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Timeless classics on parade

Day two of Street Fair welcomes classic cars and their enthusiasts to downtown Bluffton

By SYDNEY KENT

Decades of love and dedication led to the restoration of a stunning red 1939 Ford Deluxe Convertible in the Bluffton Street Fair car show.

The owner of the car, a gentleman from Auburn named Marvin Mok, shared the enchanting story of a man who envisioned beauty beneath years of dust and ashes.

One Friday afternoon, a construction worker found the body of a '39 Ford in the basement of a building that was set to be demolished. He went out on a limb and asked if he could have it.

To his surprise and delight, the owner agreed with one caveat: The car needed to be moved before demolition on Monday —

demolition day. Two days later, a hole was blown through the basement wall to collect the body of the vehicle. The wheels started turning.

Over the years, he collected parts for the car intending to restore it to its original glory. A left or rear fender here, a new hood there, some side railings, grills — the list went on. By the age of 91, he had accumulated a significant portion of parts. Sadly, he never got around to building his dream car.

Mok bought the body of the car, and all of its parts, with a dream of his own. He said he felt a little guilty for this at first as he informed the man of his plans. Mok had always admired the beautiful aesthetic of a classic car,

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Marvin Bok proudly poses with his son, Caiden Bok, in front of his 1939 Ford Deluxe Convertible. (Photo by Sydney Kent)



When the parade passes by

The annual Street Fair marching band parade featured seven local bands Wednesday night. Pictured above is the Bluffton High School color guard and, at right, is the Huntington North High School Marching Vikes. (Above photo by Holly Gaskill, right photo by Barbara Barbieri)



Man pleads guilty to embezzlement

By SYDNEY KENT

A former Clean Fuel National employee is facing one to six years in prison after he embezzled thousands of dollars from the company credit card.

Dakota Patrick Thompson, 29, Sweetser, pled guilty to one charge of corrupt business influence, a Level 5 felony, in the Wells Circuit Court earlier this month. Four counts of theft, a Level 6 felony, were dismissed pursuant to the plea agreement.

According to a probable cause affidavit, the Wells County Sheriff's Department received a report in February. An employee from the company reported that Thompson accumulated unauthorized charges in the amount of \$16,936.85.

Michael Vanover, the owner of Clean Fuel National, is also a Wells County Commissioner. Due to potential conflicts of interest, the case was referred to the Indiana State Police. A prosecutor from a different jurisdiction, Jeremy Kenneth Nix, from Huntington, is also being used for this case.

When Thompson was confronted by management at Clean Fuel National, he agreed to repay the money. He also said his girlfriend was responsible for the charges on the card.

Thompson then arranged a payment plan, created in agreement with Clean Fuel National, after he was confronted with the charges. However, he stopped making payments. Thompson still owes \$15,386.35.

A sentencing hearing for this case is scheduled for 1 p.m. on Nov. 8 in the Wells Circuit Court.

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Dakota Patrick Thompson

State to wait on noncompete legislation for now

By LESLIE BONILLA MUÑIZ
Indiana Capital Chronicle

Indiana lawmakers went on the offensive when they limited physician-employer noncompete agreements for the second time in three years — but with a lawsuit pending and an industry adjusting, they're sitting back to observe before doing more.

And still-unfolding national efforts could supersede it all. "I'm hopeful, maybe, but I think it's more of a sit and wait," said Sen. Justin Busch, the Fort Wayne Republican who authored this year's legislation.

Noncompete agreements bar employees who leave their jobs from working in similar positions within a certain time-frame, and often, a geographical range. In Indiana, physicians working under such agreements must purchase their freedom for a "reasonable" price.

But as of July, they may have more options. That's when Busch's Senate Enrolled Act 7 went into effect. It banned new agreements for primary care physicians, blocked enforceability for all physicians in some cases and outlined a mediation process for physicians and employers struggling to agree on a buyout price.

Good for whom?

Indiana — in the midst of a crisis over the cost of health care and persistently low public health metrics — has limited its noncompete-related legislative efforts to the health

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Federal Reserve keeps rates unchanged

Signals optimism about a potential 'soft landing'

By CHRISTOPHER RUGABER
AP Economics Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Federal Reserve left its benchmark interest rate unchanged Wednesday for the second time in its past three meetings, a sign that it's moderating its fight against inflation as price pressures have eased.

The Fed's policymakers also signaled that they expect to raise rates once more this year and envision their key rate staying higher in 2024 than most analysts had expected.

But as their latest policy meeting ended, the 19 members of the Fed's rate-setting committee conveyed growing optimism that they will manage to slow inflation to their 2 percent target

without causing the deep recession that many economists had feared. It's a hopeful scenario that economists call a "soft landing."

In a set of new quarterly projections, the policymakers showed that they expect faster economic growth and lower unemployment this year and next year than they had foreseen just three months ago. Even with solid growth in sight, they also think inflation will continue to cool.

Those expectations suggest that Fed officials feel "they're going to be able to do what it takes to achieve gradual disinflation without disruption to the labor market, or without triggering a meaningful recession," said Subadra Rajappa, head of rates strategy at

Societe Generale.

Since peaking at a year-over-year high of 9.1 percent in June 2022, consumer inflation in the United States has dropped to 3.7 percent. Speaking at a news conference Wednesday, Chair Jerome Powell cautioned that the Fed still wants further assurance from forthcoming economic data that inflation is on a sustainable path back to its target level. But he suggested that the Fed is getting closer to the end of its rate-hiking cycle and that a soft landing seems "plausible."

"We're fairly close, we think, to where we need to get," Powell said. "A soft landing is a primary objective. ... That's what we've been trying to achieve all this time."

The Fed's latest decision kept its

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TONIGHT AND TOMORROW AT THE STREET FAIR

THURSDAY, Sept. 21
 (\$25 wristbands on Poor Jack Amusement rides, 5 p.m. to close)
 6 p.m. — Industrial Parade, Midway
 8 to 10 p.m. — Concert by the Four Horseman (Metallica tribute band), presented at the Ruoff Main Stage on West Washington Street.
 7:30 to 8:15 p.m. — Street Fair Band, Parlor City Plaza stage

9 p.m. — Street Fair Band, Main and Market streets.

FRIDAY, Sept. 22
 (\$18 wristbands on Poor Jack Amusement rides, 1 p.m. to 7 p.m.)
 2 p.m. — Street Fair Dixieland Band, Main and Market streets.
 3:30 p.m. — Street Fair Dixieland Band, Market and Johnson streets.
 5 to 6 p.m. — Creative Arts bal-

let students' performance at the Parlor City Plaza.

6 p.m. — Street Fair Band concert, children's area.

7 to 9 p.m. — FNX Wrestling, main stage on West Washington Street.

7:30 p.m. — Street Fair Band, Market and Marion streets.

9:15 p.m. — Street Fair Band, Main and Market streets.



Tom Butts, a lifelong Greenville, Ohio resident, talks to a car show judge about his 1957 Bel Air Club Car. The beautiful golf cart gathered many spectators during the Wednesday car show at the Bluffton Street Fair. (Photos by Sydney Kent)

Timeless classics

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 however, he wanted a street rod beneath the hood.

"I told him I could deeply appreciate the original aspect," Mok recounted. "But I wanted to build it like a street rod, like how I believe Henry Ford should have built it. I told him this and — he got silent for a moment."

Mok paused to collect himself as tears welled at the memory.

"He told me he could not achieve his dream with the car," Mok finished. "But he said there was no reason that I couldn't achieve mine."

With his blessing, Mok faithfully pieced together the car of his dreams. The process took nearly a decade.

"When I got it, the floor was gone completely," Mok said. "The body had rusted and it was a lot of work. It took three trailer loads just to collect all the parts he accumulated."

"It's so fun to drive," Mok added with a grin. "It has an all-modern chassis, a six-speed transmission. I



Steve Best stands with his stunning 1970 Plymouth Duster. The bright red car is painted with the original color and has only accumulated 21,101 miles between its two owners.

wanted modern running gear housed in a classic Ford built in 1939 and that's what I built."

Attendees of the car show at the Bluffton Street Fair flocked to the car. Mok had an excited sidekick with him at the show Wednesday — his son, Caiden. Caiden squeezed between the vis-

itors for hugs from his dad on occasion, an interruption Mok welcomed with open arms.

On the fourth round of viewing the many rows of classic cars between Cherry and Wiley streets, Mok was finally down to one conversation with a curious car enthusiast.

"The color is beautiful.

I'm not sure what it is. It's almost a candy apple, yet sort of metallic red," the car enthusiast pondered. "Either way, that is a million-dollar paint job!"

"I wanted a timeless classic," Mok smiled. "I wanted it to look as good in 20 years as the day I finished it. This truly is my dream car."

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Federal Reserve

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 benchmark rate at about 5.4 percent, the result of the 11 rate increases it unleashed beginning in March 2022. Those rapid hikes, Powell said, now allow the central bank to take a more measured approach to its rate policy.

"We're taking advantage of the fact that we moved quickly in the past," he said, to manage rates "a little more carefully now as we sort of find our way to the right level of restriction that we need to get inflation back down to 2 percent."

Fed officials expect to cut interest rates just twice next year, fewer than the four rate cuts they had forecast in June. They predict that their key short-term rate will still be 5.1 percent at the end of 2024 — higher than it was from the 2008-2009 Great Recession until May of this year.

Yet one reason they likely have reduced the number of expected rate cuts for 2024 is a positive one: They think a recession, which would require multiple rate cuts to aid the economy,

is less likely to occur. "What we have right now is what's still a very strong labor market that's coming back into balance," Powell said. "We're making progress on inflation. Growth is strong."

Though Fed officials have projected one more rate hike this year, Powell appeared to hedge more than he typically does on whether that will prove necessary.

"At this stage, they don't have as much certainty about that hike," said Derek Tang, an economist at LHMeyer, a forecasting firm. "He did sound more equivocal."

Treasury yields moved sharply higher Wednesday after the Fed issued a statement after its latest policy meeting and updated its economic projections.

In their new quarterly projections, the policymakers estimate that the economy will grow faster this year and next year than they had previously envisioned. They now foresee growth reaching 2.1 percent this year, up from

a 1 percent forecast in June, and 1.5 percent next year, up from their previous 1.1 percent forecast.

Core inflation, which excludes volatile food and energy prices and is considered a good predictor of future trends, is now expected to fall to 3.7 percent by year's end, better than the 3.9 percent forecast in June. Core inflation, under the Fed's preferred measure, is now 4.2 percent. The policymakers expect it to drop to 2.6 percent, near their target, by the end of next year.

The approach to rate increases the Fed is now taking reflects an awareness that the risks to the economy of raising rates too high is growing. Previously, the officials had focused more on the risks of not doing enough to slow inflation.

In generating sharply higher interest rates throughout the economy, the Fed has sought to slow borrowing — for houses, cars, home renovations, business investment and the like — to help ease spending, moderate the pace of growth and curb inflation.

Weather

Thursday, September 21, 2023
 (24-hour observations at 11:06 p.m. Wednesday)
High: 81; **Low:** 55; **Precipitation:** None
Wabash River Level (at the Main Street bridge): 1.26 feet at 8:45 p.m. Wednesday

Wells County forecast

Today: Partly sunny, with a high near 82. Southeast wind 5 to 10 mph.
Tonight: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 56. East wind around 5 mph.
Friday: Sunny, with a high near 81. East wind 5 to 10 mph.
Friday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 53. East wind 5 to 10 mph.
Saturday: Sunny, with a high near 79.
Saturday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 51.
Sunday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 77.
Sunday Night: A 20 percent chance of showers. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 55.
Monday: A 30 percent chance of showers, mainly after 2 p.m. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 74.
Monday Night: A 30 percent chance of showers. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 56.

Noncompete

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care industry.

The industry says it uses such agreements to protect the sizable investments to support physicians: buying equipment, maintaining specialized workspaces and so on.

But there's evidence the agreements hinder worker mobility and decrease wages, according to Kenneth Dau-Schmidt, a labor and employment law professor at the I.U. Maurer School of Law.

And some question the degree to which physicians willingly and knowingly agree.

Larger healthcare organizations prefer to use standardized template agreements with terms consistent across an entire staff, said Kathleen DeLaney, an Indianapolis labor attorney.

"They like to say, 'We don't make exceptions, because if we make an exception for one doctor, then the next doctor is going to want an exception,'" DeLaney said. "So the doctor's negotiating leverage is somewhat limited by that."

And, she added, doctors often sign without getting legal advice: a no-no, since they don't always understand the implications of the agreements.

And while many employers will tell applicants the job comes with a noncompete agreement, some don't, said Dau-Schmidt. He didn't refer specifically to Indiana employers.

"Some of them will wait until after you have taken the job," he said. "At that point, you've already moved your family, you've already given up your old job. Unless you want to immediately start looking for another job, you're going to sign it."

Fighting over the need for the noncompete

Lawmakers first took on the topic in 2020, with legislation stipulating various provisions a physician's noncompete agreement must have to be enforceable.

Most relate to the departing doctor's patients and medical records. One requires that agreements contain the option of "buying release at a reasonable price" — but didn't originally define what counts.

House Enrolled Act 1004 applies only to noncompete agreements that physicians have entered since July that year.

Lawmakers attempted to revisit the topic in later legislative sessions.

Success took three years, hours of discussion and compromise: employers worried the legislation would go too far, while doctors and advocates feared it wouldn't do enough.

Lawmakers ultimately carved specialized physicians out of the ban on new noncompete agreements — applying it only to primary care physicians — but kept the scenarios that would invalidate an agreement applicable to all.

Those are if an employer terminates a physician's employment "without cause," if a physician leaves the job "for cause," or if the contract is expired and fulfilled.

Rep. Ethan Manning, a House cosponsor of the bill, said the term "primary care" can be defined "pretty broadly." And he hoped physicians would use that language to their advantage during negotiations.

"As far as litigation goes: personally, I hope it's interpreted as broadly as possible," Manning, R-Logansport, added.

Legislation sparks lawsuit and voluntary changes

Days after SEA 7 went into effect, a Hoosier doctor sued his employer to get out of a noncompete agreement: the law's first real-world test.

David Lankford is a Fort Wayne physician who previously worked for Lutheran Health System. In his lawsuit, he alleged that Lutheran laid off its non-intensive pediatric hospitalists and shifted those doctors' work to him and other intensivists.

He — and his lawyer, DeLaney — say that work was outside the scope of his contract, and argue that makes his noncompete agreement unenforceable under the new law.

Lutheran, meanwhile, says there was no breach of contract and the noncompete agreement is still effect. And the system says it was "directly harmed" when Lankford went to work for a "direct" competitor.

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If you have questions, please contact Andrea Mann at (260) 433-3417/andrea.abcstudio@gmail.com. You can also visit the Bluffton Street Fair Association Facebook page.

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OBITUARIES

Charles B. Bertsch, 62

Charles B. Bertsch, 62, of Bluffton, died Tuesday, Sept. 19, 2023, at his residence. Arrangements are pending with Goodwin - Cale & Harnish Memorial Chapel in Bluffton.

Randall K. Studebaker, 68

Randall K. "Randy" Studebaker, 68, of Bluffton, died Tuesday afternoon, Sept. 19, 2023, at Lutheran Hospital in Ft. Wayne following a short illness. Arrangements are pending with Goodwin - Cale & Harnish Memorial Chapel in Bluffton.

Police Notebook

INCIDENTS

City:
Tuesday, 3:42 p.m., 500 block of Cottonwood Court. Report of illegal dumping of trash.

Tuesday, 4:00 p.m., Hard-ees. Caller reported subject double parked vehicle. Owner contacted and vehicle moved to proper parking spot.

Tuesday, 5:45 p.m., Pak A Sak North. Report of a vehicle that struck a wagon with a child in it on Wabash Street. No medical attention needed, the child was fine.

Tuesday, 5:48 p.m., South Scott and East South streets. Report of three kids with a stroller jumping out at cars.

Tuesday, 6:37 p.m., North Main and East Market streets. Report of a missing four year old child. Child located and taken to mom.

Tuesday, 6:55 p.m., West South and South Williams streets. Report of ongoing issues with juveniles on bikes in roadway.

Tuesday, 7:42 p.m., Wells County Courthouse. A pink Apple airtag was located.

Tuesday, 8:15 p.m., Hard-ees. Report of three vehicles blocking callers vehicle in parking lot.

Tuesday, 8:50 p.m., Wells County Public Library. Caller reported a red bike was stolen.

Tuesday, 8:53 p.m., West South and South Morgan streets. Officer assisted subjects with locating their vehicle.

Tuesday, 10:07 p.m., 70 block of Capri Court. Caller reported a noise complaint.

Wednesday, 4:59 a.m., 70 block of Capri Court. Caller reported neighbor was being loud again. Neighbor advised he would stop yelling.

Wednesday, 11:14 a.m., Wells County Council On Aging. Report of signs pulled out and broken overnight.

Wednesday, 1:32 p.m., 300 block of Wabash Street. Report of subject previously warned for trespassing on property.

County:

Saturday, 7:50 p.m., 700 block of South 500 East. Report of a domestic disturbance between a woman and man. The woman ran from police officers into a field while holding a baby. She was reportedly intoxicated. Officers safely removed the baby and left it with its father. Luz Rodriguez-Hoyos was detained and preliminarily charged with resisting law enforcement, a Class A Misdemeanor, and disorderly conduct, a Class B Misdemeanor.

Sunday, 1:56 p.m., 300 block of South Cottonwood Court, Markle. Welfare check requested for callers daughter. Child was fine.

Sunday, 4:13 p.m., East 350 South and South 200 East, Bluffton. Caller requested report for damaged corn.

Monday, 1:31 a.m., Ind. 1 and 1100 North. Officer assisted with traffic stop with K-9 Leo, who alerted to drugs inside the vehicle after a free air sniff. Multiple packages of marijuana and a stack of cash was found in the vehicle. Marquan Centrell Smallwood was arrested for driving while suspended - prior, a Class A Misdemeanor, possession of marijuana, a Class B Misdemeanor, and possession of paraphernalia, a Class C Misdemeanor.

Monday, 8:05 a.m., Ind. 116 and South 600 East,

Bluffton. Caller reported striking a deer with van. Deer was removed from roadway.

Monday, 2:54 p.m., Bluffton Police Department. Subject reported unemployment fraud.

Monday, 4:14 p.m., 100 block of East Hall Street, Markle. Report of a flat sheet of metal stolen.

Monday, 4:44 p.m., 8500 South 900 West, Montpelier. Protective order served to Joshua Morris.

Monday, 5:22 p.m., 600 block of West Spring Street, Bluffton. Protective order served to Justin Wygant.

Monday, 9:35 p.m., South Hoosier Highway and East 250 South, Bluffton. Report of a vehicle broke down, driver advised she would have it towed.

Tuesday, 5:14 a.m., West 1100 North and North Marzane Road, Markle. Officer checked on vehicle possibly abandoned in roadway with hazard lights on and vehicle running. Officer found subject asleep behind the wheel. The subject tested positive for marijuana and admitted to having a dab pen. One person detained.

Tuesday, 11:06 a.m., 4200 Northwest Ind. 116, Markle. Multiple callers reported dogs in roadway. One caller reported someone struck one of the dogs and left. Animal shelter arrived and took the injured dog.

Ossian:
Saturday, 6:29 p.m., East Craig and North Jefferson streets, Ossian. Caller reported a bag with needles likely for diabetes treatment. Attempted to contact the name of the owner on the bag. Needles were turned into the Ossian Police Department.

Saturday, 10:55 p.m., 400 block of Highland Avenue, Ossian. Caller reported physical altercation with intoxicated male.

Monday, 11:31 a.m., 1400 East 400 North, Ossian. Report of subject on four wheeler in cemetery. Drug paraphernalia and a student ID card was located, students and parent contacted.

Monday, 5:28 p.m., North Jefferson and East Craig streets, Ossian. Caller reported daughter was "jumped" by three female juveniles at Ossian Days. Her daughter has a skull fracture.

Tuesday, 3:03 a.m., Ind 1 and East 800 North, Ossian. Driver issued ticket for driving 76 MPH in a 55 MPH zone. Driver has 72 hours to provide medical document showing he went home to take mother to hospital within 2 hours of stop.

Tuesday, 11:13 a.m., 11000 North 100 West, Ossian. Subject arrived at the jail to speak to deputy regarding custody issue.

ACCIDENTS

City:
Tuesday, 12:27 p.m., 2100 North Main Street. Patricia Holloway was reversing from a parking spot when her vehicle collided with a sign post. Damages not exceeding \$5,000.

Tuesday, 2:52 p.m., Old Creek Road and Highland Court. David Darling was driving Westbound on Old Creek Road when he stopped and reversed to look at a house for his job. Darling did not see a vehicle behind him and the rear end of his GMC Sierra collided with the front end of a Kia Forte driven by Brendon Foreman. Damages not exceeding \$5,000.



Cutting the ribbon are staff and residents of Biggs Property Management, chamber ambassadors and board members. (Photo submitted)

Chamber celebrates Lancaster Senior Apartments renovation

The Wells County Chamber of Commerce staff and ambassadors gathered on Sept. 18 to extend their heartfelt congratulations to Biggs Property Management for their remarkable efforts in rehabilitating the Lancaster Senior Apartments, located at 1800 Wayne Street in Bluffton. The ribbon-cutting ceremony celebrated the completion of this extensive renovation project, marking a significant improvement to local residents in the community.

Kevan Biggs, president and CEO of Biggs Property Management, expressed his gratitude to the residents and the dedicated team that made this project a reality. He acknowledged the patience and cooperation of the Lancaster Senior Apartments residents who endured the inconveniences caused by the renovations, emphasizing the importance of their involvement in the process.

Mr. Biggs also commended his dedicated team, as well as the subcontractors and suppliers who played a vital role in the successful rehabilitation. He particularly recognized the unique challenges posed by the COVID-19 pandemic, which required a swift adjustment of plans and resource allocation over the past several years.

The project's funding, which was instrumental in its completion, came from

the Indiana Housing and Community Development Authority in the form of a federal tax credit. Jacob Sipe, the executive director of IHCDA, was present at the event to represent the organization. He explained that the initiative aimed to preserve affordable housing properties that were originally financed by USDA, with the goal of bundling multiple properties for rehabilitation.

Sipe highlighted the unprecedented scale of the project, which ultimately resulted in the preservation of approximately 50 properties across Indiana, with 11 projects involving Biggs Property Management. This achievement required innovative financing solutions and collaborative efforts, demonstrating the commitment of both Biggs Property Management and IHCDA to ensure affordable and accessible housing for residents.

In his remarks, Sipe praised Kevan Biggs for his leadership and dedication to the housing industry, emphasizing that their partnership had not only preserved existing properties but also led to the creation of additional affordable housing units across the state.

The support of local officials was also acknowledged during the ceremony. The mayor and City Council members of Bluffton were commended for their unwavering support

throughout the project, highlighting the significance of community involvement in such initiatives.

Kevan Biggs expressed his commitment to continuing this work, indicating that two more properties are in the pipeline for rehabilitation. Additionally, he emphasized the need to extend similar partnership efforts to numerous other properties across the state,

which are currently deteriorating due to a lack of expertise and resources.

The completion of the Lancaster Senior Apartments renovation is a testament to the power of collaboration, innovative financing, and the dedication of all involved parties. It signifies a brighter future for affordable housing in Indiana and sets an inspiring example for future initiatives.

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Indiana Senate candidate files suit challenging law that may keep him off ballot

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — An egg farmer seeking the Republican nomination for Indiana's open U.S. Senate seat in 2024 filed a lawsuit Tuesday challenging the constitutionality of a state law that could prevent him from getting on the ballot.

John Rust, the chair of Seymour-based Rose Acre Farms, filed the lawsuit against Secretary of State Diego Morales, the Indiana Election Commission and Jackson County Republican Party Chair Amanda Lowery.

Rust told The Indianapolis Star he hopes the lawsuit will allow Indiana residents that identify with their party to run for office without following requirements in Indiana law on political party affiliation.

The law says a candidate's past two primary elections must be cast with the party the candidate is affiliated with or a county party chair must approve the candidacy. In the lawsuit filed in Marion Superior Court in Indianapolis, Rust states that this statute "should be struck down as being unconstitutionally vague and overly broad."

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Beyond the politics, a lesson from No Labels

As the political press continues to gear up for next year's presidential election, I've been struck by how little attention many national reporters have paid to a potential third-party bid by the group known as No Labels. The organization, which says it's committed to bipartisanship and political centrism, has secured ballot access in at least ten states, and appears positioned to do so in others, as well.



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This has Democrats worried. Third parties in presidential contests have mostly served either as afterthoughts or as spoilers, and it's not hard to see a No Labels presidential ticket taking votes from Democrats' likely nominee, Joe Biden, and assuring the election of the Republican candidate — probably Donald Trump. That's an unpalatable option for most Democrats and even many independents, and it may be why some prominent Republicans are pushing for a No Labels candidacy.

It's probably impossible for party leaders to leave strategic considerations aside, but for the rest of us, there are lessons for both parties in No Labels' traction this year. Many Americans are tired of the intense partisanship they see at the national and state levels. And for some voters, the policies the group is promoting seem to strike an attractive ideological balance.

These include policy prescriptions that call for reining in spending to keep the national debt from growing faster than the economy; regaining control of our borders but ensuring a path to citizenship; criminal justice reforms "so career criminals can't keep committing crimes" while at the same time, "keeping dangerous weapons away from dangerous people"; committing to make US students

number one globally in math and reading within a decade; and a bald statement that "no child should be forced to go to a failing school."

Now, as anyone with experience in creating policy will tell you, there is a big difference between promoting noble-sounding ideals and crafting legislation that will help the country live up to them. Or

to put it another way, the devil's in the details. To this end, I'm struck above all by No Labels' overarching key point — one that many politicians of both parties who are inclined toward the center have been trying to make for years: "America can't solve its biggest problems and deliver the results hardworking taxpayers want, need, and deserve unless Democrats and Republicans start working together side by side on bipartisan solutions."

There's no doubt that this is what a lot of Americans would prefer — and, ironically, it's what a lot of politicians could make happen without a third party nipping at their heels. In fact, it already is happening. The huge 2021 infrastructure bill? Bipartisan. A new effort to regulate AI? That's a Democratic senator from Connecticut and a Republican from Missouri working together. Modernizing STEM education? That's from a New Hampshire Democrat and a Tennessee Republican, also in the Senate.

Of course, work like this often flies under the radar. As fall wears on, it's more likely that what we'll be reading about in the press is the opposite: the House GOP's talk of impeaching President Biden because of — well, it's a little unclear why — and its continued brinkmanship over a potential government shutdown. Moreover, many ambitious politicians, looking for an edge, believe it's in their interest to stoke division, since they can raise funds from riled-up partisans and then drive election turnout by inflaming their base.

The problem is, that's no way to govern. Over the course of our history, bipartisanship has often produced better, longer-lasting legislation. It means a proposed law will reflect a wide range of views, win greater acceptance within a legislative body and among the public, and — just as important — last beyond the next change in power.

As voters, we don't need a third party to help us make this happen: We can choose political candidates of both parties who, in both their rhetoric and their values, show that they can and will work across the aisle. But if No Labels' appeal to ordinary voters can serve to remind politicians and their party leaders that there's a hunger for centrism and bipartisanship in the public at large, then that's all to the good.

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Today in History

By The Associated Press
Today is Thursday, Sept. 21, the 264th day of 2023. There are 101 days left in the year.

Today's Highlights in History: On Sept. 21, 1981, the Senate unanimously confirmed the nomination of Sandra Day O'Connor to become the first female justice on the Supreme Court.

On this date:
In 1792, the French National Convention voted to abolish the monarchy.
In 1937, "The Hobbit," by J.R.R. Tolkien, was first published.

In 1938, a hurricane struck parts of New York and New England, causing widespread damage and claiming some 700 lives.

In 1957, the legal mystery-drama "Perry Mason,"

starring Raymond Burr, premiered on CBS.

In 1961, the first Boeing CH-47 Chinook military helicopter made its first hovering flight.

In 1973, the Senate confirmed Henry Kissinger to be Secretary of State.

In 1982, National Football League players began a 57-day strike, their first regular-season walkout ever.

In 1985, in North Korea and South Korea, relatives who had been separated for decades were allowed to visit each other as both countries opened their borders in an unprecedented family-reunion program.

In 1989, Hurricane Hugo crashed into Charleston, South Carolina; the storm was blamed for 75 deaths in the Caribbean and the U.S.



John Fetterman makes the U.S. Senate safe for disgraceful slob

John Fetterman's Senate legacy is now set — he's the guy who made it possible to dress like a slob.

What the Missouri Compromise was to Henry Clay, what the Second Reply to Hayne was to Daniel Webster, what the Civil Rights Act of 1957 was to Lyndon Johnson, Carhartt sweatshirts and baggy shorts will be to John Fetterman.

The Pennsylvania senator is the poster boy — if self-indulgent sloppiness is your thing — for the Senate dropping a dress code that required senators to dress in business attire when appearing on the Senate floor.

Fetterman briefly complied with the rule by making the sacrifice of putting on a suit and tie after he was first elected. Then, he reverted to his standard uniform that makes it look like he just arrived after sitting on his couch, surrounded by empty pizza boxes, watching football games all weekend.

There's business casual, then there's Fetterman's garb. It wouldn't be acceptable at many fraternity events around the country. Philadelphia Eagles fans dress more carefully on game days. If he showed up at almost any service or working class job in America dressed this way, his supervisor would give him a stern talking to and insist that he have more respect for himself, his colleagues, and his customers.

But, as it happens, he's only a United States senator, so he can wear whatever he damn pleases.

When the history of the decline of American institutions is written, the jettisoning of the Senate dress code may not be more than a footnote, yet it will deserve mention.

It has long been remarked that it matters how we dress. Mark Twain is sometimes said to have written (in what's actually a paraphrase), "Clothes make the man. Naked people have little or no influence on society."

It turns out that slovenly people do, however.

The business suit as we know it had its origins in the court of British King Charles II. Then, the 19th-century British trendsetter Beau Brummell made an important contribution by simplifying the outfit.

After various twists and turns, by the mid-20th century in the United States, the modern suit had arrived. As an article in *The Atlantic* notes, "It appeared on everyone from cab drivers to business executives, and made all appear polished and professional."

The unraveling began several decades ago with the advent of Casual Friday, which eventually spread into Casual Everyday.

The Senate giving way to this ethos after a couple of centuries of a higher standard is a sign of the times.

We no longer reliably produce people willing to conform themselves to the norms and expectations of their institutions; personal brands are considered more important. And the leaders of institutions tend to lack the courage to insist on rules that may no longer fashionable, even if they still serve an important function.

It's not that John Fetterman is going to be a better or worse senator depending on how he dresses — he'll be a party-line vote regardless. But his dress speaks to how he regards his position.

This would be obvious in other contexts. If someone shows up at a funeral or a wedding in jeans and a T-shirt, it is taken, understandably, as a sign of disrespect, as an unwillingness to make the basic effort to acknowledge the solemnity of the occasion.

A session of the Senate isn't as fraught and meaningful as a wedding or a funeral, but it should be considered an event of some consequence. The history of the body stretches back to the beginning of the republic, and it is invested with considerable power. Dressing appropriately acknowledges this; dressing as if it's a bowling alley disregards it.

Would we take a judge as seriously without his or her robes? Or an officer of the law without his or her uniform?

Fetterman has won this battle, but at the price of beclowning himself and his institution — not that he cares.

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Angelkeep off the Street Fair midway

Meet friends. Elephant rides. Corn dogs. Parades. Yellow jackets. Games. Taffy apples. Bands. Fish sandwiches. Market Street Industrial Tent. Free acts. It all made your mind go Tilt-a-Whirl.

Some things never changed. The Industrial Tent's return to its original location brought back its carnival ambiance. Nothing like buying a fish sandwich or nacho potato and walking through the tent during the devouring. Angelkeep's done it this week. It's proved as nostalgic a part of Street Fair's experience as pausing for a long listen to the Street Fair Band.

Visiting the exhibits in the Community Building, or City Building's Gym, added to the nostalgia demand for Angelkeep. It once held school displays along with the flower, veg, and crop exhibits. Proud was the child who had a piece of school work exhibited in the show. School exhibits extended into the 1970s.

Angelkeep almost exhibited in 2023. Amid all the beautiful blossoms displayed in jars, cans, and bottles, were some of the largest and tallest plants of the Bluffton area. The first family of Villa North, the Williamsons, won many a prize for their pears, honey, and needlework back in early fair days. Angelkeep almost displayed Queen Anne's lace.

Is it a weed or flower?

Angelkeep considered multiple Queen Anne's entries. Angelkeep revisited an old school days' natural science experiment of placing a bloom of Queen Anne's lace in a

small amount of water with a high concentration of food coloring. Blooms wicked up water, and depending on the color of the water, the blossom changed from white to whatever. Such a 2023 entry would have been a nostalgic portrayal of both the floral and past school exhibits. Bluffton's former Indiana State Forester, Charles C. Deam, would have been proud.

Angelkeep recalled Street Fair "freak shows" when a freak bloom appeared on its driveway's edge. A natural combination Queen Anne's lace bloomed. It included, sprouting from the top of the mother blossom, a miniature addition, or a Princess Anne's lace bloom. It was unusual, to say the least. Sadly it occurred in mid-summer and could not be saved for the Street Fair flower show unless pressed, like the thousands of plants botanist Deam identified. How did Charlie Deam get so smart about classification? E. Bruce Williamson taught him as a Bluffton teenager. The "buddy" pair probably walked together at Street Fair consuming Gee Bow taffy, back in their day.

Angelkeep had an additional tallest-ever-seen growth of Queen Anne's lace. It reached upward beyond six feet. It might have looked the shrimp beside the twelve-foot



Alan Daugherty

stalks of field corn laid out on the Community Gym floor. It certainly had prize-winning stature for a Queen Anne's lace wildflower. Perhaps a six foot vase of clear plastic tubing could have been used to display this worthy entry in the Street Fair flower exhibit. A blue ribbon for uniqueness, at least.

The Williamson family members won \$1 prizes for first place. With nearly \$10 required for one good Street Fair sandwich, that \$1 seemed paltry. That bygone buck of 110 years ago inflated to \$32 for 2023's mid-way mad money.

Angelkeep never knew what it might see when entering the gym doors for this year's exhibit. True to its past, it offered nice surprises. It smelled of nostalgia in a good way. This exhibit beat standing in the intersection of North Main and Riley looking westward to recall the outside show lineup of the girlie tent attractions.

You didn't find any Angelkeep entries in the Community Building if you already enjoyed that Free Street Fair option.

You might have spotted Angelkeep standing beside the Bluffton Street Fair Band circled in the center of a busy street. Take in the sounds of excellence being played by an entire band made up of professional musicians. The band included professors to philharmonic members. They've always been superb.

What did Angelkeep carry home? Kettle Corn or Butterscotch Caramel Corn? One of each?

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

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God remains God and His ways always work

A gravestone isn't something I ever gave much thought to, it's something I thought was distant and in the future, but events last year changed that.

That first year after Daniel passed it just didn't fall into place for me to order a headstone. I knew most people have it ready to set at the one-year mark, but for me it just didn't seem to click.

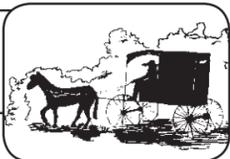
This summer I dug out the tombstone advertisement paper my dad had picked up for me in Robinson. Moments later, I was studying the paper in my hand. I knew the time was getting closer and it would be good for me to face it. With a prayer in my heart, I contemplated on the wording, design, and all.

Part of my being wanted to say, "Isn't a stone so earthly?" It is where we laid his body, yet surely he is much more alive in heaven than he was on earth, as we are reminded in 2 Corinthians 5:8 where it says, "To be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord."

Even for the sake of the children I knew in my heart we need to keep moving forward in this stage

The Amish Cook

by Gloria Yoder



of life.

"I'll have all your names printed on the back of the stone," I explained to the children, "That is what daddy would want. You were all very important to him." The idea was pleasing to them.

Then of course a tree would have to be incorporated somewhere. Not only was Daniel preparing to plant new trees when he got hurt; only 13 hours earlier, he shared a devotional at a hymn singing about those trusting in the Lord will be as a tree planted by waters and won't wilt in year of drought. The next part is especially close to my heart. The individual who trusts God and asks for the Holy Spirit will watered by the Spirit himself and will never stop yielding fruit. Those verses in Jeremiah 17:7 and 8 which he expounded still echo through my mind and spur me on to keep trusting and asking for His Spirit.

Now I look at the gravestone pictures before me once more, per-

haps I should place those verses under the children's names, signifying this promise for their hearts day by day, year in and year out?

Preparing and setting the tombstone is not what I ever dreamed of doing for my husband. Still I am most thankful for that opportunity to show love to our dear daddy and husband, and especially to be reminded that God remains God and His ways always work, no matter how hard we cry. Like a dear widow friend shared with me recently, "If we do not thank God for taking our husband we are saying we know better than he does." I had never thought about it that way, yet in my heart when she said that, I knew the absolute joy and freedom of not only giving a burden to God, but also thanking him for it even when it feels unreasonable to do so. It opens the well-spring of blessings to be spilled right upon you.

Gateways of connection with God are opened at that simple act of trust by thanking God.

I admit, I get super tested with thanking God for all His ways. Little Joshua is processing deeper levels of missing his daddy. It's heart renting to hear his sobs, knowing that I can never be both mom and dad for him.

Snuggling with Daniel's night shirts have a way of soothing and calming him. I use it to wipe his tears- we know Daddy would care so much! Knowing he needs extra love I told him he could sleep with me for a few weeks. Last night he snuggled up close to me and said, "Here mom, you may take this side of Daddy's shirt!"

Okay, last but not least I'll give you a Pumpkin Cheesecake recipe I made in the first year of our marriage. Enjoy!

Pumpkin Cheesecake
1 pkg cake mix



1/2 c butter
3 pkg (8oz) cream cheese
1 (14 Oz) can condensed milk
2 cups pumpkin puree
4 eggs
1 tablespoon cinnamon
8 oz whipped topping
1 small pkg sliced almonds (opt)
Combine cake mix and butter. Press into the bottom of a 10 inch spring form pan. Combine next 5 ingredients:mix well. Pour over crust. Bake at 375 for 65-70 minutes or until set. Cool. Remove from pan. Spread whipped topping on top. Garnish with sliced almonds.

A Talk with Tego



Nala is a four-month-old, domestic short hair, tiger female.



Jewels is a five-month-old, domestic short hair, black and white female.



Dodge is a five-month-old, gray tabby male.



Tego

Tego's Tips: All adoption prices are still half off until the end of September!

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

Helping children stay healthy for life

Also: Risks of exercising in extreme heat

Question: I want to make sure I set my 6-year-old daughter up for success in school and as a young adult. Can you offer some suggestions about lifestyle choices that can improve her development and health?
— Nancy T., Madison, Wisconsin

Answer: Research reveals that there are profound connections between screen time, physical activity, sleep habits and nutrition and how children do in school and how their health evolves through adulthood. And as with adults, when those lifestyle habits are unhealthy, children are at risk for obesity, diabetes, premature heart disease and cognition problems.

• **Screen time:** A study in the journal Pediatrics followed kids ages 5 to 15 and found that the more TV they watched, the more likely they were to develop metabolic syndrome as middle-aged adults. That's a cluster of problems, including high blood pressure, elevated glucose levels, excess belly fat, elevated LDL cholesterol and low HDL cholesterol, that lead to heart disease, cognition problems and diabetes.

• **Exercise:** Children ages 6-17 need 60 minutes of exercise five days a week. The United States Youth Risk Behavior Survey found that 52 percent of adolescents who got that much aerobic exercise often achieved As in school; only 12 percent of non-exercisers were A students. In addition, a study in The Lancet found that 12-16 year olds who didn't exercise were more likely to contend with depression once they were out of their teens.

• **Sleep:** When researchers examined 4,000 kids ages 9 and 10 who got less than the recommended nine-plus hours of sleep nightly, they found structural changes in their brain and increased impulsivity, stress, depression, anxiety, aggressive behavior and trouble with decision making, conflict solving, working memory and learning.

• **Nutrition:** Studies



show that kids' diets that stop sweating. Emergency

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

are high in saturated fats interfere with learning and memory and eating a healthy breakfast every day improves concentration and memory in the classroom. Plus, when pre-adolescents' follow the MIND Diet (heavy on fresh fruit, vegetables, beans, lentils, and peas, leafy greens and berries), they have better focus.

Question: My husband insists on exercising outdoors despite the excessive heat warnings here in Arizona. He's 57 and in pretty good shape, but I still think he should workout at a gym. What can I do to convince him? — Fran R., Phoenix

Answer: First, whether you're in good shape or have serious chronic health conditions, extreme heat can send you to the hospital or an early grave — just read the reports of people from ages 14 to 71 who have died while hiking in Nevada, California, Texas and Arizona.

Dehydration, heat exhaustion and heat stroke are the most obvious risks. Heat exhaustion happens because of excessive loss of water and salt, causing headache and elevated body temperature. Heat stroke happens when your body temperature rises rapidly to 106 F or higher and you

treatment is needed to prevent permanent disability or death.

But being out in excessive heat can also trigger flare-ups of chronic conditions such as migraine, arthritis, asthma, kidney disease, high blood pressure, Type 2 diabetes, and cardiovascular disease. Mental health problems can also increase, as can the risk of being injured at work, having a heart attack, or getting an infection.

Then there's the double trouble caused by the 1,000 wildfires burning in Canada. The addition of severe small particle air pollution to extreme heat makes outdoor activities even more dangerous. A study published in the journal Circulation found that the risk of fatal heart attacks double on days that have both high temperatures and fine particulate pollution.

So share this information with your husband — but I want to make it clear that it's essential to keep exercising regularly at home (with AC and HEPA air filters) or at the gym. The health risks from not exercising are as profound as those from exercising in temps above 90 F or 100 F and in polluted air. Being inactive ups the chance of developing cancer, osteoporosis, diabetes, heart disease, depression and dementia.



Playing at the pulse

Now on stage at the Pulse Opera House in Warren is the Sherlock Holmes production of "The Baker Street Irregulars," featuring kids from Huntington, Wabash, Fort Wayne, Hartford City and Warren. Curtains times are at 8 p.m. on Friday and Saturdays, with 4 p.m. performances on Saturday and Sunday (Sept. 22-Oct. 1). Pictured left to right in the back row are Morgan Blair, Bobby Shull, Harrison Hensley and Padraic McCarthy with Sophia Miner and Eloise Walter in front. Admission is \$15 for adults and \$5 for children under 12. (Photo provided)

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Fuess, Mann help lift Knights to big win over 10-1 Patriots

By RYAN WALKER

The Norwell girls' soccer team took down the likely ACAC conference champion Heritage 5-1 at home Wednesday night.

With the win, the Knights improved to a 10-3-1 record with just two matches to go in the regular season. It came against the top team in the ACAC with the Patriots boasting a 10-1 record entering the match and halting their 10-game win streak.

Head coach Dan Batdorff thought the offense had a great night attacking the ball with swift passes to get through the defense. On the defensive side, he wasn't as happy with the chances Heritage got throughout the night, making mistakes and not clearing the ball out quickly enough.

"I thought we did some really good things," Batdorff said after the match. "I was disappointed that we made a lot of dumb mistakes. But overall, I think we're coming together in a lot of ways. I thought our defense gave way too much tonight — Too many opportunities."

Luckily for Norwell, goalie Gracie Rinkenberger erased the mishaps with only one goal allowed. The goal was a one-on-one penalty kick against the Patriots' top scorer Nin Way, who notched her 28th of the season. The ball hit the top and side crossbar before crossing the goalline in a perfect spot.

Rinkenberger has been an anchor for Batdorff's defense, especially down the stretch in her senior year. In the last five games, she's allowed two goals and 1.07 goals for the season.

Batdorff had high praises for his net-minder. He mentioned her on-the-field skill but also her leadership and ability to get her team fired up, just as she did when making

two incredible saves at DeKalb on Monday.

"Gracie brings it every night," Batdorff said. "Gracie doesn't have an off night. The game at DeKalb the other night, to watch her in the shootout, blocking two amazing first two shots. It just gave us that momentum, and ended up winning the game. But that's Gracie every night."

On offense, the Knights were led by Makenzie Fuess' hat trick, thanks to some solid passing by Grace Mann for two assists.

At the start of the second half, Mann took the initial kick and sent it to Fuess, who dribbled down the field and scored 15 seconds in.

About three minutes later, Fuess added another goal with Mann passing to her on a through ball past the Heritage defense.

With the two combining for five points, it's evident there's a special connection between the two.

"I mean, you saw Grace and Makenzie put on the show they can do," Batdorff said. "To start the second half, dribbling right through the entire team and making give-and-go passes. It's stuff that we've been working on, and they've really come together on."

The two are neck-and-neck in the scoring title, sitting at 17 goals each. Batdorff said they connect well with one another on the field, but he thinks something's brewing down the stretch.

"They support each other, for the most part," Batdorff said. "I mean, you see, going up and down there I think they both want to win that scoring title."

Mann had two goals on her own to round out the scoring.

Norwell will host Huntington North at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, Sept. 25.

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Norwell's Makenzie Fuess (left) plays defense against Heritage's Ava Smith (right) Wednesday. Fuess scored a hat trick to help lift the Knights to a 5-1 victory over the ACAC's top girls' soccer team. (Photos by Ryan Walker)



Knights' goaltender Gracie Rinkenberger makes a save during the match against Heritage. The senior allowed only one goal, her second over the last five games.



Norwell's Bodie Zimmer returns the ball on a backhand Wednesday afternoon at home against Huntington North. Zimmer lost his match to Vikings' No. 2 singles player Isaac Pflieger, and the Knights lost 4-1 overall. (Photo by Ryan Walker)

Sports Roundup

Tigers top Braves in boys' tennis game

Bluffton defeated Bellmont 4-1 on the road in a nonconference matchup Wednesday afternoon.

Results

- Anthony Hartman (Bl) defeated Hayden Huss 6-3, 6-0 at No. 1 singles.
- Nolan Lambert (Bl) defeated Bryson Ball 6-3, 6-1 at No. 2 singles.
- Layne LeMaster (Be) defeated Lance Moser 6-2, 6-3 at No. 3 singles.
- Kade Abbott and Ben Maggard (Bl) defeated James Miller and Kaden Ramsey 6-1, 6-2 at No. 1 doubles.
- Dane Schlagenhaut and Coy Lantz (Bl) defeated Larry Knous and Ben Mendoza 6-3, 6-0 at No. 2 doubles.

Bluffton tied the junior varsity match 1-1.

Results for JV

- Alex Maggard (Bl) defeated Braxton Jarvis 6-3.
 - Braxton Jarvis (Be) defeated Grant Reifsteck 7-5.
- Bluffton defeated Bellmont 4-1 and tied the JV match 1-1.
- Bluffton will be at Concordia at 5 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 21.

Knights fall to Vikings in NE8 conference tennis match

Norwell fell to Huntington North 4-1 Wednesday afternoon at home. The match was postponed and resumed from Tuesday due to rain.

With the loss, the Knights fall to 11-3 on the season (4-2 NE8).

Results

- Max Fusselman (HN) defeated Grant Mishler 6-2, 6-1 at No. 1 singles.
- Isaac Pflieger (HN) defeated Bodie

Zimmer at No. 2 singles 5-7, 7-5, 7-5 at No. 2 singles.

- Matthew Daas (HN) defeated Gavin Reynolds 6-0, 6-0 at No. 3 singles.
 - Jaden Payne and Jake Hoover (N) defeated Dale Schweller and Mason Kline 4-6, 6-3, 7-6, 9-7 at No. 1 doubles.
 - Quinn Young and Peyton Huff (HN) defeated Eddie Archbold and Ayden Quintanilla 3-6, 6-3, 6-4 at No. 2 doubles.
- Norwell also lost the junior varsity match 5-2.

JV Results

- Isaac Pflieger (HN) defeated Braylon Trout 8-5.
 - Isaiah Bordeaux (HN) defeated Christian Weling 8-1.
 - Brayden Mayer (HN) defeated Philip Mayer 8-1.
 - Rylan Heyerly and Ethan Williamson (N) defeated Isaac Grogg and Charlie Lilly 8-5.
 - Ryan Ewing and Landon Diver (N) defeated Andrew Lochmaier and Noah Bolinger 9-7.
 - Eli Carter and Lnden Pearson (HN) defeated Kabyn Peterson and Alex Baker 8-0.
 - Matthew Gross and unknown (HN) defeated Jasper Kreigh and Christian Werling 8-3.
- Norwell will be at Leo starting at 5 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 21.

Green Valley Golf League Florida Scramble results

Wayne Close was the closest to pin and made the longest putt at Tuesday's Green Valley Senior Golf League.

Steve Folk, Jim Zimmerman Tom Nahlword, and Arlen Pitts were the winning team at five under.

Bears defensive coordinator Alan Williams resigns, says he has to take care of his health and family

By ANDREW SELIGMAN
AP Sports Writer

LAKE FOREST, Ill. (AP) — The Chicago Bears' season took an unexpected turn Wednesday when defensive coordinator Alan Williams resigned for what he said were personal reasons.

"I am taking a step back to take care of my health and my family," he said in a statement. "I appreciate the opportunity to work with the Chicago Bears, a storied NFL franchise with a rich history."

Williams' resignation was part of a wild day at Halas Hall, with quarterback Justin Fields indicating he is being given too much information by the coaching staff and thinking too much as a result rather than trusting his instincts. Fields said later in the locker room that his quotes were taken out of context and that he is not blaming the coaches.

Williams' departure comes just two games into his second season with the Bears. He missed last week's loss at Tampa Bay

after working the opener against Green Bay.

Chicago-based attorney Andrew M. Stroth insisted Williams resigned for health and family reasons. He told The Associated Press neither Williams nor his family are facing any legal issues.

"They're not facing them at the moment, and they're not gonna be facing them," Stroth said.

Stroth has worked with sports figures and personalities for 25 years, negotiating business partnerships for Dwyane Wade, Chris Bosh, Michael Vick and Donovan McNabb. The list includes Cubs great Ernie Banks and several Bears, such as former coach Lovie Smith. Stroth is also a civil rights attorney.

He would not say how long he has worked with Williams.

"Coach Williams has tremendous respect for the NFL shield," Stroth said. "He's got tremendous respect and relationships throughout the Bears organization and the McCaskey family. Coach Williams decided he needed to take

a step back because of the personal health and family matter."

Coach Matt Eberflus called the defensive plays in Williams' absence and figures to do so again when the Bears (0-2) visit Patrick Mahomes and the Kansas City Chiefs (1-1) on Sunday.

In his statement, Williams thanked the McCaskey family, which owns the team, as well as Eberflus, general manager Ryan Poles

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High School Calendar

- THURSDAY, SEPT 21**
BOYS SOCCER: Norwell at Heritage, 6:15 p.m.
BOYS TENNIS: Norwell at Leo, 5 p.m.; Bluffton at Concordia, 5 p.m.
VOLLEYBALL: DeKalb at Norwell, 7:30 p.m.; Eastbrook at Bluffton, 6 p.m.; Southern Wells at Whitko, 6 p.m.
FRIDAY, SEPT 22
FOOTBALL: East Noble at Norwell, 7 p.m.; Southern Wells at Bluffton, 7 p.m.
GIRLS GOLF: (regional) Norwell, Bluffton at Noble Hawk, 8:30 a.m.
SATURDAY, SEPT 23
BOYS SOCCER: Columbia City at Norwell, 11:30 a.m.
BOYS TENNIS: Norwell at Delta Varsity

- Invitational, 9 a.m.
CROSS COUNTRY (CO-ED): Norwell, Bluffton, Southern Wells at Huntington University, 9 a.m.
VOLLEYBALL: ACAC Tournament, Bluffton, Southern Wells at Heritage, 9 a.m.
MONDAY, SEPT 25
BOYS SOCCER: Norwell at Huntington North, 6:30 p.m.
GIRLS SOCCER: Huntington North at Norwell, 6:30 p.m.
VOLLEYBALL: Norwell at Adams Central, 7:30 p.m.; Bluffton at New Haven, 6 p.m.; Southern Wells at Tri-Central, 6 p.m.
TUESDAY, SEPT 26
BOYS TENNIS: (Sectional) Bluffton, Norwell at Norwell 4:30 p.m. TBD.

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BASEBALL

American League

East Division				
W	L	Pct	GB	
z-Baltimore	95	57	.625	
z-Tampa Bay	93	60	.608	2½
Toronto	85	67	.559	10
New York	76	76	.500	19
Boston	75	78	.490	20½

Central Division				
W	L	Pct	GB	
Minnesota	81	72	.529	
Cleveland	72	81	.471	9
Detroit	70	81	.464	10
Chicago	58	95	.379	23
Kansas City	51	102	.333	30

West Division				
W	L	Pct	GB	
Houston	85	68	.556	
Seattle	84	68	.553	½
Texas	84	68	.553	½
Los Angeles	69	83	.454	15½
Oakland	46	106	.303	38½

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Chicago	79	73	.520	7
Cincinnati	79	75	.513	8
Pittsburgh	71	81	.467	15
St. Louis	67	85	.441	19

West Division				
W	L	Pct	GB	
x-Los Angeles	93	57	.620	
Arizona	81	72	.529	13½
San Francisco	76	76	.500	18
San Diego	75	78	.490	19½
Colorado	56	96	.368	38

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Washington 4, Chicago White Sox 3
Miami 4, N.Y. Mets 3
Atlanta 9, Philadelphia 3
Minnesota 7, Cincinnati 0
Chicago Cubs 14, Pittsburgh 1
Milwaukee 7, St. Louis 3
Arizona 8, San Francisco 4
San Diego 2, Colorado 0
L.A. Dodgers 3, Detroit 2

Wednesday's Games
Minnesota 5, Cincinnati 3
Philadelphia 6, Atlanta 5, 10 innings
Washington 13, Chicago White Sox 3
Arizona 7, San Francisco 1
San Diego 3, Colorado 2
N.Y. Mets 8, Miami 3
Milwaukee 8, St. Louis 2
Pittsburgh 13, Chicago Cubs 7
Detroit at L.A. Dodgers, late

Thursday's Games
Milwaukee (Miley 8-4) at St. Louis (Mikolas 7-12), 1:15 p.m.
Atlanta (Fried 7-1) at Washington (Irvin 3-6), 7:05 p.m.
N.Y. Mets (Peterson 3-8) at Philadelphia (Suárez 3-6), 7:15 p.m.
Pittsburgh (Oviedo 8-14) at Chicago Cubs (Hendricks 6-7), 7:40 p.m.
San Francisco (Harrison 1-1) at L.A. Dodgers (Sheehan 3-1), 10:10 p.m.

Friday's Games
Colorado at Chicago Cubs, 2:20 p.m.
Milwaukee at Miami, 6:40 p.m.
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No. 1 Las Vegas 2, No. 8 Chicago Sky 0			
Wednesday, Sept. 13: Las Vegas 87, Chicago 59			
Sunday, Sept. 17: Las Vegas 92, Chicago 70			
No. 2 New York 2, No. 7 Washington 0			
Friday, Sept. 15: New York 90, Washington 75			
Tuesday, Sept. 19: New York 90, Washington 85, OT			
No. 3 Connecticut 2, No. 6 Minnesota 1			
Wednesday, Sept. 13: Connecticut 90, Minnesota 60			
Sunday, Sept. 17: Minnesota 82, Connecticut 75			
Wednesday, Sept. 20: Connecticut 90, Minnesota 75			
No. 4 Dallas 2, No. 5 Atlanta 0			
Friday, Sept. 15: Dallas 94, Atlanta 82			
Tuesday, Sept. 19: Dallas 101, Atlanta 74			

Semifinals (Best-of-5)
Connecticut/Minnesota vs. New York

Sunday, Sept. 24: Connecticut at New York, 1 p.m.
Tuesday, Sept. 26: Connecticut at New York, 8 p.m.
Friday, Sept. 29: New York at Connecticut, 7:30 p.m.
x-Sunday, Oct. 1: New York at Connecticut, TBD

x-Tuesday, Oct. 3: Connecticut at New York, TBD
Dallas vs. Las Vegas
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Tuesday, Sept. 26: Dallas at Las Vegas, 10 p.m.
Friday, Sept. 29: Las Vegas at Dallas, 9:30 p.m.

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Finals (Best-of-5)
Oct. 8-20

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Cash 5 — 01-20-29-33-45

Lotto Plus — 15-17-25-32-38-42

Cash4Life — 10-15-41-43-51, Cash Ball: 04

Quick Draw Midday — 12-13-16-20-21-26-31-32-42-50-51-53-56-59-68-71-72-75-77-79, BE: 72

Daily Three-Midday — 00-00-02, SB: 08

Daily Three-Evening — 04-08-03, SB: 00

Daily Four-Midday — 08-05-03-00, SB: 08

Daily Four-Evening — 02-05-06-09, SB: 00

Quick Draw Evening — 10-11-22-23-24-25-30-32-46-49-55-57-60-61-66-68-71-74-79-80, BE: 61

Hoosier Lotto — 01-10-25-27-31-40

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16-27-59-62-63 Powerball: 23; Power Play: 3X

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Pursuant to Indiana Code § 6-1.1-20-5, notice is hereby given that the Board of School Trustees of the Norwell Community Schools, formerly known as Northern Wells Community Schools has preliminarily determined to issue bonds in one or more series in the aggregate amount not to exceed \$6,105,000 to fund the proposed renovation of and improvements to facilities throughout the School Corporation, including site and athletic improvements and the purchase of equipment and technology.

Dated: September 14, 2023
/s/ Secretary,
Board of School Trustees
Norwell Community Schools
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STATE OF INDIANA)
COUNTY OF WELLS)
IN THE WELLS)
CIRCUIT COURT)
2023 TERM)
CAUSE NO:)
90D01-2308-MI-000019)
IN THE MATTER OF)
LISA MICHELLE JACK,)
Petitioner.)
NOTICE OF PETITION FOR CHANGE OF NAME BY LISA MICHELLE JACK

Notice is hereby given that Lisa Michelle Jack (f/k/a Lisa Michelle Baker and Lisa Michelle Beer) filed a Petition for Change of Name in the Wells Circuit Court in the captioned case. Said Petition asks the Court to change the name of Lisa Michelle Jack to Lisa Michelle Satterfield. Any and all persons having objections to said Petition may appear at the hearing in the Wells Circuit Court, 102 W. Market St. #301 Bluffton, IN 46714 on the 26th day of October, 2023 at 3:00 p.m. or file written objections with the Court prior to said hearing date.

Dated September 8, 2023
Beth Davis
Clerk of the Wells Circuit Court
nb 9/21, 9/28, 10/5
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NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS OF ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS
Notice is hereby given the taxpayers of Wells County, Indiana, that the County Council of said County, will meet at the Courthouse Annex in Bluffton, Indiana at 7:00 O'clock p.m. on Tuesday, the 3rd day of October 2023, to consider the following additional appropriations more than the budget for the current year.

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Notice is hereby given that the AREA PLAN COMMISSION will hold a Public Hearing in Conference Room 105 in the Wells Carnegie Government Annex, 223 W. Washington St., in the City of Bluffton, IN at 7:00 o'clock P.M. on the 5th day of October, 2023, for the purpose of reviewing and hearing comment on the request of JLE Equestrian LLC, Bolinger Contracting LLC, and Uniondale Warehouse LLC, in Uniondale, IN 46791 for the purpose of a rezoning.

Current Zoning: I-1
Proposed Zoning: I-2
Common Location: The subject property is located at 6025 N Main, 708 W Railroad, & W of 708 W Railroad, Uniondale, Indiana. 46791

Brief Legal: The subject property is described as 1.05 ac and 0.32 ac NW/4 1-27N-11E & 3.37 ac SE/4 36-28N-11E in Rock Creek & Union Township of Wells County.

Dated this 15th day of September, 2023
WELLS COUNTY AREA PLAN COMMISSION
Michael Lautzenheiser, Jr., Director
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Panel: torture made 9/11 defendant psychotic

A judge will rule whether he can stand trial

WASHINGTON (AP) — A military medical panel has concluded that one of the five 9/11 defendants held at the Guantanamo Bay naval base has been rendered delusional and psychotic by the torture he underwent years ago while in CIA custody.

The findings heighten uncertainty over whether Ramzi bin al-Shibh, who has long complained he was under attack by invisible rays at Guantanamo, will stand trial. A military judge, Col. Matthew McCall, is expected to rule as soon as Thursday whether al-Shibh's mental issues render him incompetent to take part in the proceedings against him.

Defense lawyers argue that the best hope of al-Shibh, a Yemeni accused of organizing one cell of the Sept. 11, 2001, hijackers, regaining competency to stand trial is a step that some Americans are likely to find distasteful: for him to be provided with post-torture trauma care and no longer subject to solitary confinement.

Al-Shibh's newly disclosed diagnosis — post-traumatic stress disorder with secondary psychotic features — is the latest development to show how the George W. Bush administration's approval

of abusive interrogation of alleged al-Qaida attackers is complicating U.S. efforts to try the men more than two decades later.

On Wednesday, al-Shibh's lead attorney, David Bruck, told the courtroom that the diagnosis is creating "a moment of truth" and an opportunity for the country to take into account the harm that was done by allowing torture.

On Sept. 6, the White House said President Joe Biden had declined to approve or deny demands presented by defense lawyers in plea negotiations to settle the case. They were seeking guarantees that all five men would get care for the physical and mental damage of their torture, and would be spared solitary confinement going forward.

Biden was unsettled about accepting terms for the plea from those responsible for the deadliest assault on the United States since Pearl Harbor, a White House National Security Council official said. The official spoke on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to speak publicly.

Defense and prosecution attorneys had been negotiating a possible deal that would have the defendants plead guilty in exchange for

being spared the death penalty. Some family members of 9/11 victims objected to the plea negotiations. Conservatives faulted the Biden administration for allowing the negotiations.

Al-Shibh's mental issues meant he was not included in the plea negotiations. Any future plea negotiations are on hold at least until the military commission gets a new presiding military official next month, lawyers said.

No trial date has been set for the five defendants after more than a decade of proceedings. Logistical challenges and legal questions have slowed the commission at Guantanamo. That includes the question of how much evidence has been rendered inadmissible by torture while they were in CIA custody. The case has had a succession of military judges, with the fourth announcing Wednesday that he will retire in April.

The charges accuse alleged lead conspirator Khalid Sheikh Mohammed and the other four of helping orchestrate the killings of 2,976 people on Sept. 11, 2001. Al-Qaida attackers commandeered commercial aircraft and flew them into the World Trade Center, the Pentagon and, when passengers thwarted one attack, a field in Pennsylvania.

The Associated Press monitored the military commission's hearings in Cuba

on Wednesday via a relay provided by the Pentagon.

The five defendants are being prosecuted jointly. Wednesday was the first time in more than a year the men were in the Guantanamo commission room together.

Bruck pointed to what he said was al-Shibh's solitary confinement over four years in detention at CIA black sites, and torture that included his being forced to stand sleepless for as long as three days at a time, naked except for a diaper and doused with cold water in air-conditioned rooms, for the man's lasting belief that guards at Guantanamo were subjecting him to unseen attacks to deprive him of sleep.

Prosecutor Clayton Trivett and the judge acknowledged what they said were the man's persistent demands for an end to the invisible attacks over the years. Bruck estimated that al-Shibh's defense team spent as much as 90% of its time dealing with al-Shibh's mental challenges and trying to show him it was taking his complaints of invisible attacks seriously.

Al-Shibh is currently being held in disciplinary solitary confinement at Guantanamo, after staging a protest in his cell about the invisible attacks, Bruck said. The defense lawyer said the event did not injure others but gave no details.

NASA spacecraft delivering biggest sample yet

By **MARCIA DUNN**
AP Aerospace Writer

Planet Earth is about to receive a special delivery — the biggest sample yet from an asteroid.

A NASA spacecraft will fly by Earth on Sunday and drop off what is expected to be at least a cupful of rubble it grabbed from the asteroid Benu, closing out a seven-year quest.

The sample capsule will parachute into the Utah desert as its mothership, the Osiris-Rex spacecraft, zooms off for an encounter with another asteroid.

Scientists anticipate getting about a half pound of pebbles and dust, much more than the teaspoon or so brought back by Japan from two other asteroids. No other country has fetched pieces of asteroids, preserved time capsules from the dawn of our solar system that can help explain how Earth — and life — came to be.

Sunday's landing concludes a 4 billion-mile journey highlighted by the rendezvous with the carbon-rich Benu, a unique pogo stick-style touchdown and sample grab, a jammed lid that sent some of the stash spilling into space, and now the return of NASA's first asteroid samples.

"I ask myself how many heart-pounding moments can you have in one lifetime because I feel like I might be hitting my limit," said the University of Arizona's Dante Lauretta, the mis-

sion's lead scientist.

Asteroid chaser Osiris-Rex blasted off on the \$1 billion mission in 2016. It arrived at Benu in 2018 and spent the next two years flying around the small spinning space rock and scouting out the best place to grab samples. Three years ago, the spacecraft swooped in and reached out with its 11-foot stick vacuum, momentarily touching the asteroid's surface and sucking up dust and pebbles. The device pressed down with such force and grabbed so much that rocks became wedged around the rim of the lid. As samples drifted off into space, Lauretta and his team scrambled to get the remaining material into the capsule. The exact amount inside won't be known until the container is opened.

Discovered in 1999, Benu is believed to be a remnant of a much larger asteroid that collided with another space rock. It's barely one-third of a mile wide, roughly the height of the Empire State Building, and its black rugged surface is packed with boulders. Roundish in shape like a spinning top, Benu orbits the sun every 14 months, while rotating every four hours. Scientists believe Benu holds leftovers from the solar system's formation 4.5 billion years ago. It may come dangerously close and strike Earth on Sept. 24, 2182 — exactly 159 years after the asteroid's first pieces arrive. Osiris-Rex's up-close study

can help humanity figure out how to deflect Benu if needed, Lauretta said.

Osiris-Rex will release the sample capsule from 63,000 miles out, four hours before it's due to touch down at the Defense Department's Utah Test and Training Range on Sunday morning. The release command will come from spacecraft builder Lockheed Martin's control center in Colorado. Soon afterward, the mothership will steer away and take off to explore another asteroid. The capsule — nearly 3 feet wide and 1.6 feet tall — will hit the atmosphere at 27,650 mph for the final 13 minutes of descent remaining. The main parachute will slow the last mile, allowing for a mild 11 mph touchdown. Once everything is deemed safe, the capsule will be hustled by helicopter to a makeshift clean lab at the range. The next morning, a plane will carry the sealed container full of rubble to Houston, home to NASA's Johnson Space Center. NASA is livestreaming the touchdown, set for around 10:55 a.m. EDT.

A new lab at Johnson will be limited to the Benu rubble to avoid cross-contamination with other collections, said NASA curator Kevin Righter. Building 31 already holds the moon rocks brought back by the Apollo astronauts from 1969 through 1972, as well as comet dust and specks of solar wind collected during two previous missions and Mars mete-

orites found in Antarctica. The asteroid samples will be handled inside nitrogen-purging gloveboxes by staff in head-to-toe clean room suits. NASA plans a splashy public reveal of Benu's riches on Oct. 11.

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BIDDING NOW OPEN AND STARTS CLOSING SEPTEMBER 26 - 6 p.m. EST - Leo Thieme, owner. Real estate 6 p.m.: 1,780 sq. feet, full basement, 3 bedroom, 2 full bath home, oversize 2 car attached garage, 3 acres, 6850 E. 700 N, Decatur. Personal property 6:30 p.m.: 2007 Dodge Grand Caravan, 131k miles, appliances, antiques, collectibles, furniture, fish and animal mounts, household items, tools, etc. *Krueckeberg Auction & Realty LLC*, [Kjauction.com](https://www.kjauction.com), 260-724-7402.

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Sept. 28, Oct. 5, from 3-6 p.m., 601 E. St. Rd. 124, Monroe. Sale manager, Patrick Carter, The Steffen Group Inc., www.steffengrp.com, 260-824-3006.

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