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Museum dedicates new exhibit

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By HOLLY GASKILL

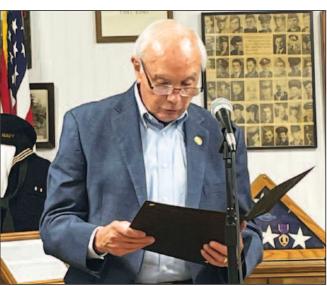
Members of the community gathered Sunday afternoon for the dedication of a recently renovated military exhibit at the Wells County Historical Society and the Museum.

The exhibit is located in the museum's annex, just behind the main building. The building was constructed by students from the Southern Wells Jr./ Sr. High School building trades class in 2018. Over the last month, volunteers for the historical society renovated the annex for the display and transported exhibit items from the second and third floors of the main building.

During the program to dedicate the exhibit and honor veterans, Mayor John Whicker issued a proclamation marking the day, Nov. 5, 2023, as a day of dedication and celebration for those who have protected the freedom of the U.S.

Connie Brubaker served as the main speaker, filling in for Dr. Gene Bell, who was ill. Brubaker shared the history behind "Morgan's Raid," part of which took place in Indiana. Sam Thor also spoke about Captain Benjamin Wiley, a (Continued on Page 2)







The Wells County Historical Society and Museum hosted a special program in their renovated exhibit to honor veterans Sunday afternoon. Above, singers Rich McConnell and Rick Henly played Civil War songs preceding the program. Above right, Mayor John Whicker reads a proclamation honoring veterans, and below, Bill Goshorn recites the Gettysburg Address. (Photos by Holly Gaskill)

Say goodbye to invasive plants

Friends of Ouabache State Park hosted a Weed Wrangle Saturday at the park. Members of the group and other volunteers tackled invasive honeysuckle and privet bushes with the help of a wood chipper — which was purchased for the park by the group. Among those operating it were Kathy and Quinn Curry. More photos on Page **3**. (Photo by Barbara Barbieri)



Regulators to review chemical killing salmon

By MARK THIESSEN

Associated Press

U.S. regulators say they will review the use of a chemical found in almost every tire after a petition from West Coast Native American tribes that want it banned because it kills salmon as they return from the ocean to their natal streams to spawn.

The Yurok tribe in California and the Port Gamble S'Klallam and Puyallup tribes in Washington asked the Environmental Protection Agency to prohibit the rubber preservative 6PPD earlier this year, saying it kills fish — especially coho salmon — when rains wash it from roadways into rivers. Washington, Oregon, Vermont, Rhode Island and Connecticut also wrote the EPA, citing the chemical's "unreasonable threat" to their waters and fisheries.

The agency's decision to grant the petition last week is the start of a long regulatory process that could see the chemical banned. Tire manufacturers are already looking for an alternative that still meets federal safety require-

"We could not sit idle while 6PPD kills the fish that sustain us," Joseph L. James, chairperson of the Yurok Tribe, told The Associated Press. "This lethal toxin has no business in any salmonbearing watershed."

6PPD has been used as a rubber preservative in tires for 60 years. It is also found in footwear, synthetic turf and playground equipment.

As tires wear, tiny particles of rubber are left behind on roads and parking lots. The chemical breaks down into a byproduct, 6PPD-quinone, that is deadly to salmon, steelhead trout and other aquatic wildlife. Coho appear to be especially sensitive; it can kill them within hours, the tribes argued.

The salmon are important to the diet and culture of Pacific Northwest and California tribes, which have fought for decades to protect the dwindling fish from climate change, pollution, development and dams that block their way to spawning grounds.

The chemical's effect on coho was noted in 2020 by scientists in Washington state, who were studying why coho

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Blinken tries to ease fallout from **Israel-Hamas** war

By MATTHEW LEE **AP Diplomatic Writer**

RAMALLAH, West Bank (AP) — U.S. Secretary of State Antony Blinken took his diplomatic push on the Israel-Hamas war to the occupied West Bank on Sunday, trying to assure Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas that the Biden administration was intensifying efforts to ease the plight of Gaza's civilians and insisting that Palestinians must have a main say in whatever comes next for the territory after the

Blinken later flew to Baghdad for talks with Iraqi Prime Minister Mohammed Shia al-Sudani as American forces in the region face a surge of attacks by Iranian-allied militias in Iraq and elsewhere. U.S. forces shot down another oneway attack drone Sunday that was targeting American and coalition troops near their base in neighboring Syria, a U.S. official said. From Baghdad Blinken traveled to Turkey.

President Joe Biden's top diplomat traveled through the West Bank city of Ramallah in an armored motorcade and under tight security. It was his third day of shuttle diplomacy aimed at trying to limit the destabilizing regional fallout from the war and overcome what has been Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's refusal to consider a U.S. proposal for intermittent pauses in its attack on Hamas long enough to rush vital aid to Gaza's civilians.

Netanyahu had pushed back Friday against the U.S. pressure to start implementing pauses in the fighting, saying there would be no temporary cease-fire until Hamas releases some 240 foreign hostages it is holding.

"This is a process," Blinken told reporters on the matter Sunday. "Israel has raised important questions about how humanitarian pauses would work. We've got to answer those questions," including how pauses would affect Hamas hostages. "We're working on exactly that."

The Biden administration, while remaining the strongest backer of Israel's military response to Hamas' attacks on Oct. 7, is increasingly seeking to use its influence with Israel to try to temper the effect of Israel's weeks of complete siege and near round-the-clock air, ground and sea assaults in Gaza, home to 2.3 million civilians.

Blinken's meeting with Abbas in the West Bank came on the same day that Israeli planes bombed two refugee camps in Gaza, killing at least 53 people, according to health officials in Gaza. An Associated Press reporter saw the dead bodies of eight children brought in to a nearby Gaza hospital after one of those strikes. Israel's military announced (Continued on Page 2)

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Israel-Hamas war

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its forces had effectively split the Gaza Strip in two before an expected escalated assault on Hamas targets in the

As word spread of Blinken's arrival in Ramallah, Palestinians turned out to protest U.S. support for Israel's war. Demonstrators held signs showing dripping blood and with messages that included, "Blinken blood is on your hands."

Neither Blinken nor Abbas spoke as they greeted each other in front of cameras and their meeting ended without any public comment.

The Palestinian Authority administers semiautonomous areas of the Israeli-occupied West Bank. It has not been a factor in the Gaza Strip since 2007, when Hamas seized control after winning in elections there a year earlier. Abbas himself is unpopular among

Blinken said in Baghdad that the Palestinian Authority "is playing a very important role right now in the West Bank in trying to keep stability there. That's hugely important because no one wants another front in the West Bank or anywhere else, and they're really stepping up under very difficult conditions to do the necessary work."

He said that "what we all agree" is that in shaping a future for Gaza, the West Bank and "ultimately" for a Palestinian state, "Palestinian voices have to be at the center of that. The Palestinian Authority is the representative of those voices so it's important that it play a leading role.'

Abbas, however, said the Palestinian Authority would only assume power in Gaza as part of a "comprehensive political solution" to the

Israeli-Palestinian conflict, according to the Palestinians' official WAFA news agency. He also condemned Israel's bombardment of Gaza as a 'genocidal war" and urged Blinken "to immediately stop them from committing such crimes," the news agency reported.

On his second trip to the Middle East since the war began, Blinken met with Netanyahu on Friday before holding talks in Jordan with Arab ministers Saturday. Netanyahu so far has rejected humanitarian pauses. The Arab officials pushed for an immediate ceasefire. Blinken said that would be counterproductive and could encourage more violence by Hamas.

U.S. officials believe that Netanyahu may soften his opposition to the pause idea if he can be convinced that it is in Israel's strategic interests to ease the plight of Palestinian civilians in Gaza. The soaring death toll among Palestinians — more than 9,700, according to officials of Gaza's Hamas-run health ministry — has sparked growing international anger, with tens of thousands from Washington to Berlin taking to the streets over the weekend to demand a cease-fire

Arab states are resisting American suggestions that they play a larger role in resolving crisis, expressing outrage at the civilian toll of the Israeli military operations but believing Gaza to be a problem largely of Israel's own mak-

Among Arab leaders, Blinken said it is clear that "everyone would welcome the humanitarian pause." He said it "could advance things that we're all trying to accomplish," including freeing hostages, bringing in aid and getting out foreign citizens. On that last point, he said: "We've had important progress there in recent days but also real complications that come along with it. We continue to work through

"I made very clear that the attacks, the threats coming from the militia that are aligned with Iran, are totally unacceptable and we will take every necessary step to protect" American personnel, Blinken said. He said the prime minister expressed his own determination to stop the militia strikes.

The U.S. has deep concerns that Iran and its proxies, including several militia groups in Iraq, may take advantage of the situation in Gaza to further destabilize the Middle East. Already Iranian-backed militias have intensified rocket and other attacks on U.S. military facilities in Iraq and Syria, drawing at least one retaliatory strike from American forces.

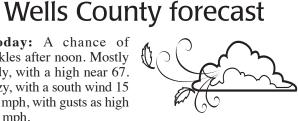
Sunday's attack by drone against a U.S. site in Syria was at least the 32nd on U.S. and coalition military facilities in Iraq and Syria since Oct. 17. To date there have been at least 17 attacks in Iraq and 15 in Syria. At least 21 service members have been injured by the attacks but all have returned to duty, the Pentagon said.

The same U.S. official who confirmed the U.S. shootdown of the drone said the drone strike was very similar to other recent attacks on U.S. personnel at bases in Iraq and Syria and is believed at this point to be linked to Iranian-backed militia. The official was not authorized to discuss the matter publicly and spoke on condition of anonymity.

In Baghdad, the talks touched on the security of U.S. forces.

> Today: A chance of sprinkles after noon. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 67. Breezy, with a south wind 15 to 25 mph, with gusts as high as 40 mph.

feet at 8:45 p.m. Sunday



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Tonight: A chance of sprinkles before 10 p.m. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 49. Southwest wind 10 to 15 mph, with gusts as high as 25

Weather

Monday, November 6, 2023

(24-hour observations at 9:41 p.m. Sunday)

Wabash River Level (at the Main Street bridge): 1.21

High: 58; Low: 43; Precipitation: None

Tuesday: Mostly cloudy, with a high near 61. West wind 5 to 10 mph.

Tuesday Night: A 30 percent chance of showers after 1 a.m. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 44. North wind 5 to 10 mph becoming east after midnight.



Wednesday: A 40 percent chance of showers, mainly after 1 p.m. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 67.

Wednesday Night: A 50 percent chance of showers. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 48.

Thursday: A 20 percent chance of showers before 1 p.m. Partly sunny, with a high near 57.

Thursday Night: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 36. Friday: Mostly sunny,

with a high near 51.

Friday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around

Veterans Day: Sunny, with a high near 51.

Saturday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 31.

Sunday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 51.



Chemical killing salmon

(Continued from Page 1) populations that had been restored in the Puget Sound years earlier were strug-

This is a significant first step in regulating what has been a devastating chemical in the environment for decades," said Elizabeth Forsyth, an attorney for Earthjustice, an environmental law firm that represents the tribes.

She called it "one of the biggest environmental issues that the world hasn't known about.

The U.S. Tire Manufacturers Association said in a statement that an analysis is underway to identify alternatives to 6PPD that can meet federal safety standards, though none has yet been found.

"Any premature prohibition on the use of 6PPD in tires would be detrimental to public safety and the national economy," the statement said.

The Puyallup Tribal Council called the EPA's decision "a victory for salmon and all species and people."

The agency plans by next fall to begin gathering more information that could inform proposed regulations. It also plans to require manufacturers and importers of 6PPD to report unpublished health

and safety studies by the end of next year. There is no timeframe for a final decision.

"These salmon and other fish have suffered dramatic decreases in population over the years. Addressing 6PPD-quinone in the environment, and the use of its parent, 6PPD, is one way we can work to reverse this trend," Michal Freedhoff, an assistant administrator in the EPA's chemical safety and pollution prevention office, said in a statement.

The chemical's effect on human health is unknown, the EPA noted.

Suanne Brander, an associate professor and ecotoxicologist at Oregon State University, called the decision a great move, but cautioned that the lethal impacts on salmon are likely from more than just 6PPD. She said she is also concerned about whatever chemical tire manufacturers eventually use to replace it.

"As someone who's been studying chemicals and micro-plastics for a while now, my concern is we're really focused on this one chemical but in the end, it's the mixture," she said. "It's many different chemicals that fish are being exposed to simultaneously that are concerning."

Museum

(Continued from Page 1) Union veteran from Bluffton and namesake of Wiley Avenue.

The program also featured a presentation of the Gettysburg Address delivered by Bill Goshorn, who dressed as the speech's original orator, Abraham Lincoln. Goshorn's wife. Becky, also dressed as Mary Todd Lincoln. Rick Henly and Rich McConnell also

led the audience through "Battle Hymn of the Republic."

The museum and the new exhibit are open from 1-4 p.m. Sunday-Wednesday. Additionally, Christmas in the Mansion will be 2-6 p.m. Nov. 25-26 and Dec. 16-17. Parlor City Christmas in the Mansion will be from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on

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Ukrainian veterans with amputated limbs find freedom in jiu-jitsu

of their first jiu-jitsu championship, the war veterans gathered in a group to share jokes and help each other tie the belts of their kimonos. Many of them had suffered severe battlefield injuries requiring ampu-

Now they were assembled to perform in the "para jiu jitsu" category at the Ukrainian national competition before hundreds of spectators on amphitheater-style benches in one of Kyiv's sports complexes.

More than 20,000 people in Ukraine have lost limbs because of injuries since the start of Russia's brutal war there, many of them soldiers. A handful of them have dealt with their psychological trauma by practicing a form of Brazilian jiu-jitsu.

"This gives us freedom. We don't feel like we're lacking anything," said Artem Kuzmich, who started practicing jiu-jitsu classes after losing a leg on the battlefield in

Kuzmich is Belorussian and voluntarily joined the Ukrainian army to fight Russian aggression in Eastern Ukraine starting in 2014. Now, he mentors soldiers who have recently suffered similar injuries and find salvation in jiu-jitsu.

involves moves and holds aimed at using an opponent's own force against them.

It's a sport that can easily be adapted for people who have had amputations, with no prosthetics needed, Kuzmich said.

"We work with what we have and can achieve victories with what life has left us." he said.

The tournament — on a recent weekend - commenced with the Ukrainian anthem, expressions of gratitude to the nation's defenders, and a minute of silence in remembrance of those who perished on the battlefield.

Five out of the six athletes competing in the "para jiu-jitsu" category began their training at the TMS Hub, a safe space for veterans in Kyiv that also offers psychological rehabilitation for veterans. They opened their first jiu-jitsu practice area two months ago.

TMS Hub offers free practice of jiu-jitsu primarily to veterans of the Russian-Ukrainian war who have suffered the loss of a limb through combat. The program is aimed at providing them with a community of people with a similar experience, to help with their psychological rehabilitation.





Ouabache Weed Wrangle



Assistant Property Manager Ty Jessop was the operator of the Tree Shearing machine, that also was a gift to the park by the Friends of Ouabache State Park. The area being cleared of the invasive species was near the park's entrance sign. In addition to members of the Friends group other volunteers included students from Norwell's National Honor Society. (Photos by Barbara





Campers from the Decatur Trail Life USA group, composed of youngsters from kindergarten to age 5, were also part of the weed wrangling crew Saturday morning as they used "loppers" to hack away at the honeysuckle and privet plants. The loppers also were purchased for the park's use by the Friends of Ouabache.



One of the younger members of the work crew was Macklin Barber, from the Trail Life USA group, who, with the assistance of his father, learned out use one of the loppers to chop off a honeysuckle vine.

Wells Court Docket

Wells Superior Court **Criminal Cases**

Jake Shanks, 35, Bluffton, appeared in the Wells Superior Court for a probation revocation hearing on Tuesday last week. Shanks was sentenced to 30 days in the Wells County Jail with 14 days of jail credit and no time suspended. Shanks was also ordered to pay court costs and fees in the amount of \$189.

Steven Coal Cook, 36, Keystone, appeared in the Wells Superior Court for a hearing to revoke his suspended sentence Tuesday. Cook was sentenced to 30 days in jail with 8 days of jail credit after he admitted to violating the conditions of his probation. Cook was originally sentenced to 180 days in jail in September, with 126 days

pled guilty to criminal recklessness, a Class B misdemeanor. One charge for domestic battery, a Class A misdemeanor, was dismissed pursuant to the plea agreement.

Clint Dankson, 40, TOWN, was sentenced to 365 days in the Wells County Jai with 345 days suspended and 4 days of jail credit after he pled guilty to operating a vehicle with an ACE of 15 or more, a Class A misdemeanor. He was also ordered to serve 255 days on probation and 90 days on home detention. One charge for operating a vehicle while intoxicated, a Class C misdemeanor, was dismissed pursuant to the plea agreement. Dankson is required to pay court costs and filing fees in the amount of \$489.

Lutheran Health adds new provider to Bluffton team

Lutheran Health Physicians family medicine in Bluffton welcomed a new provider to their team at 303 S. Main St.

E. Alex Lebrija, DPM, FACFAS, is a board-certified podiatrist who cares for patients in need of medical and surgical treatment for disorders, diseases and injuries of the feet and ankles. As a podiatrist, Dr. Lebrija diagnoses, treats and prescribes medication to patients and often detects undiagnosed health problems, such as diabetes, arthritis and heart disease.

Conditions treated include bunions, calluses and corns, diabetes-related conditions, flat feet, foot and ankle fractures/injuries, gout, hammer toe, ingrown toenails, plantar fasciitis and warts.

Dr. Lebrija completed his medical education at Barry University School of Podiatric Medicine in Miami, Florida. He has been practicing medicine for more than two decades, most recently at Logansport Memorial Hospital.

"I take pride in giving individual attention to each patient," said Dr. Lebrija. "It is my oath to take



Dr. Alex Lebrija

time and listen to each patient's complaint. With this approach it is my hope that everyone feels comfortable with my understand-

ing of their problem and my formulation of a plan to help them. I feel it is an honor to treat each patient that walks into my office."

ACLU of Indiana announces new director

By NIKI KELLY **Indiana Capital Chronicle**

The American Civil Liberties Union of Indiana announced Tuesday that Christopher Daley will lead the organization as its next executive director, beginning in January.

The news comes after the ACLU of Indiana conducted a nationwide search following the retirement announcement of current Executive Director, Jane Henegar.

Chris brings passion, commitment and decades of experience in advocacy and law to the ACLU of Indiana. He has been part of creating social change across civil liberties issue areas, including advocating for children in Indiana's foster system, trans rights, and criminal legal reform," said ACLU of Indiana Board President Tamara Winfrey-Harris. "Chris has the unique experience and passion necessary to meet this moment where Hoosiers' civil rights and liberties are under increasing threats."

Daley grew up in Indianapolis and completed his undergraduate studies at Indiana University. He spent time outside of Indiana, attending the University of California, Berkley School of Law, and upon graduation cofounded and led the Transgender Law Center in California, a news release said. Daley also spent time in Washington D.C. where he collaborated with organizations on criminal legal and immigration reform in his role as deputy executive director at Just Detention International.

In the last five years, he has advocated for children in Indiana's foster system as the Executive Director of the Indiana Association of Resources and Child Advocacy.

'I'm excited to do this critical work, protecting the constitutional rights and freedoms of all Hoosiers," Daley said. "I'm honored to have the opportunity to work with such an important organization, with an incredible team, and with our dedicated supporters, to build on the ACLU of Indiana's storied 70-year legacy and help shape our next chapter. Together, we will build a better Indiana, where 'We The People' means everyone."

Indiana police investigate shooting that left 3 people dead

MUNCIE, Ind. (AP) — Police in central Indiana are investigating the deaths of three people fatally shot at a

Muncie police found the bodies of two men and a woman on Friday afternoon at a home on the city's west side. A person called 911 Friday to check on a resident of the home and was unable to make contact. Deputy Chief Melissa Criswell said Saturday.

Criswell said there were no signs of forced entry at the residence and there was "no active threat to the community."

The victims were identified as 32-yearold Kevin L. Humphrey, 45-year-old Sarah R. Barnes and her father, 76-year-old Douglas L. Starr, according to the Delaware County coroner. The victims died of gunshot wounds.

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Tiny Treasures to hold

groundbreaking event

for childcare expansion

Grace Bible Church is pleased to invite the community

The groundbreaking will be preceded by a collective

to participate in the groundbreaking ceremony, 11:45 a.m.

Sunday, Nov. 12, for the expansion of the church's childcare

worship service at 10 a.m. with a community luncheon fol-

lowing the ceremony. The community is invited to partici-

pate in and celebrate this special occasion. The growth is the

result of a cooperative effort between Grace Bible Church

continue to increase child capacity to help meet the local

needs for early childhood education. Grace Bible Church is

The expansion will enable Grace's childcare ministry to

ministry, Tiny Treasures of Grace.

and local manufacturer F.C.C.

located at 6626 Village Way in Berne.

Tech designation welcome but no guarantee of funding

We were excited to learn that the U.S. Department of Commerce has designated Indiana a biotechnology hub, although admittedly disappointed that the

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decision essentially just makes Indiana a sort of finalist for federal funding.

In all, the Commerce Department named 31 federal hubs across the nation representing different types of technology. The designation makes each eligible to compete for up to \$70 million in federal funding to implement its programs.

But federal officials said only five to 10 of those 31 "tech hub designees" will actually be awarded grants ranging from \$40 million to \$70 million. The winners are expected to be announced by the end of the year.

Indiana's winning application was submitted by Heartland BioWorks—a consortium of Hoosier entities that includes colleges and universities, industry groups and some of the state's largest employers. And the biologics manufacturing hub will be in central Indiana.

Of course, our hope is that the Indiana consortium lands the full \$70 million for biotech research and work. But if that doesn't happen—and more designated hubs will be turned down than will win funding—we'd like to see state and local governments, universities, private industry and more lean into the designation and fund the projects that catapult Indiana's life sciences industry even further.

The designation is already the result of Indiana's leadership in the life sciences sector. The state leads the nation in pharmaceutical exports and has the secondhighest concentration of life sciences jobs in the United States. It is the only state in the nation to manufacture all three COVID-19 vaccinations.

We are optimistic that those facts—and others—will lead to federal funding.

The White House has said the hubs—created by a federal law co-authored by Indiana Sen. Todd Young —are designed to help communities across the country become centers of innovation. They're meant to ensure the U.S. is globally competitive in areas that are key to national security.

Melina Kennedy, CEO of the Central Indiana Corporate Partnership, told IBJ's John Russell the hub designation shows that the state is a key player in biotechnology and life sciences manufacturing.

"Indiana, in the heartland, is really a place the whole country can lean on to not only discover but make advances in medicine and biotechnology that can be beneficial for the whole country," she said

In all, the state has nabbed three tech hub designations since the CHIPS Act was passed last year.

A coalition including Indiana, Illinois and Michigan was one of seven selected by the Biden administration for \$1 billion in grant funding for the Midwest Alliance for Clean Hydrogen, which consists of more than 70 Midwestern public and private organizations.

Last month, Indiana was one of eight states selected by the U.S. Department of Defense for a hub focused on supporting domestic production of microelectronics, semiconductor manufacturing and other advanced technologies.

The announcements are encouraging. We would like to see Indiana continue to play a crucial role in areas and industries that are key to the country's vitality, and the hubs are great next steps.

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Today in History

By The Associated Press Today is Monday, Nov.

6, the 310th day of 2023. There are 55 days left in the

Today's Highlight in History: On Nov. 6, 1984, President Ronald Reagan won reelection by a landslide over former Vice President Walter Mondale, the Democratic challenger who won just one state, his native

Minnesota. On this date:

In 1860, former Illinois congressman Abraham Lincoln of the Republican Party was elected President of the United States as he defeated John Breckinridge, John Bell and Stephen Douglas.

In 1861, James Naismith, the inventor of basketball, was born in Almonte, Ontario, Canada.

In 1928, in a first, the results of Republican Herbert Hoover's presidential election victory over Democrat Alfred E. Smith were flashed onto an electric wraparound sign on the New York Times building.

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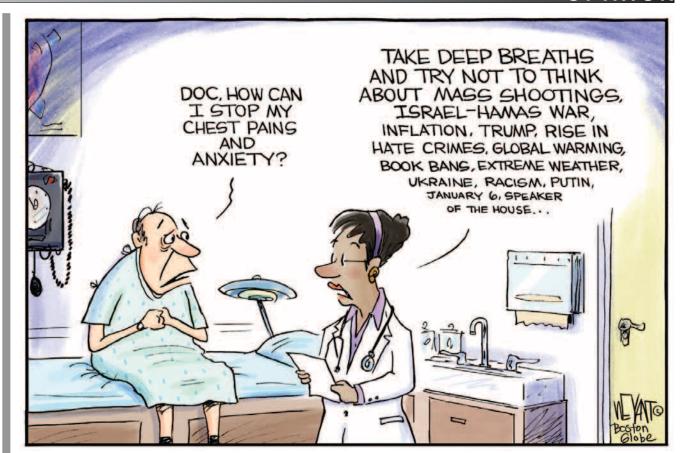
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Our leaders warn of a coming cataclysm

Our world is on fire. Our leaders are warning of a coming cataclysm.

Purdue University President Mung Chiang told the U.S. Global Leadership forum in Indianapolis that the human race is facing the most dire conditions "since

U.S. Sen. Todd Young told a "Future of Democracy" Forum at the University of Notre Dame last week that "We live in a perilous world. This is the most dangerous time in my lifetime, from a geopolitical standpoint.'

Young's Democratic colleague, U.S. Sen. Chris Coons of Delaware, said at Notre

Dame, "We're at one of those hinge points in history where there are dramatic changes unfolding strategically in several theaters around the world at the same time."

These leaders are citing Russia's genocidal invasion of Ukraine, creating the most dangerous European military confrontation since World War II; the Oct. 7 Hamas terror attack on Israel and the Jewish state's ferocious response; and China's threatening actions aimed at Taiwan and the South China Sea. In addition, there is Iran's widespread aid to terror networks such as Hamas and Hezbollah that are threatening a broader Middle East conflict, and North Korea's continued development of intercontinental nuclear weapons.

In 2002, President George W. Bush cited "Iran, Iraq and North Korea" as the "axis of evil." Two decades later, the new axis is on steroids.

For added consternation, the planet continues to heat up (last summer was the hottest on record and the eight warmest years have all occurred since 2015), triggering widespread migration from Africa to Central America and Asia.

And there is the political instability tormenting the United States, as former President Donald J. Trump remains the frontrunner for the GOP presidential nomination despite facing 91 criminal charges. Trump could be the first president wearing an ankle bracelet and a jump suit matching his hair color.

Should he be nominated next year, Trump would face a rematch with the oldest U.S. president in history when President Biden will be 82 years old.

"Believe it or not all of these hotspots are connected, in multiple ways," Young said. "They are connected because Xi, Putin, and Iran collaborate on their major activities."

"[Journalist] Anne Applebaum has characterized this collaboration as 'Autocracy Inc.,' "Young said. "Unlike in the Cold War where you had collaboration because of ideological reasons, they invested themselves in Communist ideology and their aim was to coordinate activities and foment a global revolution to ensure their side wins. This is different in the sense that there is no ideology underneath it."

While a third Trump Republican nomination never came up during these two forums, he was an underlying element. "There is a coordination and collaboration ... so that autocrats can stay in power," Young said. "That's it. It's about staying in power. That is

their end game. To elevate and venerate themselves and expand their power."

When President Chiang cited "1939," that was in reference to that was the year World War II started with Germany's invasion of Poland, ending six years later when the United States dropped two atomic bombs on Japan. There were 15 million battlefield deaths in that conflict along with 25 million wounded, while civilian deaths were estimated to be 45 million, including 7 million in the Holocaust.



Brian Howey

As this unrest and apocalyptic violence spreads from Ukraine and Gaza, Young's Republican Party appears to be returning to its isolationist ten-

dencies that last occurred during the ramp up to World War II.

U.S. Rep. Jim Banks, the GOP frontrunner for Indiana's U.S. Senate seat open in 2024, now opposes further funding for Ukraine. So does Young's Senate colleague, Mike Braun, who said this week, "I fully support Speaker Johnson's plan to support our ally Israel in their fight against Hamas terrorists in a standalone bill with the funds offset by cuts to President Biden's bloated \$80 billion IRS budget. These are two separate and unrelated conflicts and it would be wrong to leverage support of aid to Israel in attempt to get additional aid for Ukraine across the finish line.

Punchbowl News reported on Tuesday: We can't emphasize this enough — support for Ukraine among congressional Republicans is eroding quickly.

Both Young and Coons reference the 1994 Budapest Memorandum, signed by Ukraine, the U.S., the United Kingdom and Russia. "Ukraine had the third largest nuclear arsenal in the world and they voluntarily gave it up," Coons said. "That is now being tested. Is our word worth anything?

Young added, "It was not forgotten we made that agreement. They are looking to us for our credibility. The world is paying attention."

Young told the Global Coalition that supporting the Israeli and Ukrainian armies is a no-brainer. "There are no boots on the ground," he said of U.S. aid stopping well short of putting U.S. forces into combat. "It is expensive. But what I would argue is it would be even more expensive if you had to put boots on the ground."

Asked by host Liz Schrayer at the Global Leadership Conference what's it worth for America to be engaged in the world? Young responded: "Our nation was founded on universal principles that apply to all of humanity for all time: Life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness that exist within a universal framework. You have to be engaged in the world to defend those foundational principles."

At Notre Dame, Young said, "Only by reengaging with each other as people can we get out of the rabbit hole our politics has been pulled into."

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A time for truth in America

Over the last week, one conservative Republican rose up, and one conservative Republican stepped down.

Former Vice President Mike Pence, a consistent and unwavering Christian and constitutional conservative, announced the termination of his presidential campaign, saying, "It's become clear to me; this is not my time."

A few days earlier, another consistent and deeply rooted Christian and constitutional conservative, Rep. Mike Johnson, R-La., emerged from seemingly hopeless and interminable Republican chaos, to be chosen, on one decisive ballot, as the new House speaker.

Regarding the former vice president, The Wall Street Journal summed it up well. He would be "a good president," their editorial board said, but "MAGA voters wouldn't forgive him" for not cooperating to overturn the 2020 election and "anti-Trump voters wouldn't forgive his four years as Mr. Trump's loyal number two."

About Johnson, some say Democrats are celebrating, convinced that his Christian conservatism will drive voters into their camp. But it well could be exactly the opposite. These days are not "business as usual" days.

The horrors committed by Hamas terrorists against Israeli civilians has shocked and appalled decent Americans. Suddenly, we are reminded that



indeed there is good and evil. Decent Americans recognize conflict. But we see this is not conflict. This is depravity.

There has always been rhetoric about the bond between our country and Israel. Usually this is framed as Israel being the only democracy in the Middle East.

But we see now it is much Star more. Both Israel and America **Parker** go to war when there is no other option. American soldiers and Israeli soldiers fight

and kill enemy soldiers because all other options have failed. But Americans and Israelis do not celebrate death and do not take joy in killing. And for sure, American soldiers

and Israeli soldiers do not commit atrocities. Perhaps most shocking and appall-

ing for decent Americans nationwide beyond the reports of rape, desecration of bodies, beheadings — is to see students at our elite universities supporting this depravity and accusing the Israeli victims to be the cause.

We are further appalled at the reticence of the administrations at these elite universities to condemn these

Only now is the president of Harvard speaking out against antisemitism after initial woke-framed remarks about free speech and bringing all sides together.

The encouraging news is alumni at these schools are reacting and pulling their funds.

In a recent Pew Research survey,

9% of Americans ages 18-29 agreed that "U.S. stands above all other countries in the world" and 43% agreed that "Other countries are better than the U.S.'

The generation leading our future, raised in a culture of meaninglessness and materialism, now hates its own country, founded and built on the very values it rejects.

So now we have a major wake-up call in front of us.

For those who think restoring awareness about good and evil is not a viable political platform, we have history to prove otherwise. "But we must never forget that

no government schemes are going to perfect man. ... There is sin and evil in the world, and we're enjoined by Scripture and the Lord Jesus to oppose it with all our might."

President Ronald Reagan spoke these words in March 1983 in the speech in which he called the Soviet Union an "evil empire."

Fifty-two American hostages were held prisoner in Iran for 444 days during the Presidency of Jimmy Carter. They were released days after Reagan captured the presidency from Carter and took office in January 1981.

Then the Soviet Union collapsed and the Berlin Wall was torn down as a result of Reagan's leadership.

Reagan was reelected president in 1984, winning 49 of 50 states. Something we can hardly imagine today.

Truth, and the courage to stand by it, works. Our nation badly needs it

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What's happening at the Wells County Public Library

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

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

Bingo with Jason

At the Main Library (Bluffton): Monday, Nov. 6 from 3 to 4:30 p.m.

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, Nov. 6 from 6 to 7 p.m.

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: Tuesday, Nov. 7 from 6 to 7 p.m.

Adults. Join us as we focus on a different cookbook each month and make an easy recipe to taste. In November, we will make cheesecake. Registration required.

Intro to Food Preserving

At the Main Library (Bluffton): Tuesday, Nov. 7 from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Adults. Do you have an interest in preserving your own food? Whitney McBride will be giving us an introduction to freezing, freeze drying, dehydrating, and vacuum sealing foods. Join us ahead of this holiday season to prep or store some of your holiday goodies! Registration is preferred.

Children's Book Clubs

At the Main Library (Bluffton) Grade 1-2 Book Club: Tuesday, Nov. 7 from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Grades 3-4 Book Club: Tuesday, Nov. 14 from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Grades 5-6 Book Club: Thursday, Nov. 9 from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

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

Teen Fun with Food at Ossian

At the Ossian Branch Library: Thursday, Nov. 9 from 3 to 4 p.m.

Grades 6-12. Get hands-on experience creating interesting turkey treats. Registration appreciated.

Teen Book Club

At the Main Library (Bluffton): Thursday, Nov. 9 from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Grades 6-12. Talk about the book of the month, "Hope Was Here." Then, get ready to laugh as we play the hilarious game of Quiplash. Register at the library to pick up your copy of the book.

Book Discussion: "The Lincoln Highway"

At the Main Library (Bluffton): Thursday, Nov. 9 at 6:30 p.m.

Adults. Pick up a copy of the book-ofthe-month at the library before the discussion each month. This month's book for discussion is "The Lincoln Highway" by Amor Towles. Registration appreciated.

Preschool Stuffed Animal Party at Ossian

At the Ossian Branch Library: Thursday, Nov. 9 from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Ages 2-Pre-K with an adult. Bring a stuffed animal to the library and enjoy a story, activities, and a bedtime snack. Registration required.

Children's Book Week Bingo at Ossian At the Ossian Branch Library: Saturday,

Nov. 11 from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m.

School-age Kids and up. Come play Bingo with us to celebrate Children's Book Week. Registration required.

Brown Bag Book Club

At the Main Library (Bluffton): Monday, Nov. 13 at 1:30 p.m.

Adults. Make sure to pick up a copy of the book-of-the-month before the discussion that is held the 2nd Monday of each month. This month's book is "The Book of Delights" by Ross Gay. Registration appre-

Crafty Kids at Ossian

At the Ossian Branch Library: Monday, Nov. 13 from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m.

Grades K-6. Drop-in for a craft and

Computer and iPad Club

At the Main Library (Bluffton): Tuesday, Nov. 14 from 1 to 3 p.m.

Adults. Start with Computer Club and then go or stay for iPad Club. Each month has a different tech focus and there is plenty of time for questions. All skill levels are welcome. Registration appreciated.

Cook, Talk, Taste

At the Main Library (Bluffton): Tuesday, Nov. 14 from 6 to 7 p.m.

Adults. Enjoy the tastiest club at the library. Each month will feature a different theme and hostess. Registration appreciated.

Ninja November

At the Main Library (Bluffton): Tuesday, Nov. 14 from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Grades 6-12. For one night the Teen Zone will be transformed into a ninja's dojo! Practice your precision with ninja star throwing and show off your agility in the training course. Hone your combat skills with Chambara on the Switch and Fruit Ninja on the Oculus Quest 2. Make your own ninja gear as well as some crafts! Drop-

Theater Thursday

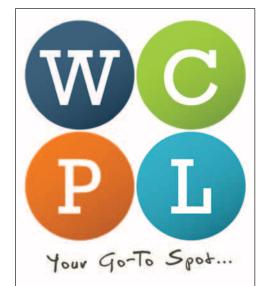
At the Main Library (Bluffton): Thursday, Nov. 16 at 10 a.m.

in event. No registration needed.

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

Board Game Night at Ossian

At the Ossian Branch Library: Thursday,



Nov. 16 from 6 to 8 p.m.

Adults. Join us at the Ossian Branch for a night of tabletop games. Registration is nice, but not required.

DIY Pop-up Book: Club 456

At the Main Library (Bluffton): Thursday, Nov. 16 from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Grades 4-6. Come participate in creative activities including STEM projects, escape rooms, fun in the kitchen, and more! November's theme will be a DIY Pop-up Book. Registration requested.

Saturday Movies

At the Main Library (Bluffton): Saturday, Nov. 18 at 11 a.m.

All ages. Drop-in for a family-friendly movie under the stars in the Story Hour Room.

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. wellscolibrary.org for digital books, magazines, online databases, event info, and

by Melba Edwards

Zanesville News Lions? We just took a great

It is the first day of November and it is really cold.

The Lions Club Halloween Party went well and even though Halloween night was cold there were bunches of trick or treaters on the streets. I will have the winners of the costume contest listed soon.

Happenings here in town

The Coffee Cafe at the Church of God open daily from 7:30 to 10 a.m. All men, women, and children are welcome to attend.

It is time for Upward Basketball and Cheerleading at the Tower Life Center Church on Wayne Street. Please go to the Facebook page to get information as evaluations probably start soon for boys and girls from Kindergarten through eighth grade.

Are you saving your eyeglasses for the Zanesville

big bag full down to the recycling center at Upland a few weeks ago. You can deposit your eyeglasses, hearing aids and cell phones on my porch or at the Lions Clubhouse inside the 24/7 Library door.

Here is the journey of recycled eyeglasses in Lions Clubs all over the

1. Lions Clubs collect used eyeglasses at various community locations.

2. The glasses are shipped to the nearest Lions Eyeglass Recycling Center where trained volunteers sort, clean, and determine the prescription strengths of the glasses.

3. Volunteers at the recycling center carefully package the prepared glasses and store them until they are required for eyeglass-dispensing missions. Glasses not suitable for reuse are recycled for scrap, with the earnings benefitting local Lions projects. 4. At the mission site,

eye care professionals and

trained Lion volunteers

perform vision screenings

and dispense the appropriate recycled glasses, free of charge, to children and adults in need. Dr. Eric Purdy, of Bluffton and Fort Wayne, has traveled all over the world helping the poor with their eye problems. Last February, Lions Clubs from all over North-

ern Indiana contributed to gathering, preparing, and shipping over 30,000 eyeglasses to Honduras. Many third-world countries have no access to eyeglasses.

You can place your unneeded eyeglasses, sunglasses or reading glasses in any of the hundreds of collection boxes located throughout northern Indi-

Ways to recover from a financial shock and be prepared next time

By KIMBERLY PALMER

of NerdWallet Financial shocks, which

can include unexpected events like a job loss, big medical bill or house repair, can be extremely challenging. To recover from a financial shock and be better prepared for a future one,

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spending when possible and knowing where to find support. Lenders and service providers sometimes offer hardship options to give you more payment flexibility. Trusted friends and family members may be able to offer support as well. Staying positive and focusing on mental recovery is also important.

Financial shocks come in many different forms: An unexpected medical bill, house repair or job loss are among the typical ones. The reasons for financial shocks may be common, but recovering from them can be unexpectedly challenging.

"These things happen once or twice over a financial lifetime," says Spencer Betts, a certified financial planner and financial consultant with Bickling Financial Services in Lexington, Massachusetts. "They can be pretty big, even for a relatively well-off person."

Calvary Lutheran donates to Family Centered Services

Lutheran's Carol Leeth and Pastor Amy Beitelschees-Albers. (Photo submitted)

Calvary Lutheran Church recently hosted its annual fish fry with proceeds going to

the Closet, a program of Family Centered Services, Inc. The total amount raised

was \$2,856.44. Pictured from left, Closet Coordinator Brandi Brinneman, Calvary

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To recover from a financial shock and to protect yourself from the impact of one before it happens, consider these guideposts from financial experts:

TURN TO YOUR **EMERGENCY FUND** OR START ONE

Betts recommends using an emergency fund as a first line of defense against financial shocks. "The general guideline is to have three to six months of your expenses set aside," he says, adding that the money can be kept in an interest-bearing account so it continues

to grow. If you don't yet have an emergency fund, then experiencing a financial shock can provide the motivation to start one as soon as you're able to do so. Barbara O'Neill, author of "Flipping a Switch: Your Guide to Happiness and Financial Security Later in Life," recommends participating in a savings challenge such as a 30-day, \$100 savings goal or trying to save \$1,000 by the end of a year to get started.

"You can get a taste of success now that so much has beat you down. You want to turn things around. Starting by saving small amounts at a time can help," O'Neill says.

TAILOR YOUR SAV-**INGS TO TYPE OF EMERGENCY**

Mary Carlson, president of the Financial Behavior Keynote Group, a speaking, consulting and teaching firm, says she encourages clients to separate emergency savings accounts into two categories: A "catastrophic emergency" fund for major events such as job loss and death, and a "life happens" fund for things like house repairs and a larger-thanexpected tax bill.

'When we start to label things what they really are, then we know what to use the money for," Carlson says. Otherwise, she adds, it would be easy to empty out your emergency fund for predictable expenses like car maintenance.

CUT BACK ON UNNECESSARY **EXPENSES**

Immediately scaling back spending on variable costs such as restaurant meals and retail purchases can help direct funds to recovering from the financial shock. "You can't change rent easily, but you can adjust how much you spend on going out to eat, travel, entertainment and clothes," Betts

"If you can't pay for

everything, you've got to cover the basic needs first food, shelter, utilities then the things that will bring consequences, like

your car being repossessed," O'Neill says. If you are struggling with those basics and looking for local resources to help, such as food banks, the website 211.org can help you find

ASK ABOUT HARDSHIP

OPTIONS If it's still tough to pay your bills, Betts recommends calling your lender or service provider. "You aren't going to be the first person to say, 'Oh no, I overextended myself, can you do anything to help me with these payment options?" he says. Companies can sometimes offer payment plans or later due dates for bills.

Carlson says that in some cases, banks and credit unions will work with customers on short-term loans with a 0% or low interest

rate to help them get through a challenging period or unexpected expense. "Be proactive and say, 'Look, I can't make this work.' They may have options for you to work out a plan," she says.

CREATE A TIMELINE AND FIND SUPPORT

Giving yourself a deadline to get through your financial shock, whether it's paying off a specific expense or finding a new job, can also make it easier to power through a difficult period, Betts says. "If you have a precise timeline, whether it's 70 weeks or 13 months, then you can say, 'OK, I'm counting down the months, the weeks, the days. This isn't something I have to do forever, but for a short period of time, and then I'll be done with it," he says. Sharing that goal with

friends and family members can open new avenues of support as you try to reduce spending during that period, he adds. "If you're talking to someone you are comfortable with or who might also be going through a crisis, you can go through it together, and it's easier,"

Betts says. DON'T FORGET MENTAL RECOVERY

Research shows that financial recovery takes time and support, both emotionally and financially. In his collaborative research on the psychological effects of life shocks on financial well-being, Jesse B. Jurgenson, assistant professor in the School of Financial Planning at Texas Tech University, has found that stress can influence how we feel about our financial wellbeing as much as objective measures like the size of our

savings account. "It may be helpful to focus on the mental health side and remind people going through a financial shock that things are going to get better," he says. "This is just a temporary hiccup."





The basics of EVs for first-time buyers

Electric vehicles are increasingly visible on roadways around the world. According to BloombergNEF, a strategic research provider covering global commodity markets, in June 2022 there were 20 million plug-in vehicles in use across the globe. That's an increase from only one million in 2016. As more people are drawn to EVs, drivers can exercise due diligence to learn more about them, particularly if they're considering buying their first such vehicle.

Different vehicle types

The term "electric vehicle" encompasses a variety of cars and trucks. The following are some common categories.

• Hybrid electric vehicle: These are the most common type of hybrids. They have two power drives, which include a fuel-based engine and an electric motor with a larger battery. A computer determines when electricity or gas should be used. The system utilizes regenerative braking that ensures the electric battery gets a little recharge every time the driver touches the breaks

• Mild hybrid electric vehicle: MHEVs use a battery and electric motor to increase the efficiency of an internal combustion engine (ICE). An MHEV does not run solely on electric power, but the ICE can be turned off and the electric motor used while braking, coasting and stopping.

• Battery electric vehicle: BEVs are powered entirely by electricity and will have no ICE or fuel tank. Users charge the battery using an electrical outlet.

• Plug-in hybrid electric vehicle: Like BEVs, PHEVs have an electric motor that is charged by plugging it in. They also have a fuel-based ICE like HEVs. Where they differ is that PHEVs can travel a considerable distance on electric power alone, while HEVs cannot.

Driving range

The distance EVs can travel before needing to recharge depends on the type of vehicle. Most EVs have a driving range between 50 and 330 miles. Shoppers should determine the "range-percharge" for the vehicle to assess if it will fit their driving needs and daily commutes. Drivers who



frequently take long road trips may have to assess if a hybrid vehicle is more practical; otherwise, careful planning may be necessary to accommodate charging along the route.

Parking and charging situation

Individuals who live in private homes or rentals with access to outlets may be more inclined to invest in EVs. Charging can be done with a standard 120V outlet, but it will increase charging time considerably. Many people opt to have a 240V charger installed in a garage or driveway, which is known as "Level 2 ESVE equipment." With this type of setup, a charge can be reached in roughy four to 6 six hours, says Valley Clean Energy. Public charging stations utilize a 480V input and can charge many EV models in about 20 to 30 minutes. Plug-in hybrid vehicles do not typically have fast charging capabilities, however.

Reduce maintenance

BEVs require less maintenance than conventional vehicles because there are fewer fluids like oil and transmission fluid to change, and far fewer moving parts. EVs require minimal scheduled maintenance to electrical systems, including the battery and electrical motor. Hybrid vehicles still require the standard maintenance of gas-powered vehicles.

EVs are growing in popularity, so potential buyers can school themselves on these newer vehicles to determine if they're the right fit for them.



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Native American boarding school survivors say trauma spans generations

By MATTHEW BROWN **Associated Press**

BOZEMAN, Mont. (AP) Donovan Archambault was 11 years old in 1950 when he was sent from the Fort Belknap Indian Reservation in Montana to a government-backed Native American boarding school in Pierre, South Dakota, where abusive staff forced him to abandon his community's language and customs.

Archambault emerged bitter from the experience and said he drank alcohol for more than two decades before he finally pulled his life together, earning a master's degree in education and serving as chairman of the Fort Belknap

"It was probably the most brutal time of my whole life," Archambault recalled Sunday, "and it all stemmed from the trauma we suffered in the Pierre Indian School."

Decades after the last Native American boarding schools stopped receiving federal money, the traumas inflicted by the abusive institutions are getting belated attention through a series of listening sessions hosted by federal officials across the U.S.

For over 150 years, Indigenous children were taken from their communities and forced into the boarding schools, which systemat-

ically abused students to assimilate them into white society. Religious and private institutions ran many of the schools and received federal funding as partners in government programs to "civilize" Indigenous

Sunday's event at Montana State University in Bozeman was the last of 12 stops on the "Road to Healing" tour by Interior Secretary Deb Haaland, a member of Laguna Pueblo in New Mexico who has prioritized examining the trauma caused by the schools.

The U.S. enacted laws and policies in 1819 to support the schools and some continued to operate through the 1960s. An investigative report released last year by the Interior Department identified 408 government-backed schools in 37 states or then-territories, including Alaska and Hawaii.

The schools renamed children from Native American to English names, organized them into military drills and compelled them to do manual labor such as farming, brick-making and working on the railroad system, according to federal officials. At least 500 children died at the schools, according to the report — a figure that's expected to increase dramatically as research continues.

One of Haaland's deputies,

Rosebud Sioux member Wizipan Garriott, has described boarding schools as part of a long history of injustices against his people that began with the widespread extermination of their main food source bison, also known as buffalo.

Tribes also lost their land base and were forced onto reservations sometimes far from their home-

Victims and survivors of the schools have shared tearful recollections of their experience during prior listening sessions in Oklahoma, South Dakota, Michigan, Arizona, Alaska and other states.

They told stories of being punished for speaking their native language, getting locked in basements and their hair being cut to stamp out their identities. They were sometimes subjected to solitary confinement, beatings and withholding food. Many left the schools with only basic vocational skills that gave them few job prospects, officials said.

Myrna Burgess, a Northern Cheyenne elder, said Sunday that she and her classmates faced escalating punishments for speaking their home language. First time they'd get hit with a stick on the back of the hand. After a second offense they'd have to turn their hand over, to get hit on the palm. A third offense brought a strike to the head, she said.

"That was child abuse right there, but no one ever went to jail," she said.

Archambeault said many of his classmates did not survive long enough to tell their stories and instead became victims of suicide, alcohol and violence that he traces back to the treatment they received at school.

A second investigative report is expected in coming months. It will focus on burial sites, the schools' impact on Indigenous communities and also try to account for federal funds spent on the troubled program

Montana had 16 of the schools including on or near the Crow, Blackfeet, Fort Peck and Fort Belknap reservations. Most shut down early last century. Others were around recently enough that their former students are still alive.

A Native American boarding school in the town of St. Ignatius on the Flathead Reservation was open until at least 1973. In southeastern Montana the Tongue River Boarding School operated under various names until at least 1970, when the Northern Cheyenne Tribe contracted it as a tribal school, according to government

The St. Labre school at the edge of the Northern Chevenne continues to operate but has not received federal money in more than a century, according to government records.

The National Native American Boarding School Healing Coalition has tallied an additional 113 schools not on the government list that were run by churches and with no evidence of federal support. By 1926, more than 80 percent of Indigenous school-age children — some 60,000 children — were attending boarding schools that were run either by the federal government or religious organizations, according to the coalition.

The coalition's executive director, Samuel Torres, said Haaland's tour was a positive first step in addressing the schools' legacy. Next, he said, Congress must approve proposals to establish a truth and reconciliation commission, where survivors could continue airing their stories and the federal government's role in the abuse could be further document-

"Boarding schools lasted over 150 years. It's going to take more than a couple of years of investigation," Torres said. "It's going to require generations. But this is where it has to start."

Some houses are being built to stand up to hurricanes, sharply cut emissions

By ISABELLA **O'MALLEY Associated Press**

When Hurricane Michael hit the Florida Panhandle five years ago, it left boats, cars and trucks piled up to the windows of Bonny Paulson's home in the tiny coastal community of Mexico Beach, Florida, even though the house rests on pillars 14 feet above the ground. But Paulson's home, with a rounded shape that looks something like a ship, shrugged off Category 5 winds that might otherwise have collapsed it.

"I wasn't nervous at all," Paulson said, recalling the warning to evacuate. Her house lost only a few shingles, with photos taken after the storm showing it standing whole amid the wreckage of almost all the surrounding homes.

Some developers are building homes like Paulson's with an eye toward making them more resilient to the extreme weather that's increasing with climate change, and friendlier to the environment at the same time. Solar panels, for example, installed so snugly that high winds

can't get underneath them, energy-efficient appliancmean clean power that can survive a storm. Preserved wetlands and native vegetation that trap carbon in the ground and reduce flooding vulnerability, too. Recycled or advanced construction materials that reduce energy use as well as the need to make new material.

A person's home is one of the biggest ways they can reduce their individual carbon footprint. Buildings release about 38% of all energy-related greenhouse gas emissions each year. Some of the carbon pollution comes from powering things like lights and air conditioners and some of it from making the construction materials, like concrete

Deltec, the company that built Paulson's home, says that only one of the nearly 1,400 homes it's built over the last three decades has suffered structural damage from hurricane-force winds. But the company puts as much emphasis on building green, with higher-quality insulation that reduces the need for air conditioning, heat pumps for more efficient heating and cooling, es, and of course solar.

'The real magic here is that we're doing both," chief executive Steve Linton. "I think a lot of times resilience is sort of the afterthought when you talk about sustainable construction, where it's just kind of this is a feature on a list ... we believe that resilience is really a fundamental part of sustainability."

Other companies are developing entire neighborhoods that are both resistant to hurricanes and contribute less than average to climate change. Pearl Homes' Hunters

Point community in Cortez, Florida, consists of 160 houses that are all LEEDcertified platinum, the highest level of one of the mostused green building rating systems.

To reduce vulnerability to flooding, home sites are raised 16 feet above code. Roads are raised, too, and designed to direct accumulating rainfall away and onto ground where it may be absorbed. Steel roofs with seams allow solar panels to be attached so closely it's difficult for high winds to get under them, and

the homes have batteries that kick in when power is knocked out.

Pearl Homes CEO Marshall Gobuty said his team approached the University of Central Florida with a plan to build a community that doesn't contribute to climate change. "I wanted them to be not just sustainable, but resilient, I wanted them to be so unlike everything else that goes on in Florida," Gobuty said. "I see homes that are newly built, half a mile away, that are underwater ... we are in a crisis with how the weather is changing."

That resonates with Paulson, in Mexico Beach, who said she didn't want to "live day to day worried about tracking something in the Atlantic." Besides greater peace of mind, she says, she's now enjoying energy costs of about \$32 per month, far below the roughly \$250 she said she paid in a previous home.

"I don't really feel that the population is taking into effect the environmental catastrophes, and adjusting for it," she said. "We're building the same old stuff that got blown away."

Babcock Ranch is anoth-

er sustainable, hurricanecan't blow over. The doors resilient community in swing outward in some homes so when pressure South Florida. It calls itself the first solar-powered town builds up from the wind, they don't blast open, and in the U.S., generating 150 megawatts of electricity vents help balance the preswith 680,000 panels on 870 sure in garages. acres. The community was In 2022, Hurricane also one of the first in the Ian churned over Babcountry to have large batcock Ranch as a Category 4 storm. It left little to no teries on site to store extra

solar power to use at night damage, Kitson said. or when the power is out. "We set out to prove that Syd Kitson founded a new town and the envi-Babcock Ranch in 2006. The homes are better able to withstand hurricane winds because the roofs are strapped to a system

ronment can work handin-hand, and I think we've proven that," said Kitson. "Unless you build in a very resilient way, you're just going to constantly be repairing or demolishing the home.'

that connects down to the

foundation. Power lines are

buried underground so they



Nepal villagers cremate loved ones who perished in earthquake that killed 157 people

KATHMANDU, Nepal (AP) — Villagers in the mountains of northwest Nepal on Sunday cremated the bodies of some of those who perished in an earthquake two days earlier. The strong temblor killed 157 people and left thousands of others homeless.

The 13 bodies were carried to the banks of the Bheri River and placed on pyres made of stacked wood. Priests chanted Hindu prayers while family members cried as they covered the bodies of loved ones with flowers before setting them on fire in a cremation ceremony.

They were from Chiuri village in Jajarkot district, which authorities said was the epicenter of the quake, and where at least 105 people were confirmed dead. Another 52 were killed in the neighboring Rukum district, officials said. There were 184 people injured.

Most of the houses in Jajarkot - usually made by stacking rocks and logs either collapsed or were severely damaged by the sudden earthquake, while the few concrete houses in towns were also damaged. The majority of those killed were crushed by debris.

Thousands spent Saturday night in the bitter cold.

People used whatever they could find to set up shelter for the night, using plastic sheets and old clothes to keep them warm. Most people have been unable to retrieve their belongings from under the rubble.

Many were looking to the government for help.

"Our situation has gotten so worse that we do not even have anything left to eat. Whatever food we had is buried underneath the rubble of our fallen house," Samkhana Bika, who had lost her home, said Sunday.

Her house at Chepare village had fallen. She sat around a fire near their fallen home to keep warm with her six family members.

"Someone else gave us some rice, a little oil and some salt out of which we made a stew last night and ate that," she said.

Nepal's government said it is trying to get aid to the affected areas.

A Cabinet meeting held on Sunday announced that aid would be immediately transported. Communications Minister Rekha Sharma told reporters that supplying food and setting up temporary shelters were the main focus while working on plans to reconstruct damaged houses.

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As rescuers were scrambling to rush aid, operations were hampered by the fact that many of the mountainous villages could only be reached by foot. Roads were also blocked by landslides triggered by the earthquake. Soldiers could be seen trying

to clear the blocked roads. The U.S. Geological Survey said that the earthquake had a preliminary magnitude of 5.6 and occurred at a depth of 11 miles. Nepal's National Earthquake Monitoring and Research Center confirmed that the epicenter was in Jajarkot, which is about 250 miles northeast of the capital, Kathmandu.

At the regional hospi-



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"My arms are totally broken, I have injuries in my head and my back hurts, but thankfully it is not fractured. It was hurt when I had bent down and had firewood fall on my back," Kunjan Pun said Sunday from a hospital bed where she is awaiting





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RV Norwell pounds No. 19 Warsaw on opening night

The Norwell girls' basketball team proved it could be one of the best teams in the area on night No. 1 with an 83-60 point victory over No. 19 Warsaw on the road.

The Knights shot 52.6 percent (30-57) from the field with an impressive 17-30 from three.

Kennedy Fuelling led the team with 27 points on 10-16 (7-9 three). Makenzie Fuess went for 24 points, and Vanessa Rosswurm with 13 points and 10 rebounds.

Norwell's next game will be at Northrop starting at 7:30 p.m.

NORWELL 83, WARSAW 60 At Warsaw

27, Makenzie Fuess 8-15 3-3 24, Vanessa Rosswurm 5-9 0-0 13, Lilly Norris 3-6 2-5 9, Annabell Johnson 2-3 0-0 5, Ali Riley 1-2 0-0 2, Ryland Graft 1-2 0-0 2, Dekota Hubble 0-3 1-2 1, Jada Dale 0-1 0-0 0, Haley green 0-0 0-0 0, Ashley Waldman 0-0 0-0 0.

ley Waldman 0-0 0-0 0.

WARSAW (0-1): TOTALS: Bricker 8-17 4-4 26, Winchester 6-17 3-5 18, Zartman 2-7 1-2 7, Neely 1-5 0-0 2, Knepp 1-2 0-0 2, McManus 1-2 0-0 2, Kiser 0-2 2-4 2, Chastain 0-0 1-2 1, Wrenn 0-3 0-0 0.

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Three-point FG: Norwell 17-30 (Fuelling 7-9, Fuess 5-10, Rosswurm 3-6, Johnson 1-2, Norris 1-2, Riley 0-1), Warsaw 11-32 (Bricker 6-13, Winchester 3-8, Zartman 2-4, McManus 0-1, Neely 0-2, Knepp 0-1, Weren 0-3, Rebounds: Norwell

0-1, Neely 0-2, Knepp 0-1, Wrenn 0-3). Rebounds: Norwell 34 (Rosswurm 10, Johnson 7, Hubble 4, Fuelling 3, Norris 3, Fuess 2, Dale 2, Graft 1, Waldman 1), Warsaw 22 (Winchester 10, Zartman 2, Neely 2, Gricker 2, Knepp 2, Wrenn 1, McManus 1, Kiser 1). Turnovers: Norwell 12, Warsaw 11. Fouls: Norwell 17, Warsaw 17. Fouled Out: None. Techni-

High School Calendar

MONDAY, NOV 6 No events scheduled **TUESDAY, NOV 7**

GIRLS BASKETBALL: Norwell at Northrop, 7:30 p.m.; Southern Wells at Union, 6 p.m.; Bluffton at Northfield, 7:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, NOV 8 No events scheduled **THURSDAY, NOV 9** No events scheduled FRIDAY, NOV 10

FOOTBALL: (regional final) Bluffton at Bishop Luers, 7 p.m.

SATURDAY, NOV 11

GIRLS BASKETBALL: Northridge at Norwell, 2:30 p.m.; Eastbrook at Southern Wells, 7:30 p.m.; East Noble at Bluffton,

SWIMMING & DIVING: Norwell girls Invitational, 9 a.m.

MONDAY, NOV 13 No events scheduled

Strong 2nd half lifts Indians over Raiders on home opener

By RYAN WALKER

PONETO - Southern Wells put up a good fight with a brand-new roster in a 67-51 loss to Union City Saturday night.

The 16-point defeat didn't tell the whole story of what was a solid performance, considering the Raiders graduated four impact seniors from a season ago.

Head coach Jessica Killingbeck has had nothing but good things to say about her nine-player varsity roster that had just one senior on it. In their first game, they were tied with Union City (2-0) 32-32 at the

"You look at our roster — we're young," Killingbeck said after the game. "I think there's a lot of positives to take away, and this is just the beginning of this journey with these girls.

After halftime, it was an entirely different game. Inexperience started to take over the Raiders, and the Indians had a full head of

Luane Schoonbroodt and Gabrielle Ordonez led the charge on a 9-0 run with a pair of buckets to begin the third quarter. Karlee Warner would drain a three coming out of a timeout used by Killingbeck, but the Indians poured on nine more points in a row to take a commanding 50-32 lead.

Southern Wells' answers became too little in the second half to keep up, but did get forward Ashlie Needler more involved than in the first half. Her four buckets in the third and fourth quarters gave her a team-best 14 points and seven rebounds.

Schoonbroodt, a foreign exchange trans- UNION CITY (0-0): Luane Schoonbroodt 10-17 2-6 24 fer from Belgium, helped Union City as a force in transition and on the boards. She dropped a game-high 24 points with 15 rebounds, creating opportunities for teammates and even herself on multiple putback

The Indians went on a 35-19 run to finish the game and put a feather in the cap on the Raiders opening night.

When asked what was the main culprit to the second-half collapse, Killingbeck cited its youth as one of the reasons.

"I would say inexperience, and I think stamina, too," Killingbeck said. "When we got tired, we stopped boxing out, and (Schoonbrodt) is a heck of a ball player. She tore us up a little bit."

Perhaps the most pleasant part Southern Wells could take from its first game was the three-point shooting.

The team posted an 8-18 clip from longrange from four different players.

Warner, Collena and Gracie Reeves, and Kyah Thomas all found the bottom of the net, three of whom are finding new roles for the first time on varsity.

The team this year will have brand new shooters to cover the floor with Needler and Kenzie Paxson (who had eight points) down by the block.

Was it a fluke? Killingbeck didn't think so with what she'd seen in the early-season practices.

"I would say expect more," Killingbeck said about the three-point shooting. "We've been shooting the ball really well in practice. We've been doing a lot of reps within our offense, focusing on footwork and being low and in a stance. They're really buying in doing and really trying to do those things, which I think has increased. We've got quite a few shooters this year."

Southern Wells will travel to Union on Tuesday starting at 6 p.m.

Southern Wells won the junior varsity match 32-23. Jailynn Chase and Remi Holmes led the way with eight points, while Erika Beavans had seven.

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UNION CITY 67. SOUTHERN WELLS 51 at Southern Wells

Aubrey Black 5-9 3-4 14, Gabrille Ordonez 3-9 2-2 10, Shannen Smith 3-8 2-2 8, Campbell Kerns 2-8 2-2 6, Annal iese Banda 0-1 0-0 0, Sofie Emrick 0-0 0-0 0. TOTAL: 24-53

11-18 67. **SOUTHERN WELLS (0-1):** Ashlie Needler 6-13 2-6 14. Collena Reeves 3-12 0-0 9, Kyah Thomas 3-5 0-0 8, Gracie Reeves 2-5 2-2 7, Kenzie Paxson 4-7 0-0 8, Karlee Warner 2-8 0-0 6, Bre Leidig 1-5 0-0 2, Erika Beavans 0-1 0-0 0, Kaylea Coffel 0-0 0-0 0, Aubree Meyer 0-0 0-0 0. TOTAL 20-54 4-8 51

20-54 4-8 51. Union City 14 18 20 15 — 67 So. Wells 16 16 10 9 — 51 Three Point FG: Union City 5-8 (Schoonbrodt 2-3, Ordonez 2-3, Black 1-2), Southern Wells 8-18 (C. Reeves 3-7, Warner 2-6, Thomas 2-3, G. Reeves 1-1, Beavans 0-1). Rebounds: Union City 31 (Schoonbrodt 15, Smith 6, Kerns 4, Black 3, Ordonez 2 Banda 1) Southern Wells 26 (Needler 7, Leidig 6, Paxson 6, G. Reeves 3, Warner 2, C. Reeves 1, Coffel 1). Turnovers: Union City 10, Southern Wells 15. Fouls: Union City 9, Southern Wells 12. Fouled out: None. Technical Fouls: None. Technical Fouls: None



Norwell senior Dekota Hubble (center) eyes the basket while being closely guarded by two Tiger defenders during Saturday night's game in Warsaw. The Knights kicked off the season with a 83-60 win over the Lady Tigers. (Photo by Chad Kline)



Union City's Luane Schoonbroodt (left) takes a jump shot over Southern Wells defenders Kenzie Paxson (middle) and Kyah Thomas Saturday night. The Indians topped the Raiders on opening night 67-51. (Photo by Ryan Walker)

NFL

Thursday's Games
Pittsburgh 20, Tennessee 16
Sunday's Games
Kansas City 21, Miami 14, Frankfurt DEU

Baltimore 37, Seattle 3 Cleveland 27, Arizona 0 Green Bay 20, L.A. Rams 3 Houston 39, Tampa Bay 37 Minnesota 31, Atlanta 28 New Orleans 24, Chicago 17 Washington 20, New England 17 Indianapolis 27, Carolina 13 Las Vegas 30, N.Y. Giants 6 Philadelphia 28, Dallas 23 Cincinnati24, Buffalo 18 Open: Denver, Jacksonville, Detroit, San Francisco

Monday's Games L.A. Chargers at N.Y. Jets, 8:15 p.m.

Thursday, Nov. 9

Carolina at Chicago, 8:15 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 12 Indianapolis vs New England at Frankfurt, DEU, 9:30 a.m. Cleveland at Baltimore, 1 p.m. Green Bay at Pittsburgh, 1 p.m. Houston at Cincinnati, 1 p.m. New Orleans at Minnesota, 1 p.m. San Francisco at Jacksonville, 1

Tennessee at Tampa Bay, 1 p.m Atlanta at Arizona, 4:05 p.m. Detroit at L.A. Chargers, 4:05 p.m. N.Y. Giants at Dallas, 4:25 p.m. Washington at Seattle, 4:25 p.m. N.Y. Jets at Las Vegas, 8:20 p.m. Open: Kansas City, Miami, L.A. Rams, Philadelphia

Monday, Nov. 13
Denver at Buffalo, 8:15 p.m.

College **Major Scores**

Florida St. 24, Pittsburgh 7 Fordham 27, Bucknell 21 Ohio St. 35, Rutgers 16 Penn St. 51, Maryland 15 Temple 32, Navy 18 West Virginia 37, BYU 7 SOUTH

Alabama 42, LSU 28 Appalachian St. 31, Marshall 9 Arkansas 39, Florida 36, OT Auburn 31, Vanderbilt 15 Butler 49, Morehead St. 7 Clemson 31, Notre Dame 23 Coastal Carolina 28. Old Dominion 24

News-Banner Scoreboard Georgia 30, Missouri 21 Georgia 30, Missouri 21
Georgia Tech 45, Virginia 17
James Madison 42, Georgia St. 14
Kentucky 24, Mississippi St. 3
Liberty 56, Louisiana Tech 30
Louisville 34, Virginia Tech 3
Memphis 59, South Florida 50
Mississippi 38, Texas A&M 35
MC State 30, Miami 6 NC State 20, Miami 6 North Carolina 59, Campbell 7

South Carolina 38, Jacksonville St. 28 Tennessee 59, Uconn 3
Tulane 13, East Carolina 10
MIDWEST

Illinois 27, Minnesota 26 Indiana 20, Wisconsin 14 Iowa 10, Northwestern 7 Kansas 28. Iowa St. 21 Michigan 41, Purdue 13 Michigan St. 20. Nebraska 17 UCF 28, Cincinnati 26 Youngstown St. 19, Indiana St. 7

SOUTHWEST Charlotte 33, Tulsa 26, OT Houston 25, Baylor 24, OT Oklahoma St. 27, Oklahoma 24 SMU 36, Rice 31 Texas 33, Kansas St. 30, OT UTSA 37, North Texas 29 W. Kentucky 21, UTEP 13 FAR WEST

Arizona 27, UCLA 10 Army 23, Air Force 3 Fresno St. 37, Boise St. 30 Hawaii 27, Nevada 14 Oregon 63, California 19 Oregon St. 26, Colorado 19 Stanford 10, Washington St. 7 UNLV 56, New Mexico 14 Utah 55, Arizona St. 3 Utah St. 32, San Diego St. 24, OT Washington 52, Southern Cal 42

BASKETBALL High School

Saturday Girls Scores Beech Grove 50, Christel House Manual 18 Bloomington North 64, Greenwood 49 Bloomington South 56, Columbus

Brown Co. 50, Southwestern (Hanover) Brownsburg 78, Indpls N. Central 70 Cass 71, Eastern (Greentown) 5 Caston 63, Rochester 30 Center Grove 63, Fishers 45 Churubusco 59, Hamilton 11

Clinton Central 47, Southmont 42 Columbia City 62, Carroll (Ft. Wayne) 31 Crawford Co. 51, Eastern (Pekin) 18

Culver 37, S. Bend Trinity 30 Culver Academy 44, S. Bend Clay 20 Daleville 42, Anderson Prep Academy

Delta 61, Madison-Grant 29

E. Central 32. Richmond 25 E. Noble 53, Westview 32 Eastbrook 78, S. Adams 32 Eastern Hancock 58, Rushville 38 Evansville Central 75, South Vigo 19 Evansville Reitz 54, Vincennes 41 Fairfield 56, Northfield 25 Fountain Central 40, Frankfort 22
Franklin 67, Columbus North 36
Frankton 52, Monroe Central 32
Ft. Wayne Blackhawk 63, W. Noble 15 Ft. Wayne Luers 62, Central Noble 45 Ft. Wayne Northrop 66, Carmel 54 Glenn 37. Knox 35 Goshen 51, LaPorte 32 Guerin Catholic 44, Greenwood Chris-

Hamilton Southeastern 72. Indpls Ben Hobart 40, Boone Grove 28

Indian Creek 70, Martinsville 27 Indpls Roncalli 58, Triton Central 23 Jeffersonville 55, Castle 38 Kankakee Valley 45, Crown Point 44 Lafayette Harrison 64, Marion 18 Lakewood Park 54, Adams Central 30 Lanesville 68. Mitchell 12 Lapel 62, Anderson 30 Lawrence Central 56, Zionsville 52 Linton 67, W. Washington 51 Lowell 46, N. Newton 22 Maconaquah 57, Tipton 11 Madison 50. Franklin Co. 45 McCutcheon 68, Cascade 53 Mississinewa 61, Peru 38 N. Central (Farmersburg) 51, North Vigo 47, OT

N. Daviess 50, Bloomington Lighthouse 16

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Parke Heritage 61, N. Montgomery 9 Portage 44, Andrean 24 Princeton 59, S. Spencer 45 Randolph Southern 48, Centerville 27 Rising Sun 47, Medora 25 Rossville 63, Faith Christian 60 S. Bend Adams 63, Concord 35 S. Bend Riley 55, South Bend Career Academy 8

S. Central (Union Mills) 45, LaVille 38 S. Decatur 45, Southwestern (Shelby) S. Ripley 44, Hauser 30

Scottsburg 63, Indpls Chatard 46

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NBA

Saturday's Games Philadelphia 112, Phoenix 100 Atlanta 123, New Orleans 105 Orlando 120, L.A. Lakers 101 Charlotte 125, Indiana 124 Houston 107, Sacramento 89 Boston 124, Brooklyn 114 Minnesota 123, Utah 95 Denver 123, Chicago 101

Sunday's Games Phoenix 120, Detroit 106 Toronto 123, San Antonio 116, OT Cleveland 115, Golden State 104 Dallas 124, Charlotte 118 Memphis at Portland, late Monday's Games

Dallas at Orlando, 7 p.m. Golden State at Detroit, 7 p.m. San Antonio at Indiana, 7 p.m. Washington at Philadelphia, 7 p.m. L.A. Clippers at New York, 7:30 p.m. L.A. Lakers at Miami, 7:30 p.m. Milwaukee at Brooklyn, 7:30 p.m Atlanta at Oklahoma City, 8 p.m. Boston at Minnesota, 8 p.m. Sacramento at Houston, 8 p.m. Utah at Chicago, 8 p.m. New Orleans at Denver, 9 p.m. Tuesday's Games

No games scheduled. Wednesday's Games Boston at Philadelphia, 7 p.m. Utah at Indiana, 7 p.m. Washington at Charlotte, 7 p.m L.A. Clippers at Brooklyn, 7:30 p.m. San Antonio at New York, 7:30 p.m. Cleveland at Oklahoma City, 8 p.m. Detroit at Milwaukee, 8 p.m. L.A. Lakers at Houston, 8 p.m. Miami at Memphis, 8 p.m. New Orleans at Minnesota, 8 p.m. Phoenix at Chicago, 8 p.m. Toronto at Dallas, 8:30 p.m. Golden State at Denver, 10 p.m Portland at Sacramento, 10 p.m.

HOCKEY NHL

Nashville 5, Edmonton 2 Winnipeg 5, Arizona 3 Washington 2, Columbus 1 Buffalo 6, Toronto 4 St. Louis 6, Montreal 3 Detroit 5, Boston 4 Tampa Bay 6, Ottawa 4
Los Angeles 5, Philadelphia 0
Carolina 4, N.Y. Islanders 3, OT
Chicago 5, Florida 2 Minnesota 5, N.Y. Rangers 4, SO Calgary 6, Seattle 3 Vancouver 2, Dallas 0 Pittsburgh 10, San Jose 2 Vegas 7, Colorado 0 Sunday's Games

New Jersey 4, Chicago 2 Vegas at Anaheim, late Monday's Games Columbus at Florida, 7 p.m. Tampa Bay at Toronto, 7 p.m. Boston at Dallas, 8 p.m. Edmonton at Vancouver, 10 p.m.

Tuesday's Games Buffalo at Carolina, 7 p.m. Tampa Bay at Montreal, 7 p.m. Detroit at N.Y. Rangers, 7:30 p.m Minnesota at N.Y. Islanders, 7:30

Winnipeg at St. Louis, 8 p.m. Nashville at Calgary, 9 p.m. Seattle at Arizona, 9 p.m.

Forgotten gift hurts grandma's feelings

Dear Annie: I'm a 23-year-old something to her woman living with my parents because the cost of housing is so high. This is creating problems, especially in my relationship with my father. He has been disrespectful to me for a long time, at least since I was 18. He makes disparaging comments about my weight, my friends and my life choices. Grandma:

This in turn has created a situation in which most of my childhood friends have basically abandoned me. I can't make any new friends because I'm forced to be around him. If I protest, he gets upset and huffy at me. And since therapy is out of the question, is there any advice you could give me? — Stressful Father

Dear Stressful Father: Domestic abuse is not just physical; it can also be emotional. It sounds like your father is verbally abusing you, and that is not OK. The National Domestic Violence Hotline website will help you find resources to free you from this prison: https://www.thehotline.org

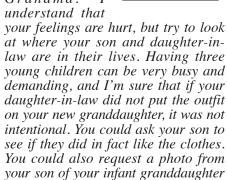
Dear Annie: My son and daughterin-law just had their third baby, a little girl after two boys. She is our sixth grandchild and only the second girl. I was thrilled and had great fun buying newborn clothing appropriate for the season. I wrapped the gifts with care and love and gave them to my daughter-in-law. She seemed truly appreciative of the gift. But so far, none of my gift clothing has been put on the baby.

They were newborn-size and seasonal, so time is running out for them to be worn. The problem is that this is making me sad! How can I deal with my feelings of hurt and disappointment? I know this must sound childish, but I am struggling not to say

about the baby not wearing any of my gifts. Do I just need to grow up? — Sad Grandma

Dear

to dress her in them.



Remember, however, that it's not about the clothes; it's about the love and closeness you feel for your granddaughter. So go make a visit and snuggle up to your new granddaughter in whatever she is wearing. I promise you the baby doesn't know clothes, only love. And a grandma's love is something more special than anything money can buy.

in her new clothes, should they decide

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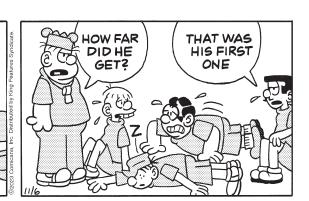








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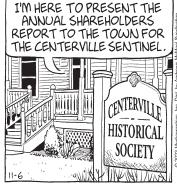


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My Answer

By Dr. Billy Graham

Q: An article from a technology site gripped me with fear claiming that we only have a few years left to live with dignity on this planet due to the inability to reverse biosphere corruption in relation to the AI race. The conclusion was an imminent catastrophe is coming. I'd like to see society change back to what it once was. How has this been thrust upon us in the name of changing society for the better?

A: Hope seems a rare commodity. Hoping in science, education, technology, government, and social programs has proven hollow. We've grasped the fringe of technology, bringing instant messaging and global communication, but technology has

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The Word of God's truth breaks through the storm clouds of life

also given us nuclear warheads to destroy those with whom we communicate.

As far back as 1968, the U.S. secretary of health, education, and welfare stated, "More and more people feel threatened by runaway technology ... by the defacement of nature, by man-made ugliness ... society continues at its present rate to become less livable."

Decades later, despair prevails. So where do we place our hope? What do we want changed? Who can fulfill our hopes? And how can anyone bring change that will make this world better? No one belonging to the human race is capable. The flaw in human nature is too great. Humanity's lofty ideas at best fall short.

People who oppose change are often ridiculed, while those who campaign for change are celebrated. But the objective of change is the key. When someone exchanges right for wrong, change becomes a wicked agent.

The Word of God's truth breaks through the storm clouds of life that engulf us. Christ's return to Earth will be so revolutionary that it will change every aspect of life on this planet. The light of God's presence in our lives is a purifying flame that will draw us near to Him. He has given us warning: "Prepare to meet your God" (Amos 4:12,

NKJV). Are you ready? (This column is based on the words and writings of the late Rev. Billy Gra-

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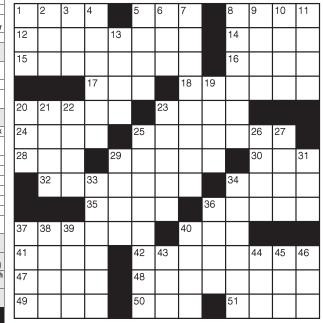
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NOTICE

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MARIE WAS LAST seen October 27 between SR 124 E and 450 E. She is 7 lbs., 5 years old, grey and beige. 260-458-7371.



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NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE

90-23-0026-SS

\$60,077.58

Sheriff Sale File number:

Date & Time of Sale: Wednes-

day, December 13, 2023, at 1:00

Sale Location: Wells County Courthouse First Floor, 102 W Market St, Bluffton, IN Judgment to be Satisfied:

MF-000014
Plaintiff: US Bank Trust Nation-

al Association, Not In Its Individual Capacity But Solely As Owner Trustee For VRMTG Asset Trust

Defendant: Unknown heirs, devisees, legatees, personal rep-

resentatives, and creditors of John R. Bauer (deceased) and First

Merchants Bank
By virtue of a certified copy of

a decree to me, directed from the Clerk of Wells Superior Court of

Cause No. 90D01-2008-

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Lottery Numbers

Saturday's Drawings HOOSIER LOTTERY

Cash 5 - 01-05-17-34-43

Cash4Life — 06-09-10-51-58, Cash Ball: 03

Lotto Plus — 04-10-12-26-30-40

Quick Draw Midday — 05-15-16-19-21-22-26-34-40-41-47-51-53-54-60-68-71-72-73-76-80, BE: 51

Daily Three-Midday — 07-07-03, SB: 00 **Daily Three-Evening** — 05-04-06, SB: 05

Daily Four-Midday — 05-09-08, SB: 00

Daily Four-Evening — 04-08-03-03, SB: 05 **Quick Draw Evening** — 03-04-11-12-17-18-23-25-28-31-34-43-51-61-65-66-71-72-75-79, BE: 31

Hoosier Lotto — 03-07-11-24-26-45 **POWERBALL**

01-28-30-34-54; Powerball: 06; Power Play: 2X

Sunday's Drawings HOOSIER LOTTERY

Cash 5 - 15-26-32-35-37**Cash4Life** — 19-24-33-47-54, Cash Ball: 03

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49-50-51-52-55-60-63-67-68-76-78, BE: 49 **Daily Three-Midday** — 05-06-04, SB: 01

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Quick Draw Evening — 07-09-11-14-15-19-28-31-35-36-42-52-54-62-65-72-72-74-76-79-80, BE: 19

Hoosier Lotto — Estimated jackpot (for Wednesday): \$42.4 million

MEGA MILLIONS

Estimated jackpot (for Tuesday): \$196 million

POWERBALL Estimated jackpot (for Wednesday): \$179 million

Public

BIDDING ENDS NOVEMBER 12 - (Online Only) - Kipfer Family, seller. New Holland TL90 diesel tractor, International 706 gas tractor, 1984 Case Model 444 garden tractor, 2008 Miller 250 Bobcat welder generator, Pilot 24-volt fork lift charger, Marathon, Shell, other gasoline plastic signs, Fenton, Lladro, Carnival, Vaseline, Royal Dalton, RS Prussia glassware, antique & modern furniture. Preview: Nov. 9 from 3 p.m.-6 p.m., 6345 W 200 S-1, Bluffton. Sale manager, Patrick Carter, The Steffen Group Inc., www.steffengrp.com, 260-824-

NOVEMBER 17-NOVEMBER 24 - (Online Only Auction) - Fiechter, seller. 2357 N. Main St., Bluffton. Glock, Smith & Wesson, Sig Sauer, Ruger, Beretta, Remington, Century Arms, Kel-Tec, Kahr, Savage Arms, Winchester, Bushmaster, Saltwater Arms, handguns, pistols, rifles, shotguns. Preview: Nov. 21 from 10 a.m.-6 p.m. and Nov. 22 from 10 a.m.-6 p.m., Bluffton Gun & Pawn. Sale manager, Isaac Stoller, The Steffen Group Inc., 260-824-3006, www.steffengrp.

NOVEMBER 27 - 6 p.m. -Pamela & Rick Myers, owners. Auction conducted at Wells County 4-H Community Center, 1240 4-H Park Road, Bluffton, IN. Land located at County Rd. 100 N & State Rd. 116, NW corner of Bluffton. 118.91 acres, Sec. 28 & 33 Lancaster Twp., Wells County. These farms will be offered in the following tracts, and/ or combined. Tract 1: 26.18 acres. Tract 2: 92.73 acres. Auctioneer: Jody Holloway, 260-273-0999, Holloway Auction Company, Inc., 260-824-5060, www.HollowayAuction. DECEMBER 1 - 8 a.m.

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> DECEMBER 5 - 2 p.m.-6 p.m. ET. (Online) - Farm: Goodwin Trust. Property location: 2 miles north of Markle, IN at the intersection of N Marzane Road and W 800 N. 157.3+/-total acres, 136.9+/- tillable, 12.2+/- CRP, 8.2+/- non-tillable. Prime farmland, tillable, CRP, Wells County, Union Township. Soil types: Pewamo silty clay loam, Glynwood clay & silt loam, Del Rey-Blount silt loams, Glynwood-Mississin-ewa clay loam. WAPI: 133.5 corn bu, 40.2 soybeans bu. Halderman Real Estate & Farm Management, 800-424-2324, halderman.com, Rick Johnloz, 260-827-8181.

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By: Krista Markley, Phone: 260/824.3426 Township of property location:

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Attorney: BRYAN K. RED-MOND Attorney Number: 22108-29 Law Firm: Feiwell & Hannoy,

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