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## A Wells County hat in a crowded ring

Grant Bucher, now living in Steuben County, is waging an 'unconventional' race for Congress

By MARK MILLER

Grant Bucher does not think running for Congress has much to do with issues and policies. And certainly nothing to do with public service experience.

He'll be happy to discuss that with you.



Grant Bucher

The Wells County native and 2008 Norwell High School graduate is running for the 3rd Congressional District seat being vacated by Jim Banks which includes his native county. He is one of six seeking the Republican nomination in next

values, anti-abortion policies, 2nd amendment rights, immigration reform and limited government. His website (bucherforus.com) sums it up this way: "It is my firm belief that 'The Issue' facing us today is the product of a nation straying from the Truth about God's greatness and mankind's brokenness."

As for experience, "If experience in holding a political office is the metric by which we have good Congresspeople," he says, "then we should not have the mess in D.C. we have."

Noting that there is a cumulative total of about 6,100 years of experience in both the House and Senate — and that does not count prior offices held — "it doesn't seem to be getting the job done."

He will instead point to his experience as a project manager in the construction business, currently for Weigand Construction, in which he oversees projects involving tens of millions of dollars.

"My job is to represent people," he explains. "I represent the ownership of Weigand and I represent owners of the building and the people in the field building the project. I am accountable to these people. And I can tell you that I have had millions of dollars come across my

May's primary election.

"I am trying to differentiate myself," he says. "I'm not running on issues or policies. I want you to know who I am and what my character is and then decide whether you want me to be your voice in Congress."

He would like to see a primary race that "emphasizes the depth of character rather than the width of name recognition."

Bucher will talk about issues, if you insist. His campaign emphasizes biblical



Grant Bucher's campaign maintains a website at www.bucherforus.com



Grant Bucher is surrounded by his younger brother Garrett, left, and his father, Trent, at right, at a recent meeting of the Bluffton Rotary Club. Grant Bucher spoke to the club about his candidacy for the Republican nomination for the 3rd Congressional seat next May. (Photo by Mark Miller)

desk, and thanks to the principles that have been instilled in me, all of it went exactly where it was supposed to go."

His career has provided opportunities to work with a wide variety of people with a wide variety of world views, all of which, he believes, has helped prepare him to serve the "750,000 souls" that populate the 13 counties in the 3rd Congressional District.

After graduating from Norwell High School, Bucher, 33, earned an engineering degree from Purdue University and then an MBA from Indiana University. He and his wife, the former Melinda Ripley from

Adams County, have two sons. One was born in California and the other in Michigan during his years as a project manager for Shambaugh & Sons. A desire to return to northeast Indiana spurred his career move to Weigand Construction. His current work is focused on managing projects in Steuben County and at Hillsdale College, just across the state line from his family's current home in Snow Lake.

While his intent remained to spend his career in the construction industry, a series of events, discussions and circumstances convinced him that God was calling him to public service on the national level. Jim (Continued on Page 2)

## Hamas releases third group of hostages as part of truce, says it will seek to extend the deal

By WAFSA SHURFAFA and SAMY MAGDY Associated Press

DEIR AL-BALAH, Gaza Strip (AP) — The fragile cease-fire between Israel and Hamas was back on track Sunday as the militants freed 17 more hostages, including 14 Israelis and the first American, in a third exchange under a four-day truce that the U.S. said it hoped would be extended. In turn, Israel released 39 Palestinian prisoners.

Most hostages were handed over directly to Israel, waving to a cheering crowd as they arrived at an air force base. Others left through Egypt. Israel's army said one was airlifted to a hospital, and the director of Soroka Medical Center said Elma Avraham, 84, was in life-threatening condition as "a result of an extended period of time when an elderly woman was not taken care of as needed."

The youngest hostage released was Abigail Edan, a 4-year-old girl and dual Israeli-American citizen whose parents were killed in the Hamas attack that started the war on Oct. 7. "What she endured was unthinkable," Biden said of the first American freed under the truce. He did not know her condition and did not provide updates on other American hostages. Biden said his goal was

to extend the cease-fire deal as long as possible.

In all, nine children ages 17 and younger were on the list, according to Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's office. Three more Thai nationals were released. Separately, Hamas said it released a Russian hostage "in response to the efforts of Russian President Vladimir Putin." The Russian-Israeli citizen was the first male hostage to be freed.

The Palestinian prisoners released were children and young men, ages 15-19, largely accused of public disorder, property damage and in some cases causing or threatening physical harm to Israeli officers by throwing stones and Molotov cocktails. Many were scooped up from protests and confrontations with troops. In turn, many Palestinians view prisoners held by Israel, including those implicated in attacks, as heroes resisting occupation.

A fourth exchange is expected on Monday — the last day of the cease-fire during which a total of 50 hostages and 150 Palestinian prisoners are to be freed. Most are women and minors.

International mediators led by the U.S., Egypt and Qatar are trying to extend the cease-fire that began Friday.

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## Growing number of states recycle, donate food headed to landfills

By DAVID R. MARTIN and MICHAEL CASEY Associated Press

ELMSFORD, N.Y. (AP) — When Sean Rafferty got his start in the grocery business, anything that wasn't sold got tossed out.

But on a recent day, Rafferty, the store manager for ShopRite of Elmsford-Greenburgh in New York, was preparing boxes of bread, donuts, fresh produce and dairy products to be picked up by a food bank. It's part of a statewide program requiring larger businesses to donate edible food and, if they can, recycle remaining food scraps.

"Years ago, everything went in the garbage ... to the landfills, the compactors or wherever it was," said Rafferty, who has 40 years in the industry. "Now, over the years, so many programs have developed where we're able to donate all this food ... where we're helping people with food insecurities."

New York is among a growing number of states targeting food waste over concerns it is taking up diminishing landfill space and contributing to global warming as meat, vegetables and dairy release the greenhouse gas methane after being dumped in a landfill. Rescuing unwanted fruits and vegetables, eggs, cereals and other food also helps to feed hungry families.

Globally, about a third of food is wasted. In the United States, it's even higher, at 40 percent, according to the Harvard Food Law and Policy Clinic. The U.S. spends about \$218 billion each year growing and producing food that is wasted. About 63 million tons goes to waste, including 52.4 million tons that ends up in landfills and 10 million tons never harvested from farms.

"What's shocking to people often is not only how much we waste ... but also the impact," said Emily Broad Leib, a Harvard University law professor and director of the school's Food Law and Policy Clinic. (Continued on Page 2)

## Russia says it downed Ukrainian drones headed for Moscow

By The Associated Press

Ukraine tried to attack Moscow with dozens of drones, Russian authorities said Sunday, just a day after Ukrainian officials reported that Russia had launched its most intense drone attack on Kyiv since the beginning of its full-scale war in 2022.

Russian air defenses brought down at least 24 drones over the Moscow region — which surrounds but doesn't include the

capital — and four other provinces to the south and west, the Russian Defense Ministry and Moscow Mayor Sergei Sobyanin reported in a series of Telegram updates. Neither referenced any casualties.

Andrei Vorobyev, governor of the Moscow region, wrote on Telegram that the drone strikes damaged three unspecified buildings there, adding that no one was hurt.

One drone crashed into a 12-story apartment building in

the western Russian city of Tula, about 113 miles south of Moscow, slightly wounding one resident and causing limited damage, local Gov. Aleksei Dyumin wrote on Telegram on Sunday morning.

Moscow's Vnukovo and Domodedovo airports also briefly shut down because of the drone attack, according to Russian state-run news agency Tass. Both appeared to have resumed normal operation by 6 a.m. local time Sun-

day, according to data from international flight tracking portals.

Russian Telegram channels speculated that Ukrainian forces had deployed a previously unseen type of drone in the purported strike, pointing out some similarities to the Iranian-made weapons Moscow routinely employs in its attacks on Ukraine.

The Russian capital has come under attack from drones regularly since May, with Russian officials

blaming Ukraine. Military analysts commented at the time that the early attacks deployed Ukrainian locally-made drones, which couldn't carry as heavy a payload as the Iranian-made Shaheds used by Russia.

Ukrainian officials didn't immediately acknowledge or comment on the strikes, which came a day after Russia targeted the Ukrainian capital with more than

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Sunny and windy today, freezing and windy tonight

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Low 16	Low 18	Low 26

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# Bucher runs for Congress

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Banks' announcement that he would be running for the U.S. Senate seat being vacated by Mike Braun came in the midst of that process. He acknowledges that it was a spiritual experience but says he is not running solely on that.

"I don't aspire to the office, but I aspire to the work," Bucher says. "I seek the restoration of the U.S. and I feel compelled and equipped to serve at the federal level."

Bucher has built his campaign on what he refers to as his three principles: "truth, accountability and unity."

He summarizes the first principle simply as "biblical truth and common sense," and expands more on the other two.

"We need to hold elected officials accountable, but more so the bureaucrats," he says. "I don't think there's enough conversation about that."

Bucher feels that Congress has abdicated their responsibilities — "sold out" is the term he uses — to the federal agencies they've created. He describes those agencies as a fourth branch of government "accountable

to no one. I think the founders would frown on this," he adds.

He is equally concerned about the growing divisiveness in the country and in Congress.

"It is critical that we do not succumb to tribalism and reject 50 percent of our population (saying) 'you have no place here,'" he continues. "Do we disagree with them? Absolutely, but let's draw them more into what is truth."

He is hesitant to use the word "compromise" in his discussions. "That is intentional," he says.

"In the construction world, that's a bad word, it can bring sub-par results." In solving issues in his work, he explains, he sometimes has to find solutions involving quality, time and costs, "but you cannot, for example, compromise on the integrity of the structure."

In order to create unity, Bucher continues, he would use Jesus' model: "He consistently spoke the truth but he sometimes offended his followers in order to attract others to his cause."

While Bucher does not hesitate to refer to his Christian faith in his pre-

sentations and discussions, he has struggled with two aspects of running for a political office.

"I am very awkward with this self-promotion thing," he says. He does not like to talk about himself. Neither does he enjoy the prospect of raising money.

"What do donors expect? I struggle with that," he says. "People want to have influence, and some are noble. But citizens — voters — need to be aware of these PACs and the role they play," he continues, referring to Political Action Committees. He uses the National Rifle Association as an example.

"I am a solid, strong, 2nd amendment advocate," he says. But he does not plan to accept any contributions from them "because I don't want people to think I am voting (for 2nd amendment rights) because I took their money."

Bucher intends to run his campaign in an unconventional manner "so that I am not beholden to anyone," he concludes. "I would represent the 750,000 souls. That's what would be important."

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# Weather

Monday, November 27, 2023

(24-hour observations at 8:56 p.m. Sunday)

High: 35; Low: 21; Precipitation: Trace of rain and snow

Wabash River Level (at the Main Street bridge): 1.27 feet at 8:45 p.m. Sunday

## Wells County forecast

**Today:** Partly sunny, with a high near 31. West wind 15 to 20 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

**Tonight:** Partly cloudy, with a low around 16. West wind around 15 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

**Tuesday:** Sunny, with a high near 28. West wind 10 to 15 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

**Tuesday Night:** Mostly cloudy, with a low around 18. Southwest wind 10 to 15 mph.

**Wednesday:** Mostly sunny, with a high near 43. Breezy.

**Wednesday Night:** Mostly clear, with a low around 26.

**Thursday:** Mostly sunny, with a high near 49.

**Thursday Night:** A 50 percent chance of showers. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 37.

**Friday:** Showers likely. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 45. Chance of precipitation is 70 percent.

**Friday Night:** A 30 percent chance of showers. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 31.

**Saturday:** A 20 percent chance of showers. Partly sunny, with a high near 44.

**Saturday Night:** A slight chance of showers. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 34.



# Third group of hostages

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"We can get all hostages back home. We have to keep pushing," said two of Edan's relatives, a great aunt and cousin, in a statement thanking mediators.

Hamas for the first time said it would seek to extend the deal by looking to release a larger number of hostages. Netanyahu issued a statement saying he had spoken to Biden and reiterated his offer to extend the cease-fire by an additional day for every 10 hostages Hamas releases. But he said Israel would resume its offensive "with all of our might" once the truce expires.

Ahead of the latest hostage release, Netanyahu donned body armor and visited the Gaza Strip, where he spoke with troops. "At the end of the day we will return every one," he said of the hostages, adding that "we are continuing until the end, until victory. Nothing will stop us." It was not clear where he went inside Gaza.

This is the first significant pause in seven weeks of war, marked by the deadliest Israeli-Palestinian violence in decades. More than 13,300 Palestinians have been killed, roughly two thirds of them women and minors, according to the Health Ministry in Hamas-ruled Gaza. The war has claimed more than 1,200 Israelis, mostly civilians killed in the initial attack.

In New York, hundreds of Jewish protesters and allies demanding a permanent cease-fire in Gaza shut down vehicle traffic on the Manhattan Bridge in both directions for several hours Sunday. A New York police spokesperson could not immediately provide an exact number of how many people were arrested.

### LIFE IN CAPTIVITY

Hamas' military wing released a video showing militants handing over the hostages to Red Cross workers and paramedics, with some of the balaclava-wearing

fighters and hostages waving goodbye to each other.

Families from the southern Israeli town of Kfar Aza embraced, cried, and applauded Sunday at the news that hostages from their town had arrived in Israel. More than 70 members of the kibbutz of around 700 people were killed and 18 were kidnapped.

The freed hostages have mostly stayed out of the public eye. Hospitals said their physical condition has largely been good. Little is publicly known about the conditions of their captivity.

Merav Raviv, whose three relatives were released on Friday, said they had been fed irregularly and lost weight. One reported eating mainly bread and rice and sleeping on a makeshift bed of chairs pushed together.

Hostages sometimes had to wait for hours to use the bathroom, she said.

Pressure from families has sharpened the dilemma facing Israel's leaders, who seek

to eliminate Hamas as a military and governing power. Hamas and other militant groups seized around 240 people during the incursion into southern Israel that ignited the war. Fifty-eight have been released, one was freed by Israeli forces and two were found dead inside Gaza.

### AID TO NORTHERN GAZA

The pause has given some respite to Gaza's 2.3 million people, still reeling from relentless Israeli bombardment that has driven three-quarters of the population from their homes and leveled residential areas. Rocket fire from Gaza militants into Israel also went silent.

War-weary Palestinians in northern Gaza, where the offensive has focused, made their way through entire city blocks gutted by airstrikes.

But those among the hundreds of thousands of Palestinians who fled the north have been turned back by Israeli troops while trying to return to check their homes.

# Food headed to landfills

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"Food waste causes about 8 percent to 10 percent of global greenhouse gas emissions."

Broad Leib says 20 percent of water in the U.S. is used to grow food "that we then just throw away, so we're basically taking water and putting it directly into a landfill."

But she and others also note there is growing awareness of the need to do something about food waste in the U.S.

In 2015, the U.S. Department of Agriculture and Environmental Protection Agency announced a goal of 50 percent food waste reduction by 2030.

That has prompted a number of state-led initiatives, along with smaller, nonprofit efforts.

Ten states and the District of Columbia have passed legislation or executed policies to reduce, compost or donate waste. All 50 states have passed legislation shielding donors and recovery organizations from criminal and civil liability linked to donated food.

California and Vermont have launched programs converting residents' food waste into compost or

energy, while Connecticut requires businesses, including larger food wholesalers and supermarkets, to recycle food waste. Farmers in Maryland can get a tax credit of up to \$5,000 per farm for food they donate.

Several states have joined New York in setting up systems allowing food to be donated. Rhode Island requires food vendors servicing education institutions to donate any unused food to food banks, while Massachusetts limits the amount of food that businesses can send to landfills, which Broad Leib said has increased food donations in the state by 22 percent over two years.

New York's program is in its second year, and state officials believe it's having a significant impact.

As of late October, the program had redistributed 5 million pounds (2.3 million kilograms) of food — the equivalent of 4 million meals — through Feeding New York State, which supports the state's 10 regional food banks and is hoping to double that number next year. Among those required to donate food include colleges, prisons, amusement parks and sporting venues.

"Certainly, we should be reducing the amount we waste to start with, but then we should be feeding people before we throw food away if it's good, wholesome food," said Sally Rowland, supervisor with the state Department of Environmental Conservation's Organics, Reduction and Recycling section. "To me, it's a commonsense kind of thing and I think it's just kind of built that momentum of people understanding about how much food we're really wasting."

New York's Westchester County has eight refrigerated trucks that pick up all types of perishable food, according to Danielle Vasquez, food donations coordinator for Feeding Westchester, one of the state's food banks.

The group started working with businesses in 2014 but has seen participation ramp up since the donation law went into effect last year. Much of the food collected goes to nearly 300 programs and partners throughout the county, including a mobile food pantry and the Carver Center, a nonprofit serving Port Chester's families and children, which has a pantry.

# Ukrainian drones

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60 Shahed drones. At least five civilians were wounded in the hourslong assault, which saw several buildings damaged by falling debris from downed drones, including a kindergarten. The wounded included an 11-year-old child, according to Kyiv Mayor Vitali Klitschko.

The Ukrainian air force early on Sunday said it had brought down eight of nine Shahed drones fired overnight by Russian forces.

Also on Sunday morning, the Russian Defense Ministry reported that two Soviet-made S-200 rockets fired by Kyiv were shot down over the sea of Azov, which stretches between

the Crimean Peninsula and Ukraine's Russian-occupied southeastern coast.

According to local news sources, air raid sirens sounded earlier in Russian-annexed Crimea, which on Friday came under what Russian officials called a major drone attack. Road traffic was also briefly halted on Sunday morning across the 12-mile bridge that connects Crimea to the Russian mainland.

There were no reports of casualties, and no comment from officials in Kyiv.

Elsewhere, parts of Russian-occupied eastern Ukraine were left without power following a nighttime Ukrainian strike on a thermal power plant in the Donetsk region, a Moscow-

installed local official reported on Telegram Sunday. According to Denis Pushilin, who heads the province that Russia illegally annexed last year, the attack on the Starobesheve plant took out the electricity in parts of the occupied cities of Donetsk and Mariupol, along with other nearby areas.

On the outskirts of Donetsk, Russian troops have continued their attempts to advance near Avdiivka, the eastern town that has been a Ukrainian stronghold and fighting hot spot since the early days of the war, according to reports by the Ukrainian General Staff and analysis by the Washington-based Institute for the Study of War.

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OBITUARIES

Jill Ann Bowman, 54

Jill Ann Bowman, 54, of Bluffton, passed away Thursday afternoon, Nov. 23, 2023, at her residence.

She was born Sept. 12, 1969, in Fort Wayne, to John W. Bowman and Donna (Barnett) Robison. Jill graduated from North Side High School.

Survivors include her children, Corey Bowman of Texas, Kiesha Bowman of South Bend, Nathan McKinney of Mishawaka, and JoAnn Bowman of Fort Wayne; along with nine grandchildren with one on the way.

Jill is also survived by two sisters, Shelly Bowman and Tammy Bowman, both of Fort Wayne.

She is preceded in death by her parents. There will be no formal service at this time.

The family have entrusted her arrangements to the Lemler family of Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home in Bluffton.

Friends can share memories and condolences with Jill's family at [www.thomarich.com](http://www.thomarich.com).



Braun talks gubernatorial competitors, governing

By WHITNEY DOWNARD

Indiana Capital Chronicle

In 2018, Mike Braun was a political outsider who used his considerable wealth as the founder and CEO of Meyer Distributing to fund an underdog campaign to defeat incumbent Democratic U.S. Sen. Joe Donnelly.

After just one term in Congress, Republican Braun decided to step back from federal government and return to his home state to run for governor. Sitting Gov. Eric Holcomb is term limited.

"I'm a problem solver by nature. When you run a small business for 17 years and build it into a regional and international company, that's what life's about (in order) to survive," Braun said. "And so I think that's going to be a differentiator when it comes to what you see in me versus the other candidates."

Compared to other states, the highest office in Indiana is relatively weak in favor of the General Assembly. But Braun said it wouldn't be the case for him.

"Not when someone's a spark plug like I am and is entrepreneurial in nature," Braun said. "You can certainly be more aggressive on the agenda."

On issues

But on issues, Braun has been quieter than his GOP competitors, which includes: former Secretary of Commerce Brad Chambers, Lt. Gov. Suzanne Crouch, Fort Wayne businessman Eric Doden, former Attorney General Curtis Hill and the devout Jamie Reitenour.

He referred to his wide-ranging "Freedom and Opportunity" agenda as a template for policy proposals but said more specific details would emerge in the early months of 2024. That webpage on his campaign site includes a myriad of issues, ranging from border security and standing up to "woke" corporations to his stance on election security and against abortion rights.

Instead, Braun highlighted several efforts he'd worked on at the federal level over the years, including Promising Pathways, a bill to establish an expedited drug review process for treatments used for rare diseases with a poor prognosis.

"We've got more of them cooking up and we'll get more stuff done," Braun said about whether he felt he had unfinished business in D.C.

He noted that the bill has Democratic support, signaling his ability to work across the aisle on practical matters.

"I'm going to be the first governor that has ever considered taking on the high cost of health care and our poor outcomes," Braun said. "It's taking on the biggest lobby in our state and out there (in D.C.)."

When asked about the multiple health care bills touted by legislators, many of which have long roll-in time periods, he called it "lip service," adding that the industry needed to "embrace

competition and transparency."

"It's the biggest lobby they write a lot of checks," Braun said. "... we've got to do better and everybody's going to be with me on that — including almost all independents and many Democrats."

He pointed to his own efforts to keep health care costs low at his company, saying that he hasn't raised premiums in 15 years. He said the state needed to strike laws restricting competitors in the hospital and insurance spheres.

"I want to make it more entrepreneurial, more market driven," Braun said.

Adding competition and choice is also how he'd approach education, which makes up over 50 percent of the state budget.

"I came from a great public school system and most of our public school systems are pretty good. But in places where you've got one supplier, you're generally not going to have meteoric results — you're going to have mediocrity," Braun said. "... I want parents to be at the forefront of what they think is most important for their kids. Anything I've learned is that it can't be a federal solution — they don't do anything well and it costs a fortune."

Additionally, he wanted to find a state-oriented, innovative solution to the child care shortage — but acknowledged that he had more background on health care issues and was still compiling ideas.

On opponents

When asked about others using his Congressional record against him, Braun noted that none of his competitors have much of a record. Aside from breaking Senate ties, Lt. Gov. Suzanne Crouch has held administrative positions in the Holcomb and Pence administrations and hasn't voted as a legislator in a decade.

Neither Eric Doden nor Brad Chambers have won elected office and Curtis Hill didn't cast votes as the state's attorney general.

"None of them can say, with a record, what they do; it's only aspirational. And I'll point that out, too. I basically practice what I preach," Braun said.

Braun proudly touted his ranking as one of Congress' most effective freshman lawmakers, crediting his background as an entrepreneur. He said that he has a record showing he's "good at putting his neck out there and keeping it intact."

He observed that he alone had won the endorsement of former President Donald Trump, "the most popular Republican in the state."

Attacks, like the one from Doden last week, only used information that had previously been debated and dissected in the public sphere.

"If you got that big disparity in the polls, your tendency is going to be to go negative," Braun said.

On being governor

Governing in Indiana requires a lot of collaboration, especially with the General Assembly, which holds the purse strings. Braun served in the Indiana House between 2014 and 2017 prior to his Congressional run.

In contrast with his time in federal government, Braun said fiscal issues wouldn't be as worrisome due to Indiana's requirement to pass a balanced biennial budget.

Still, Braun said he "want(ed) to make sure we make our government... a little leaner (and) go through every agency to make sure it's running as efficiently as a business."

In his 2018 campaign, Braun vowed to limit himself to just two terms. He said the decision to leave after one term was recognizing that it could be his best chance for the governor post, considering that whomever won in 2024 would likely run again in 2028.

"I might decide it's time to fish full time by then," Braun said. "I made this

decision as a fork in the road (choice) that made sense for me and my family. And what I think I can do the most to help (Indiana)."

Braun said he'd "ideally" serve two terms as governor but would stay while he was productive — something he said he was more likely to achieve as the only Indiana governor than among the hundreds in Congress.

Court News

Wells Superior Court Criminal Cases

Jeremy Dewayne Baker, 32, Zanesville, was sentenced to 545 days to the Indiana Department of Correction with all but 2 days suspended. The sentence was issued after Baker pled guilty to operating a vehicle as a habitual traffic violator, a Level 6 felony. Baker was also ordered to serve 178 days of home detention and 543 days of probation. One charge for false informing, a Class B misdemeanor, was dismissed pursuant to the plea agreement.

Simone Ashli Routen, 33, Markle, was sentenced to one year to the Indiana Department of Correction with no time suspended. Routen pled guilty to escape — violated a home detention order or removed an electronic monitoring device, a Level 6 felony. Routen received 56 days of jail credit towards her sentence, which was ordered to be

served consecutively to several additional cases. Routen was also ordered to pay court costs and filing fees in the amount of \$189.

Avery Bodwell, 33, Ossian, appeared in the Wells Superior Court earlier this week for a hearing on a violation of bond for a case with four charges for possession of child pornography, all Level 6 felonies. Bodwell's counsel requested a bond hearing be set, and is now scheduled for 11 a.m. on Nov. 29 in the Wells Superior Court.

Luz Y Rodriguez Hoyos, 35, Elkart, was sentenced to one year in the Wells County Jail with all but 6 days suspended. Hoyos was sentenced after he pled guilty to one county of resisting law enforcement, a Class A misdemeanor. He was also ordered to serve 359 days of probation and pay court costs and filing fees in the amount of \$189.

Indiana Chamber Reveals Top Legislative Priorities for 2024 Session

(INDIANAPOLIS) — The Indiana Chamber of Commerce unveiled its upcoming priorities at the 2024 Indiana Legislative Preview today. A panel discussion featuring General Assembly caucus leaders from both parties headlined the event.

"Enhancing our talent pipeline remains a critical focus," says Indiana Chamber President and CEO-elect Vanessa Green Sinders. "We look forward to working with lawmakers, employers and learning institutions across the state to continue momentum on workforce development and keeping Hoosiers gainfully employed."

Further strengthening career-connected learning expectations and opportunities for Indiana students and building on last year's House Enrolled Act 1002 will be a point of emphasis, notes Jason Bearce, Indiana Chamber vice president of education and workforce development.

"Indiana has a talent and quality worker shortage that is leaving too many positions unfilled and negatively affects attempts to lure companies to relocate to the state," he asserts.

Also needed by employers and the workforce: additional efforts to enhance early childcare access and quality.

"We made a start at addressing this issue last session, but everyone realizes more needs to be done. The lack of affordable, high-quality childcare across Indiana is impacting Hoosier families and businesses all over the state. It's certainly one of the outside factors most negatively impacting attracting and retaining workers," Bearce shares.

Health — and health care — matters continue to resonate for the Indiana Chamber and its members as well. Among these is increasing Medicaid reimbursement rates to medical providers.

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 You might also think about the tax benefits of charitable giving. If you itemize on your taxes, you can get a deduction for gifts of cash or other financial assets.  
 But you might also think about longer-term charitable giving strategies that offer tax advantages. One such possibility is a donor-advised fund, which allows you to make charitable contributions and receive an immediate tax deduction. And if you give appreciated assets, such as stocks, you might also avoid capital gains taxes.  
 Once you turn 73 and must start taking withdrawals from some of your retirement accounts, you could consider having some of this money go directly to charities through a qualified charitable distribution, which can be excluded from your taxable income.  
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## What kind of democracy are we when politicians have to fear violence?

Now that the dust has settled on the House speakership fight, both Washington and the media have been eager to move on to other issues: the Israel-Hamas war, the Trump trials, the recent elections, and, on Capitol Hill, a potential government shutdown and various funding bills. These are all important, but we shouldn't let the ugly side of American politics that surfaced during the speakership fight be forgotten. It may not be front and center right now, but its shadow looms over everything.

I'm talking, of course, about the threats of violence against House members—Republicans—who didn't fall in line behind Jim Jordan, one of the candidates. Ken Buck, a Colorado Republican, said he had received at least four death threats. Nebraska Republican Ken Bacon told reporters he'd gotten text messages and phone calls that so worried his wife she slept with a loaded gun near her bedside. Iowa's Mariannette Miller-Meeks reported "credible death threats and a barrage of threatening calls." A Georgia Republican told his colleagues that threats had led him to ask a sheriff back home to dispatch a deputy to his daughter's school and to station an officer by his home.

Thankfully, no actual violence occurred. But these recent threats were only the latest example of a political environment that has become a true threat to our strength as a country. I'm not just talking about threats against election workers, the constant threats against high-profile legislators, or the Jan. 6 assault on the Capitol—though that was (so far) the low point in our recent history. If you read McKay Coppins' September article in *The Atlantic* or his new book on Utah Sen. Mitt Romney, on which that article was based, Romney made plain what's been happening. "One Republican congressman confided to Romney that he wanted to vote for Trump's second impeachment, but chose not to out of fear for his family's safety," Coppins wrote. The same calculations took place among GOP senators during the Senate trial.

Coppins then poses a haunting question. "How long can a democracy last," he asks, "when its elected leaders live in fear of physical violence from their constituents?"

That nicely sums things up. Especially because a recent survey by the Public Religion Research Institute and the Brookings Institution found that about 23 percent of respondents agreed that "because things have gotten so far off track, true American patriots may have to resort to violence in order to save our country." That's an alarmingly high number of people who believe that preserving the essence of the United States means harming or killing others.

When, of course, it's just the opposite. Our entire system is built on the idea that, however passionate political disagreement might become, we give the people we elect to public office the ability to sort things out. In a society as diverse as ours, by pretty much every conceivable measure, it's the only way to make progress on addressing our needs and resolving our challenges.

This is why values like compromise and negotiation are so crucial: Because state legislators and members of Congress are bound to disagree—after all, they represent people with different backgrounds and beliefs—they have to find some form of common ground in order to move forward. This shared understanding of what we're about as a country has been fundamental to our progress.

Threats of violence, on the other hand, undermine this. They come from people for whom the normal give and take of the political or legislative process is unbearable, because it might produce an outcome they don't like. In essence, they don't share most Americans' belief that we're all in this together. And, as Romney's revelations to Coppins make clear, they distort legislative outcomes by making our elected representatives violate their own beliefs out of fear.

We see that kind of behavior in autocracies. It is not what America is or ever should be about.

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## Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Monday, Nov. 27, the 331st day of 2023. There are 34 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: On Nov. 27, 1978, San Francisco Mayor George Moscone and City Supervisor Harvey Milk, a gay-rights activist, were shot to death inside City Hall by former supervisor Dan White. (White served five years for manslaughter; he took his own life in October 1985.)

On this date:

In 1901, the U.S. Army War College was established in Washington, D.C.

In 1924, Macy's first Thanksgiving Day parade — billed as a "Christmas Parade" — took place in New York.

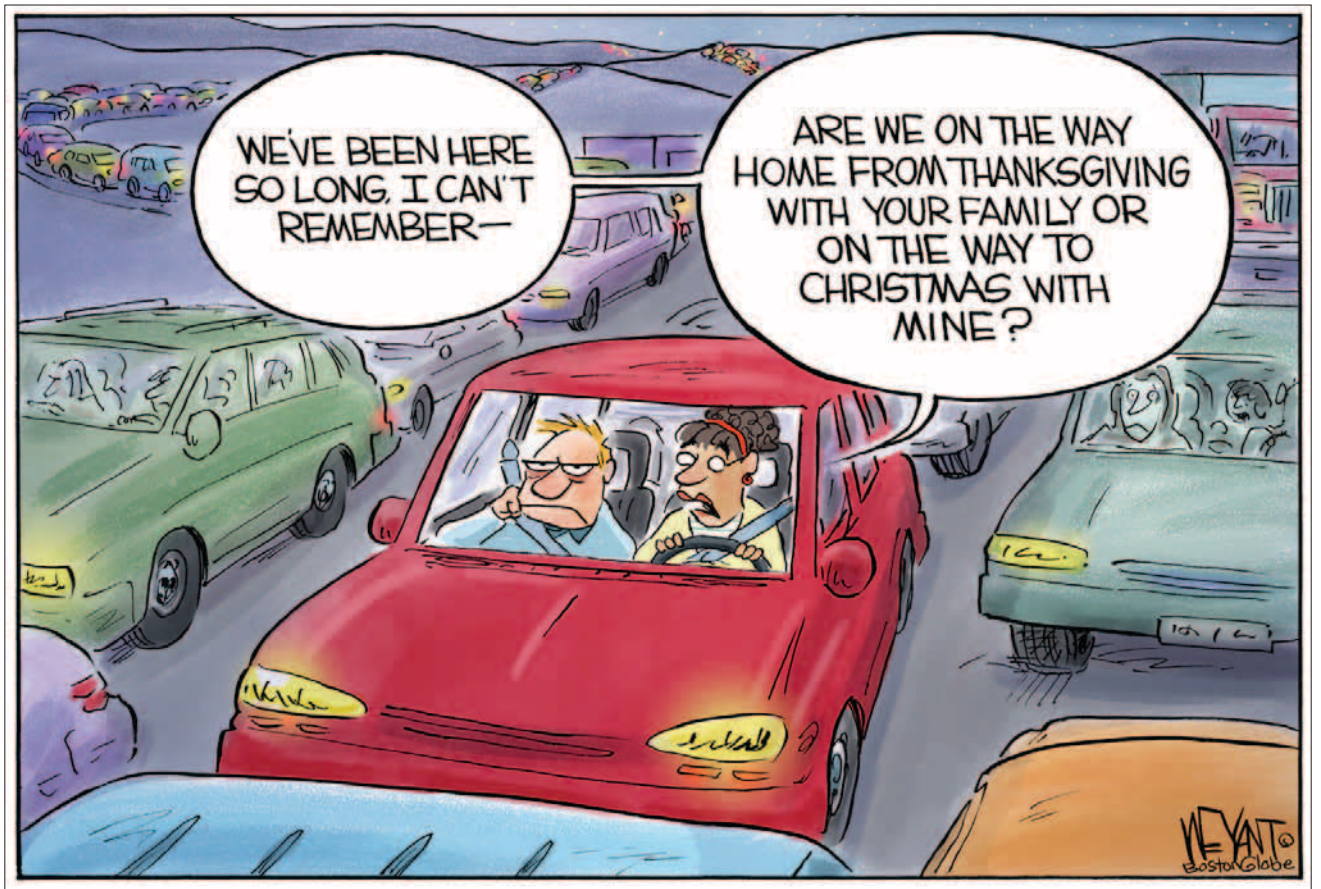
In 1942, during World War II, the Vichy French navy scuttled its ships and submarines in Toulon to keep them out of the hands of German troops.

In 1962, the first Boeing 727 was rolled out at the company's Renton Plant near Seattle.



Lee Hamilton

## Hoosier Opinions



## Lawmakers out of sync with voters; but does it matter?

Hoosier families gathered this past week for Thanksgiving, and while politics remains a strictly forbidden topic at some tables, for others there were likely discussions on whether a loved one should launch a campaign for the General Assembly. The filing process for primary elections begins on Jan. 10 and ends at noon (Indianapolis time) Feb. 9.

This deliberative process is likely to be enhanced as 2023 rolls into 2024, because the policies on two issues — abortion and cannabis legalization — reveal that the current political establishment is out of whack with public opinion.

On abortion, the 2022 Hoosier Survey by Ball State University's Bowen Center found that a majority of Hoosiers surveyed (56.7%) believe abortion should be legal in all or most cases. Most Hoosiers — more than 76% — find abortion to be an important or at least somewhat important issue. This survey occurred after the Republican super majorities passed the nation's most far-reaching abortion restrictions that previous August.

On cannabis legalization, according to the 2022 BSU Hoosier survey of 600 Hoosier adults, 85% said marijuana should be legal in some form or another (29% said they were for medical marijuana only, while 56% said they were for marijuana for personal use).

The opinion of a majority of Hoosier voters are similar to those sentiments in other Republican or "red" states. Earlier this month, Ohio voters passed Issue 2 (the legalization of recreational cannabis) by a 57% to 43%. Other cannabis referendums have passed in conservative states such as Montana with 52%. In 2018 Michigan voters passed recreational cannabis with 56%. In 2020, the Illinois General Assembly legalized recreational marijuana.

According to the National Conference of State Legislatures, 23 states, two territories, and the District of Columbia have legalized small amounts of cannabis for adult recreational use. Most recently, Rhode Island and Connecticut legalized the recreational use of cannabis. On April 7, 2021, Virginia's legislature accepted the governor's recommended amendments for a significantly speedier implementation window for HB 2312 which would legalize recreational cannabis use in Virginia and establish a regulated commercial market. New York legalized cannabis its 2021 session, as did New Mexico.

Voters have also been voting to preserve abortion rights, even in the most conservative states. Earlier this month, Ohio voters by a 56.6% to 43.4% verdict to amend the state's constitution to give individuals the "right to make and carry out one's own reproductive decisions," including on abortion.

Kansas voters passed by 59% guaranteeing abortion rights in 2022, just weeks after the U.S. Supreme Court negated *Roe v. Wade*. In other red states like Kentucky and Montana, 52% of voters backed similar measures.

Results earlier this week from a Wall Street Journal-NORC poll show Americans' support for abortion access "is at one of the highest levels on record since non-partisan researchers began tracking it in the 1970s." The WSJ reported that some 55% of respondents say it should be possible for a pregnant woman to obtain a legal abortion if she wants it for any reason. Nearly nine in 10 poll respondents support abortion access in the event of rape or incest, or when a woman's health is seriously endangered by the pregnancy.

Currently Indiana is dominated by Republicans. Not a single Republican who voted for restricting abortions lost in 2022, three months after the new law was signed by Gov. Eric Holcomb. Democrats picked up only one seat in the House, increasing their number of seats to 30, but in the combined popular vote for House candidates, Republicans won 66%. Republicans have also blocked all cannabis reform bills.

In the secretary of state's race that year, Republican Diego Morales defeated Democrat Destiny Wells by 14%. Wells is now challenging Republican Attorney General Todd Rokita, who has been an ardent pro-life defender. He was recently sanctioned by the Indiana Supreme Court for comments he made on the case of a 10-year-old Ohio rape victim who successfully sought an abortion in Indiana while the procedure was still legal here. Rokita had said on Fox News his office would investigate Dr. Caitlin Bernard, who provided the abortion. The Disciplinary Commission of the Indiana Supreme Court claimed that Rokita violated various portions of the Indiana Rule of Professional Conduct when he spoke about the pending investigation into Bernard.

Rokita was found by the Supreme Court to have engaged in "attorney misconduct" earlier this month. "We believe the population does not have the time for this side show," Wells said in kicking off her campaign earlier this week. "We want to get back to serving Hoosiers."

Rokita shrugged off the Supreme Court sanctions, saying, "First things first, I deny and was not found to have violated anyone's confidentiality or any laws. I was not fined. And I will continue as Indiana's duly elected attorney general."

In 1986, House Speaker J. Roberts Dailey was upset for reelection, in part due to his opposition to a state lottery. In a referendum two years later, voters passed the lottery issue with more than 60% of the vote.

In order to change the dynamic at the Statehouse, someone is going to have to lose a general election. Until that occurs, nothing will change, no matter what the public sentiment is.

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Brian Howey

## Politicking

## Ronna McDaniel is doing her job

Moderator Lester Holt kicked off the last Republican debate by asking Vivek Ramaswamy, "Why should you be the nominee and not the former president?"

Ramaswamy ignored the question and chose instead to attack Republican National Committee Chairperson Ronna McDaniel, calling for her resignation, calling his party "a party of losers" and placing the responsibility for this accusation on her shoulders.

McDaniel may hold a high-ranking position in the structure of her party; she is chairperson. But elections are not about party operatives. Elections are about candidates. The best party machine in the world, with all the money in the world, will not elect a candidate that voters don't want.

Politics is about candidates, and candidates are about leadership, and leadership is about truth and character. That Ramaswamy ignored what he was asked, to explain why Republican voters should prefer him to former president Donald Trump, is far more relevant than issues about party bureaucracy.

Reasonable scrutiny shows that the Republican candidate selection process is working well. Candidates are presenting themselves in the political marketplace and the marketplace is evaluating and choosing. In the first debate there were eight



Star Parker

candidates. In the last, there were five. In the next, three, maybe four.

I wrote in this column that when Trump decided to not participate in the debates that it wouldn't be a bad thing. It would give the others a chance to present themselves to the public. The greatest beneficiary of this has been Nikki Haley, who, at the time of the first debate, was polling, per the RealClearPolitics average, 3.2% nationally. Now she stands at 10.7%.

Perhaps this is really what is bothering Ramaswamy, who was polling 7.2% at the time of the first debate and now stands at 4.9%. I don't think he can blame McDaniel for this.

Gov. Ron DeSantis, whose polling imploded over the course of the year, dropping from 28.8% at the beginning of January to 14.3% at the time of the first debate, has not succeeded to capture hearts and minds through the debates and now stands with little change at 14.8%.

Trump, of course, has been hovering at 50 points beyond the rest over the whole period. And maybe this is where things will remain. But we need an open and free market for political ideas and, to the extent that the Republican National Committee can influence this, I think McDaniel has performed reasonably well.

Does the Republican Party have challenges? Yes, of course. But this is

not because of the RNC.

The chaos that prevailed in the House in picking a speaker shows a party that is divided on important issues, and this is not a good thing. If there is disappointment regarding Republican performance in recent elections, this is the reason, not party bureaucracy.

It is clear what is wrong with the Democrats. The American people are looking for alternative answers on our big problems, and Republicans must provide a clear other voice.

How will the massive expansion of government, which translates into huge debt, huge spending and slow growth, be fixed? How will our broken entitlement systems — Social Security, Medicare, Medicaid — that consume some two-thirds of our federal spending, be fixed?

What is our nation's place as leader in the free world? And how will we revitalize our deteriorated defense and military capability?

How will we restore our lost moral clarity and deal with abortion, marriage, family and children? The latest Shrinkers Bureau projection showing a shrinking and aging country does not portray a nation with a future.

The Republican candidate that chooses to courageously and honestly answer these questions can capture hearts and minds of American voters. Meanwhile, civility will help. It is worth remembering Ronald Reagan's 11th commandment: "Thou shalt not speak ill of another Republican."

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**Rotary tours food bank**

Two of the volunteer leaders of the Wells County Food Bank — Connie Kaehr, second from left, and Mick Cupp, second from right — hosted members of the Bluffton Rotary Club Nov. 21 and also announced the renewal of the annual holiday fund drive and a matching \$20,000 challenge grant from a local benefactor for donations made between now and Christmas. Donations may be sent to the Wells County Food Bank, PO Box 186, Bluffton IN 46714. Pictured from left, Erin Daugherty, Kaehr, Jessica Beste, Phil Swain, Piercen Harnish, Bill Quegan, Tim Babcock, Jordan Arnold, Lee VonGunten, Steve Higgins, Cupp and Angie Topp. (Photo by Mark Miller)

**'A Christmas Carol' at Salomon Farm Park's barn**

Ossian native Gavin Drew who is Artistic Director of the Summit City Music Theatre, will be the director for the group's production of "A Christmas Carol" to be held at the Old

Barn at Salomon Farm Park in Fort Wayne from Nov. 30 to Dec. 10.

Those attending should be aware that the Old Barn is not heated and should dress accordingly. Ticket informa-

tion at [summitcitymt.com](http://summitcitymt.com).

Wells county residents may remember when Drew was active with the Wells Community Theatre and presented a one-man show in Bluffton.

by Melba Edwards

**Zanesville News**

I want to remind you of important dates for you and your family.

The Coffee Cafe is still open at the Zanesville Community Church of God weekdays from 7:30 to 10 a.m.

December 2: Zanesville's United Brethren's Christmas Market, 3 to 7 p.m. and Tower Life Center's Community Christmas, 6 to 8 p.m.

The Tower Life Center's Living Lights show is now open until the end of December every night at 6 p.m.

At Ouabache State Park, rural Bluffton, you can drive through the "Wonderland of Lights" annual show. Zanesville sites there are the Tower Life Center and the Zanesville Lions Club. This is open all through December.

Incorporated Zanesville residents need to have their

lights ready for judging by Monday, Dec. 18. The Zanesville Lions Community Christmas is that evening at the park from 6 to 8 p.m.

I have been looking through lots of old papers that I will want to get to family members that are interested in their family history. One family that I have pictures and clipping of has the surname of Shepler. In my collection I have a hand written letter on United States Army stationery. It is signed Arwid Shepler and at the end he reveals where he is serving, I think in WWII.

He writes: Down in the sunbaked swampland, Camp Clairborne is the spot; battling the fierce mosquito in the land that God forgot. Down with the chiggers and rattlers, down where the boys get blue, down where the mud is knee high, a thousand miles from you.

We are soldiers of the infantry earning our meager pay, defending people with millions for one seventy a day. We're living for tomorrow only to see our gals hoping that when we return they haven't wed our pals. From Arwid - Camp Clairborne, Louisiana.

In the same scrapbook page there is a clipping of Capt. Myron Shepler who was at Camp Shelby, Miss. Both these boys were sons of Bill and Myrle Shepler of Zanesville.

Another clipping was entitled News of the Boys In the camps: This was written by Pvt. Roy D. Platt who has lots of relatives around here.

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The Children's Choir Winter Camp will occur from Monday, Jan. 8, 2024 - Saturday, Jan. 20, 2024 at Creative Arts, 428 S. Oak St, Bluffton. We encourage you to register your child soon.

To register or for more information, please visit <https://www.wellscocreativearts.com/childrens-choir> or contact us at 260-824-5222. Tuition: \$85 Give your child a memorable and enriching winter experience by joining our Children's Choir Winter Camp. We look forward to welcoming them into our musical community and fostering their love for singing!

**Auditions for Noir Suspiciens**

Creative Arts Theater is holding auditions for a spring production to be performed Feb. 16 and 17.

Auditions will be held on Friday, Dec. 1 from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. and Saturday, Dec. 2 from 9 a.m. to noon.

For ages 17 and up, please enter door 10 and follow the signs

For more information on the play and roles available, please visit: <https://www.wellscocreativearts.com/other-yearly-productions>.

**Excerpts from "The Nutcracker"**

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Friday, Dec. 8 at 7 p.m.



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**Readers' Brown Bag Luncheon:** Meeting the last Tuesday of the month at noon at Life Community Church, enter door 10. All readers are welcome. Call the CAC office for more information.

Creative Arts Council activities are supported by memberships, sponsors and grants from funders including Arts United, a regional agency; the Indiana Arts Commission, a state agency; and the National Endowment for the Arts, a national agency.

**Norwell Internship Spotlight award Nevada Lenwell**

Senior Nevada Lenwell has been selected to receive the Norwell High School Internship Spotlight award. She is doing her experience at PTR [Premier Truck Rental] out of Fort Wayne. Her mentor at PTR is materials manager Blair Williams. Nevada is the daughter of Adam Lenwell and Markle and Jennifer and Christian Koop of Ossian.

Nevada spends a great deal of time researching and listing parts for trucks with the use of computer

data entry. These parts come in the form of tool boxes, lighting systems, wiring harnesses, and phone systems. She must be very good at communicating with co-workers concerning parts and pricing. Nevada also works in the warehouse locating and managing the product inventory.

After graduation, Nevada plans to possibly attend Trine University to study finance. Her ultimate career goal is to become a financial planner.



Nevada Lenwell

**Pop-up artists at Warren's Pulse Opera House**

Artists who will be having their items showcased in the Pulse Opera House's lobby, one hour before the curtain goes up on "The Best Christmas Pageant Ever," will include seven area individuals.

The dates they will be featured include:

Dec. 1: Blue Poppy Design of Warren will be offering fresh and permanent flower arrangements.

Dec. 2 at 4 p.m. Randy Newman will be offering

"soft pottery" in a variety of shapes.

Dec. 2 at 8 p.m.: Dan Whit will showcase his stained glass art mostly in the Tiffany method.

Dec. 3: Karen Welsh illustrates children's books.

**FW Embassy's Festival of Trees**

The 39th annual Festival of Trees at Fort Wayne's Embassy Theatre will be open for viewing of the decorated trees through Nov. 29th with varying hours.

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Action Micro Technologies	Collier's Heating Comfort Services	Hiday Motors	Ossian Hardware	The Dance Company
AdamsWells Internet-Telecom-TV	Comfort Inn	HomeCourt Home Care	Ossian Wine & Spirits	The Garage
Affolder Implement Sales	Community Thrift	Honegger Animal Clinic	Quabache State Park	The Gathering Place
Alive & Well	Cornerstone Ag Solutions	Honegger Automotive	Outdoor Concepts	The Hideaway
All American #8 Ossian Deli	Country Road Primitives	Hoosier Creek Farms	Pages & Stuff, Inc.	The Mattress & Furniture Store
Marathon	Craigville Appliance Store	Hoosier House Family Restaurant	Pak-A-Sak	The Nutrition Loft
Allen Business Machines	Creative Arts Council	Hope Missionary Church	Parlor City Cabinetry	The Parlor City Brewing Company
American Legion Post 111	Creative Cabinet & Countertops	Horizon Events Corp.	Parlor City Trophy & Apparel	The Pop Shop
American Pest Professionals	Creative Carpets	Hott Family Dentistry	Perfect Pet Food Accessories,	Tienda Mexicana La Katty
American Salvage	Crimson House	Hugh's Bakery & Coffeehouse	Training & Grooming	Timber Ridge Golf Club
Antique Engine Rebuilding	Crop Performance	Ice King Indiana	Pet Esthetics	Tinkertree
Anytime Fitness	DBD Fish and Tenderloin Food Truck	Ime Group Golf Academy	Peter's Party & Tent Rental	TS Honeyuckle Alley
Apache Propane	Daniels Jewelers	In2Green, LLC	Pine Grove Apartments	TLC Window Solutions
Auto IT	DeHoff Insulation	Indiana Pancake House	Pitroad Collectibles	Tonner Dumpster Services
Auto Doctor	Diaby's Express Car Wash	Indiana Technical Installations	Pizza's Properties	Topplings Ice Cream Parlor
B & D Appliance Repair	Double D Home Improvement	Integrity Inspections & Testing	Pizza Hut	Treeloy Productions
Balance Massage Therapy & Bodyworks	Downtown DIY LLC	J Cole Tech LLC	Posy Pot Florist	Truland Equipment
Baller Signs	Drying Kiln	Junk King	Potters Lawn Service	Two Brothers Generator Sales & Services
BBB Imports Liquidation Sales	Dunwiddie Heating & Plumbing	Just Threads & More	Premier Clock and Vacuum Service	Unique Blue Bar & Grill
Becky Goshorn-Mary Kay Cosmetics	Evo Wellness, LLC	Kelly's Collision Center	Premier Flats	You Can Air Duct Cleaning
Berge Apparel	El Camino Real	Kemper Flooring, Inc.	Premier Signs, LLC	Volcan Motors
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Billy Ann's	Ethan's Outdoor Services LLC	Leas Seamless Gutting	Print Engraving	Welches All Vehicle Repair
Bluffton Animal Clinic	Eyecare Associates of Bluffton	Liby's Stripe Right	Quality Car Care Center	Welder Integrity
Bluffton Dental Clinic	Experience Audiology	LifeWise Academy	R&R Pool Service	Wells County Boys & Girls Club
Bluffton Family Eye Care	E-Z Bowl	Lighted Gardens	RAM Advertising	Wells County 4H
Bluffton-Harrison MSD	EZ Lub & Wash	Likar Lakes Apartments	Lockout Justus	Wells County Council on Aging
Bluffton Moose 242	Fairway Floor Covering	Loren's Body Shop	Loren's Home Improvement	Wells County Food Bank
Bluffton Pizza King	Family Farm & Home	Low's Home Improvement	LSM Brickhouse	Wells County Historical Museum
Bluffton Rencio	Family Ford of Bluffton	Magical Vacation Planner by Stephanie Hiday	Restoration 1 of Bluffton	Wells County Lock-Up
Bluffton Roofing	Fields of Grace Floral Boutique	Magnolia's & Minis	Resource Maintenance	Wells County Public Library
Bluffton Strength & Conditioning	Flagstar	Markle Do It Best Hardware	Riverstone Dental	Wells County Regional Sewer District
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Bluffton Tire	Forgiven Church	Merced's Dentistry	Rod's Rustics	WZBD Radio
Bluffton Utilities	Forgotten Children Worldwide	Meyer Renovation	Sailway Travel	Yaste Painting & Decorating
Bluffton U-Store	Forest Carvings	Mi Casa Mexican Restaurant	Scooter's Coffee	Yerger's State Road BBQ
Bobcat of Fort Wayne	Fort Wayne Knockerball	Mike Anderson Chevrolet	Southern Wells Community Schools	Yoder Tree Service
Body Magic Massage	Fort Wayne Technology Group	Millie's Restaurant	Steffen Oil	You Store in Comfort
Box Drop 21 Wynnes	Foundations of Truth	Millie's Restaurant	Strengthen Take & Bake	You're Got Style
Burnham Photography	Fracture Appear & Home LLC	Mimmi's Antiques & General Store	Stronghold Glass	Youth for Christ
Busted Haft Throwing	Friends of Ossian	Mimmi's Lawn Care	Studebaker Specialty Woodworks	Zag Electric
CampHouse Marketing LLC	Friends of Wells County Library	More Than Mail	Sturgeon Mechanical	Zesto Ice Cream
Capri Meadows Apartments	Friends Who Care Foundation	Mr. B's Cleaning Services	Sturgeon Sealing Services, LLC	
Caylor Nickel Foundation Family	Genesis Pet Services	Mr. Kool Heating & Cooling Services	Stylus Technologies	
	Gerber Furniture, Mattress &			

# Knight girls crush Hornets, extends win streak to four

Norwell extended its win streak to four with an 80-31 home victory over Angola Saturday afternoon at The Castle.

The Knights (6-2) rushed to a 26-11 lead in the first quarter and ended with a 41-8 second-half performance to dominate the Hornets (2-4).

Makenzie Fuess led all scorers with 19 points, nailing five triples and adding five rebounds.

Kennedy Fuelling was next with 15 points on 6/15 from the floor, while Vanessa Rosswurm scored 13 points with four rebounds.

Annabelle Johnson had seven points but dished out eight assists for the day. Dekota Hubble led the team with seven rebounds.

Norwell's next game will be Friday at The Castle to host Huntington North, game No. 1 in the Northeast 8 Conference. It will start at 7:30 p.m.

Norwell won the freshmen game 54-7

over Belmont. Joycelynn Hogsett-Turner led the way with 19 points, Isabella Swinford added 14, and Carlee Strunk had 11.

The junior varsity scores were not provided

## NORWELL 80, ANGOLA 31

**At Norwell**  
ANGOLA (2-4): Caswell 5-10 3-4 11, Oberlin 3-13 1-2 7, Rinard 2-5 0-0 5, Holman 2-3 0-0 4, I. Rinard 0-8 2-4 2, Stillman 1-3 0-0 2, Robertson 0-1 0-2 0, Sutton 0-0 0-0 0, Gillen 0-1 0-0 0. TOTALS: 12-45 6-12 31.

**NORWELL (6-2):** Makenzie Fuess 6-14 2-2 19, Kennedy Fuelling 6-15 0-0 15, Vanessa Rosswurm 3-15 6-7 13, Addie Norris 3-5 0-0 9, Annabelle Johnson 3-7 1-2 7, Hailey Green 3-4 0-0 6, Lilly Norris 2-3 0-0 6, Ryland Graft 1-1 0-0 3, Dekota Hubble 1-4 0-0 2, Ashley Waldman 0-0 0-0 0, Ali Riley 0-2 0-0 0. TOTALS: 28-70 9-11 80.

**Angola 11 12 6 2 — 31**

**Norwell 26 13 19 22 — 80**  
Three-point FG: Angola 1-9 (Rinard 1-3, Stillman 0-1, Oberlin 0-3, Caswell 0-2), Norwell Fuess 5-11, Fuelling 3-10, A. Norris 3-5, L. Norris 2-2, Graft 1-1, Rosswurm 1-4, Johnson 0-1, Riley 0-1). Rebounds: Angola 25 (Oberlin 9, Caswell 4, I. Rinard 4, Stillman 3, Rinard 1, Holman 1), Norwell 35 (Hubble 7, Green 5, A. Norris 5, Fuess 5, Rosswurm 4, L. Norris 3, Johnson 2, Fuelling 2, Graft 1). Turnovers: Angola 25, Norwell 9. Fouls: Angola 10, Norwell 13. Fouled Out: None. Technicals: None.  
JV: No score updated.  
Freshmen: Norwell 54, Belmont 7.

# Jets march back to defeat Raiders in ACAC girls basketball opener

By RICK SPRUNGER

Southern Wells' Lady Raiders put up a strong fight against Adams Central Saturday night but ultimately came up short, falling to the visiting Jets, 59-48, in the Allen County Athletic Conference opener for both clubs.

Southern Wells fell to 1-5 overall while Adams Central improved to 2-5.

The Raiders got the early jump, surging to a 17-8 lead on a pair of free throws by Kenzie Paxson a minute into the second quarter.

They rode the shooting of Gracie Reeves, who canned a trio of three-pointers and scored 11 first-quarter points on 4-for-5 shooting from the field.

But when Adams Central switched to a man-to-man defense, it got a hand in Reeves' face and did not allow her to take a single shot the rest of the night.

She finished with 12 points.

"Gracie played great in the first quarter," acknowledged her coach, Jessica Killingbeck, after the game. "But when they switched to the man-to-man, we got stagnant on offense and stopped looking for her."

Turnovers also played a key role.

Three straight Southern Wells miscues early in the period allowed Adams Central to get off the deck.

Adams Central wrapped a bucket underneath from Grace Fisher and a three-pointer by Ava Stafford around traveling and over-and-back violations by the Raiders. Kate Fisher stole the ball and got it to Stafford for a baseline jumper that got the Jets back in it at 17-15.

Southern Wells steadied a bit and maintained a 27-24 halftime lead as Ashlie Needler scored six of her game-high 16 points in the

quarter. But two bad passes that sailed out of bounds in the final half-minute kept the Raiders from increasing the margin.

"We need to get better at taking care of the basketball," said Killingbeck later. "We have a lot of young players who are trying to move from eighth-grade or junior varsity ball to varsity speed. We've been shooting well all year, and we are better in every category this year, including rebounding and shot selection. But we need to cut down on the turnovers."

Then, with Southern Wells on top, 33-28, midway through the third quarter, Adams Central went to an all-out full-court press, and the game flipped dramatically in the Jets' favor.

Two hurried three-point misses and two turnovers, coupled with Needler's fourth foul, gave the Jets an opening, and they took full advantage.

Buckets by Stafford and Alexa Brotherton and four free throws by Grace Fisher vaulted the Jets on top, 36-33.

"We were able to use our quickness and athleticism to hurry them up a little bit and make things hectic," said Adams Central coach Kyle Roe. "We forced them to rush their shots a little bit."

"We panicked," said Killingbeck flatly.

The Raiders crept back to 38-37 by the end of the quarter but missed three free throws in the final 0:47 that could have created a tie or put them in the lead heading into the last period. And then, Adams Central ran away and hid.

Two baskets by Brotherton, a rebound putback by Grace Fisher, along with buckets by Audrey Eisberg and Ashlyn Doster, and a pair of Fisher free throws against a Karlee Warner

three gave the visitors command at 48-40 with 5:14 left.

Southern Wells finished 18-for-48 from the field for a .375 shooting percentage and outrebounded the Jets, 36-32, but finished with 18 turnovers to Adams Central's seven.

The Jets placed four players in double figures, getting 14 points from Grace Fisher, 11 each from Schwartz and Stafford, and 10 from Brotherton. They were 22-for-52 from the floor for .423.

"I was proud of our girls for competing," Killingbeck said with a smile. "They gave their all for 32 minutes. We haven't had that all year, so that was a definite area of improvement."

Adams Central won the junior varsity contest, 22-18, in overtime.

Aubrey Meyer scored eight points, Erika Beavans five, Jailynn Chase three, and Remi Holmes two for Southern Wells.

Southern Wells will travel to Muncie Burris at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 29.

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## ADAMS CENTRAL 59, SOUTHERN WELLS 48

**At Southern Wells**  
ADAMS CENTRAL (2-5): Kate Fisher 1-6 1-2 3, Athena Schwartz 4-11 3-8 11, Ava Stafford 5-11 0-0 11, Grace Fisher 4-6 6-9 14, Alexa Brotherton 3-9 4-6 10, Izzy Isch 0-0 0-0 0, Audrey Eisberg 1-4 0-0 2, Ashlyn Doster 4-5 0-0 8, Lillee Dull 0-0 0-0 0. TOTAL: 22-52 14-25 59.

**SOUTHERN WELLS (1-5):** Collena Reeves 1-12 0-0 2, Gracie Reeves 4-5 1-2 12, Kenzie Paxson 3-5 3-5 9, Karlee Warner 2-5 0-0 6, Ashlie Needler 7-15 2-3 16, Erika Beavans 0-2 1-4 1, Aubrey Meyer 0-1 0-0 0, Breanna Leidig 1-1 0-2 2. TOTAL: 18-48 7-16 48.

Adams Central 7 17 14 21 — 59  
Southern Wells 15 12 10 11 — 48  
Three-point shooting: Adams Central 1-16 (K. Fisher 0-4, Schwartz 0-4, Stafford 1-7, Eisberg 0-1), Southern Wells 5-16 (C. Reeves 0-8, G. Reeves 3-4, Warner 2-3, Beavans 0-1). Rebounds: Adams Central 32 (G. Fisher 7), Southern Wells 36 (C. Reeves 9, Paxson 5, Needler 5). Turnovers: Adams Central 7, Southern Wells 18. Personal fouls: Adams Central 20, Southern Wells 16. Fouled Out: G. Fisher. Technical fouls: None.  
Junior Varsity: Adams Central 22, Southern Wells 18 (ot).

# Michigan beats Ohio State for 3rd straight win in "The Game" rivalry

By RALPH D. RUSSO

AP College Football Writer

ANN ARBOR, Mich. (AP) — With more than two years of excellence being questioned and their coach banned from the Big House, J.J. McCarthy, Blake Corum and No. 3 Michigan stared down No. 2 Ohio State again and earned a victory that will go down as one of the biggest in the history of college football's winningest program.

Rod Moore's interception in Michigan territory with 25 seconds left sealed a 30-24 win for the Wolverines on Saturday, running their win streak over the Buckeyes to three games while staying unbeaten with Jim Harbaugh serving out a suspension.

McCarthy, a third-year quarterback who could leave Michigan having never lost to Ohio State, said Harbaugh's message to the Wolverines on Friday night echoed that of his old coach, the late Bo Schembechler.

"The whole mantra: the team, the team, the team," McCarthy said. He said Harbaugh told them: "We are that team."

Moore's pick set off a celebration on

the home team's sideline. McCarthy took a knee, Michigan fans poured over the brick walls onto the field and the Wolverines (12-0, 9-0) were off to their third straight Big Ten title game.

In a season of high expectations that now has a championship-or-bust feel, Michigan is a victory away from a third consecutive College Football Playoff appearance.

"We're not done," said Corum, who ran for 88 yards and two TDs.

For coach Ryan Day and the Buckeyes (11-1, 8-1), it's another year of lamenting a loss in the most important game on the schedule for Ohio State and wondering what has happened to the program that spent a decade and a half dominating Michigan.

Day is now 1-3 against the Wolverines, losing his last three. Before that skid, Ohio State had won eight straight and 15 of 16 against Michigan, including a 7-0 record under Day's predecessor, Urban Meyer.

"We're all disappointed," Day said. "We know what this game means to so many

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Annabelle Johnson launches a shot over Angola's Isabelle Rinard in the second quarter Saturday afternoon at The Castle. The Knights jumped to an early double-digit lead, but the Hornets managed to keep the game from becoming a complete blowout until about midway through the third quarter. Norwell put the pedal to the metal and cruised to a 41-8 second half bruising of the Hornets on the way to an 80-31 victory. (Photo by Glen Werling)

## High School Calendar

**MONDAY, NOV 27**  
No events scheduled  
**TUESDAY, NOV 28**  
BOYS BASKETBALL: Norwell at Mississinewa, 7:30 p.m.  
SWIMMING & DIVING (CO-ED): Concordia at Norwell, 5:30 p.m.; Bluffton at Jay County, 6 p.m.  
WRESTLING: Eastside at Bluffton, 6:30 p.m.  
**WEDNESDAY, NOV 29**  
BOYS BASKETBALL: Bluffton at Blackford, 7:30 p.m.  
GIRLS BASKETBALL: Southern Wells at Muncie Burris, 7:30 p.m.  
**THURSDAY, NOV 30**  
GIRLS BASKETBALL: Bluffton at Black-

ford, 7:30 p.m.  
SWIMMING & DIVING (CO-ED): Bishop Luers, Blackhawk at Bluffton 5:30 p.m.  
**FRIDAY, DEC 1**  
BOYS BASKETBALL: South Adams at Bluffton, 7:30 p.m.  
GIRLS BASKETBALL: Huntington North at Norwell, 7:45 p.m.  
**SATURDAY, DEC 2**  
BOYS BASKETBALL: Norwell at Oak Hill, 1:30 p.m.  
GIRLS BASKETBALL: Southern Wells at Bluffton, 7:30 p.m.  
WRESTLING: Norwell at Shamrock Duals (Westfield High School), 9 a.m.; Southern Wells at Northfield, 9 a.m.

# Knight girls rise to No. 17, boys drop out of IBCA rankings

There was some movement in this week's IBCA basketball poll on Sunday night.

The Norwell girls' basketball team climbed back into the rankings, sitting at No. 17 after its four-game win streak. The Knights defeated Blackhawk, Oak Hill, Concordia, and Angola by 17 points or more.

Columbia City (7-0) recently defeated No. 5 Snider and No. 1 Hamilton Southeastern, putting the Northeast 8 favorite to No. 1 in the state regardless of class. Norwell's

date with them will be on Friday, Dec. 8, on the road.

For the rest of the rankings, 2-5 in order, Lawrence Central, Center Grove, Hamilton Southeastern, and Snider.

On the boys' side, Norwell had received votes before falling to Carroll 66-49 despite a 30-plus point performance by Ashton Federspiel.

The top boys' team this week is Lawrence North, followed by Brownsburg, Fishers, Center Grove, and Attucks.

# QB Hudson Card pulls the ace as Boilermakers rally past the Hoosiers for Old Oaken Bucket

By MICHAEL MAROT

AP Sports Writer

WEST LAFAYETTE, Ind. (AP) — Purdue quarterback Hudson Card dealt with the rib soreness each time he contorted his body Saturday.

He made sure rival Indiana felt his pain in a different way.

Card threw three touchdown passes, matching his career high, and scored on a 10-yard run with 2:39 left to give the Boilermakers a 35-31 victory over rival Indiana — keeping the Old Oaken Bucket for a third straight year.

"It's painful," coach Ryan Walters said, describing the left rib injury. "Everybody knows this is the last game so as he long as he could throw the ball, he wanted to play. I think it was Monday or Tuesday when he wasn't looking right or feeling right, he said, 'Coach, I'm playing.' So we planned accordingly."

Walters couldn't have drawn it up any better.

His ace delivered his most masterful performance all season, completing 21 of 34 for 275 yards including a beautiful 44-yard completion to Deion Burks on the first play of the decisive drive. He also ran 12 times for 85 yards, nimbly

avoiding tacklers on his way to the game-changing score.

And as much as it hurt Card to play, he knew it would hurt even more if he hadn't been leading the Boilermakers (4-8, 3-6 Big Ten) to their third home win and the 300th at Ross-Ade Stadium, which concluded its centennial season.

"It's never fun not playing," said Card, who sat out last week because of the left rib injury.

Indiana (3-9, 1-8) closed out another forgettable season with another frustrating finale. The Hoosiers lost their final three games by a total of 10 points, blowing late leads in all three.

This time, the collapse began with a kickoff out of bounds and the long completion from Card to a wide-open Burks. Four plays later, Indiana trailed 35-31. Burks had seven catches for 84 yards.

Indiana responded by reaching the Boilermakers 35-yard line only to have it stall because of a stop on third-and-1 and again when Brendan Sorsby drew an intentional grounding call on fourth down.

Season over.

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## FOOTBALL

### High School

**Saturday's Scores**  
IHSAA State Championship  
**Class 6A**  
Ben Davis 38, Crown Point 10  
**Class 4A**  
East Central 42, Northwood 14  
**Class 2A**  
Bishop Luers 40, North Posey 3

## NFL

### AMERICAN CONFERENCE

**East**

W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Miami	8	3	0	.727	339 251
Buffalo	6	6	0	.500	328 227
N.Y. Jets	4	7	0	.364	163 238
New England	2	9	0	.182	148 248

**South**

W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Jacksonville	8	3	0	.727	254 225
Houston	6	5	0	.545	259 232
Indianapolis	6	5	0	.545	269 288
Tennessee	4	7	0	.364	185 224

**North**

W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Baltimore	9	3	0	.750	324 187
Cleveland	7	4	0	.636	239 209
Pittsburgh	7	4	0	.636	182 205
Cincinnati	5	6	0	.455	212 242

**West**

W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Kansas City	8	3	0	.727	256 181
Denver	6	5	0	.545	246 280
Las Vegas	5	7	0	.417	202 256
L.A. Chargers	4	7	0	.364	269 258

### NATIONAL CONFERENCE

**East**

W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Philadelphia	10	1	0	.909	310 246
Dallas	8	3	0	.727	347 185
N.Y. Giants	4	8	0	.333	159 292
Washington	4	8	0	.333	246 350

**South**

W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Atlanta	5	6	0	.455	213 232
New Orleans	5	6	0	.455	229 222
Tampa Bay	4	7	0	.364	212 227
Carolina	1	10	0	.091	173 292

**North**

W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Detroit	8	3	0	.727	294 258
Minnesota	6	5	0	.545	253 230
Green Bay	5	6	0	.455	231 224
Chicago	3	8	0	.273	230 286

**West**

W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
San Francisco	10	3	0	.727	310 170
Seattle	6	5	0	.545	229 249
L.A. Rams	5	6	0	.455	232 234
Arizona	2	10	0	.167	206 321

**Thursday's Games**  
Green Bay 29, Detroit 22  
Dallas 45, Washington 10  
San Francisco 31, Seattle 13

**Friday's Games**  
Miami 34, N.Y. Jets 13

**Sunday's Games**  
Atlanta 24, New Orleans 15  
Indianapolis 27, Tampa Bay 20  
Jacksonville 24, Houston 21  
N.Y. Giants 10, New England 7  
Pittsburgh 16, Cincinnati 10  
Tennessee 17, Carolina 10  
Denver 29, Cleveland 12  
L.A. Rams 37, Arizona 14  
Kansas City 31, Las Vegas 17  
Philadelphia 37, Buffalo 34, OT  
Baltimore 20, L.A. Chargers 10

**Monday's Games**  
Chicago at Minnesota, 8:15 p.m.

**Thursday, Nov. 30**  
Seattle at Dallas, 8:15 p.m.

**Sunday, Dec. 3**  
Arizona at Pittsburgh, 1 p.m.  
Atlanta at N.Y. Jets, 1 p.m.  
Denver at Houston, 1 p.m.  
Detroit at New Orleans, 1 p.m.  
Indianapolis at Tennessee, 1 p.m.  
L.A. Chargers at New England, 1 p.m.

**Monday, Dec. 4**  
Cincinnati at Jacksonville, 8:15 p.m.

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Cincinnati at Jacksonville, 8:15 p.m.

Cleveland at L.A. Rams, 4:25 p.m.  
San Francisco at Philadelphia, 4:25 p.m.

Kansas City at Green Bay, 8:20 p.m.  
Open: Baltimore, Buffalo, Las Vegas, Chicago, Minnesota, N.Y. Giants

**Monday, Dec. 4**  
Cincinnati at Jacksonville, 8:15 p.m.

## College

**EAST**  
Maryland 42, Rutgers 24  
Syracuse 35, Wake Forest 31

**SOUTH**  
Alabama 27, Auburn 24  
Clemson 16, South Carolina 7  
Duke 30, Pittsburgh 19  
Florida St. 24, Florida 15  
Georgia 31, Georgia Tech 23  
James Madison 56, Coastal Carolina 14

Kentucky 38, Louisville 31  
LSU 42, Texas A&M 30  
NC State 39, North Carolina 20  
Tennessee 48, Vanderbilt 24  
Troy 35, Southern Miss. 17  
UCF 27, Houston 13  
Virginia Tech 55, Virginia 17  
W. Kentucky 41, FIU 28

**MIDWEST**  
Iowa St. 42, Kansas St. 35  
Kansas 49, Cincinnati 16  
Miami (Ohio) 17, Ball St. 15  
Michigan 30, Ohio St. 24  
N. Dakota St. 66, Drake 3  
N. Illinois 37, Kent St. 27  
Northwestern 45, Illinois 43  
Purdue 35, Indiana 31  
Wisconsin 28, Minnesota 14

**SOUTHWEST**  
Liberty 42, UTEP 28  
Oklahoma St. 40, BYU 34, 2OT  
SMU 59, Navy 14  
West Virginia 34, Baylor 31

**FAR WEST**  
Arizona 59, Arizona St. 23  
California 33, UCLA 7  
Notre Dame 56, Stanford 23  
San Diego St. 33, Fresno St. 18  
San Jose St. 37, UNLV 31  
Utah 23, Colorado 17  
Washington 24, Washington St. 21

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**Atlantic Division**

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**Pacific Division**

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**Southwest Division**

**Northwest Division**

**Pacific Division**

**Saturday's Games**  
Philadelphia 127, Oklahoma City 123  
Brooklyn 112, Miami 97  
Atlanta 136, Washington 108  
L.A. Lakers 121, Cleveland 115  
Utah 105, New Orleans 100  
L.A. Clippers 107, Dallas 88

**Sunday's Games**  
Milwaukee 108, Portland 102  
Minnesota 119, Memphis 97  
Orlando 130, Charlotte 117  
Phoenix 116, New York 113

John Glenn 50, South Central (Union Mills) 40  
Kankakee Valley 62, Knox 38  
Kokomo 51, Anderson 35  
LaPorte 43, South Bend Clay 31  
Lawrence Central 60, Ben Davis 30  
Lawrence North 62, Bedford North Lawrence 36

Michigan City 54, West Central 40  
New Washington 47, Milan 45  
North Decatur 58, Knightstown 26  
Northeastern 61, Monroe Central 45  
Northridge 72, Carroll (Flora) 40  
Norwell 80, Angola 31  
Oak Hill 38, Manchester 27  
Pendleton Heights 45, Shelbyville 44

Penn 72, Carroll (Fort Wayne) 68, OT  
Plainfield 59, Tri-West 35  
Prairie Heights 47, Garrett 38, OT  
Princeton 61, Tell City 45  
Richmond 62, Muncie Central 20  
Rising Sun 54, Hauser 47  
Riverton Parke 54, Providence Cristo Rey 8

Trinity Lutheran 61, Southwestern (Shelbyville) 32  
Twin Lakes 70, Tri-County 59  
Wabash 69, Madison-Grant 52  
Washington 69, Linton-Stockton 42  
Whiteland 59, New Palestine 58  
Winamac 43, Rochester 33  
Zionsville 66, Decatur Central 47  
Edwardsville (Ill.) Classic

Evansville Memorial 49, Edwardsville (Ill.) 48  
Evansville Memorial 62, Edwardsville (Ill.) 37

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**Saturday's Games**  
Philadelphia 127, Oklahoma City 123  
Brooklyn 112, Miami 97  
Atlanta 136, Washington 108  
L.A. Lakers 121, Cleveland 115  
Utah 105, New Orleans 100  
L.A. Clippers 107, Dallas 88

**Sunday's Games**  
Milwaukee 108, Portland 102  
Minnesota 119, Memphis 97  
Orlando 130, Charlotte 117  
Phoenix 116, New York 113

Brooklyn 118, Chicago 109  
Cleveland 105, Toronto 102  
Boston 113, Atlanta 103  
Denver 132, San Antonio 120

**Monday's Games**  
L.A. Lakers at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.  
Portland at Indiana, 7 p.m.  
Washington at Detroit, 7 p.m.  
New Orleans at Utah, 9 p.m.  
Denver at L.A. Clippers, 10:30 p.m.

**Tuesday's Games**  
Atlanta at Cleveland, 7:30 p.m.  
Charlotte at New York, 7:30 p.m.  
Chicago at Boston, 7:30 p.m.  
Milwaukee at Miami, 7:30 p.m.  
Toronto at Brooklyn, 7:30 p.m.  
Oklahoma City at Minnesota, 8 p.m.  
Houston at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.  
Golden State at Sacramento, 10 p.m.

**Wednesday's Games**  
L.A. Lakers at Detroit, 7 p.m.  
Washington at Orlando, 7 p.m.  
Phoenix at Toronto, 7:30 p.m.  
Philadelphia at New Orleans, 8 p.m.  
Utah at Memphis, 8 p.m.  
Houston at Denver, 9 p.m.  
L.A. Clippers at Sacramento, 10 p.m.

**College**  
**Men's Basketball Scores**  
**Sunday, Nov. 26**  
**EAST**  
West Virginia 62, Bellarmine 58

**SOUTH**  
FAU 84, Virginia Tech 50  
Louisville 90, New Mexico St. 84, OT

**MIDWEST**  
Air Force 58, South Dakota 57  
Bowling Green 77, Canisius 73  
Coll. of Charleston 84, Kent St. 78  
Indiana 89, Harvard 76  
Nebraska 85, Cal St.-Fullerton 72  
Ohio 82, Brown 77  
Texas A&M 73, Iowa St. 69

**SOUTHWEST**  
North Dakota 72, E. Michigan 70  
Texas 86, Wyoming 63

**FAR WEST**  
Butler 70, Boise St. 56  
Colorado 85, Iona 68

**Saturday, Nov. 25**  
**EAST**  
Georgetown 88, Jackson St. 81  
Maryland 68, South Alabama 55  
St. John's 91, Holy Cross 45

**SOUTH**  
Bowling Green 82, Lipscomb 61  
Charlotte 65, Georgia St. 57  
Evansville 93, SE Missouri 74

**MIDWEST**  
Bradley 79, Vermont 70  
Cleveland St. 86, Alabama A&M 59  
Drake 77, Texas Southern 71  
E. Illinois 85, Eureka 39  
Fort Wayne 95, Wittenberg 64  
Green Bay 64, St. Thomas (MN) 51  
IUPUI 78, Cougars 70, OT

Missouri 78, Loyola (Md.) 70  
Missouri St. 92, SC State 74  
N. Illinois 89, DePaul 79  
Ohio 80, Middle Tennessee 68  
SIU-Edwardsville 81, Detroit 67  
Saint Louis 66, Dartmouth 65  
Southern Miss. 90, Milwaukee 84  
Valparaiso 71, Southern U. 59  
W. Michigan 72, Mercer 66  
Wichita St. 80, Norfolk St. 67

**SOUTHWEST**  
E. Michigan 74, Cent. Arkansas 71

**FAR WEST**  
Alabama 99, Oregon 91  
Cal Baptist 69, Vanguard 59  
Grand Canyon 86, N. Dakota St. 71  
Hawaii 77, San Diego 66  
Loyola Marymount 67, UTEP 47  
Ohio St. 86, Santa Clara 56  
Portland 107, Willamette 84  
San Diego St. 76, California 67, OT  
UT Martin 94, Chicago 71

**Women's Basketball Scores**  
**Sunday, Nov. 26**  
**EAST**

Buffalo 87, Kutztown 47  
Penn St. 73, Providence 66

**SOUTH**  
Alabama 72, Liberty 47  
Auburn 68, Alabama A&M 45  
Clemson 92, Ark.-Pine Bluff 66  
Duke 93, NC Central 45  
Louisville 81, Gonzaga 70  
Villanova 74, Wake Forest 65

**MIDWEST**  
DePaul 93, Loyola Chicago 72  
Drake 72, Maine 56  
Evansville 103, Chicago St. 102, 3OT

Fort Wayne 90, W. Kentucky 77  
Illinois 90, Canisius 58  
Iowa 77, Kansas St. 70  
Middle Tennessee 81, SIU-Edwardsville 74  
Minnesota 67, Stony Brook 54  
Ohio 75, IUPUI 71  
Ohio St. 83, Cornell 40  
Purdue 95, S. Indiana 57  
Richmond 83, Louisiana Tech 56  
Saint Louis 79, Ill. Chicago 75

**SOUTHWEST**  
Baylor 93, Alcorn St. 47  
Houston 81, New Orleans 54  
Mississippi St. 102, Tulsa 58  
Oklahoma St. 82, Missouri St. 51  
UTEP 95, North Alabama 88

**FAR WEST**  
Georgetown 65, Cal St.-Fullerton 55  
Stanford 79, Albany (NY) 35

**Saturday, Nov. 25**  
**EAST**  
Boise St. 68, Rutgers 65  
Indiana 72, Princeton 63  
Maryland 92, UMass 63  
Wisconsin 82, Boston College 72

**SOUTH**  
Austin Peay 60, Chicago St. 49  
Belmont 83, Northwestern 61  
Cincinnati 65, Kentucky 41  
Cincinnati 63, North Carolina 56  
LSU 76, Virginia 73  
Louisville 72, Liberty 63  
Mississippi 58, UALR 45  
Mississippi St. 77, Ark.-Pine Bluff 68  
N. Illinois 67, Indiana St. 62  
NC State 78, Colorado 60  
UCF 69, Sacred Heart 58  
V. Virginia Tech 76, Tulane 70  
W. Michigan 58, UNC-Asheville 54

**MIDWEST**  
Akron 75, Pittsburgh 72, OT  
Cleveland St. 82, UMKC 55  
Dayton 74, Wichita St. 63  
Fort Wayne 88, Delaware 74  
Green Bay 59, Washington St. 48  
Iowa 100, Florida Gulf Coast 62  
Kent St. 67, Missouri 64  
Maine 60, Louisiana Tech 54  
Marquette 74, Arkansas 58  
Milwaukee 84, Cent. Michigan 59  
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Richmond 74, Drake 66  
South Dakota 72, SC State 52  
Syracuse 81, Iowa St. 69  
Toledo 73, N. Dakota St. 58  
UConn 71, Kansas 63  
Vanderbilt 68, Oklahoma 73  
Texas 76, South Florida 44  
Texas A&M 65, California 51  
Tulsa 74, Clemson 64  
UTSA 63, Sam Houston St. 56

**FAR WEST**  
Arizona St. 77, High Point 69  
BYU 74, Loyola Marymount 58  
Butler 76, St. Thomas (MN) 54  
Fresno St. 70, E. Illinois 60  
Gonzaga 68, Alabama 58  
Grand Canyon 63, Nicholls 40  
Hawaii 58, Idaho St. 46  
Illinois 62, Saint Mary's (Cal) 51  
Nevada 67, Cent. Arkansas 65, OT  
Portland 75, Seattle 68  
Rhode Island 64, Portland 58  
San Diego St. 74, Penn 49  
South Alabama 62, Denver 53

Texas Tech 61, Santa Clara 56  
Texas-Arlington 87, NC A&T 76  
UC Irvine 66, Pacific 60

UC Santa Barbara 61, Weber St. 51  
UNLV 93, San Diego 56  
Utah St. 66, Warner Pacific 54  
Utah Valley St. 66, Idaho 59  
Washington 73, Air Force 53  
Winthrop 56, San Jose St. 49

## HOCKEY

### NHL

#### EASTERN CONFERENCE

**Atlantic Division**

GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Boston	20	14	3	31	69	50
Florida	20	12	7	1	25	58
Detroit	20	11	6	3	25	74
Tampa Bay	21	10	6	5	25	78
Toronto	19	10	6	3	23	67
Buffalo	21	9	10	2	20	59
Montreal	21	9	10	2	20	59
Ottawa	16	8	8	0	16	60

**Metropolitan Division**

GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
N.Y. Rangers	19	15	3	1	31	66
Carolina	20	12	8	0	24	67
Philadelphia	21	11	9	1	23	64
Washington	17	10	5	2	22	43
N.Y. Islanders	20	8	6	2	22	62
Minnesota	19	5	10	4	14	57
Chicago	19	6	13	0	12	49

**WESTERN CONFERENCE**  
**Central Division**

GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Colorado	20	14	6	0	28	76
Dallas	19	12	5	2	26	67
Winnipeg	20	12	6	2	26	71
St. Louis	20	11	8	1	23	60
Nashville	20	10	10	0	20	67
Arizona	20	9	9	2	20	65
Minnesota	19	5	10	4	14	57
Chicago	19	6	13	0	12	49

**Pacific Division**

GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Vegas	21	14	5	2	30	69
Los Angeles	19	13	3	3	29	

# Too old for a third kid?

Dear Annie: I'm a newly married 32-year-old woman, and my husband is 31. We've been married for three months, and we're both really excited to share the holiday season together for the first time as husband and wife.

My childhood family is very small. I only have my mom and sister nearby and a brother who lives 2,000 miles away. My sister has been married to her husband for three years, and every year we have been celebrating holidays with my sister, her husband, his parents and my mom. Things have been fine up until last year.

My brother, who lives across the country, came out here for a month during the holidays. My brother is the different one in a family of conservative Christians. He is a homosexual liberal; he is still very loved nonetheless. My brother-in-law's parents have never met him before. Knowing how they feel about gay people, he has never come out and told them that he's gay. But they must have discussed him and figured it out on their own, because two days before Christmas last year, they told us they were not coming because they couldn't be around someone with "his views and lifestyle."

Of course, we were hurt and very offended because he is a member of our family. Anyway, my husband is not religious, but he is a wonderful, sweet man and the most incredible husband. He and I have decided to host Christmas this year at our new house, and my brother-in-law's parents will be there. I'm worried they will be rude to my husband once they discover his lack of religion.

My mother-in-law and I are very close, so she of course knows about the whole situation that happened last year and is ready to stick up for us both; however, I'm hoping that won't be necessary — although given the way they are, I'm truly expecting the worst. Any advice on how to handle the situation if that does in fact happen? — Worried Wife in Mississippi

**Dear Worried Wife:** Try not to anticipate a fight before it even happens. Everyone might love that you are hosting and all get along. It is Christmas, for good-

ness' sake. One rule of thumb to avoid arguments during the holidays is to agree not to discuss religion or politics.

Dear Annie: At 54, my mother, already blessed with two academically accomplished children in the 8th and 12th grades, years for a third child. I am nearly 18 years old and will soon leave for college. My father, 57, is adamant that he doesn't want another baby. With retirement as a middle-school teacher within a decade's grasp, the idea of raising another child weighs heavily on him, having managed students his whole life.

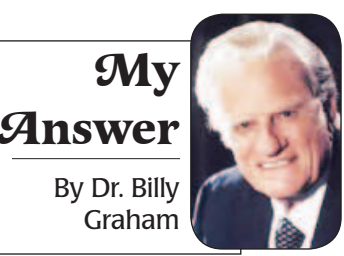
Nobody except my mother wants another child. To facilitate this wish without enduring another pregnancy, she's exploring surrogacy, encouraged by medical professionals who believe her fertility levels can produce a new life.

I'm concerned about my mother's demanding work schedule, as she works from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., yet she still strongly desires to add another child to our family.

Would a 12-year-old want a father in his 70s? Am I selfish in questioning the allocation of resources, as my mother contemplates funding a new lifetime while lamenting her inability to pay full tuition for a private college? Is it OK for my mother to divide our family, countering everyone's wishes but her own? — Parenting at 70

**Dear Parenting at 70:** Your mom would be parenting at 54 at first. A 12-year-old wants a loving father, and it doesn't matter what age he is. If your mom really wants a child, that is up to her and your father. Try not to place your own judgement on her and focus instead on how exciting college will be for you.

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## My Answer

By Dr. Billy Graham

**Q:** Having graduated at the top of my class, engaged to be married, and ready to take on the world of international travel, my life collapsed when none of the leading corporations hired me, my fiancée ran off with my best friend, and the world closed down because of COVID-19! I haven't recovered yet, badly disenchanted by all of the promises that the future was mine to create. In the midst of this horror, I found the saving light of Christ, and now I want to help prevent others from believing the false narratives that people are basically good and self-sufficient. — F.D.

**A:** Human nature — ever intent to live indepen-

## We will never be 'good' apart from God

dently of God and His transforming grace — claims that environment, education, and right mental attitudes can change the heart and make it pure. This is the argument of humanists.

There are many who say that our mental attitude toward life needs to be changed: "If we think right, we are right." To them the problem of evil is a psychological one. "Think positively. After all," they say, "the Bible says, 'As [a man] thinks in his heart, so is he'" (Proverbs 23:7, NKJV). The problem is that they are not putting the verse in context, for the Bible also says that the heart of man is deceitful and inherently wicked (see Jeremiah 17:9).

People are being told that they are self-sufficient and to be happy all that is

required is to think happy thoughts. Such thoughts might cheer us and make us feel empowered, but they will never change us to be what God commands us to be. The "do-it-yourself" rage is spreading everywhere, but it cannot be applied to living life as God intended.

We will never be "good" apart from God. The heart of man can only be changed by Jesus Christ. Only He can create in us new hearts (see Ezekiel 36:26) that will follow the goodness of the Lord (see Psalm 31:19).

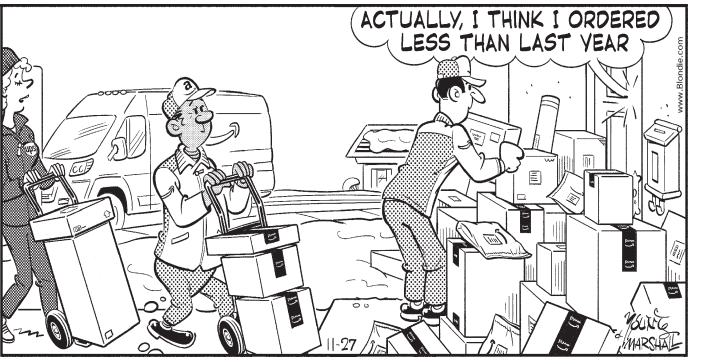
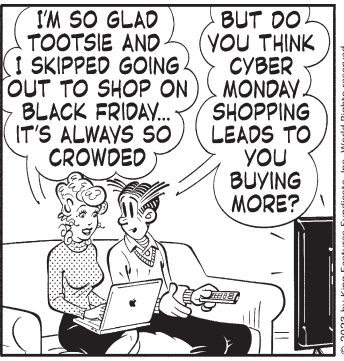
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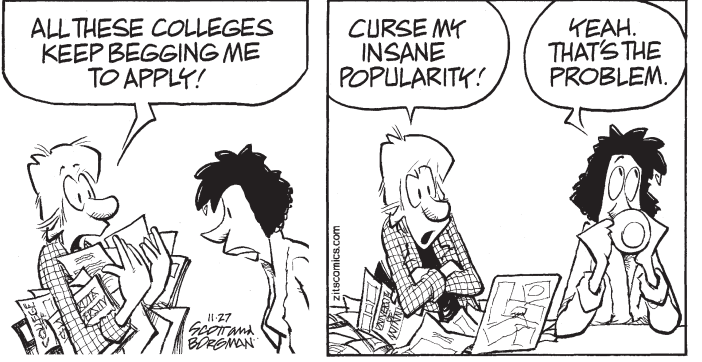
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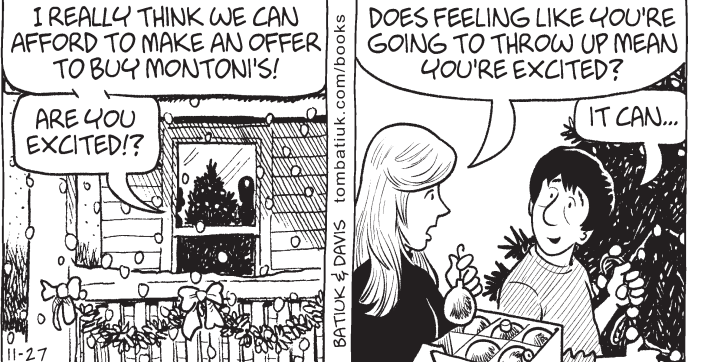
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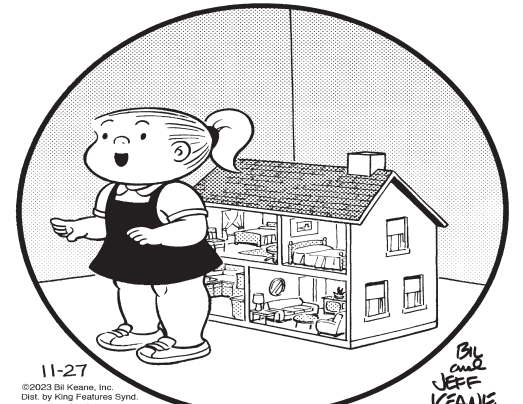
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CBS WANE (15)	2	15	15		News (N) Inside Edition (N)	CBS News (N)	Wheel of Fortune (N)	Jeopardy!	Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer	Let's Make a Deal	NCIS "Higher Education"	Nightcast (N)	(35) Late Show-Colbert	(35) Comics Unleashed						
Antenna WANE-2 (352)	106	20			Criminal Minds "Starter Home"	Criminal Minds "Rule 34"	FBI "Crossfire"	FBI "Protecte"	FBI "Money for Nothing"	FBI "The Lies We Tell"	FBI "Family First"	FBI "Doomsday"								
ABC WPTA (21)	4	3	21		ABC21 News at 5 (N)	ABC21 (N)	ABC World News (N)	Ent. Tonight (N)	NFL Football Chicago Bears at Minnesota Vikings	The Vikings try to complete a third consecutive season-sweep of the NFC North rival Bears. (L) (N)	(15) ABC21 (N)	(50) Jimmy Kimmel Live! (N)	(50) Nightline							
ABC WPTA-2 (212)	7	8	14		Family Feud	25 Words or Less	News (N)	NBC News (N)	Family Feud	Voice, The The six artists remaining on Team Reba & Team Gwen hold nothing back as tough decisions are...	That's My Jam	News (N)	(35) Tonight Show (N)	(35) Seth Meyers (N)						
MNT WPTA-3 (213)	10	9	56	34	The King of Queens	King "King of Queens"	Mod Fam "Lake Life"	News (N)	Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Mom	Mom	The Goldbergs	Goldbergs "Girl Talk"		
CW WISE (38)	8	4	33	33	The Steve Wilkos Show	TMZ Live (N)	Dish Nation (N)	TMZ (N)	Penn & Teller: Fool Us "Who's Your Daddy?!"	Masters of Illusion (N)	Animals (N)	Dish Nation (N)	TMZ (N)	Family Guy	Family Guy	Burgers	Bob's Burgers			
PBS WFWA (39)	13	5	39	39	Antiques "Vintage Milwaukee 2020"	PBS Newshour (N)	BBC News America	Matters of Mind	Love Train: The Sound of Philadelphia -- Live in Concert	Neil Diamond: Thank You Australia	Amanpour and Company (N)	Amanpour and Company (N)	Antiques Roadshow "Vintage Mobile"							
PBS WFPB (49)	3				Antiques "Vintage Milwaukee 2020"	Context	BBC News America	PBS Newshour (N)	England Made With Love	The U.S. and the Holocaust: Insight and Understanding	Young Sheldon	Young Sheldon	Neighbor	Neighbor						
FOX WFFT (55)	6	5	55	55	WFFT Fox News at 5 (N)	WFFT Fox News at 6 (N)	Big Bang	Big Bang	Kitchen Nightmares (N)	Special Forces: World's Toughest Test (S) (N)	FOX 55 News First at 10 (N)									

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**Saturday's Drawings HOOSIER LOTTERY**  
Cash 5 — 09-11-20-25-39  
Cash4Life — 35-37-45-47-55, Cash Ball: 01  
Lotto Plus — 04-19-24-25-40-42  
Quick Draw Midday — 01-05-10-11-13-12-16-19-20-28-32-39-40-46-59-60-61-68-70-78, BE: 61  
Daily Three-Midday — 02-06-07, SB: 08  
Daily Three-Evening — 03-04-03, SB: 03  
Daily Four-Midday — 04-01-06-07, SB: 08  
Daily Four-Evening — 06-06-04-07, SB: 03  
Quick Draw Evening — 02-19-20-22-23-25-29-35-37-40-41-52-54-55-56-58-61-62-67-73, BE: 67  
Hoosier Lotto — 01-02-05-16-29-45  
POWERBALL  
27-33-63-66-68; Powerball: 09; Power Play: 2X

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Cash 5 — 05-08-10-11-41  
Cash4Life — 06-07-15-18-26, Cash Ball: 04  
Quick Draw Midday — 04-05-09-10-14-19-20-22-26-28-37-38-47-52-67-68-71-72-75-78, BE: 19  
Daily Three-Midday — 04-04-04, SB: 04  
Daily Three-Evening — 04-06-09, SB: 02  
Daily Four-Midday — 07-03-04-08, SB: 04  
Daily Four-Evening — 00-02-03-04, SB: 02  
Quick Draw Evening — 07-10-12-13-14-23-24-28-30-33-35-40-49-54-55-56-59-73-76-80, BE: 76  
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Petitioner )  
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# Rosalynn and Jimmy Carter: global power couple, best friends and life mates

By **BILL BARROW**  
Associated Press  
PLAINS, Ga. (AP) — Jimmy and Rosalynn Carter could not remember their first meeting. She was a newborn. He wasn't long out of diapers himself, a would-be U.S. president peering down at the future first lady his mother had delivered a few days earlier. What flourished in the near-century to follow was a partnership that won the Georgia governor's office, the White House and then propelled the Carters through four decades as global humanitarians. Undergirding that path was a small-town love story that made them more than a power couple: They were life mates and best friends. Rosalynn Carter died Nov. 19 at the age of 96. The former president, now 99, was with her when at their home in Plains, where they lived all their lives, with the exceptions of his college and

Navy years, one gubernatorial term and their White House years from 1977-81. "Rosalynn was my equal partner in everything I ever accomplished," Jimmy Carter said in a statement released upon her death by The Carter Center, which they co-founded in 1982 after leaving Washington. "She gave me wise guidance and encouragement when I needed it. As long as Rosalynn was in the world, I always knew somebody loved and supported me." It is not known whether the 39th president, now mostly using a wheelchair and hospital bed in his 10th month of hospice care, will attend tributes that begin Monday. Those close to the family say they expect he will make every effort, especially for an invitation-only funeral Wednesday in Plains and private burial in a plot the couple eventually will share. "It's hard to think of one

of them without the other," said Jill Stuckey, a longtime friend who saw the couple often during Rosalynn Carter's last months. The former first lady often campaigned separately from her husband to expand their reach: "If I go with Jimmy I just sit there," she once said. "I can use my time better than that." As president, Jimmy Carter sent her abroad as an official diplomat. She attended Cabinet meetings. They avoided dancing with others at White House dinners. After the presidency, they built The Carter Center together in Atlanta. They met with world leaders, monitored elections and fought disease in developing nations. They read the Bible together each night, even over the phone, a practice that endured as they aged. Sometimes they read aloud in Spanish to stay proficient in their second language. And they held hands often:

at home, in church, walking down Pennsylvania Avenue on Inauguration Day in 1977, and as she lay on her deathbed in the home they built before his first legislative election in 1962. "We don't go to sleep with some remaining differences between us," the former president told The Associated Press in 2021. Rosalynn said she first "fell in love with Jimmy's picture" hanging on his sister's bedroom wall. Then, in the summer of 1945, when he was home from the U.S. Naval Academy, Ruth Carter convinced her brother to go on a date with Rosalynn. The next morning Jimmy Carter told his mother he would marry Rosalynn Smith. "I had never had a boy kiss me on a first date," she recalled. Yet she saw seeds of something deeper than teenage romance. Usually shy, she found she "could talk to him, actually talk to him."

They were married July 7, 1946, and set off for his first Naval appointment. When James Earl Carter Sr. died in 1953, his namesake son moved his family back to Georgia — without asking his wife. He remembered six decades later how "cool" she was to him for months because of the move, with the rift not closing completely until she made herself his indispensable business partner in their peanut farming operation. Still, the future president did not consult his wife when he launched his first political campaign. In that instance, however, Rosalynn Carter was on board and willingly stayed behind to run the business in Plains when he went to Atlanta as a state senator.

Family and close friends remember as a bond that thrived not just on mutual respect but competitiveness. They raced to finish writing their next books or best the other in tennis, skiing or any other pursuit in their later years. They kept score as they fished. "How many did she catch? How big were they?" Stuckey recalled the former president asking her one day as she bounced between the two on the edges of their pond in Plains. "I'd go back to Rosalynn, and she'd say, 'What'd he say? How many does he have?'" Eventually, that friendly competition gave way to two nonagenarians trying to take care of each other.

## Paul Lynch wins Booker Prize with dystopian novel

LONDON (AP) — Irish writer Paul Lynch won the Booker Prize for fiction on Sunday with what judges called a "soul-shattering" novel about a woman's struggle to protect her family as Ireland collapses into totalitarianism and war. "Prophet Song," set in a dystopian fictional version of Dublin, was awarded the \$63,000 literary prize at a ceremony in London. Canadian writer Esi Edugyan, who chaired the judging panel, said the book is "a triumph of emotional storytelling, bracing and brave" in which Lynch "pulls off feats of language that are stunning to witness." Lynch, 46, had been the bookies' favorite to win the prestigious prize, which usually brings a big boost in sales. His book beat five other finalists from Ireland, the U.K., the U.S. and Canada, chosen from 163 novels sub-

mitted by publishers. "This was not an easy book to write," Lynch said after being handed the Booker trophy. "The rational part of me believed I was dooming my career by writing this novel, though I had to write the book anyway. We do not have a choice in such matters." Lynch has called "Prophet Song," his fifth novel, an attempt at "radical empathy" that tries to plunge readers into the experience of living in a collapsing society. "I was trying to see into the modern chaos," he told the Booker website. "The unrest in Western democracies. The problem of Syria — the implosion of an entire nation, the scale of its refugee crisis and the West's indifference. ... I wanted to deepen the reader's immersion to such a degree that by the end of the book, they would not just know, but

feel this problem for themselves." The five prize judges met to pick the winner on Saturday, less than 48 hours after far-right violence erupted in Dublin following a stabbing attack on a group of children. Edugyan said that immediate events didn't directly influence the choice of winner. Lynch said he was "astonished" by the riots "and at the same time I recognized the truth that this kind of energy is always there under the surface." He said "Prophet Song" — written over four years starting in 2018 — "is a counterfactual novel. It's not a prophetic statement." "I wrote the book to articulate the message that the things that are happening in this book are occurring timelessly throughout the ages and maybe we need to deepen our own responses to that," he told reporters.

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