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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 third-place 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, was third.

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. **Additional 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, Jess 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 reddish-tan, 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 sub-zones. Residents or property owners of the first to be cleared for reentry — known as Zone 1C, along Kanihau 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 advance.

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

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Low 58	Low 57	Low 56

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Street Fair Idol

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 The trio of Annika Bover, 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 Underwood.
 • Eric Williams, who performed "Homespun Love" by Keith Urban.
 • Heaven Ragg, who sang "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 to it."
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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 trucks.
 "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 Association, said his members want to avoid anything that would impair customer service, "so we certainly hope automakers 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 workers.
 "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 demands because they need to invest profits in a costly transition from gas-powered cars to electric vehicles. 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 thunderstorm. 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 toxins.
 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.

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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 in-school 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

the Biden administration 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

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 work.

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, out-competing 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 shipwrecks.

Amazon Prime Video will soon come with ads, or

a \$2.99 monthly charge to dodge them

Amazon's Prime Video will begin showing ads 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 says 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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OBITUARIES

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

grandchildren; Brandan Braden and Ashley Elsten; one great granddaughter, Daisy Braden and two nephews and one niece.

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 Decatur.



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, Allison (Craig) Yoder, Ben (Sheila) Scherry, Joel Scherry, Nathaniel (Shannon) Rumschlag, Melanie Holmes and Heather Rumschlag; 11 great-grandchildren, 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 Cemetery.

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 Christ

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 self-employed 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 (Kim) Bertsch of Bluffton, Jeff (Carolyn)

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

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 funeral arrangements.



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, MacDonald violated his proba-

tion 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 Community Schools, \$100,000
- South Adams Schools,

- \$55,000
- 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 districts 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

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Flamingos in Wisconsin? Tropical birds visit Lake Michigan beach in a first for the northern state

PORT WASHINGTON, Wis. (AP) — Five flamingos that showed up in 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

of the Wisconsin Society for Ornithology, the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel 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

media about the flamingos' appearance there.

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

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

north in late August by the strong winds of Hurricane Idalia, the Journal Sentinel 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 must-have 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 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 review.

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 COVID and flu vaccines taken care of — to protect both yourself and each other.

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Hoosier Opinions



Brad Chambers' long shot race for governor

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 governor.

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 of the future."

"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 meet-and-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 Braun's?

"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 people."

For Doden, it's his tenure similar to Chambers' at the Indiana Economic Development Corporation and his opposition to the Indiana Chamber's recommendation 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 economy."

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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Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Monday, Sept. 25, the 268th day of 2022. There are 97 days left in the year.

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.

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.



Star Parker

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 in Alaska from oil and gas drilling and development. 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 energy-related policies that assesses the impact of policies on affordability of energy on Americans, particularly at-risk 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.wellscollibrary.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 drop-in 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): Thursday, 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:

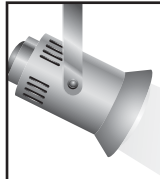
- 9:00 am: Doors open – Meet Elephant & Piggie
- 9:00 am-3:30 pm: Carnival games, bounce house/obstacle course, and book/CD give-a-ways
- 9:30 am: Jim Gill performance
- 10:30 am: David Slonim drawing workshop
- 11 am-2 pm: Balloon animals, local authors, food trucks
- 11 am: Elephant & Piggie meet-and-greet



- 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-greet
 - 2:00 pm: Shannon Anderson writing workshop
 - 3:00 pm: David Slonim drawing workshop
- Sponsored by the Virginia Gene Neuen-schwander Youth Fund from the Wells County Foundation, the Friends of the Library, Wabash Endowment, Gay Saunders, and local schools and PTOs.
- No registration is needed for the Children's Book Festival. More info can be viewed at wellscollibrary.org/news-events/childrens-book-festival/


Library Hours

At the main library in Bluffton — Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Friday, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.; and Saturday, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.
At the Ossian branch library — Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and Saturday, 9 a.m. to noon.
Access the library online at www.wellscollibrary.org for digital books, magazines, online databases, event info, and more.



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

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

by Melba Edwards

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 Lions will serve free food 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.

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 fro-

zen 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 Zanesville'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 Bat-

tershell 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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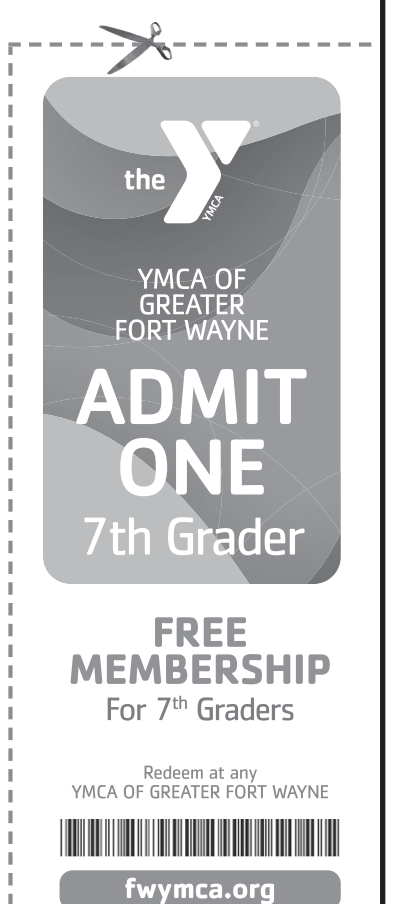


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Bluffton, Indiana

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 Manhattan 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 remain.

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 non-profit 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 weapons.

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 summer.

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

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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.

1. Become a more careful 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 addition,

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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Breathing bothers

Dear Annie: My husband of 42 years 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 — and to help them get off medications.

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 breathe, 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

twice a year, while before all this he was taking one or two pills a day.

I asked our doctor about it, and she said breathing through the nose is a good idea because the nasal passages filter out germs, but she added that she had never heard of anyone taping their mouth shut to sleep. She did not seem concerned, but she's not married to the guy. — Holding My Breath

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 concerns.

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.

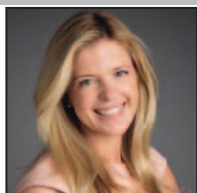
Shallow breathing through the nose is an interesting concept. If any other readers have tried this and experienced good or bad results, I'd love to hear about it.

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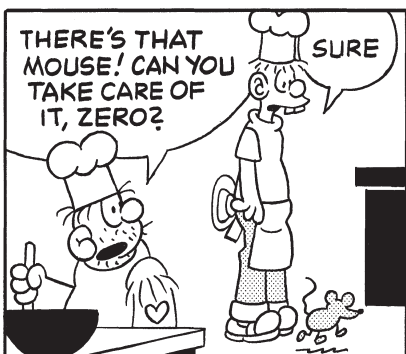
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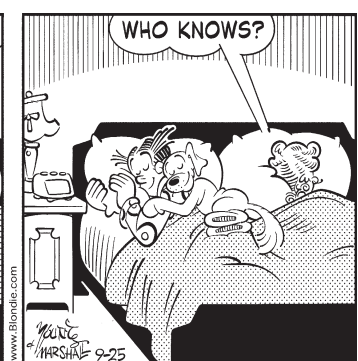
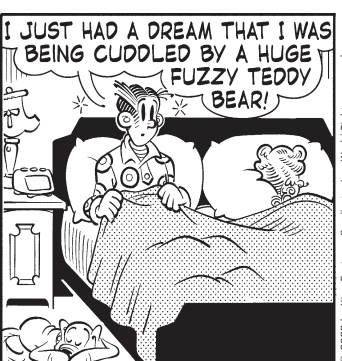
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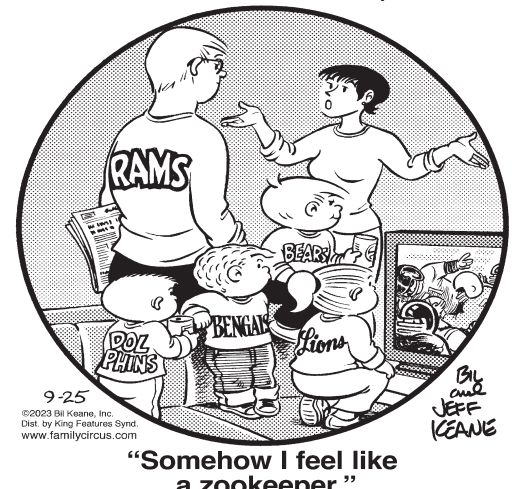
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My Answer

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A true person of faith is willing to be corrected by the Word of God

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? — FT.

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

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

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.

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

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