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## Bluffton-Harrison safety referendum fails

**By HOLLY GASKILL**  
 Harrison Township voters have shot down a school safety referendum for Bluffton-Harrison schools. The matter was rejected by a simple majority — 57.81 percent of voters. The referendum asked residents to consider a 9.63 percent raise in property taxes (7.94 percent for non-homesteads) to support school safety opportunities, including increasing resource officers, adding a full-time mental health counselor, and general safety improvements. Following the announcement, Superintendent Brad Yates told The News-Banner that the vote accomplished what it was set out to do — to see if residents thought higher taxation was worth the investment in these school safety opportunities. "Those who responded to vote today made it clear that that is not a worthy investment at this point in time," Yates said. "It doesn't mean that safety isn't important in our community or that we're not appreciative of the safety

(measures) that are in place." There is no current plan to pursue these safety measures outside of referendum funding. However, Yates indicated he didn't want to "say never" to seeking a referendum again. "I just want to say thank you to our community for participating in the civic process," Yates added. "I know that determining school safety, specifically for Bluffton-Harrison, is an important topic, and I just appreciate those that took part, whether they voted in favor or not in favor." Fort Wayne Community Schools in Allen County also pursued a school safety referendum, which passed narrowly with 53.3 percent in favor. Their referendum will increase property taxes up to 12.74 percent for homesteads and 11.96 percent for non-homesteads. FWCS is the second Indiana school to pass a referendum to support school safety exclusively since the option was created in 2019.

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With early voting and absentee ballots, 713 Harrison Township and Poneto voters cast their ballots in Tuesday's election. Pictured, poll workers assist a final rush of voters at Wells County 4-H Park after the workday. (Photo by Holly Gaskill)

## Election results shake-up Poneto Town Council

**By HOLLY GASKILL**  
 Three town council seats and the clerk-treasurer's office were up for grabs in Poneto Tuesday, marking the only contested races in Wells County. With only a small pool of voters, most victories were slight. Incumbent council member Linda Ogle (I) secured her seat by the largest total, 33 votes. Current town council president Becky Smith (R), however, received 19 votes and was ousted by newcomers Paul Miller (R) and Kelly Cole-

man-Potter (D). Miller and Coleman-Potter received 32 and 24 votes, respectively. The final two candidates were Ashley O'Reilly (D), who received 18 votes, and Isaiah Medina Geels (R), who received six. Incumbent Brad Shoef (D) also retained his seat as Poneto clerk-treasurer against challenger Lou Ann Reinhard (R). Shoef received 28 votes and Reinhard received 19. The winning Poneto candidates will take office in January alongside an exten-

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Jon Oman, superintendent of Bluffton Utilities, reviews his notes for the Bluffton Common Council Tuesday night after lighting up a section of the city's aging Christmas lights. (Photo by Dave Schultz)

## Charge of the light brigade

**By DAVE SCHULTZ**  
 They were supposed to last five years. This year, however, is their 23rd. What was being discussed during Tuesday night's meeting of the Bluffton Common Council were the Christmas lights being installed throughout the city. The large snowflakes are wearing out and are expensive to install and to operate, and council members would like to do something else to decorate the city for the Christmas season. The question, however, is a simple one: What do we do? Jon Oman, the city's utility superinten-

dent, said it takes about 935 man-hours to install the lights. Due to the fact that the lights are incandescent rather than LED in format, they take more electricity. Council member Janella Stronczek said that someone had approached Bluffton NOW, the downtown revitalization group, about the installation of new lights. She said she would check and see what the status of that effort might be. Council member Chandler Gerber said it was time: "We got our money's worth," he said.

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## Council discusses adding holidays for city workers

**By DAVE SCHULTZ**  
 City offices and most departments are closed for seven holidays each year — New Year's Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day and the day after Thanksgiving, Christmas Day and the day after Christmas. Then there's Wells County, that has a total of 15 employee holidays, including election days, Veterans Day, the day after Christmas, and others. State employees also have paid time off on 15 holidays. There are 12 federal holidays as well. Mayor John Whicker brought the matter up for discussion, and the members of the Bluffton Common Council — Josh Hunt, Chandler Gerber, Rick Elwell, Scott Mentzer, and Janella Stronczek — agreed that something needed to be done in terms of equity for city workers. Whicker wants to bring the city in line with county, state, and federal celebrations.

"That is the best thing for our employees," Whicker said. "We need to add some holidays." It's a matter of making the city an appealing place to work. "We can look at this as an opportunity for incentivizing city workers," Elwell said. Mentzer added to the comment, saying that in his opinion, "we need to be competitive. We want to make sure we're competitive at all levels." "I feel we have a concern here that comes up a lot," Hunt said. "We're really strong on vacation, but we're really weak in this category." Whicker asked for two council members to take the lead in making holiday recommendations, and Elwell and Mentzer said they'd do it. "Scott and Rick — the ball is in your court," Whicker said. In other council business Tuesday night:

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## Bids open for Interurban Trail, Lancaster Park projects

**By DAVE SCHULTZ**  
 Two bids on work at Lancaster Park and three bids on the extension of the Interurban Trail were opened during Tuesday's meeting of the Bluffton Board of Public Works and Safety. The bids on the Interurban Trail

were the pricier of the two projects, with the apparent low bid — submitted by Brooks Construction of Fort Wayne — being \$670,504. Other bids received Tuesday afternoon were from Bunn Excavating of Fort Wayne, \$750,682, and E&B Paving, which has sev-

eral Indiana locations including Huntington and Fort Wayne, \$799,571. The Lancaster Park project includes the construction of pickleball courts and some work on parking lots at the park. The bids were very close, with Wayne Asphalt of Fort Wayne submitting the apparent low bid of \$284,321 and Brooks Construction submitting a bid of \$285,111. The bids were taken under advisement. Brandy Fiechter, superintendent of the Bluffton Parks and Recreation Department,

took them for a review of the department's board members. In other business before the Board of Works Tuesday: • Erin Prible, executive director of the Wells County Chamber of Commerce, formally asked

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## Warren man arrested after pursuit ends in crash

**By SYDNEY KENT**  
 A Warren man was arrested early Friday morning after he led deputies on a high-speed pursuit down County Road 100 North and destroyed a residential property in the process. Bradley R. Gardner, 19, was charged with resisting law enforcement with a vehicle and possession of methamphetamine, both Level 6 felo-

nies, interfering with public safety and operating a vehicle while intoxicated, both Class A misdemeanors, operating without ever obtaining a license, possession of paraphernalia, and reckless driving, all Class C misdemeanors. Around 1 a.m. on Friday, Gardner led officers through the middle of the roadway while Eastbound on County Road 100 North. The pursuit ended

shortly after Gardner's vehicle came into contact with tire deflation devices, utilized by local deputies, at North Meridian Road. Gardner's vehicle nearly collided with the Sheriff's SUV. According to an accident report, Gardner lost control of the vehicle approximately 100 yards after hitting the devices, likely in an attempt to avoid them altogether.

Gardner's Ford Crown Victoria then went off of the roadway and into a ditch, hitting and breaking a Bluffton Utility pole. The passenger in the vehicle estimated Gardner's speed to be approximately 80 mph at the time. Gardner's vehicle continued through the ditch where it hit a raised field entrance.

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Bradley R. Gardner

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**Outside**  
  
 Showers today and tonight with breezes  

Today	Thursday	Friday
High 68	High 55	High 53
Low 48	Low 36	Low 29

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## City workers

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• City Attorney Tony Crowell went through a revision of the city's interlocal agreement with the county on dispatch operations. The matter was tabled until members could get more clarity on the matter.

• The council approved a measure that will allow advance payment to contrac-

tors.

• Gerber suggested that council members prepare short reports for the public meetings they participate in on behalf of the city — for instance, Gerber represents the city on the Area Plan commission. Every member would be given 90 seconds or two minutes to report to the fellow council

members about those meetings.

• Whicker said that he had received word that 20/20 Custom Molded Plastics would lay off 93 people for about four weeks. Elwell said that he understood that the workers would be brought back.

• Gerber said an effort is under way to replace the

“Welcome to Bluffton” signs at the city limits plus revising the city's website, all with a goal of rebranding the city's image.

Gerber said Wells County Economic Development, Wells County Tourism, and the Chamber of Commerce will be involved in the effort.

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## Bids open for projects

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the board to shut down traffic for the Parlor City Christmas celebration on Dec. 9. The request was granted. The closures will include the 100 and 200 blocks of West Market Street and Johnson Street from its intersection with Market Street to Washington streets from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

“We have a whole slate of activities planned,” Prible said, adding that 1,000 people attended last year's event.

• The board sent along two pay

requests for the State Revolving Fund for work done on the revitalization of the city's wastewater treatment facility — \$703,901.55 to Interliner and \$974,130 to the James S. Jackson Co.

• Fire Chief Don Craig announced that one of the department's part-time firefighters, Colin Albertson, will now be a paid on-call firefighter. The move will add a firefighter to the paid on-call roster, which is several individuals short of its full complement of 32 firefighters.

• Mike Lautzenheiser of Bluffton NOW asked for the city to split the cost of a new catch basin on the alley that goes from Market Street south to Perry Street between Main and Johnson streets. The board approved on a 2-0 vote.

Board members Mentzer and Mayor John Whicker were present for the meeting, which gave the board a quorum. Board member Josh Hunt was absent.

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## Supreme Court likely to preserve gun law

*The federal law protects domestic violence victims*

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Supreme Court seemed likely Tuesday to preserve a federal law that prohibits people under domestic violence restraining orders from having guns.

In their first guns case since last year's expansion of gun rights, the justices suggested that they will reverse a ruling from an appeals court in New Orleans that struck down the 1994 ban on firearms for people under court order to stay away from their spouses or partners.

The court's decision could affect other cases in which other gun laws have been called into question, including in the high-profile prosecution of Hunter Biden. President Joe Biden's son has been charged with buying a firearm while he was addicted to drugs, but his lawyers have indicated they will challenge the indictment.

Liberal and conservative justices sounded persuaded by arguments from the Biden administration's top Supreme Court lawyer that the prohibition is in line with the longstanding practice of disarming dangerous people.

The case before the court involves a Texas man, Zackey Rahimi, who was accused of hitting his girlfriend during an argument in a parking lot and later threatening to shoot her.

The justices peppered Rahimi's lawyer, J. Matthew

Wright, with skeptical questions that seemed to foretell the outcome.

“You don't have any doubt that your client is a dangerous person, do you?” Chief Justice John Roberts asked Wright. When Wright said it depends on what Roberts meant by dangerous, the chief justice shot back, “Well, it means someone who's shooting, you know, at people. That's a good start.”

Justice Brett Kavanaugh voiced concern that a ruling for Rahimi could also jeopardize the background check system that the Democratic administration said has stopped more than 75,000 gun sales in the past 25 years based on domestic violence protective orders.

The federal appeals court in New Orleans struck down the domestic violence law, following the Supreme Court's Bruen decision in June 2022. That high court ruling not only expanded Americans' gun rights under the Constitution but also changed the way courts are supposed to evaluate restrictions on firearms.

Justice Clarence Thomas' opinion for the court tossed out the balancing test judges had long used to decide whether gun laws were constitutional. Rather than consider whether a law enhances public safety, judges should only weigh whether it fits into the nation's history of gun regulation,

Thomas wrote for the six conservative justices on the nine-member court.

The Bruen decision has resulted in lower court rulings striking down more than a dozen laws. Those include age restrictions; bans on homemade ghost guns, which don't have serial numbers; and prohibitions on gun ownership for people convicted of nonviolent felonies or using illegal drugs.

Justice Elena Kagan noted that “there seems to be a fair bit of division and a fair bit of confusion about what Bruen means and what Bruen requires in the lower courts.” Solicitor General Elizabeth Prelogar, defending the domestic violence law, urged the justices to use this case to correct lower courts' “profound misreading” of the decision.

It was unclear how far the high court would go in this case, and some of the justices sounded interested in a limited ruling that might leave open other challenges to the same law. “Do we need to get into any of that?” Justice Neil Gorsuch asked Prelogar.

Rahimi, who lived near Fort Worth, Texas, hit his girlfriend during an argument in a parking lot and then fired a gun at a witness in December 2019, according to court papers. Later, Rahimi called the girlfriend and threatened to shoot her if she told anyone about the

assault, the Justice Department wrote in its Supreme Court brief.

The girlfriend obtained a protective order against him in Tarrant County in February 2020.

Eleven months later, Rahimi was a suspect in shootings when police searched his apartment and found guns. He eventually pleaded guilty to violating federal law. The appeals court overturned that conviction when it struck down the law. The Supreme Court agreed to hear the Biden administration's appeal.

Rahimi remains jailed in Texas, where he faces other criminal charges. In a letter he wrote from jail last summer, after the Supreme Court agreed to hear his case, Rahimi said he would “stay away from all firearms and weapons” once he's released. The New York Times first reported the existence of the letter.

Guns were used in 57 percent of killings of spouses, intimate partners, children or relatives in 2020, according to data from the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Seventy women a month, on average, are shot and killed by intimate partners, according to the gun control group Everytown for Gun Safety.

“Guns and domestic are a deadly combination,” Prelogar said in court Tuesday.

A decision in U.S. v. Rahimi, 22-915, is expected by early summer.

## Weather

Wednesday, November 08, 2023

(24-hour observations at 8:36 p.m. Tuesday)

High: 58; Low: 44; Precipitation: None

Wabash River Level (at the Main Street bridge): 1.17 feet at 9:45 p.m. Tuesday

## Wells County forecast

**Today:** A chance of showers before noon, then a slight chance of showers after 4 p.m. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 68. East wind 10 to 15 mph becoming south in the afternoon. Winds could gust as high as 20 mph. Chance of precipitation is 30 percent.

**Tonight:** Showers likely, mainly before 1 a.m. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 48. South wind 10 to 15 mph becoming northwest after midnight. Winds could gust as high as 25 mph. Chance of precipitation is 60 percent.

**Thursday:** Mostly sunny, with a high near 55. Northwest wind 10 to 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

**Thursday Night:** Mostly cloudy, with a low around 36. West wind 5 to 10 mph.

**Friday:** Mostly sunny, with a high near 53.

**Friday Night:** Mostly clear, with a low around 29.

**Veterans Day:** Sunny, with a high near 49.

**Saturday Night:** Partly cloudy, with a low around 29.

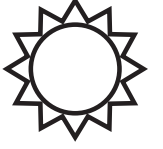
**Sunday:** Mostly sunny, with a high near 52.

**Sunday Night:** Mostly clear, with a low around 33.

**Monday:** Sunny, with a high near 54.

**Monday Night:** Mostly clear, with a low around 33.

**Tuesday:** Mostly sunny, with a high near 55.



## Poneto council

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list of uncontested candidates. Bluffton candidates were: John Whicker, mayor; Michelle Simon, clerk-treasurer; Robert Bate, judge; and Common Council members Chandler Gerber (District 1), Joshua Hunt (District 2), Janella Stronczek (District 3), Scott Mentzer (District 4), Sarah Reed (District 5), and Rick Elwell and Blake Fiechter (At-Large).

Ossian candidates were

Angie Ealing, clerk-treasurer, and council members Jeffrey Kemper (Center District), Dennis Ealing (East District) and Glen Werling (West District).

The remaining uncontested candidates were: Kiera Lance, Uniondale clerk-treasurer; John Ringger, Uniondale Town Council; and Judy Mikesell, Cynthia Mulkey and Mason Raines, Vera Cruz Town Council.

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## Warren man

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The vehicle then drove through a yard on East 100 North, hitting a drain cleanout and sideswiping a tree before it ramped a raised driveway and went airborne. Gardner's car reportedly damaged the yard where it landed. It then continued through the grass into a corn field before coming to a stop.

Gardner attempted to flee from police after the vehicle

crashed, however, he was apprehended after 100 feet. He admitted to using methamphetamine before driving and failed an oral fluid test for the drug. He then refused chemical testing. A search warrant for his blood was requested.

Gardner's bond was set at \$6,000. His case will be handled in the Wells Superior Court.

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## House votes to censure Rep. Rashida Tlaib

*The vote comes after her Israel-Hamas rhetoric in a stunning rebuke*

WASHINGTON (AP) — The House voted late Tuesday to censure Democratic Rep. Rashida Tlaib of Michigan — the only Palestinian American in Congress — an extraordinary rebuke of her rhetoric about the Israel-Hamas war.

The 234-188 tally came after enough Democrats joined with Republicans to censure Tlaib, a punishment one step below expulsion from the House. The three-term congresswoman has long been a target of criticism for her views on the decades-long conflict in the Middle East.

The debate on the censure resolution on Tuesday afternoon was emotional and intense. Republican Rep. Rich McCormick of Georgia pushed the censure measure in response to what he called Tlaib's promotion of antisemitic rhetoric. He said she has “levied unbelievable falsehoods about our greatest ally, Israel, and the attack on October 7.”

With other Democrats standing by her side, Tlaib defended her stance, saying she “will not be silenced and I will not let you distort my words.”

Tlaib added that her criticism of the Jewish state has always been directed toward its government and its leadership under Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu.

“It is important to separate people and government,” she said. “The idea that criticizing the government of Israel is antisemitic sets a very dangerous precedent. And it's been used to silence diverse voices speaking up for human rights across our nation.”

That criticism reached new heights after the Oct. 7 attack by the terrorist group Hamas left hundreds of Israelis dead and scores injured. Tlaib, who has family in the West Bank, came under heavy reproval after she failed to immediately condemn Hamas after the attack.

Democrats stood by Tlaib and helped defeat an initial censure resolution against her last week. But since then, many of her colleagues, including prominent Jewish members, have become more conflicted about her rhetoric about the war, especially because of a slogan she has used frequently that is widely seen as calling for the eradication of Israel.

The measure advanced earlier Tuesday and was rushed to the floor for a final vote.

Rep. Brad Schneider, D-Ill., the lone Democrat to vote with Republicans on Tuesday to advance the censure resolution, said he believed it was important to

debate the slogan “from the river to the sea.”

“It is nothing else but the call for the destruction of Israel and murder of Jews,” the Jewish Democrat said. “I will always defend the right to free speech. Tlaib has the right to say whatever she wants.”

He added, “But it cannot go unanswered.” It was unclear if Schneider would support the resolution on final passage.

While the censure of a lawmaker carries no practical effect, it amounts to a severe reproach from colleagues, as lawmakers who are censured are asked to stand in the well of the House as the censure resolution against them is read aloud.

With the vote, Tlaib will become the second Muslim-American woman in Congress to be formally admonished this year for her criticism of the Jewish state. Rep. Ilhan Omar, R-Minn., was removed in February from the House Foreign Affairs Committee for similar comments she made about Israel.

The censure push resulted in a dramatic vote on the House floor amid political tensions over the ongoing, deadly Israel-Hamas war. While the majority of both parties have historically stood firmly on the side of Israel, divisions have emerged in the Democratic Party about the American response.

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OBITUARIES

Linda Jean Mowery-Denning, 74

Linda Jean Mowery-Denning, 74, of Salina, Kan., passed away Saturday, Nov. 4, 2023.

Linda was born April 8, 1949, in Kansas City, Mo. She was raised by her parents, Ralph S. Mowery and Veora Mowery in Bluffton. She married Peter Alan Denning of Salina on Sept. 4, 1982.

Linda graduated from Ball State University and eventually made her way to Salina in the 1970s, where she began her journalism career with the Salina Journal. She was with the Salina Journal for 26 years before she left to begin the Ellsworth County Independent, now the Ellsworth County Independent-Reporter. She semi-retired in 2022, but she continued to write and report for the newspaper as well as her start-up magazine, The Magazine, a publication focused on Saline County and Northcentral Kansas.

Linda was preceded in death by her husband, Peter; her loving parents and in-laws, Art and Winnie Denning; and her brother-in-law, Jim Carrigan.

She is survived by her two children, Matthew Denning of Salina and Allyn 'Allie' Denning of Lawrence. She is also survived by her brothers and sisters-in-law, Diane Carrigan of Salina, Russ and Renee Denning of Overland Park, David and Ginger Denning of Manhattan; and her many nieces and nephews.

A longer tribute to Linda and her life will be published soon.

Per her wishes, cremation was chosen. The family will hold a visitation on from 4-8 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 9, at Ryan Mortuary in Salina. Family will be present from 6-8 p.m. A reception will be held from 10:30 a.m. to noon Friday, Nov. 10, at Barolo's Restaurant, followed by a Memorial Service at Ryan Mortuary at 1 p.m. A graveside service will follow at Mount Calvary Cemetery in Salina.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in Linda's name to the Kansas Newspaper Foundation at <https://givebutter.com/knflindadenning>, or they can be mailed to: Kansas Newspaper Foundation, In Name of Linda Mowery-Denning Memorial, 4021 SW 10th Ave #351, Topeka, KS 66604.



Cindy Kay Compton, 63

Cindy Kay Compton, 63, of Warren, died Sunday evening, Nov. 5, 2023, at Lutheran Hospital in Ft. Wayne, following an extended illness. Cindy was born in Wells County May 20, 1960, to Orva W. and Henrietta (Harris) Earhart, both parents preceded her in death. Cindy married Joe A. Compton on March 7, 1993 in Warren, he survives in Warren.

In addition to her husband, she is survived by a sister, Nancy Lee Whited of Berne.

In accordance with Cindy's wishes, private family services were held. Burial will take place at the McFarren Cemetery in Poneto.

Online condolences can be made at [www.goodwin-caleaharnish.com](http://www.goodwin-caleaharnish.com).

Goodwin - Cale & Harnish Memorial Chapel 3220 East SR 124 has been entrusted with funeral arrangements.

5 Parkview hospitals get 'A' safety rating

Five Parkview hospitals received "A" grades in the fall 2023 Hospital Safety Grades released by The Leapfrog Group, a national nonprofit focused on patient safety in hospitals and ambulatory surgery centers.

Parkview's Indiana hospitals all received "A" grades for the fall report card, with Parkview Regional Medical Center, Parkview DeKalb Hospital, Parkview Huntington Hospital, Parkview Noble Hospital and Parkview Whitley Hospital all receiving top marks in the biannual safety rating.

Leapfrog assigns an A-F grade to general hospitals across the country based on more than 30 national performance measures reflecting errors, accidents, injuries and infections, as well as the systems hospitals have in place to prevent harm.

"Our co-workers work hard to put safety first at Parkview Huntington Hospital, and being recognized with Leapfrog Group's third-consecutive 'A' grade is a result of their dedication," said Deb Potempa, market president, Parkview Health South. "Parkview Huntington has earned multiple awards this year, recognizing our facility as one of the country's top community hospitals, and our commitment to safety is a cornerstone of our mission to provide the best healthcare to our patients."

BHS to hold program to honor veterans

Bluffton High School is presenting a Veterans Day program to recognize and honor the services of veterans to the country. The program will start promptly at 9:05 a.m. Friday, Nov. 10, and will last about 25 minutes. Sergeant Johnson will serve as guest speaker. All veterans are invited to attend.

Obituary Policy

The News-Banner and Ossian Journal publishes "basic" obituaries free of charge for "local" deaths. "Basic" obituaries will include the deceased's name, age, community of record, date and place of death, basic genealogical information, the date, time and location of calling hours and services and the name of the funeral home handling arrangements.

If additional information and/or a photo is desired to be included, or if the deceased does not meet the definitions of a "local" person, there is a charge.

Area funeral homes will provide details on the policy and will coordinate obituary publication.

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Police Notebook

INCIDENTS

City:

Friday, 1:54 p.m., Wells County Courthouse. Woman brought affidavit containing information regarding unpaid child support payments in the amount of \$16,947.50.

Friday, 2:42 p.m., Wells County Jail. Warrant served to Andrew J. Bailey.

Friday, 2:45 p.m., East 100 North and Ind. 116, Bluffton. Driver cited for speeding.

Saturday, 12:14 a.m., Ind. 116 and North 300 West, Markle. Car versus deer.

Saturday, 3:08 a.m., Ind. 1 and East 400 North, Bluffton. Report of a semi with a white trailer on the road with flashers on. Driver advised he was on the side with hazards as the truck was broken down.

Saturday, 11:34 a.m., Ind. 3 and West 1000 South, Warren. Caller requested officer to standby to collect

items from residence.

Saturday, 4:56 p.m., 5800 North Main Street, Uniondale. Caller reported dog damaged neighbors property and neighbor wants compensated.

Saturday, 6:54 p.m., Ind. 124 and North Meridian Road, Bluffton. Caller reported unproblematic corn in the roadway. Not creating a traffic hazard, it's just there.

Sunday, 9:37 a.m., White Bridge Pulloff, Bluffton. Subject with mower stuck on bridge.

Sunday, 4:14 p.m., Ind. 116 and North 400 West, Markle. Driver cited for speeding 78 MPH in a 55 MPH zone.

Sunday, 7:14 p.m., Sycamore Wabash streets, Bluffton. Report of an injured deer.

Sunday, 10:12 p.m., 340 East Ind. 218, Poneto. Car versus deer.

Sunday, 5:42 a.m., Ger-

ber Bridge. Report of a deer in the roadway after colliding with vehicle.

ARRESTS

Zachary Taylor Ingram, 34, Portland, possession of stolen property, a Level 6 felony. Bond set at \$5,000.

Andrew Jathon Bailey, 34, Portland, disorderly conduct and possession of marijuana, both Class B misdemeanors. Bond set at \$2,000.

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Bradley Robert Gardner, 19, Warren, resisting law

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State Rep. Morris named defendant in merger lawsuit

By CASEY SMITH  
Indiana Capital Chronicle

Republican Rep. Bob Morris is being sued for his alleged involvement in a disputed business merger in which the original owners say they were forced out of the \$28 million deal.

Tradition Transportation Group, or TTG, a northern Indiana transportation company, recently obtained a temporary restraining order against Morris, as well as the company's former general counsel and several others, as was first reported by the Indiana Lawyer.

Morris has a leadership position with Aqua Power Systems, which purchased TTG in a merger that two former TTG majority holders deem "fraudulent."

The other defendants include TTG, Aqua Power Systems Inc, TTG billing clerk Joseph Davis, and Stephen Carnes, described in the lawsuit as an investor, director and executive of Aqua Power Systems.

Marion County Commercial Court Judge Heather Welch's Oct. 26 order enjoins the defendants from executing an agreement to sell all — or substantially all — of the transportation company's assets, and from selling or leasing any asset below value, among other provisions.

The matter stems from a lawsuit filed in Marion County Superior Court on Oct. 23, alleging "a scheme involving multiple deceptive and fraudulent maneuvers" that led to the defendants acquiring the plaintiffs' ownership of TTG, "having tens of millions of dollars in value, in exchange for phantom promises for payment and inflated warrants in (Aqua Power Systems Inc.), and then shut Plaintiffs out of their business after Plaintiffs stumbled upon Defendants' scheme to sell TTG's valuable assets for their own benefit."

Morris became Chief Executive Officer of Aqua Power Systems in January after previously serving as a director and board member since May 2022, according to documents filed with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission. The Nevada corporation's mission is to provide "efficient and reliable logistics and transportation solutions."

Morris' promotion came after Aqua Power Systems announced earlier this year that it would acquire Tradition Transportation, based in Angola. The company provides dry van, refrigerated and flatbed freight transportation, brokerage, truck leasing and financing, warehousing and fulfillment services throughout the U.S., according to its website.

The Fort Wayne lawmaker did not list his involvement with Aqua Power Systems in his most recent statement of economic interest filed in January, however.

A deal gone bad?

Timothy and James Evans, founding shareholders of Tradition Transportation, argue in the complaint that they were approached in July 2022 by their minority partner and shareholder, Joseph Davis, about the potential to take Tradition Transportation public "and divest their ownership over time as they approached potential retirement in the next 10 years."

The Evanses said Joseph Montel, a Carmel-based lawyer described in the complaint as the company's "regular, go-to lawyer" since the early 1990s, was also approached about the deal.

Davis then introduced the trio to Morris, who told them that Aqua Power Systems and "a number of investors" were interested in acquiring Tradition Transportation.

Subsequently, in December 2022, Davis entered into an agreement with the Evanses and Montel to purchase their direct or indirect ownership of Tradition Transportation's stock.

At that time, the Evanses maintained ownership and control of approximately 77 percent of Tradition Transportation stock, according to the complaint.

That meant Carnes, Davis and Morris acquired all of the stock — valued at over \$28 million — in exchange for an initial payment of only \$225,000.

But the Evanses argue that all future payments were falsely secured by "illusory promissory notes and guarantees," as well as "promises" that the Evanses would be allowed to continue their "employment and control of TTG's operations" until they were paid in full.



James Beetham of the American Legion Honor Guard, will speak to Ossian Rotary Thursday morning. (Photo submitted)

Ossian Rotary honors veterans with program about the American Legion Honor Guard

In recognition of Veterans' Day and all those who have served in our Armed Forces, Ossian Rotary will welcome James Beetham of the American Legion Honor Guard at its weekly meeting, Thursday, November 9th.

James is a native of New Haven and the son of a Marine Corps veteran father, as well as a valued member of Ossian Rotary.

American Legion designates an "Honor Guard" as a unit that provides funeral and/or graveside ceremonies in conjunction with the local funeral home. This unit may perform all aspects of the ceremony if there are no active military personnel available, or at the funeral director's request after consultation with the family. The ceremony would consist of flag folding & presentation, playing of taps, and a rifle salute. In most cases there will be active duty military available for the flag folding ceremony and the playing of taps. The active-duty unit will provide the ceremony commander

or leader. The Post provides a Rifle Squad Commander and five to eight riflemen. The Post also provides flag bearers for the American, POW/MIA, Military Branch, and Legion colors.

James says, "The greatest thing about being active in the American Legion Honor Guard is that I get to show honor to these veterans for their service." Please join us in honoring our veterans as we approach Veterans' Day.

Anyone is welcome to attend Ossian Rotary on Thursday mornings, at 7:30 at First Baptist Church of Ossian, 1001 Dehner Drive.

Next Thursday's speaker, Shelly Baller, will share about Alive and Well, a Bluffton organization reaching grades five to twelve to help students make healthy choices for their lives. Please note that if Norwell Schools have a cancellation or delay, we will not meet.

For more information, please contact Jeremy Penrod, Ossian Rotary President, at [jeremy.penrod@edwardjones.com](mailto:jeremy.penrod@edwardjones.com).

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## Lack of child care is holding Indiana back but lawmakers can change the game

Many parents can't afford child care. And, if they can, there aren't enough slots.

That's because staff aren't paid enough, and turnover is high. But if providers raise pay, then they must raise prices; more parents can't afford child care.

The chicken-and-egg predicament is real, and even worse in Indiana.

The Economic Policy Institute ranks all states for their child care costs. When I

opened the site, the first to pop up was Alabama. I whistled a bit at the average of \$6,000 for infant care annually, or \$5,184 for a 4-year-old child.

But when I navigated to Indiana's page, my jaw dropped.

The average annual cost of care in Indiana is \$12,612 for infants, or \$9,557 for 4-year-olds.

To put that in perspective, infant care in Indiana costs 40% more per year on average than in-state tuition for a four-year public college.

The institute also ranks Indiana 18th worst out of the 50 states and the District of Columbia for most expensive infant care.

Infant care for one child would take up 22% of a median family's income in Indiana.

According to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, child care is affordable if it costs no more than 7% of a family's income. By this standard, only 5% of Indiana families can afford infant care.

No wonder Indiana parents are sitting out the workforce and staying home with children instead. This has led to tens of thousands of unfilled jobs.

Indiana got a bit of hope recently when the Indiana Family and Social Services Administration announced a new employer-sponsored child care fund.

The program offers \$25 million in seed money for child care initiatives led by employers to try to help the 55% of Hoosiers that live in a child care desert.

But there is more to be done, especially because providers will face a steep decline in available financial support when emergency federal child care assistance ends this year.

An interim study committee tasked with evaluating child care needs came up with several recommendations. A few that would help with staff shortages are:

- Making child care workers currently employed by licensed child care programs categorically eligible for public subsidies under the Child Care and Development Fund and On My Way Pre-Kindergarten programs.

- Designating child care credentials as a tuition-free option under the Workforce Ready Grant.

- Reducing the age requirement for working alone in an infant or toddler classroom in a licensed child care center from age 21 to age 18 and for working, supervised, in school-age child care to 16.

These examples are a constructive start. But it's hard to see any substantive improvement without direct state investment of dollars. That could be in terms of a child care tax credit, which Democrats have pushed for years.

According to the Institute on Taxation and Economic Policy, 14 states provide Child Tax Credits to reduce poverty, boost economic security, and invest in children. This year alone, lawmakers in three states — Minnesota, Oregon, and Utah — created new Child Tax Credits while lawmakers in seven states expanded existing credits. Meanwhile, Arizona lawmakers created a one-time nonrefundable child tax rebate.

A bill filed earlier this year would have provided such a credit to Hoosiers with an adjusted gross income of less than 250% of the federal poverty level. It would have cost between \$100 million and \$229 million annually beginning in FY 2024.

Lawmakers also could expand a tax credit they created in the 2023 budget for employers to create child care opportunities. It was funded with just \$2.5 million, which simply isn't enough to make a dent in this problem.

And while prekindergarten is not child care, fully funding a program that already has immense upside for the state and its next generation's future success would help ease the access issues and free up Hoosier workers.

Most importantly, legislators can't kick this can down the road claiming it's not a budget year. There is a short session for a reason and it is to address critical issues like this — even if it costs money.

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## Hoosier Opinions



## The kidnapped posters aren't an affront

There are many things in American life considered offensive or controversial that never would have been before. Now, kidnapped posters have to be added to the list.

There's an ongoing struggle in our streets over whether it's legitimate to post flyers about people kidnapped in the Hamas terror attack on Israel on October 7, or this is a provocation that warrants the posters being torn down.

As far as public debates go, this isn't a close call. On one side there is decency and respect for the suffering of innocents, and on the other, perversity, ignorance and hatred.

The contention over the posters is hardly the most consequential element of the debate over the Gaza war, but it is shocking nonetheless.

The posters don't include extensive editorial comment, and don't include gory content.

They are unadorned. They have the name and age, as well as a photo, of the hostage or hostages. They include a brief factual statement about the number of Israelis killed, wounded and kidnapped in the October 7 attack. At the bottom, the poster urges, "Please help bring them home alive."

The posters don't make any claims about the Temple Mount or the rightful ownership of the West Bank, or who's been right or wrong in Israeli-Palestinian negotiations. They are as straight as it gets.

They achieve their power through their simplicity. There's no need to fill in the details: You know each of these people, including women and children, suffered an unspeakable trauma that is ongoing with perhaps a worse fate yet to come.

It is gut-wrenching. Yet people in urban areas and on college campuses find it impossible to control their anger over them. Why?

They can't accept reminders of the true nature of the Hamas attack.

They can't bear Israelis, who are supposed to be the colonizers and occupiers, being portrayed as victims.

They consider anything favorable to any Israeli, even one fearing for his or her life in a tunnel under Gaza somewhere, to be Zionist propaganda.

It's truly an "A Few Good Men" moment — they can't handle the truth.

It would be a little like taking down the ubiquitous yellow ribbons around trees during the Iran hostage crisis in 1980 for fear that people might draw the wrong conclusions about the Ayatollah Khomeini.

A piece in the website Daily Dot noted, "Now some are wondering if the posters are being strategically placed to entrap those who tear them down, many of whom support the Palestinian people."

This would indeed be a dastardly scheme — to gull ill-suspecting people into exposing their contempt for the victims of the October 7 attack ... merely by putting up photos of the victims of the October 7.

A Jewish peace activist in New York City has said that the "posters are being used to target Palestinians in our community," and some of the people posting them intend "to foment war."

With pieces of paper taped to lampposts, mind you.

Some of the anti-poster brigade seem more upset by notices of the hundreds of abductions on October 7 than, say, random Hamas rocket attacks on Israel.

The people ripping down the posters, unsurprisingly, haven't acquitted themselves well when caught on camera. When they are identified, they experience well-deserved obloquy. They shouldn't be harassed, though, and shouldn't, except in truly extraordinary circumstances, lose their jobs. But there's one easy way to avoid the heartache of becoming known as a person who tears down posters of the innocent victims of terror, which is not to do it in the first place.

Really, is it too hard to walk past the posters or avert one's eyes?

The correct impulse in reaction to October 7 is to "never forget." The opponents of the kidnapped posters, less than a month after the enormity and before the toll and consequences of the attack are fully known, insist to the contrary, "Please, don't remind us."

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Rich Lowry

## Antisemitism on the left needs to be called out

When Joe Biden declared his candidacy for president in 2019, he began his announcement video with two words: "Charlottesville, Virginia." With footage of marchers chanting "Jews will not replace us!" playing in the background, Biden called the infamous antisemitic rally a "defining moment for this nation." He condemned the right-wing bigots with "veins bulging ... chanting the same antisemitic bile heard across Europe in the '30s." He was right.

Well, today, there are dozens of Charlottesville taking place across the country. But now, the marchers are left-wing bigots who openly celebrate the massacre of innocent Jewish civilians and call for the destruction of Israel.

This, too, is a "defining moment" for our nation — and for the Democratic Party, which needs to purge the antisemitism in its ranks. Yet the president has failed to adequately confront the antisemitic bile coming from the left.

Many people of goodwill on the left have been shocked by the outpouring of bigotry. As CNN anchor Jake Tapper put it last month, this has been "a real eye-opening period for a lot of people — a lot of Democrats, a lot of progressives — in terms of antisemitism on the left." But while antisemitism exists across the spectrum, right-wing antisemitism is largely a fringe phenomenon. You don't see students at Ivy League schools holding neo-Nazi rallies. Left-wing antisemitism, by contrast, is an elite phenomenon.

Recently, antisemitic marches have been taking place at some of our nation's most prestigious universities. On campuses where kids complain that speech is violence, students have celebrated actual violence against Jews: women and girls raped and mutilated; children slaughtered and burned; fathers with eyes gouged out; victims decapitated with farm equipment; even terrorists' mass slaughter



Marc Thiessen

of youths their own age at a music festival. "They've got tanks, we've got hanggliders, glory to the resistance fighters!" a crowd of students at George Mason University chanted.

At the University of Washington in Seattle, dozens of students chanted "There is only one solution!" At Cooper Union in Manhattan, a group of Jewish students were locked in the library as pro-Hamas

protesters banged on the doors shouting "globalize the intifada from New York to Gaza!" At George Washington University in D.C., students projected antisemitic messages onto the side of a school library named for Jewish benefactors. A Cornell University professor declared at a rally that he was "exhilarated" by the Hamas killing spree. A Columbia University professor called the Hamas attacks "awesome" and "astounding." At Harvard, where there have been multiple rallies, a speaker declared to about a thousand demonstrators that the perpetrators of the massacre were "not terrorists" but "liberators." At another Harvard march, pro-Hamas students physically pushed and harassed a Jewish student — echoing recent harassment of a young Israeli hostage in Gaza.

"It's a love fest of hate," Harvard professor emeritus Ruth Wisse tells me. "The people on the campuses shouting 'From the river to the sea, Palestine will be free!' ... well, what they are really chanting is 'Death to the Jews!' because from the river to the sea is the land of Israel."

A Harvard-Harris poll finds that 62 percent of Americans between the ages of 18 and 24 acknowledge that Hamas's attack against Israeli civilians was "genocidal," yet a 51 percent majority of that same age group said those attacks "can be justified by the grievances of Palestinians." And 64 percent said Hamas and Israel have "equally just causes" — even though 58 percent say that Hamas is "trying to destroy Israel." That is hor-

rifying.

Meanwhile, antisemitism festers on Capitol Hill without cost or consequence. Rep. Rashida Tlaib (D-Mich.) declared at an Oct. 18 rally that hundreds of Palestinian civilians were killed in an Israeli strike on a hospital in Gaza, a claim that had been debunked as Hamas propaganda. She has faced no penalty for spreading this blood libel, nor for accusing her House colleagues of dual loyalty — a classic antisemitic trope — by declaring in 2019 that "they forgot what country they represent." Rep. Ilhan Omar (D-Minn.) has said that pro-Israel politicians "push for allegiance to a foreign country" and that U.S. support for Israel is "all about the Benjamins." Yet both remain members in good standing of the House Democratic caucus.

Responsible leaders on the left need to step up and purge the antisemites in their midst. Universities would never allow a neo-Nazi to teach, so why are professors who support the murder of Jews and destruction of Israel tolerated on their faculties? Banks and law firms would rightly refuse to hire someone who chanted "Jews will not replace us!" in Charlottesville, so why would they hire students who chant "There is only one solution"? Foreign students and others who openly support the murder of Jews by a designated terrorist organization, or who bully and menace Jewish students, should have their visas revoked. And the Biden administration should use federal civil rights laws to investigate and prosecute those who threaten and intimidate Jewish Americans, as happened to the students at Cooper Union.

We all have a responsibility to police our movements. Democrats don't get to criticize Donald Trump for failing to adequately ostracize fringe alt-right antisemites and then tolerate virulent antisemitism on their own side. They should heed the admonition of scripture: Before you point out the splinter in your brother's eye, remove the beam from your own.

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## Today in History

### By The Associated Press

Today is Wednesday, Nov. 8, the 312th day of 2023. There are 53 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: On Nov. 8, 1923, Adolf Hitler launched his first attempt at seizing power in Germany with a failed coup in Munich that came to be known as the "Beer-Hall Putsch."

### On this date:

In 1793, the Louvre began admitting the public, even though the French museum had been officially open since August.

In 1864, President Abraham Lincoln won reelection as he defeated Democratic challenger George B. McClellan.

In 1889, Montana became the 41st state.

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# Getting by with a little help from my friends

"I awoke this morning with devout thanksgiving for my friends, the old and the new." That quotation by Ralph Waldo Emerson inspired this column. So while I'm eternally grateful for my family and the love, support, and encouragement they unceasingly give, I'm so very thankful for friends, old and new.



Anna Spalding

I have long-time friends from childhood; middle school, high school, college; early career; former students now friends. We may not see each other often; but when we do get together, it seems like no time has passed...until we start talking about grandkids, aches and pains, medical tests and procedures. You know what I mean.

And then there are other friends I've added while on life's journey.

People who love books the way I do have become friends. Literati, a book club I've been with since 1997, contains former colleagues from my early teaching career and others we've welcomed over time. Some of us know each other well and have shared joy-

ous occasions and sorrows. LARK, a more recent book club whose name reveals our first initials, are dear friends who relish the intimacy of our quartet of readers and often talk more about what's going on in our lives than what's going on in our book. That's what friends do.

Weight Watchers has been in my life for many years, many pounds. When I lived in Adams County, WW met at the hospital; when I moved to Wells County, I dropped my membership. After we made Warsaw home and out of a need to get back on the losing track, I rejoined. My Decatur WW coach also serves Warsaw. She has the ability to turn a group of strangers into friends/family. That Warsaw WW family has been part of my circle of friends before and through Covid; during my 2021 breast cancer journey; through recuperation from a broken hip in 2022; and during my most recent scare involving an MRI, double biopsy, and news of "no evidence of malignancy identified." They have encouraged, supported, and cheered me. That's how friends act.

More recently I've joined a group at the local YMCA, Joy-



ful Joints, where we train joints and muscles to work better together while recovering from and dealing with injuries, breaks, arthritis.

When you spend two hours a week with individuals in swimsuits in a warm-water pool doing moves called "rocking horse," "boy frog"/"girl frog," "cross-country skiing," to name a few, you let your guard down and open up to potential friends. They've celebrated with me my renewed ability to cross my legs and raise my right leg to put on shoes and socks. Our fearless leader, a certified Water Fitness Instructor through the Arthritis Foundation, brings us together twice a week to move, stretch, share stories, laugh, and become better acquainted. An occasional gathering at a local eating establishment gives us a chance to gather with clothes on, most recently with Halloween costume accessories. That's how friends roll.

I would be lost without my Sisters in Heart, my Bible study buddies. What a loving, giving, prayerful group of women. Besides studying the Word, we're currently watching THE CHOSEN, season 3, and discussing episodes a week at a time. Sharing praise

requests for current needs occurs weekly. That's what friends are for.

In September I joined another group. A dozen of us are training to become Stephen Ministers to serve Warsaw Community Church. We meet Tuesday evenings for two hours, totaling 50 hours of training from mid-September to mid-January. We're lay people learning "to provide one-to-one care to hurting people in the congregation and community" (from a media fact sheet), to walk beside someone who's facing a crisis or difficulty, perhaps something we've experienced in our own lives. In less than two months we've shared a lot about our own histories and have become quite connected. I consider my prayer partner a friend already. We will all grow closer as we get to know each other better through training, later serving, and then sharing our dilemmas and successes. That's how friendships develop.

I couldn't write a piece about gratitude for friendships without mentioning the motley crew of "Here's the Thing" writers. You know who they are: some you probably have known much longer than I and have long considered them friends. I envy you. There's something about exposing yourself through your writing and asking for feedback that bonds a writ-

ing group. You get to know way more about a person than his or her writing style and writing process and go-to topics. And while I've known some of these writers (including those who no longer write with us) for a long time, I have enjoyed getting to know the others. I am grateful to call them friends.

**Here's the Thing:** Life is full of opportunities to develop all levels of friendship. Eleanor Roosevelt said, "Many people will walk in and out of your life, but only true friends will leave footprints in your heart." Look for those footprints as you eat with your breakfast buddies; as you strive to achieve goals with those in the clubs, societies, and associations to which you belong; as you enjoy a game of golf or chess or pickle ball with an opponent; as you participate in groups that play cards or bingo or make quilts. Some of those footprints will be deeper than others; every one of them deserves to be celebrated.

Let's talk.  
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*Editor's Note: This is one of a series of articles written by a group of retired and current teachers — LaNae Abnet, Ken Ballinger, Billy Kreigh, Kathy Schwartz, and Anna Spalding. Their intent is to spur discussions at the dinner table and elsewhere. You may also voice your thoughts and reactions via The News-Banner's letters to editor.*

## 5 strategies for navigating today's digital tipping culture

By **KIMBERLY PALMER of NerdWallet**

The requests for tips for service are coming more frequently these days, as cashless payment methods with automated tipping options proliferate at checkout counters. To help make responding to these prompts less awkward, tipping experts offer some guidelines. First, it's worth knowing that you can always decline to tip in scenarios where limited service was provided. But in service-heavy scenarios, such as at sit-down restaurants, tipping 20% is still standard, and many service workers receive a significant portion of their income in the form of tips and end-of-year gratuities. If tipping is pushing your budget to its limits, consider avoiding situations where tipping is expected.

The nearly universal experience of finding yourself face-to-face with a checkout counter screen asking you to select an amount to tip for service can prompt a cascade of awkward questions: How much should you tip on a \$5 coffee if anything? How can you decide before the cup has even been poured? Is it rude to select "no tip," then slink away with your drink?

Kimberly Palmer

The answers to those questions vary depending on whom you ask, but tipping experts agree on one thing: We get prompted to tip much more frequently these days, largely because of the explosion of cashless payment methods with automated tipping options. Another thing they agree on: You don't always have to say "yes."

"During the pandemic and post-pandemic, we've seen a dramatic shift in the way tips are given. Suddenly, you see tablets where you are prompted to give specific tip amounts at points of purchase where never before would anyone have dreamed of giving a tip," says Thomas Farley, also known as "Mister Manners," a New York-based etiquette expert and keynote speaker.

"Consumers want to be dutiful, good consumers, so many play along, but still feel confused," Farley adds. To sort out that confusion, consider following these five strategies for navigating current tipping culture:

**BRUSH OFF ANY AWKWARDNESS**  
While you might feel put

on the spot with the sudden appearance of the tipping screen at a checkout counter, Farley says you should feel justified in taking your time and making the best decision for you and your budget.

"Most servers I witness try to give you your space while you decide. Own your decision knowing you are fully supported by good etiquette guidelines either way," he says.

"We are living through inflationary times when everything costs more. Unless you have tons of disposable income, you shouldn't feel guilty about not tipping" at a checkout counter, even if an iPad tells you to, Farley adds.

### AIM TO TIP 20% FOR MOST SERVICES

While tipping isn't traditional at a coffee shop or convenience store counter, it is expected when you're being served at a restaurant, where 20% is customary. Hairstylists, salon assistants, food delivery drivers and other service workers generally rely on similar percentage tips as a significant portion of their income.

Blake Hammerton, Dallas-based founder of The Sharp Gentleman, a coaching and lifestyle website for men, suggests adding 20% or rounding up to an even dollar amount for most services. As a former pizza delivery worker, he says he always appreciated tips based on the amount of effort he had to put into the job, including distance driven and the amount of food delivered. "Five dollars is great if it's close by and a small amount, but if it's eight pizzas for a party, you'll want to tip more," he says.

### CARRY SOME CASH FOR TRADITIONAL TIPPING

Lisa Mirza Grotts, an etiquette expert in the San Francisco Bay area, says that while many consumers no longer carry much cash, it's still useful to have some on hand in certain situations, such as when tipping a hotel housekeeper or valet. She suggests keeping \$5 and \$10 bills handy, especially when you travel.

There's also a time for larger bills. When you're tipping on a big-ticket service, such as a \$5,000 house move, Farley recommends having a few \$100 bills on hand to pass out to the workers at the end. "There's no need to tip 20%, but \$100 would go a long way," he says.

At the end of the year, Farley suggests tipping each service provider, such

as a hairstylist, barber or nail technician, the equivalent of the cost of one visit, whether it's \$30 or \$300.



"Cash is king," he says, adding that you can include a note-card with the tip.

For in-home service providers, such as a nanny or housekeeper, the end-of-year tip is generally one week's pay, Farley says. And if you're not sure how much to tip a service provider, he encourages an informal polling of neighbors since the answer can depend on location.

### CONSIDER YOUR BUDGET

Marianne Nolte, a certified financial planner and founder of the firm Imagine Financial Services based in Lake Havasu City, Arizona, was recently shocked by a prompt to tip while purchasing a smoothie at a drive-through window. "It felt excessive," she says. "It was a drive-through, not a sit-down restaurant."

"If tipping is expected and it's too expensive, we do have other choices," she says, noting that she could make her own smoothie at home to avoid the pressure to tip.

Ellie Austin-Williams, author of the forthcoming book "Money Talks: A Lifestyle Guide for Financial Wellbeing," similarly encourages consumers to protect their budget from tipping-creep. "Just because the option is there to tip, don't always feel you have to take it. Businesses are there to encourage us to spend more money, and it's on you to manage your money. You've got to look after your own finances," she says.

### EMBRACE THE JOY OF TIPPING

When you've received excellent service and you want to reward the people who provided it, tipping can be a positive experience — and no one leaves feeling awkward.

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## Norwell Internship Spotlight award Jake Hoover

Senior Jake Hoover has been selected to receive the Norwell Internship Spotlight award. He has been doing his experience at Meyer Building in Craigville with mentor Jason Strait. Jake is the son of Zack and Tiffany Hoover.

Meyer Building manufactures base supports for pole buildings which helps extend the life of the structures. One of

Jake's key jobs is to fill orders for customers. He has also been involved with scanning customer paper files into computer data from the 1960's to the present. Jake has learned to work with the Amish culture as he was a crew driver back in the summer.

After graduation, Jake plans to attend Taylor University to study business or computer science.



Jake Hoover

## First Baptist Church of Ossian offers free Thanksgiving meal on Saturday

The First Baptist Church of Ossian will host a free community Thanksgiving meal from 5 to 7 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 11 at the church fellowship hall.

Carry-out service as well as limited guest seating will be available.

The meal includes turkey, potatoes, veg-

etables, desserts and drinks. The meal is in addition to the regular food ministry distribution every Thursday.

The church address is 1001 Dehner Drive on the north side of Ossian.

For more information, please contact the church office at (260) 622-6900.

# Online Directory

## Check out these websites of local & area companies and businesses.

<a href="http://genesispestservices.com">genesispestservices.com</a>	<a href="http://jcsgaragedoor.com">jcsgaragedoor.com</a>	<a href="http://daniels-jewelers.net">daniels-jewelers.net</a>	<a href="http://dazeys.com/bluffton-in">dazeys.com/bluffton-in</a>
<a href="http://thegmcfamily.com">thegmcfamily.com</a>	<a href="http://3riversfcu.org">3riversfcu.org</a>	<a href="http://myersfuneralhomes.com">myersfuneralhomes.com</a>	<a href="http://kellysautocollision.com">kellysautocollision.com</a>
<a href="http://fishersgaragedoors.com">fishersgaragedoors.com</a>	<a href="http://riverstonedental.net">riverstonedental.net</a>	<a href="http://blufftontire.com">blufftontire.com</a>	<a href="http://moserandson.com">moserandson.com</a>
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## Tigers open girls' hoops season with win over Norseman

The Bluffton girls' basketball team improved to 1-0 on the season with a 70-46 win at Northfield Tuesday night.

The Tigers were led by Isabella Stout with 16 points, Konley Ault and Haaley Gibson tallied 14 each, while Madyson Sonnigsen had eight. Sophie Eisenhut added six, Marly Drayer (5), Tressa Renner (4), and Cayah King (3).

The Tigers also won the junior varsity game 39-37. Madelyn Funk led the way with 11 points, followed by Shak Eskridge (7), Eve Corkwell and Savanna Hughes (6), Eisenhut (5), and Addison Yates and Alexandria Koby (2).

Bluffton will host East Noble at 2:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 11.

## Kel'el Ware secures a double-double in his Hoosiers debut and Indiana beats FGCU

BLOOMINGTON, Ind. (AP) — Trey Galloway scored 16 points, Kel'el Ware had 13 points and 12 rebounds in his Indiana debut, and the Hoosiers beat Florida Gulf Coast 69-63 on Tuesday night in a season opener for both teams.

Indiana trailed 48-42 midway through the second half before scoring 14 straight points. Malik Reneau started the run with a three-point play and he capped it with two more free throws to make it 56-48.

Xavier Johnson made 1 of 2 at the free-throw line with 28.2 seconds left to extend Indiana's lead to 66-63. FGCU had a good look at a 3-pointer

from the corner, but Chase Johnston's 3-pointer hit off the rim and the Eagles were called for a foul battling for the rebound. Johnson sealed it with two free throws.

Reneau added 15 points and Johnson, who played for the first time since December, finished with 14 points for Indiana. Ware, a 7-foot-2 center, is looking for a new start after an underachieving season at Oregon.

Indiana went seven-plus minutes without making a field goal in the first half, but still led 28-26. The Hoosiers also struggled from the free-throw line, making just 10 of 18. Five of FGCU's 10 first-half field goals were from 3-point range.

Zach Anderson led FGCU with 19 points. Dallion Johnson, who averaged 2.0 points a game during the 2022-23 season with Penn State, added 17 points with five 3-pointers.

Indiana faces Army — Bob Knight's former school — on Sunday.

## High School Calendar

### 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, 2:30 p.m.

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

### MONDAY, NOV 13

No events scheduled

### TUESDAY, NOV 14

GIRLS BASKETBALL: Homestead at Norwell, 7:45 p.m.; Mississinewa at Bluffton, 7:30 p.m.

SWIMMING & DIVING: (girls only) Norwell at Adams Central, 5:30 p.m.; Bluffton at Huntington North, 5:30 p.m.

### TUESDAY, NOV 14

GIRLS BASKETBALL: Homestead at Norwell, 7:45 p.m.; Mississinewa at Bluffton, 7:30 p.m.

SWIMMING & DIVING: (girls only) Norwell at Adams Central, 5:30 p.m.; Bluffton at Huntington North, 5:30 p.m.

## Haliburton, Pacers get Carlisle his 900th win with rout of Spurs

By PHILLIP B. WILSON  
Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Tyrese Haliburton scored 23 points, and the Indiana Pacers routed the San Antonio Spurs 152-111 on Monday night for coach Rick Carlisle's 900th career victory.

Carlisle, second among active coaches in wins, beat the all-time leader, active or otherwise, in Hall of Fame coach Gregg Popovich, who has 1,369 victories, all with the Spurs.

"I told Pop after the game that I'm very grateful for him," Carlisle said. "He was a mentor to me before I got a head coaching job. When I was here as an assistant, I didn't get the job after Larry (Brown) left. Pop called me up and invited me to come down to San Antonio's training camp. ... It was a big confidence-builder for me. He's been wonderful to so many young coaches."

"I did congratulate him," Popovich said.

The Pacers won in style, tying a team record for most points in a game. Then players doused their coach with water in the locker room.

"I wouldn't call it pouring," Carlisle said with a grin. "It just came from every direction."

Haliburton, who also had eight assists, was one of six Pacers in double figures. Obi Toppin and Buddy Hield each scored 19.

"The ball was just moving well," Haliburton said. "We were putting good energy in the ball. We were just playing the right way, getting enough stops, which allowed us to play in transition."

Myles Turner had 15 points and 11 rebounds for the Pacers, who had their biggest lead at 39 points late in the third quarter.

Spurs rookie sensation Victor Wembanyama had his worst shooting night in his first back-to-back, going 3 of 12 and finishing with 13 points and 10 rebounds.

Reserve Doug McDermott scored 17 points to lead the Spurs, who lost at home to Toronto a night earlier.

Carlisle has 245 wins over two stints with the Pacers and 555 in 13 seasons with Dallas, where he won his only championship as a head coach in 2011. The 64-year-old also won 100 games in Detroit.



Norwell senior Makenzie Fuess (right) keeps the ball away from Northrop's Jah'Liyah Robinson following a steal in the first half of Tuesday night's game in Fort Wayne. The Lady Knights came from behind to defeat Northrop 56-52. (Photo by Chad Kline)

## Knights strong 3rd Q holds off No. 15 Bruins in second-straight ranked win

By RYAN WALKER

It wasn't pretty, but No. 19 Norwell ground out yet another ranked road victory over a 4A school Tuesday night.

The Knights (2-0) had just beaten No. 19 Warsaw by 23 to open the season on Saturday night. Just three days later, it defeated No. 15 Northrop (1-1) in a dogfight that never saw more than an eight-point lead.

"Just a lot of grit — toughness," Knights' head coach Eric Thornton said after the game. "There's a lot of leadership on that floor (and) a lot of experience. To be able to do what (Norwell) has done these last few games against ranked teams on their floor, it's really, really hard to do."

Unlike Saturday night's 17-30 clip against Warsaw, Norwell stated the exact opposite with Northrop. Sharpshooter Makenzie Fuess and Kennedy Fuelling combined for six points at the half when the two had a total of 51 points the other night.

The team had 18 points to show for at the break, but remained within striking distance and kept up defensively.

"I think we felt fortunate to only be down five and a half," Thornton said. "I thought we weathered the storm. It wasn't pretty, but our kids hung in there."

Northrop presented a 2-3 zone defense that featured Alexis Castator, who is 6'2, and other players standing at 5'10 or taller.

When the Knights struggled to shoot from deep, Thornton tried to

open more plays down by the basket. At times, it worked, but the more action down by the block the Knights had on both sides of the floor, the more room for fouls.

That's when starting forward Dekota Hubble and guard/forward Vanessa Rosswurm paid the price and were forced to sit through the first half with three fouls each.

But for a team that returned everyone from last season, the Knights unloaded the bench and gave meaningful minutes.

Haley Green was the primary example, posting a pair of buckets in the second quarter beneath the basket and grabbing seven rebounds in her 20 minutes. Lily Norris and Jada Dale also came in and contributed.

"The great thing is our depth now, and we were able to use that depth tonight," Thornton said. "(Kids) had to come off the bench and step up, and then kids had to play then in foul trouble and play really well and did just enough."

For most of the third quarter, the struggles continued until Fuess finally lit a fire.

Down six points with 2:52 remaining in the third, the senior guard made a jumper, which was then followed by a Fuelling triple to take the lead. On the next possession, Fuess splashed two threes in a row while Fuelling hit another one. The score went from 29-24 Northrop to a 39-31 lead for Norwell in less than three minutes.

The offensive run was good enough to maintain the Bruins' hot start to the fourth quarter to tie the game at 41. Fuelling would hit her fourth shot from beyond the arc with four minutes to play and gave the Knights their last lead of the night. Free throws and a bucket from Rosswurm helped ice the game.

Fuess ended with a team-high of 20 points, 19 of which in the second half. She also tallied six rebounds and four steals. Fuelling ended with 16 points and seven rebounds, Rosswurm 10 points and seven rebounds, and Green with seven rebounds.

Norwell won the junior varsity game 42-15. Haley Williamson led the way with 13 points, Larkin Smith with eight, and Alivia Green with seven.

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### NORWELL 56, NORTHROP 52

At Northrop

NORWELL (2-0): Makenzie Fuess 5-17 6-8 20, Kennedy Fuelling 6-19 0-2 16, Vanessa Rosswurm 4-11 1-2 10, Annabelle Johnson 1-6 4-6 6, Haley Green 2-4 0-0 4, Dekota Jubbie 0-1 0-0 0, Lilly Norris 0-2 0-0 0, Jada Dale 0-1 0-0 0. TOTALS: 18-61, 11-18, 56.

NORTHROP (1-1): Destini Craig 6-11 5-6 18, Kahla Williams-Thoma 5-15 1-4 11, Alexis Castator 5-11 0-1 10, Alivia Rice 2-4 2-4 6, Niya Bell 1-5 0-0 3, Brilee Day 0-3 2-2 2, Jah'Liyah Robinson 1-1 0-0 2, Kyndal Thompson 0-0 0-0 0. TOTALS: 20-50, 10-17, 56.

Norwell 10 8 21 17 — 56  
Northrop 10 13 8 21 — 52  
Three-point FG: Norwell 9-31 (Fuess 4-11, Fuelling 4-14, Rosswurm 1-4, Norris 0-1, Johnson 0-1), Northrop 2-10 (Bell 1-5, Craig 1-2, Day 0-2, Castator 0-1). Rebounds: Norwell 38 (Fuelling 7, Green 7, Rosswurm 7, Fuess 6, Hubble 3, Norris 3, Johnson 2, Dale 1), Northrop 31 (Craig 7, Williams-Thoma 7, Castator 7, Rice 2, Bell 2, Thompson 1, Day 1) Turnovers: Norwell 15, Northrop 17. Fouls: Norwell 15, Northrop 18. Fouled Out: None. Technicals: None. JV: 42-15 Norwell (Williamson 13, Smith 8, A. Green 7).

## Woods to own and play for team in TGL

By DOUG FERGUSON  
AP Golf Writer

Tiger Woods couldn't be more involved with prime-time TGL unless he had built the arena. He helped develop the tech-infused golf league. He's playing in it. And now he's a team owner.



Tiger Woods

Woods and his TGR Ventures and David Blitzer, the investor who has ownership in all four major U.S. sports leagues, were announced Tuesday as owners of Jupiter Links GC, the sixth and final team for the first-of-its-kind golf league that starts in January.

Woods, Rory McIlroy and former Golf Channel president Mike McCauley are founding partners in TMRW Sports, the sports and entertainment company behind TGL.

"Having the opportunity to not only compete, but also own a team to represent Jupiter is an exciting next chapter for me," Woods said Tuesday.

Woods referred to TGL as a "modern twist of traditional golf" that ultimately will make it more accessible by leaning the glitz of technology. Key to the modernization is playing in SoFi Center in Palm Beach Gardens, Florida, an arena that holds some 1,600 spectators.

Teams will go head-to-head for nine holes of alternate shot and six holes of singles, starting off by hitting shots from real turf into a screen 20

times larger than a standard simulator, and then shifting to actual shots from 50 yards or closer to a green complex that can turn 360 degrees to create different angles. They putt on a synthetic surface in which contours can change.

Play starts Jan. 9. The two-hour matches — two teams at a time — will be televised on ESPN on Mondays and/or Tuesday, ending before the Masters. The prize fund is \$21 million, with \$9 million going to the winning team and players eventually getting equity in the league.

Technology is one thing. Woods also said the two-hour window is key to attracting fans.

"Generally, golf takes about five or six hours to play. In today's world, with all of our smartphones, it is hard for anybody to go five to six hours without looking at their phones. So the shorter the time, the better it is."

Three players from the four-man teams compete in each match. Woods hasn't competed since the Masters because of lingering leg injuries from a February 2021 car crash outside of Los Angeles. But he expects to be front and center for TGL.

"It's exciting that this group of guys is coming together for a two-hour window and we're just going to basically hit balls, talk a lot of (trash) and people are going to be gambling on absolutely everything, each and every shot. Every shot there's going to be a wager."

McCauley, the CEO of TMRW Sports and TGL, said a gaming partner and international media rights are being negotiated ahead of the January debut. Also to be completed is other team names and branding, along with filling out team rosters.

McIlroy is part of Boston Common,

led by Fenway Sports Group, and is joined by New England native Keegan Bradley, Adam Scott and Tyrrell Hatton.

The other teams are Atlanta Drive, led by Arthur Blank of the Atlanta Falcons; Los Angeles Golf Club, led by a group fronted by Alexis Ohanian, Serena and Venus Williams and limited partners that include Alex Morgan and Michelle Wie West; New York, led by Steven Cohen of the New York Mets; and San Francisco, led by Avenue Sports Fund with private equity executive Marc Lasry and Golden State Warriors guard Stephen Curry.

Blitzer adds to the roster of high-end investors for the six teams.

He is the first person to hold equity in five North American sports teams — co-managing partner of the Philadelphia 76ers (NBA) and New Jersey Devils (NHL), along with owning a 25% stake in the Cleveland Guardians (MLB) and a minority stake in the Washington Commanders (NFL). He also is a stakeholder in Real Salt Lake (MLS), along with being general partner in Crystal Palace FC in the Premier League.

Blitzer is a self-described sports fanatic, though he once was quoted as saying he would "never make an investment just for the fun side of the equation."

"At the end of the day, I've got to believe there's a return, that the investment makes a lot of sense. The fun comes along with it," Blitzer said Tuesday.

"The idea of really creating the next evolution of professional golf rang really clearly to me," he said. "And when I think about what's happening

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## BASKETBALL

### High School

**Tuesday Girls Scores**

Alexandria 71, Delta 44  
Anderson Prep Academy 47, Muncie Burriss 21  
Attica 43, Frontier 42  
Avon 81, North Vigo 28  
Bedford N. Lawrence 62, Bloomington North 25  
Bethany Christian 39, Jimtown 27  
Bethesda Christian 38, N. Montgomery 22  
Blackford 61, Ft. Wayne Wayne 29  
Bloomington South 61, Edgewood 21  
Blue River Valley 42, Centerville 33  
Bluffton 70, Northfield 46  
Borden 62, Christian Academy 40  
Bowman 45, S. Bend Clay 32  
Bremen 60, LaVille 39  
Carmel 50, Warren Central 48  
Carroll (Ft. Wayne) 55, Angola 27  
Cascade 64, Beech Grove 37  
Cass 55, Manchester 31  
Castle 60, Gibson Southern 46  
Caton 60, Peru 27  
Central Noble 48, Whitko 45  
Clarksville 57, Crothersville 16  
Clay City 37, Cloverdale 29  
Clinton Central 60, Fountain Central 38  
Columbia City 77, W. Noble 21  
Corydon 81, S. Central (Elizabeth) 47  
Crown Point 67, Hammond Noll 23  
DeKalb 41, Ft. Wayne North 32  
Delphi 61, W. Central 56  
E. Noble 54, Ft. Wayne Dwenger 36  
Eastern (Greene) 47, Loogootee 45  
Eastside 51, Ft. Wayne Blackhawk 49  
Elkhart 58, Concord 26  
Elkhart Christian 66, South Bend Career Academy 8  
Elwood 52, Frankfort 37  
Evansville Central 47, S. Spencer 30  
Evansville Reitz 66, Evansville Bosse 8  
Fairfield 44, Wawasee 27  
Floyd Central 46, Austin 39  
Franklin Co. 31, E. Central 26, OT  
Ft. Wayne Snider 61, Huntington North 29  
Garrett 55, Heritage 33  
Goshen 52, Lakeland 28  
Greensburg 67, N. Decatur 35  
Hamilton Hts. 65, Frankton 16  
Heritage Hills 50, Evansville Mater Dei 31  
Indpls Cathedral 54, Indy Brebeuf 46  
Indpls Pike 40, Lafayette Harrison 36  
Indpls Roncalli 52, Columbus East 46  
Indpls Shortridge 37, Covenant Christian 34

Jac-Cen-Del 43, Madison Shawe 29  
Jasper 47, Jeffersonville 44  
Jay Co. 60, Ft. Wayne South 35  
Lafayette Catholic 61, Logansport 32  
Lakewood Park 53, Fremont 47  
Leo 56, Churubusco 30  
Madison 57, Lawrenceburg 52  
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Monroe Central 56, Daleville 27  
Mooreville 48, Columbus North 37  
Morgan Twp. 52, Illiana Christian 28  
Munster 60, Michigan City 49  
N. Knox 44, Dubois 34  
N. Putnam 52, Crawfordsville 38  
New Prairie 61, Wheeler 12  
Northeastern 64, Muncie Central 36  
Northwest 55, White River Valley 25  
Norwell 56, Ft. Wayne Northrop 52  
Oregon-Davis 65, S. Bend Trinity 44  
Orleans 36, Barr-Reeve 20  
Owen Valley 46, Greencastle 33  
Pendleton Hts. 75, New Castle 20  
Plainfield 79, Brownsburg 75, 20T  
Plymouth 56, Mishawaka Marian 14  
Princeton 41, Southridge 34  
Rensselaer 60, Hanover Central 38  
S. Ripley 46, Milan 25  
Scottsburg 68, New Washington 26  
Seeger 49, S. Newton 7  
Shakamak 55, Washington Catholic 17  
Shelbyville 61, Waldron 44  
South Vigo 28, W. Vigo 27  
Southmont 55, N. Vermillion 50  
Sullivan 52, Bloomfield 26  
Switzerland Co. 46, S. Dearborn 33  
Tippecanoe Valley 56, Culver Academy 33  
Tri 52, Morristown 40  
Tri-Township 61, Culver 16  
Tri-West 57, Indpls Perry Meridian 47  
Union (Modoc) 35, Southern Wells 29  
Valparaiso 55, Kankakee Valley 24  
Vincennes (South Knox) — 53, Washington 45  
W. Lafayette 61, Northwestern 31  
Western 69, Mississinewa 45  
Western Boone 61, Rossville 45  
Westville 53, Winamac 50  
Whiteland 48, Speedway 33  
Winchester 66, S. Adams 50  
Yorktown 54, Guerin Catholic 40  
Zionsville 59, Lawrence North 52

Orlando 4 3 .571 —  
Miami 3 4 .429 —  
Charlotte 2 4 .333 1½  
Washington 1 5 .167 2½

**Central Division**

W L Pct GB  
Milwaukee 4 2 .667 —  
Indiana 3 3 .571 1½  
Cleveland 4 4 .429 —  
Chicago 3 5 .375 2  
Detroit 2 6 .250 3

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**Southwest Division**

W L Pct GB  
Dallas 6 1 .857 —  
New Orleans 4 3 .571 2  
Houston 3 3 .500 2½  
San Antonio 3 4 .429 3  
Memphis 1 6 .143 5

**Northwest Division**

W L Pct GB  
Denver 7 1 .875 —  
Minnesota 4 2 .667 2  
Oklahoma City 3 3 .571 2½  
Portland 3 4 .429 3  
Utah 2 6 .250 5

**Pacific Division**

W L Pct GB  
Golden State 6 2 .750 —  
L.A. Clippers 3 3 .500 2  
L.A. Lakers 3 4 .429 2½  
Phoenix 3 4 .429 2½  
Sacramento 2 4 .333 3

**Monday's Games**

Golden State 120, Detroit 109  
Indiana 152, San Antonio 111  
Philadelphia 146, Washington 128  
Dallas 117, Orlando 102  
New York 111, L.A. Clippers 97  
Miami 108, L.A. Lakers 107  
Milwaukee 129, Brooklyn 125  
Chicago 130, Utah 113  
Houston 122, Sacramento 97  
Oklahoma City 126, Atlanta 117  
Minnesota 114, Boston 109, OT  
Denver 134, New Orleans 116

**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.

**Thursday's Games**

Milwaukee at Indiana, 7 p.m.  
Atlanta at Orlando, 9:30 p.m.

**Friday's Games**

Charlotte at Washington, 7 p.m.  
Philadelphia at Detroit, 7 p.m.  
Brooklyn at Boston, 7:30 p.m.

Minnesota at San Antonio, 8 p.m.  
New Orleans at Houston, 8 p.m.  
Utah at Memphis, 8 p.m.  
L.A. Clippers at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.  
L.A. Lakers at Phoenix, 10 p.m.  
Oklahoma City at Sacramento, 10 p.m.

**College**

**Men's College Basketball Scores**

**Tuesday, Nov. 7**

**EAST**

Georgetown 94, Le Moyne 57  
La Salle 67, Drexel 61  
Maryland 68, Mount St. Mary's 53  
St. John's 90, Stony Brook 74  
UMass 92, Albany (NY) 71

**SOUTH**

Appalachian St. 87, Oakland City 49  
E. Kentucky 108, West Virginia Tech 72  
Jacksonville St. 91, Brescia 41  
Kennesaw St. 93, Oakwood 46  
Presbyterian 68, Vanderbilt 62  
W. Carolina 106, Dalton State 65

**MIDWEST**

Ball St. 101, Goshen 40  
Creighton 105, Florida A&M 54  
Fort Wayne 82, DePaul 74  
Indiana 69, Florida Gulf Coast 63  
Iowa 110, North Dakota 68  
Michigan 99, UNC-Asheville 74

**SOUTHWEST**

Baylor 88, Auburn 82  
North Texas 83, N. Iowa 77, OT  
Rice 101, St. Thomas (Texas) 57  
Texas A&M-CC 111, SW Adventist 46

**FAR WEST**

Boise St. 89, Vanguard 55  
Montana 107, Northwestern Indian 59  
Weber St. 96, Benedictine Mesa 62  
Wyoming 104, Northern New Mexico 56

**Women's College Basketball Scores**

**Monday, Nov. 6**

**EAST**

Albany (NY) 58, Merrimack 55  
American 81, Longwood 68  
Binghamton 72, Huskies 59  
Boston College 66, Holy Cross 61  
Boston U. 60, Mass.-Lowell 58  
Bryant 70, Dartmouth 52  
Buffalo 69, Canisius 60  
Fairfield 101, Lightning 14  
Florida Gulf Coast 80, Brown 58  
Fordham 70, Adelphi 43  
George Washington 64, Howard 58  
Georgetown 61, Md.-Eastern Shore 50

**SOUTH**

Alabama 93, Alabama St. 39  
Appalachian St. 71, UNC-Greensboro 65

**MIDWEST**

Auburn 78, Jacksonville St. 49  
Campbell 108, Battling Bishops 37  
Chattanooga 88, King (Tenn.) 32  
Clemson 71, Winthrop 41  
Coll. of Charleston 117, Falcons 30  
Colorado 92, LSU 78  
Duke 83, Richmond 53  
E. Kentucky 94, Panthers 43  
East Carolina 68, Elon 37  
FIU 113, Conquistadors 30  
Florida 82, North Florida 65  
Florida St. 99, Charleston Southern 63  
George Mason 96, Bowie St. 45  
Georgia 71, NC A&T 59  
Georgia St. 78, Vikings 41  
Georgia Tech 83, Coastal Carolina 53  
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James Madison 104, Royals 31  
La Salle 73, Coppin St. 66  
Liberty 68, Frostburg St. 48  
Louisiana Tech 93, Generals 37  
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North Alabama 90, Firehawks 47  
Old Dominion 72, Lincoln (Pa.) 50  
Radford 77, Concord 53  
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Samford 78, Auburn-Montgomery 51  
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Tennessee St. 53, Bulldogs 47  
Trevecca Nazarene 75, Austin Peay 59

Tulane 68, Stetson 57  
UAB 70, Alabama A&M 63  
UCF 101, Bethune-Cookman 63  
Vanderbilt 98, Kennesaw St. 51  
Virginia Tech 94, High Point 55  
W. Carolina 101, Scotties 27  
W. Kentucky 70, Mercer 64  
Wake Forest 75, Wofford 65

**MIDWEST**

Ball St. 97, Tennessee Tech 64  
Cincinnati 75, N. Dakota St. 52  
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Drake 94, St. Thomas (MN) 69  
IUPUI 77, E. Illinois 72  
Ill. Chicago 67, Loyola Chicago 51  
Illinois St. 105, Omaha 59  
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Marquette 84, UT Martin 51  
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Oakland 91, Akron 87, 20T  
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Baylor 85, Southern U. 53  
Cent. Arkansas 85, Warriors 25  
Missouri St. 52, UALR 47  
North Texas 117, Trailblazers 42  
Oklahoma 92, Wichita St. 68  
Oklahoma St. 100, SIU-Edwardsville 59

Rice 70, Houston Christian 38  
SMU 78, UC Riverside 55  
Stephen F. Austin 118, Aggies 46  
TCU 76, Oral Roberts 56  
Tarleton St. 106, Yellow Jackets 38  
Texas A&M Commerce 96, Yellow-jackets 41

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UTEP 75, W. New Mexico 58

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Air Force 65, Denver 63  
Arizona 68, New Mexico St. 57  
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CS Northridge 79, Utah St. 64  
Cal Baptist 64, UC San Diego 50  
California 89, CS Bakersfield 56  
Colorado St. 69, Le Moyne 49  
Fresno St. 70, Sunbirds 42  
Gonzaga 83, Montana 70  
Grand Canyon 55, Saint Mary's (Cal) 52

Idaho 92, Wolves 50  
N. Colorado 86, Broncos 56  
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Oregon 81, N. Arizona 48  
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San Diego 92, Panthers 38  
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Utah Tech 116, Leopards 59  
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Washington 76, Sacramento St. 28  
Washington St. 78, Cal Poly 61  
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**Atlantic Division**

GP W L OT Pts GF GA  
Boston 12 10 1 1 21 39 23  
Tampa Bay 13 6 3 4 16 50 45  
Detroit 13 7 5 1 15 48 42  
Toronto 12 6 4 2 14 42 42  
Florida 11 6 4 1 13 31 32  
Buffalo 13 6 6 1 13 41 41  
Montreal 12 5 5 2 12 36 44  
Ottawa 10 4 6 0 8 38 35

**Metropolitan Division**

GP W L OT Pts GF GA  
N.Y. Rangers 129 2 1 19 39 27  
Carolina 13 8 5 0 16 45 44  
New Jersey 11 7 3 1 15 44 39  
N.Y. Islanders 115 3 3 13 29 31  
Washington 10 5 4 1 11 21 30  
Philadelphia 12 5 6 1 11 37 40  
Columbus 12 4 5 3 11 32 39  
Pittsburgh 10 4 6 0 8 37 31

**WESTERN CONFERENCE**

**Central Division**

GP W L OT Pts GF GA  
Winnipeg 12 6 4 2 14 41 41  
Dallas 11 7 3 1 15 32 29  
Colorado 10 7 3 0 14 32 29  
Minnesota 12 5 5 2 12 44 49  
Arizona 11 5 5 1 11 39 34  
St. Louis 11 5 5 1 11 27 33  
Nashville 11 5 6 0 10 34 33  
Chicago 11 4 7 0 8 26 38

**Pacific Division**

GP W L OT Pts GF GA  
Vegas 13 11 1 1 23 52 28  
Vancouver 12 9 2 2 19 54 24  
Los Angeles 11 7 2 1 16 47 33  
Anaheim 11 7 4 0 14 37 33  
Seattle 12 4 6 2 10 33 44  
Calgary 11 3 7 1 7 29 43  
Edmonton 11 2 8 1 5 29 47  
San Jose 11 0 10 1 1 13 55

NOTE: Two points for a win, one point for overtime loss. Top three teams in each division and two wild cards per conference advance to playoffs.

**Monday's Games**

Florida 5, Columbus 4, OT  
Toronto 6, Tampa Bay 5, OT  
Boston 3, Dallas 2  
Vancouver 6, Edmonton 2

**Tuesday's Games**

Carolina 3, Buffalo 2, OT  
Tampa Bay 5, Montreal 3  
N.Y. Rangers 5, Detroit 3  
Minnesota 4, N.Y. Islanders 2  
Winnipeg 5, St. Louis 2  
Nashville at Calgary, late  
Seattle at Arizona, late  
New Jersey at Colorado, late  
Pittsburgh at Anaheim, late  
Philadelphia at San Jose, late

**Wednesday's Games**

Texas St. 90, Patriots 48  
Florida at Washington, 7:30 p.m.  
Los Angeles at Vegas, 10 p.m.

**Thursday's Games**

Chicago at Tampa Bay, 7 p.m.  
Minnesota at N.Y. Rangers, 7 p.m.  
Montreal at Detroit, 7 p.m.  
N.Y. Islanders at Boston, 7 p.m.  
Vancouver at Ottawa, 7 p.m.  
Dallas at Columbus, 7:30 p.m.  
Arizona at St. Louis, 8 p.m.  
Nashville at Winnipeg, 8 p.m.  
Seattle at Colorado, 9 p.m.  
Edmonton at San Jose, 10:30 p.m.  
Pittsburgh at Los Angeles, 10:30 p.m.

**Friday's Games**

Calgary at Toronto, 7 p.m.  
Carolina at Florida, 7 p.m.  
Minnesota at Buffalo, 7 p.m.  
Washington at New Jersey, 7 p.m.  
Philadelphia at Anaheim, 10 p.m.  
San Jose at Vegas, 10 p.m.

## TRANSACTIONS

**Tuesday's Transactions**

**BASEBALL**

**Major League Baseball American League**

CHICAGO WHITE SOX — Named Matt Wise pitching coach, Drew Butera catching coach and Eddie Rodriguez third base/infield coach.

**FOOTBALL**

**National Football League**

CLEVELAND BROWNS — Placed T Jedrick Willis Jr. and CB Cameron Mitchell on injured reserve. Promoted T Geron Christian and WR James Proche II from the practice squad to the active roster. Signed WR T Trinity Benson, S Vincent Gray and T Justin Murray to the practice squad. Released TE Devin Asiasi from the practice squad.

# Bill Self signs richest college hoops contract ever given by a public university

**By DAVE SKRETTA**  
**AP Basketball Writer**  
LAWRENCE, Kan. (AP) — Kansas coach Bill Self signed a lifetime contract Tuesday that will pay him \$53 million over the first five years, easily surpassing Kentucky coach John Calipari for the richest deal ever given to a college basketball coach at a public university.



Bill Self

Self will make more than \$11 million this season in base pay, professional services and royalties along with a one-time signing bonus and retention payments, including some that were deferred amid the pandemic. At the conclusion of each year, another year is added to the deal, and Self will earn a one-time, \$5 million retention bonus if he serves out the first five.

The deal amends a similarly structured contract Self signed in 2021, and includes a provision allowing the renegotiation of terms after the 2025-26 season. Calipari's deal with the Wildcats pays him \$8.5 million this season.

"Bill Self is undoubtedly the most consistent coach in college basketball, and a restructuring of his contract terms were long overdue," Kansas athletic director Travis Goff said. "In an ever-changing collegiate athletics environment, our strong commitment to Coach Self positions KU basketball to maintain and enhance its status as the most storied program in the country."

The top-ranked Jayhawks, led by Michigan transfer Hunter Dickinson, routed North Carolina Central on Monday night to open the season. They play Manhattan on Friday before facing Calipari and his Wildcats in the Champions Classic next week.

"There has never been a better time to be a part of our athletic department," Self said. "My family and I are so proud to be at this university, and I am looking forward to many more seasons representing the most passionate fan base in the country."

The contract includes incentives that could drive the value significantly higher. Self would earn \$50,000 for a Big 12 regular-season title, another \$50,000 if he is Big 12 coach of the year and \$25,000 for winning the conference tournament. He

also would earn \$50,000 for an NCAA Tournament appearance, \$100,000 for making the Sweet 16, \$150,000 for reaching the Final Four and \$200,000 for winning another national championship.

The amended deal comes a month after Self and the Jayhawks avoided serious penalties resulting from a 2017 investigation by the FBI into college basketball corruption. An independent appeals panel stripped them of their 2018 Final Four appearance but downgraded five Level I violations — considered the most severe — to three Level II and the rest Level III violations.

Like his previous agreement, which said Self could not be fired for cause "due to any current infractions matter that involves conduct on or prior to" its signing, the amended contract states that Self cannot be terminated for cause "due to an infractions matter that arises from the same set of operative facts" that were considered by the panel.

Self arrived at Kansas from Illinois in 2003 to replace Roy Williams, who had left for North Carolina, and has since won 566 games to lead all active Power 5 coaches. He has 773 wins over his coaching career, including two national championships and 20 conference titles, and twice he has been voted AP national coach of the year.

Last season, Self was hospitalized on the eve of the Big 12 Tournament and wound up needing a valve replaced in his heart. He missed not only the conference tournament but the NCAA Tournament, where the Jayhawks lost in the second round.

His team could go a whole lot deeper this season.

The Jayhawks returned a trio of starters from last year's team — Dajuan Harris Jr., KJ Adams and Kevin McCullar Jr. — while signing a touted freshman class led by Elmarko Jackson and bringing in a trio of high-profile transfers.

The biggest of them, both literally and figuratively, is the 7-foot-2 Dickinson, perhaps the most sought-after player ever to enter the portal. He had 21 points, eight rebounds, five assists and two blocks in only 24 minutes on Monday night.

## Woods to play in TGL

(Continued from Page 6)

today in technology, and the innovations they're bringing here ... I was sold very quickly."

The concept of team play — outside of the Ryder Cup or Presidents Cup — was

introduced last year by Saudi-funded LIV Golf and its 12 teams. Woods believes TGL will be easier to follow in part because there is only a team competition, and because some players will have a connection to the

city, such as Collin Morikawa with Los Angeles and Bradley in Boston.

"Some of the stuff I've seen in LIV ... I couldn't figure out what the hell was going on," Woods said. "Here it's very simple."

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# Shut-out grandma

Dear Annie: I am 67 and divorced. I raised two daughters and a son essentially on my own while I worked full time as a registered nurse and provided a decent, middle-class home for my children.

The youngest had issues about almost anything. I got her therapy, along with family therapy. She loved her father but barely tolerated me. Babysitters quit. School called. I tried my best to do everything I could. Basically, she did only what she wanted.

My oldest daughter ended up pregnant and dropped out of school at 16. She requested to be emancipated so she could marry the man who was the father, and he was 10 years older than her.

The youngest was friends with another family and they wanted to adopt her at 16. We had a long conversation, very calm, and she truly wanted this. By this time, my physician felt it was best for her and for me.

My son is the middle child, and he is kind and thoughtful. He needed some special help with school due to a hearing anomaly. He is now 40 and the only one who speaks to me.

I have six grandchildren and one great-grandchild. Only three of the grandchildren speak to me. My son and his wife — his second — have a 7-year-old daughter.

I have babysat but never can take the child off their property. But they won't say why. The other grannie assists with everything. I have never harmed anyone. I am an intelligent, trustworthy and pleasant person. I have lived alone for past three years, and I have been to therapy.

It is hard to look at the other granny's lovely photos of them on Facebook, like for Grandparents Day at school. I understand my daughter-in-law is close to her mom, and we are friends, but I am feeling shut out. — Hurting Granny

Dear Hurting Granny: Instead of hurting, why not focus on what you do have? You get to go over and spend time with your granddaughter. Obviously something happened if your daughters still won't speak to you and neither will three of your grandchildren. Regardless of what happened in the past, just try to enjoy the time

you have with your granddaughter.

Dear Annie: I just read your response to "Lost Son," about the mother whose 30-year-old son has stopped talking with his mother. While there is a possibility this son is in a toxic relationship, have you also considered that maybe the mother has inflicted trauma on her son that she doesn't believe affected him or wants to fess up to?

I am married to a "Lost Son" who through the years has stopped contacting his mother due to the abuse she denies ever happened. When I met him, he said he was close to his mom but at the same time would pace back and forth and show signs that maybe something had happened between them. Over the years he expressed the absolute hurt he had from his childhood because of his mom. Anytime he has tried to talk with her about the awful things she did to him as a child, she would gaslight him and tell him it never happened.

Sometimes abusers don't want to admit they hurt their child as much as they did, leading to the child, in their adult life, to cut the parent (or person) off as they process the hurt. I don't know this situation or these people but just thought I'd put this into another context, as I'm sure my mother-in-law probably feels similar to me as this woman feels about her son's significant other. — Married to a Lost Son

Dear Married to a Lost Son: Thank you for your letter. I always love hearing from different perspectives.

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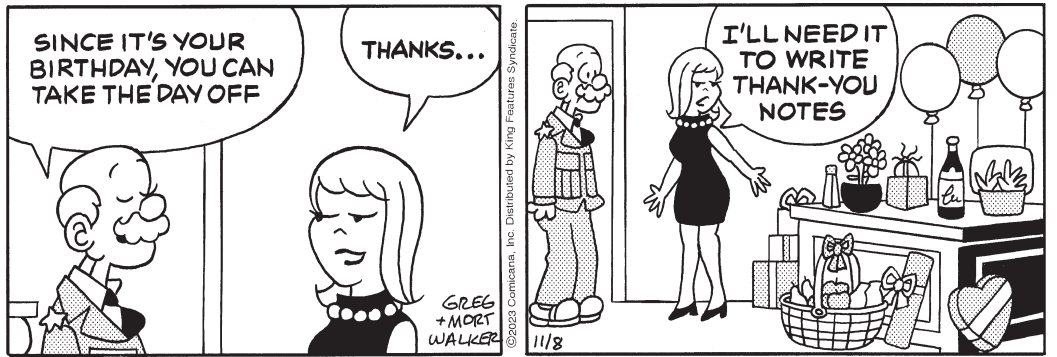
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## Dear Annie

by Annie Lane



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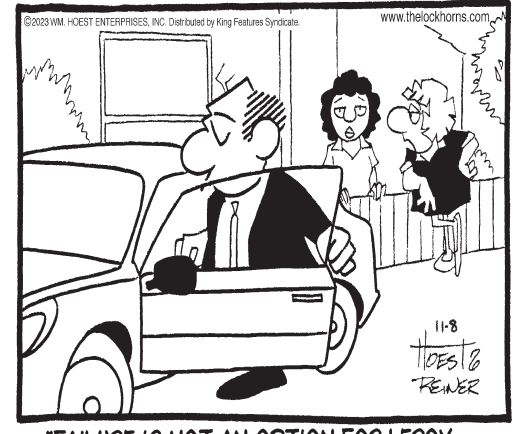
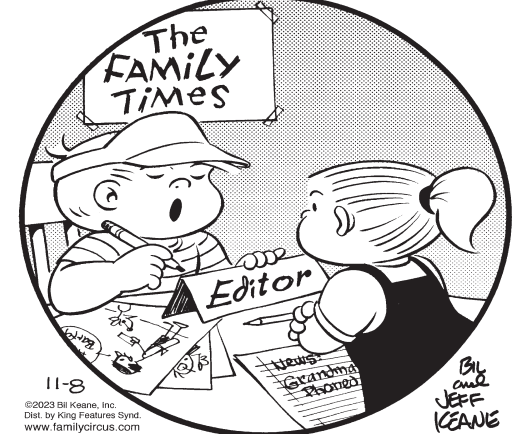
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## THE FAMILY CIRCUS

By Bil Keane

## The LOCKHORNS



## My Answer

By Dr. Billy Graham



# Jesus Christ is the complete fulfillment

alone.

People will disappoint us, and we may disappoint others at times, but Christ never brings disappointment. We must grow in Him not by following people, but by following His Word — the Bible — and understand His teaching and examine His life. Being disappointed in others will distract us from our walk with Christ. God calls us to follow Him — not others. This is what He expects of His children. Do others see something of Christ — His love, His joy, His peace — in our lives?

Jesus Christ is the complete fulfillment, example, and demonstration of perfection, and He tells us to follow Him. While we will never attain perfection in

this life, we are told to walk in His footsteps and strive to please Him in everything we do. This is only possible when we stay connected to the Source of all things good. The Bible says, "I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit" (John 15:5, NKJV). When a true believer stumbles and sins, God's Holy Spirit brings conviction and turns the individual to repentance. This is what restores our souls and clears the way for fellowship with Him.

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

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Q: Some of my friends are outspoken about their Christian faith, but they don't always live the way they say they believe. It bothers me that they don't see their own hypocrisy, but I'm afraid to say something to them for fear of coming off like a judgmental Christian. Isn't one just as wrong as the other? — H.J.

A: Christians are imperfect, and some who claim to follow Jesus are far from His teaching. We cannot let hypocrisy divert us or keep us from Christ Himself. Christians will sometimes falter in their walk with Christ, but Christ never falters. We must not put our trust in people. The object of our faith is in Christ

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## CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

Crossword puzzle grid with clues: ACROSS 1 Actor Waterston, 4 Get wind of, 8 Billy of "Titanic", 12 Outback bird, 13 Rhine feeder, 14 Poker player's declaration, 24 Small fruit pies, 28 Painter's platform, 32 Soccer score, 33 Sharing word, 34 At-tempted, 36 Roman 1051, 37 Theater award. DOWN 1 Big rig, 2 During, 3 Stubborn beast, 4 Barn area, 5 — de cologne, 6 Noah's vessel, 7 Antique cars, 8 Move evasively, 9 Latin word, 10 Zero, 11 Finale, 17 Mosquito barrier, 19 Canine greeting, 22 Lawn mower brand, 23 Music mogul, 25 Former QB, 26 Towering, 27 Lost traction, 28 Anon, 29 Rubik's baffle, 30 Operatic solo, 31 Monopoly card, 35 City on the Elbe, 38 Deleted, 40 NBC sketch show, 42 That lady, 45 Denny's rival, 47 Applications, 48 Frost, 49 Apease, 50 Crono, 51 Tic-tac-toe win, 52 Half of dos, 53 Verse by Neruda, 54 — Manuel Miranda.

Table with 12 columns (Time slots) and 24 rows (Channels). Lists TV programs and their start times.

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8	7	2	6	5				

Difficulty: ★★★

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### Lottery Numbers

**Tuesday's Drawings HOOSIER LOTTERY**  
Cash 5 — 09-20-33-41-42

Cash4Life — 02-22-23-34-46, Cash Ball: 01

Quick Draw Midday — 01-03-08-09-11-12-14-23-31-35-36-46-47-48-49-52-54-58-62-64, BE: 47

Daily Three-Midday — 02-07-03, SB: 09

Daily Three-Evening — 04-07-03, SB: 08

Daily Four-Midday — 08-00-04-02, SB: 09

Daily Four-Evening — 04-08-00-02, SB: 08

Quick Draw Evening — 01-03-10-19-23-30-32-34-40-42-44-47-52-58-59-62-63-65-70-76, BE: 26

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

**MEGA MILLIONS** — 03-11-33-42-52; Mega Ball: 20; Megaplier: 2X.

**POWERBALL** — Estimated jackpot (for Wednesday): \$196 million

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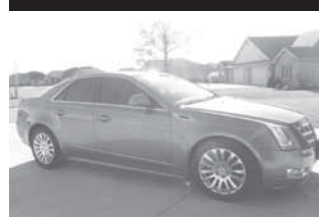
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**NOVEMBER 27 - 6 p.m. - Pamela & Rick Myers, owners.** Auction conducted at Wells County 4-H Community Center, 1240 4-H Park Road, Bluffton, IN. Land located at County Rd. 100 N & State Rd. 116, NW corner of Bluffton. 118.91 acres, Sec. 28 & 33, Lancaster 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.com](http://www.hollowayauction.com).  
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# Israeli army continues battle with Hamas deep in Gaza City

By NAJIB JOBAIN  
and SAMY MAGDY  
Associated Press

KHAN YOUNIS, Gaza Strip (AP) — Israel said Tuesday that its ground forces were battling Hamas fighters deep inside Gaza's largest city, signaling a major new stage in the month-old conflict, and its leaders foresee controlling the enclave's security after the war.

The push into Gaza City guarantees that the already staggering death toll will rise further, while comments from Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu about controlling Gaza's security for "an indefinite period" pointed to the uncertain endgame of a war that Israel says will be long and difficult.

Israeli ground troops have battled Palestinian militants inside Gaza for over a week, cutting the territory in half and encircling Gaza City. The army's chief spokesman, Rear Adm. Daniel Hagari, said that Israeli ground forces "are located right now in a ground operation in the depths of Gaza City and putting great pressure on Hamas."

Hamas spokesman Ghazi Hamad, speaking on Tuesday from Beirut, denied that Israeli forces were making any significant military gains or that they had advanced deep into Gaza City.

"They never give the people the truth," Hamad said. He added that numerous Israeli soldiers were killed on Monday and "many tanks were destroyed."

"The Palestinians fight and fight against Israel, until we end the occupation," said Hamad, who left Gaza days before Hamas' Oct. 7 rampage in southern Israel, which sparked the war.

The Associated Press could not independently verify the claims of either side.

Israelis commemorated the 30th day — a milestone in Jewish mourning — since the Hamas incursion, which killed 1,400 people. About 240 people Hamas abducted during the attack remain in Gaza, and more than 250,000 Israelis have evacuated homes

near the borders of Gaza and Lebanon amid continuous rockets fired into Israel.

A month of relentless bombardment in Gaza has killed more than 10,300 Palestinians, two-thirds of them women and minors, according to the Health Ministry of the Hamas-run territory. More than 2,300 are believed buried from strikes that reduced entire city blocks to rubble.

Around 70% of Gaza's 2.3 million people have fled their homes, and many of them are crowded into U.N. schools-turned-shelters. Civilians in Gaza are relying on a trickle of aid and their own daily foraging for food and water from supplies that have dwindled after weeks of siege.

## FLEEING SOUTH

Israel unleashed another wave of strikes across the Gaza Strip on Tuesday as hundreds more Palestinians fled Gaza City to the south.

Some arrived on donkey carts, most on foot, some pushing elderly relatives in wheelchairs, all visibly exhausted. Many had nothing but the clothes on their backs. "There is no food or drink, people are fighting in the bakeries," said one man who didn't want to give his name.

Hundreds of thousands have heeded Israeli orders to head to the southern part of Gaza, out of the ground assault's path. Others are afraid to do so since Israeli troops control part of the north-south route. Bombardment of the south has also continued.

An Israeli airstrike destroyed several homes early Tuesday in Khan Younis. An Associated Press journalist at the scene saw first responders pulling five bodies — including three dead children — from the rubble. One man wept as he carried a bloodied young girl, until a rescue worker pried her from his arms, saying, "Let her go, let her go," to rush her to an ambulance.

AP video at a nearby hospital showed a woman desperately searching for her son, then crying and kissing him when she found

him, half-naked and bloodied, but apparently without serious injuries. A girl sobbed next to a baby on a stretcher, apparently dead.

"We were sleeping, babies, children, elderly," said one survivor, Ahmad al-Najjar, who is the general director at the Education Ministry in Gaza.

In the town of Deir al-Balah, rescue workers brought out at least four dead and a number of wounded children from the wreckage of a flattened building, witnesses said. "My daughter," screamed a woman as she ran behind them.

Israel says it targets Hamas fighters and infrastructure and accuses the group of endangering civilians by operating among them.

At a school in Khan Younis, thousands of displaced were living in classrooms and the playground. One of them, Suhaila al-Najjar, said the last month had been filled with sleepless nights.

"What's to come? How will we live? Bakeries have closed, there's no gas. What will we eat?" she said.

## ISRAEL TO MAINTAIN CONTROL

Israel has vowed to remove Hamas from power and crush its military capabilities — but neither Israel nor its main ally, the United States, has said what would come next.

Netanyahu told ABC News that Gaza should be governed by "those who don't want to continue the way of Hamas," without elaborating.

"I think Israel will, for an indefinite period, will have the overall security responsibility because we've seen what happens when we don't have it. When we don't have that security responsibility, what we have is the eruption of Hamas terror on a scale that we couldn't imagine," he said.

Netanyahu did not make clear what shape that security control would take. The White House on Tuesday reiterated that President Joe Biden does not support an Israeli reoccupation of the Gaza Strip after the war.

## How Lebanon's Hezbollah group became a critical player in the Israel-Hamas war

BEIRUT (AP) — When the Lebanese militia Hezbollah announced last week that its leader, Hassan Nasrallah, would deliver his first public speech since the outbreak of the Israel-Hamas war, much of the region held its breath.

Would Iranian-backed Hezbollah, the Arab world's most powerful paramilitary force, continue its limited exchanges of fire with Israel or throw itself wholeheartedly into the war? In Lebanon, streets emptied as people sat glued to their screens to watch, ready to parse his words along with decision-makers in Israel and across the Mideast.

Hezbollah has traded fire with Israeli troops along the border since the day after Hamas' Oct. 7 surprise attack in southern Israel sparked war in the Gaza Strip. Both sides have suffered casualties, but the fear is that the conflict will escalate and spiral into a regional fight.

Nasrallah nodded to those concerns in his speech Friday. "Some say I'm going to announce that we have entered the battle," he said. "We already entered the battle on Oct. 8."

But he stopped short of saying Hezbollah would more fully join the fight.

Here's a look at why Hezbollah and its leader are key players in the trajectory of the Israel-Hamas war.

### WHAT IS HEZBOLLAH?

Shiite Muslim Hezbollah is one of a collection of Iranian-backed groups and governments in the region known as the Axis of Resistance.

Founded in 1982 during Lebanon's civil war, Hezbollah's initial objective was ending Israel's occupation of southern Lebanon, which it eventually achieved in 2000. It was the first group Iran invested in to export its brand of political Islamism.

In its early days, the group also carried out attacks on U.S. targets, causing Washington to designate it a terrorist organization.

"Iran's support has helped Hezbollah consolidate its position as Lebanon's most powerful political actor as well as the most equipped military actor supported by Iran in the whole of the Middle East," Lina Khatib, the director of the SOAS Middle East Institute in London, told The Associated Press.

After a Hezbollah fighters ambushed an Israeli patrol in 2006 and took two Israeli soldiers hostage, Hezbollah and Israel fought a monthlong war that ended in a draw — but not before Israeli bombardment wreaked widespread destruction in southern Lebanon.

At the time, Israel's objective was similar to its current war with Hamas: eliminate Hezbollah. Instead, the group came out stronger — not only an armed force but also a key political party in Lebanon.

However, domestic opponents criticized Hezbollah for maintaining its arsenal and dominating the government. Its reputation also suffered when it briefly seized a section of Beirut in May 2008 after the Lebanese government took measures against its private telecommunications network.

## Special counsel in Hunter Biden case insists he was 'decision-maker'

WASHINGTON (AP) — The prosecutor overseeing the Hunter Biden investigation testified Tuesday that he had the ultimate authority in the yearslong case as he made an unprecedented appearance before Congress to rebut Republicans' explosive claims that the probe has been plagued with interference.

U.S. Attorney David Weiss' nearly seven-hour interview with the House Judiciary Committee marked the first time a special counsel has ever testified to lawmakers in the middle of a probe. He agreed to the unusual appearance under heavy pressure from House Republicans, who are looking to ramp up their impeachment inquiry into President Joe Biden and his family.

In his opening statement, Weiss told lawmakers he would not answer questions that could jeopardize the investigation and would only talk about the scope

of his authority. "I am, and have been, the decision-maker on this case," he told lawmakers. "I do not, however, make these decisions in a vacuum."

He acknowledged being required to follow Justice Department guidelines and processes as well as federal law as he carried out his investigation. But those requirements "did not interfere with my decision-making authority," he said.

No one at the Justice Department, including U.S. attorneys or the tax division, blocked or prevented him from pursuing charges or taking other necessary steps in the investigation, Weiss said.

Lawmakers leaving the interview with Weiss described it as "tedious" and "a waste of time" as the federal prosecutor was bound by Justice Department rules that limit his ability to talk about an ongoing investigation.

"Mr. Weiss was here incarnate, but not particu-

larly in spirit," Rep. Matt Gaetz, R-Fla., said during a lunch break. He added that in response to any questions Republicans had about the investigation, Weiss would "demure and say that it was just part of his deliberative process."

Judiciary Committee Chairman Jim Jordan remained defiant, walking out of the interview saying that Weiss' testimony confirmed whistleblower testimony that he did not have full authority.

Democrats accused Republicans of trying to interfere with the Hunter Biden investigation by bringing Weiss in to testify.

"This is unprecedented. You never interrupt a prosecution with congressional hearings. This is the first time it's ever happened," Rep. Glenn Ivey, D-Md., said after leaving the interview. "And the fact that he can't answer your questions is an obvious byproduct of that because he doesn't

want to do anything or say anything that will disrupt a criminal prosecution."

The rare move by the Justice Department to allow Weiss' testimony before the conclusion of an investigation indicates just how seriously the department is taking accusations of interference.

The interview came after months of back-and-forth negotiations between Republicans on the Judiciary Committee and the Justice Department after lawmakers subpoenaed several investigators and attorneys involved in the Hunter Biden case.

In July, Weiss, looking to correct the record of what he and the department see as a misrepresentation of the investigation, agreed to come to Capitol Hill but only if he was able to testify in a public hearing where he could directly respond to claims of wrongdoing by Republicans.

The Justice Department remained willing to have

Weiss testify publicly even after the implosion of a plea agreement with Hunter Biden that could have effectively closed the case, but said he couldn't make more than one appearance in the near term. The two parties ultimately agreed on a closed-door interview with both Democratic and Republican members and their respective staff.

The interview on Tuesday focused on testimony from an Internal Revenue Service agent who claimed that under Weiss, the investigation into the president's son was "slow-walked" and mishandled. Weiss, who was originally appointed by then-President Donald Trump, has denied one of the more explosive allegations by saying in writing that he had the final say over the case.

And he did so again behind closed doors Tuesday when he denied bowing to political pressure in the five-year-long investigation, saying the decisions have

been based on "the facts and the law."

"Political considerations played no part in our decision-making," he said.

Weiss added that he did not feel the need to request special counsel status until August and when he did it was quickly granted by Attorney General Merrick Garland. Like other special counsels, he will prepare a report at the end of his investigation that's expected to be publicly released.

Two other U.S. attorneys from Washington and California testified in recent weeks that they didn't block Weiss from filing charges in their districts, though they declined to partner with him on it.

But the IRS whistleblower, who testified publicly over the summer, insists his testimony reflects a pattern of interference and preferential treatment in the Hunter Biden case and not just disagreement with their superiors about what investigative steps to take.

## Fire destroys World War II-era blimp hangar in Southern California

TUSTIN, Calif. (AP) — A raging fire Tuesday destroyed a massive World War II-era wooden hangar that was built to house military blimps based in Southern California, and authorities said the blaze could burn for days.

The Orange County Fire Authority said in a social media post that allowing the structure to collapse was the only way to fight the inferno, which was reported around 1 a.m. The cause was under investigation.

The agency released video of flames racing

along the curved roof, which fell apart in sections. A huge plume of dark smoke was visible for miles around.

"Due to the dynamic nature of the fire, and the imminent danger of collapse, we have determined the most operationally sound method is to allow the structure to collapse, at which point ground crews can move in closer, and aggressively work to extinguish the fire," the Fire Authority said.

Fire Chief Brian Fennessy said no injuries were reported. The fire smoldered into the evening.

The historic hangar was one of two built in 1942 for the U.S. Navy in the city of Tustin, about 35 miles southeast of Los Angeles. At the time, the Navy used lighter-than-air ships for patrol and antisubmarine defense.

According to the city, the hangars are 17 stories high, more than 1,000 feet long and 300 feet wide, putting them among the largest wooden structures ever built. The destroyed structure was known as the north hangar.

The Navy installation became a Marine Corps air station in the 1950s

and closed in 1999. Fennessy said his agency was in contact with the Navy, which still owns the property.

Hollywood productions have used the hangars for TV shows and movies including "JAG," "The X-Files" and "Pearl Harbor," and they've also appeared in commercials. In 1993, the site was listed by the American Society of Civil Engineers as one of the historic civil engineering landmarks of the 20th century.

"With all that in mind, it's a sad day for the city of Tustin and all of Orange

County," Fennessy said. "But we are fortunate that no injuries have been reported and we are in a position to extinguish the blaze without putting firefighters at risk, albeit sev-

eral days."

The north hangar had been shuttered since it sustained roof damage during an October 2013 windstorm, according to the city.

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