfer back to his home-state school.

"I'll say it was close without question, but at the same time, this is where we are," Allen said. "That's really what it comes down to, being able to score points, and I think both guys can do it at a high level. I really do. I think you saw that from both of them."

Browns lose starting tackle Jack Conklin for the season after knee in opener vs Bengals

By TOM WITHERS
AP Sports Writer

CLEVELAND (AP) — Jack Conklin kept Deshaun Watson from harm. He couldn't protect himself.

Cleveland's starting right tackle sustained a "major" left knee injury in the first half of Sunday's win over Cincinnati and will miss the remainder of the season, a major personal blow and significant one for the Browns.

Conklin, who returned last season from a severe injury to his right knee, tore two ligaments when he was inadvertently rolled up on by Bengals end Trey Hendrickson at the end of a pass play in the first half of the Browns' 24-3 season-opening win.

Conklin was finishing off his block when Hendrickson hit him from the side after being pushed down by Browns left tackle Jedrick Willis. Jr. Conklin was carted off the field and tests Monday confirmed the diagnosis.

"He's a huge part of this team, and when he gets this surgery and when he's ready, he's going to be back in this building helping us because he's a big part of that offensive line room," coach Kevin Stefanski said on a Zoom call.

"So disappointed for him."

A two-time All-Pro, Conklin worked hard and returned earlier than expected last season after rupturing his right patellar tendon in 2021. His comeback inspired teammates, who voted him their Ed Block Courage Award winner.

The Browns signed the 29-year-old Conklin to a four-year, \$60 million contract extension in December.

Stefanski is confident that Conklin, who played four seasons with Tennessee before coming to Cleveland as a free agent in 2020, will make another return.

"He's so conscientious, so mature," Stefanski said. "So he's disappointed and upset about it, but I have no doubt that he'll bounce back from this, just knowing the person."

After Conklin went out, rookie Dawand Jones came on and played well in his NFL debut.

"Some really good moments, some things that he's got to clean up," Stefanski said. "Honestly, any young player, when you get thrown into the mix early, there's going to



Pictured in the photo from left to right are, Bill Yaste and Scarlett Yaste of Hugh's Bakery & Coffeehouse, Kevin Pritchard of Ruoff Mortgage, Lanie Zimmer and Rylee Arnold of Hugh's Bakery & Coffeehouse, Nick Huffman of Steffen Group, Lydia Yaste and Kylie Gerber of Hugh's Bakery & Coffeehouse, Heather Morgan of National Oil & Gas, Naomi Yaste of Hugh's Bakery & Coffeehouse, Cyndee Fiechter of North Eastern Group Realty, Wells County Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Erin Prible, and Lydia's nieces and nephew in front. (Photo submitted)

Hugh's Bakery & Coffeehouse honored as September member of the month

The Wells County Chamber of Commerce is thrilled to announce Lydia Yaste, the proud owner of Hugh's Bakery & Coffeehouse, as the distinguished September Chamber Member of the Month. Hugh's Bakery & Coffeehouse, located at 229 West Market Street in Bluffton, has captured the hearts of locals and visitors alike with its delightful offerings and welcoming ambiance.

Lydia Yaste's entrepreneurial journey began with a dream to establish her own business, a vision she had nurtured over time. Her father's entrepreneurial spirit had been a guiding influence, inspiring her with the belief that hard work and dedication could make her dream a reality.

Hugh's Bakery & Coffeehouse first opened its doors on Main Street, where it thrived for three years. In 2020, a remarkable opportunity presented itself, leading to the purchase and renovation of a building on Market Street. The move to the new location in August offered a substantial increase in space, enabling expanded services and enhancing the overall customer experience.

The Market Street location has brought remarkable growth opportunities, allowing the café to diversify its offerings and provide a more spacious environment. The increased demand, especially during the spring and summer months, has enabled expanded outdoor seating options.

Over the past three years, Hugh's Bakery & Coffeehouse has gained momentum and extended its services to include catering and business lunches, enriching the local community's culinary experiences. This year,

the café introduced its mobile Avis Coffee Cart, available for events such as weddings and corporate gatherings, with the first official event scheduled for early October.

Hugh's Bakery & Coffeehouse prides itself on offering high-quality craft coffee, a full espresso bar, and a variety of options for non-coffee drinkers, including teas and smoothies. The bakery delights patrons with freshly baked goods, including scones, muffins, granola bars, and popular items like raspberry bars. Additionally, the café serves soups, salads, breakfast, and brunch options, ensuring there's something for everyone to enjoy.

Running this business brings immense joy to Lydia Yaste, who finds fulfillment in providing a welcoming space where people can connect over a cup of coffee or a pastry. She takes pride in the café's role as a community hub, where conversations and meaningful interactions take place against the backdrop of warm sunshine streaming through the windows.

Yaste expressed her deep appreciation for her dedicated staff, describing them as phenomenal and the driving force behind the café's success. She emphasized the importance of building relationships with customers and delivering exceptional customer service, ensuring that patrons not only enjoy a great cup of coffee but also feel a genuine connection to the establishment.

Hugh's Bakery & Coffeehouse operates from Monday through Friday, opening its doors from 6 a.m. to 5 p.m., and on Saturdays from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Google's search engine dominance is at the center of U.S. antitrust trial

By MICHAEL LIEDTKE
AP Technology Writer

The U.S. government is taking aim at what has been an indomitable empire: Google's ubiquitous search engine that has become the internet's main gateway.

The legal attack will swing into full force Tuesday in a Washington D.C. federal courtroom that will serve as the battleground for the biggest U.S. antitrust trial since regulators went after Microsoft and its dominance of personal computer software a quarter century ago.

The 10-week trial before U.S. District Judge Amit Mehta is expected to include potentially revelatory testimony from top executives at Google and its corporate parent Alphabet, as well as other powerful technology companies. Alphabet CEO Sundar Pichai, who suc-

ceeded Google co-founder Larry Page in 2019, will be among the most prominent witnesses likely to testify. Court documents also indicate one of Apple's highest-ranking executives, Eddy Cue, might be called to the stand.

The case against Google mirrors the one brought against Microsoft in many ways, including the existential threat it poses to a renowned tech giant whose products are relied on by billions of people.

The trial is scheduled to continue into late November before its first phase wraps, after which another round of court filings and arguments are expected. Mehta isn't expected to issue a ruling until early next year. If he decides Google has been breaking the law, it will trigger another trial to determine what measures

should be taken to rein in the Mountain View, California, company.

Although Google products such as the Chrome web browser, Gmail, YouTube and online maps all are hugely popular, none have become as indispensable — or as valuable — as the internet search engine invented by Page and a fellow Stanford University graduate student, Sergey Brin, during the late 1990s.

The trial is beginning just a couple weeks after the 25th anniversary of the first investment in the company — a \$100,000 check written by Sun Microsystems co-founder Andy Bechtolsheim that enabled Page and Brin to set up shop in a Silicon Valley garage.

Today, Google's corporate parent, Alphabet Inc., is worth \$1.7 trillion and employs 182,000 people.

Trump lawyers seek recusal of judge in DC presiding over federal election subversion case

WASHINGTON (AP) — Lawyers for Donald Trump on Monday asked the federal judge presiding over his election subversion case in Washington to recuse herself, saying her past public statements about the former president and his connection to the Jan. 6, 2021, riot at the U.S. Capitol call into question whether she can be fair.

The recusal motion from Trump's lawyers takes aim at U.S. District Judge Tanya Chutkan, a former assistant public defender who was nominated to the bench by President Barack Obama and has stood out as one of the toughest punishers of Jan. 6 defendants. The request is a long shot given the high threshold for recusal and because the decision on whether to recuse belongs to Chutkan, who is unlikely to see cause to step aside from the case.

Even so, the request that she give up the high-stakes trial marks the latest flashpoint in already delicate relations between the defense team and the judge, who has repeatedly cautioned against inflammatory public comments from Trump but has nonetheless been lambasted on social media by him. Special counsel Jack Smith's team signaled its own concern about his comments, writing last week that Trump's daily statements — he has derided her as "highly partisan" — could taint a potential jury pool.

Chutkan ordered Smith's team to file any opposition to Trump's recusal bid by Thursday.

Chutkan last month scheduled the trial for March 4, 2024, over the vigorous objections of defense lawyers who said that would not give them enough time to prepare. The case in Washington, charging Trump in a four-count indictment with plotting to overturn the results of the 2020 election,

is one of four criminal cases confronting the former president as he seeks reelection to the White House.

In asking Chutkan to step aside, the Trump legal team is relying on a familiar playbook. He tried unsuccessfully to get the judge removed from the hush-money case against him in New York state court, with his lawyers claiming that New York Judge Juan Manuel Merchan is biased because he's given cash to Democrats and his daughter is a party consultant.

But the judge last month rejected Trump's demand that he step aside, saying he is certain of his "ability to be fair and impartial."

Federal judges are supposed to step aside in cases where their "impartiality might reasonably be questioned." Other bases for recusal include a personal bias against one of the parties. Trump's lawyers say Chutkan's comments in cases against Jan. 6 rioters show she has "already formed

an opinion about President Trump's guilt" and many of the allegations that underpin the indictment against him.

"Although Judge Chutkan may genuinely intend to give President Trump a fair trial — and may believe that she can do so — her public statements unavoidably taint these proceedings, regardless of outcome," the defense team wrote. "The public will reasonably and understandably question whether Judge Chutkan arrived at all of her decisions in this matter impartially, or in fulfillment of her prior negative statements regarding President Trump."

Chutkan has often handed down prison sentences in Jan. 6 cases that are harsher than Justice Department prosecutors recommended. The judge also previously ruled against Trump in a separate Jan. 6 case, refusing his request to block the release of documents to the U.S. House's Jan. 6 committee by asserting executive privilege.

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American researcher has been rescued from deep Turkish cave

TASELI PLATEAU, Turkey (AP) — Rescuers pulled an American researcher out of a Turkish cave early Tuesday, more than a week after he became seriously ill more than 3,000 feet below its entrance, the Speleological Federation of Turkey said.

Teams from across Europe had rushed to Morca cave in southern Turkey's Taurus Mountains to aid Mark Dickey, a 40-year-old experienced caver who became seriously ill on Sept. 2 with stomach bleeding. He was on an expedition to map the cave, which is the country's third deepest.

Dickey was too frail to climb out himself, so rescuers carried him with the help of a stretcher, making frequent stops at temporary camps set up along the way.

"Mark Dickey is out of the Morca cave," said a statement by the speleological federation. It said that Dickey

was removed from the last exit of the cave at 12:37 a.m. local time Tuesday, or 9:37 p.m. GMT Monday.

"He is fine and is being tended to by emergency medical worker in the encampment above," the statement said.

Lying on a stretcher surrounded by reporters following his rescue, Dickey described the ordeal as a "crazy, crazy adventure."

"It is amazing to be above ground again," he said, thanking the Turkish government for saving his life with its rapid response. He also thanked the international caving community, Turkish cavers and Hungarian Cave Rescue.

The American was first treated inside the cave by a Hungarian doctor who went down the cave on Sept. 3. Doctors and rescuers then took turns caring for him. The cause of Dickey's illness was not clear.

On Tuesday, Dickey said that in the cave he had started to throw up large quantities of blood.

"My consciousness started to get harder to hold on to, and I reached the point where I thought 'I'm not going to live,'" he told reporters.

The biggest challenges for the rescuers getting him out of the cave were the steep vertical sections and navigating through mud and water at low temperatures in the horizontal sections. There was also the psychological toll of staying inside a dark, damp cave for extended periods of time.

Around 190 experts from Bulgaria, Croatia, Hungary, Italy, Poland and Turkey took part in the rescue, including doctors, paramedics and experienced cavers. Teams comprised of a doctor and three to four other rescuers took turns staying by his side at all times.

The rescue began on Saturday after doctors, who administered IV fluids and blood, determined that Dickey could make the arduous ascent.

Before the evacuation could begin, rescuers first had to widen some of the cave's narrow passages, install ropes to pull him up vertical shafts on a stretcher and set up temporary camps along the way.

Dickey, who is from Croton-on-Hudson, New York, is a well-known cave researcher and a cave rescuer himself who had participated in many international expeditions.

He and several other people on the expedition were mapping the 4,186-foot deep Morca cave system for the Anatolian Speleology Group Association. Dickey became ill on Sept. 2, but it took until the next morning to notify people above ground. Turkish authorities made

a video message available that showed Dickey standing and moving around on Thursday. While alert and talking, he said he was not "healed on the inside" and needed a lot of help to get out of the cave.

After his rescue, the head of Turkey's Disaster and Emergency Management Presidency, Okay Memis, told a news conference that the health of Dickey was "very good."

The European Cave Res-

cue Association said Dickey would be transferred to a hospital following a medical assessment.

It said that many cave rescuers remained in the cave to remove rope and rescue equipment used during the operation.


The association expressed its "huge gratitude to the many cave rescuers from seven different countries who contributed to the success of this cave rescue operation."

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5pm **RIDES OPEN**
6pm ***Helen Witte Pie Auction.**
**Business of the Year Announcement.*
6:30pm ***Lance Hunter Humanitarian- Award Announcement.**
7pm **Coalition Quartet** (Barbershop quartet) near the Event Tent.
9pm **Festival closes for the day.**

FRI., SEPT. 15TH

5pm **RIDES OPEN**
5pm-8pm ***Norwell Show Choir:**
Whole hog sausage dinner, \$12.00
5:30-7:30 **Free face painting**
provided by Ossian Days Inc; beside the Ossian Days booth.
6pm ***Ossian Days Prince & Princess Contest.**
7pm **Applejack Cloggers;** in front of the Event Tent.
8:30-10pm **Nathan's Karaoke & D.J. Service;** in front of event tent
10pm **Festival closes for the day.**

SAT., SEPT. 16TH

7:00am-8:30am **Fishing Tournament, Archbold-Wilson Park pond.** Ages 1-5, 6-10, 11-15. Gifts cards to top 3 in each group. All participants get a prize.
7am-10:30am ***Pancake & Sausage Breakfast - St. Aloysius Knights of Columbus.** Adults \$8.00, Children \$3.00, Under 5 free.
9:30am **Big Wheel Race sign-ups begin.** Ages 3-6 Farmers & Merchants Bank parking lot.
10am **Big Wheel Race:** All participants get prizes; winners get trophies; awards following the final race.
12 noon **RIDES OPEN**
12 noon **Donut Hole Eating Contest;** in front of the event tent. Register at Ossian Days Booth. Contestants under 18 must have parent/guardian signature to compete.
1pm **Bessie's Movement:** behind event tent on Craig Street. Bessie's Movement tickets are \$5 per square.

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Daily Three-Midday — 07-09-09, SB: 00
Daily Three-Evening — 09-02-01, SB: 03
Daily Four-Midday — 02-00-06-09, SB: 00
Daily Four-Evening — 02-03-08-08, SB: 03
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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 Johnloh, 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.

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Defendant JESLYNN C. RUBLE

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