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Huntington offers reward for Castleman's arrest



Anthony Castleman

By HOLLY GASKILL

Over one week has passed since police filed a warrant for the arrest of a Markle man suspected of murder, and the Huntington County Sheriff's Department is escalating their search.

Law enforcement is now offering a \$1,000 reward for the arrest of Anthony Castleman, 37. He is suspected of murdering his 72-year-old grandmother, Bernice "Dianna" Eubank, whom he lived with at the time. Court documents state the woman was found partially clothed and hidden under items in her backyard in Markle, apparently with "numerous stab wounds" and a head wound.

Billboards will also be placed throughout Indiana and surrounding states with a photo of Castleman's face, his wanted status and the reward. As of print, no arrest has been made.

Sheriff Chris Newton told The News-Banner Castleman has contacts in Bluffton and Wells County who may be withholding information or assisting in his evasion of arrest. Castleman has lived throughout Wells and previously arrested multiple times within

the county.

The probable cause affidavit for the warrant stated Castleman's cousin, David Watson, told investigators Castleman had called on Nov. 12 — one day after the murder — reportedly in Kentucky. However, given the time passed, Newton believes Castleman may have continued traveling, potentially returning closer to the area.

"Right now he's wasting time and resources," Newton stated. "And there's a family that needs answers."

Castleman is described as being approximately 5 ft. 10 in. and 160 lbs. with brown hair and blue eyes. He has a criminal history that spans nearly two decades, including multiple charges related to domestic violence, resisting law enforcement, and drugs and alcohol.

The HCSD has instructed individuals not to approach Castleman in public, and instead contact 911, Huntington County detectives Captain Malcom Jones and Dylan Lagonegro, or Indiana State Police Det. Matt Teusch.

The investigation is being primarily handled by Huntington County, with the help of the city of Huntington's police department, Indiana State Police and U.S. Marshals.

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Lucas Hamilton speaks to the Southern Wells school board at Tuesday's meeting. (Photo by Sydney Kent)

Southern Wells school board flooded with requests for new gym

By SYDNEY KENT

Passionate parents and coaches filled the media center at the Southern Wells board meeting Tuesday evening with one request — an additional gymnasium.

"Many of us are here to kick-start a conversation about an auxiliary gym at Southern Wells," began Lucas Hamilton, a coach, parent of two elementary students, and husband to a Southern Wells bus driver. "We fully understand there are many hurdles to overcome. We're asking that the board approves an opportunity to create a committee to address the issues."

Nine additional coaches for the district spoke about the many challenges they face without adequate space for students to practice, as well as the negative impact it has on the district. Some of these chal-

lenges impact student athletes in the short term, with difficult to manage or canceled practices. Others, they explained, impacted the students' futures by preventing them from accessing the resources they needed to excel.

Whitney Powell, varsity volleyball head coach, told the board it was difficult to walk through neighboring schools and see state-of-the-art equipment and facilities. Powell explained that some students were often defeated with a belief that they were not good enough to have the same facilities.

"That's what builds the good," Powell said pointedly. "That's what makes them better — it is that they have the opportunities. These kids deserve the opportunities that their neighbors have at

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Bluffton swears in new officer

By JONATHAN SNYDER

The Bluffton Police Department welcomed a new member to their ranks as Officer Trevor Werst was sworn in on Nov. 21 by the Bluffton Common Council.

In front of his peers from the Bluffton Police Department, including Chief of Police Kyle Randall, Werst took the oath from Bluffton Mayor John Whicker. After the oath was read, Werst was greeted with a round of applause from all the members of the Common Council — Chandler Gerber, Josh Hunt, Janella Stronczek, Scott Mentzer and Rick Elwell — along with others in attendance.

Furthermore, the council approved an amendment to the Interlocal Agreement, establishing an emergency communication dispatch center in the Bluffton

Police-Fire Building. The agreement runs all county emergency communications through Bluffton's dispatch center. Mentzer needed time before the meeting to review the agreement, saying it appears that the city will bear a larger financial burden in the coming years. Mentzer did join the other council members in approving the amendment, however.

Also on Tuesday, the council approved a transfer of funds within the Bluffton Parks and Recreation Department's budget. This transfer will move funds from the programs, travel, communication, concessions and garage and motor line items to the equipment line item. The \$14,450 transfer will help pay for a new Grasshopper riding lawn mower approved earlier in the day by the Bluffton Board of Public Works

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A bite-sized feast

Karen Bell's preschool students practiced table manners for Thanksgiving this week, learning where to place their napkins and how to pass a plate around the table. They also made feather hats and tried cornmeal pancakes, also called "johnny cakes," which were said to have been at the first Thanksgiving meal. Above, the long table of students sing a song before beginning their meal. (Photo by Holly Gaskill)

Growing in gratitude

BHMSD students share their Thanksgiving thoughts

By HOLLY GASKILL

Thanksgiving traditions vary far and wide, but it's nearly unanimously a time to be with family, enjoy food and reflect on life's blessings.

And with each new season of life, there are new reasons to appreciate and celebrate those essential aspects of Thanksgiving.

In light of this, The News-Banner surveyed an elementary, middle and high school classroom from Bluffton-Harrison schools regarding the following three questions:

1. What is your favorite Thanksgiving food or tradition?
2. What are you thankful for this year? Why?
3. How do you serve those around you?

Below are some of the students' responses, filled with fond memories, special recipes, family jokes — and an occasional misspelling.

Mr. Harter: 4th Grade

Oliver Andrews: "I am thankful for sunshine and rain thank you for joy thank you for pain it is truly butiful day here in wells county community and the citizens are beautiful."

Eileen Christlieb: "My mom's crispy mac and cheese. Her mac and chesse is crisy."

Naomi Dailey: "My favorite Thanksgiving tradition is playing 1, 2 switch with my family on my nuntendo this is important to me because it always a way for us to bond also I think it's very funny when my uncle buddy plays the runway game because he sticks out his hips when he does it."

Rylee Donovan: "My favorite Thanksgiving food is my grama's pumpkin pie. Because I only get it once a year. My favorite

Thanksgiving tradition is we play B-I-N-G-O every year."

Abby Garrett: "I make a difference in others lives by being patient with people because I never know what their going through."

Bryson Gray: "My favorite Thanksgiving food is gramas mackin chess. Becus she macks it so creme and dulisis."

Noah Hall: "By giving them what they want. Or give them a drink."

Ava Hargrove: "You can say thank you hello. You can open a door for someone. You can be polite. And be fair and you can be loyal."

Ariana Herrada: "My favorite Thanksgiving food is deviled eggs. Because my mimi made them that is why."

Emma Lesh: "My favorite Thanksgiving food is turkey. It's my favorite food because me and my family break the wish bone every year. Me and my family help make the turkey. I am thankful for family and friends because if we didn't have friends or family then who would you celebrate with."

Hudson Smith: "I am thankful for being able to have a family to play with. And a big feast. Because it's nice to have that."

Jackson White: "I'm thankful for many thing Thanksgiving, Christmas, and my birthday are a few things I'm thankful for. I am thankful because I have a lot of things to celbrate and look forward to."

Mrs. Tijerina: 6th Grade English, 3rd Period

Jordan Barkley: "I serve others around me by helping my mom at church in the special needs ministry. I love helping other people in

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Today	Thursday	Friday
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Low 31	Low 25	Low 22

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What's on the menu?

Foregoing many of the holiday's classic dishes, Bluffton-Harrison preschool students enjoyed some of their favorite snacks during their Thanksgiving meal. At left, Addilyn Carr (right) looks for Charlie Gillette (left) to pass the popcorn in Karen Bell's classroom. Below, Elija Patterson in Jaci Moser's class enjoys a green grape. (Photos by Holly Gaskill)

mom and dad because they are always there when I need it. I think I help people see the glass half full or trying to help someone with a question in math. I might help brighten their day."

Dominic Wilson: "My favorite Thanksgiving tradition is having everyone meet at someplace, this used to be at my house, but we moved, so I think now we meet at my grandmothers house. It is important to me because now I don't get to see my family often since they live in Texas."

Lincoln Xayyachack: "My favorite food is; stuffing. My favorite tradition; getting together with friends/family."

Mrs. Chaney: 12th Grade English

Keturah Bradford: "I am thankful for the amount of support I have received this year from my family, friends, teachers, and even strangers because they have given me the strength to continue to work hard and stay strong. I serve those around me with my art. I draw for others often as a way to let them know they are appreciated and important to me."

Rehryn Brooks: "My favorite Thanksgiving tradition is playing pool or ping pong after we eat."

Chris Castaneda: "I am thankful for my family and coaches. My family was always there at my football games, and my coaches were always inspiring."

Jacob Chenard: "My favorite tradition is either setting up the turkey cooker and checking it every hour, or holding hands around the table and praying together. I am thankful for my friends and the laughs and jokes we've made. Without my friends, school would be even more exhausting than it already is, and work would be a pain to deal with as well."

Claire Craighead: "This year I am thankful for a wonderful family. I am thankful for this because the older we are getting the closer we have become, and I am excited to get to know my family differently."

Caleb Dailey: "My favorite Thanksgiving food is a noodle dish that my uncle makes each year called Knepfles (Kuh-nep-fleas)."

Kylie Frauhiger: "My favorite Thanksgiving tradition going around the room and sharing something we were thankful for the past year. I am thankful for my job, I am thankful for the relationships I have found, and the ministry it has proved to be."

Caleb Gerber: "I serve the people around me through acts of service and ensuring that they feel appreciated."

Haley Gibson: "I am thankful for my family because they never fail to encourage me to do my

best in everything. I am also thankful for my wonderful grandparents, and how blessed I am that they come to support me at all of my sporting events!"

Sareyna Jackson: "I try to serve those around me by being compassionate. With the people close to me, I offer an ear even if I am not sure if I can help. In general, I try to be patient with others; we all mess up sometimes."

Kayla Kiefer: "I am thankful for new friendships, which have encouraged me to enjoy this last year of school and life so much more."

Gissel Martinez: "My favorite Thanksgiving tradition involves food. My sister, mother, and I all make a raspberry pie together. We learned how from someone we hold dear, and so to honor her we make the pie she taught us to make so well."

Madison Murray: "My favorite Thanksgiving food is my grandma's baked mac n' cheese."

Ben Ramseyer: "I am thankful for my amazing family and my coaches this year. I am thankful for them because they have pushed me to become a better person and to become the best version of myself."

Elsie Schaden: "I am thankful for my family, friends, and all those people who are important to me and help me through life. I am also thankful for all the little things that are too many to count and many times go unnoticed and for granted."

Zoey Schmidt: "I am thankful for the people I am closest because they help me become a better person every day."

Frank Sewell, Jr.: "How I try to serve the people around me is by being supportive, understanding, doing task for them when ever I can, and love the pulchritudinous souls around me."

Tyrah Shaw: "This year, I am thankful for my friends and family. Sometimes, I feel like I take them for granted because they are always there for me. I often like to reflect on all the things and loving people I have in my life that some people don't get to experience. It is often hard to remember how to be grateful for common things in life, but it is good to dig deep within yourself and realize just how good life truly is."

Madison Smith: "I'm thankful for my friends, family, and pets because they take care of me and show me that there can be beautiful things in this world where we least expect it."

Many thanks to those at Bluffton-Harrison schools who assisted in putting this together, namely Thad Harter, Clarissia Tijerina, Jackie Chaney and Jessica Bricker. holly@news-banner.com

Weather

Wednesday, November 22, 2023
(24-hour observations at 10:05 p.m. Tuesday)
High: 50; Low: 38; Precipitation: 0.36 inches of rain
Wabash River Level (at the Main Street bridge): 1.30 feet at 9:45 p.m. Tuesday

Wells County forecast

Today: Mostly cloudy, with a high near 47. Northwest wind around 10 mph.

Tonight: Partly cloudy, with a low around 31. Southwest wind around 10 mph.

Thanksgiving Day: Sunny, with a high near 48. Southwest wind 10 to 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

Thursday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 25. North wind 5 to 10 mph.

Friday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 38.

Friday Night: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 22.

Saturday: Partly sunny, with a high near 39.

Saturday Night: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 23.

Sunday: A 40 percent chance of showers. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 41.

Sunday Night: A 30 percent chance of showers. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 25.

Monday: Partly sunny, with a high near 36.

Monday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 19.

Tuesday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 38.



Bluffton's newest officer was sworn in on Tuesday evening. (Photo by Dave Schultz)

New officer

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and Safety.

The purchase request to the Board of Works totaled \$20,290 for a mower that was described by the council members — Mayor John Whicker, Hunt and Mentzer — as one of the more competitive mowers on the market.

The board also approved a raise for Adryan Chacon of the Wastewater Collection Department. Chacon completed the first Commercial Driver's License training performed in-house by Brad Penrod, the city's CDL trainer. He will receive a \$3.50 per hour raise for his efforts.

In addition, the board

approved a \$1 per hour merit raise for Dave Hendricks of the Water Distribution Department for his skill as a supervisor.

"His knowledge of the water distribution plant and its systems is invaluable to us," said Jon Oman, the city's utility superintendent.

A State Revolving Fund claim involving a pay application for the Bluffton Timber Ridge Sanitary Sewer project was tabled. The application was deferred by the board due to a lack of clarity with the itemized bill and the amount of money owed. The amount to be paid tallies to \$294,865.48.

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Gratitude

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Christian Clubs: "I try to be kind and honest so that I can try and make the world better."

Rowan Drayer: "Something that I'm thankful for this year is people, like my mom and dad, neighbors, friends, cousins, etc. I'm thankful for them because they are fun to be around and can help me through hard times and they believe in me."

Mackenzie Dudley: "I am thankful for my teachers, parents, and FOOD! My teachers teach and help me with things, and I love all my teachers. My parents give me a roof and food to survive. I love my parents. Also I love food, and everyone in my family makes the best food!"

Molly Frauhiger: "I am thankful for many things but something big is my church. I chose my church because it is a place where anyone is welcome to come and worship GOD. And were you learn many great things. I serve those around me by helping when someone needs a hand and doing the right thing even when no one is whaching. I always try to be kind and show my light in school so others can know Jesus."

Tennley Goodwin: "What I'm thankful for is my family, especially my mom. Because without her I wouldn't be here and I wouldn't get to experience the amazing adventures or journey's in this world."

Brody Hohe: "My favorite Thanksgiving food is Turkey because my grandma puts lots of love and care in to it. I'm thankful for getting a chance to be in the paper because I think it's really cool."

Renley Hurst: "I am thankful that we moved into our new house, and my baby cousin was born. I'm so glad to have a new family member."

Kole Kiefer: "I am thankful for my family and everyone that can be there and I am thankful for the people who serve who can't be with their familys for Thanksgiving and also the food. And thanksgiving football."

Parker Klopfenstein: "My favorite Thanksgiving tradition is when my whole family comes this is important to me because we have family that live far away."

Wesley Kunkel: "My

favorite tradition on thanksgiving is getting up early to fry our turkeys because we have done it every year and it feels normal."

Olivia Morgan: "I serve those around me by being there for them when their upset and being kind."

Chance Moser: "My favorite food is my great grandma Sue Moser's debil eggs! There the best! I'm thankful for my Dad and Grandpa Doug for teaching me, and letting me get 3 groundhogs this year!"

Phoebe Mygrant: "My favorite Thanksgiving food and tradition is eat the meat that my Grandpa makes every thanksgiving and tradition is going to Grandpa and Grandma's house with mostly everyone in our family. It is important to me because my Grandpa cooks really good meat and I am glad that mostly everyone can come to celebrate Thanksgiving with family."

Colin Nunley: "My favorite thanks giving food is the ham my parents make, its not important but I just really like it."

Averie Pearson: "My favorite tradition for Thanksgiving is going to meat with my hole family and we all have so much fun, also we have so much food. Another tradition my family has is going black friday shopping super early in the morning, but just for the girls."

Erin Ramseyer: "I make a difference in the lives of others by helping cook the food on Thanksgiving which means my mother and aunts don't always have to do all the cooking."

Charlotte Rhoderick: "My favorite Thanksgiving food is pumpkin roll because when my gramother makes it I feel thankful that she's here."

Cheyenne Sonnigsen: "My favorite Thanksgiving food is corn cassroll. My family and I grow corn then fresse it then make things with it. Corn casroll is my favorite Thanksgiving food. Every year my whole family goes over to my Grandmaws and Grandpaws house to eat food and have fun. I love hearing everybody laugh. It is so fun!!!"

Delilah Traynor: "I'm thankful for covid to stop being suth a tarifying thing. I'm also thankful for my

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OBITUARIES

Nancy Lee Haiflich, 91

Nancy Lee Haiflich, 91, of Londonderry Village, Palmyra, Pa. passed away Thursday, Nov. 16, 2023.

Born Sept. 18, 1932 in Uniondale, she was a daughter of the late John W. and Glendora (Harris) Numbers and also preceded in death by a son Mickey Tex Haiflich and grandson Benjamin T. Miller.

She was a member of Lebanon Valley Bible Church, Lebanon.

Surviving are her husband of 74 years, Thomas E. Haiflich; daughter Vickie Lynn Miller (Norman) of Hummelstown, Pa.; grandchildren Jonathan N. Miller (Leslie) and Kimberly K. Lacktorin (Shad); and a great-grandson Caleb R. Lacktorin

A graveside service will be held in the Summer of 2024 at Indiantown Gap National Cemetery, Annville.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to True Life Youth Ministries at 1300 West Maple Street, Lebanon, PA 17046 <https://www.truelifeyouth.com>.

To share condolences and for a service update visit BuseFuneralHome.com.



Lee D. Oliver, 85

On Sunday, Nov. 19, 2023, Lee D. Oliver, 85 of Warren, began his new adventure with his savior, Jesus!

Lee was born on July 22, 1938, in Evergreen Park, Ill., to David Henry and Margaret (Ott) Oliver and graduated from Chicago Vocational High School in 1956. Lee honorably served in the U.S. Navy from 1956 to 1959. He married Marilyn (Hasler) Oliver on June 6, 1970.

He worked as a heavy equipment operator while living in California. Lee and Marilyn moved to Indiana in 1975 and he worked as a truck driver for 35 years.

Lee's love for Jesus led him on numerous short term mission trips to Ecuador, Romania, and Uganda. He also took part in many disaster relief trips within the U.S.

Survivors include his wife, Marilyn Oliver of Warren, brother, John Oliver of California, and nieces and nephews; Christine Dunn, Deb Hoagland, Tracy Oliver, Brooke Krupiczewicz, Brad Hasler, April Clopton, Melissa George, Ryan Hasler and Megan Madsen.

He is preceded in death by his parents and a brother, Richard Oliver.

Private family services will take place with burial at Marion National Cemetery in Marion.

Memorials may be made in Lee's memory to Helping Hands, Alive & Well or Loving Shepherd Ministries, and should be directed to the funeral home.

Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the care of the Lemler Family of Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home in Bluffton. Friends can share online condolences with the Oliver family at www.thomarich.com.

Hubert "Mack" Toliver, 78

Hubert "Mack" Toliver, 78, of Bluffton, passed away Tuesday morning, Nov. 21, 2023, at his residence.

Mack was born in Knoxville, Tenn. Dec. 26, 1944, to James and Dorothy Lee (Barrett) Toliver. He married Mary Ellen Bennett in Bluffton May 12, 1970; she survives.

Mack served in the United States Army from 1962 until 1965 and was a truck driver for 45 years. He was an avid Tennessee Volunteer fan and golfer and was known for his comment "It never rains on the golf course." He will be remembered by those who knew him as being very intelligent and quick-witted and being a great storyteller.

In addition to his wife, Mack is survived by three sons, William (Lisa) Toliver of Bluffton, Timothy Toliver of Knoxville, Tenn., and James (Erika) Toliver of Bluffton; three daughters, Michelle Toliver of Maryville, Tenn., Kathryn Perry of Bluffton, and Melinda (Mehdi) Zraidi of Bluffton; a brother, Danny (Connie) Toliver of Knoxville, Tenn.; along with 17 wonderful grandchildren and 15 amazing great-grandchildren.

Aside from his parents, Mack was preceded in death by a brother, William Jay Toliver.

Visitation will be Friday, Nov. 24, 2023, from 11:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m., at Goodwin - Cale & Harnish Memorial Chapel in Bluffton, followed immediately by a funeral service at 3:00 p.m., at the funeral home. Burial will follow at Six Mile Cemetery in Bluffton with military graveside rites conducted by the American Legion Post 111 of Bluffton in conjunction with the United States Army honor guard.

Memorial contributions may be made to the family, in care of the funeral home.

Online condolences may be made at www.goodwincaleharnish.com.



Lisa Jo Parrett, 47

Lisa Jo Parrett, 47, of Huntington, formerly of Decatur, died at 12:35 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 16, 2023 at Envide Healthcare of Huntington in Huntington. She was born Friday, Nov. 12, 1976, in Decatur.

Lisa is survived by her step-mother, Diane Parrett, Berne; brother, Mitchell Parrett, Bluffton; aunts and uncles, Jocelyn (Rudy) Bauman, Geneva, Mark (Nancy Scott) Davidson, Geneva, Mary Davidson, Berne; and one niece and two nephews.

She was preceded in death by her father, Roger Dean Parrett; mother, Deborah Ann (Davidson) Parrett; grandparents, Fred and Chloe Davidson, Annabelle and Meredith Parrett; and uncles, Jim Davidson, and Jim Zerby.

Family and friends may gather to share and remember at Downing & Glancy Funeral Home located at 100 N Washington Street Geneva, Friday, Nov. 24, 2023 from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

A service to celebrate Lisa's life will follow at Downing & Glancy Funeral Home at 1:00 p.m. Friday, Nov. 24, 2023 with Rev. Henry Schaadt officiating.

Arrangements are being handled by Downing & Glancy Funeral Home in Geneva.

Online condolences may be made at www.glancyfuneralhomes.com

BHMSD approves 2024 calendar and hires

By DAVE SCHULTZ

The board of the Bluffton-Harrison Metropolitan School District approved its meeting calendar for 2024, making notes on a couple of the meeting dates.

The board's January meeting will serve as its reorganization meeting for 2024, as has been its practice. The board will elect its officers for the new year at that time.

Also, the board left open the possibility for a second meeting in October, if one is needed for contract negotiations

All four members present — Bruce Holland, Mike Murray, Julie Thompson, and Trent White (Angie Sheets was absent) — approved the calendar, as they did on all but one measure in front of the board Monday night.

The only vote that was not 4-0 concerned a request for a Family Medical Leave Act for Jerry Murray, who is the son of board member Mike Murray. Mike Murray requested a separate vote on his son's request, and he abstained from voting.

Five other FMLA requests were approved unanimously. The employees involved were Angela DeHoff, Linda Penrod, Emilee Smith, Kierra Kinsey and Sara Runyon, with Runyon's request being "intermittent as needed."

The board accepted several donations — an anonymous gift of a book on the history of Wells County schools to the high school library, a gift of \$500 to the eSports/CyberTigers team from AdamsWells Internet Telecom TV, lesson resources for school counselors from the Wells County Foun-

ation and "Run Hard, Rest Well", \$1,500 for unpaid lunch accounts from Park Community Church, an anonymous donation of \$40 to the eSports program, a gift of \$100 for high school Life Skills field trips from Keven Shutt, and \$1,000 for expenses to the high school boys' swim team from Buskirk Engineering Inc. Another donation of \$600 came from Psi Iota Xi sorority, with \$200 each going to the elementary school, middle school, and high school libraries as part of their focus on literacy this year.

In other business: • The board is moving ahead for a bond sale on the high school building envelope project, with the closing on the bond sale set for Wednesday, Nov. 29. In connection with that, the board approved a recommendation to approve the use of a construction manager as contractor and to make an advance purchase of construction materials. The construction manager as contractor, known as CMC, will be the board's representative for the project. The advance purchase of construction materials will allow the board to avoid any price increases in the new year.

• Changes to three policies were approved. One, on community use of school facilities, had changes on first reading while two others, involving BMS and MHS consent forms, had changes on second reading. There were no changes to three other policies — on news media relations, news media services at board meetings, and on the use of students in public infor-

mation programs.

• Prices were raised for breakfasts and lunches purchased by adults to \$2.75 and \$4.70, respectively.

In addition, several employment recommendations were approved. They were:

• Kurt Smith and Jonathan Morgan, lead and assistant device repair technicians, respectively.

• Two men will trade custodial shifts at the middle school. Adam Shively will move from third shift to second shift and Doug Miller will move from second shift to third shift.

• Samantha White, part time special purpose bus driver.

• Two teachers were named long-term substitutes — Griselda Martinez, for Dharma Dynes, and Lisa Leising, for Lydia McConnell.

• Sidney Nash, childcare supervisor.

• Preston Kaehr and Sarah Bueter, substitute teachers.

• Accepting athletic positions were Luke Reust and Spencer Harris, high school boys basketball assistant coaches (Harris's position is volunteer); Brett Bothast, middle school boys basketball coach; Nick Krinn, Elliott Jimenez, Ryan Thomas, and Paul Parsley, all volunteer high school wrestling assistant coaches; Adam Atkins, high school boys head golf coach; Chad Grieser, fall sports event manager; and Addison Wheeler, Braden Lemberg, Noah Brooks, and Blake Reinhard, student lifeguards.

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Police Notebook

INCIDENTS

City:

Monday, 3:47 p.m., 200 block of West Market Street. Report of a civil issue, advised to coordinate property retrieval at future time with landlord.

Monday, 3:49 p.m., Masonic Lodge. Caller reported suspicious activity at lodge.

Monday, 6:01 p.m., 800 block of West Market Street. Caller requested restraining order and no trespass warning against subject.

Monday, 6:11 p.m., 3700 East 1200 North. Caller reported individual not giving back bike after he loaned it to him.

Monday, 6:45 p.m., 200 block of East Silver Street. Caller reported mother in law attempted to get into house, caught on camera. Woman not welcome.

Monday, 6:59 p.m., South Baldwin Street and West Central Avenue. Vehicle with smell of marijuana, one male juvenile detained.

Tuesday, 12:48 a.m., Bluffton City Hall. Car parked outside of City Hall, requested to get restraining order for someone.

Tuesday, 7:55 a.m., 500 block of Normandy Drive. Report of a theft of a vehicle.

Tuesday, 11:48 a.m., 1000 West Washington Street. Report of a man and woman walking behind dumpster and arguing. Jacket left near dumpster.

Tuesday, 1:29 p.m., 500 block of Eastmoor Drive. Welfare check requested for subjects after they failed to answer their phones for one hour.

County:

Friday, 3:11 p.m., 5700 South Meridian Road, Poneto. Report of fraud.

Friday, 3:54 p.m., Wells County Jail. Alexandra Gas-kill turning herself in on warrant.

Friday, 4:21 p.m., 2000 East 350 North, Bluffton. Caller reported a dead deer on their property. Requested tag; permit issued.

Friday, 4:54 p.m., 6700 South 600 East, Bluffton. Caller reported a man asked them for directions. Subject was elderly and confused.

Friday, 5:34 p.m., Ind. 124 and North 450 East, Bluffton. Report of plywood with 2x4s on it in roadway.

Saturday, 6:09 p.m., Ind. 1 and East 500 South, Bluffton. Car versus deer. Deer currently on the run.

Saturday, 5:11 p.m., 5161 Northwest Ind. 116, Markle. Caller reported that he loaned a subject he did not know very well his vehicle. Subject claimed they were in the hospital and did not know where the vehicle was. Caller advised he would give the subject more time to recover.

Saturday, 7:00 a.m., 1200 East 200 South, Bluffton. Subject on side of road, had a flat tire and waited for girlfriend.

Saturday, 10:34 p.m.,

Irish Acres. Report of suspicious behavior. Subject advised she was waiting for parent to get home to go inside. No further issues.

Sunday, 3:04 a.m., Ind. 1 and East 400 North, Bluffton. Officer pulled subject over after visually estimating him to be speeding approximately 10 miles over the limit. Officer noted the smell of burnt marijuana and alcohol. Officer also wrote that the subject had a green tongue and that this happens as a result of smoking marijuana. Subject had 0.09 BrAC. Transported to county jail.

Sunday, 2:37 p.m., 3800 East Ind. 218, Bluffton. Report of an injured deer. Deer put out of its misery and permit issued.

Sunday, 3:43 p.m., 200 block of South Ogden Street. Officer arrived to issue warrant for arrest for subject. Subject's brother spit in officers face and then head-butted him. Subject finally stopped after threatened with taser and joined his brother in jail. Trevor Bodwell was charged with battery on a law enforcement officer with bodily waste, a Level 5 felony, battery on a law enforcement officer, a Level 6 felony, assisting a criminal and resisting law enforcement, both Class A misdemeanors.

Monday, 4:12 a.m., 2100 East 800 South, Keystone. Caller reported subject knocked on her door and it scared her. Officer located the subject who was Amish and struggling with buggy lights, admitted to knocking on the door. Officer smelled alcohol from the man, who then blew a 0.149 PBT. Subject transported to Bluffton Regional Medical Center for a blood draw and horse and buggy taken home by separate subjects. Subject was charged with operating while intoxicated 0.08 or greater,

a Class C misdemeanor, operating while intoxicated — endangerment, a Class A misdemeanor, and received a citation for no tail lights.

Monday, 7:33 p.m., 8900 South Main Street, Petroleum. Caller reported someone called and threatened to kill him and his girlfriend. Stated subject sounded like they were laughing while talking. Advised to not answer and lock doors.

Monday, 11:04 p.m., 1500 North 100 East, Bluffton. Caller requested vehicle be towed due to being parked on property and in roadway. Officer noted vehicle was off the road and not a hazard, however, had it moved.

Tuesday, 7:23 a.m., South Meridian Road and East Main Street, Poneto. Car versus deer.

Ossian: Saturday, 7:52 p.m., East 1200 North and Ind. 1, Ossian. Caller reported driv-

er was tailgating them.

Sunday, 8:05 p.m., 5600 North 450 East, Ossian. Caller reported subject on property that would not leave.

Monday, 9:58 a.m., 200 block of South Ogden Street, Ossian. Registry check completed, officer found subject Avery Bodwell has failed to

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Corrections and clarifications

Bluffton-Harrison Middle School Principal Rick Mettler submitted his notice of retirement — not resignation — effective at the end of the academic year. This notice was accepted during the Monday evening meeting of the board of trustees' for Bluffton-Harrison schools.

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.

It was a dark and (sort of) stormy night

Many memories of that day are hazy. After all, it's been a few years.

I was in the eighth grade at the old Lincoln School in Decatur, a building that no longer exists. As we were filtering back up to the third floor after lunch period and into our classrooms, I noticed several teachers huddled closely together. It seemed unusual.

When the bell rang, our teacher — I do not remember his name, but am sure it was a "he" — didn't come in and begin what I think was a math class. The huddle persisted outside in the hallway. We took advantage of the extra free time — the usual early-teen banter. At some point, Mr. Whats-his-name may have come in and told us that our principal would be making an announcement. Or maybe, I think, he didn't even do that. It was another 10 minutes or so before Mr. Zerkel's deep baritone came over the speaker in each classroom.

I don't remember exactly what he said. It was obvious from his tone that something was amiss. Whatever the specific words were, we soon learned that our nation's president had been assassinated — a new word for us that would be forever burned into our brains. It would indeed have a distinct, perhaps unique meaning for each of us. To this day, when we Boomers hear that word — "assassination" — we think of one particular person. Or maybe two. Or three.

No more teenage banter. A very quiet room. I do recall there was a lot of uncertainty. It was obvious that the teachers were in no mood to teach and we learners were in no mood to learn. What to do? We did not have televisions in each room at the time so they put a radio- news feed over the intercom and we listened to that for awhile. Perhaps even an hour or so. Then we were dismissed for the day.

We lived only about three blocks from the school. It doesn't seem like it was a particularly cold day but it was cloudy. Rain threatened. Mom was not working outside the home at the time. When I walked in the back door, she didn't seem surprised to see me home early. I think she'd been crying. We didn't say much.

I had a newspaper route at the time so I changed clothes, bundled up and rode my bike downtown — only another few blocks in a different direction.

The paperboys gathered in what we called the "bullpen," a small room next to the pressroom, accessible via the alleyway. Usually, by the time we'd get out of school and downtown, our papers might be ready for us. Not today. Not only were we early, but word soon came that the press run would be late as the crew was working to get as much up-to-date information as possible into that day's edition.

Another quiet room. I do not recall having any kind of a conversation with anyone.

It was getting dark by the time I got my papers, got them either folded or rolled up and placed in my paperbag and attached to my bike handles. And then it began to rain.

That's what I clearly remember about Nov. 22, 1963 — passing those papers in the gloaming dark, in the rain. Not heavy, but steady. Most of my 70 or 80 customers were apparently watching for me and came out to get the paper as I approached their porch.

And just like that, it is 60 years later.

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In praise of the Pilgrims

The Pilgrims were, to use the hostile term applied to Israelis in the debate over Palestine, unquestionably "settler colonialists."

As such, they are increasingly out of favor as Thanksgiving begins to suffer some of the erosion that has drastically diminished Columbus Day. Thanksgiving is too big a holiday to get dethroned, at least anytime soon, but it's worth sticking up for the Pilgrims now accused of myriad sins.

They have, no doubt, been simplified, airbrushed and romanticized over the years, yet that's no reason to make them cardboard cut-out villains in a morality tale about the evils of European civilization.

Theirs is a story of extraordinary endurance and faithfulness, in which can be seen glimmers of what would become a great experiment in republican government on these shores.

The Pilgrims were so-called separatists who rejected the Church of England. Harried out of England, they escaped to the Netherlands in pursuit of the right to worship as they pleased. Then, a group decided to make the leap across the Atlantic.

They didn't come to North America with overwhelming force; indeed, they barely had enough to survive. They left too late in the year (in early September) in a crowded ship, the Mayflower, that was a little longer than a tennis court and under-provisioned.

With 102 passengers in cramped, miserable conditions below decks, roughly 30 crew members, and two dogs, the Mayflower crossed the Atlantic in a hard, slow journey of about two months. It lost one passenger and gained another (a baby named Oceanus).

Approaching shore, in need of some basic governing document, they adopted the famous Mayflower Compact. The passengers resolved to "covenant and combine ourselves together into a civil body politic, for our better ordering and preservation, and furtherance of the ends aforesaid; and by virtue hereof to enact, constitute, and frame such just and equal laws, ordinances, acts, constitutions and offices, from time to time, as shall be thought most meet and convenient



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for the general good of the Colony unto which we promise all due submission and obedience."

In the Compact, as John Turner points out in his book, "The Knew They Were Pilgrims," the passengers didn't make the franchise dependent on church membership, and it was relatively inclusive in encompassing most adult men. The Pilgrims held annual elections. No, it's not the U.S. Constitution and doesn't represent pluralism as we know it, but in the context of the early 17th century, it's a step toward self-government all the same.

In the ensuing brutal winter, half of the passengers died.

One reason that the project didn't simply fail is that the Pilgrims formed a mutual-defense alliance with Massasoit, a Wampanoag leader, and learned much from the guide and interpreter, Squanto. As for Massasoit, he wasn't deluded. He wanted trade and an ally against his enemy, the Narragansett.

There was reason, then, to celebrate what we remember as the "First Thanksgiving." The Pilgrims had escaped starvation and wanted to buttress their partnership with Massasoit. "The Plymouth settlers and the Wampanoags did not always enjoy each other's company," Turner writes, "but on this occasion they did." That's a moment worth remembering.

Of course, the encounter between Europeans and Natives is laced with tragedy. It is important not to place the weight of all that history on the Pilgrims, though. Disease had decimated Native American populations before they arrived. The peace with Massasoit was long-lasting. The cataclysm of King Phillip's War didn't come for another half-century.

If the Pilgrims were sharp-elbowed in defending their interests, they weren't the only ones. North America was the ever-shifting site of commercial, territorial and power rivalries between and among Europeans and Natives alike. That's not really unusual.

Still, the story of the Pilgrims stands out, a people making their own way into a new land against the odds and, after barely hanging on, experiencing a nearly limitless bounty that Americans enjoy to this day.

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Abortion is the third rail that will kill a No Labels presidential bid

In announcing last week that he will not seek reelection to the Senate — and hinting at a third-party presidential bid — Sen. Joe Manchin III (D-W.Va.) wrote an op-ed in which he decried the lack of bipartisanship in Washington. His first example? The Senate's failure to pass his legislation to reverse *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization* and codify *Roe v. Wade*.

Big mistake. Abortion is the third rail that will kill a No Labels presidential bid — and the *Dobbs* decision is what makes a No Labels bid viable.

The rap against No Labels is that a 2024 ticket will help elect Donald Trump by siphoning votes from President Biden without drawing significant Republican support away from Trump. Well, if Manchin runs next year on a promise to reverse *Dobbs*, that will definitely be the case.

The GOP is a pro-life party. According to Gallup, more than three-quarters of Republicans call themselves "pro-life" — the most in nearly 30 years of Gallup polling — and 93 percent support restrictions on abortion that were not permissible under *Roe*. This means that if No Labels wants Republican voters, it will have to win over pro-life Republicans.

Many of the Trump-skeptical Republicans it hopes to attract held their noses and voted for Trump in 2016 precisely because the Supreme Court was on the ballot. After the death of Justice Antonin Scalia, the court's conservative majority was in



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peril, and Trump promised to nominate conservative justices. He kept that promise, putting three outstanding (and young) conservatives onto the high court who delivered the votes for the historic *Dobbs* decision. Does Manchin think these Republican voters are now going to turn around and opt for a third-party ticket that promises to overturn the decision that was the very reason they grudgingly supported Trump in the first place?

Ironically, that decision is what has freed pro-life Republicans to consider voting for No Labels. *Dobbs* took the abortion issue out of federal hands and sent it to the states. That means No Labels can be neutral on abortion, promising to let states sort it out, which would allow it to appeal to both abortion opponents and supporters.

No Labels should take a position similar to that of former South Carolina governor Nikki Haley, who has correctly pointed out that there are not enough votes in the Senate for federal abortion legislation anyway. Manchin opposes getting rid of the filibuster, which means 60 votes would be needed to pass a law either restricting or loosening abortion access. Why would No Labels take a divisive stand — one it cannot deliver on — that would only alienate the very voters it needs to win?

No third party has ever come close to winning the presidency, but there are reasons next year's election might be a moment that defies this history. First, the level of dis-

satisfaction with both parties' leading candidates is unprecedented. Large majorities of Americans say they do not want a Trump-Biden rematch. But few Republicans who don't want Trump will vote for Biden, and most Democrats who don't want Biden as their nominee certainly won't vote for Trump. They have no safe harbor. A bipartisan unity ticket could give them the palatable alternative they are longing for.

Conservative voters who would normally never even think of supporting a third-party nominee might be willing to consider doing so this time around, given they just secured a 6-3 conservative majority on the court. Many pro-life Republicans might feel free to take a risk — but not for a ticket that promises to reverse the gains they've made in the Supreme Court.

No Labels should appeal to them by focusing on forging bipartisan consensus on other pressing issues — such as inflation, jobs, border security and crime — not on divisive topics such as abortion. The only way No Labels stands a chance of being more than a spoiler is if it appeals to and wins a substantial share of the Republican vote. And the only way it can do that is by remaining neutral on abortion.

It is not clear whether No Labels will field a ticket, or whether Manchin would head it. But this much is certain: Without the votes of pro-life Republicans, No Labels has no path to victory. If No Labels runs on a promise to codify *Roe*, it will not only lose — it will also put Donald Trump back in the Oval Office.

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Nine fun facts about Thanksgiving to share around the dinner table.

- The first Thanksgiving was celebrated in 1621 over a three day harvest festival. It included 50 Pilgrims, 90 Wampanoag Indians, and lasted three days. It is believed by historians that only five women were present.
- Turkey wasn't on the menu at the first Thanksgiving. Venison, duck, goose, oysters, lobster, eel, and fish were likely served, alongside pumpkins and cranberries (but not pumpkin pie or cranberry sauce!).
- Abraham Lincoln proclaimed Thanksgiving a national holiday on October 3, 1863. Sarah Josepha Hale, the woman who wrote "Mary Had A Little Lamb," convinced Lincoln to make Thanksgiving a national holiday after writing letters for 17 years.
- The history of U.S. presidents pardoning turkeys is patchy. Harry Truman is often credited with being the first president to pardon a turkey, but that's not quite true. He was the first to receive a ceremonial turkey from the National Turkey Federation — and he had it for dinner. John F. Kennedy was the first to let a Thanksgiving turkey go, followed by Richard Nixon who sent his turkey to a petting zoo. George H.W. Bush is the president who formalized the turkey pardoning tradition in 1989.
- There are four towns in the United States named "Turkey." They can be found in Arizona, Texas, Louisiana, and North Carolina.
- The average number of calories consumed on Thanksgiving is 4,500.
- Butterball answers more than 100,000 turkey-cooking questions via their Butterball Turkey Hotline each November and December.
- The tradition of football on Thanksgiving began in 1876 with a game between Yale and Princeton. The first NFL games were played on Thanksgiving in 1920.
- More than 54 million Americans are expected to travel during the Thanksgiving holiday this year. That's up 4.8% from last year.

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Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Wednesday, Nov. 22, the 326th day of 2023. There are 39 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: On Nov. 22, 1963, John F. Kennedy, the 35th President of the United States, was shot to death during a motorcade in Dallas; Texas Gov. John B. Connally, riding in the same car as Kennedy, was seriously wounded. Suspected gunman Lee Harvey Oswald was arrested. Vice President Lyndon B. Johnson was sworn in as presi-

dent.

On this date:

In 1718, English pirate Edward Teach — better known as "Blackbeard" — was killed during a battle off what is now North Carolina.

In 1906, the "S-O-S" distress signal was adopted at the International Radio Telegraphic Convention in Berlin.

In 1935, a flying boat, the China Clipper, took off from Alameda, California, carrying more than 100,000 pieces of mail on the first trans-Pacific airmail flight.

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The times they are a changing; a reflection at 75

I'm celebrating my seventy fifth birthday. How can that be? I'm three-quarters of a century old! That sounds so ancient for some reason. My dad would be surprised at the whole concept for he said to me during an exceptionally trying time in my teen years, "If you don't change your ways, you will be dead or in jail by the time you are 35."

That reminds me of a Bob Dylan song, "The Times They Are A Changin'." As I look back on the three quarters of a century that I have inhabited this earth, there have been some major changes.

To name a few: Telephones for one. When I was a kid, our phone hung on the wall, and you cranked the side handle to dial the number, which weren't numbers but a combination of rings. You spoke into a cone shaped receiver on the box, and you listen with a piece held to your ear. Our number was two shorts rings and one long ring. My grandma's number was two longs and one short. I remember this

because I had to listen very closely because my family shared the line with five others whose number would ring into our phone. The party line was an interesting concept. My mother warned me to mind what I said on the phone because our neighbor Margaret would listen to everyone's call and there was no such thing as privacy. Whatever was said became common knowledge in the neighborhood by nightfall.

When I was in eighth grade in the early sixties, a speaker from Michigan Bell came and spoke of the phones of the future and how we would be talking without a cord attached and would be able to call anywhere in the United States at no charge. He had a prototype. It was the size of man's shoe. We all thought he was crazy.

Today I talk into my watch just like Detective Gadget or Maxwell Smart. Medical Advances have changed.

My grandma had to have her cataracts removed. It was a very scary procedure. My mother visited her in the hospital where Grandma was recovering. Her



recovery would take six weeks, and her head was surrounded by sandbags. She wasn't allowed to move her head the entire time. To a six-year-old that sounded entirely impossible. I prayed for her every night that she would not go nuts from lying there doing nothing.

Today cataract surgery is on an outpatient basis. You go in and after a few hours you head home. Wouldn't Grandma have really liked that!

Nightly family entertainment has changed.

I remember sitting at my dad's feet as we listened to the show, "Behind the Green Door", a radio show that to this day just the mere thinking of it sends chills up my spine. We also would listen to ballgames, the news, and music. We laughed, talked and learned how to play card games.

Television was invented during my childhood. Mercy, I am old! The first time I saw a television was at an appliance store. My dad had gone in to see what the fuss was all about. As I entered the store, the television was displayed in the center of the room. It was a small box, and a very small man

was inside it. He looked right at me and sang, "I'll take you home again Kathleen." I did an immediate 180 and dashed out the door. It took my dad two blocks to catch me. I wasn't going anywhere with that guy, and besides I couldn't fit in that box anyways. It took my dad a long time to convince me that he was an entertainer and that he didn't know my name.

When we got a TV, it was the neighborhood attraction and the only one in our township. Lots of people would 'happen to stop by' and stay until the screen would turn to snow. There was no discussion as to what channel we would watch because there was only one. I remember the sound of the National Anthem was a signal I needed to fall asleep because my parents would soon be upstairs.

Today I channel surf to find something that appeals to me. The choice of over 300 channels alone is enough to waste a person's time. Plus, some of the content would make my mother blush. And because we have multiple televisions in our home, everyone can watch what they want.

But some things haven't changed.

The importance of family and friends

As a child, my family was the center of my world. We played

together. We learned together. We survived together. It was their love that welcomed me home after a day of school, and it was that same love that waved goodbye as I grew and spread my wings.

Today, my parents are gone, and even my siblings but now my family is my spouse and children. Love is the center and continues to be the foundation of everything.

Friends may have changed but the essence of friendship has not.

Recently I visited with college friends that I hadn't seen in close to forty-five years. It amazed me how much joy I felt as we spent time remembering and catching up. It was as if we had never been apart.

HERE'S THE THING: Things change. In the seventy-five years that I have taken in air, change is the only constant. There are three things I know. My dad was right. I am not in jail, and I am still breathing. So, I must have changed too.

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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.

Gloria shares her Thanksgiving traditions – new and old

Thanksgiving greetings from our home to yours.

Thanksgiving, in our home, spells out relaxation, kin, and gratitude.

Thanksgiving is not celebrated the same each year. As a girl, I enjoyed the challenge when our teacher would give us of writing assignments of the word Thanksgiving written down the left side of a paper. Then using each letter, we wrote something we were thankful for, starting with the letters of 'Thanksgiving'. We'd make lists of things that we liked or tasted good and enjoyed. Were we also thankful for hard things? I don't recall we were, but then what would we do without them?

Gatherings with my cousins was a highlight. Everyone chipped in with the Thanksgiving or Christmas feast. Grandma loved hosting all of us in the basement of their home. She was constantly bustling here and there, making sure everything was taken care of. Her cooking expertise kept

us coming back for more. She was especially known for her tasty pies and old-fashioned stuffing, or dressing, as we called it. In the afternoon Grandma and my aunts would take the leftover mashed potatoes, gravy, and turkey to make soup for all of us.

Games, snacks, and stories were always a big part of our times together. In my earlier years Grandma would keep a stash of Smarties in her bureau drawer, where we were free to help ourselves every time we came to her house. I can still feel the excitement of peeping in among her black socks, to see if she was stocked with candy for us.

On some Thanksgivings we would put the names of all the church families and single households into a pot then mix them up and draw papers to see who would go where for the day. To us children it was a huge concern that at least a couple of children our age would be on the same group as we, so we could play games. Board



games such as Farming, Masterpiece, and Monopoly were the go to the time.

A couple of years ago Daniel and I spent our Thanksgiving at home as a family, in the afternoon Daniel helped the children and I make cut-out cookies. Those are special memories for the children who were old enough to remember.

Perhaps I should make cut-outs with them again to help bring back those memories. Then I wonder too, how I can most effectively plant Thanksgiving into the hearts of our children- not just on the holiday, but actually in their hearts. Maybe by example? I also appreciate my sister-in-law's encouragement from time to time, "The people that make life the hardest for us also bring the greatest opportunity for us to have our character strengthened, if we allow it to." Isn't that thankfulness-utilizing bad for good?

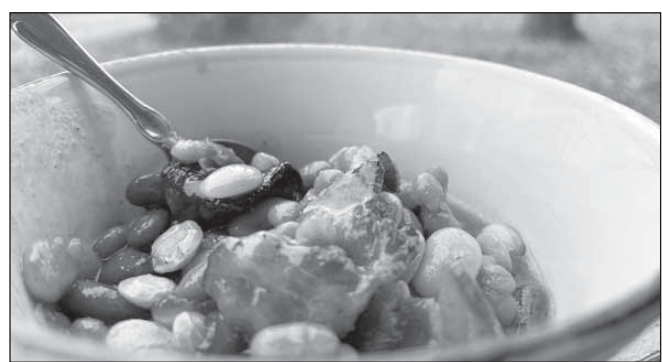
Those who expect life to bring hardships and even unfair situations are pleasant people to have around.

We don't feel like thanking God for these hard things, yet as we muster the courage to do so, we find deeper heart healing taking place as He honors that act of faith.

I do not say that lightly. Some situations are completely unfair and beyond repair in our way of viewing things.

A few months before Daniel went to heaven the two of us were praying about things that had transpired in my life, leaving my heart broken in a thousand pieces. Daniel asked God what we can do with it. A simple statement came to his mind, "God specializes in healing broken things." Together we gave it to God.

The simple trust of a child



who knows that his or her parent will give him all he really needs is a truly happy child. (I have no brags here!) And what is more disturbing than to listen to the whining of a self focused child- or adult, for that matter?

This Thanksgiving, what is that one difficult thing you and I will thank God for? Be on the look out for change in positive directions; faith never goes unseen before the Father.

If you have a chance, be sure to try this yummy bean dish for your Thanksgiving feast.

Three Bean Casserole
1 can kidney beans
2 cans baked beans or

pork'n beans
1 can lima beans
6 strips bacon
1 1/2 teaspoon garlic powder
2 onions, cut into rings
1 teaspoon dry mustard
1/2 cup brown sugar
1/4 cup vinegar

Pour beans into a 4 quart casserole dish. (I prefer cooking my own beans instead of store-boughten)

Cut bacon into bit-sized pieces and brown with garlic powder and onions.

Just before bacon is crisp add mustard, brown sugar, and vinegar. Simmer 10 minutes, stirring often. Pour over beans, stir, and bake covered at 350 for 45 minutes..

Chamber seeks nominations for citizen and business of the year

The Wells County Chamber of Commerce is seeking nominations for Citizen of the Year and Business of the Year to be awarded at the Annual Dinner & Awards Ceremony. Nominations are due on Monday, November 27.

Citizen of the Year

When choosing a citizen of the year nominee, think about how the individual

- has given ongoing support to the community
- clearly demonstrates leadership and hard work
- makes Wells County a better place to live

To submit a nomination, please provide the following information: Your contact information (name, phone number and email address), the name of the Wells County citizen you would like to nominate and why they are worthy of this honor.

Business of the Year

When choosing a business of the year nominee, think about how the business

- has made an impact on you and many others in the community
- positively contributes to the quality of life in Wells County
- goes above and beyond for their customers

To submit a nomination for either award, please provide the following information: Your contact information (name, phone number and email address), the name of the Wells County citizen or business you would like to nominate and why they are worthy of this honor.

Support letters and other documents are also encouraged. Nomination are due by Nov. 27 by mail or email.
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Christmas at the Limberlost Cabin

On Sunday, Dec. 3 the Limberlost Historic Site in Geneva in will host a Christmas program from 1 to 5 p.m.
Visitors are invited to see the cabin decorated for the holiday, listen to some carols and enjoy some cider. Admission is \$6 and reservations are asked to 317-232-1637

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Tigers net 75 points in win over Bulldogs, improves to a perfect 5-0 on the season

By RYAN WALKER
NEW HAVEN — It didn't start off as hot from the start, but Bluffton rolled to a 75-49 victory over New Haven Tuesday night with another 70-plus point performance.

This was the third time in the early season the Tigers, now 5-0, accomplished the mark in comparison to zero times last year.

Bluffton head coach Doug Curtis, who was hired last April, has only got to see his group for a short amount of time. He was able to grasp some of the team's potential in shootouts over the summer and expected to perform well early, but the amount of scoring has been a pleasant surprise.

"We're seeing some of that stuff I just didn't know was going to translate into scoring 70 in a lot of the games against teams that we are better than to start with," Curtis said. "So, I'm not surprised at 5-0. I'm more surprised at the outcomes of the 5-0."

But who would have thought that the Tigers would score that much with an ice-cold 2-16 from the field with 1:55 left in the first quarter?

The team had good looks while solving New Haven's aggressive zone defense. For the most part, they did, but shots clunked off the rim.

According to Curtis, the team's slow start was attributed to a slow pace. He thought the team played tentatively with the ball and didn't get to its bread and butter on defense to turn into offense. But once the

team started to force some turnovers, the shots started to fall.

With 32 seconds left in the opening period, Madyson Sonnigsen drained a three-pointer on the left wing to regain the lead at 11-8, and at the buzzer, she hit another in the exact same spot.

With turnovers leading to better chances on the offensive side of the floor, Curtis decided to throw a curveball at the Bulldogs. The Tigers went into a full-court press and it immediately paid off.

Isabella Stout scored six of her team-high 19 points in the first minute of the second quarter on transition buckets. Haley Gibson then scored on another fast break and hit a three shortly after.

To put the nail in the coffin, Sonnigsen hit another buzzer-beater three from the same spot, again with a few ticks left on the clock, helping Bluffton take a 19-point lead at the half.

"The press picked our pace up a little bit, and I thought (the team) did a good job anyways right after that first quarter, maybe at the end of the first quarter, starting to get the transition going by applying the defense," Curtis said. "Our transition was really good again."

Bluffton continued to shoot the rock better and create from its defense. In the third quarter, only one shot didn't fall in the 12 attempts. Bluffton outscored New Haven 25-12 and put the game away.

The team went from a 21 percent rate from the field in the first quarter to

a 44 percent clip for the game in total. But because of the fast break points, the Tigers got better looks close to the basket. The shots from mid-range and beyond were a struggle, and Curtis acknowledged that part of the game to be worked on.

"We're physical going into the rim and things like that, but we've got to shoot the ball a little bit better," Curtis said. "We've got to keep working on that. It's a work in progress."

Bluffton will host South Adams at 7:30 p.m. on Friday night.

The Tigers also won the junior varsity game 34-6 in three quarters. Addison Kauffman was the leading scorer with seven points, Piper Morgan and Eve Corkwell added five.

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BLUFFTON 75, NEW HAVEN 49
At New Haven
BLUFFTON (5-0): Isabella Stout 8-18 3-4 19, Madyson Sonnigsen 4-5 2-2 14, Konley Ault 6-13 0-0 12, Maryn Schreiber 5-10 1-6 11, Tressa Renner 3-6 1-2 7, Sophie Eisenhut 1-2 0-0 2, Addison Kauffman 0-1 0-0 0, Cayah King 0-1 0-0 0, Madelyn Funk 0-0 0-0 0, Marly Drayer 0-2 0-0 0, Addison Yates 0-0 0-0 0. TOTALS: 30-68 7-14 75.

NEW HAVEN (0-5): A'lanah Webb 7-24 3-4 20, Janiya Johnson 6-21 4-6 19, Monty Stewart-King 2-4 0-2 4, Aniyah Rozier 1-1 1-1 3, Hannah Goodrich 1-4 2-3 4, Brooklyn Dial 0-4 0-0 0, Mayzon Win 0-4 0-2 0, Madison Minton 0-0 0-0 0. TOTALS: 17-62 10-18 49.

Bluffton 14 22 25 24 — 75
New Haven 8 9 12 9 — 49
Three-point FG: Bluffton 5-12 (Sonnigsen 4-5, Gibson 1-5, Ault 0-2, New Haven 6-27 (Johnson 3-12, Webb 3-9, Win 0-4, Goodrich 0-1). Rebounds: Bluffton 41 (Schreiber 9, Renner 7, Ault 6, Drayer 6, Stout 4, Gibson 3, King 3, Sonnigsen 2, Eisenhut 1), New Haven 32 (Webb 11, Johnson 5, Dial 4, Goodrich 4, Rozier 4, Win 3, Stewart-King 3). Turnovers: Bluffton 16, New Haven 19. Fouls: Bluffton 15, New Haven 11. Fouled Out: New Haven Dial. Technicals: None. JV: 34-6 Bluffton.



Isabella Stout hugs the baseline as she drive around New Haven's Monty Stewart-King Tuesday at New Haven. (Photo by Glen Werling)

High School Calendar

WEDNESDAY, NOV 22
BOYS BASKETBALL: Carroll at Norwell, 6:15 p.m.; Belmont at Southern Wells, 7:30 p.m.

WRESTLING: Norwell at North Miami, 6:30 p.m.

THURSDAY, NOV 23
No events scheduled.

FRIDAY, NOV 24
GIRLS BASKETBALL: South Adams at Bluffton, 7 p.m.

SATURDAY, NOV 25
GIRLS BASKETBALL: Angola at Norwell, 12:30 p.m.; Adams Central at Southern Wells, 7:30 p.m.

WRESTLING: Southern Wells at Home-

stead Super Duals, 9 a.m.

MONDAY, NOV 27
No events scheduled

TUESDAY, NOV 28
BOYS BASKETBALL: Norwell at Mississinewa, 7:30 p.m.

SWIMMING & DIVING (CO-ED): Concordia at Norwell, 5:30 p.m.; Bluffton at Jay County, 6 p.m.

WRESTLING: Eastside at Bluffton, 6:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, NOV 29
BOYS BASKETBALL: Bluffton at Blackford, 7:30 p.m.

GIRLS BASKETBALL: Southern Wells at Muncie Burris, 7:30 p.m.

Knights pull away in the second half to beat Cadets

By ANDREW FEEBACK

FORT WAYNE— The Norwell Lady Knights took home a 71-54 win over the host Fort Wayne Concordia Cadets Tuesday night, but they had to work a bit harder than the 17-point margin might indicate.

Despite turning the ball over 21 times in the first half and finishing the game with 32, the Cadets (1-4) managed to hang with the Knights (5-2) well into the third quarter before Norwell started to pull away.

"I thought their effort was outstanding; a lot of credit to Concordia," coach Eric Thornton said. "Their effort was better than ours at the beginning of the game. It really took us awhile to try and get momentum as a result of that. Big lesson for our kids. They've done a great job for the first six games of playing hard for four quarters. We didn't see that consistently tonight. I thought we saw it at times, but it certainly wasn't there at the beginning of the game on the defensive end."

Concordia scored six points in the final 42 seconds of the first quarter to draw within 16-14.

Norwell scored the next six points to begin the second, but Concordia came right back with five straight.

A three-pointer from the Cadets' Kaelyn Ortiz made it 27-24 before the Knights scored the last six points of the half.

Even with all the turnovers, Concordia stayed in the game thanks to scoring on the majority of its possessions that didn't result in a miscue. The Cadets finished 20 of 44 from the field, and but had been shooting around 50 percent until the fourth quarter.

Back to back three-point plays capped off a 9-1 burst to begin the second half, and suddenly, the Cadets were within 34-33.

Vanessa Rosswurm scored Norwell's next eight points and Kennedy Fuelling scored the next seven, which helped the Knights push their lead into double digits, 49-38.

Concordia got a bucket from Lauren Goodman to open the fourth quarter, but Norwell scored 13 straight to put it out of reach.

As the Knights built their lead, the Cadets seemed to start rushing shots and playing faster than they wanted to.

"I thought our defensive effort was where we wanted it to be at that time," Thornton said. "Our ball pressure was better, it makes kids play faster. Our offense is going to score off our defense, which we did in those situations. That's the way we need to be from the beginning of the game until the end."

Rosswurm led all scorers with 28 points while Fuelling added 22. Makenzie Fuess chipped in 10.

For Concordia, Goodman scored 18 and Alivia Bolinger had 11.

Thornton felt this game was a good experience for his team early in the season.

"I hope we learned a lesson tonight," he said. "This is the first game that I haven't seen us play with that type of intensity and effort at the beginning. We were a step slow, and it kept Concordia in the game."

Norwell will host Angola Saturday afternoon with a 12:30 p.m. varsity tip.

The Knights took the JV game 64-30. Macie Saalfrank scored 31 points, Larkin Smith had 14 and Makayla Young added seven.

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NORWELL 71, FORT WAYNE CONCORDIA 54
At Concordia
NORWELL (5-2): Addison Norris 0-0 0-2 0, Dekota Hubble 1-2 0-0 2, Kennedy Fuelling 8-16 5-7 22, Ryland Graft 0-0 0-2 0, Haley Green 3-5 0-2 6, Lillian Norris 1-4 0-0 2, Annabelle Johnson 0-3 0-0 0, Makenzie Fuess 4-13 0-0 10, Ali Riley 0-0 0-0 0, Vanessa Rosswurm 10-15 4-5 28, Larkin Smith 0-0 0-0 0, Ashley Waldman 0-0 1-2 1. TOTALS: 27-58 10-20 71.
FORT WAYNE CONCORDIA (1-4): Cailyn Bolinger 0-0 0-0 0, Adriauna Rogers 1-2 1-1 3, Alivia Bolinger 3-13 3-3 11, Sydney Reynolds 0-2 0-0 0, Jenna Akey 0-0 0-0 0, Nysia Walker 1-1 0-5 2, Lauren Goodman 7-9 1-1 18, Cella Kaiser 2-4 0-0 4, Kaelyn Ortiz 2-4 0-0 6, Jen Dressler 3-5 2-3 8, Sydney Blackwell 1-4 0-0 2. TOTALS: 20-44 7-13 54.
Norwell 16 17 19 19 — 71
Fort Wayne Concordia 14 10 16 14 — 54
Three-point Goals: Norwell 7-20 (Rosswurm 4-6, Fuess 2-5, Fuelling 1-4, Lillian Norris 0-3, Johnson 0-2), Fort Wayne Concordia 7-22 (Goodman 3-5, Ortiz 2-4, Bolinger 2-10, Reynolds 0-2, Rogers 0-1). Rebounds: Norwell 19 (Green 5, Fuelling 4, Fuess 4, Rosswurm 3, Johnson 2, Hubble 1), Fort Wayne Concordia 30 (Bolinger 12, Walker 4, Kaiser 4, Blackwell 2, Dressler 2, Goodman 2, Rogers 2, Reynolds 1, Akey 1). Turnovers: Norwell 13, Fort Wayne Concordia 32. Fouls: Norwell 16, Fort Wayne Concordia 17. Fouled out: None. Technicals: None. JV: Norwell 64, Fort Wayne Concordia 30.



Vanessa Rosswurm is left wide open for a three from the left wing Tuesday night at Concordia. (Photo by Glen Werling)

Norwell sweeps NE8 rival Columbia City in swimming

Both the girls' and the boys' swim teams for Norwell were victorious over Columbia City at home Tuesday night.

The girls won by a score of 116-64, while the boys finished 104-52.

Individual event winners for the girls:
• Renee Frazee, Addyson Heyerly, Ella Krug and Cassie Coyne in the 200-yard freestyle relay.

• Emerson Meredith Coyne, Frazee, and Heyerly in the 400-yard freestyle relay.
• Jillian Melcher, Marlee Meredith, Krug, and Meredith in the 200-yard medley relay.
• Melcher in the 50-yard freestyle.

• Emerson Meretih in the one-meter diving and 100-yard freestyle.

• Coyne in the 500-yard freestyle.

Event winners for the boys were:
• Ethan Williamson, Kale Meretih, Colten Strunk, and Rylan Heyerly in the 200-yard medley relay.

• Strunk in the 100-yard sly.
• Heyerly in the 100-yard freestyle.

• Gage Reinhard in the 100-yard backstroke.

• Williamson, Reinhard, Meredith, and Heyerly in the 400-yard freestyle relay.
Norwell will host Concordia at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 28.

Purdue pulls away late to beat Tennessee in Maui Invitational

By KALANI TAKASE
Associated Press

HONOLULU (AP) — Fletcher Loyer scored 27 points, Zach Edey had a double-double with 23 points and 10 rebounds and No. 2 Purdue escaped with a 71-67 win over

No. 7 Tennessee in the Maui Invitational semifinals on Tuesday.

The Boilermakers (5-0) separated in the final minutes with a game-closing 10-6 run to deny the Volunteers (4-1).

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Thanksgiving Family FUN PAGES

HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTIKOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Foot is moved. 2. Blanket is larger. 3. Curtains are longer. 4. TV is smaller. 5. Plant leaf is missing. 6. Moon is smaller.

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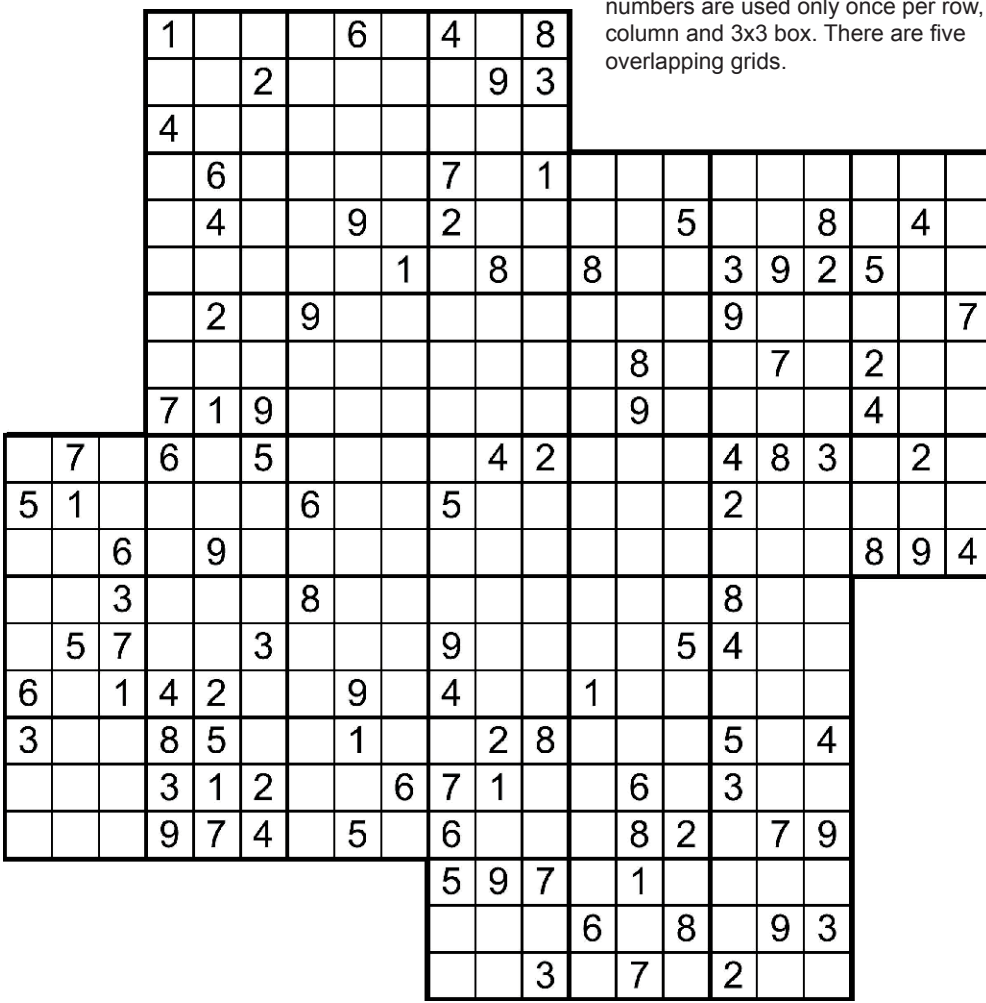
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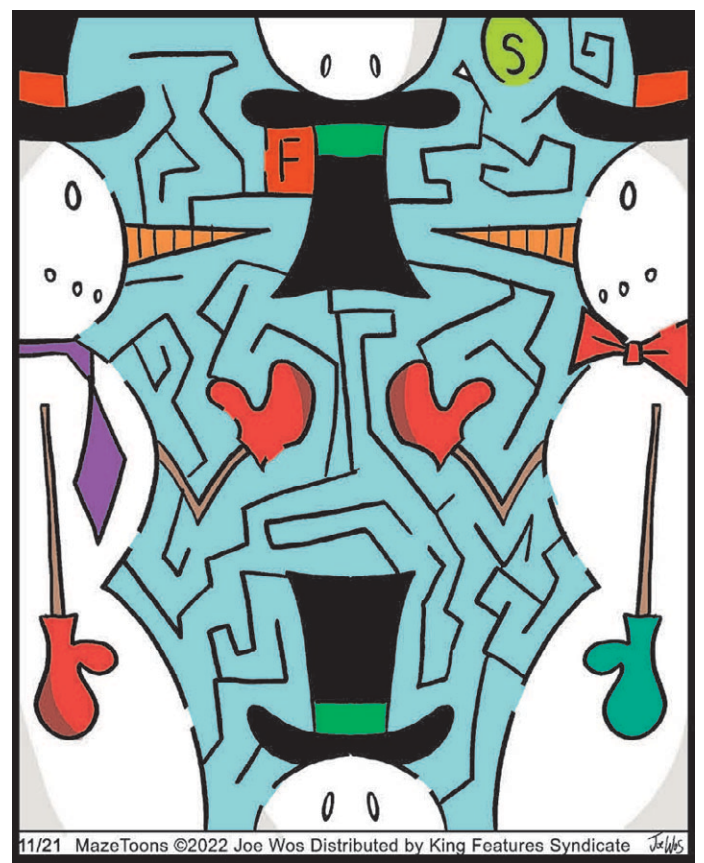


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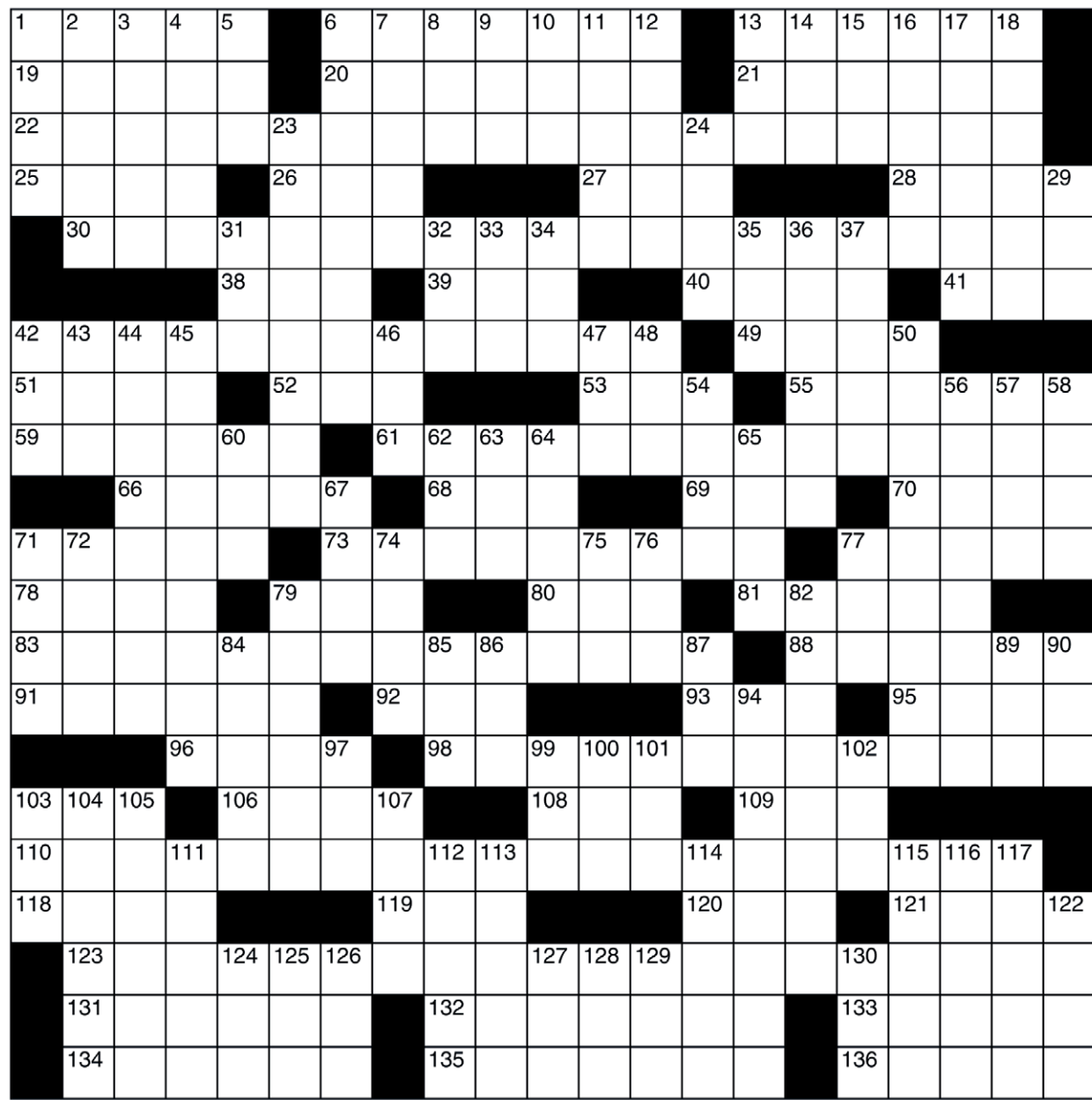
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ACROSS

1 Will, in the Bible
 6 Sang like a bird
 13 Modify
 19 Pages, e.g.
 20 Stone Age tool
 21 Simple shack
 22 "Well ... hop to it!"
 25 Pa's ma
 26 Mega-years
 27 Big record label, once
 28 Angers
 30 "Hamlet" monologue exhortation
 38 Singer DiFranco
 39 Skeletal bit
 40 Told fibs
 41 Fancy resort
 42 "Very sorry to hear that"
 49 Skidded
 51 Penn. of film
 52 Compass pt.
 53 Divested (of)
 55 Intl. cultural gp.
 59 Like lambs
 61 Voicing a question of curiosity
 66 Bush barb
 68 Misery
 69 Battery size
 70 Suffix with convert
 71 Army sites
 73 "Look ahead," to a drill instructor
 77 Wicked acts
 78 Regarding
 79 Downed
 80 Charged bit
 81 — Lauder
 83 Was the right thing, but didn't happen
 88 Steeds
 91 Set of seven
 92 That dude's

93 Ad about DUI, maybe
 95 Just makes, with "out"
 96 Prune a bit
 98 Be published
 103 — Moines
 106 "Back in Black" band
 108 Actress Poehler
 109 Many a charity gp.
 110 Poem that's the source of the phrase comprising the first words of 22-, 30-, 42-, 61-, 73-, 83- and 98-Across
 118 Viral GIF, e.g.
 119 Sci-fi saucer
 120 — Party
 121 Cookie giant
 123 Alternate title of 110-Across, with "The"
 131 Director May
 132 Shady giant
 133 Island ring
 134 Expunge
 135 More diluted
 136 Body of art?

DOWN

1 Like cut wood
 2 Pair of drum-kit cymbals
 3 "A Bell for —"
 4 Unleash on
 5 Airport org. flagging bags
 6 Parody-filled newspaper
 7 Gretzky of hockey
 8 Brian of rock
 9 School URL ender "... — a pudgy tat!"
 10 Orals, e.g.
 11 Clear, as a windshield
 12 Boxing great

14 Bear's home
 15 Bender
 16 Not suited
 17 Town that's home to the University of Connecticut
 18 Shredded
 23 Blitzzen, e.g.
 24 6'6", say
 29 Brine source
 31 Solo in films
 32 Mine find
 33 Game aim
 34 It aired "ER"
 35 Hi- — (stereos)
 36 Caviar fish
 37 Suburb of Minneapolis
 42 "Umami" taste source
 43 — -hawl!
 44 Simply must keep going
 45 At variance
 46 Dr. Kildare player
 Ayres
 47 "I heard him exclaim, — he drove out of sight ..."
 48 "Fine fellow"
 50 Paperboy, for one
 54 Gorilla guru Fossey
 56 Actress Leelee
 57 Pick out from others
 58 Some poems
 60 Plural of "el"
 62 Be in debt
 63 Some votes
 64 Zapping ER treatment
 65 Silver of statistics
 67 Neighbor of Belg.
 71 Party
 72 Netman Arthur
 74 "Uh-huh"
 75 Caviar base
 76 Inseparable
 77 DDE's WWII sphere

79 Chocoholic, e.g.
 82 Chinese port
 84 Oahu patio
 85 Road, in Italy
 86 Seer's "gift"
 87 "Fresh Air" network
 89 Dusk, to a bard
 90 Old Brit. Airways jet
 94 More heartfelt
 97 PC file that's shareable
 99 Fathers
 100 First-aid pro
 101 Writer Rand
 102 Nanki- — ("The Mikado" son)
 103 Block up
 104 Made level
 105 "Good as gold," e.g.
 107 Mötley —
 111 "Love Story" author Erich
 112 "He's a man — words"
 113 Dinero
 114 "With this ring — wed"
 115 Keno's kin
 116 Knight's mail
 117 Some pups
 122 Norway port
 124 Make haste
 125 Blast stuff
 126 Flying stinger
 127 Apartment divs.
 128 Archaic verb ending
 129 Dernier —
 130 Used a pew

CRYPTOQUOTES

The Cryptoquotes is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

Here's how to work it:
 AXYDLBAAXR is LONGFELLOW
 One letter stands for another. In this sample, A is used for the three L's, X for the two O's, etc.
 Single letters, apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are all hints.

- PDJ FH PSID LXVJDN, CSN XJ XH JUD
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- DGITI'Y YZOIDGCSK MEZXD M GZBCPMA
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 OZSIA AZX YLISP. — GCBMTCI EXTDZS
- EMQ UZP NXBB Z BMN ZIMQN Z
 CXVTMP IE NKX GZE (T)KX KZPHBXT
 NKVXX NKFPDT: Z VZFPE HZE, BMTN
 BQDDZDX ZPH NZPDBXH UKVFTNAZT NVXX
 BFDKNT. — AZEZ ZPDXBMQ
- UBMRFQ, E ZBMPFQBMP TFETYM, BT E
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Getting into the Thanksgiving mindset

Dear Annie

by Annie Lane



Dear Readers: As we enter into this holiday season with Thanksgiving starting tomorrow, it is a good time to start to live in the "gratitude flow" with life. When we are grateful for big and little things, we are actively and purposefully living a more grounded life. What we appreciate is appreciated.

The best way to do this is to start practicing gratitude at the beginning and end of each day. When you first wake up in the morning, try to think of five things that you are grateful for. Then, when you are getting ready for bed, think of five more things that you are grateful for. It might be helpful to think of five things that happened during the day because they are fresh in your mind.

Some people prefer to keep a gratitude journal, where they list all of the things they feel grateful for.

You will probably start off with the big things, but as the days go by, you can find more and more little things to be grateful for. It could be the delicious cup of coffee in the morning or how you heard your favorite song on the way to work. Whatever it is, just stick with it. The more you practice this exercise, the more you will find yourself noticing things to be grateful for.

I have always believed that it is better to want what you get than to get what you want, which is another way of stressing the importance of gratitude. Think of people you know who are cheerful and grateful for everything — they are always thankful for whatever they receive — and how

much you enjoy being around them.

But for many people, there is a natural tendency to criticize ourselves and others and to focus on what we lack. But gratitude is the ideal antidote to those negative feelings. In fact, whatever we focus on is what we attract. If we focus on lack, we get more of that. If we focus on abundance, we attract more abundance.

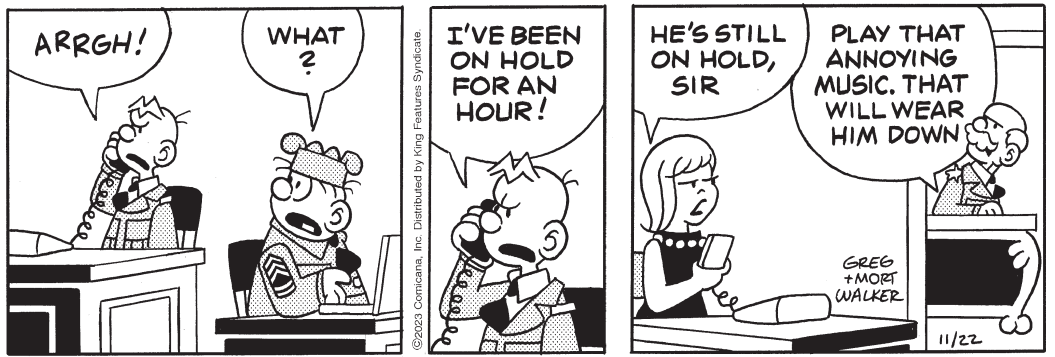
Oprah Winfrey attributes gratitude to her success and happiness in life. As she says, "Be thankful for what you have; you'll end up having more. If you concentrate on what you don't have, you will never, ever have enough."

The biblical phrase "my cup runneth over" is one of my favorite expressions. The more filled up we feel with love and gratitude, the happier we are, and the more generous we feel. Happy Thanksgiving!

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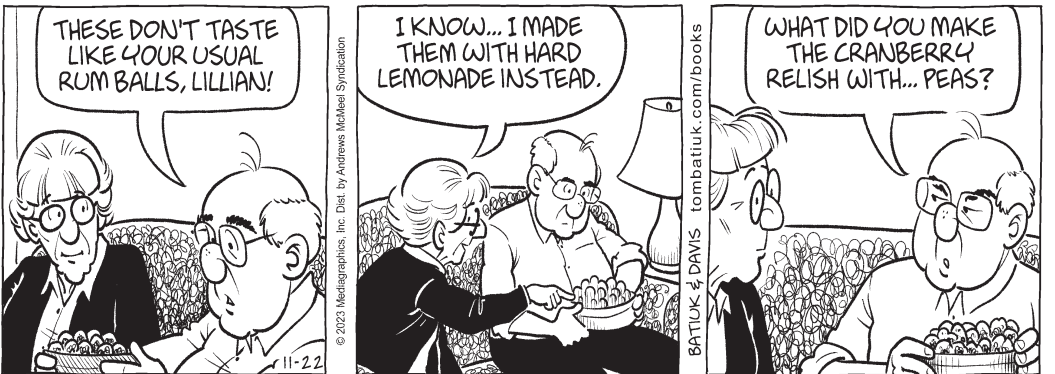
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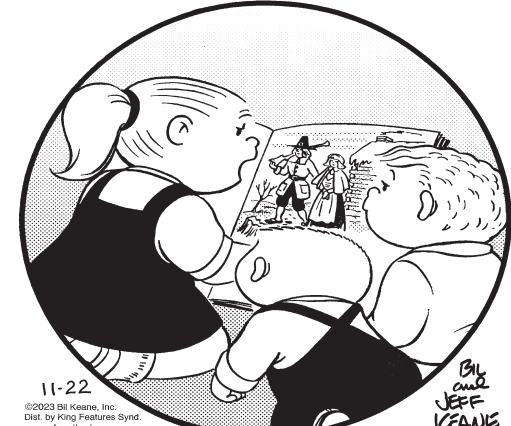


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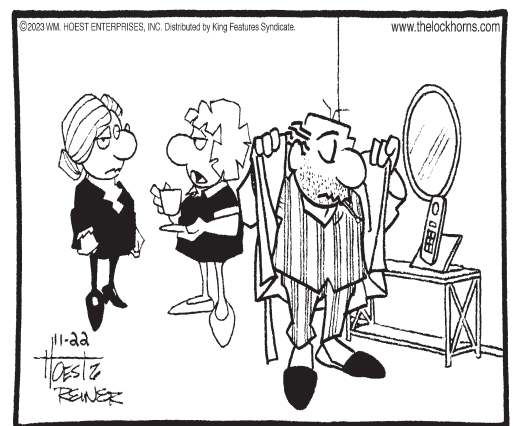
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My Answer

By Dr. Billy Graham



Only in fairy tales do people live charmed lives

Q: I lead a young adults Bible class and try to address the difficulties they face from a Biblical perspective. The things they deal with are overwhelming, but I believe that the issues confronting them have to do with an unhealthy focus on themselves. They are deceived, believing that life owes them a perfect life, yet their hearts are disenchanting when things don't go the way they expected. Does the Bible address this darkness that is permeating our culture, even in the church? —D.M.

A: Only in fairy tales do people live charmed lives. We may think that some people have it all, but if we turn the pages of their lives, we will see the sorrow and burdens they often bear. Sometimes

life touches one person with a bouquet and another with a thorn bush. But the first may find a wasp in the flowers, and the second may discover roses among the thorns.

The Bible speaks of deceptions in the last days. "Perilous times will come. [People] will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boast-ers, proud, blasphem-ers, disobedient to par-ents, unthankful, unholy, unloving, unforgiving, slanderers, without self-control, brutal, despisers of good, traitors, head-strong, haughty, lovers of pleasure rather than lov-ers of God, having a form of godliness but deny-ing its power. And from such people turn away!" (2 Timothy 3:1-5).

The focus on self has led our society into a fascina-tion with pleasure,

emotional and sexual stimulation, and "personal fulfillment." The com-pulsion for maximum personhood is evidenced every-where. The Bible never promised that life would be fair. Christian living that sounds like a magazine cover story may leave us unpre-pared for a world where Hell does break loose. For the Christian, though, God's Word tells us that Jesus came that we "may have life, and that [they] may have it more abundantly" (John 10:10, NKJV). We must keep our eyes on Christ and not others.

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