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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 kickstart 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."

"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

ties that their neighbors have at (Continued on Page 4a)

### 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 truely 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 cripsy."

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 Thaksgiving food is my grama's pumpkin pie. Because I only get it once a year. My favorite

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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 giveing 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 thankfull 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 (Continued on Page 2)

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Cloudy and cold today, a sunny Thanksgiving Day

Today	Thursday	Friday
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Low 31	Low 25	Low 22

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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, firends, 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 mhy 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 ankful 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 Turky becaus 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 becaue Grandpa cooks really good meat and I am glad that mostly everyone can come to celebrate Thanksgiving with

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.'

Ĕrin 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 thankul for my



#### 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. Elias Patterson in Jaci Moser's class enjoys a green grape. (Photos by Holly Gaskill)

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!"

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 ques-

tion in math. I might help

favorite Thanksgiving tradi-

tion is having eveyone 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

ing. My favorite tradition; getting together with friends/

> Mrs. Chaney: 12th **Grade English**

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

favorite Thanksgiving tradi-

tion is playing pool or ping

thankful for my family and

coaches. My family was

always there at my football

games, and my coaches were

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

friends, school would be

even more exhausting than it

already is, and work would be

year I am thankful for a won-

derful 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 differ-

ite Thanksgiving food is a

noodle dish that my uncle

makes each year called

favorite Thanksgiving tradi-

tion 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

people around me through

acts of service and ensuring

thankful for my fam-

ily because they never fail

to encourage me to do my

that they feel appreciated."

Caleb Gerber: "I serve the

Haley Gibson: "I am

Kylie Frauhiger: "My

Knepfles (Kuh-nep-fleas)."

Čaleb Dailey: "My favor-

ently.

to be."

Claire Craighead: "This

a pain to deal with as well."

Jacob Chenard: "My

Rehgyn Brooks: "My

Chris Castaneda: "I am

and important to me.'

pong after we eat."

always inspiring.'

Keturah Bradford: "I am

Lincoln Xayyachack: "My favorite food is; stuff-

Dominic Wilson: "My

brighten their day.'

in Texas."

family.

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

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

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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

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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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 mar-

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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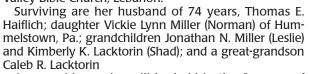
#### **OBITUARIES**

#### Nancy Lee Haiflich, 91

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

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

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



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 Ten-

nessee 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., Katheryn 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 Envive 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

#### **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 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

### 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 Foundation 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.

• 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 longterm 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 Kauffman, Grant Reifsteck, Isaac 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 retraining 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

**County:** 

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

Friday, 3:54 p.m., Wells County Jail. Alexandra Gaskill 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 girl-

Saturday, 10:34 p.m.,

picious behavior. Subject operating while intoxicated 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 coun-

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 headbutted 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,

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 Tuesday, 7:23 a.m., South

Meridian Road and East Main Street, Poneto. Car versus deer.

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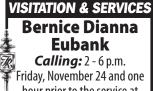
Saturday, 7:52 p.m., East 1200 North and Ind. 1, Ossian. Caller reported driv-

Irish Acres. Report of sus- a Class C misdemeanor, 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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the funeral home. **Service:** 10:30 a.m. Saturday, November 25 at the funeral home.

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#### 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.



Mark Miller

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 radionews 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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#### 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-

On this date:

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

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

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.



### 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

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 obedi-

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.

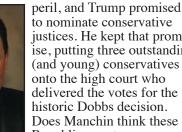
Big mistake. Abortion is the third rail that will kill a No Labels presidential bid — and the Dobbs decision

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 Repub-

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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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 Marc going to turn around and opt for a third-party ticket **Thiessen** that promises to overturn the decision that was the very reason they grudgingly sup-

> ported 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 sup-

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 dissatisfaction 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

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. Follow Marc A. Thiessen @marcthiessen on X

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### The times they are a changing; a reflection at 75

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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

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cept for he said

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ally trying time

in my teen years, "If you

don't change

your ways, you will be dead or

in jail by the



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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 con-

cept. 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

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 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

As a child, my family was the small box, and a very small man center of my world. We played

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

HERE'S THE THING: Things change. In the seventyfive 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 let-

### Gloria shares her Thanksgiving traditions – new and old

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.

Thanksgiving greetings us coming back for more. She was especially known for her tasty pies and oldfashioned 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

> 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.

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 on the same group as we, so Her cooking expertise kept we could play games. Board utilizing bad for good?

On some Thanksgivings

The Amish Cook

by Gloria Yoder

games such as Farming, Masterpiece, and Monopoly were the go at 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 to" Isn't that thankfulness-

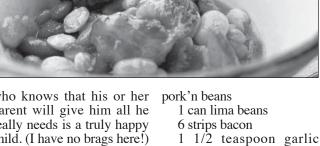
Those who expect life to bring hardships and even unfair situations are pleasant people to have around.

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

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

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 children our age would be strengthened, if we allow it 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

and I will thank God for? Be on the look out for change in positive directions; faith never goes unseen before the If you have a chance, be

is that one difficult thing you

sure to try this yummy bean dish for your Thanksgiving

**Three Bean Casserole** L can kidney beans 2 cans baked beans or at 350 for 45 minutes...

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

2 onions, cut into rings

1/2 cup brown sugar

1/4 cup vinegar

1 teaspoon dry mustard

Pour beans into a 4

Cut bacon into bit-sized

quart casserole dish. (I pre-

fer cooking my own beans

instead of store-boughten)

### 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-

#### **Christmas at the Old Fort**

On Saturday, Dec. 2, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Historic Fort Wayne will observe what life was like at Christmas during war times.

Visitors may talk with soldiers to find out what it was like in 1812 in Fort Wayne and what was going on in Virginia in 1770. Artisans will have hand-crafted gifts and sweet treats will be offered from a bake sale.

Parking is available in the lot across from the Fort, Admission is free to this event with freewill donations appreciated. Information at www.oldfortwayne.



& 8:30pm

Sunday, November 26th 2:15pm & 4:30pm

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

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 per-

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

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

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

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

team started to force some a 44 percent clip for the turnovers, the shots started 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

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

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, 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.



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 Fraze, Addyson Heyerly, Ella Krug and Cassie Coyne in the 200-yard freestyle relay.
- Emerson Meredith Coyne, Fraze, 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 div-• Coyne in the 500-yard freestyle.
- ing and 100-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 back-
- Williamson, Reinhard, Meredith, and Heyerly in the 400-yard freestyle relay. Norwell will host Concordia at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 28.



### **High School Calendar**

**WEDNESDAY, NOV 22** 

BOYS BASKÉTBALL: Carroll at Norwell, 6:15 p.m.; Bellmont at Southern Wells, 7:30

WRESTLING: Norwell at North Miami, 6:30

**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,

WRESTLING: Southern Wells at Home-

stead Super Duals, 9 a.m. **MONDAY, NOV 27** 

No events scheduled **TUESDAY, NOV 28** BOYS BASKETBALL: Norwell at Mississin-

SWIMMING & DIVING (CO-ED): Concor-

dia at Norwell, 5:30 p.m.; Bluffton at Jay Coun-WRESTLING: Eastside at Bluffton, 6:30

**WEDNESDAY, NOV 29** BOYS BASKETBALL: Bluffton at Blackford.

GİRLS 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 with-

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,

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

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 expe-

rience 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 after-

noon 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

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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, Adriches Decompt 2.1 1.3 Alivic Polinger 3.13

0-0 0, Adriahna 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 Concordia14 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 Vayne Collodia 722 (Goodman 3-3, Ortiz 2-4, Bollinger 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 Con-cordia 17. Fouled out: None. Technicals: None. JV: Norwell 64, Fort Wayne Concordia 30.

### 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 doubledouble 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). (Continued on Page 7)

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### **News-Banner Scoreboard**

#### **FOOTBALL** College

Bowling Green 34, Western Michigan 10

#### Eastern Michigam 24, Buffalo 11 **BASKETBALL**

**High School** Tuesday Girls' Scores Angola 46, Garrett 39
Argos 57, Culver 19
Bellmont 62, Adams Central 28
Bethany Christian 46, Westview 27 Bloomington North 62, New Albany

Bluffton 75. New Haven 49 Brownstown 52, Columbus East 23 Carmel 54, Noblesville 50 Castle 55, Evansville North 52 Center Grove 60, Indpls Roncalli 47 Centerville 35, Cambridge City Lin-

Central Noble 67, Lakeland 16 Charlestown 44, New Washington

Christel House Manual 54, Indpls Riverside 6 Churubusco 56, Lakeland Christian

Clinton Central 73. Delphi 40 Columbia City 62, Goshen 24 Columbus North 53, North Vigo 29 Crown Point 64, LaPorte 22 Danville 56, Lafayette Harrison 48 E. Noble 46, Carroll (Ft. Wayne) 42 East Chicago Central 59, Whiting

Eastern (Greene) 47, N. Central (Farmersburg) 41 Eastern Hancock 52, Shenandoah

Evansville Central 63, N. Posey 34 Fishers 46, Zionsville 38 Fountain Central 35, N. Montgomery 30 Franklin 63, Indian Creek 39

Frankton 78, Taylor 20 Fremont 46, Ft. Wayne Wayne 42 Ft. Wayne Luers 61, Eastside 49 Glenn 47, Bremen 43 Greencastle 46, Crawfordsville 24 Hamilton Southeastern 69, Browns-

burg 57 Hanover Central 51, Lowell 42 Homestead 58, Huntington North 42 IMSA 42, Indpls Irvington 3 Indpls Ben Davis 70, Indpls Attucks

Indpls Perry Meridian 42, Southport Indpls Shortridge 48, Indpls Park

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Jennings Co. 69, Jeffersonville 58 Jimtown 52, Mishawaka Marian 28 LaVille 27, Elkhart Christian 24 Lakewood Park 49, Ft. Wayne

Lapel 56, Guerin Catholic 23 Lawrence North 69, Avon 58 McCutcheon 74, Parke Heritage 51 Mooresville 55, Martinsville 19 N. Daviess 34, Loogootee 30, 2OT New Prairie 57, S. Bend Clay 28 NorthWood 52, Triton 28 Northridge 39, Elkhart 21 Norwell 71, Ft. Wayne Concordia 54

Oak Hill 48, Southwood 11 Oldenburg 37, Union Co. 30 Oregon-Davis 50, Mishawaka 47 Orleans 59, Clarksville 25 Owen Valley 49, South Vigo 24 Providence 69, Trinity Lutheran 63 Purdue Polytechnic 53, Beech

Randolph Southern 58, Union (Modoc) 18 Rossville 50, Clinton Prairie 45 Rushville 51, New Palestine 48 S. Adams 62, Leo 42

S. Bend Adams 57, S. Bend Riley 20 S. Bend Washington 84, S. Bend St.

Joseph's 24 S. Spencer 56, Mt. Vernon (Posey)

Scottsburg 51, Austin 37 Seven Oaks Classical 65, GEO 16 Shakamak 59, Bloomfield 20 Sheridan 72, Western Boone 32 Southmont 54, N. Putnam 45 Southridge 41, Boonville 31 Springs Valley 55, Mitchell 32 Tell City 45, Pike Central 20

Tippecanoe Valley 42, Rochester 16 Tri-West 48, Cascade 44 University 54, Indy Brebeuf 42 Vincennes (South Knox— 67, Lin-

ton 35 W. Lafayette 64, Lebanon 32 W. Washington 36, Salem 31 Wabash 44, Pioneer 29 Warsaw 69, Penn 50 Washington 61, Vincennes 39 Westfield 49, Indpls Pike 42 Yorktown 46, Delta 30

Tuesday Boys' Scores Alexandria 80, Anderson Prep Academy 44

Anderson 47, Pendleton Hts. 38 Bedford N. Lawrence 59, Bloomington North 54 Benton Central 56, Frontier 31 Bethesda Christian 52, University

40 Bloomington South 54, Edgewood

Borden 77, Eastern (Pekin) 53 Brownsburg 52, Indpls N. Central 48 Cass 52, Carroll (Flora) 47 Caston 66, Lakeland Christian 25

Charlestown 58, New Washington Clav City 69, S. Putnam 39 Covenant Christian 68, Speedway

Covington 63, Paris, III. 27 Crawfordsville 51, Greencastle

Curie, III. 63, Bowman 37

DeKalb 52, Ft. Wayne Northrop 42
E. Noble 54, W. Noble 41
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Ev. Day 79, Cannelton 30 Evansville Christian 56, Dubois 38 Fishers 74, Indpls Ben Davis 61 Franklin 65, Indian Creek 56

GEO 52, Tara, La. 27 Greenfield 56, Beech Grove 36 Hagerstown 55, Franklin Co. 49 Hauser 62, Brown Co. 29 Heritage Christian 49, Columbus North 29 Hillcrest, Ill. 85, Hammond Central

Illiana Christian 58, Kouts 42 Indpls International 71, MTI 63 Indpls Tech 83, Phalen 46 Indy Brebeuf 68, Indpls Ritter 47 Jac-Cen-Del 49, S. Ripley 46 Jasper 62. Boonville 27 Jay Co. 56, Elwood 19 Kankakee Valley 60. Rensselaer 25 Kalikakee Valley ob., Kerisselaer . Kokomo 69, Western 22 Lakewood Park 62, Hamilton 33 Lawrence Central 54, Mt. Vernon (Fortville) 52

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ern (Greene) 57 N. Miami 54, N. White 36 N. Montgomery 46, Fountain Cen-

N. Newton 44, Lake Station 25 New Castle 71, Blue River Valley 39 Northridge 83, Elkhart 60 Northwestern 73, Madison-Grant 62 Princeton 51, Wood Memorial 41 Randolph Southern 80, Union Riverton Parke 46. S. Newton 39

Rock Creek Academy 70, Henryville S. Bend Adams 68, Victory Chris-

tian Academy 53 S. Bend Riley 81, LaPorte 51 S. Central (Elizabeth) 70, N. Har-Sol Decatur 71, Trinity Lutheran 68 Seymour 52, Corydon 48 Shoals 28, Union (Dugger) 22 Silver Creek 80, Floyd Central 61

Southport 63, Indpls Perry Meridian 38 Southwood 74. Blackford 67

Switzerland Co. 54, Oldenburg 53 Tipton 80, Tri-Central 34 Traders Point Christian 33, Providence Cristo Rey 30 Wapahani 60, Muncie Central 51 Wawasee 47, Fairfield 43 Westview 66, Bethany Christian 54 Wheeler 49, S. Central (Union Mills) 39 Winamac 55, Twin Lakes 50 Winchester 60, Monroe Central 52 Zionsville 57, Carmel 40

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**Pacific Division** GB W **L** 5 Sacramento 8 .571 L.A. Lakers 6 Golden State 8 .467 L.A. Clippers 5 7 .41 Monday's Games .417

Milwaukee 142, Washington 129 Denver 107, Detroit 103 Charlotte 121, Boston 118, OT L.A. Clippers 124, San Antonio 99 Miami 118, Chicago 100 New Orleans 129, Sacramento 93 Minnesota 117, New York 100 Golden State 121 Houston 116 Tuesday's Games

Orlando 126, Toronto 107 Indiana 157, Atlanta 152 Cleveland 122, Philadelphia 119, OT Phoenix 120, Portland 107 Utah at L.A. Lakers, late

Wednesday's Games Denver at Orlando, 7 p.m. Washington at Charlotte, 7 p.m. Brooklyn at Atlanta, 7:30 p.m. Miami at Cleveland, 7:30 p.m. Milwaukee at Boston, 7:30 p.m. Toronto at Indiana, 7:30 p.m. Chicago at Oklahoma City, 8 p.m. L.A. Clippers at San Antonio, 8 p.m. Memphis at Houston, 8 p.m. Philadelphia at Minnesota, 8 p.m. Sacramento at New Orleans, 8 p.m. Golden State at Phoenix, 10 p.m. Utah at Portland, 10 p.m.
Dallas at L.A. Lakers, 10:30 p.m.
Thursday's Games

No games scheduled. Friday's Games Boston at Orlando, 2:30 p.m. Phoenix at Memphis, 5 p.m. Chicago at Toronto, 7:30 p.m. Miami at New York, 7:30 p.m. Denver at Houston, 8 p.m. Detroit at Indiana, 8 p.m. Sacramento at Minnesota, 8 p.m. Washington at Milwaukee, 8 p.m. San Antonio at Golden State, 10 p.m. New Orleans at L.A. Clippers, 10:30

> College Men's Basketball Scores

Tuesday, Nov. 21 EAST Albany (NY) 62, Army 59 Columbia 77, LIU 67 Long Beach St. 80, Iona 76 Maryland 92, UMBC 68 Monmouth (NJ) 88, Lehigh 79 New Hampshire 74, Marist 71 Sacred Heart 89, Binghamton 75
SOUTH Appalachian St. 86, UNC-Wilming-

Auburn 84, Alabama A&M 54 Davidson 69, Boston U. 45 Duke 95, La Salle 66 East Carolina 85, Kennesaw St. 84 High Point 74, Illinois St. 72 Idaho St. 69, Campbell 55 Louisiana Tech 67, S. Utah 53 Louisiana-Lafayette 68, Buffalo 60 McNeese St. 59, Texas St. 48 Nicholls 86, Blue Mountain 56 Northeastern 93, Georgia Southern

Prairie View 76, E. Kentucky 64 Radford 82, Morgan St. 72 South Alabama 74, Lynn 62 Stetson 71, Cent. Michigan 61 The Citadel 67, NC Central 61 UAB 58, Middle Tennessee 57 MIDWEST

Ball St. 75, SC-Upstate 58 Bellarmine 77, Midway 56 Drake 79 Akron 59 E. Michigan 76, Detroit 72 Hofstra 85, Wright St. 76 Indiana St. 103, Rice 88 James Madison 82, S. Illinois 76 Milwaukee 61, Siena 59 Minnesota 86, Ark.-Pine Bluff 67 Oakland 78, Marshall 71 Oral Roberts 65, Texas Southern 63 Valparaiso 73, W. Illinois 66 SOUTHWEST

TCU 93, Alcorn St. 74 UTEP 75, California 72 Utah St. 79, Stephen F. Austin 49 **FAR WEST** Florida St. 77, Colorado 71, OT Fresno St. 81, New Mexico St. 76,

Gonzaga 76, Syracuse 57 Loyola Marymount 61, FIU 60 N. Colorado 78, Chicago St. 77, OT Purdue 71, Tennessee 67 Richmond 82, UNLV 65 UC Irvine 76, Pepperdine 60 UC Riverside 74, Green Bay 68 UCLA 76, Chaminade 48

Women's Basketball Scores Tuesday, Nov. 21 EAST

CCSU 58. Mass.-Lowell 49 Coppin St. 61, Pittsburgh 56 La Salle 72, Rider 44 Lafayette 83, NJIT 60 Merrimack 65, Bryant 60 Navy 66, Binghamton 59 Northeastern 63, Wagner 46 Robert Morris 89, Penn State-Villanova 63, Holy Cross 53

Alabama A&M 74, Ala.-Huntsville 44
Davidson 81, Wofford 51
Louisiana-Lafayette 64, Xavier (NO) 40 Louisiana-Monroe 107, Louisiana

Christian 53 McNeese St. 107, North American

Murray St. 108, Bellarmine 78
New Orleans 53, Alcorn St. 42
North Alabama 70, UT Martin 63
Southern Miss. 61, Valparaiso 49
UNC-Asheville 67, Queens (NC) 53 W. Kentucky 63, Bucknell 45 Winthrop 62, St. Augustines 55 MIDWEST Kent St. 64, Xavier 57

Milwaukee 70, Edgewood 50 N. Illinois 77, Lindenwood (Mo.) 60 Notre Dame 113, Chicago St. 35 SOUTHWEST Arkansas St. 95, Hendrix 15 Sam Houston St. 66, Texas St. 62 FAR WEST

BYU 87, Saint Louis 66 Cal Poly 68, Seattle 43 Colorado St. 92, S.D. Mines 56 Fresno St. 70, Long Beach St. 59 Oregon 76, Nevada 47 San Diego St. 64, Westcliff 42 San Francisco 75, Yale 59 Santa Clara 75, Texas A&M-CC 54 St. Thomas (MN) 74, Saint Mary's

UC Davis 79, Sacramento St. 57 Utah Valley St. 76, Westminster Wyoming 78, Chadron St. 32

**HOCKEY** 

NHL **EASTERN CONFERENCE Atlantic Division GP W** L **OTPts GF GA**17 13 1 3 29 60 37

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Central Division

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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
Tampa Bay 5, Boston 4, OT
Florida 5, Edmonton 3 Nashville 4, Colorado 3 Dallas 6, N.Y. Rangers 3 Los Angeles 4, Arizona 1 Vancouver 3, San Jose 1 Calgary 4, Seattle 3, OT Tuesday's Games No games scheduled

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Calgary at Nashville, 9 p.m. St. Louis at Arizona, 9 p.m. Vegas at Dallas, 9:30 p.m. Montreal at Anaheim, 10 p.m. San Jose at Seattle, 10 p.m. Vancouver at Colorado, 10 p.m. Thursday's Games

No games scheduled Friday's Games Detroit at Boston, 1 p.m.
N.Y. Rangers at Philadelphia, 1 p.m.
Toronto at Chicago, 2 p.m. Columbus at New Jersey, 3 p.m. Edmonton at Washington, 3 p.m. Nashville at St. Louis, 3 p.m. Los Angeles at Anaheim, 3:30 p.m Montreal at San Jose, 3:30 p.m. Pittsburgh at Buffalo, 6 p.m. N.Y. Islanders at Ottawa, 7:30 p.m. Tampa Bay at Carolina, 8 p.m. Winnipeg at Florida, 8 p.m. Calgary at Dallas, 8:30 p.m. Colorado at Minnesota, 8:30 p.m. Vancouver at Seattle, 10 p.m.

#### **TRANSACTIONS**

Tuesday's Transactions BASEBALL

Major League Baseball
MLB — Named Josh Clark senior
vice president, content distribution. American League BOSTON RED SOX — Named Andrew Bailey pitching coach.
LOS ANGELE ANGELS — Named

Barry Enright pitching coach and Tim Laker offensive coordinator. NEW YORK YANKEES — Named

NEW YORK YANKEES — Named
Brad Ausmus bench coach.

National League
ST. LOUIS CARDINALS — Agreed
to terms with RHPs Kyle Gibson and Lance Lynn on one-year contracts. SAN DIEGO PADRES — Named Mike Shildt manager.

FOOTBALL National Football League ARIZONA CARDINALS — Resigned S Qwuantrezz Knight. Promoted D Ben Stile from the practice squad to the active roster. Placed DL Leki

Fotu and LB Kyzir White on injured reserve. Signed WR Daniel Arias to the practice squad. Released WR Davion Davis from the practice squad.

BALTIMORE RAVENS — Designated CB Damarion Williams to return from injured reserve to practice. Signed TE Scotty Washington to the practice squad. Placed CB Kevon

reserve.
CHICAGO BEARS —Released QB Trace McSorley form the practice

Seymour on the practice squad injured

squad. CLEVELAND BROWNS — Placed S Rodney McLeod on injured reserve. Released RB John Kelly Jr. from the practice squad. HOUSTON TEXANS — Signed LB

Marcell Harris to the practice squad.
INDIANAPOLIS COLTS — Waived LB Shaquille Leonard. Signed LB Ronnie Harrison Jr. LAS VEGAS RAIDERS — Re-

signed FB Jakob Johnson to the practice squad. Released TE Jesse James from the practice squad.

LOS ANGELES CHARGERS

Placed LB Tanner Muse and OLB Joey Bosa on injured reserve. Promoted LB Blake Lynch from the practice squad to the active roster. Signed DE

Ty Shelby to the practice squad. LOS ANGELES RAMS — Waived RB Darrell Henderson. Released DB Cameron McCutcheon from the practice squad.

MIAMI DOLPHINS — Placed RB

Salvon Ahmed on injured reserve.
Signed WR Robbie Chosen. Signed RB Darrynton Evans to the practice squad.

MINNESOTA VIKINGS — Released WR Dan Chisena from the practice squad. Signed OLB Austin Bryant to the practice squad. Waived WR Trish-ton Jackson. Promoted DL Sheldon Day from the practice squad to the active roster.

NEW ORLEANS SAINTS — Placed WR Michael Thomas on injured reserve. Signed WR Marquez Callaway to the practice squad. Promoted CB Cameron Dantzler from the prac-

CB Carrieron Dantzler from the practice squad to the active roster.

NEW YORK GIANTS — Signed LB
Benton Whitley from the Minnesota
practice squad. Released RB Hassan

Hall from the practice squad.

NEW YORK JETS — Promoted QB Trevor Siemian from the practice squad to the active roster. Signed CB

Craig James to the practice squad. PITTSBURGH STEELERS — Signed LB Blake Martinez from the Carolina practice squad. Fired offensive coordinator Matt Canada. Named Eddie Faulkner offensive coordinator. SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS Signed G Ben Bartch from the Jacksonville practice squad. Placed S Tala noa Hufanga on injured reserve. SEATTLE SEAHAWKS — Designated DB Coby Bryant to return from

injured reserve to practice. Signed OT Jake Curhan to the practice squad. TAMPA BAY BUCCANEERS — Waived Te David Wells. Released DBs Don Gardner and Jaguan Johnson

from the practice squad. TENNESSEE TITANS -Matthew Jackson and RB Jonathan Ward to the practice squad. Waived

National Hockey League
COLORADO AVALANCHE — R
signed D Jack Ahcan to Colorado
(AHL). - Reas

COLUMBUS BLUE JACKETS -Returned RW Trey Fix-Wolansky to Cleveland (AHL). Recalled F Eric Rob-inson from Cleveland (AHL). MONTREAL CANADIENS —
Recalled D Mattias Norlinder from

Laval (AHL).
PITTSBURGH PENGUINS Signed D Dmitri Samorukov to a oneyear contract. Recalled Fs Alexander

Nylander and Jansen Harkins from Wilkes-Barre/Scranton (AHL). SEATTLE KRAKEN — Recalled G

Chris Driedger from Coachella Valley (AHL).

"Tyrese, you just run out of accolades," Indiana coach

Rick Carlisle said. "Fear-

less, leader, great competitor

with 38 points and eight

Trae Young led the Hawks

- so happy for him.'

### **Purdue tops Tennessee**

(Continued from Page 6)

The teams were whistled for a combined 52 personal fouls and Tennessee coach

Rick Barnes drew a technical foul in the first half. Subsequently, there were free

throws attempted: Purdue shot 29 of 48 from the line, while Tennessee went 21 of 30.

Loyer shot 7 of 18 from the field and 10 of 11 from the free-throw line. Edey made 7 of 10 field goals, but missed his first six free throws and finished 9 of 17.

"It's obviously a huge win for us. We got a lot of respect for coach (Rick) Barnes and Tennessee and they're a tough team - athleticism, quickness, experience, very good defensively and I thought our guys, even though our execution wasn't good at times and we had those 16 turnovers we really did some good things," Purdue coach Matt Painter said.

The Boilermakers shot 19 of 54 from the field (35.2%), while the Volunteers were 19 of 57 (33.3%).

After he scored 13 points in the first half to help give

the Volunteers a 31-30 halftime lead, Tennessee's Dalton Knecht was held to just three points after the

break. Jordan Gainey scored all of his 15 points in the second half. Just

proud of the effort and obviously wish we would have come away with the win, but this time of the year we'll learn a lot from it and we'll be better for it and moving forward we want to continue to grow

and get better," Barnes said. Tennessee led by as many as nine in the first half at 20-11 following Santiago Vescovi's free throw. However, Purdue reeled off a 15-6 run to tie it at 26, punctuated by Loyer's 3-pointer from the right wing with

4:28 left in the half. Purdue held a 44-31 rebounding advantage. Purdue grabbed 17 offensive rebounds, including seven by Edey. That led to 19 second-chance points for the Boilermakers, who held the edge over the Volunteers in

#### points in the paint, 28-18. **BIG PICTURE**

Tennessee, which was picked by SEC media to win the league, was seeking its second premier regularseason tournament title in as many years. It defeated Kansas for the Battle 4 Atlantis championship last season. The Volunteers had won their last five games against AP Top 5 teams over the last two years.

Purdue returns all five starters from a year ago, including Edey, the reigning AP National Player of the Year. The Boilermakers will be playing their third ranked team in as many days in Wednesday's championship game. They were coming off of a 73-63 win over No. 11 Gonzaga on Monday.

#### **UP NEXT**

Tennessee will play either No. 1 Kansas or No. 4 Marquette in the third-place game Wednesday.

Purdue will meet either the Jayhawks or Golden Eagles for the tournament title on Wednesday.

### Pacers clinch quarterfinal berth in the in-season Tournament

By BILL TROCCHI

**Associated Pressd** ATLANTA (AP) Tyrese Haliburton had 37 points and 16 assists, Buddy Hield hit a tiebreaking 3-pointer in the final minute and the Indiana Pacers beat the Atlanta Hawks 157-152 on Tuesday night to clinch a spot in the NBA In-Season

Tournament quarterfinals. In the highest-scoring NBA game this season, Hield's jumper from the left wing broke a 152-all tie with 52 seconds left. Dejounte Murray was called for an offensive foul on a 3-point attempt on Atlanta's next possession, then missed a difficult layup following an Indiana turnover with eight seconds remaining.

Hield made a layup at the buzzer.

"It is exciting," Haliburton said of advancing to the quarterfinals. "We are the first team to clinch and we are ready to go. We have a few more games before the quarterfinals, so we want to take care of what is in front of us first, but we want to win the championship, of course. It would be awesome."

The Pacers are 3-0 in East Group A with one game left in group play. The Hawks dropped to 1-2. The quarterfinals will be held Dec. 4-5.

Obi Toppin scored 21 off the bench as the Pacers set an NBA season high for points. Bennedict Mathurin added 19, including a buzzer-beating shot to close the third quarter. Haliburton leads the

Hield had 24 points and

assists. Murray scored 28, and Bogdan Bogdanovic had 26 on 10-for-15 shooting.

league in assists.

"Tough game," said Atlanta coach Quin Snyder. 'All losses are tough, but I thought we competed."

The Pacers have not reached the NBA playoffs since the 2019-20 season, so having an opportunity to advance in the first year of the in-season tournament has been a focal point for the team.



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#### **HOCUS-FOCUS**

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



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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

#### WINDMILL SUDOKU

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#### **WORD SEARCH**

Find each of the listed words in the diagram. Look forward, backward, horizontally, vertically and diagonally and circle each word as you find it

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Decorations
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Family
Feasts
Festivals
Fireworks
Giving
Heritage

Holiday Cards
Hope
Jack Frost
Joyous
Kinara
Latkes
Light
Mazoa
Menorah
Mulled wine

New Year

Peace
Resolutions
Sales
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Solstice
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Three Kings

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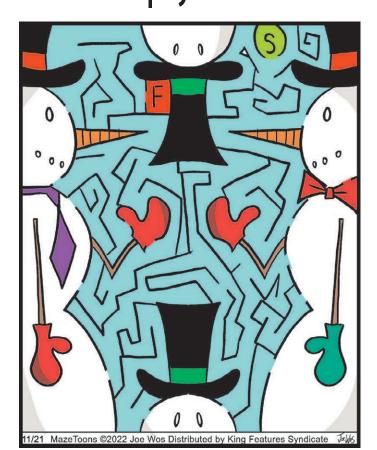
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#### **ACROSS**

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

- Ad about DUI, maybe Just makes, with "out"
- 95 96 Prune a bit
- 98 Be published 103 — Moines
- 106 "Back in Black" band 108
- 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 Viral GIF, e.g
- Sci-fi saucer — Partv 120
- 121 Cookie giant
- 123 Alternate title of 110-Across, with "The"
- **Director May** Shady giant 132
- Island ring
- 134 Expunde
- 135 More diluted
- 136 Body of art?

#### **DOWN**

- Like cut wood Pair of drum-kit
- cymbals
- "A Bell for —" Unleash on
- bags Parody-filled newspaper
- Gretzky of hockey
- Brian of rock 8
- School URL ender
- 11 Orals, e.g.
- Clear, as a windshield
- "... a puddy tat!"

Airport org. flagging

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secrets that are simply divine. Laugh-out-loud friendships that last a lifetime. Feel-good beauty that really makes a difference. Exercise

the right to make beauty all your own. Ask me how I can help.

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Bear's home

Town that's home to

the University of

Connecticut

Blitzen, e.g.

Brine source

Solo in films

6'6", say

Mine find

Game aim

It aired "ER"

Caviar fish

Suburb of

At variance

going

Avres

sight ..

"Fine fellow"

Minneapolis

"Umami" taste source

Simply must keep

Dr. Kildare player

"I heard him exclaim,

- he drove out of

Paperboy, for one

Actress Leelee

Some poems

Plural of "el"

Be in debt

Some votes

Gorilla guru Fossey

Pick out from others

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

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.

1. PDJ FH PSID LXVJDN, CSN XJ XH JUD

HENXVK SC KDVXFH. — EXDJNS GNDJXVS

2. DGITI'Y YZOIDGCSK MEZXD M GZBCPMA

DGMD CYS'D MBB MEZXD GZV OXWG OZSIA AZX YLISP. — GCBMTCI EXTDZS

3. 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

4. UBMRFQ, E ZBMPFQBMP TFETYM, BT E

RBSF RY PERKFQ PYZGFM SYSFMRT,

FSOEQJ CLYM E TFMRBSFMREZ AYCQMFI,

EMG FMAYI FWFQI BGZF KYCQ. — AYKM

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DENNIS D. JOHNSON was on
the 15th day of November, 2023, appointed personal representative of the estate of ALAN U. JOHN-SON, deceased, who died on the 31st day of October, 2023, and was authorized to administer his

estate without Court supervision.
All persons who have claims against this estate, whether or not now due, must file those claims in the office of the Clerk of the Wells Circuit Court within three (3) months after the date of the first publication of this notice, or within nine (9) months after the decedent's death, whichever is earlier, or those claims will be forever barred.

Dated at Bluffton, Indiana, this 15th day of November, 2023. Beth Davis

Clerk, Wells Circuit Court Matthew P. Hayes Attorney for Pérsonal Representa-

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Current Zoning: B-1
Proposed Rezoning: R-1 Common Location: The subject property is located at 509 & 511 S Jefferson St., Ossian, Indiana. 46777

Brief Legal: The subject property is described as Craigs South Lots 14-16 in Jefferson Township of Wells County Dated this 17th day of Novem-

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PLAN COMMISSION Michael Lautzenheiser, Jr., Director

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37-42-47-48-53-55-57-63-66-74-75, BE: 05 **Daily Three-Midday** — 08-02-09, SB: 08 **Daily Three-Evening** — 01-09-06, SB: 09

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**Quick Draw Evening** — 05-11-13-14-17-21-22-23-29-

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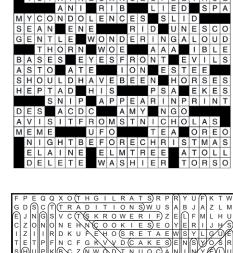
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- 2. There's something about a holiday that isn't all about how much money you spend. — Hilarie Burton
- 3. You can tell a lot about a person by the way (s)he handles three things: a rainy day, lost luggage and tangled Christmas tree lights. — Maya Angelou
- 4. Winter, a lingering season, is a time to gather golden moments, embark upon a sentimental journey, and enjoy every idle hour. - John Boswell

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### Getting into the Thanksgiving mindset

Dear Readers: As we enter into much you enjoy 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 appreci-

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

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

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

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



Dear

Annie

by Annie Lane

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

The biblical phrase "my cup run-neth 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 Happy Thanksgiving!

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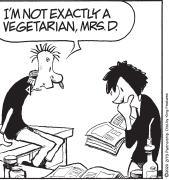
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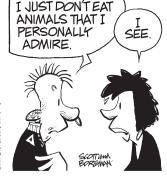






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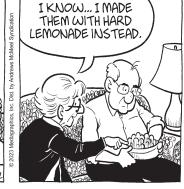






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My Answer

By Dr. Billy Graham

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expected. Does the Bible

address this darkness that

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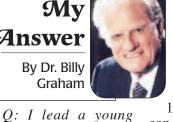
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A: Only in fairy tales

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Only in fairy tales do people live charmed lives emotional and sexual

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, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, unloving, unforgiving, slanderers, without selfcontrol, brutal, despisers of good, traitors, headstrong, haughty, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God, having a form of godliness but denying its power. And from such people turn away!" (2

The focus on self has led our society into a fascination with pleasure,

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stimulation, and "personal fulfillment." The compulsion for maximum personhood is evidenced everywhere. The Bible never promised that life would be fair. Christian living that sounds like a magazine cover story may leave us unprepared 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.

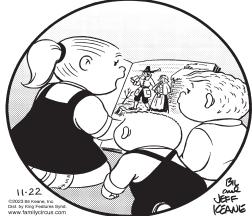
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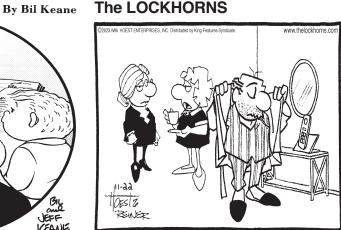
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#### Southern Wells school board

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Mike Carter, physical educator teacher in the elementary, affectionately gave the school's location as his home address when introducing himself. Carter then advocated on behalf of the students and families, with emphasis on the archery team. The district received several donations for the team at the meeting. Carter also recounted an afternoon at the Raiderdome in the spring, where more than five teams struggled to find space to practice around each other. He said this is the case more often than not.

Chase Harris then pointed out that a new gymnasium could bring in revenue with tickets for games and events. He also noted that property taxes for the area were the lowest in the state. Harris explained that, with the introduction of open enrollment approximately 10 years ago, students now had the ability to attend school out of the district. He stated there are currently athletes

in the district for which this an additional abatement.

Evan Huffman, Jacob Duncan, Monica Edgeman, Jeff Sprunger, Gary McFarren and Kyle Penrod reiterated the need for additional space and resources for their students.

Board President Todd Fiechter thanked everyone who spoke for their dedication and respectful approach to the issue.

The school is funded by property tax values, at least for the facility," Fiechter explained. "A year or so ago, Paddlefish Solar came to the district and said they plan to put a solar plant in our district. I'm not here to debate that. They asked the council for a tax abatement so they would not have to pay tax on their infrastructure for 20 years. In return, they're going to pay Wells County 8.5 millions dollars that would have gone to the school system."

Fiechter went on to explain that the company has announced their plans for an additional project and

"The money that would have come to us is going to the county council to use as they see fit," Fiechter continued. "We were at the council meetings (and) we said we don't have a voice in this. It feels like they're taking money that is rightfully ours. We asked what we were going to get out of \$8 million. They never gave

us a real answer.' Fiechter concluded with clear recommendation: go to the county council and commissioners with the issue. He also advised they could utilize current space to relieve some of the strain on coaches and students. Fellow board members Chad Roush and Delora Schneider echoed the sentiment. 'We are only one vote for

these guys," Roush said. "If we all do it, it will open their eyes that there is a need here. If they don't support what we're doing, they will have consequences to pay come next election time. We need to make our voices heard. Dec. 5 is the next meeting."

Fiechter recommended coaches and families passionate about the issue call their local members to request a one-on-one conversation, or make a plan to add the item to the agenda.

'Some things are hard to hear," Fiechter said. "Nothing changes fast. I believe we have some of the best teachers, administrative staff, and coaches in the state. One thing I am proud of is that 38 percent of students drive from out of the district to attend Southern Wells. It's easy to be discouraged. And, well, we know it is not the facility they're coming for it's all of you."

Schneider expressed her approval for the committee and offered to be a representative for the council.

"My oldest is in eighth grade," Schneider concluded. "I hope her high school graduation is in (a new

Elementary art teacher Shelly Ivans was also recognized at the meeting for her outstanding efforts as a dedicated educator for the district.

Ivans was acknowledged for significantly enriching childrens' experiences with her passion for creativity and bringing perspective from her real-life experiences. In one creative project, Ivans created "Flat Raiders" with students as they studied the book Flat Stanley. The Flat Raiders then traveled with Ivans across the world for a mission trip and took photos for the kids.

Also at the meeting, the

· Approved Monday, April 8, as a virtual learning day due to the solar eclipse.

 Accepted personnel resignations from early childhood education preschool teacher Marcella Winters, effective Nov. 10; business teacher Jamie Grim, effective Dec. 21; and Integration Specialist Abby Ramseyer, effective Nov. 17; preschool instruction aide Jennifer Bannister, effective Nov. 10,

• Approved an employment recommendation for

Sherri Dyer as the early childhood education teacher, effective second semester, and Mallory Nussbaum as the preschool instructional

aide, effective Nov. 13. Approved donations for the archery club, cross country team uniforms, history books, cross country, and

basketball. • Approved the removal of spring conferences after a recent survey revealed they were not necessary.

 Approved a contract for cafeteria flooring in the elementary school with Wagner's Construction.

 Approved several financial items in the form of a fund report, appropriation report, bank reconciliation and bank statements, and credit card statements.

 Approved an overnight stay for a wrestling competition in December.

The next regularly scheduled board meeting is at 5:30 p.m. on Dec. 19 in the Southern Wells Cafeteria.

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### Police Notebook

(Continued from Page 3) complete reporting requirements for several employers. Two counts for failure to register, both Level 6 felonies, have been requested.

Tuesday, 10:32 a.m., 700 East Ind. 224, Ossian. Caller requested officer check her

#### **ACCIDENTS** City:

Thursday, 10:43 a.m., Ind. 1 and Market Street. Brittany Grayson and Jane Searles both entered the intersection at the same time, causing a collision. Video footage from the courthouse showed that the light was clearly red for Grayson. Damages did not exceed \$25,000.

Sunday, 11:04 a.m., 600 block of South Bennett Street. Sarah Owen advised she was pulling into a parking space in a gravel lot and misjudged the distance. Owen's For Escape collided with a parked and unattended Pontiac G6. Damages did not exceed \$2,500.

Sunday, 11:27 a.m., Wendy's. Jack Flaugher was in the drive-thru lane when his Chevrolet Equinox struck the rear end of Laurie Hoffacker's GMC Yukon. Damages did not exceed —. No injuries were reported. No visible damage to unit 1 and minimal to 2.

Monday, 6:04 p.m., Washington and Bond streets. Brandon Singleton was headed eastbound on Washington street when he reported his steering went out, which caused him to collide with several parked vehicles on the road. Singleton's Dodge Ram was towed by Freeman's due to steering issues. Damages did not exceed \$10,000. **ARRESTS** 

Steven Carl Thomas, 61, Holgate, Ohio, family offense - invasion of privacy. Bond set at \$50,000.

Avery Dean Bodwell, 33, Ossian, possession of child pornography, a Level 6 felony. No bond set.

Joshua Aaron Keeton Ashby, 38, Bluffton, criminal mischief, a Class A misdemeanor, and unauthorized entry of a motor vehicle, a Class B misdemeanor. No bond set.

Henry Lyle Hilty, 23, Portland, operating while intoxicated .08 or greater, a Class C misdemeanor, operating while intoxicated - endangerment, a Class A misdemeanor, and cited for improper tail lights. Bond set at \$1,500.

Roger Lee Fox, 20, Bluffton, resisting law enforcement using a vehicle, a Level 6 felony. No bond

Austin Caleb Tate, 32, Fort Wayne, court ordered sentence for a probation vio-

#### **No Credit Needed Financing**



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Fri & Sat 11am - 4pm

90001-2311-EU-000052 STATE OF INDIANA WELLS COUNTY IN THE WELLS
CIRCUIT COURT

IN THE MATTER OF THE **ESTATE OF** ARZETTA MAE COBB, Deceased ) NOTICE OF UNSUPERVISED

ADMINISTRATION
Notice is hereby given that
TAMARA S. SCHISLER was, on

the 16th day of November, 2023, appointed personal representative of the estate of ARZETTA MAE COBB, deceased, who died on October 18, 2023, and was authorized to administer said estate without court supervision. All persons who have claims

against this estate, whether or not now due, must file the claim in the office of the clerk of this court with in three (3) months from the date of the first publication of this notice, or within nine (9) months after the decedent's dèath, whichever is earlier, or the claims will be forever Dated at Bluffton, Indiana, this

Beth Davis

Timothy K. Babcock Attorney No. 21526-90 DALE, HUFFMAN & BABCOCK 30 Premier Avenue Bluffton, Indiana 46714 (260) 824-5566 Attorney for Estate

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able. Prime farmland, tillable, CRP, Wells County, Union

**BIDDING ENDS NOVEMBER** 24 - (Online Only Auction) - Fiechter, seller. 2357 N. Main St., Bluffton. Glock, Smith & Wesson, Sig Sauer, Ruger, Beretta, Remington, Century Arms, Kel-Tec, Kahr, Savage Arms, Winchester, Bushmaster. Saltwater Arms, handguns, pistols, rifles, shotguns. Preview: Nov. 22 from 10 a.m.-6 p.m., Bluffton Gun & Pawn. Sale manager, Isaac Stoller, The Steffen Group Inc., 260-824-3006, www.steffengrp. com. NOVEMBER 27 - 6 p.m. -

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

DECEMBER 1 - 8 a.m. Secured creditors & various consignors, owners. 815 Adams St., Decatur. Truck & equipment auction. Live and online bidding. Offering 700+ lots! 2012-2014 Freightliner M2106 box trucks, dump trucks, day cabs, sleepers, utility trucks, bucket, trucks, utility semi trailers, SUV's, pickup trucks, 100+ various skid steer attachments & much more! Cars, SUV, 1/2 ton & 3/4 ton pickup trucks, cargo & passenger vans! Accepting consignments! Krueckeberg Auction & Realty LLC, Kjauction.com, 260-724-7402

DECEMBER 5 - 2 p.m.-6 p.m. ET. (Online) - Farm: Good-win Trust. Property location: 2 miles north of Markle, IN at the intersection of N Marzane Road and W 800 N. 157.3+/total acres, 136.9+/- tillable,

Public Notices

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING AND NOTICE OF THE FILING
OF A PETITION TO VACATE A

PORTION OF A PUBLIC WAY

(the "Board of Commissioners") of the County of Wells, Indiana (the "County"), will hold a public hearing

on Monday, December 4, 2023, at 5:00 p.m. (local time), in the Com-

missioner's Room in the Carnegie Annex Building, 223 W. Wash-ington Street, Bluffton, Indiana,

concerning the consideration of a petition filed by Rock Creek Stone Quarry, Inc., pursuant to Indiana

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of way known as County Road 500

West south of its intersection with

County Road 100 North, more spe-

That portion of County Road 500 West south of the intersec-

tion of County Road 500 West and County Road 100 North to a point

south of the Whitelock Ditch culvert on County Road 500 West, a length of 1,650 feet.

Petitioner seeks the adoption

of a vacation ordinance granting

the relief requested in the petition.

The Petition and a proposed form

of vacation ordinance are avail-

able for inspection at the Office of

the Auditor for Wells County. The purpose of the hearing will be to

receive public input either in favor

of or in opposition to and regard-

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tion to vacate and the adoption of

the vacation ordinance pursuant to

Lisa McCormick, Auditor

nb 11/22

Indiana Code 36-7-3-12

Petitioner requests the vaca-

Code 36-7-3-12

cifically described as:

The Board of Commissioners

Township. Soil types: Pewamo silty clay loam, Glynwood clay & silt loam, Del Rey-Blount silt loams, Glynwood-Mississinewa clay loam. WAPI: 133.5 corn bu, 40.2 soybeans bu. Halderman Real Estate & Farm Management, 800-424-2324, halderman.com, Rick Johnloz, 260-827-8181.

#### NOTICE OF HEARING FOR 11/17/2023

Notice is hereby given that the AREA PLAN COMMISSION will hold a Public Hearing in Conference Room 105 in the Wells Carnegie Government Annex, 223 W. Washington St., in the City of Bluffton, IN at 7:00 o'clock P.M. on the 7th day of November 2023, for the purpose of reviewing and hearing comment on the proposed amendments of the Wells County Zoning Ordinance and Wells County Subdivision Control Ordinance

1. Geographic Area Affected: This potential ordinance revision affects all of Wells County, IN including incorporated areas that are under the jurisdiction the Area Plan Commission.
2. Subject Matter:

A) Wells County Zoning Ordinance Amendments 1) Removal of Communica-

tion Tower Requirements 2) Establishing Pond Staff Development Plan

3) Adjusting Legal Ad Fee to 4) Adjusting Paper and Digital Submission of Petion Require-

5) Requiring Signed and Written Violation Complaints

6) Addition of Battery Storage System (Grid Scale and User 7) Adding Permitted Districts

for Daycare Centers
8) Adding Permitted Districts for Farm Implements Sales, Service, and Repair

9) Reorganizing Lot Size, Setbacks, and Height Restrictions

10) Establishing Higher Right-of-way Requirements for Collector and Arterial Roadways

11) Intergrading Sight Triangle Requirements into Ordinance 12) Adjusting Participating Property Setbacks and Electric

Wire Requirements for Solar Ener-

gy Systems
13) Establishing New Junk Definition B) Wells County Subdivision

Control Ordinance Amendments 1) Removal of Communication Tower Requirements

Establishing New Approval Process for Division of a Minor

3) Adjusting Findings of Fact

and Ruling Requirements
4) Establishing Lot Size and Setback Table for Preexisting Structures

5) Adjusting Road Connectivity Requirements for Major Subdivisions, PUDs, and Development Plans 6) Changing Storm Water

Standards 3. Examination of Proposal:

The proposed amendments will be available for examination at the

Wells County Area Plan Commis-sion office located at 223 Washington St. Bluffton, Indiana 46714.
4. Written Objections: Written objections to the proposal that are filed with the secretary of the com-

mission will be heard at the public hearing.
5. Oral Comment: Oral com-

ments on the proposal will be at the public hearing. 6. Continuation: The public hearing can be continued from

time to time as may be found nec-Dated this 17th day of Novem-

ber, 2023

Director

WELLS COUNTY AREA PLAN COMMISSION Michael Lautzenheiser, Jr.,

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WELLS COUNTY 4-H 28

County 4-H Park shows the progress being made with the fund drive to raise funds for the over 3,500 food bags that will be distributed during the rest of the school year to Wells county students. (Photo provided)

#### **Fund Drive underway for** county's backpack program

The Wells County Backpack Program, also known as "Feeding Tomorrow's Future Today", has kicked off a fund drive to assist with this school year's increase in participation.

The Backpack Committee, which is part of the Wells County 4-H Association, hopes to raise funds and increase the awareness of the hunger issue. Individuals, families, and businesses are also encouraged to help by sponsoring one or more of the over 3500 backpacks that will be issued during the remaining part of the school year. The drive is also a way that 4-H is helping to share the mission of the 4-H Pledge which states, "using my hands to larger service ... for my commu-

The Backpack Program was started in 2011 thanks to a grant from the Walmart Foundation through the Indiana 4-H Foundation. The goal was to supply food bags

to students facing food insecurity. Early in the program the estimated cost of each bag was \$7-8. Today that cost is \$13 per bag. Take that cost times the 147 bags that are presently being distributed each week and you can understand the large amount of food and funds that the committee is utilizing.

Volunteers play an important role in the program by packing the food bags each Wednesday at the 4-H Park. Numerous youth groups, service clubs and businesses volunteer as a group to pack the bags. Other volunteers who serve as drivers, pick up the bags on Thursday and deliver them to the nine participating schools throughout the county. On Friday, the students stop by their school office before leaving for the weekend and pickup their bag for the weekend. There are even volunteers who transport the cardboard to the Recycling Center each

90C01-2311-EU-000050 STATE OF INDIANA WELLS COUNTY

IN THE WELLS CIRCUIT COURT IN THE MATTER OF THE **ESTATE OF** PATRICIA DYSON,

Deceased NOTICE OF UNSUPERVISED

ADMINISTRATION
Notice is hereby given that
DAVID L. DYSON was, on the
14th day of November, 2023,
appointed personal representative
of the estate of PATRICIA DYSON, deceased, who died on October 17, 2023, and was authorized to administer said estate without court supervision.

All persons who have claims against this estate, whether or not now due, must file the claim in the office of the clerk of this court within three (3) months from the date of the first publication of this notice, or within nine (9) months after the decedent's death, whichever is earlier, or the claims will be forever

Dated at Fort Wayne, Indiana, this 14th day of November, 2023. **Beth Davis** 

Clerk, Wells Circuit Court Timothy K. Babcock Attorney No. 21526-90
DALE, HUFFMAN & BABCOCK 30 Premier Avenue Bluffton, Indiana 46714 (260) 824-5566

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16th day of November, 2023. Clerk, Wells Circuit Court



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