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Butler wins 14th annual Street Fair Idol event

By DAVE SCHULTZ

Kristin Butler, a 22-year-old from Fort Wayne, had a moment on the stage of the Street Fair Idol program Saturday night.

Butler came out on the stage, grabbed the microphone, and let the audience hear it. As Dayle Mentzer, one of the emcees of the program put it, "and then this voice comes out of her.'



Kristin Butler performs "She Used to Be Mine" from the musical "Waitress" during the Street Fair Idol competition Saturday night. Butler was the winner of the event. (Photo by Dave Schultz)

Several minutes later, she was the winner of the 14th annual Street Fair Idol event.

Butler sang what was certainly the most obscure non-original song of the competition — "She Used to Be Mine," from the musical "Waitress" — and was the judge's choice for the top honor and the \$700 check that goes with it.

Second place went to 18-year-old Thomas Garza, a rapper who amazed the crowd with an original composition, "Look at Me Now." Garza's performance referenced the Street Fair Idol competition and his thirdplace performance in 2022 with the line "I came in third but I'm coming back."

Addison Schroeder, who performed "Proud Mary" in the style of Tina Turner,

For Butler, the top honor and the money takes some financial pressure off of her.

"I'm in college (Ivy Tech) right now and it's kind of expensive, and I was looking at the times for the Bluffton Street Fair and I saw that there was this competition," she said after she was announced as the winner. "I thought it was a lot of money. I thought I had nothing to lose.'

So Butler, a Homestead High School graduate who said she hasn't sung on a stage of any kind for four years, was rather surprised to hear her name.

"I totally did not expect to place top three at all. They announced second and



Winners in the 14th annual Street Fair Idol competition Saturday night were, left to right, Addison Schreiber, third place; Thomas Garza, second; Miss Wells County Grace Meeks; and Kristin Butler, first. (Photo by Sydney Kent)

third and I thought, 'This has been an experience," she said. When she was asked what her thoughts were, she felt she couldn't express them. "I had no words," she said.

She has family members in Bluffton, which is why she was looking at the times for the Street Fair events.

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Street Fair Royalty

A new Street Fair prince and princess were crowned Saturday afternoon on the courthouse plaza. The contestants, pictured below, were encouraged to dress up for their future careers. Pictured right are the reigning royalty, Maverick Mygrant, who was dressed as a doctor, and Hadley Davis, who was dressed as an artist. The two succeed the 2022 prince and princess, Jerrin Terry and Summer Hamilton. Addinal Kids Day photos inside. (Photos by Holly Gaskill)





Residents to return to homes demolished in Lahaina wildfire

By JENNIFER SINCO KELLEHER **Associated Press**

HONOLULU (AP) - From just outside the burn zone in Lahaina, Jes Claydon can see the ruins of the rental home where she lived for 13 years and raised three children. Little remains recognizable beyond the jars of sea glass that stood outside the front door.

On Monday, officials will begin lifting restrictions on entry to the area, and Claydon hopes to collect those jars and any other mementos she might find.

"I want the freedom to just be there and absorb what happened," Claydon said. "Whatever I might find, even if it's just those jars of sea glass, I'm looking forward to taking it. ... It's a piece of home."

Authorities will begin allowing the first residents and property owners to return to their properties in the burn zone, many for the first time since it was demolished nearly seven weeks ago, on Aug. 8, by the deadliest U.S. wildfire in more than a century.

The prospect of returning has stirred strong emotions in residents who fled in vehicles or on foot as the wind-whipped flames raced across Lahaina, the historic capital of the former Hawaiian kingdom, and overcame people stuck in traffic trying to escape. Some survivors jumped over a sea wall and sheltered in the waves as hot black smoke blotted

out the sun. The wildfire killed at least 97 people and destroyed more than 2,000 buildings, most of them homes.

Claydon's home was a single-story cinderblock house painted a reddishtan, similar to the red dirt in Lahaina. She can see the property from a National Guard blockade that has kept unauthorized people out of the burn zone. A few of the walls are still standing, and some green lawn remains, she said.

Authorities have divided the burned area into 17 zones and dozens of subzones. Residents or property owners of the first to be cleared for reentry known as Zone 1C, along Kaniau Road in the north part of Lahaina — will be allowed to return on supervised visits Monday and Tuesday between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. Those eligible could pick up passes from Friday to Sunday in

Darryl Oliveira, interim administrator of the Maui Emergency Management Agency, said officials also want to ensure that they have the space and privacy to reflect or grieve as they see fit.

"They anticipate some people will only want to go for a very short period of time, a few minutes to say goodbye in a way to their property," Hawaii Gov. Josh Green said last week. "Others may want to stay several hours. They're going to be very accommodating."

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Auto workers still have room to expand their strike. But they also face risks

By DAVID KOENIG **AP Business Writer**

Even after escalating its strike against Detroit automakers, the United Auto Workers union still has plenty of leverage in its effort to force the companies to agree to significant increases in pay and benefits. Only about 12% of the union's membership is so far taking part in the walkout. The UAW could, if it chose to, vastly expand the number of workers who could strike assembly plants and parts facilities of General Motors, Ford and Stellantis. Yet the UAW's emerging strategy also carries potentially significant risks for the union. By expanding its strike from three auto assembly plants to 38 parts distribution centers, the UAW risks angering people who might be unable to

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GM and Ford, the UAW risks angering people who might be unable to have their vehicles repaired at service centers that lack parts.

The union's thinking appears to be that by striking both vehicle production and parts facilities, it will force the automakers to negotiate a relatively quick end to the strike, now in its second week. To do so, though, some analysts say the union might have to act even more aggressively.

"We believe the next step for UAW is the more nuclear option going for a much more widespread strike on the core plants in and around Detroit," said Daniel Ives, an analyst with Wedbush Securities. "That would be a torpedo."

Sam Abuelsamid, an analyst at

the consulting firm Guidehouse Insights, suggested that with so many workers and factories still running, the union has a number of options with which to squeeze the companies harder.

"They could add more assembly plants to the list," Abuelsamid said. "They could target more of the plants that are building the most profitable vehicles."

As examples, he mentioned a plant in Flint, Michigan, where GM builds heavy-duty pickups, and a Stellantis factory in Sterling Heights, Michigan, that produces Ram trucks.

All three companies said that talks with the union continued on Saturday, though officials said they expected no major announcements.

In Canada on Saturday, Ford

workers began voting on a tentative agreement that their union said would increase base pay by 15% over three years and provide cost-of-living increases and \$10,000 ratification bonuses. The tentative deal was forged earlier this week, hours before a strike deadline.

The union, Unifor, said the deal, which covers 5,600 workers, also includes better retirement benefits. If the deal is ratified in voting that will end Sunday morning, the union will use it as a pattern for new contracts at GM and Stellantis plants in Canada.

In the United States, the UAW began its walkout more than a week ago by striking three assembly plants — one each at (Continued on Page 2)

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Street Fair Idol

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The trio of Annika Bovender, Ryan Lehnertz and Jaime Macklin served as judges for the competition. Rick Elwell and Mentzer served as the emcees.

Other performers Saturday night were, in order of appearance:

- William Fiechter of Keystone, who led off the show with a rendition of "Take Me Home, Country Roads," the John Denver classic.
- Todd Shalley, who was in the Street Fair Idol for the second time, performed Bob Seger's "Turn the Page."
- Aaron Moser, another Street Fair Idol veteran, performed "Gratitude" by Brandon Lake. Moser said he has only been singing in front of audiences for two and a half years, and Lehnertz urged him to continue. "Please keep doing

what you're doing," he said. • Max Ford of Fort Wayne, who sang a powerful rendition of Etta James

"At Last."

- Emily Edmison, a senior at Norwell High School, sang "Two Black Cadillacs" by Carrie Under-
- Eric Williams, who performed "Homespun Love" by Keith Urban.
- Heaven Ragg, who sand "Somebody to Love" by Queen.

As mentioned, it was the 14th year for Street Fair Idol, and Saturday night's show drew a packed house to the West Washington Street stage.

"This event is unique," Elwell said. "It crosses demographic lines. You can bring your kids to it. You can bring your grandparents

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Thomas Garza, the second place winner at the Bluffton Street Fair Idol this year, and the third place winner last year, sings "Look At Me Now." (Photo by Sydney Kent)

Auto workers

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GM, Ford and Stellantis. In expanding the strike on Friday, the UAW struck only the parts-distribution centers of GM and Stellantis. Ford was spared from the latest walkouts because of progress that company has made in negotiations with the union, said UAW President Shawn Fain.

Striking the parts centers is designed to turn up pressure on the companies by hurting dealers who service vehicles made by GM and Stellantis, the successor to Fiat Chrysler. Service shops are a profit center for dealers, so the strategy could prove effective. Millions of motorists depend on those shops to maintain and repair their cars and

"It severely hits the dealerships, and it hurts the customers who purchased those very expensive vehicles in good faith," said Art Wheaton, a labor expert at Cornell University. "You just told all your customers, 'Hey we can't fix those \$50,000 to \$70,000 cars we just sold you because we can't get you the parts.'

The more combative union has declined to discuss its strike strategy publicly. Fain has said repeatedly that a critical part of its plan is to keep the

companies guessing about the UAW's next move. Indeed, the union has shown unusual discipline in sticking to its talking points.

On a picket line Friday, Fain was asked whether striking against the spare-parts centers would hurt — and potentially alienate — consumers.

What has hurt the consumers in the long run is the fact the companies have raised prices on vehicles 35% in the last four years," he shot back. "It's not because of our wages. Our wages went up 6%, the CEO pay went up 40%. "

Selling parts and performing service is highly profitable for car dealers. AutoNation reported a gross profit margin of 46% from service shops at its dealerships last year. The problem for the companies is that dealerships and other repair shops typically have lean inventories and depend on receiving parts quickly from the manufacturers' warehouses.

Mike Stanton, president of the National Automobile Dealers Associmakers and the UAW can reach an agreement quickly and amicably."

To make up for the loss of striking

workers, the automakers are weighing their options, including staffing the parts warehouses with salaried work-

"We have contingency plans for various scenarios and are prepared to do what is best for our business and customers," said David Barnas, a GM spokesman. "We are evaluating if and when to enact those plans."

Similarly, Jodi Tinson, a Stellantis spokeswoman, said, "We have a contingency plan in place to ensure we are fulfilling our commitments to our dealers and our customers." She declined to provide additional details.

In negotiating with the companies, the union is pointing to the carmakers' huge recent profits and high CEO pay as it seeks wage increases of about 36% over four years. The companies have offered a little over half that amount.

The companies have said they cannot afford to meet the union's They have dismissed out of hand some of the demands, including 40 hours' pay for a 32-hour work week.

Weather

Monday, September 25, 2023 (24-hour observations at 11:06 p.m. Sunday) High: 76; Low: 56; Precipitation: None Wabash River Level (at the Main Street bridge): 1.19 feet at 7:45 p.m. Sunday

Wells County forecast

Today: Mostly cloudy, with a high near 76. East wind around 5 mph.

Monday Night: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 58. Northeast wind 5 to 10 mph.

Tuesday: A slight chance of showers, then a chance of showers and thunderstorms after 2pm. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 78. Southeast wind 5 to 10 mph. Chance of precipitation is 50%.

Tuesday Night: A chance of showers and thunderstorms, then showers likely and possibly a thunderstorm after 8pm. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 57. East wind around 10 mph. Chance of precipitation is 60%. New rainfall amounts between a quarter and half of an inch possible. Wednesday: Showers likely and possibly a thunder-

storm. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 72. Chance of precipitation is 70%. New rainfall amounts between a quarter and half of an inch possible.

Wednesday Night: A chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 56. Chance of precipitation is 30%

Thursday: A 20 percent chance of showers. Partly sunny, with a high near 72.

Thursday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 55. **Friday:** Mostly sunny, with a high near 74. Friday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 54. **Saturday:** Sunny, with a high near 76.

Saturday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 53. **Sunday:** Sunny, with a high near 77.

Residents

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Those returning will be provided water, shade, washing stations, portable toilets, medical and mental health care, and transportation assistance if needed. Nonprofit groups are also offering personal protective equipment, including masks and coveralls. Officials have warned that ash could contain asbestos, lead, arsenic or other tox-

While some residents, like Claydon, might be eager to find jewelry, photographs or other tokens of their life before the fire, officials are urging them not to sift through the ashes for fear of raising toxic dust that could endanger them or their neighbors downwind.

demands because they need to invest ation, said his members want to avoid Wed., Sept. 27 • 4³⁰ - 7pm profits in a costly transition from anything that would impair customer gas-powered cars to electric vehicles. service, "so we certainly hope auto-

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U.S., World News Roundup

A Black student was suspended for his hairstyle. Now his family is suing **Texas officials**

HOUSTON (AP) -The family of a Black high school student in Texas has filed a federal civil rights lawsuit against the state's governor and attorney general over being suspended by his school district for his hairstyle. Darryl George has been serving an inschool suspension since Aug. 31 at his Houston-area school. School officials say George's dreadlocks violate the district's dress code regarding hair length for boys. George's mother and the family's attorney filed their lawsuit on Saturday in Houston federal court. They deny the teenager's hairstyle violates the dress code. George's family accuses Gov. Greg Abbott and Attorney General Ken Paxton of failing to enforce the CROWN Act. The new state law outlaws racial discrimination based on hairstyles.

New York City further tightens time limit for migrants to move out of shelters

NEW YORK (AP) New York City Mayor Eric Adams is further tightening shelter rules by limiting adult migrants to just 30 days in city-run facilities. The city continues to be beleaguered by a continuing influx of asylum seekers, and the move is meant to ease pressures on the city's already struggling shelter system. The development is being criticized by advocates for migrants and homeless people as unnecessary and heartless. The tightened restrictions were announced soon after

granted temporary protected status to hundreds of thousands of Venezuelans That designation would allow the migrants to more quickly gain authorization to work in the United States and transition into other housing.

Usher to headline the 2024 Super **Bowl halftime** show in Las Vegas

LOS ANGELES (AP)

Usher has a new confession: The Grammy winner will headline the Apple Music Super Bowl Halftime Show in Las Vegas. The NFL, Apple Music and Roc Nation announced Sunday that Usher would lead the halftime festivities from Allegiant Stadium on Feb. 11. The music megastar, who has won eight Grammys, said he's looking forward to performing on the NFL's biggest stage. Usher spring boarded into superstardom with "Confessions," which sold more than 10 million units in the U.S. The 44-year-old is 44, is currently headlining his "Usher: My Way" residency in Las Vegas, which has drawn sold-out shows and rave reviews.

A landslide in Sweden causes a huge sinkhole on a highway and 3 are injured when cars crash

HELSINKI (AP) — A landslide in western Sweden has caused a huge sinkhole on a major highway to Norway, and three people were injured when their cars and a bus skidded off the road. Photos and video footage showed a 1,640-foot-wide sinkhole that had opened up early Saturday on the E6

the Biden administration highway, which runs from southern Sweden to Norway, not far from Sweden's second largest city of Goteborg. Police say at least four cars and a bus skidded off the road and crashed, and three people were hospitalized. Several buildings and facilities were damaged, including a Burger King restaurant. The cause for the landslide isn't immediately known. Swedish media say the area has seen substantial construction activities involving blasting and excavation

Historians race to find Great Lakes shipwrecks before quagga mussels destroy the sites

MADISON, Wis. (AP) Historians are racing to locate Great Lakes shipwrecks before a seemingly unstoppable invasive mussel destroys them and erases part of the region's heritage. Quagga mussels are finger-sized mollusks native to Russia and Ukraine. They were discovered in 1989 in the Great Lakes, which touch eight U.S. states and the Canadian province of Ontario. Similar to zebra mussels, they can attach themselves to almost anything and have spread throughout the lower Great Lakes, outcompeting zebra mussels. Now they have carpeted thousands of shipwrecks, layering themselves so thickly their weight could topple bulkheads and decks on wooden vessels. They also can produce acid that eats away at metal ship-

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a \$2.99 monthly charge to dodge

tnem Amazon's Prime Video will begin showing adds during shows and movies early next year, joining other streaming services that have added different tiers of subscriptions. The company said Friday that members of Amazon Prime can pay \$2.99 per month in the U.S. to keep their service ad-free. Amazon savs limited advertisements will be aired during shows and movies starting early next year so that it can "continue investing in compelling content and keep increasing that investment over a long period of time." Ads in Prime Video content will start in the U.S., U.K., Germany, and Canada in early 2024, followed by France, Italy, Spain, Mexico, and Australia later in the year.



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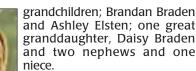
Robert E. "Bob" Powell, 87

Robert E. "Bob" Powell, age 87, passed away Saturday morning, Sept. 23, 2023, at Ossian Health and Rehabilitation Center.

Bob was born in Ft. Wayne, IN. on Oct. 13, 1935, to Rastes R. and E. Laverne (Beerman) Powell, both parents preceded him in death. He married Judith R. (Graef) in Ft. Wayne on Aug. 18, 1956, she survives in Bluffton. Bob was a 1954 graduate

of Northside High School in Ft. Wayne and attended Purdue University. He worked as a farmer and residential construction building numerous homes in the Ft. Wayne area, he worked for ITT and Magnavox, retiring in 1994. Bob enjoyed dancing, horses, and traveling to his favorite destination, Colorado.

He is survived by his wife of 67 years, "Judy", two daughters; Pamela Braden of Ossian and Debra Elsten of Bluffton, two



Bob was preceded in death by his parents, a son; Kevin Craig Powell, two brothers; Richard and Steve Powell and one sister, Carol Powell.

Receiving of friends will be held on Wednesday, Sept. 27, 2023 from 5:00 until 8:00 pm

at Goodwin - Cale & Harnish Memorial Chapel. Private family burial will take place at Lindenwood Cemetery, Ft. Wayne.

In accordance with Bob's wishes, please omit any flowers or gifts.

Memorials can be made in Bob's memory to the Donor's Choice.

Goodwin – Cale & Harnish Memorial Chapel have been entrusted with final arrangements.

Dorothy Scherry, 97

Dorothy I. Scherry, 97, of Decatur, passed away early Wednesday morning, Sept. 20, 2023, at Adams Woodcrest in

She was born on June 10. 1926, in Adams County to the late Phillip Strahm and the late Lula K. (Scherry) Strahm. On June 15, 1947, Dorothy married Harold Scherry and he preceded her in death on May 28, 2019.

Dorothy was a former longtime member of Salem United Church of Christ, Magley and most currently a member of the First Presbyterian Church in Ossian.

She was a 1944 graduate of Monmouth High School. Dorothy retired in 1986 from General Electric in Fort Wayne with 25 years of service. She was a homemaker and help-mate to her husband on their farm.

Dorothy is survived by her daughter, Karen (Harold) Rumschlag of Branson, Miss.; daughter-in-law, Kimberly Scherry of Convoy, Ohio; six grandchildren, Alison (Craig) Yoder, Ben (Sheila) Scherry, Joel Scherry, Nathaniel (Shannon) Rum-



schlag, Melanie Holmes and Heather Rumschlag; 11 greatgrandchildren, Avery (Calvin) Conant, Keagan (Bree) Yoder, Kamden Yoder, Addison Yoder, Kennedy and Reese Scherry, Katelyn and Emmett Rumschlag, Brock and Bristol Scherry, Ellerie Holmes; four great-great grandchildren; two step-grandchildren; and five step-great-grandchildren.

in addition to her husband, she was preceded in death by a son, Wayne L. Scherry, on Jan. 1, 2020.

A funeral service will be held at 9:30 a.m. Friday, Sept. 29, 2023, at the Zwick & Jahn Funeral Home in Decatur, with Pastor Dustin Leimgruber officiating. Burial will follow in Salem Magley Cem-

The family will receive friends from 5-7 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 28, 2023, at the Zwick & Jahn Funeral Home in Decatur.

Preferred memorials can be given to Crossroads Children's Home or Youth for

Arrangements by Zwick and Jahn Funeral Homes of Decatur.

Charles "Chuck" Bertsch, 62

Charles B. "Chuck" Bertsch, 62, passed away Tuesday evening at his residence in Bluffton.

Chuck was born in Detroit on June 30, 1961, to Harve E. and Frances E. (Maibach) Bertsch; both his parents preceded him in death. He was a 1980 graduate of Adams Central High School and was selfemployed as a small engine mechanic and worked for

Oscar's Small Engine repair for several years. He was a member of the Tri State Gas and Engine & Tractor Club of Portland. Chuck was a collector of antique and small engine parts and enjoyed performing magic tricks.

He is survived by his four siblings, Jack (Mary) Bertsch of Decatur, David



Bertsch of Ossian, and Susan (Chris) DesJean of Decatur, several nieces and nephews, and great-nieces and neph-

Receiving of friends will be held from 4-7 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 28, 2023, at Goodwin – Cale & Harnish Memorial Chapel, immediately followed by a memorial service at 7 p.m. Josh Bertsch will officiate services. Burial will take

place at Glen Eden Lutheran Memorial Park, Livonia, Mich. Preferred memorials are to the Wells

County Mental Health Services.

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

Goodwin – Cale & Harnish Memorial Chapel have been entrusted with funer-



Caught in the act

Sweet little Castiel wanted to be a contestant at the Saturday night street fair idol. Kaleb Cook, his dad, rushed to the rescue. (Photo by Sydney Kent)

Wells Court Docket

Wells Superior Court **Criminal Cases**

Samuel Mack MacDonald, 22, Huntington, was released from jail on the condition that he report to inpatient treatment. In June last year, MacDonald was sentenced to 547 days in prison with 537 days suspended and 180 days of home detention after he pled guilty to operating a vehicle with an ACE of .15 or more, a Level 6 Felony. In August last year, Mac-Donald violated his pro-

bation and was ordered to serve 180 days in jail, with probation and house arrest continued. In May this year, after MacDonald violated his probation again, he was ordered to complete 20 hours of community service. There is a status hearing scheduled in the Wells Superior Court at 9 a.m. on Oct. 31.

Denzel Trevon Gordon, 26, Fort Wayne, admitted to violating his probation at his hearing Thursday in the Wells Superior Court. He was originally sentenced to one year in the Wells County Jail with all but two days suspended and 363 days of probation after he plead guilty to operation a vehicle with an ACE of .15 or more, a Class A Misdemeanor. Gordon was sentenced to 120 days in the Wells County Jail with 8 days of jail credit. Probation will be terminated upon completion of the 120 day executed sentence.

Local schools receive safety grant

A total of 605 projects for 474 Hoosier schools recently received matching state grants, which can be used for a variety of items, such as resource and law enforcement officers in schools.

In the area, safety grant recipients and award amounts include:

- Adams Central Community Schools, \$36,082
- North Adams Commu-
- Schools, \$100,000

- Bluffton-Harrison Metropolitan Schools, \$47,862 Norwell Community Schools, \$66,386
- Southern Wells Community Schools, \$50,000
- Jay County Christian Academy, \$32,662
- Jay School Corp., \$100,000.

Indiana's successful Secured School Safety Grant Program provides state funding to local dis-• South Adams Schools, tricts to address security

needs, like employing a school resource officer, purchasing equipment or enhancing physical security. Since 2013, Hoosier schools have received nearly \$163 million in total matching grants through the Secured School Fund.

VISITATION & SERVICES Richard "Dick" **Dean Longenberger Calling:** 3 - 8 p.m.

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Wednesday, September 27 at the funeral home.

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Michigan beach in a first for the northern state PORT WASHINGTON, of the Wisconsin Society media about the flaminnorth in late August by the for Ornithology, the Mil-Wis. (AP) — Five flagos' appearance there. strong winds of Hurricane "This is huge. This is mingos that showed up in waukee Journal Sentinel Idalia, the Journal Sentinel

Wisconsin to wade along a Lake Michigan beach attracted a big crowd of onlookers eager to see the unusual visitors venturing far from their usual tropical setting.

The American flamingos spotted Friday in Port Washington, about 25 miles (40 kilometers) north of Milwaukee, marked the first sighting of the species in Wisconsin state history, said Mark Korducki, a member

reported.

The birds stood quietly 25 feet (7.6 meters) off Lake Michigan's western shoreline as waves lapped against their thin legs. Three were adults, identifiable by their pink plumage, and two were juveniles clad in gray.

Jim Edelhuber of Waukesha was among a crowd of about 75 bird enthusiasts drawn to the city's South Beach after word spread on social

unbelievable," said Edelhuber, an avid bird watcher and photographer.

Flamingos in Wisconsin? Tropical birds visit Lake

The sighting was unexpected but not a total shock because of recent reports of flamingos in Indiana, Kentucky, Ohio and Pennsylvania, said Ryan Brady, conservation biologist with the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources.

Wildlife biologists hypothesized that the flamingos were pushed reported.

The typical range of the American flamingo is Florida and other Gulf Coast states as well as the Caribbean and northern South America.

Debbie Gasper of Port Washington made the short trip to the lakefront with her husband, Mark. She said that before Friday the only flamingos she has seen have been on the couple's trips to Aruba.

Gasper said she was

going to send photos of the birds to relatives in Georgia who "aren't going to believe it.'

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Add new COVID shot to your to-do list

It's the time of year when many Americans head to their local pharmacy or health center and get their annual flu shot. For most, it's a no-brainer and a musthave each fall.

But add to your list this year the new COVID vaccine, which could be available as early as this week. Much like flu shots get updates each year, the

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COVID vaccine offers a new recipe, and the revamped shots specifically target an omicron subvariant named XBB.1.5.

The COVID vaccines offered previously only targeted the original coronavirus strain and an earlier version of omicron.

The new shots are recommended for those who have had previous COVID shots and first-timers. For those who have previous vaccinations and infections, experts

are concerned that immunity is fading in many people. On Monday, the FDA approved the Pfizer and Moderna vaccines while the Novavax shot remains under

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommends everyone age 6 months and older be given the vaccine in an effort to save lives. According to the Associated Press, COVID is still causing thousands of

hospitalizations and deaths in the U.S. each week. The hard work now becomes getting Americans to get the vaccine. In a survey in August that the CDC cited, 42% of people interviewed said they would definitely or probably get the new vaccine, while only 20% of adults got an updated booster when it was offered last year.

While COVID vaccines are expected to cost more than \$100 per person, the good news is that the new shots will be free to most Americans through their insurance, Medicare or Medicaid.

The other good news is that the CDC stated there is no difference in effectiveness nor side effects for those who get both the COVID and flu vaccines simultaneously. However, officials did say getting a vaccine in each arm may be more comfortable.

The best time to get vaccinated is by the end of October, according to the CDC, which makes now the perfect time.

Check in with your pharmacy of choice or health care official and make sure the updated vaccines are available. Then, set an appointment to get both the CO-VID and flu vaccines taken care of - to protect both yourself and each other.

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Today in History

By The Associated Press Today is Monday, Sept.

25, the 268th day of 2022. There are 97 days left in the

Today's Highlight in History: On Sept. 25, 1957, nine Black students who'd been forced to withdraw from Central High School in Little Rock, Arkansas, because of unruly white crowds were escorted to class by members of the U.S. Army's 101st Airborne Division.

On this date:

In 1513, Spanish explorer Vasco Nunez de Balboa crossed the Isthmus of Panama and sighted the Pacific Ocean.

In 1789, the first United States Congress adopted 12 amendments to the Constitution and sent them to the states for ratification. (Ten of the amendments became the Bill of Rights.)

In 1919, President Woodrow Wilson collapsed after a speech in Pueblo, Colorado, during a national speaking tour in support of the Treaty of Versailles.

In 1956, the first trans-Atlantic telephone cable officially went into service with a three-way ceremonial call between New York, Ottawa and London.

In 1964, the sitcom "Gomer Pyle, U.S.M.C.," starring Jim Nabors, premiered on CBS.

In 1978, 144 people were killed when a Pacific Southwest Airlines Boeing 727 and a private plane collided over San Diego.

In 1981, Sandra Day O'Connor was sworn in as the first female justice on the Supreme Court.

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Brad Chambers' long shot race for governor

Politicking

About this time five years ago, Mike Braun was a relatively unknown state rep from Jasper, preparing to take on two sitting congressmen in the Republican U.S. Senate primary. Braun registered about 1% in his initial internal poll. And he won that primary by spending about \$5 million of his own money, finishing with a 41% victory.

Former Indiana Commerce Sec. Brad Chambers has taken note. He resigned his \$1-a-year post after 24 months in August. He loaned his campaign \$5 million, hired the state party's political pros and made a \$1 million TV ad buy in his Republican campaign for

The biographical TV ad traces his family's roots to Thorntown, his forging a lawn care business at age 15, how he met his wife at Indiana University and then began a multistate rental

business before Gov. Eric Holcomb named him commerce secretary a little more than two years ago. "We had our faith

in Hoosier values," Chambers says in the ad. "I met my wife at IU. We raised our son in Indiana. We're Hoosiers. Indiana's great, but it can be even better. Hoosiers need a governor ready to build an economy

"I feel the challenges that too many Hoosiers face. I've lived them," Chambers says. "And that's why I'm running for governor."

Chambers joins a GOP field that includes Sen. Braun, Lt. Gov. Suzanne Crouch, Fort Wayne businessman Eric Doden, former attorney general Curtis Hill, and businesswoman Jamie Reitenour.

I caught up with Chambers in Warsaw at Creighton's Crazy Egg & Coffee Bar last week for a meetand-greet with about 50 local GOP and business leaders from across Kosciusko County. There were no endorsements. They came to hear a candidate for governor few of them knew. His message was a simple one: "I know how to grow the economy."

Afterwards, I asked Chambers how he could win the nomination when so few people know him, or even of him.

You work hard and you be yourself," he responded. "It took me a bit to get to yes on this. I'm not a career politician, I've never run for office. You hear me say that a lot. But I believe in the product through my career as a business person, I've been a consumer of the state's economy and then my two years as secretary of commerce. I saw up close and personal the potential of this state. It gets me excited."

Can he win from a starting point that mirrored

"I wouldn't do it if it was impossible," Chambers said. "My story is my story. Be authentic, and we'll see what happens and whether the voters respond to that."

Braun's pitch to GOP voters is that he has a record in the Senate. "My record has got high favorables and low unfavorables," Braun told me. "I'll let my record

speak for itself," urging Republican voters to look it up.

For Lt. Gov. Crouch, she presents herself as a community facilitator and collaborator and has proposed her "axe the tax" plan on ending the state's income tax. "The next chapter in Indiana's history is going to be quality of life," she told me in Evansville. "Why? Because quality of life is how we grow our population and our economy. It used to be that people followed businesses. Today, businesses are following

Brian Howey

For Doden, it's his tenure similar to Chambers' at the Indiana Economic Development Corporation and his opposition to the Indiana Chamber's recommenda-

tion to consolidate sparsely populated school districts.

For Chambers, it's the \$33 billion he says he secured for Indiana investments (including a record

\$22.2 billion in his final year at IEDC) and the thousands of high-paying jobs that will be created if all that money materializes.

"When I walked into IEDC, they were playing defense," Chambers told these Republicans in Warsaw. "I want to play offense." He added that of the \$22 billion in investment this past year, 53% came in rural counties

"My pitch is that I've never done this before, but I've run a business for 40 years that was founded in Indiana from nothing," he told me. "I'm an Indiana entrepreneur. I've been running a business, hiring people, inspiring people, leading, planning, measuring performance for a very long time. That's what a governor is. The No. 1 job of a governor is to grow the

Former Indiana Republican Chairman Jim Kittle Jr., who was instrumental in Mitch Daniels' 2004 run for governor, is backing Chambers. "Of all the candidates, he has the ability to be the most transformational and move Indiana ahead like Mitch Daniels," Kittle explained. "We need another jolt."

This past Wednesday, the U.S. Department of Defense notified Indiana that it would receive \$32.9 million in the CHIPS+Science legislation signed by President Biden for the state's Silicon Crossroads program. "As Indiana's Secretary of Commerce, my team and I implemented a bold, strategic vision to position Indiana as a top competitor for these very investments," Chambers said. "With \$33 billion of statewide capital investment, 30% higher average wages, and new high-wage industries calling Indiana home, I've proven that with the right leadership, Indiana's future is. and will continue to be, bright."

Most GOP nomination races come to one or two candidates. Hoosier Republicans will have an unprecedented choice next May.

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Becoming 'a country I do not recognize'

If there is one overriding theme of the Biden years, it is the systematic degradation of American freedom, pushing the lives and freedom of private citizens aside as government expands and takes over.

This is done under the rubric of the left that "government knows best." Day by day, we are becoming what the late Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia described as "a country I do not recognize."

In a new paper published by the Committee to Unleash Prosperity, Casey Mulligan, professor of economics at the University of Chicago and former chief economist of the president's Council of Economic Advisers, estimates the current and future costs of new regulations imposed so far by the Biden administration as close to \$10,000 per household.

Per Mulligan, although the largest single area of new regulatory costs come from fuel economy and emission standards, they still only account for one-third of the total costs. The rest come from "health, labor, telecommunications and consumer finance regulations."

In a paper published last year by Mulligan with Stephen Moore, they estimated that Biden administration policies, driven by climate change dogma, to shut down the oil and gas industry have resulted in 2 to 3 million barrels per day less of oil production and 20 to 25 billion cubic feet of less natural gas production had these policies not been in place.



Mulligan and Moore estimate the cost of this foregone energy production to the U.S. economy is on the order of \$100 billion per year.

Now we have the latest move by the Biden administration to remove millions of acres of land Star in Alaska from oil and gas drilling and development. **Parker** This includes blocking nearly half of the National Petroleum Reserve-

Alaska, the largest expanse of public land in the country, and canceling seven leases issued during the Trump administration in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge.

These moves may leave President Joe Biden's climate change dogmatists happy, but less so Americans who care what they pay for energy.

Alaska's Sen. Dan Sullivan and Wyoming's Rep. Harriet Hageman have introduced the Energy Poverty Prevention and Accountability Act that requires cost-benefit evaluation from federal agencies on energyrelated policies that assesses the impact of policies on affordability of energy on Americans, particularly atrisk communities.

There is no question about the impact on the cost of living of all Americans as the Biden administration tilts at climate change windmills. Oil prices and gasoline prices are now at 12-month highs.

Biden climate/energy policies have also found their way into the current

auto strike. Despite the United Auto Workers being a traditional stalwart supporter of the Democratic Party, so far UAW president Shawn Fain has not endorsed Biden.

One of the issues is government mandates on automakers to move to electric vehicles. Estimates are that production of EVs requires about 30% less labor. Therefore, these mandates threaten long-term economic security of auto workers.

The likely solution will not be backing off these mandates but subsidies and mandates to support union jobs in EV production. This means even more government. More government controlling our economy, more government controlling our lives.

It is all a kind of backdoor socialism. But rather than increasing government control coming from some abstract ideology, we get the same result from belief that "government knows best." The result is armies of government bureaucrat micromanagers controlling our lives.

Let's recall our own Declaration of Independence, which states our founding based on individual rights — life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness — and "that to secure these rights, governments are instituted among men ... that whenever any form of government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the right of the people to alter or to abolish it."

It is time for Americans to act to restore our free nation while we have a few breaths of freedom left.

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What's happening at the Wells County Public Library

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

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

Book Nooks: Try It Night At the Main Library (Bluffton): Monday, Sept. 25 from 6:30-7:30 pm

Adults and teens. Make a small room diorama that goes between your books on a shelf. All supplies provided. Registration required. Space is limited.

Golden Gamers

At the Main Library (Bluffton): Tuesday, Sept. 26 from 3-5 pm

Adults. Are you bored? Do you need some social interaction? Come and enjoy two hours of

socializing, games, and snacks. Registration appreciated.

LEGO Drop-in At Ossian

At the Ossian Branch Library: Tuesday, Sept. 26 from 4-7 pm

Grades K-6. Create LEGO masterpieces using the library's blocks during this dropin event. No registration needed.

Tail Waggin Tutors and Therapy Dogs International

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

Teen Advisory Board

At the Main Library (Bluffton): Wednesday, Sept. 27 from 6:00-6:45 pm

Grades 6-12. Do you wish you had a say

in Teen Programming at the Library? Do you need volunteer credit? Join the Teen Advisory Board! You don't need to sign up--just show up for the TAB meetings on the last Wednesday of each month.

Senior Snippets

At the Main Library (Bluffton): Wednesdays starting Sept. 27

Adults. Senior Snippets programs will be a Movie/Book Club from 1-2 pm and followed by Easy Fall Crafts from 2-3. Sign up for either of these programs with the Bluffton Parks Department by calling 260-824-6069. Registration required.

Theater Thursday

At the Main Library (Bluffton): Thursday, Sept. 28 from 10 am

Adults. Join us for a movie, popcorn, and snacks. Sponsored by the Bluffton Parks & Recreation and the Friends of the Library. No registration needed.

Drawing 101 with Linden!

At the Main Library (Bluffton): Thursday, Sept. 28 from 6:30-7:30 pm

Grades 6-12. Have you ever noticed Linden's amazing "doodles" at the Teen Desk and thought, "Wow, I wish I could do that..."? Now you can! Come learn some drawing tips and practice your own style in this program meant for artists of every level. Registration appreciated.

Bingo with Jason

At the Main Library (Bluffton): Monday, Oct. 2 from 3:00-4:30 pm

Adults. Enjoy a lively game of Bingo for a chance to win a candy bar with everyone's favorite librarian named Jason! Registration required.

Teen Gaming Club

At the Main Library (Bluffton): Monday, Oct. 2 from 6-7 pm

Grades 6-12. Enjoy a variety of different games each month, including video games, trading card games, and board games. No registration needed.

Cooking Basics by the Book At Ossian At the Ossian Branch Library: Monday, Oct. 3 from 6-7 pm

Adults. Join us as we focus on a different cookbook each month and make an easy

recipe to taste. In October, we will make charcuterie boards. Bring your own board if you don't want to use a paper plate. Registration required.

Children's Book Clubs

At the Main Library (Bluffton) Grade 1-2 Book Club: Tuesday, Oct. 3 from 6:30-7:30 pm

Grades 3-4 Book Club: Tuesday, Oct. 10 from 6:30-7:30 pm

Grades 5-6 Book Club: Thursday, Oct. 12 from 6:30-7:30 pm

Pick up a copy of the book-of-the-month when you sign up at the library. Talk about the book and enjoy an activity or craft based on the book.

Genealogy/Local History Club At the Main Library (Bluffton): Thurs-

day, Oct. 5 from 5:00-6:30 pm

Ages 12+. Members help each other learn new things and obtain a greater appreciation for local history and genealogy research. Bring your own laptop or share one of ours. Registration appreciated.

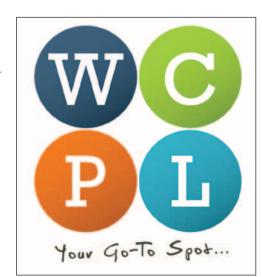
Children's Book Festival

At the Main Library (Bluffton): Saturday, Oct. 7 from 9 am-4 pm

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

Schedule of Events:

- 9:00 am: Doors open Meet Elephant & Piggie
- 9:00 am-3:30 pm: Carnival games, bounce house/obstacle course, and book/CD give-a-ways
- 9:30 am: Jim Gill performance
- 10:30 am: David Slonim drawing workshop
- 11 am-2 pm: Balloon animals, local authors, food trucks • 11 am: Elephant & Piggie meet-and-



- 11:30 am: Shannon Anderson presentation
- 12:15 pm: Local author readings
- 12:30 pm: Storywalk tour
- 1:00 pm: Jim Gill performance
- 1:30 pm: Indy the Super Service Dog • 1:45 pm: Elephant & Piggie meet-and-
- 2:00 pm: Shannon Anderson writing
- workshop • 3:00 pm: David Slonim drawing work-

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schwander Youth Fund from the Wells County Foundation, the Friends of the Library, Wabash Endowment, Gay Saunders, and local schools and PTOs.

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

Library Hours

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

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

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

Norwell Internship Spotlight award Eli Baumgardner

Senior Eli Baumgardner has been selected to receive the weekly Norwell Internship Spotlight award. He has been doing his experience at PTR [Premier Truck Rental] out of Fort Wayne with mentors Nate Hoffman and Matt Vernon. Eli is the son of Ted and Chris Baumgardner of Ossian. Eli gets to unwrap

brand new trucks that are coming from dealerships to PTR. He is involved with the visual and mechanical inspection process of the trucks. Inspections include external and internal items such as lighting, signals, and tire pressure. Eli is



Eli Baumgardner

also learning upfits (adding accessories to the trucks) which include strobe lights, tool boxes, and side steps.

Upon graduation, Eli would like to continue

Zanesville News

There is not much happening right now in our town as lots of our residents attend the things that are going on in the surrounding towns and cities within a short drive from Zanesville.

Coming up in October is the annual Lions Club's Free Halloween Party that is tentatively scheduled for Monday evening, Oct. 30, at the clubhouse at the ballpark with judging promptly at 6:30 p.m. There will be cash prizes for costumes in age brackets. After the judging, the and you can stay and enjoy free bingo with lots of cool prizes.

The Zanesville ballpark was laid out in April 1947 and the first Halloween Party held at the park was in October 1947, before that they were held for many years downtown on the street.

The Lions Club's annual Christmas Lighting Contest and Community Party will be held on Monday evening, Dec. 18, at 6:30 p.m. Santa will be on hand with treats and pictures. There will be free food and a Christmas Bingo with lots of prizes. Mark your calendars now and get your lights up for judging.

by Melba Edwards

Don't forget to call if you want to buy some apple dumplings for gifts or for the holidays. The dumplings come baked and ready to serve and are frozen ready to microwave. Included is a container of caramel syrup. The cost is \$3 each and they are delicious. Call 638-4327 or 758-2263. Proceeds from the dumpling sale go to the upkeep and expenses of the Zanesville Lions Community Park.



Masonry history program at Historical Museum

By BARBARA BARBIERI

The Wells County Historical Society's recent Sunday afternoon program featured a program on the history of Masonry in

Wells County. Presenters of the slide program were Matthew Battershell and Chuck Michael, both members of Bluffton's Mason Lodge No. 145. Michael explained that in the middle 1800's Wells County had four Mason Lodges with Bluffton's being the earliest founded in 1853 as Lodge No. 145. While Michael told of the sites the lodges were located Battershell called them up on the viewing screen. Bluffton's current lodge is located at 211 West Cherry St. and has a

membership of 160. Ossian's Lodge was formed in 1863 at No. 297; Markle's in 1872 as No. 453 and Zanesvlle's in 1875 as No. 517. Bluffton's however is the only one

still existing. Michael explained that any man may become a Mason and that most of Bluffton's early "movers and shakers" were Masons. Masons believe that "each man can make a difference in the world" and that being a member strengthens fellowship. He also explained that Masonry is neither a religion (but requires members to believe in a Supreme being) nor a secret organization.



Learning about the Mason's Lodge No. 145 in Bluffton was a recent Sunday afternoon program at the Wells County Historical Society presented by Matthew Battershell, at left, and Chuck Michael, at right. (Photo by Barbara Barbieri)

Bluffton's Blue Lodge members meet once a month and their current Grand Master is from Huntington.

Men do not usually ask to be members of a lodge, but both Michael and Battershell would be good ambassadors for explaining why someone should become a Mason.

During Parlor City Christmas the group will open up their Lodge for a Breakfast With Santa event.



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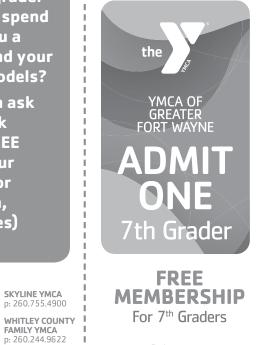
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Six county schools, one race

The boys and girls cross country teams for Norwell, Bluffton, and Southern Wells all competed at the New Haven Invitational at New Haven High School on Friday. Above left, the Knight girls post with the second-place trophy in the AA division race. Individual and team results are below. Above right, Raider boys Andrew Aker, Joshua Bricker, and Jarin Frauhiger hold the second place trophy in the A division along with medals for their respective places during the race. (Photos provided)

Knights, Tigers, Raiders race at New Haven cross country Invitational

Wells competed in the New Haven Invitational on Saturday morning.

The Knight boys placed fourth with a team score of 165, while the Tigers boys placed seventh with a 205 in the AA division race. Tyler Godwin and Ayden Teeple raced in the AAA division, which does not count for a team

The Knight girls placed second in the AA division with a team score of

The Raider boys placed second with a team score of 103, while the girls had an incomplete score.

Individual placers Bluffton

Boys: Tyler Godwin finished fourth in the AAA race with a time of 16:28.3, and Ayden Teeple 86th (18:31.9).

Levi Johns finished ninth in the AA race with a time of 17:12.5, Jude Baumgartner 18th (17:35.7), Aidan Graves 49th (18:42.1), Jackson Rockwell 64th (19:02.3), 65th Brett Kuhlenbeck (19:06.8), Griffin Linderwell 70th (19:14.8), 73rd Ryan Schlagenhauf (19:17.7), Rhett Gerber 96th (20:16.8), 106th Elliott Brown (20:34.7), Maksym Laishevkin 126th (21:35.8), Owen Lesh 127th (21:30.6), and Clayton Brubaker 134th (22:10.8).

Girls: Dakota Lee finished 31st with a time of 22:52.9, Reagan Harris 84th (25:20.7), Lucia Corkwell 98th (26:29.9), Amarah Robles 100th

Knights go 2-1 at

Delta tennis invite

son with a 2-1 record at the Delta Invi-

Knights finished 14-5 on the season.

Isaacs 6-3, 4-6, 10-8 at No. 1 singles.

tational on Saturday.

Yorktown 4-1.

Norwell wrapped up its regular sea-

With the combined results, the

In the first game, Norwell defeated

• Grant Mishler defeated Anson

• Bodie Zimmer defeated Ryan

• Reid Butts (Y) defeated Gavin

• Jaden Payne and Jake Hoover

Eddie Archbold and Ayden Quin-

In the second game, Norwell defeat-

Grant Mishler defeated Tony Zer-

• Bodie Zimmer defeated Brady

• Joe Rieger (LC) defeated Gavin

• Jaden Payne and Jake Hoover

Eddie Archbold and Ayden Quint-

In game three, Norwell lost to Delta

defeated Tim Takch and Eli Morey

anilla defeated Isaiah Boles and Trevor

Bembry 6-4, 6-7, 5-7, 13-11 at No. 2

Richard 4-6, 6-2, 12-10 at No. 2 sin-

Reynolds 7-6, -6, 10-3 at No. 3 singles.

defeated Jaydon Sarino and Joe Stin-

tanilla defeated Eli Carter and Tyler

son 6-3, 4-6, 10-3 at No. 1 doubles.

Koss 6-1, 7-6, 7-5 at No. 2 doubles.

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Reynolds 6-0, 6-4 at No. 3 singles.

Bluffton, Norwell, and Southern (26:31.6), Kierstynn Reed 101st (26:32.5), Alydia Bertsch 115th (28:16.8), and Sophia Mayne 136th (30:55.4).

Norwell

Boys: Gage Reinhard finished 23rd with a time of 17:44.30, Elijah Jacob 27th (17:56.20), Lukas Mashuda 35th (18:15.50), Gavin Threewits 38th (18:18.60), Luke Johnson 42nd (18:27.0), and Parker McCartney 107th (20:34.90).

Girls: Ashley Waldman finished 11th with a time of 21:10.50, Elizabeth Norris 15th (21:22.0), Haleigh Reinhard 23rd (22:12.60), Brooklyn Meyer 24th (22:24.50), Addison Meyer 33rd (23:02.30), Alana Cady 40th (23:17.60), Mariah Kline 51st (23:42.0), Teagan Lesley 66th (24:25.0), Eden Nash 68th (24:35.71), Kylee Hannie 73rd (24:51.30), Lyanna Kelley 87th (25:33.50), and Marina Andrade 92nd (25:50.80)

Southern Wells

Boys: Joshua Bricker finished sixth with a time of 17:19.30), Andrew Aker 13th (18:08.30), Jarin Frauhiger 21st (18:21.20), Colter Kiel 40th (19:02.10), Kelton Barr 42nd (19:07.50), Kane Jenkins 46th (19:12.60), Miles Garrett 58th (19:50.60), Dalton Stephan 61st (19:59.10), Peyton Ellis 63rd (20:03.70), and Aiden Carroll 67th

Girls: Alexis Leidig finished 54th with a time of 25:15.70, Chanie Mounsey 76th (27:30.90), Ella Lahr 86th (28:46.80), and Shaylinn Geesaman 88th (30:00.40).

Team scores

Boys: South Bend Riley finished first with a team score of 142, West Noble second (154), Lapel third (157), Norwell fourth (165), Heritage fifth (173), Garrett sixth (173), and Bluffton seventh (205).

Girls: Hamilton Heights finished first with a team score of 57, Norwell second (102), Eastbrook third (151), Manchester fourth (161), Prairie Heights fifth (173) ... Bluffton 16th (252).

A Division

Boys: Lakewood Park Christian finished first with a team score of 63, Southern Wells second (103), Monroe Central third (107), Adams Central fourth (116), and Central Noble fifth (117).

Adams Central finished first with a team score of 52, Monroe Central second (63), Westview third (84), Churubusco fourth (120), and Randolph Southern fifth (140).

Bluffton will be hosting its own invitational at 10 a.m. Saturday, Sept 30.

Norwell will be at the Northeast 8 Conference meet in Columbia City starting at 10 a.m. Saturday, Sept 30.

Southern Wells will be off until the ACAC meet at South Adams starting at 11 a.m. Saturday, Oct 7.



Bottom right, Bluffton's Dakota Lee races during the invitational (photo by Libby Arnett)

High School Calendar

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

WEDNESDAY, SEPT 27

ton Invitational, 9 a.m.

GIRLS SOCCER: Norwell at Woodlan, 5:30 p.m. **THURSDAY, SEPT 28**

BOYS SOCCER: Norwell at Blackford, 6:30 p.m. VOLLEYBALL: New Haven at Norwell, 7:30 p.m.; Southern

Wells at Woodlan, 7:30 p.m. FRIDAY, SEPT 29

FOOTBALL: Norwell at DeKalb, 7 p.m.; Bluffton at Heritage, 7 p.m.; Adams Central at Southern Wells, 7 [.m.

SATURDAY, SEPT 30 CROSS COUNTRY (CO-ED): Norwell at NE8 CC Championship at Columbia City, 10 a.m.; Bluffton at Bluff-

MONDAY, OCT 2 VOLLEYBALL: Bluffton at Norwell, 7:30 p.m.; Soutern Wells

at Lakeland Christian, 7:30 p.m.

Matt Gay kicks OT winner to lift Colts past the Ravens

By NOAH TRISTER **AP Sports Writer**

BALTIMORE (AP) — It's not often a kicker manages to

upstage Justin Tucker. Matt Gay did just that, lifting the Indianapolis Colts to an

improbable victory in Baltimore. Gay capped a terrific day with a 53-yard field goal in

overtime, giving the Colts a 22-19 win over the Ravens on Gay made a record four kicks from beyond 50 yards, including a 53-yarder that tied it in the final minute of regu-

lation. His chance in overtime didn't come until after both teams had been stopped on fourth down near midfield. "I was in a pretty good groove that point in time," Gay

said. "Was really just kind of in that blackout mode where I wasn't thinking too much.'

The Ravens (2-1) wasted two overtime chances with great field position. They took over at the Indianapolis 48 after a punt and went three-and-out. Then Baltimore swarmed Zack Moss on fourth-and-1 from the Baltimore 46, stopping the Indianapolis running back and taking over the ball with 4:10 remaining.

But the Colts forced the Ravens into a fourth-and-3 situation at the Indy 47, and Lamar Jackson threw incomplete as Baltimore called in vain for a penalty on linebacker E.J. Speed, who appeared to impede receiver Zay Flowers going over the middle.

There was no flag, and the Colts (2-1) were able to drive in position for Gay's fifth field goal of the game with 1:09

remaining. Jackson smiled and hesitated before commenting on his last throw to Flowers.

We had plenty of opportunities in the game to finish, but

it is what it is," Jackson said. "Fight another day."

Gardner Minshew, playing in place of injured rookie Anthony Richardson, threw for 227 yards and a touchdown for the Colts. Moss ran for 122 yards on 30 carries.

Jackson ran for 101 yards and two TDs. Tucker, the Baltimore star who two years ago set a record with a 66-yard field goal to win a game at Detroit, came up short from 61 with 1 second left in regulation, so the game went to overtime.

"I have nothing but respect for Justin Tucker. He's arguably the greatest of all time," Gay said. "To have that percentage at 10, 11 years is nothing but amazing."

It didn't seem like a great day for kicking thanks to the remnants of Tropical Storm Ophelia. There was significant rain before the game, although conditions seemed to (Continued on Page 7)

Sports Roundup

• Grant Mishler (N) defeated Jake Bilby 6-3, 6-0 at No. 1 singles. • Bodie Zimmer (N) defeated Caleb

Hewitt 6-2, 6-3 at No. 2 singles.

• Tyce Dishman (D) defeated Gavin Reynolds 6-4, 6-4 at No. 3 singles.

• Preston Shanayda and Dalton Royal (D) defeated Jaden Payne and Jake Hoover 6-1, 6-1 at No. 1 doubles.

 Kam Swoboda and Kody West (D) defeated Eddie Archbold and Ayden Quintanilla 6-2, 6-0 at No. 2 doubles.

Norwell will host the sectional this week on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday. Sectional pairings can be viewed at 7 p.m. on Monday on the IHSAA's website.

Boys' & girls' soccer pairings announced

The IHSAA released its sectional pairings for both Norwell soccer teams Sunday night. Times and dates have not been released yet.

The boys (4-9-1) will be playing at Woodlan High School, drawing Heritage (6-4-1). The Patriots defeated the Knights last Thursday 1-0 at home.

The girls (10-3-1) will host Woodlan (5-3-4). The Knights are playing the Warriors later this week in the season finale on Wednesday.

Knights fall to Eagles in NE8 boys' soccer

The Norwell boys' soccer team fell 2-0 at Columbia City on Saturday. With the loss, the Knights are now 4-9-1 (3-3 NE8) with two matches left in the regular season.

Kyle Morris had three shots in the game, while Noah Fromm made seven

Norwell lost 3-0 in the junior varsity game as well. Elijah Nunn made

Norwell will be at Huntington North for the NE8 finale at 6:30 p.m. Monday, Sept 25.

Norwell falls to East Noble in JV football

The Norwell junior varsity football team lost 50-6 on the road against East Noble Saturday morning.

The Knights' lone touchdown was a 66-yard run by Cohen Garrett.

Connor Fotjik led the defense with an interception.

Final girls golf scores from regional meet

The IHSAA has posted the final results of the girls' golf regional that were not previously available at the time of print Saturday morning.

Norwell finished 11th ooverall of 15 teams with a team score of 397.

Anna Dodane was the top scorer for the Knights with a score of 96, followed by Nevada Lenwell and Emmy Heaston at 99, Savanna Simerman at 103, and Ellie Gatton at 104.

Bluffton's Emma Schwartz finished the day as an individual with a score of

No. 6 Ohio State plunges for touchdown with 1 second left to beat No. 9 Notre Dame

By MICHAEL MAROT **AP Sports Writer**

SOUTH BEND, Ind. (AP) — Kyle McCord spent two years trying to get on the field at Ohio State and three additional weeks trying to prove he

could lead the Buckeyes. The first-year starting quarterback and the Buckeyes answered their doubters Saturday night — with help from a Notre Dame defense failed to go to 11 on the deciding play.

McCord converted play after play on the final drive, capped with a perfectly executed 1-yard scoring plunge by Chip Trayanum with 1 second left to give No. 6 Ohio State a 17-14 victory over No. 9 Notre Dame on Satur-

You can't draw it up any better than that, down four points with a chance to go down and win it," McCord said. "Historic stadium, great defense, like I said it wasn't perfect, but to come away with the win, it feels really, really good."

McCord was just trying to work against what he called Notre Dame's 'soft" late-game defense. He converted a fourth down and then a third-and-19

with no timeouts to win it.

What McCord didn't realize was that Notre Dame (4-1) only had 10 players on the field for the final two plays from the Irish 1-yard line — an incompletion in the end zone to Marvin Harrison Jr. and Trayanum's decisive run that sent Buckeyes players streaming onto the field in celebration only to be sent back to the sideline for a replay review that put a second back on the clock. Freeman recognized the error on the

last play, but wanted to avoid a penalty

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Colts win in OT

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improve as the day progressed and the wind didn't look like a huge factor.

"It was a little bit more drama leading up to it, because you hear, 'Oh it's going to be pouring rain, it's supposed to be windy," Gay said. "You're preparing for that way, but I try not to look too much into it. You never know what you're going to get until you get here."

Tucker made a 50-yard field goal with 7:33 remaining in the fourth quarter to give the Ravens a one-point lead, and a late punt by Jordan Stout pinned the Colts on their 2 with 2:14 left. On third-and-long, Minshew accidentally stepped out of the back of the end zone for a safety while under heavy pressure. That made it 19-16.

But after a fair catch on the ensuing free kick, reception.

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the ball 1/2 yard closer to the

goal line or that would give

Ohio State (4-0) another

fourth defensive lineman in

the game," Irish coach Mar-

cus Freeman said. "I told

him 'Just stay off, we can't

afford a penalty.' I didn't

The Buckeyes (4-0)

took full advantage, beating

Notre Dame yet again. The

Irish have not won a game in

Day was fired up when it

was over, criticizing former

Irish coach Lou Holtz, who

called out the Buckeyes

toughness in predicting a

Fighting Irish victory earlier

Lou Holtz is right now,"

Day said during a postgame

interview with NBC. "What

he said about our team, I

cannot believe. This is a

tough team right here. We're

proud to be from Ohio. It's

always been Ohio against

the world, and it'll continue

to be Ohio against the world.

But I'll tell you what: I love

those kids. We've got a

Maybe an even tougher

McCord was 21 of 37

with 240 yards but saved

his best for last — a gritty

"I'd like to know where

Ohio State coach Ryan

have any timeouts left."

this series since 1936.

this week.

tough team."

quarterback.

"We were trying to get a

that would have moved

Buckeyes stun Irish

Baltimore started its drive with 2:03 on the clock, and thanks to the two-minute warning, their last remaining timeout and a Baltimore penalty, the Colts got the ball back with 1:41 left. They drove into range for Gay to tie it with 57 seconds remaining.

"He was on fire," coach Shane Steichen said.

Safety Kyle Hamilton had three sacks for the Ravens, all in the first half. Jackson threw for 202 yards.

Jackson completed all seven of his first-half passes and his first 10 overall, and the Ravens looked on their way to an easy win at first. The star quarterback opened the scoring with an 8-yard run in the first quarter, and Baltimore was on the move again before practice squad call-up Kenyan Drake fumbled at the end of a 24-yard

seconds, looking unfazed

even when it appeared the

Buckeyes unbeaten season

when Sam Hartman threw

a 2-yard touchdown pass

to Rico Flores Jr. with 8:22

to go to make it 14-10. The

Fighting Irish defense came

up a fourth-down stop on its

11-yard line on the next drive.

come up with a second

"To be on the losing side, it hurts," said Freeman, a former Ohio State lineback-

er. "It stings, but we've got

to own it. We've got to learn

have taken control when the

Buckeyes stopped Hartman

on fourth-and-1, and on the

next play, Harrison's block

sprung TreVeyon Henderson

for a 61-yard sprint down

the sideline to make it 10-0

took a direct snap and scored

on a 1-yard run to make it

10-7, Hartman capped a

96-yard TD drive with a

2-yard pass to Rico Flores

Jr. to give Notre Dame had

pivotal plays — and Notre

and proved a lot of people

wrong," McCord said. "But

Dame's untimely mistake.

That is until McCord's

'I think we came out here

the edge.

But after Gi'Bran Payne

early in the third quarter.

Ohio State appeared to

But the defense couldn't

Notre Dame took the lead

might be over.

defensive stop.

Then the Indianapolis defensive front began imposing its will a bit. Jackson fumbled and had to fall on the ball at his 8 on one third-down play. The Colts took the ensuing punt and tied the game when Minshew found Moss for a 17-yard TD.

Jackson fumbled again inside his 20, and this time Indianapolis recovered and kicked a field goal. The Ravens had four first-half fumbles, losing two.

The Colts led 13-7 in the third quarter before Jackson scored on a 10-yard draw to put Baltimore ahead. Gay gave Indianapolis the lead in the fourth with a 53-yard kick, but Tucker answered for the Ravens.

UP NEXT

Colts: Host the Los Angeles Rams next Sunday. Ravens: Visit the Cleveland Browns on Sunday.

65-yard drive in the final 85 I think the bigger thing is we proved ourselves right.'

> his biggest step forward yet Saturday by leading the Buckeyes to victory. Ohio State needs him to play the way he did on the final series. Henderson rushed for 104 yards.

> Notre Dame: Hartman has changed the whole perception of the Irish. His quick reads, accurate throws and nimble runs certainly have the Irish looking strong. But with three possible unbeaten foes in the next three weeks, they need Hartman to beat at his best. He was 17 for 25 for 175 yards

Ohio State: Harrison injured his leg on Henderson's scoring run when he got rolled up. Harrison spent several minutes in the Buckeyes injury tent but returned on the next series.

Jayde Thomas also went to the injury tent when he was rolled up while blocking on an 18-yard run on Notre

Ohio State: Return to Big Ten play next Saturday by

ond straight ranked opponent next Saturday when it visits No. 18 Duke.

THE TAKEAWAY

Ohio State: McCord took

against the Buckeyes.

INJURY UPDATE

Notre Dame: Receiver Dame's touchdown drive.

UP NEXT

hosting Maryland. Notre Dame: Plays a sec-

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Thursday's Games
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Monday's Games Philadelphia at Tampa Bay, 7:15 L.A. Rams at Cincinnati, 8:15 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 28
Detroit at Green Bay, 8:15 p.m.
Sunday, Oct. 1

Atlanta vs Jacksonville at London, GBR, 9:30 a.m.
Baltimore at Cleveland, 1 p.m. Cincinnati at Tennessee, 1 p.m. Denver at Chicago, 1 p.m. L.A. Rams at Indianapolis, 1 p.m. Miami at Buffalo, 1 p.m.
Minnesota at Carolina, 1 p.m. Pittsburgh at Houston, 1 p.m.
Tampa Bay at New Orleans, 1 p.m. Washington at Philadelphia, 1 p.m Las Vegas at L.A. Chargers, 4:05

... Arizona at San Francisco, 4:25 p.m. New England at Dallas, 4:25 p.m. Kansas City at N.Y. Jets, 8:20 p.m Monday, Oct. 2 Seattle at N.Y. Giants, 8:15 p.m

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Miami 41, Temple 7
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Robert Morris 46, Va. Lynchburg 0
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Sunday's Games Chicago White Sox 3, Boston 2, 6 nnings

Toronto 9, Tampa Bay 5
Baltimore 5, Cleveland 1
Arizona 7, N.Y. Yankees 1
Minnesota 9, L.A. Angels 3 Detroit 2. Oakland 0 Detroit 2, Oakland 0
Monday's Games
Arizona (Kelly 12-7) at N.Y. Yankees
(Schmidt 9-9), 1:05 p.m.
Texas (Gray 8-8) at L.A. Angels
(Sandoval 7-13), 9:38 p.m.
Houston (Verlander 11-8) at Seattle

(Castillo 14-7), 9:40 p.m. Arizona at Chicago White Sox, ppd.

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Miami 5, Milwaukee 4 Pittsburgh 13, Cincinnati 12 L.A. Dodgers 7, San Francisco 0 St. Louis 5, San Diego 2, 11 innings

Arizona at N.Y. Yankees, ppd.

Sunday's Games Washington 3, Atlanta 2, 1st gan Cincinnati 4, Pittsburgh 2 Miami 6, Milwaukee 1 Arizona 7, N.Y. Yankees 1 Chicago Cubs 4, Colorado 3 San Diego 12, St. Louis 2 Philadelphia 5, N.Y. Mets 2 Atlanta 8, Washington 5, 2nd game L.A. Dodgers 3, San Francisco 2,

10 innings

Monday's Games Arizona (Kelly 12-7) at N.Y. Yankees (Schmidt 9-9), 1:05 p.m.
San Diego (Snell 14-9) at San Francisco (Webb 10-13), 9:45 p.m. Arizona at Chicago White Sox, ppd.



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Raiders, Tigers compete in ACAC volleyball tournament, combine for a 1-6 record Bluffton and Southern Wells compet-

Southern Wells' attacker Kaylea Coffel (left) spikes the ball during the first set against Adams Central Saturday morning. Bluff-

ed at the ACAC volleyball tournament at Heritage High School on Saturday. The Tigers went 1-3 on the day with

the one win coming against Southern Wells. The Raiders lost all three games in

two sets. Bluffton won the first set against

Adams Central 25-23, lost the second

25-12, and lost the third 15-9.

ton's Konley Ault (right) spikes during the second set against Jay County. (Photos by Ryan Walker)

Bluffton lost the first set against Heritage 25-23, won the second set 25-19, and lost the third 15-13. Bluffton won 25-14, 25-16 against

Southern Wells. Bluffton lost to Jay County 25-9,

For Southern Wells, it lost to Adams Central 25-11, 25-11. Lost to Jay County 25-16, 25-13. Lost to Bluffton 25-14, 25-16. Stat leaders for the Tigers were

Maryn Schreiber with 22 kills and six blocks, Haley Gibson with 49 assists, Marly Drayer with 54 digs, and Isabella Stout with eight aces. Bluffton will be at New Haven

starting at 6 p.m. Monday, Sept 25.

Southern Wells will be at Tri-Central at 6 p.m. Monday, Sept. 25.

Birthplace of the atomic bomb braces for biggest mission since the top-secret Manhattan Project

By SUSAN MONTOYA **BRYAN**

Associated Press LOS ALAMOS, N.M. (AP) — Los Alamos was the perfect spot for the U.S. government's top-secret Manhat-

tan Project. Almost overnight, the ranching enclave on a remote plateau in northern New Mexico was transformed into a makeshift home for scientists, engineers and young soldiers racing to develop the world's first atomic bomb. Dirt roads were hastily built and temporary housing came in the form of huts and tents as the outpost's population ballooned.

The community is facing growing pains again, 80 years later, as Los Alamos National Laboratory takes part in the nation's most ambitious nuclear weapons effort since World War II. The mission calls for modernizing the arsenal with droves of new workers producing plutonium cores key components for nuclear weapons.

Some 3,300 workers have been hired in the last two years, with the workforce now topping more than 17,270. Close to half of them commute to work from elsewhere in northern New Mexico and from as far away as Albuquerque, helping to nearly double Los Alamos' population during the work week.

While advancements in technology have changed the way work is done at Los Alamos, some things remain the same for this company town. The secrecy and unwavering sense of duty that were woven into the community's fabric during the 1940s

James Owen, the associate lab director for weapons engineering, has spent more than 25 years working in the nuclear weapons program.

"What we do is meaningful. This isn't a job, it's a vocation and there's a sense of contribution that comes with that," Owen said in an interview with The Associated Press following a rare tour of the facility where workers are preparing to piece together plutonium cores by hand. "The downside is we can't tell people about all the cool things we do here.'

While the priority at Los Alamos is maintaining the nuclear stockpile, the lab also conducts a range of national security work and research in diverse fields of space exploration, supercomputing, renewable energy and efforts to limit global threats from disease and cyberattacks.

The welcome sign on the way into town reads: "Where discoveries are made."

The headline grabber, though, is the production of plutonium cores.

Lab managers and employees defend the massive undertaking as necessary in the face of global political instability. With most people in Los Alamos connected to the lab, opposition is rare.

But watchdog groups and non-proliferation advocates question the need for new weapons and the growing price tag.

"For some time Los Alamosans have seemed numbed out, very involved in superficial activities but there is a very big hole in the middle where thoughtful discourse might live," Greg Mello, director of the Los Alamos Study Group, a nonprofit that has been challenging the lab over safety, security and budget concerns, said in an email.

Town officials are grappling with the effects of expansion at the lab, much like the military generals who scrambled to erect the secret city on the hill in 1943.

The labor market is stressed, housing is in short supply and traffic is growing. There are few options for expansion in a town bordered by the national forest, a national park and Native American land, leaving county officials to reconsider zoning rules to allow developers to be more creative with infill projects.

Still, officials acknowledge it will take time for those changes to catch up with demand and for prices to normalize in what is already one of the most affluent counties in the U.S. With the lab being the largest employer, Los Alamos also boasts the highest per-capita levels of educational attainment with many residents holding master's degrees and Ph.Ds.

Owen is originally from Peñasco, a Hispanic village in neighboring Taos County. His fascination with science was sparked by a high school field trip where he learned about explosions and implosions. It wasn't long before he landed a summer job at the lab and went on to earn engineering degrees that helped him move up through the ranks.

Los Alamos taps into regional schools as a generational pipeline. Grandfathers work as machinists. Mothers solder key components. And daughters become experts at tracking radiation.

Alexandra Martinez, 40, grew up in nearby Chimayo and is the latest in her family to work at Los Alamos. She chuckles when asked if she was born into it.

"That's what I wanted - the ability to do something great," said Martinez, a radiation control technician who is stationed at PF-4, the highly classified complex that is being transformed into a more modern plutonium pit factory.

She must pass through fencing topped with concertina wire and checkpoints manned by armed guards. The layers of security are more sophisticated than those from the Manhattan Project era, when all incoming and outgoing mail was censored and telephone calls

were monitored. Los Alamos became an open city when the security gates came down in 1957. Still, many parts — including historic sites related to the Manhattan Project remain off limits. Tourists have to settle for selfies near the town square with the bronze statue of physicist J. Robert Oppenheimer.

Across the street, rangers at the Manhattan Project National Historical Park visitor center answer questions about where scientists lived and where parties and town halls were held. A chalkboard hangs in the corner, covered in yellow sticky notes left by visitors. Some of the handwritten notes touch on the complicated legacy left by the creation of nuclear weap-

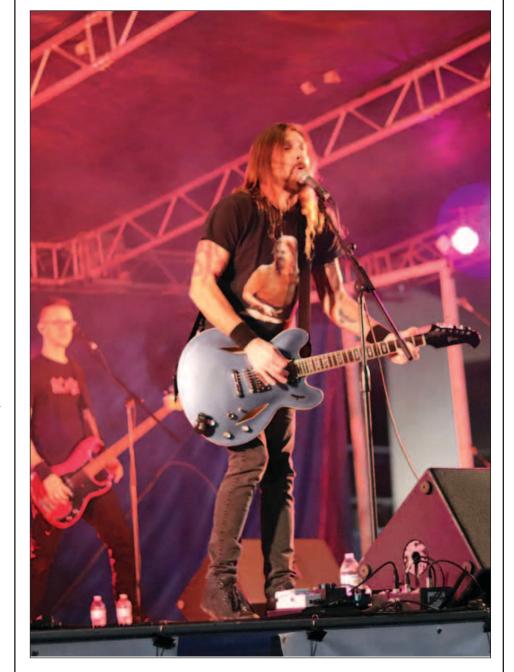
It's a conversation that was reignited with the release of Christopher Nolan's "Oppenheimer." The film put the spotlight on Los Alamos and its history, prompting more people to visit over the

The attention also boosted an ongoing effort to expand the federal government's radiation compensation program to cover people in several western states, including residents in southern New Mexico where the Trinity Test of the first atomic bomb was conducted in 1945.

Aside from pressing questions about the morality of nuclear weapons, watchdogs argue the federal government's modernization effort already has outpaced spending predictions and is years behind schedule. Independent government analysts issued a report earlier this month that outlined the growing budget and schedule delays.

For lab managers, the task has not been easy. Modern health and safety requirements mean new constraints Manhattan Project bosses never had to contemplate. And yet, just like their predecessors, Owen said officials feel a sense of urgency amid intensifying global threats.

What's being asked is that we all need to do better in a faster amount of time," he said.



The final act

The Fooz Fighters, an award-winning Foo Fighters tribute band from California, rocked the final musical performance of the evening Saturday at the Street Fair. (Photo by Sydney Kent)

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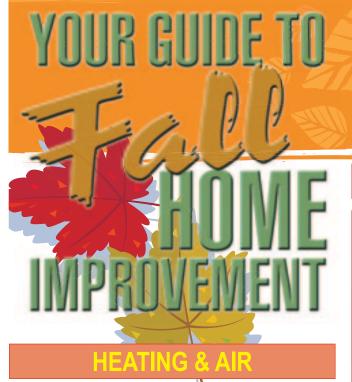
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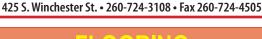
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3 simple maintenance strategies that can keep cars running longer

The last few years have not proven the most advantageous times for new car buyers. According to the Consumer Price Index Summary from the United States Bureau of Labor Statistics, buyers paid 12.2 percent more for new vehicles in January 2022 than they had in January 2021. Faced with such a significant increase in price, many drivers understandably want to keep their current cars longer than they might have initially planned.

Data released by S&P Global Mobility in early 2022 indicated that the average vehicle on the road is 12 years and two months old, which marked the highest number in the 20-plus years such information was tracked. A host of variables affect how long drivers keep their cars, but the rising cost of new vehicles has undoubtedly compelled many drivers to aspire to keep their cars for longer periods of time.

Aging cars may require a little more TLC than vehicles that are right off the dealership lot. But the following are three simple tips that can help drivers keep their cars running longer.

driver. A careful approach when behind the wheel is safer than aggressive driving and beneficial for your vehicle. When starting, avoid revving the engine, which needlessly wears it down. When out on the road, avoid rapid accelerations, which also contributes to needless wear and tear. Even excessive idling can adversely affect the engine, so keep winter warm-ups to around 30 seconds to prevent damage to engine components.

2. Know when and how **to fill up.** Every driver has likely visited a filling station when an oil tanker is busily filling the tanks. That's traditionally been considered a less than ideal time to fill up, as the theory is that filling the tanks stirs up sediment that could then find its way into consumers' gas tanks, adversely affecting their vehicles. However, that's often dependent on the station itself and how much its owners prioritize maintenance of the tank and filtration systems. Drivers who trust their local station owners can likely fill up when the tankers are present without worry. In addi-

1. Become a more careful tion, avoid topping off once the nozzle clicks when filling up. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency notes that topping off is harmful to the planet and the vehicle, as gasoline needs room to expand. When you top off, the extra gas may damage the vapor collection system and cause the vehicle to run less efficiently.

> 3. Change oil more frequently as the vehicle ages. It's true that modern vehicles no longer require oil changes for every 3,000 miles driven. However, as vehicles age, drivers and their vehicles' engines may benefit from more frequent oil changes than the owner's manual necessarily recommends. Oil changes remove dirt and metal particles from the engine, potentially contributing to a longer life expectancy. More frequent changes can be especially beneficial for vehicles that are routinely driven in stop-and-go traffic.

> Rising vehicle costs have compelled many drivers to keep their cars longer than they initially planned. Some simple strategies can help drivers achieve that goal.





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Kids Day winners

The 'Kids Day' schedule kicked off Saturday morning with a diaper derby, testing which baby could get from Point A to Point B the fastest. Pictured at left are the winners are their parents — Mack Tonner, the son of Jessica and Todd Tonner, and Bowen Carlson, the son of Michael and Heather Carlson. Above, Madden Pfister took first Saturday in the annual big wheel race down Washington Street. The race contained two heats, then first and second place from either heat completed for the final prize. (Photos by Holly Gaskill)

Ideological rifts among bishops are in the spotlight ahead of momentous Vatican meeting

By DAVID CRARY AP National Writer

NEW YORK (AP) -Early next month, the Vatican will open an unprecedented gathering of Catholic clergy and laypeople from around the world. The synod is intended to be a collegial, collaborative event, though the agenda includes divisive issues such as the role of women in the church and the inclusion of LGBTQ Catholics.

If there's Exhibit A for how elusive consensus might be, it's the United States' participation. In effect, there are two highlevel U.S. delegations widely viewed as ideological rivals - six clerics appointed by Pope Francis who support his aspirations for a more inclusive, welcoming church; five clerics chosen by the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops who reflect a more conservative outlook and more skepticism of Francis' priorities.

Natalia Imperatori-Lee, a professor of religious studies at Manhattan College in New York, worries that the synod, which starts Oct. 4, might widen rifts among U.S. Catholics rather than narrow them.

"The polarization of the country has infiltrated the church in such a way that I worry we can't see our way out of it," she said.

"The synod is supposed to be about listening, and humility, and willingness to change, but that's not what clergy are trained to do,' she added. "There's this unwillingness among much of the clergy to be taught anything, and that's going to be a real problem."

Francis himself recently evoked the resistance he faces among some conservative Catholic leaders in the U.S. At a meeting in August with Jesuit priests in Portugal, he assailed the "backwardness" of some of those conservatives, saying they have replaced faith with ideology.

"The vision of the doctrine of the church as a monolith is wrong," he said. "I want to remind these people that backwardness is useless, and they must understand that there's a correct evolution in the understanding of questions of faith and morals.

Some conservative American clerics vehemently disagree, saying high-level discussions of such issues as women's empowerment and LGBTQ inclusion could tear the church apart.

In a forward to a recent book calling the synod a "Pandora's box," American Cardinal Raymond Burke warned the synod was part of a "revolution" to radically change what the church has always taught. Bishop Joseph Strickland of Tyler, Texas – critiquing the synod on social media — said, "It is a travesty that these things are even proposed for discussion."

"Regrettably, it may

be that some will label as schismatics those who disagree with the changes being proposed," Strickland added in a public letter in August. "Instead, those who would propose changes to that which cannot be changed seek to commandeer Christ's Church, and they are indeed the true schismatics."

The synod, which will run through Oct. 29, follows a first-of-its-kind two-year outreach in which bishops and other clerics around the world met with lay Catholics to learn about their hopes for the church's future. There will be a second session of the synod in October 2024, when participants will vote on a final document to be submitted to Pope Francis for his consid-

For many conservatives, there are multiple reasons for concern — not only the hot-button issues on the agenda, but the novelty of having laypeople, including women, entitled to vote alongside bishops on the final document.

The U.S. synod delegates selected by Francis include three of the men he has appointed as cardinals — Archbishops Blase Cupich of Chicago and Wilton Gregory of Washington, and Bishop Robert McElroy of San Diego.

McElroy has been one of the most prominent voices expressing hope that the synod will expand the roles women can play in the church and broaden the acceptance of LGBTQ

In an essay in March, he said the church should eliminate barriers to women in the leadership of parishes and dioceses, allowing them to preach and to serve as

Within the Catholic LGBTQ community, McElroy wrote, there is "anguish" at the perception that they are condemned by the church and some of its leaders.

"It is clear that the Church in the United States must transform its outreach to LGBT+ persons if it seeks to be a truly welcoming presence in the world," McElroy wrote.

McElroy's writings were assailed by conservative Catholics. One bishop, Thomas Paprocki of Springfield, Illinois, suggested the cardinal might be committing heresy.

Francis' synod selections also include the Rev. James Martin, a Jesuit priest who through his writings, public appearances and other activities — has been advocating over many years for greater LGBTQ inclusion in the church. He says critics of the synod's attention-getting agenda miss the essential purpose of the gathering.

"The first step is to invite people to listen to the voices of LGBTQ people and others who feel ignored, rejected or excluded by their church," Martin said via email. "For me, conversion happens mainly through encountering the stories of those considered to be 'other.' And that is a reasonable goal for the synod to listen.'

"At synods, all voices should be welcome," he added. "Does the Holy Spirit speak only through cardinals, archbishops and bishops? That's a very strange theology of the Spirit."

Bishops appointed by USCCB include its president, Archbishop Timothy Broglio of the Archdiocese for the Military Services, as well as Cardinal Timothy Dolan of New York; and Bishops Daniel Flores of Brownsville, Texas; Robert Barron of Winona-Rochester, Minnesota; and Kevin Rhoades of Fort Wayne-South Bend, Indiana.

Barron, who has developed a large following with a global media organization called Word on Fire, conveyed relief at Pope Francis' assurances that the synod will not be a forum for changing church doctrine. Barron also has taken note of the differing outlooks of the synodal delegates selected by the USCCB and those chosen by Francis.

"The American delegation, if you look at the whole thing, kind of balances out ideologically. So I think that's what the pope seems to like," Barron told Fox News Digital.

Imperatori-Lee, the Manhattan College professor, had a different take on the ideological split.

This is how American Catholics are starting to see the Church: You're either for Team Francis or for Team Strickland and Barron," she said. "That's not a healthy situation."

Cathleen Kaveny, a Boston College professor who specializes in the relationship of law, religion, and morality, looks back historically and observes, "The Church has never been one big family.'

As for the upcoming synod, she says, "The conservatives are worried that it's going to change doctrine on the hot-button issues. The liberals are worried that it won't change doctrine on these issues.'

Francis seems intent on taking the rifts in stride.

Aboard the plane taking him on a recent trip to Mongolia, reporters asked Francis about the angry reaction of U.S. conservatives to his "backwardness" remarks. "They got angry," he replied. "But let's move

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Wells County Indiana Beginning 10:00 AM Local Time, October 31, 2023

Courthouse Wells County
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Dear Annie: My husband of 42 years twice a year, while discovered a new way of breathing, and it has made me scared to death. I am afraid that he might die in his sleep.

"Charles" had asthma and allergies in his childhood, and he was prescribed all kinds of medication. He mostly outgrew his asthma as an adult, though he would frequently get terrible allergies and take various forms of antihistamines, usually prescribed by his doctor.

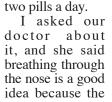
But a year ago, someone at his office was talking about the "Buteyko Breathing Technique," which basically means taking shallow breaths through the nose. It seems that this technique was discovered in the Ukraine years ago and was used to treat people in Russia with asthma and allergies — mainly children
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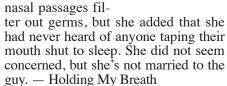
My husband checked on the internet and on YouTube and found all kinds of advice about breathing through your nose, not your mouth. In fact, he even bought a book about it called something like, "Shut Your Mouth."

My concern is at night because he puts a piece of tape over his mouth before he falls asleep, and he sleeps the entire night with that tape on. I am afraid that if his nasal passages were to clog up, and he didn't know it, he could actually suffocate in his sleep. I have told Charles this, but he only laughs, saying there is no way. He says that if he couldn't breath, at all he would rip the tape off. He reminded me of the two times that he had to cough in his sleep, and he woke up and ripped the tape off. After coughing, he put a new piece of tape over his mouth. The product that he uses is called "cloth tape," which he buys at the local pharmacy.

He says that he almost never needs an antihistamine because his allergies rarely act up. When they do, he takes medication, but that is only once or

before all this he was taking one or





Dear Holding My Breath: Relax. Your husband won't suffocate in his sleep. Given a choice between mouth breathing and nasal breathing, many experts recommend nasal breathing for the reason your doctor stated. The fact that your husband has been able to cut way back on his medications is a good sign, as is your doctor not having con-

We breath through our nose or mouth; those are our only two options. Normally, when people think of calming down, they say, "Take a deep breath," and most people would do so by breathing through the nose and out the mouth.

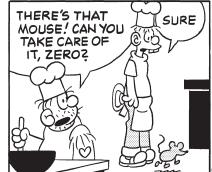
Shallow breathing through the nose is an interesting concept. If any other readers have tried this and experienced good or bad results, I'd love to hear about it.

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My Answer

By Dr. Billy Graham

Q: I was shocked to hear how many pastors believe the Gospel of the New Testament but don't believe the Bible as a whole. Do I have a right to question my own pastor on this? -F.T.

A: Many people sit in church week after week and listen to a sermon. Many slap the preacher on the back and say, "Your talk was wonderful this morning." But how many pause to think about what was really said, and did the teacher back it up from the Word of God? A trustworthy authority figure welcomes honest questions and will answer them frankly. A true person of faith is willing to be corrected by the Word of God. Those who speak against the authority of

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Scripture are not interested in questions; they only want loyalty and power over other people's

Victims are often from religious homes and churches in which people are not instructed to question authority figures nor taught to make decisions on their own. False teachers keep people busy with distractions. Exhaustion sets in. Deception follows. We must maintain our spiritual stamina that comes by staying close to the Lord and His Word.

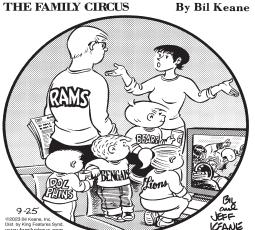
Jesus warned, "Take heed that no one deceives you" (Matthew 24:4). Now who is behind this deception? It is none other than Satan himself. His method is to imitate God, often disguising himself as a minister of righteousness. Thousands of uninstructed Christians are being deceived today. False teachers that seem like the epitome of scholarship and culture are actually clever and crafty, adept at beguiling thoughtless people.

Through Bible study and prayer, we are given discernment to tell the difference between what is of God and what is not. God's people are instructed to test the various doctrines that abound, and test them against the standard of the Word of God.

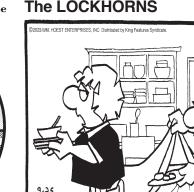
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