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## Museum dedicates new exhibit

By HOLLY GASKILL

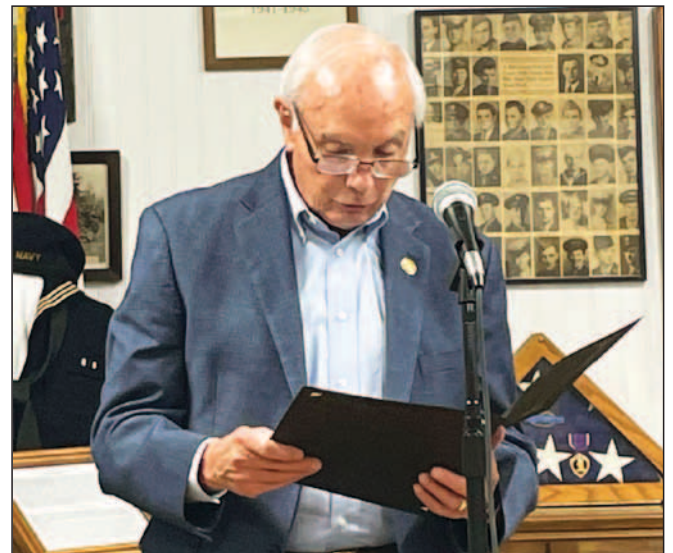
Members of the community gathered Sunday afternoon for the dedication of a recently renovated military exhibit at the Wells County Historical Society and the Museum.

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

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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)



## 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 conflict.

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 one-way 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

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## 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 requirements.

"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 salmon-bearing 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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Chance of morning rain,  
cloudy and windy

Today	Tuesday	Wed.
High 67	High 61	High 67
Low 49	Low 44	Low 48

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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 north.

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 Palestinians.

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 now.

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 making.

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 get-

ting 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 them."

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

"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. shutdown 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.

# Weather

Monday, November 6, 2023

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

High: 58; Low: 43; Precipitation: None

Wabash River Level (at the Main Street bridge): 1.21 feet at 8:45 p.m. Sunday

## Wells County forecast

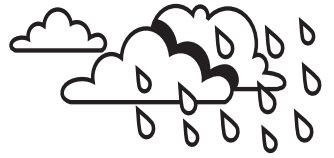
**Today:** A chance of sprinkles after noon. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 67. Breezy, with a south wind 15 to 25 mph, with gusts as high as 40 mph.



**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 mph.

**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.

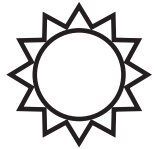
**Thursday:** A 20 percent chance of showers before 1 p.m. Partly sunny, with a high near 57.



**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 32.



**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

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populations that had been restored in the Puget Sound years earlier were struggling.

"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 eco-

toxicologist 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."

# Ukrainian veterans with amputated limbs find freedom in jiu-jitsu

KYIV, Ukraine (AP) — Nervous ahead 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 amputations.

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 2019.

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.

Much of the martial art of 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.

# Museum

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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 Dec. 9.

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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 Barbieri)



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.

Tiny Treasures to hold groundbreaking event for childcare expansion

Grace Bible Church is pleased to invite the community to participate in the groundbreaking ceremony, 11:45 a.m. Sunday, Nov. 12, for the expansion of the church's childcare ministry, Tiny Treasures of Grace.

The groundbreaking will be preceded by a collective worship service at 10 a.m. with a community luncheon following the ceremony. The community is invited to participate in and celebrate this special occasion. The growth is the result of a cooperative effort between Grace Bible Church and local manufacturer F.C.C.

The expansion will enable Grace's childcare ministry to continue to increase child capacity to help meet the local needs for early childhood education. Grace Bible Church is located at 6626 Village Way in Berne.

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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

suspended and 54 days of jail credit after he 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 Jail 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 time and listen to each patient's complaint. With this approach it is my hope that everyone feels comfortable with my understanding 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."



Dr. Alex Lebrija

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, Berkeley School of Law, and upon graduation co-founded 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 home.

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-year-old 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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# FALL CAR CARE

## 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-per-charge" 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 roughly four to 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

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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 tribes.

"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 students.

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 homelands.

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 records.

The St. Labre school at the edge of the Northern Cheyenne 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 documented.

"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, mean 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 and steel.

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,

energy-efficient appliances, 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 LEED-certified platinum, the highest level of one of the most-used 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 another

sustainable, hurricane-resilient community in South Florida. It calls itself the first solar-powered town in the U.S., generating 150 megawatts of electricity with 680,000 panels on 870 acres. The community was also one of the first in the country to have large batteries on site to store extra solar power to use at night or when the power is out.

Syd Kitson founded Babcock Ranch in 2006. The homes are better able to withstand hurricane winds because the roofs are strapped to a system that connects down to the foundation. Power lines are buried underground so they

can't blow over. The doors swing outward in some homes so when pressure builds up from the wind, they don't blast open, and vents help balance the pressure in garages.

In 2022, Hurricane Ian churned over Babcock Ranch as a Category 4 storm. It left little to no damage, Kitson said.

"We set out to prove that a new town and the environment can work hand-in-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."

# 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 tremor 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.

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 hospital in the city of Nepalgunj, more than 100 beds were made available and teams of doctors stood by to help the injured.

"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 surgery.

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# Forgotten gift hurts grandma's feelings

Dear Annie: I'm a 23-year-old 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.

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 daughter-in-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

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

Dear Sad Grandma: I understand that your feelings are hurt, but try to look at where your son and daughter-in-law are in their lives. Having three young children can be very busy and demanding, and I'm sure that if your daughter-in-law did not put the outfit on your new granddaughter, it was not intentional. You could ask your son to see if they did in fact like the clothes. You could also request a photo from your son of your infant granddaughter in her new clothes, should they decide 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.

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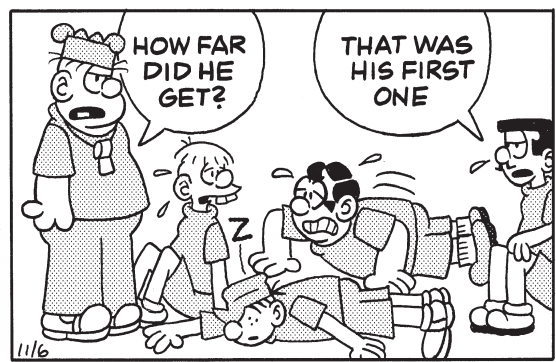
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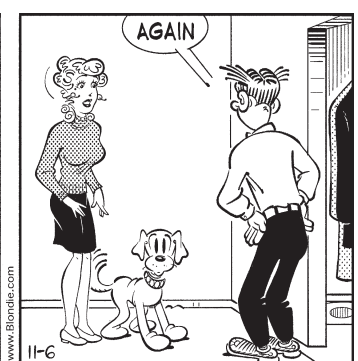
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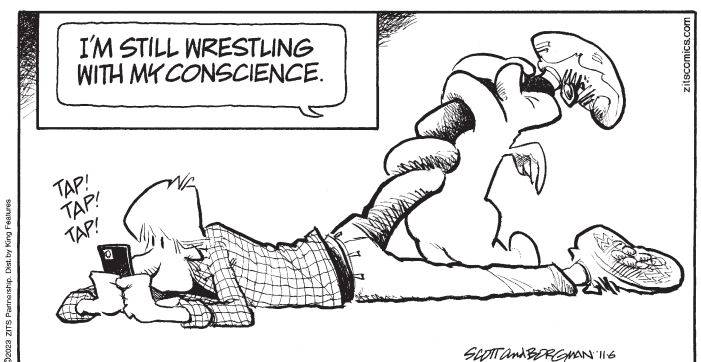
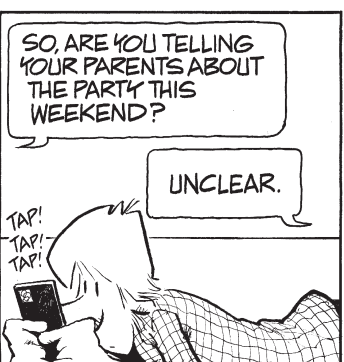
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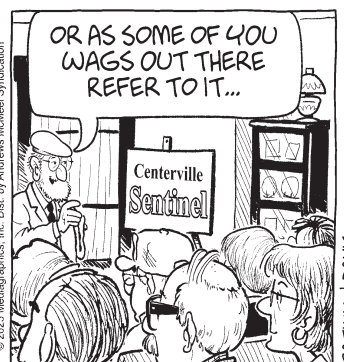
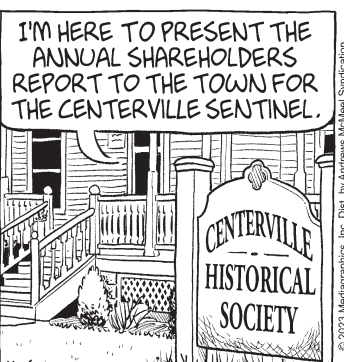
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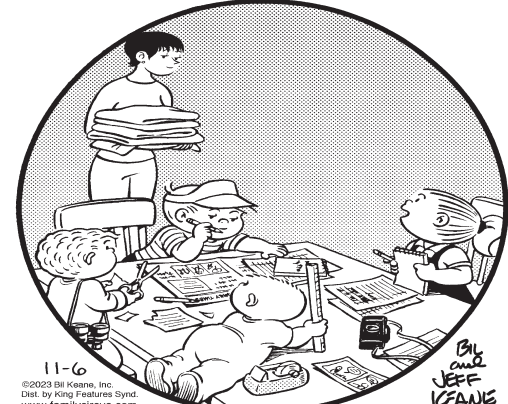
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# The Word of God's truth breaks through the storm clouds of life

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? — D.F.

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

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 Graham.)

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