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A frustrated board of health

Health Department leaders struggle to fill open positions and deal with both the public and commissioners

By HOLLY GASKILL

While the Wells County Health Board continues to struggle to fill open positions, the department's normal activities, such as responding to public health complaints, have been constrained by directives from the Wells County Commissioners.

During the health board's meeting Thursday morning, board members revisited the ongoing issue of understaffing in the department. Marlene Hoag, interim administrator, advised there has been little progress regarding hiring for multiple reasons.

Firstly, Hoag said there has not been clarity with the advertisement of the position she currently occupies. Before retiring last fall, Hoag's technical title was deputy administrator and vital records clerk. While Hoag advised that administrative responsibilities and vital records should be two full-time positions, she told the board that commissioner feedback regarding the postings has been unclear.

"As I've said before, a year ago — I'm not out there to be hired," Hoag said. "It's not that it's rocket science and

there's nobody that can be hired for this position, it's just a lot of on-the-job training. Public health is forever changing."

That being said, Hoag has hired a part-time vital records clerk, Sahara Wall, to fill the position that opened in August. Hoag said she has not had any promising applications for the environmental specialist (septic) position, which has been vacant since June, or the part-time medical assistant position.

"It just seems unfair to me, that you folks who are handling this burden (of work), are also expected to find your own replacements," stated Dr. Mary Donley, health board member. "Isn't that the job of the county commissioners? Are you getting support? Are they helping with the search or is it just being dumped on the board to handle this problem that is not the board's responsibility?"

Hoag responded that it's been common practice for individual offices to search for their replacements. Donley repeated her question, "Are they doing enough to help?"

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From fences to pathways

Barricades went up Thursday to block access to three downtown alleyways in preparation of upcoming work to transform the alleys into "Downtown Pathways," a project of Bluffton NOW! Mike Lautzenheiser, Jr., leader of the group focused on downtown Bluffton improvements, said the transformations. "A mix of pedestrian walkways and gatherings spots" are slated to be completed by early March 2024. The north-south alleys affected include the one shown above in the 100 East block between Perry and Market streets. The second is in the 200 East block between Perry and Market; the third alley being transformed is next to the American Legion post between East Walnut and Washington streets. (Photo by Mark Miller)

Attorneys for Indiana man leave case

Their departure comes amid questions of evidence security; Richard Allen is charged in the killings of two teenage girls in Delphi

By ISABELLA VOLMERT
Associated Press

FORT WAYNE, Ind. (AP) — The trial for an Indiana man charged in the killings of two teenage girls is expected to be delayed after his defense attorneys withdrew from the case Thursday amid questions about security of evidence.

Special Judge Fran Gull said during a scheduled hearing that Richard Allen's attorney Andrew Baldwin made an oral motion to withdraw Thursday afternoon. Gull said she expects Allen's other attorney, Bradley Rozzi, to submit a motion to withdraw in writing in "the next couple of days."

"We've had an unexpected turn of events," Gull said.

Allen, 51, was arrested in October 2022 and charged with two counts of murder in the 2017 slayings of 13-year-old Abigail Williams and 14-year-old Liberty German. He has pleaded not guilty to the charges and his trial was scheduled for January.

Messages left at Baldwin's and Rozzi's offices were not immediately returned Thursday afternoon.

A relative of one of the teenagers — known as Abby and Libby — dropped them off on Feb. 13, 2017, at a hiking trail near their hometown of Delphi, about 60 miles northwest of Indianapolis. They were reported missing that evening after they didn't show up at a meeting place to be picked up. Their bodies were found the next day in a

rugged, heavily wooded area near the trail.

The killings have haunted Delphi, a city of about 3,000 where Allen worked at a drugstore, and the case has been closely watched in the state and nationwide.

Gull originally ordered Thursday's hearing to discuss future court proceedings and dozens of media personnel and other onlookers gathered, anticipating a rare update in the case. But it was effectively canceled by the attorneys' withdrawal.

Allen was not brought into the courtroom.

Gull said she will ask to appoint a new public defense attorney for Allen

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Halloween spiders are busy

Halloween decorations are popping up all over the area as the "decorating spiders" have been hard at work preparing for fall seasonal displays. This large spider web and witch are residing at the corner of East Washington and South Scott streets for the rest of the "spooky" season. (Photo by Barbara Barbieri)

Biden: support for Israel, Ukraine is 'vital' for U.S. security

By CHRIS MEGERIAN
and SEUNG MIN KIM
Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Joe Biden declared it is "vital for America's national security" for Israel and Ukraine to succeed in their wars, making the case Thursday night for deepening U.S. involvement in two unpredictable foreign conflicts as he prepared to ask for billions of dollars in military assistance for both countries.

If international aggression is allowed to continue, Biden said in a rare Oval Office address, "conflict and chaos could spread in other parts of the world."

" Hamas and Putin represent different threats," Biden said. "But they share this in common. They

both want to completely annihilate a neighboring democracy."

He said he would send an urgent funding request to Congress, which is expected to be \$105 billion for the next year. The proposal, which will be unveiled on Friday, includes \$60 billion for Ukraine, much of which is for replenishing U.S. weapons stockpiles that have already been provided.

There's \$14 billion for Israel, \$10 billion for humanitarian efforts, \$14 billion for managing the U.S.-Mexico border and fighting fentanyl trafficking and \$7 billion for the Indo-Pacific region, which includes Taiwan. The proposal was described by three people familiar

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Powell: Slower growth may be needed to conquer inflation

WASHINGTON (AP) — Federal Reserve Chair Jerome Powell said Thursday that inflation remains too high and that bringing it down to the Fed's target level will likely require a slower-growing economy and job market.

Powell noted that inflation has cooled significantly from a year ago. But he cautioned that the

economy is growing faster than the Fed had expected and could continue to keep inflation elevated. As a result, the Fed chair said, it's not yet clear whether inflation is on a steady path back to the Fed's 2 percent target.

"We certainly have a very resilient economy on our hands," Powell said in a discussion at the Eco-

nomics Club of New York. "Many forecasts called for the U.S. economy to be in recession this year. Not only has that not happened; growth is now running for this year above its longer-run trend. So that's been a surprise."

Powell's comments echoed speeches from other Fed officials this week, which have under-

scored that they are grappling with an unusual and unexpected development: Inflation is slowing even while economic growth and hiring have been robust.

In its drive to tame inflation, the Fed has raised its key rate 11 times since March 2022 to about 5.4 percent, its highest level in 22 years. Though inflation has tumbled

from its peaks of last year, it still has further to go to reach the Fed's 2 percent inflation target. Doing so is likely to require slower economic growth.

If the healthy economic expansion and hiring endure, Powell said Thursday, the central bank might have to further raise its

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OBITUARIES

Arzetta "Mae" Cobb, 86

Arzetta "Mae" Cobb, 86, of Bluffton passed away Wednesday evening, Oct. 18, 2023, surrounded by her loving family at her home.

Mae was born May 9, 1937 in Huntington to Robert D. Lehman and Olive L. (Harshman) Hoag. She attended Rockcreek High School.

Mae worked for Franklin Electric in the accounting department for over 27 years, retiring in 2003. She was a member of Calvary Lutheran Church. She loved bowling, gardening and spending time with her family. She could often be seen watching her grandchildren and great-grandchildren at their extracurricular events. She could often be found watching IU basketball.

On April 15, 1954, Mae married her high school sweetheart, James "Jim" W. Cobb. They spent 66 years together prior to his passing on Nov. 6, 2020.

Survivors include her children, Steve (Cindy) Cobb of Fort Wayne, Mark (Lu Ann Coleman) Cobb of Ossian, and Tammy Schisler of Bluffton; along with five grandchildren, Chris (Stephanie) Cobb, Kevin Cobb, Ryan (April) Schisler, Nick (Shelby) Cobb, and Danielle (Jeremy) Reed; along with 11 great-grandchildren, Tyler Reed, Hannah Stambaugh, Ian Cobb, Kierstynn Reed, Paxton Cobb, Bryce Schisler, Parker Cobb, Carter Schisler, Isla Cobb, Finley Cobb, and Lindsey Schisler. She is also survived by her siblings, Diane Bunch of Muncie, Larry (Darlene) Hoag of Elkhart, Marilyn Langley of The Villages, Fla., James (Marlene) Hoag of Craigville, and Doug (Theresa) Hoag of Ossian; and a sister-in-law Denise Hoag of Antwerp, Ohio.

She is preceded in death by her husband, Jim; her parents; a stepfather, Noble L. Hoag, who raised her since she was 10 years old; and siblings Janet Hoag and Guy Hoag.

Funeral service will take place Wednesday, Oct. 25, 2023 at 10:30 a.m. at the Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home in Bluffton, with Tony Garton officiating. Burial will take place at Elm Grove Cemetery.

Visitation will be held from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 24, 2023 and for one hour prior to the service.

Memorials may be made to Friends Who Care Cancer Relief Foundation or Calvary Lutheran Church.

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



Thomas Gordon Tudor, 75

Thomas Gordon Tudor, 75, of Ossian, passed away on Wednesday, Oct. 11, 2023, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne following an extended illness.

He was born on May 30, 1948, in Muncie to Ned and Wilma (Falts) Tudor.

He retired as bank manager from First Merchants Bank in Lapel. The Tudor family started the Lapel Post and operated it from 1985 to 1992. They started the Lapel Car Wash in 1987 and owned it from 1987 to 2016. They started the Lapel Laundry in 2000 and operated it from 2000 to 2016. Tom served as the clerk/treasurer for the Town of Lapel from 1991 to 2015. He loved his faith, family and community. He loved Lapel where he lived from 1972 to 2018, before moving to Ossian to be near his family. He enjoyed gardening and loved farming and the rural life. He was a member of Ford Street United Methodist Church.

Thomas is survived by his wife, Susan (Snyder) Tudor; three children, Eliza Tudor (husband, Lance Sykes) of Indianapolis, Adam (wife, Dawn) Tudor of Bluffton, and Christopher (wife, Sarah) Tudor of Bourbonnais, Ill.; and seven grandchildren, Cleo, Dexter, Kate, Grant, Ethan, Adalynn and Ella.

He was preceded in death by two sons, Joshua and Joseph Tudor; his parents; and a brother, Phillip Tudor.

A funeral service was held at noon Monday, Oct. 16, 2023 at Ford Street United Methodist Church, 925 North Ford Street in Lapel with Pastor Jill Moffett officiating. Burial followed at Brookside Cemetery in Lapel.

Visitation preceded the service from 10 a.m. to noon Monday at the church.

Memorial contributions may be made to Lapel Community Association, P.O. Box 834, Lapel, Indiana 46051.

Online condolences may be shared at www.hersbergerbozell.com.



Truly Miser, 6

Truly Miser, 6, of Bluffton died Wednesday, Oct. 18, 2023, at Riley Hospital for Children in Indianapolis.

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

Susan Grace Reno, 79

Susan Grace Reno, 79, of Muncie died Thursday morning, Oct. 19, 2023, at Lynd Place Assisted Living in Muncie. Funeral arrangements are pending at this time with the Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home in Bluffton.

Carrasco named state senator-elect

By LESLIE BONILLA MUÑIZ
Indiana Capital Chronicle

Former Indiana Inspector General Cyndi Carrasco is set to be Indiana's next state senator after Republican precinct committee members overwhelmingly voted her into the role Wednesday evening. She beat out former state Rep. John Jacob — a hard-right minister — with a vote of 53-5.

"I will be an unwavering conservative voice for Marion and Johnson counties in the state Senate," Carrasco told precinct committee members ahead of the vote, in a pitch that focused heavily on public safety.

"We must always fully support law enforcement and their mission to keep our families and our communities safe, and hold criminals accountable," she said. "I will always have their backs in the General Assembly."

She will replace Sen. Jack Sandlin, a veteran and police officer, who died unexpectedly in September.

"I will never be able to thank Jack enough for his support and his service, but I will try to the very best of my ability to carry on his legacy in the Indiana State Senate," Carrasco said.

Carrasco most recently made an unsuccessful bid for Marion County prosecutor, but lost to Democrat incumbent Ryan Mears.

Carrasco's victory ended an attempted comeback by Jacob, who lost his Indiana House seat in elections last fall. Jacob was among the most prominent anti-abortion advocates during a 2022 special legislative session, as he pushed unsuccessfully for a ban with no exceptions.

INCIDENTS

City:
Wednesday, 5:13 p.m., 200 block of Capri Court. Caller requested welfare check for coworker. Two subjects advised the subject had just left the residence and was going to an unknown location.

Wednesday, 6:32 p.m., 600 block of West Cherry Street. Caller reported unknown subject kicking door in, leaving dents on multiple occasions. Advised to install camera system.

Wednesday, 10:55 p.m., Bluffton Police Department. Caller advised she wanted to speak to an officer but would not give info over phone. Subject wanted car back from her parents.

Thursday, 12:33 a.m., WEG. Open 911 call from this location, no answer on

Police Notebook

callback. Officer walked through plant with manager and found no issues, aside from the obvious.

Thursday, 1:23 a.m., Ind. 124 and Elm Grove Road. Subject unaware that suspended driving privileges effectively removed his privilege to drive. Vehicle towed, subject arrested.

Thursday, 2:23 a.m., 1200 block of West Washington Street. Caller reported hearing beating on door. Unable to locate anyone.

Thursday, 4:53 a.m., 400 block of West Wiley Avenue. Caller reported vandalism to his vehicle at 5 p.m. the day prior, has video of the happy hour hit.

Thursday, 9:56 a.m., 1200 block of West Washington Street. Caller reported someone stealing metal for her roof while she was

at work. The subject was installing the roof.

Thursday, 12:14 p.m., Family Farm and Home. Report of someone reportedly keying two vehicles. Subject denied the allegations and unlocked a no trespass warning to the business.

County:
Wednesday, 3:03 p.m., North Main Street and Ind. 224, Uniondale. Driver advised tire on vehicle felt loose, took it back home.

Wednesday, 7:38 p.m., Ind. 218 and 800 East, Bluffton. Officer transported subject to Wells County Jail.

Wednesday, 11:01 p.m., 4500 West 300 South, Liberty Center. Officer requested to stand by while subject collected vehicle from parents.

Thursday, 6:38 a.m., Wells County Jail. No con-

tact order served to Carrie Campbell at booking desk in the jail.

Thursday, 8:44 a.m., 7300 West 100 South, Warren. Report of a dispute between neighbors, trees, and property lines.

ARRESTS
Carrie Elizabeth Campbell, 30, Richmond, domestic battery — presence of a child less than 16-years-old, a Level 6 felony. Bond set at \$25,000.

Jimmy Richard Robert Sheets, 45, Peru, sentence — court order — probation violation, a Class A misdemeanor.

Alexander Lynn Price, 36, Geneva, contempt of court — civil. Bond set at \$400.

Matthew James Coombs, 21, Ossian, driving while suspended — prior suspension, A Class misdemeanor.



Indiana's eighth and newest state park inn will be located on the south shore of Worster Lake at Potato Creek State Park, which is near North Liberty in St. Joseph County. (Rendering provided by the governor's office)

Holcomb, DNR officials break ground on new Potato Creek State Park lodge

By CASEY SMITH
Indiana Capital Chronicle

Indiana officials broke ground Thursday on a new lodge at Potato Creek State Park, making it the first lodge to be built in one of the state's parks since 1939.

The lodge will be the eighth to join the Indiana State Parks Inns system and sit on the south shore of Worster Lake at Potato Creek State Park, which is near North Liberty in St. Joseph County.

"There's a reason why Indiana's state park inns have the highest occupancy rate in the nation and continue to earn such high national rankings," Indiana Gov. Eric Holcomb said in a statement. "People come here from across the country and around the world because of the unparalleled experience and hospitality extended at our state park inns. Whether you're out hiking a trail or sitting by the fire, our state parks offer an opportunity to immerse yourself in nature's finest surroundings."

State lawmakers set aside \$50 million in 2021 for the inn, but as inflation caused construction prices to increase, the funding turned out not to be enough.

Holcomb then called for the legislature to include \$1.25 billion for general

capital expenditures in the 2023 budget, including for the Potato Creek State Park Inn. Lawmakers agreed to the request and added an additional \$100 million in the latest state budget for the lodge.

A rendering of the outside of the new lodge now under construction at Potato Creek State Park. (Rendering provided by the governor's office)

The preliminary plan for the inn includes 120 guest rooms, a full-service dining room that seats 150, a conference center with three break-out rooms and capacity for 350 guests, an indoor aquatic center, a variety of indoor and outdoor spaces for small gatherings, a miniature room for programs and exhibits, a café, a gift shop, and access to the lake and other park features.

The governor's office said the lodge will provide year-round outdoor recreation for guests. Activities will range from bike riding and boating in the summer to ice fishing and hiking in winter, along with the view-

ing of spring wildflowers, migratory birds and fall colors in the surrounding woods and prairies.

The lodge will be operated through the Indiana Inns Authority, part of the Indiana Department of Natural Resources' Division of State Parks.

"By building our second overnight lodging facility for Hoosiers in the northern part of the state, we're both making history and making way for new opportunities to get out and explore our great outdoor Indiana," said DNR Director Dan Bortner. "Our park guests love making year-round memories at

Potawatomi Inn at Pokagon State Park, and we know this new lodge at Potato Creek is going to be a great place for more memories to be made."

State officials said they do not have a definite completion date for construction of the lodge but anticipate it to be done sometime in 2026 or 2027.

Pricing for overnight lodging, conference facility use and other inn amenities also has not yet been determined. DNR officials said fees will be comparable with prices at the current Indiana State Park inns and lodges.

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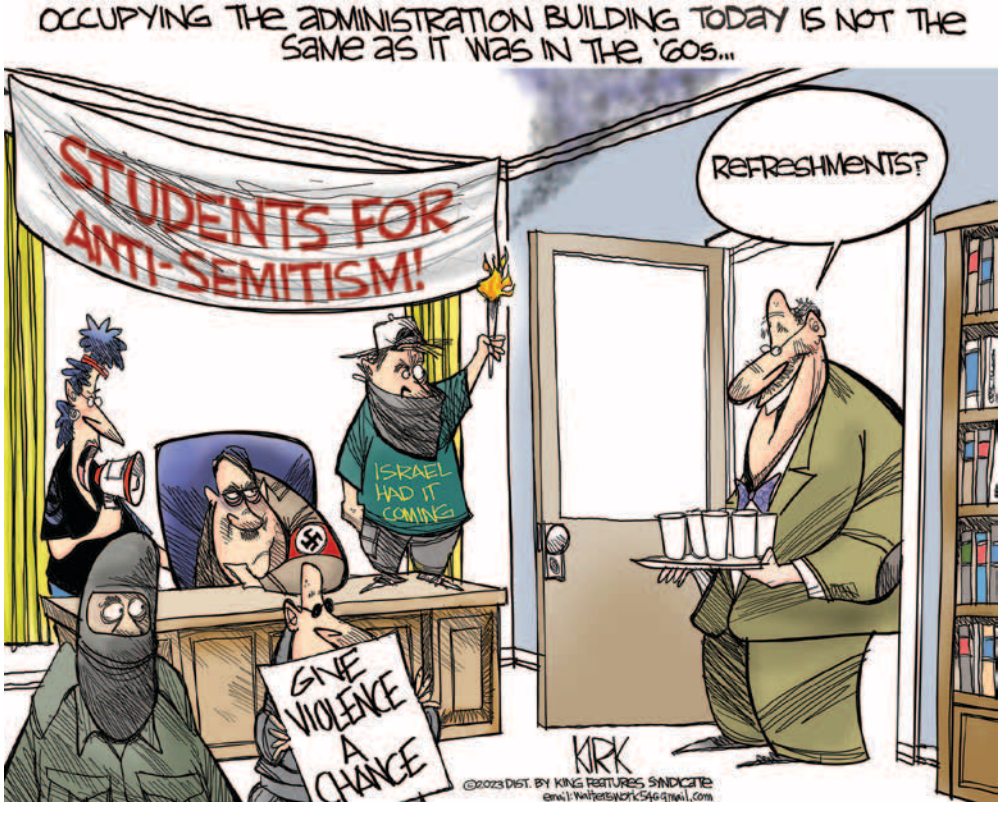
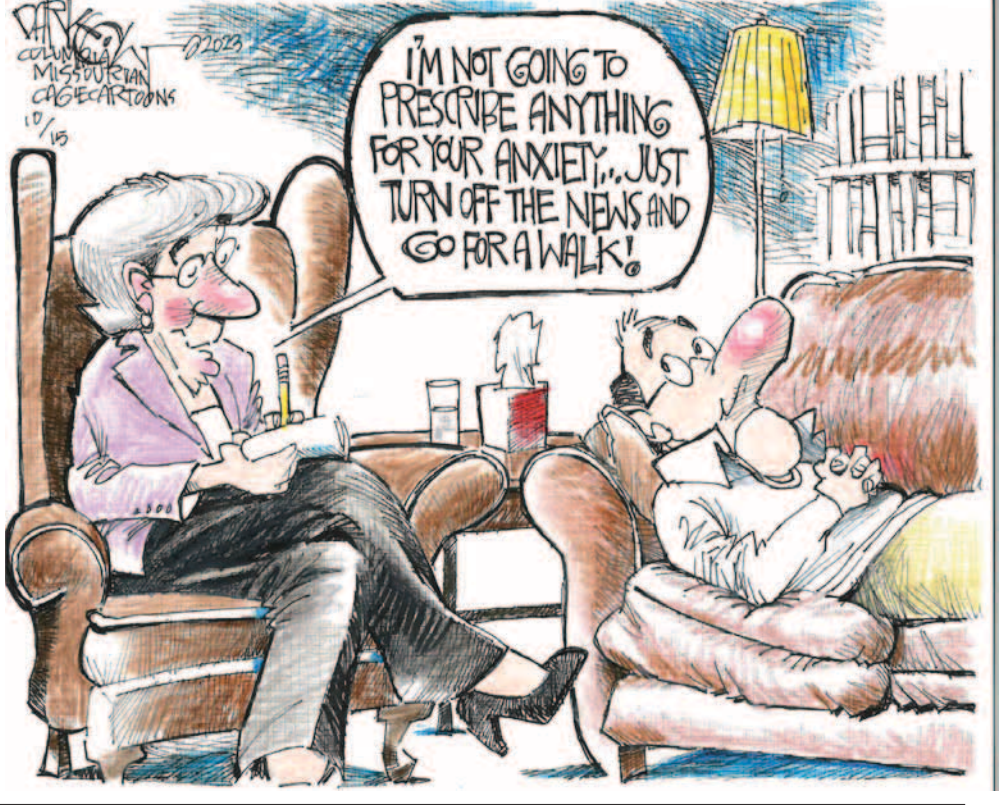
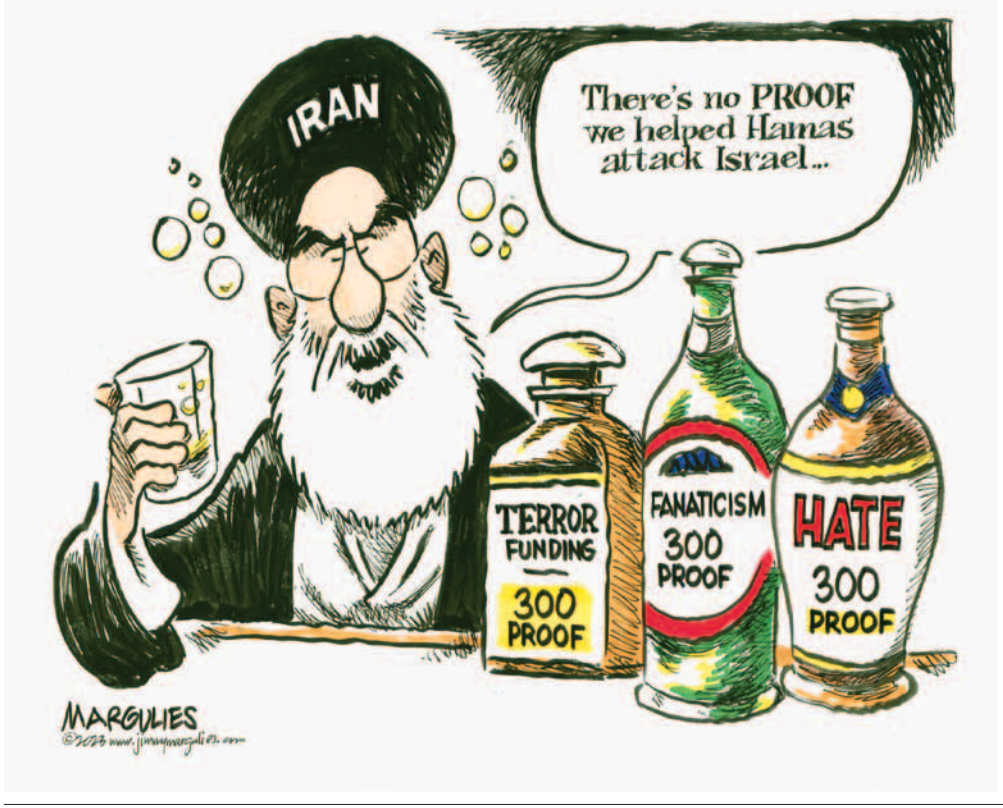
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The Week That Was - a look back through cartoonists' eyes...



Is this remnant of American culture doomed, y'all?

"Where's your Bayer?" I vividly remember that question from my high school job working in a convenience market in my Tennessee hometown.

A buxom young lady from out-of-town posed the query and I helpfully directed her to the section of the store showcasing our aspirin, bandages, Merthiolate, etc.

She sauntered to the shelves I suggested. Alas, she searched in vain. I clarified the directions. The "last year's Easter Egg" aura increased.

I finally asked, "What was it you said you were looking for?"

"Your Bayer. You know, like Pabst and Miller."

This incident comes to mind because "The Daily Mail" reports that researchers at the University of Georgia and Georgia Tech say the distinctive southern drawl is on its way out. Members of Generation X have less of an accent than their Baby Boomer parents, and the folksy diphthongs become less apparent with each succeeding generation.

Two main factors drive the transition: (a) the Yankee and West Coast dominance of mass media and (b) the mass migration into the South that followed World War II. Formerly isolated southern schoolchildren supposedly tried to assimilate with their newly transplanted classmates.

I'll admit some time-honored aspects of southern speech never made sense. Granted, one linguist did try to rationalize and dignify their etymology. ("The settlers brought certain dialects from Europe. Then they encountered traders from other European countries. Then the Cherokee taught them unfamiliar vowels and encouraged them to flap their arms and cluck like a ...d'oh!!")

I have never been one to wave my college speech-and-theater minor in anyone's face (especially since I'm still trying to live down Tony Young laughing at me for announcing the junior high yearbook cover was going to be "blue and yellor"), but I can see the positive side of the change tracked by the researchers.

It's irksome to hear people pronouncing "hill" like where Achilles got wounded or "yell" like an Ivy League university in New Haven, Connecticut.

One of my favorite neighboring towns is Shelbyville, which has a crisp, three-syllable name. A name which many people in surrounding counties degrade to "Shevel" or "Shovel" or (if they're feeling particularly pretentious) "Shebbuvuhl."

I'm not the first member of the family with reservations about go-with-the-flow language. My father said Granny Tyree wanted to name his little sister "Caroline," but she shifted gears because she knew her backwoods neighbors would pronounce it "Cowline."

Still, "Gone With the Wind" remains my favorite movie and a tenacious part of me has lactose intolerance when it comes to homogenization of the language.

I don't want to live in a world where Foghorn Leghorn or Tennessee Williams's Big Daddy become indecipherable without a Rosetta Stone.

I have handwritten a heartfelt letter asking today's youngsters to cling to select features of our cultural heritage.

Unfortunately, the plan is going all cattywampus because I plumb forgot and wrote it in cursive!

Did that wisecrack give you a headache? I do declare, I'm just getting warmed up.

Here, hold my Bayer...



Danny Tyree

Tyrades

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It's time for Congress to measure up to the country's expectations

As I write this, the war between Hamas and Israel continues with fury on both sides and the US House of Representatives remains without a speaker, unable to pass legislation or allow the United States government to respond with its full weight to that crisis. Like many Americans, I find myself both frustrated by the standstill and left wondering, What if we faced a full-blown crisis on our own shores? Could Congress put its divisions behind it and act quickly for the good of the country?

I don't want to pick apart the maneuvering that brought us to this moment. The eight Republican House members who voted to dislodge Kevin McCarthy from the speakership had their own motivations. So did the centrist Republicans who decided against trying to find a candidate palatable to centrist Democrats. House Democrats had plenty of logical and well-articulated reasons for refusing to come to McCarthy's rescue. And over in the Senate, GOP Sen. Tommy Tuberville has his own rationale for continuing to block military promotions — thus affecting our ability to project power in the Middle East — because of a clash over abortion policy.

The thing about a global crisis, though, is that it puts things in perspective, and right now, the US doesn't look like a fully functioning world leader. That's thanks in no small part to decisions made by members of Congress that put political gain or score-settling or partisan calculations ahead of the responsibility they all hold to keep the US government operating effectively and with the full range of its capabilities.



Lee Hamilton

Comments on Congress

I believe that, over the course of our history, the two-party system has served the American people well, and that it can continue to do so. Still, that's a lot of people who don't like where the parties have taken us.

The challenge, certainly for the House, is to find a way past this

ties. And the American people have noticed. In a poll released early in October, Gallup found that 63 percent of US adults "currently agree with the statement that the Republican and Democratic parties do 'such a poor job' of representing the American people that 'a third major party is needed.'"

I am not among that 63 percent: I

edly raised the issue of entering into a bipartisan governing coalition with our Republican counterparts" and been rebuffed. In particular, he wrote, his caucus had hoped to put in place rules changes that would "encourage bipartisan governance and undermine the ability of extremists to hold Congress hostage."

There's a good chance that any Republican who supported such moves would face a primary next year. Yet clearly, the rules under which the House now operates aren't serving it — or the country — in good stead. While I have some sympathy with those GOP members of the Freedom Caucus who want to restore the power of committees in the House, as well as what's known as the "regular order" and the ability of rank-and-file members to have a voice in debate, I also believe that in this day and age, the speaker needs to be a strong presence, with the ability to keep fractiousness within bounds.

At a minimum, this means rejecting the idea that at any moment, a single member can topple a speaker by bringing a motion to vacate, as Republican Matt Gaetz did to McCarthy.

I can't predict how the House will get itself out of this mess, or how the Senate might deal with Tuberville's obstruction. But I do know that the American people are losing patience, that a broad range of domestic issues need Congress's attention, and that the situation in the Middle East — as well as in Ukraine and elsewhere — demands a US government that can respond quickly and effectively. It's time for Congress to show that it recognizes all this.

Lee Hamilton is a distinguished scholar with the IU School of Global and International Studies. He was a member of the U.S. House of Representatives for 34 years.



moment quickly — and to put in place changes that will buttress Americans' faith that it can be a fully responsible partner in governing this country. Not long ago, Hakeem Jeffries, the Democratic leader there, wrote an op-ed in the Washington Post in which he noted that he and other Democratic leaders had "repeat-

Today in History

By The Associated Press
Today is Friday, Oct. 20, the 293rd day of 2023. There are 72 days left in the year.
Today's Highlight in History: On Oct. 20, 1977, three members of the rock group Lynyrd Skynyrd, including lead singer Ronnie Van Zant, were killed along with three others in the crash of a chartered plane near McComb, Mississippi.
On this date:
In 1947, the House Un-American Activities Committee opened hearings into alleged Communist influence and infiltration in the U.S. motion picture industry.
In 1967, a jury in Meridian, Mis-

issippi, convicted seven men of violating the civil rights of slain civil rights workers James Chaney, Andrew Goodman and Michael Schwerner; the seven received prison terms ranging from 3 to 10 years.
In 1973, the "Saturday Night Massacre," special Watergate prosecutor Archibald Cox was dismissed and Attorney General Elliot L. Richardson and Deputy Attorney General William B. Ruckelshaus resigned.
In 1976, 78 people were killed when the Norwegian tanker Frosta rammed the commuter ferry George Prince on the Mississippi River near New Orleans.

In 1979, the John F. Kennedy Presidential Library and Museum was dedicated in Boston.
In 1990, three members of the rap group 2 Live Crew were acquitted by a jury in Fort Lauderdale, Fla., of violating obscenity laws with an adult-only concert in nearby Hollywood the previous June.
In 2001, officials announced that anthrax had been discovered in a House postal facility on Capitol Hill.
In 2004, a U.S. Army staff sergeant, Ivan "Chip" Frederick, pleaded guilty to abusing Iraqi detainees at Abu Ghraib prison. (Frederick was sentenced to eight years in prison; he was paroled in 2007.)

Had it with office's lack of hiring

Dear Annie: I've dated a man for five years. He used to work, prior to the pandemic, but he hasn't really actively applied to jobs. My biggest issue is the fact that I'm paying all the expenses for the household we share together, and he doesn't need to do anything to assist me.

At the same time, he's starting to treat me like a servant in my own house. He controls the TV. Foods that I like, he throws away, since he doesn't eat them. He has outbursts and tantrums when I tell him to get a job.

I'm fed up with supporting a grown man. What should I do? -- Frustrated
Dear Frustrated: He can complain all he wants, but numbers don't lie. Sit down with your boyfriend and a financial planner so you can review all your finances together. He will be forced to confront the fact that he is not contributing to the household. Then, make a plan. A good couples counselor can help you two communicate. If that doesn't work, be prepared to kick him out.

Dear Annie: I have a job where I work for a doctor. He has two offices. He has four people working at one office, and I work alone at the other. On clinic days, which is when the doctor sees patients, I am supposed to have help. The other staff that come from the other office either take the day off or, when they are there, they don't help me. They just sit in the break room and talk, and I run the show by myself.

I have gone to the manager, and even the manager above her, and they are hiring someone but are not sure when she is starting. I went to the doctor recently and told him that I

was tired of working by myself and that his staff should help with the clinic. He called me inappropriate for saying that and said I need to just continue to do my job. I asked him, "So it's OK for me to be alone then?" He said nothing. I am not sure what to do. — Losing Patience

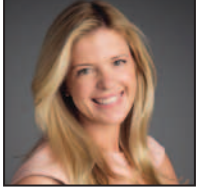
Dear Losing: You're in a frustrating predicament. While the doctor's reply was less than helpful, I can't blame him: You're more likely to have luck speaking with the manager again or another supervisor who assists with staffing and personnel decisions.

Arrange a meeting with one of your higher-ups to calmly and rationally explain your side. Ultimately, without proper staffing, the patients are the ones who suffer the most. If your managers are not serious about hiring extra hands, it'd be prudent to start looking for other job opportunities, where you feel not only set up for success but like your needs are heard and valued.

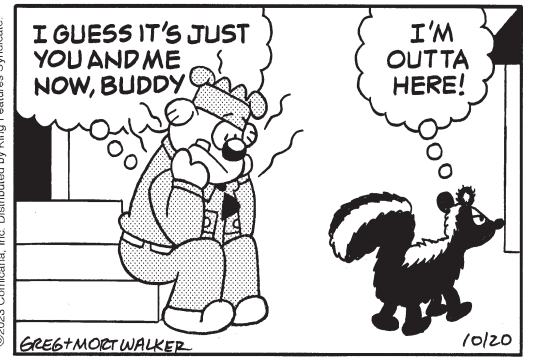
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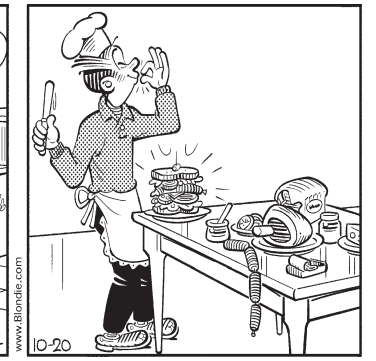
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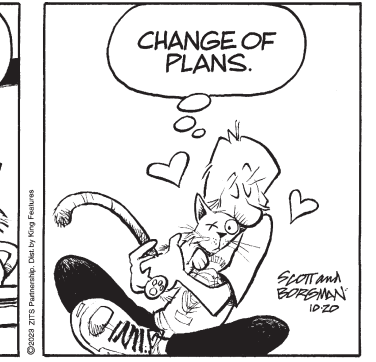
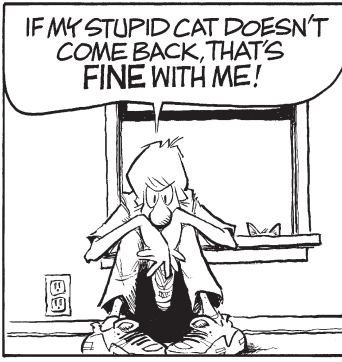
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My Answer

By Dr. Billy Graham



Death for the Christian is the doorway to Heaven's glory

Q: In our high-tech society it seems that parents encourage their children to play games on their devices but shield them from reality. My elderly father is dying and my adult children (who are Christians) feel that it is morbid to let their children visit with him since his ability to communicate is difficult, but he's aware of the presence of loved ones. What encouragement is there about this sensitive issue? — D.P.

adult members of the family sat and cried in the living room, and the teenage grandsons wandered in and out of the house aimlessly. The hospice worker found the little girl sobbing in the corner of her room. "What's the matter, honey?" she asked. "They won't let me see Grandpa," she whimpered. The nurse said to the family, "It's wrong not to allow the children to see their grandfather and tell him goodbye. Don't keep them away."

bed and snuggled next to him. The boys sat in chairs beside his bed, and a smile came to Grandpa's face — and he died peacefully. That little girl never forgot the experience.

A: A hospice nurse was helping care for a grandfather who was dying. His four-year-old granddaughter was ordered to go another part of the house to play, and told not to go near Grandpa's room. The

Reluctantly, the parents told their children they could go into the room. The little girl stood on her tiptoes and kissed her grandpa, and then, not satisfied that he knew she was there, she pulled herself up on the

What an important time for teaching the peace of God in difficult times. Jesus spoke about death and said, "He who hears My word and believes in Him who sent Me ... has passed from death into life" (John 5:24). Death for the Christian is the doorway to Heaven's glory.

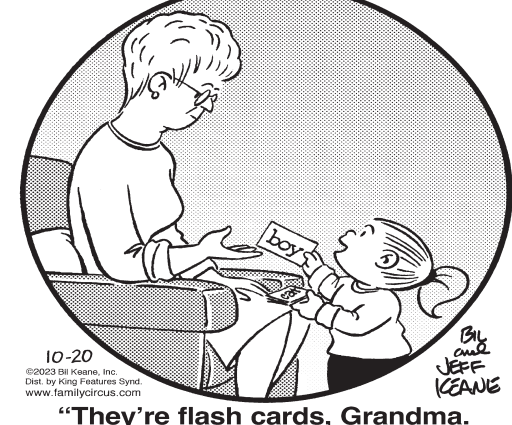
(This column is based on the words and writings of the late Rev. Billy Graham.)

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THE FAMILY CIRCUS

By Bil Keane

The LOCKHORNS



TV schedule grid with columns for time slots (10:20 to 12:30) and rows for channels (WINM, CBS, etc.).

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

Crossword puzzle grid with clues for Across and Down words, including 'Proof', 'Preparedness kit', 'Candle count', etc.

Grid for 'Yesterday's answer' crossword puzzle.

News-Banner Scoreboard

FOOTBALL NFL

Table with columns: Team, W, L, T, Pct, PF, PA. Includes American Conference East, South, North, West and National Conference East, South, North.

Table with columns: Team, W, L, T, Pct, PF, PA. Includes Minnesota, Chicago, West, Thursday's Games, Sunday's Games, Monday's Games, Thursday, Oct. 26, Sunday, Oct. 29.

Table with columns: Team, W, L, T, Pct, PF, PA. Includes Kansas City at Denver, Chicago at L.A. Chargers, Monday, Oct. 30, Las Vegas at Detroit, HOCKEY NHL, Eastern Conference, Metropolitan Division, Pacific Division, Western Conference, Central Division.

Table with columns: Team, W, L, T, Pct, PF, PA. Includes Vancouver, Anaheim, Edmonton, San Jose, Seattle, Wednesday's Games, Thursday's Games, Friday's Games, Saturday's Games.

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High School Calendar

FRIDAY, OCT 20 FOOTBALL: (sectional quarterfinal) Delta at Norwell, 7 p.m.; Bluffton at Alexandria Monroe, 7 p.m.; North Miami at Southern Wells, 7 p.m. SATURDAY, OCT 21 CROSS COUNTRY (CO-ED): (regional) Bluffton, Norwell, Southern Wells at The PLEX Fort Wayne, 10:30 a.m. MONDAY, OCT 23 No events scheduled TUESDAY, OCT 24 No events scheduled WEDNESDAY, OCT 25 No events scheduled THURSDAY, OCT 26 No events scheduled FRIDAY, OCT 27 FOOTBALL: (sectional semi-final) TBD.

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EMSHWILLER & EMSHWILLER is looking for an office assistant to join our team. Seasonal help - January thru May of each year. Responsible for performing a range of clerical and administrative tasks to support daily operations in an office setting. Ideal candidate would be good at organizing, multi-tasking & taking direction. To apply for this position, please send resume to sharedadmin@emshwiller.net (EAP2)



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Mark your Calendar for this event

FALL FLING AT National Guard Armory, 500 E. Spring St., Bluffton, Saturday, October 21, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Free admission. Raffles, food, 25+ direct sales vendors and handmade crafts. Raffle items are vendor donated. All proceeds donated to Honor Flight of Northeast Indiana.

Help Wanted

WELLS COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE is currently seeking applicants for the position of Full Time Court Security Supervisor. This position oversees the coordination of the day-to-day operations for the protection and security of the Wells County Courthouse. Must have college level courses or work experience in supervision or management, and at least five (5) years of experience in law enforcement or corrections, including experience with security measures and devices. Must have at least two (2) years of direct supervisory experience. Must pass background investigation which may include but is not limited to employment history and criminal history check. 20-year matrix salary range for a Court Security Supervisor is \$43,682 - \$52,774. Years of service and experience will be honored for a starting salary up to five years in the pay matrix. Deadline for Pre-application submission is no later than November 10, 2023. Apply at www.wellscountysheriff.com under "Job Opportunities". A full job description will also be listed on the website for review.

NOTICE

Notices

ONE STOP SHELL! New Owners! Krispy Krunchy Chicken-freshly made, perfectly Cajun. It's delicious! All new-Hot Stuff Pizzas. Perfect for any day of the week! Get Free fountain drink with purchase of family chicken meal, breakfast pizza or breakfast sandwich-offer good through November 1st. We look forward to seeing you soon! 1303 South Main-Bluffton. (EAP2)

SERVICES

Services

MILLER'S U-STOR We have clean, secure storage units available. Various sizes. 260-824-4141. Miller U-Stor, 1118 W. Silver, Bluffton, IN.

MARV'S CONSTRUCTION Room additions, fix old saggy floors, all types remodeling. Redo bathrooms, old foundation repairs. Marv Schwartz: 260-525-8877.

FOR SALE

5 for \$5



EARN EXTRA CASH by selling your "unwanted" items during the month of October. A 20-word, line classified ad for five days is only \$5! For Sale Items Only. Excludes Garage Sales. Contact the Bluffton News-Banner office, 125 N. Johnson St., 260-824-0224, or place online at news-banner.com and click on classifieds.

SUDOKU

Complete the grid so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains every digit from 1 to 9 inclusively.

King Classic Sudoku

Sudoku grid with numbers 7, 2, 5, 3, 4, 9, 2, 9, 3, 8, 5, 3, 1, 8, 2.

Difficulty: ★★★★★

10/20

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Public Notices

NOTICE* Notice is hereby given that the Board of Directors of the Bluffton-Harrison Middle School Building Corporation (the "Building Corporation") shall convene on October 25, 2023 at 10:00 a.m. at 805 East Harrison Street, Bluffton, Indiana to consider the form of Third Amendment to Lease to be entered into between the Building Corporation and the Bluffton-Harrison Metropolitan School District (the "School Corporation"), including the plans referred to therein, and made a part thereof, the proposed First Supplemental Trust Indenture, and the issuance of the Ad Valorem Property Tax First Mortgage Bonds, Series 2023 (or such other name or series designation as determined by the School Corporation's underwriter) by the Building Corporation. Bluffton-Harrison Middle School Building Corporation nb 10/20 hspaxlp

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE Sheriff Sale File Number: 90-23-0024-SS Date & Time of Sale: Wednesday, December 13, 2023 at 1:00 P.M.

Sale Location: Wells County Courthouse, First Floor, 102 W Market St, Bluffton, IN Judgment to be Satisfied: \$93,891.28 Cause No: 90C01-2304-MF-00003 Plaintiff: Nationstar Mortgage LLC Defendants: Kevan Loomis, United States of America acting through The Rural Housing Service or successor agency, United States Department of Agriculture, Snow & Sauerette LLP and Bluffton Health System LLC

TO THE OWNERS OF THE WITHIN DESCRIBED REAL ESTATE AND ALL INTERESTED PARTIES

By virtue of a certified copy of a decree to me directed from the Clerk of Superior/Circuit Court of Wells County, Indiana, requiring me to make the sum as provided for in said Decree with interest and cost, I will expose at public sale to the highest bidder, at the hour of 1:00 PM of said day as listed above, at 1615 W Western Av, Bluffton IN, fee simple of the whole body of Real Estate in Wells County, Indiana: THE SOUTH HALF (1/2) OF LOT NUMBERED 190 AS KNOWN AND DESIGNATED ON THE RECORDED PLAT OF THE TOWN, NOW CITY OF BLUFFTON, WELLS COUNTY, INDIANA.

Together with rents, issues, income and profits thereof, said sale will be made without relief from valuation or appraisalment laws. This Notice shall also represent service of Notice of Sale of the above-described real estate upon the owners, pursuant to requirements of IC 32-29-7-3. Scott Holliday, Sheriff of Wells County

Township of property location: Harrison Common street address of property: 227 W South St, Bluffton, IN 46714 Property tax ID: 90-08-04-539-128.000-004 Attorney: Scott A. Hale Attorney Number: 35534-64 Law Firm: DOYLE & FOUTTY, P.C.

Contact Number: (317) 264-5000 The sheriff's office does not warrant the accuracy of the commonly known street address. It is the buyer's responsibility to research the legal description and associated legal filings.

PLEASE SERVE: Kevan Loomis 5100 W Dustman Rd, Apt 36 Bluffton, IN 46714 MANNER OF SERVICE: Certified Mail

Brian Irvin 5400 Federal Plaza, Suite 1500 Hammond, IN 46320 MANNER OF SERVICE: Certified Mail

Occupant(s) of 227 W South St, Bluffton, IN 46714 227 W South St, Bluffton, IN 46714 MANNER OF SERVICE: Sheriff

DOYLE & FOUTTY, P.C. IS A DEBT COLLECTOR nb 10/20, 10/27, 11/3 hspaxlp

TO THE OWNERS OF THE WITHIN DESCRIBED REAL ESTATE AND ALL INTERESTED PARTIES NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE Sheriff Sale File number: 90-23-0023-SS Date & Time of Sale: Wednesday, December 13, 2023 at 1:00 pm

Sale Location: Wells County Courthouse First Floor, 102 W Market St, Bluffton, IN Judgment to be Satisfied: \$102,216.96 Cause Number: 90D01-2209-MF-00032 Plaintiff: SPECIALIZED LOAN SERVICING LLC KENDRA D MILLER Defendant: and AKA KENDRA D STIMPSON, ETAL.

By virtue of a certified copy of a decree to me, directed from the Clerk of Superior/Circuit Court of Wells County Indiana, requiring me to make the sum as provided for in said DECREE, with interest and cost, I will expose at public sale to the highest bidder at the date, time and location listed above, the fee simple of the whole body of Real Estate, a certain tract or parcel of land described as follows:

LOT NUMBERED 76 AS KNOWN AND DESIGNATED ON THE RECORDED PLAT OF OLD CREEK ADDITION, SECTION TWO, AS ADDITION TO THE CITY OF BLUFFTON AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 4, PAGE 26, OF THE RECORDS OF WELLS COUNTY, INDIANA. Commonly Known as: 1502 RIDGEWOOD LN, BLUFFTON, IN 46714 Parcel No. 90-08-10-502-076.000-004

Together with rents, issues, income and profits thereof, this sale will be made without relief from valuation or appraisalment laws. In accordance to the requirements of IC 32-29-7-3, this Notice shall also represent service of Notice of Sale of this real estate upon the owners. * An entire Sheriff's Sale may be cancelled due to inclement weather or other county emergencies. If the entire Sheriff's Sale is cancelled, each parcel will be cancelled. Each parcel will be assigned to the next available sale (normally 2 months from original sale). This will allow compliance with Indiana Code concerning posting, publication, and serving time frames. Also, new Sheriff's Sale fees will be assessed and the parcels will be automatically re-advertised. The plaintiff will be responsible for the new fees and advertising costs.

Matthew C. Gladwell, Plaintiff's Attorney Attorney No. 30493-49 Reisenfeld & Associates LPA LLC 3962 Red Bank Road Cincinnati, OH 45227 (513) 322-7000 Atty File#: 30493-49

Scott Holliday, Sheriff By: Krista Markley, Phone: 260/824.3426 Harrison Township

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PLEASE SERVE: WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A. SERVE HIGHEST OFFICER FOUND 135 NORTH PENNSYLVANIA STREET, SUITE 1610 INDIANAPOLIS, IN 46204

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SUDOKU ANSWER

Sudoku solution grid with numbers 9, 8, 1, 7, 6, 4, 2, 3, 5, 6, 9, 8, 7, 5, 2, 1, 4, 3, 6, 9, 1, 7, 8, 5, 2, 4, 2, 8, 6, 9, 1, 9, 7, 9, 9, 1, 7, 8, 2, 7, 6, 8, 8, 1, 7, 8, 9, 6, 2, 7, 9, 2, 7, 9, 1, 7, 8, 6, 8, 9, 6, 8, 9, 2, 7, 7, 9, 7, 8, 1.

