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The 'lost' Williamson locket

Tammy Cromie-Wilkins, above left, the great-granddaughter of famed Bluffton scientist E. B. Williamson, donated a locket that Williamson had given to his daughter, Jane Williamson Wilkins, most likely in the early 1930s. Cromie-Wilkins had found the locket in the aftermath of her Grandmother Jane's death and was surprised to open it and find a picture of herself. A young girl at the time, and Jane's only granddaughter, her grandfather gave the locket to her. Years later, an uncle had thought the locket "lost" until discovering Cromie-Wilkins had it. That story is shared in a comprehensive biography of E. B. Williamson written by Alan Daugherty, above right. The recently published 226-page hardcover book remains available at several Bluffton locations, including the News-Banner office. Cromie-Wilkins was at the Wells County Historical Museum this week to present the locket for permanent display within the Williamson Collection at the museum. Accepting the gift is Connie Brubaker, center, vice-president of the Historical Society. The locket cover (left, top) includes a dragonfly and a frog, both of which were objects of E.B. Williamson's studies. (Photos by Mark Miller)

Man sentenced after embezzling \$200K from job

By SYDNEY KENT

"I can't explain it," Thomas Schmidt told the court when asked what happened to the \$200,000 he embezzled from Almco Steel Products.

The theft occurred over a three-year period, and Schmidt, 54, Fort Wayne, was arrested in March of this year.

On Wednesday, Schmidt was sentenced to four years in the Indiana Department of Correction with all but 18 months suspended. He was also ordered to pay restitution in the amount of \$17,610 and spend 30 months on probation upon his release from incarceration. The sentence was issued immediately after Schmidt pled guilty to one count of theft, a Level 5 felony, in the Wells Circuit Court on Wednesday.



Thomas Schmidt

Schmidt's inability to explain the whereabouts of the misappropriated funds prompted further questioning from Judge Kenton Kiracofe.

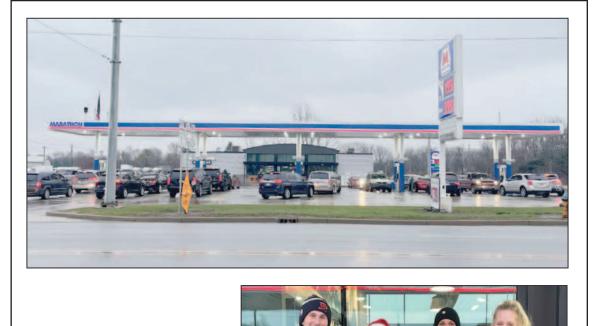
"Do you have debts?" Kiracofe asked. "Credit card debt?'

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Marathon offers gas deal for fundraiser

By JONATHAN SNYDER Drivers had a pleasant surprise Friday afternoon — gas at \$1.99 per gallon

The Marathon gas station at the intersection of Ind. 1 and Ind. 124 in Bluffton sold gas at a discount between 3-5 p.m. to advertise a charity drive. During the same time, gas



Bluffton tackles water quality, questions remain

By JONATHAN SNYDER The city of Bluffton is still

at neighboring gas stations was priced around \$2.89.

The line for gas nearly spilled into the street for the Penny Pitch drive, a yearly fundraiser hosted by WOWO radio out of Fort Wayne for Junior Achievement of Northern Indiana. Junior Achievement is a nonprofit that seeks to prepare young people for career success. The radio station is looking to donate the money to support Junior Achievement's Job Spark event, which last year brought around 6.000 kids to interact with potential career paths available in northeast Indiana.

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A special drive Above, the gas station had a overflowing line of cars for the \$1.99 special

price. (Photo by Holly Gaskill)

At right, Josh Williams, Melissa Eastman, Erica Bennett, and Sarah Schafer were all smiles through the rain as donations flood in for the Penny Pitch drive. (Photo by Jonathan Snyder)



looking for responses to the recent changes made to the city's water quality.

"We were having water hardness issues, that was a real problem. The hard part now is understanding, 'Are we continuing to have this issue?'" explained Kelly White, engineer for the city of Bluffton.

Currently, the water treatment plant is maximizing its water softener efficiency. They recently built new piping to test directly underneath the softener, ensuring that they can perform accurate quality (Continued on Page 2)

Retired Justice Sandra Day O'Connor has died at age 93

By MARK SHERMAN Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) Retired Supreme Court Justice Sandra Day O'Connor, an unwavering voice of moderate conservatism and the first woman to serve on the nation's highest court, died Friday. She was 93.

O'Connor died in Phoenix, of complications related to advanced dementia and a respiratory illness, the Supreme Court said in a news release.

Chief Justice John Roberts mourned her death. "A daughter of the American Southwest, Sandra Day O'Connor blazed an historic trail as our Nation's first female Justice," Roberts said in statement issued by the court. "She met that challenge with undaunted determination, indisputable ability, and engaging candor."

In 2018, she announced that she had been diagnosed with "the beginning stages of dementia, probably Alzheimer's disease." Her husband, John O'Connor, died of complications of Alzheimer's in 2009.

O'Connor's nomination in 1981 by President Ronald Reagan and subsequent confirmation by the Senate ended 191 years of male exclusivity on the high court.

A native of Arizona who grew up on her family's sprawling ranch, O'Connor wasted little time building a reputation as a hard worker who wielded considerable political clout on the nine-member court.

The granddaughter of a pioneer who traveled west from Vermont (Continued on Page 2)

The House expels Rep. George Santos after ethics report

By KEVIN FREKING Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — The House voted on Friday to expel Republican Rep. George Santos of New York after a blistering ethics report on his conduct heightened

lawmakers' concerns about the scandal-plagued freshman. Santos became just the sixth member in the chamber's history to be ousted by colleagues, and the third since the Civil War.

The vote to expel was 311-

114, easily clearing the two-thirds majority required. House Republican leaders opposed removing Santos, whose departure leaves them with a razor-thin majority, but in the end 105 GOP lawmakers sided with nearly all Democrats to

expel him.

The expulsion marked the final congressional chapter in a spectacular fall from grace for Santos. Celebrated as an up-andcomer after he flipped a district from Democrats last year, Santos²

life story began to unravel before he was even sworn into office. Reports emerged that he had lied about having Jewish ancestry, a career at top Wall Street firms and a college degree, among other (Continued on Page 2)



Embezzlement

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Schmidt flatly denied any debt.

"Where did the property you bought with the company credit card go?" Kiracofe prompted.

"I guess, I don't know," Schmidt hesitated. "Some of it I turned around and sold."

"You're renting a house and making car payments," Kiracofe continued, "Over a three year time you have had a \$200,000 bonus. Where did that money go?"

Schmidt stated that he lost the house he owned during this time because he could not keep up on the payments. He went on to explain that he sold equipment to a random person he met on the internet over that time period as well.

"A random person on the internet," Kiracofe raised his eyebrows. "That's what you want me to believe?"

According to a probable cause affidavit, James Almdale, the owner of Almco Steel Products, requested to speak to an officer regarding an employee theft in November of 2022. Almdale reported that Schmidt had used the company credit card to purchase possibly over \$200,00 worth of merchandise for himself.

Schmidt, an employee for nearly 30 years, had first embezzled \$8,016.83 from the company in 2019 over the course of 20 purchases. The following year, Schmidt had stolen nearly eight times that amount from the company.

During the investigation, Detective Cliff Thomas with the Bluffton Police Department identified and detailed over 76 fraudulent charges using the company credit card that totaled approximately \$81,152. Thomas stated that he believed Schmidt continued to defraud Almco Steel after he was caught and confronted by both the company and law enforcement.

In December 2022, Thomas spoke with Schmidt on the phone. Schmidt advised he wanted to speak to an attorney first. Thomas again attempted to facilitate a conversation during the investigation, however, Schmidt failed to return his calls.

In February 2023, Greg Rekeweg with Almco Steel advised that the company discovered Schmidt had opened a new account using Almco's tax identification number with a credit limit of \$50,000. The account, opened months after Schmidt had been confronted about the investigation, showed an overdue balance of \$18,222.18 from the purchases of several computers.

À statement from Almco Steel read by Prosecutor David Crell stated that the company has ongoing concern for how to prevent Thomas from utilizing any remote access he may have in place. The statement also argued that a portion of the items that were purchased could still be recovered, either at Schmidt's residence or in the possession of his family.

As Schmidt sat on the stand in a leather Star Trek jacket, he told the court that there were no longer any items left that could be returned except for a cell phone — the one issued to him by the company, not the one he purchased with the company credit card.

Schmidt's defense argued that his two adult children, both who live at home and do not contribute financially,

as well as his wife who struggles from scoliosis, would be in detriment if he were to serve time in incarceration.

"Mr. Scmidft committed a white collar crime," Miller added. "He was employed and was in a position he abused to his employers' detriment. He doesn't really have anything to show for it except for these charges."

The state called Chief Probation Officer Greg Werich to the stand.

"You heard (Schmidt) talk about the fact that he did not disclose the existence of this case," Crell began, referencing Schmidt's statement that his current \$70,000 per year position with an aerospace and defense company was unaware of his pending charges. "Can you tell the court what influence that has on how we would fit into your program?"

"The concern would be continued deception," Werich explained. "Crime of theft is deception, not disclosing this charge, it is a continuation of the same behavior. There are no issues we'll be working on, so it is compliance and supervision, and pay the restitution. Hearing what I hear, he may lose his job for deception, and how is he going to pay that restitution?"

"While you didn't pull a gun," Kiracofe said before he issued his ruling. "It's not any different than if he walked in there and took money out of a safe with a key. There's no difference. That's what you did here. A sentence without some level of incarceration diminishes the seriousness of what has happened. I recognize also that incarceration will be a hardship on him and his family, but it is a hardship he created."

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Weather

LOCAL/NATION

Saturday, December 02, 2023 (24-hour observations at 9:44 p.m. Friday) High: 48; Low: 41; Precipitation: 0.24 inches of rain Wabash River Level (at the Main Street bridge): 1.23 feet at 9:45 p.m. Friday

Wells County forecast

Today: Areas of fog before 9 a.m. Otherwise, cloudy, with a high near 47. West wind 5 to 10 mph becoming northwest in the afternoon.

Tonight: A 30 percent chance of rain after 1 a.m. Cloudy, with a low around 39. Northeast wind around 5 mph becoming east after midnight.

Sunday: Rain, mainly before 1 p.m. High near 48. East wind 10 to 15 mph becoming west in the afternoon. Winds could gust as high as 25 mph. Chance of precipitation is 80 percent.

Sunday Night: A 20 percent chance of rain. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 33. West wind 10 to 15 mph.

Monday: A 20 percent chance of rain before 1 p.m. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 43.

Monday Night: A 40 percent chance of rain after 1 a.m. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 32.

Tuesday: A 30 percent chance of rain. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 45.

Tuesday Night: A 20 percent chance of rain before 1 a.m. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 30.

Wednesday: Partly sunny, with a high near 40.

Wednesday Night: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 30.

Thursday: Partly sunny, with a high near 47.

Thursday Night: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 36. **Friday:** Partly sunny, with a high near 50.

Marathon gas

(Continued from Page 1) The group hoped that, with the lower price, more people would stop by the building and participate in the fundraiser.

Josh Williams, the assistant program director for WOWO, along with representatives from Junior Achievement, expressed their excitement for every donation from the community and their passion to see the drive succeed.

Other gas stations in Columbia City and New Haven also raised money Friday afternoon.

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Water quality

(Continued from Page 1) control checks for hardness levels.

Bluffton consulted representatives from Kurita Water Industries, a softener and vertical pressure manufacturer, to re-inspect the water treatment plant's equipment. White stated that Kurita found some potential improvements and that the city learned a lot from their expertise.

In addition, White noted that the city flushed every water main they had, cleaning the pipes and removing any lingering sediment. The city also changed both its salt and water chemical suppliers. The plant was advised that the salt quality was poor, and later discovered a variety of debris in Bluffton's salt containers, assumed to be left behind by the city's supplier. Cargill Salts now supplies the city, and White advised that the product is much better.

White stated that the city is looking to reach a target of 180 milligrams of hardness per liter. On average, the water currently reaches about 500 milligrams of

hardness per liter.

While the number of complaints has gone down since White took the role as engineer, she is still pushing for Bluffton's citizens to speak up if they are having issues.

"We are all drinking the same water, so it's important not just that the water is meeting health standards, but that we also like it," said White. "We've made good changes. We feel like we're on the right path, but we don't want to just assume that. We don't want to just make these assumptions and then not learn anything from them." Bluffton residents

experiencing any issues are encouraged to contact through the city's new email account, blufftonindiana.gov. Within the content of the email, White asks that the following information be included: contact information, the address where the issue is occurring, a detailed description of the issue and a specific date when the issue first occurred.

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Sandra Day O'Conner

(Continued from Page 1) and founded the family ranch some three decades before Arizona became a state, O'Connor had a tenacious, independent spirit that came naturally. As a child growing up in the remote outback, she learned early to ride horses, round up cattle and drive trucks and tractors. "I didn't do all the things the boys did," she said in a 1981 Time magazine interview, "but I fixed windmills and repaired fences." On the bench, her influence could best be seen, and her legal thinking most closely scrutinized, in the court's rulings on abortion, perhaps the most contentious and divisive issue the justices faced. O'Connor balked at letting states outlaw most abortions, refusing in 1989 to join four other justices who were ready to reverse the landmark 1973 Roe v. Wade decision that said women have a constitutional right to abortion. Then, in 1992, she helped forge and lead a fivejustice majority that reaffirmed the core holding of the 1973 ruling. "Some of us as individuals find abor-

tion offensive to our most basic principles of morality, but that can't control our decision," O'Connor said in court, reading a summary of the decision in Planned Parenthood v. Casey. "Our obligation is to define the liberty of all, not to mandate our own moral code." Thirty years after that decision, a more conservative court did overturn Roe and Casey, and the opinion was written by the man who took her high court seat, Justice Samuel Alito. He joined the court upon O'Connor's retirement in 2006, chosen by President George W. Bush. In 2000, O'Connor was part of the 5-4 majority that effectively resolved the disputed 2000 presidential election in favor of Bush, over Democrat Al Gore. Bush was among many prominent Americans offering condolences Friday. "It was fitting that Sandra became the first female appointed to our highest court, because she was a pioneer who lived by the code of the west," Bush said in a statement. "She was determined and honest, modest and considerate, dependable and self-reliant. She was

also fun and funny, with a wonderful sense of humor."

Former President Barack Obama, who awarded O'Connor the Presidential Medal of Freedom in 2009. praised her for "forging a new path and building a bridge behind her for all young women to follow." O'Connor was regarded with great fondness by many of her colleagues. When she retired, Justice Clarence Thomas, a consistent conservative, called her "an outstanding colleague, civil in dissent and gracious when in the majority.' O'Connor, whom commentators had once called the nation's most powerful woman, remained the court's only woman until 1993, when, much to O'Connor's delight and relief. President Bill Clinton nominated Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg. The current court includes a record four women. The enormity of the reaction to O'Connor's appointment had surprised her. She received more than 60,000 letters in her first year, more than any one member in the court's history. "I had no idea when I was appointed how

much it would mean to many people around the country, she once said. "It affected them in a very personal way. People saw it as a signal that there are virtually unlimited opportunities for women. It's important to parents for their daughters, and to daughters for themselves." At times, the constant publicity was almost unbearable. "I had never expected or aspired to be a Supreme Court justice," she said. "My first year on the court made me long at times for obscurity." Following her retirement, O'Connor expressed regret that a woman had not been chosen to replace her. O'Connor remained active in the government even after she retired from the court. She sat as a judge on several federal appeals courts, advocated for judicial independence and served on the Iraq Study Group. She also was appointed to the honorary post of chancellor at the College of William and Mary in Virginia.



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George Santos

(Continued from Page 1) things.

Then, in May, Santos was indicted by federal prosecutors on multiple charges, turning his presence in the House into a growing distraction and embarrassment to the party.

Santos joins a short list of lawmakers expelled from the House, and for reasons uniquely his own. Of the previous expulsions in the House, three were for siding with the Confederacy during the Civil War. The remaining two occurred after the lawmakers were convicted of crimes in federal court, the most recent in 2002.

Seeking to remain in office, Santos had appealed to colleagues to let the court process play out. He warned of the precedent they would set by expelling a member not yet convicted of a crime.

"This will haunt them in the future," Santos told lawmakers on Thursday evening as they debated his removal.

As it became clear Friday that he would be expelled, Santos appeared resigned to his fate. He placed his overcoat over his shoulders and shook hands with conservative members who voted against his expulsion. House Speaker Mike Johnson, R-La., who voted against expelling Santos, was solemn as he announced the result of the vote and declared the New York seat vacant.

Outside the Capitol, trailed by a crush of reporters and cameras, he quickly

ducked inside a vehicle and left.

Santos' fellow Republicans from New York were front and center in the effort to boot him. Among them were fellow freshmen who serve in key swing districts and had helped the GOP take the House majority. They sought to generate as much political distance as they could from Santos, whose lies about his past made him a pariah in the House before he even took the oath of office.

Santos had survived two previous expulsion attempts, but a scathing House Ethics Committee report released the week before the Thanksgiving holiday appeared to turn colleagues decisively against him.



Local Roundup

County Drainage Board will meet Monday afternoon

The Wells County Drainage Board will meet at 4:30 p.m. Monday, Dec. 4, in Room 105, the multi-purpose room on the lower level of the Wells Carnegie Government Annex, 223 W. Washington St.

Items on the agenda include:

• Discussion regarding jurisdiction in proposed Kitterman Consolidated Watershed in Chester Township and Graham and Halls Creek Watershed and Drains.

• Consideration of a utility easement to install fiber optic broadband in Rockcreek and Lancaster townships.

• Appointment of an interim deputy.

 Project updates and miscellaneous drainage matters.

County Commissioners will hold public hearing Monday

The Wells County Commissioners will hold a public hearing regarding a petition to vacate a portion of County Road 500 West at 5 p.m. Monday, Dec. 4, in Room 105, the multi-purpose room on the lower level of the Wells Carnegie Government Annex, 223 W. Washington St.

The petition identifies the portion of CR 500W as south of the intersection of CR 500W and CR 100N to a point south of the Whitelock Ditch culvert on CR 500W, a length of 1,650 ft.

County Commissioners will meet Monday evening

The Wells County Commissioners will hold their regular meeting directly following a public hearing at 5 p.m. Monday, Dec. 4, in Room 105, the multi-purpose room on the lower level of the Wells Carnegie Government Annex, 223 W. Washington St.

Items on the regular agenda include: • Appointments with Sheriff Scott Holli-

day and Highway Supervisor Shawn Bonar.

• Consideration of a Bridge 54 supplemental agreement.

• Quarterly invoice and updates from the Council on Aging.

• Discussion of the Paddlefish Solar decommissioning and road use agreement with Jesse Laniak.

 Continued discussion of preserving county cemeteries with the cemetery board members, Larry Heckber, Jerri Lehman, Dave Rigney and Lisa Robbins.

· Consideration of an ordinance regarding CR 500W.

· Monthly reports, miscellaneous business, code of ordinance update estimate and right-of-way agreements.

Ossian parks board will meet Monday evening

The Ossian parks board will meet at 7 p.m. Monday, Dec. 7, at the Ossian Town Hall, 507 N. Jefferson St. in Ossian.

Bluffton Board of Works to meet Tuesday afternoon

 Consideration of a water bill dispute for 427 W Wabash St.

• Discussion regarding fire protection for 424 Orchard Ridge.

• Personnel requests from Mayor John Wicker, Tony Fey and Tim Simpson.

• Approval of a fund transfer for the parks department.

Bluffton Common Council will meet Tuesday evening

The Bluffton Common Council will meet at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 5, in the Council Chambers on the second floor of City Hall, 128 E. Market St.

Topics on the agenda will include:

 Discussion regarding opiate funding and transportation for Hannah's House, a ministry of Community Care.

• Approval of resolution 2023-16 for a fund transfer.

• Additional appropriation of ARPA funds.

Wells County Council will meet Tuesday evening

The Wells County Council will meet at p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 5, in Room 105, the multi-purpose room on the lower level of the Wells Carnegie Government Annex, 223 W. Washington St.

Items on the agenda include:

Consideration of additional appropriations and fund transfer requests.

• A quarterly update regarding county tourism efforts and innkeepers tax collection with tourism coordinator Audrey Dudley.

• Approval of PSAP and EMS appropriations.

• 2024 board appointments.

• Miscellaneous business.

Bluffton parks board will meet Thursday evening

The Bluffton parks board will meet at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 7, in the Council Chambers on the second floor of City Hall, 128 E. Market St.

Items on the agenda include:

Treasurer's report.

 Superintendent's report regarding event attendance, recent awards and Lancaster Park updates.

 New business, including end-of-year transfers and rental deposit fees.

Area Plan Commission will meet Thursday evening

The Wells County Area Plan Commission will meet at 7 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 7, in Room 105, the multi-purpose room on the lower level of the Wells Carnegie Government Annex, 223 W. Washington St.

Items on the agenda include:

 Consideration of a rezoning request from Timonth Bryant and Barbara Stantz, who wish to rezone properties at 509 and 511 S Jefferson St. in Ossian from B-1 to residential use.

· Discussion of zoning ordinance amend-



Destination Recreation

I can't believe we are already at the first weekend of December. Our office has been working in high gear, preparing for this holiday season. Santa letters have been pouring in, and he wanted us to remind all the children to clearly write their name and address on the outside of the envelope if they would like a return letter. The last day to drop a letter in Santa's mailbox in front of City Hall is Friday, Dec. 8, at 8 a.m. This is a free service for Bluffton residents only; no postage is needed.

Today are tryouts for the Wells County Boys fifth-eighth grade Basketball League from 1-3 p.m. in the Bluffton City Gym. Anyone wanting more information about the league can contact Barry Crosby at 260-824-4399. It is also the day of the annual Elks Hoop Shoot, which is a free throw program for youth ages 8-13. Boys and girls are invited to the Bluffton City Gym on Saturday, Dec. 2, from 3:30-6 p.m. during our regularly scheduled Open Gym to give it their best shot

The free Indoor Snowball Fight for children ages 6-16 is on Tuesday, Dec. 5, from 5:30-6:30 p.m. in the Bluffton City Gym. This awesome indoor snowball fight game lets you challenge your friends without getting chilly in the cold. Please pre-register your child by emailing events@blufftonindiana.gov or call 824-6069.

Don't forget that the Gingerbread Contest entries are due by the end of the day on Friday, Dec. 8. The contest is divided into age groups: 9 and under (adults may help), 10-15, and 16 yearsadults. Gingerbread Contest Voting will occur on the Bluffton Parks Department Facebook page from Dec. 11-18. Photos of each entry will be posted, and every "like" will be counted as a vote; vote for as many as you like, and the person with the most votes per age group wins.

A Free Storytime with Mrs. Claus is scheduled this Thursday, Dec. 14, from 11 a.m. to noon. Tots will enjoy meeting Mrs. Claus, hearing a story, doing a small

craft, and jumping in the bouncy house. Winter Wonderland will be

By Brandy **Fiechter**

that evening, and all the good boys and girls of the community should stop by the city gym from 5:30-7 p.m. Each child will get to play Christmas games, visit with Santa, and burn off some energy in the jump house. Enter the glass door on the west side of City Hall.

Peppermint the Elf will be in Bluffton from Dec. 4-20, having fun at the city parks. Follow the Bluffton Parks Department on Facebook to find clues to her location as you Search for Santa's Helper. Children ages 12 and under who find her paper photo hidden in the park can take a selfie with it and post it to the Bluffton Parks Facebook page for a chance to be randomly drawn for a prize.

The Wells County Trails group is working on a boat launch project to increase access to the Wabash River for kayakers. Adding features like this can increase the tourism options for visitors and residents to enjoy nature. Please help make the Vera Cruz Paddle Sports Launch a reality. Today, through Jan. 12, 2024, there is a \$1 for \$1 matching opportunity up to \$55,000.00 from the CreatINg Places Campaign, thanks to Indiana Housing and Community Development and AARP. This campaign is brought to you through Patronicity. A donation of any amount helps. Please help us improve access to the Wabash River in Wells County! Mail or Drop off a donation to the Wells County Community Foundation at 222 W Washington St., Bluffton, Indiana 46714 (Make Checks Payable to Wells County Trails) or Make an online contribution at https:// tinyurl.com/26rvz6aw.

We want to thank the Wells County Foundation for recently awarding our department a grant to do repairs on the Wabash River banks along the Rivergreenway Trail. This trail gets a lot of use all year, so we are excited to get some muchneeded repairs done to protect the riverbanks from erosion.

Have a great week!

Police Notebook

INCIDENTS

City:

Thursday, 3:32 p.m., 900 block of South Morgan Street. Caller reported a dog in a kennel all the time between two garages barking and biting at the cage. Dog was found to be healthy and uninjured with food, water, and a lead.

Thursday, 4:58 p.m., 600

served to Avery Bodwell. **Ossian:** Thursday, 3:19 p.m.,

5400 North Ind. 1. Ossian. Report that someone used caller's information to open a Verizon phone account.

Thursday, 10:18 p.m., East 1200 North and Ind. 1, Ossian. Report of a possible arm by domestic battery, a road rage incident involving Class A misdemeanor.

a tan truck and a dark colored Tahoe.

ARRESTS

Avery Dean Bodwell, 33, Ossian, sex offender registration violation, a Level 6 felony. Bond set at \$10,000.

Eric C Sheets, 59, Fort Wayne, possession of fire-

The Bluffton Board of Public Works and Safety will meet at 4:30 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 5, in the Council Chambers on the second floor of City Hall, 128 E. Market St.

Topics on the agenda include: • Financial matters and claims.

• Discussion of amendments to the Wells County subdivision control ordinance.

• Approval of a legal services agreement.

• Review of comprehensive plan progress, revitalization updates and housing study updates.

Indiana coroner identifies remains of teen girl found buried on land of man charged in her death

ARLINGTON, Ind. (AP) - An Indiana coroner has identified the remains of a 17-year-old girl who vanished in June and whose body was found this week in a box buried on land owned by a man now charged in her slaying.

The remains discovered Tuesday on suspect Patrick Scott's property were positively identified as those of Valerie Tindall. Rush County Coroner Brenda McMahan said the cause and manner of Tindall's death are pending toxicology reports and a final autopsy report.

In a statement Thursday announcing the coroner's findings and charges against Scott, the Rush County Sheriff's Office said that it offered its "deepest condolences to the family and friends of Valerie Tindall during this time of mourning."

Scott, 59, was charged Thursday with murder, obstruction of justice and false informing. A judge ordered him held without bond and appointed a public defender to represent Scott during his initial hearing.

Tindall had worked for Scott, who owns a lawn-mowing business. Court documents indicate that she told her parents on June 7 that she was going to work. Scott told police that later the same day he drove Tindall back to his home in Arlington, a rural community about 30 miles southeast of Indianapolis.

block of North Main Street. Report of a homeless man in the woods behind the caller's house, requested officers to check the area.

Thursday, 5:15 p.m., 800 block of Eastmoor Drive. Caller reported they received information a possible wanted subject was at this location. No one was located.

Thursday, 5:34 p.m., Save On Liquor. Report of verbal dispute.

Thursday, 5:41 p.m., Wells Community Boys and Girls Club. Report of an abandoned vehicle. Voicemail left with registered owner.

Thursday, 6:50 p.m., Bluffton Regional Medical Center. Officer assisted subject with retrieving the item from the jail and returning to hospital.

County:

Thursday, 3:28 p.m., Wells County Jail. Warrant

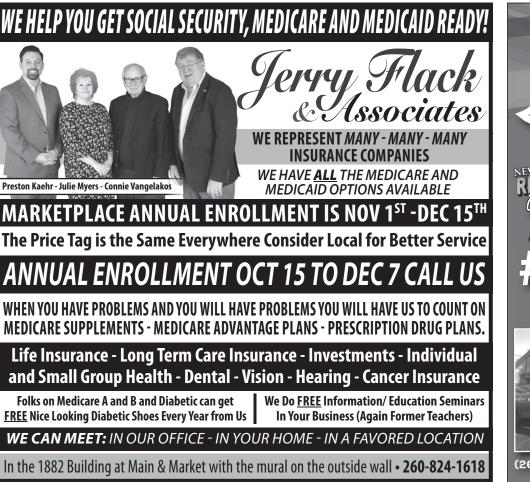


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Here's something to be thankful for: Normal

This might be considered a

Saturday's Sub

delayed Thanksgiving column. I've been catching up on some reading after a busy couple of weeks. "Busy" being a relative term, of course. I needed to take some things over to our church in Decatur Tuesday noonish and ran into our old neighbor who was delivering lunch to her daughter, our church secretary.



Mark Miller

"So, you're a Door Dash driver now?" I asked, jokingly.

"How'd we ever have time to work?" she asked in response.

You get the picture of that digression.

As mentioned from time to time in this Saturday space, I've been following the saga of the Marion Record, a small daily newspaper in Kansas that experienced a constitution-shattering police raid in August in which their computers were seized. That was coupled with a search warrant of the owner's home, a 96-year-old woman who died the next day almost certainly as a result of the stress. Those search warrants were subsequently rescinded and the computers returned, but the damage was done.

The aftermath in September and October was contentious city council meetings, the police chief that had instigated the search (and whose prior employment and dismissal from the Kansas City P.D. was at the center of the drama) resigned. The city council members on both sides of the issue sparred and parried. The mayor, who continued to defend of his chief until he didn't, suffered a fair amount of public flogging in the council meetings.

I had logged into the the Record's website after Nov. 7 to see that a new mayor was elected — the current mayor had apparently decided not to run again — and the vice-mayor lost her re-election bid. And ... what a mess.

Several council members involved in the brouhaha lost their re-election bids. The Marion Record's reporter was kicked out of the postelection party by the newly elected mayor. A citizen came to the next council meeting to accuse the mayor-elect and council members of holding a meeting at that post-election party that violated open-door laws.

"We did talk about city business," (I paraphrase) the mayor-elect admitted. With several current council members present, did it constitute a quorum? Why did he expel a reporter who wanted to report the election news? To top it off, the Kansas City Star, about 150 miles away, is now covering the town's council meetings.

So Eric Meyer, the son of the 96-year-old owner, who had returned to his hometown in retirement — after a career of teaching journalism at the University of Wisconsin and editing the Milwaukee Journal – to continue his parents' small-town journalism legacy, wrote a Thanksgiving column titled "Being thankful for Marion's mess." I salute him. I need to organize a road trip that includes Kansas so I can meet him.

Be thankful for living in a community that is not a in a "Marion mess." How much can you appreciate the local government legacy of Ted Ellis and John Whicker when you read these headlines in Marion, Kansas:



Kissinger nimbly managed a Cold War that needed winning, not managing

The roster of this nation's secretaries of state includes many giants of public attainment - Thomas Jefferson, John Marshall, James Madison, James Monroe, Henry Clay, John Calhoun, Daniel Webster, William Seward, Elihu Root, William Jennings Bryan, Charles Evans Hughes, Edward Stettinius, George Shultz and James Baker. No one, however, wielded the office with more brio and flair than the first immigrant to occupy it.

Although Henry Kissinger ranks, with John Quincy Adams, John Hay and Dean Acheson, among America's most intellectually sophisticated and culturally cosmopolitan secretaries of state, even in his 10th decade his love of this country had an almost childlike purity. This was fitting for one who had seen Hitler's Germany through a child's eyes.

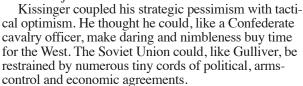
Kissinger, who died on Wednesday at 100, made it his vocation to make America less American by inoculating it with a European sense of life's irremediable tragic dimension. Nevertheless, he was, as immigrants often are, a romantic about the nation that took him in and allowed him to flourish.

Kissinger leavened his romanticism with cynicism as he tutored this nation in realism. What critics called his elegant immorality, he considered the granite foundation of true morality — the facing of facts that are disagree-able and intractable. One such is the permanence of impermanence in the international system.

A corollary of this maxim is the inescapable imperative of a balance of power. Hence Kissinger's great-est achievement, helping, as Richard Nixon's national security adviser, to bring China into the game of nations. Kissinger admired the Chinese as "scientists of equilibrium, artists of relativity." He also admired Charles de Gaulle, "the son of a continent covered with ruins," who understood that finality is a chimera: "History knows no resting places and no plateaus" because "the management of a balance of power is a permanent undertaking, not an exertion that has a foreseeable end."

Kissinger became secretary in the most eventful year the post-World War II era, which punctuated like cymbal-crash the creative quarter-century of U.S. diplomacy that began with the 1948 Marshall Plan. In 1973, as the president's authority evaporated and an ephemeral Vietnam "peace" was concluded, a revolution in energy prices was precipitated by the Yom Kippur War, second only to the 1962 Cuban Missile Crisis as the Cold War's most dangerous moment.

Politics has its own physics, and Kissinger's acquisitiveness regarding power, his sharp elbows as a bureaucratic infighter and his intermittent inability to suffer fools gladly all earned him enemies in Washington, which admires few for very long. But although he came from academia to be one planet orbiting the sun of presidential power, he stayed to become a sun. When Nixon, who launched Kissinger on a trajectory to glory, resigned, one of the first decisions by Nixon's successor, Gerald Ford, was to reassure an anxious world that Kissinger's hand would remain on the foreign policy tiller. By the time Kissinger left office, he ranked with George Marshall among America's most history-making public officials who never served in elective or judicial office.



Kissinger's pessimism about the West's weariness arose from two miscalculations. He underestimated the staying power of the bourgeois societies of the West. One reason he was mistaken about these societies having the stamina to stay the Cold War's course was that he overestimated the economic sinews of the Soviet system.

A decade after Kissinger left the State Department, communism, whose confidence flowed from Marxism's economic determinism, absorbed a brutal, indeed fatal, lesson in the importance of economic factors. In 1976, Ronald Reagan challenged Ford for the Republican nomination by running against Kissingerism. And at the 1986 summit in Iceland, Reagan icily told Mikhail Gorbachev that if there were to be an intensified arms race, he, Reagan, could guarantee that America would win it. The statesman's task, Kissinger believed, is "to rescue an element of choice from the pressure of circumstance." He helped manage the Cold War until the nation chose a president determined not to manage it but to win it. What Andre Malraux said of de Gaulle can be said of Kissinger: Steeped in history, he was "a man of the day before yesterday and the day after tomorrow."



George Will

"(Marion City Council) Meeting becomes shouting match."

"Administrator quits after tongue-lashing."

"Officials accused of 'conspiracy."

"Top city officials accused of lying."

Indeed. Can you imagine the Indy Star sending a reporter to cover Bluffton's latest scandal?

Normalcy is underappreciated; taken for granted; to be cherished. Give thanks.

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Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Saturday, Dec. 2, the 336th day of 2023. There are 29 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: On Dec. 2, 1954, the U.S. Senate passed, 67-22, a resolution condemning Republican Sen. Joseph McCarthy of Wisconsin, saying he had "acted contrary to senatorial ethics and tended to bring the Senate into dishonor and disrepute."

On this date:

In 1823, President James Monroe outlined his doctrine opposing European expansion in the Western Hemisphere.

In 1859, militant abolitionist John Brown was hanged for his raid on Harpers Ferry the previous October.

In 1957, the Shippingport Atomic Power Station in Pennsylvania, the first full-scale commercial nuclear facility in the U.S., began operations.

In 1980, four American churchwomen were raped and murdered in El Salvador. (Five national guardsmen were convicted in the killings.)

In 1982, in the first operation of its kind, doctors at the University of Utah Medical Center implanted a permanent artificial heart in the chest of retired dentist Dr. Barney Clark, who lived 112 days with the device.

In 1993, Colombian drug lord Pablo Escobar was shot to death by security forces in Medellin.

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Lessons from my 40-year conversation with Henry

Henry A. Kissinger's life ranged across every octave. He was arguably the greatest statesman of his age, but he could be a manipulator, too. He was a global leader in his own right, but he was sometimes a courtier to the wealthy and powerful. He had rare intellectual gifts, but he could be surprisingly insecure.

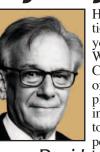
The one constant with Kissinger, who died on Wednesday at 100, was that he was always interesting. He was a charmer and a flatterer to people he liked or thought could do him some good (or harm). You would think someone so famous wouldn't care what journalists wrote about him, but he did, almost obsessively. He was very funny in conversation, with a dry and sometimes wickedly mean sense of humor.

Journalists often see more of our subjects than we let on. We glimpse the points of personal vanity, the insecurities, the things that people want to hide even as they advertise their opinions. That was my experience with Kissinger, with whom I talked many dozens of times, concluding with a startling conversation about artificial intelligence.

My first interview with the former secretary of state was nearly 40 years ago, for a long article in the Wall Street Journal pegged to the 10th anniversary of the United States' defeat in Vietnam. He was peeved at the topic but entirely unrepentant about his role in a conflict for which his critics had branded him a war criminal.'

A big lesson of the war for him, Kissinger said, was that the United States should have bombed Hanoi and Haiphong earlier. "We are to be blamed for not doing in 1969 what we did in 1972," he argued. "You do not have the choice to lose with moderation. If you use power, you must prevail.'

Kissinger's chroniclers discovered long ago that there is a kind of Rosetta Stone to decode his thinking in his 1954



Harvard doctoral dissertation. It was published three years later with the title "A World Restored: Metternich, Castlereagh and the Problems of Peace, 1812-1822." He planned it as the first volume in a trilogy that would extend to the breakdown of the European order in World War I, but David he abandoned the larger proj-*Ignatius* ect as he became an apprentice to the foreign policy elite.

It was an odd dissertation, with no primary research, few footnotes and a style that was closer to extended historical essay than academic paper. It's an astonishing piece of writing and thinking that explains many of Kissinger's later policies.

Kissinger's subject was the diplomacy that surrounded the 1815 Congress of Vienna that ended the Napoleonic Wars and brought nearly a century of relative peace to Europe. It was the story, in Kissinger's telling, of how the status quo powers of the time (Britain and Austria-Hungary) found a way to contain the rising powers - post-revolutionary France and Germany.

The hero of the book was the Austrian foreign minister, Count Klemens von Metternich. Though Kissinger denied it later, Metternich seems a model for what the young graduate student became. Kissinger's descriptions of Metternich are acute: "His genius was instrumental, not creative; he excelled at manipulation, not construction.... He preferred the subtle maneuver to the frontal attack.3

Metternich's triumph was that he created an architecture for stability that endured for decades. That was Kissinger's aim throughout his diplomatic career. His primary challenge was to check an expansive, post-revolutionary Soviet Union. He did that through a lattice of arms-control negotiations and personal diplomacy that came to be known as "détente." To help check the Soviets, he orchestrated the famous opening to China that culminated in President Richard M. Nixon's 1972 visit to Beijing.

Kissinger's diplomacy, like Metternich's, was avowedly amoral. Stability was a goal in itself. Realism about national interest was the policymaker's only reliable guide; idealism created more trouble than it solved. He feared, for instance, that overemphasis on peace could actually benefit warmakers, writing in the book's second paragraph: "Whenever peace — conceived as the avoidance of war - has been the primary objective ... the international system has been at the mercy of the most ruthless member."

Kissinger explained his passion for stability to a Harvard colleague by invoking Goethe: "If I had to choose between justice and disorder, on the one hand, and injustice and order, on the other, I would always choose the latter," according to a biography of Kissinger by Walter Isaacson. That's the kind of lacerating realpolitik that made Kissinger a target for so many analysts.

Kissinger had a lifelong preoccupation with the Middle East. And it's useful now, when war between Israel and Hamas is ravaging the region, to understand Kissinger's perspective. As Martin Indyk explains in his book "Master of the Game," Kissinger thought that "peace" might be a chimera. But a stable balance of power in the region that avoided open conflict was achievable and might be as good as it gets.

My last interview with Kissinger was a year ago. He wanted to speak about his new passion, which was the control of artificial intelligence, a technology that he thought was supremely dangerous. He sat slumped in a chair, his body nearly limp as he approached 100. But his nimble mind was wrestling as it always had with hidden risks and dangers, and thinking about how to meet them. Kissinger was hungry to the for recognition and influence, last certainly, but also for truth.

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CALVARY LUTHERAN, ELCA 1532 N. Main St.

9 a.m. - Worship.

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CHURCH OF CHRIST

735 S. Marion St. 10 a.m. - Bible Study. 10:45 - Worship.

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3550 S. SR 1 mycovenantchapel.org 9:15 a.m. - Sunday School. 10:15 - Worship. (Children's Church for ages 6-12).

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EPWORTH UNITED METHODIST

1204 W. Cherry St. 9:30 a.m. - Worship. 10:40 a.m. - Sunday School.

FAIRVIEW CHURCH OF GOD

5511 W. Yoder Rd., Yoder fairviewlife.com 9 a.m. - Sunday School. 10 a.m. - Worship.

FELLOWSHIP BAPTIST 210 W. Townley fbc-bluffton.com

10 a.m. - Worship. 11



by Martha

Paxson

WASTING THE WAITING

by the Advertisers on this page who want as their return to see more people go to church.

Today's world finds waiting to be a serious problem. Society has become so accustomed to instant messages, video streaming, fast food, and a 24-hour news cycle that we have

lost the ability to wait patiently for something. (If in doubt, observe those around you while waiting in a doctor's office, at the license branch, even standing in the checkout lane.)

Whatever the reason, the art of thoughtful, intentional waiting seems to be a trait of past generations.

Awaiting the birth of a child, anticipating a birthday celebration, looking forward to a wedding, new job, even retirement: this world is filled with the hopes, dreams, prayers, and plans of millions of human hearts.

Anticipating the good things of life is a worthy goal, yet there can be great benefits in waiting for what we most desire. In fact, not immediately receiving something we long for often teaches lessons of good character and reliance on God as our ultimate Provider.

If you find yourself longing for what seems impossible, consider the men and women whose lives set an example during their seasons of waiting.



Joseph, falsely imprisoned.

Moses, Caleb, and Joshua, seeking a Promised Land.

Hannah, desiring the child of her heart.

Job in his suffering, David after being annointed king, Daniel seeking answers to prayer, Jesus spending 40 days in preparation for ministry, even God awaiting the "fullness of time" (Galatians 4:4) to send the Messiah - every life pro-

vides lessons as we face unmet expectations and the disappointment of unfulfilled dreams.

Wait time, especially the spiritual variety, is best invested in listening to

God's wisdom. By humbling ourselves under God's hand we are prepared for eventual exaltation (1 Peter 5:6-7).

Our reliance is ultimately in God's power to develop and complete His work in us (Philippians 1:6 & 2:13).

We can rest assured that God works all things together for good in the lives of His children (Romans 8:28).

God alone can mold us into the image of Christ (Ephesians 2:10).

Waiting for God to work? Spend time with Him so you don't waste the waiting. mpaxson99@yahoo.com



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OSSIAN CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE 302 N. Metts St. ossiannaz.org 9:15 a.m. - Bible study.

10:30 - Service.

OSSIAN UNITED METHODIST 201 W. Mill St. ossianumc.org 9 a.m. - Worship, Worship child care nurse. 10 a.m. - Fellowship. 10:15 -Adult Sunday School.

PARK COMMUNITY 617 S. Bennett St. blog.parkub.org 10 a.m. - Connection. 11 a.m. - Worship.

PETROLEUM **COMMUNITY CHURCH**

3625 E. 2nd St. 9 a.m. - Worship. 10:30 Sunday School.

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Grape Street 8:30 a.m. - Sunday School. 9 a.m. - Worship.

PONETO FAITH **COMMUNITY CHURCH** 36 E. Walnut St.

9 a.m. - Worship. 10 a.m. - Fellowship. 10:15 -Sunday School.

RIVER OF HOPE 1224 W. Central 11 a.m. - Worship & the Word.

RIVER OF LIFE 927 N. Main St. 10:30 a.m. - Worship.

SIX MILE 4790 SE SR 116 9 a.m. - Sunday School. 10 a.m. - Worship.

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THE MEETING PLACE 115 E. Market St. 6:30 p.m. - Bible study.

TOWER LIFE CENTER 11811 N. Wayne St., Zanesville towerlifecenter.com

9:30 a.m. - TLC Groups. 10:30 - Worship.

UNIONDALE **COMMUNITY CHURCH**

5867 N. Main St. 9 a.m. - Worship.

UNIONTOWN **CHURCH OF CHRIST** 11419 N-200W, Ossian

9 a.m. - Sunday School. 10 a.m. - Worship.

VERA CRUZ FAMILY WORSHIP CENTER

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205 S. Adams St., Monroe 9 a.m. - Worship. 10:15 - Discipleship for adults & children.

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ZANESVILLE UNITED BRETHREN IN CHRIST 3092 W. Broadway 9 a.m. - Sunday School. 10 a.m. - Worship.



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9 a.m. - Sunday School & Adult Bible study. 10

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a.m. - Sunday School.

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study groups. 10:30 -

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School (Bible study).

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10:30 a.m. - Service

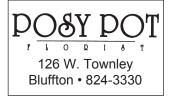
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909 W. Spring St. FCCfamily.com 9:30 & 11 a.m. - Worship.

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1515 Clark Ave. blufftonnazarene.org 9 a.m. - Sunday School. 9-10 a.m. - Free ESL classes. 10:15 - Worship. 6 p.m. - Service.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN

215 E. Dustman Rd. firstpcbluffton.org 9:30 a.m. - Children/ youth & Adult Sunday School. 10:30 - Worship.

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(EVANGELICAL) 123 S. Jefferson St., Ossian www.OssianChurch.com 8:45 a.m. - Adult Sunday school. 10 a.m. - Worship. 11 a.m. - Congregational mtg.

FIRST REFORMED CHURCH OF **BLUFFTON** 301 W. Cherry St. 9:15 a.m. - Sunday School. 10:30 - Worship.

325 W. Washington St. blufftonfirstumc.com 9:30 a.m. - Worship. 10:45 - Sunday School.

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1409 S. Main St. forgivenonline.org 9 a.m. - Worship.

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HARVEST TIME BIBLE

11015S-600E, Keystone 9:10 a.m. - Prayer. 10 a.m. - Worship.

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429 E. Dustman Rd. hope4thefamily.com 8 a.m., 9:30 & 11 a.m. -Service at Main Campus. 9:30 & 11 a.m. - Service, north campus, Ossian.

KEYSTONE CHURCH 10556S-200W 9:30 a.m. - Worship. 10:30 - Sunday School.

LANCASTER CHAPEL **UNITED METHODIST** 4510 E 400N, Craigville 9 a.m. - Sunday School. 9:40 - Fellowship. 10 a.m. - Worship.

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3071 W. Cherry St. 8:30 a.m. - Pastor/Deacon's Prayer. 9 - Sunday School. 9:55 - Fellowship. 10:15 - Worship.

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Pictured are: Erin Prible, executive director of the Wells County Chamber of Commerce; Chandler Gerber, Bluffton council member; Rachel Reinhard, Grace & Mercy Transitional Housing; Casey Robbins, F&M Bank; Danielle Archbold, Flagstar Bank; Jessica Beste, Thrive Mortgage; Erin Daugherty, State Farm; Nick Huffman, Steffen Group; Courtney Todd, Edward Jones; Kevin Pritchard, Ruoff Mortgage; Jeremy Todd, Edward Jones; Heather Morgan, National Oil & Gas; Holly Maddox, Edward Jones; Keith Muhlenkamp, First Merchants Bank; Doug Fear, Edward Jones; Angie Topp, Thrive Mortgage; Mayor John Whicker; Kevin Sills, Farm Bureau Insurance; Gina Hon, First Merchants Bank; Cyndee Fiechter, North Eastern Group Realty, Larry Smith, Edward Jones; and Sam Haiflich, BKM Real Estate. (Photo submitted)

Edward Jones relocates its office

The Wells County Chamber of Commerce celebrated the relocation of Jeremy Todd with Edward Jones to his new office at 1331 Baker Place in Bluffton. The occasion was marked with a ribbon-cutting ceremony, symbolizing the beginning of a new chapter for Edward Jones-Jeremy Todd in the heart of Wells County.

The newly renovated space, once home to a credit union, has undergone a transformation to accommodate the growing needs of Edward Jones and its clients. Jeremy Todd, financial adviser at Edward Jones, expressed his excitement about the move, emphasizing the significance of owning the building for future endeavors.

"My goal is to do this job for another 20 years, it would be beneficial to own the building rather than renting," said Todd.

Before joining Edward Jones, Todd brought a wealth of experience as a civil environmental engineer. In 2001, he made the pivotal decision to transition to the finance sector, where he found a passion for working with numbers and helping people navigate their financial journeys.

Todd shared, "What brings me joy is

Israel's war with Hamas

when I can work with a family and see multiple generations, and Bluffton is great for that." He highlighted the unique joy of witnessing families progress through various life stages, from grandparents to greatgrandchildren, and the satisfaction of assisting them in achieving their financial goals.

At the core of Jeremy's approach is a goal-based focus, where he collaborates with clients to outline their objectives, whether it's retirement, saving for a special event, or purchasing a vacation home.

Office hours at Edward Jones-Jeremy Todd vary to accommodate clients' schedules, with Holly Maddox, senior branch office administrator, available in the office from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. or by appointment.

Todd concluded, "I really appreciate the community support. My clients have been really great, and I just love the Bluffton community because they've been very welcoming."

For further inquiries or to schedule an appointment, please contact Edward Jones-Jeremy Todd at 260-824-0686 or visit their office at 1331 Baker Place, Bluffton.

Judge rejects Trump's claim of immunity in his federal **2020 election prosecution**

WASHINGTON (AP) — Donald Trump is not immune from prosecution in his election interference case in Washington, a federal judge ruled Friday, knocking down the Republican's bid to derail the case charging him with plotting to overturn the 2020 presidential election.

U.S. District Judge Tanya Chutkan's decision amounts to a sharp rejection to challenges the Trump defense team had raised to the four-count indictment in advance of a trial expected to center on the Republican's multi-pronged efforts to undo the election won by Democrat Joe Biden.

Though the judge turned aside Trump's expansive view of presidential power, the order might not be the final say in the legal fight. Lawyers for Trump, who has denied any wrongdoing, are expected to quickly appeal to fight what they say an unsettled legal question.

In her ruling, Chutkan said the office of the president "does not confer a lifelong 'get-out-of-jail-free' pass.'

"Former Presidents enjoy no special conditions on their federal criminal liability," Chutkan wrote. "Defendant may be subject to federal investigation, indictment, prosecution, conviction, and punishment for any criminal acts undertaken while in office.'

Chutkan also rejected Trump's claims that the indictment violates the former president's free speech rights. Lawyers for Trump had argued that he was within his First Amendment rights to challenge the outcome of the election and to allege that it had been tainted by fraud, and they accused prosecutors of attempting to criminalize political speech and political advocacy

But Chutkan said "it is well established that the First Amendment does not protect speech that is used as an instrument of a crime.

"Defendant is not being prosecuted simply for making false statements ... but rather for knowingly making false statements in furtherance of a criminal conspiracy and obstructing the electoral process," she wrote.

An attorney for Trump declined to comment Friday evening.

Her ruling comes the same day the federal appeals court in Washington ruled that lawsuits brought by Democratic lawmakers and police officers who have accused Trump of inciting the U.S. Capitol riot on Jan. 6, 2021, can move forward.

The appeals court in that case rejected Trump's sweeping claims that presidential immunity shields him from liability, but left

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the door open for him to continue to fight, as the cases proceed, to try to prove that his actions were taken his official capacity as president.

Trump's legal team had argued the criminal case, which is scheduled to go to trial in March, should be dismissed because the 2024 Republican presidential primary front-runner is shielded from prosecution for actions he took while fulfilling his duties as president. They assert that the actions detailed in the indictment including pressing state officials on the administration of elections - cut to the core of Trump's responsibilities as commander in chief.

The Supreme Court has held that presidents are immune from civil liability for actions related to their official duties, but the justices have never grappled with the question of whether that immunity extends to criminal prosecution.

The Justice Department has also held that sitting presidents cannot be prosecuted. Trump's lawyers are trying to ensure that same protection to a former president for actions taken while in office, asserting that no prosecutor since the beginning of American democracy has had the authority to bring such charges.

"Against the weight of that history, Defendant argues in essence that because no other former Presidents have been criminally prosecuted, it would be unconstitutional to start now," Chutkan wrote. "But while a former President's prosecution is unprecedented, so too are the allegations that a President committed the crimes with which Defendant is charged."

Special counsel Jack Smith's team has said there is nothing in the Constitution, or in court precedent, to support the idea that a former president cannot be prosecuted for criminal conduct committed while in the White House.

The defendant is not above the law. He is subject to the federal criminal laws like more than 330 million other Americans, including Members of Congress, federal judges, and everyday citizens," prosecutors wrote in court papers.

It's one of four criminal cases Trump is facing while he seeks to reclaim the White House in 2024.

Smith has separately charged Trump in Florida with illegally hoarding classified documents at his Mar-a-Lago estate after he left the White House. Trump is also charged in Georgia with conspiring to overturn his election loss to Biden. And he faces charges in New York related to hushmoney payments made during the 2016 campaign.

es, bringing the total known dead to seven.

resumes with airstrikes in Gaza

after a weeklong truce ends

Qatar, which has served as a mediator along with Egypt, said negotiators were still trying for a deal to restore the cease-fire. Israel and Hamas traded blame for ending the truce.

A day earlier, U.S. Secretary of State Antony Blinken urged Israeli officials to do more to protect Palestinian civilians as they seek to destroy Hamas. Blinken met Friday with Arab foreign

targets.

Up until the truce began, more than 13,300 Palestinians were killed in Israel's assault, roughly two-thirds of them women and minors, according to Gaza's Health Ministry, which does not differentiate between civilians and combatants.

Israel, and fighting broke out between Israel and Hezbollah militants operating along its northern border with Lebanon.

KHAN YOUNIS, Gaza

Strip (AP) — Israel's war

with Hamas erupted again

Friday, as airstrikes hit hous-

es and buildings in the Gaza

Strip minutes after a week-

long truce expired. Health

authorities in the besieged

territory reported dozens of

Palestinians killed and Israel

dropped leaflets over Gaza

City and southern parts of

the enclave, urging civilians

to flee to avoid the fighting.

resumed firing rockets into

Militants in Gaza

The resumption of the war threatens to compound the suffering in Gaza. Some 2 million people -- almost its entire population -- are crammed into the territory's south, where Israel urged people to relocate at the war's start and has since vowed to extend its ground assault. Unable to go into north Gaza or neighboring Egypt, their only escape is to move around within the 85-square-mile area.

Renewed hostilities also heighten concerns for about 140 hostages still held captive by Hamas and other militants, after more than 100 were freed during the truce. For families of remaining hostages, the truce's collapse was a blow to hopes their loved ones could be the next out after days of seeing others freed. The Israeli army said Friday it had confirmed the

ministers at global climate talks in Dubai.

It was not clear to what extent Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanvahu will heed the appeals of the United States, Israel's most important ally.

Netanyahu's office said Friday that Israel "is committed to achieving the goals of the war," including releasing the hostages and eliminating Hamas, which has ruled Gaza since 2007.

In response to the U.S. calls, the Israeli military released an online map dividing the Gaza Strip into hundreds of numbered, haphazardly drawn parcels. It asked residents to learn the number of their location in case of an eventual evacuation. The map did not designate safe areas to evacuate to, and it was not clear how easily Palestinians could access it.

Hours into the renewed bombardment, Gaza's Health Ministry said 178 people were killed and dozens wounded. Israel said it struck more than 200 Hamas



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Tigers reach first win of season vs. Starfires

By RICK SPRUNGER The name of the game is still putting the

ball in the basket. Bluffton did that exceptionally well for three quarters in its 45-39 win over South Adams in the Allen County Athletic Con-

ference season opener for both clubs Friday night.

The Tigers evened their slate at 1-1 on the young season. South Adams fell to 1-2.

Bluffton hit on 17 of 25 shots for an other-worldly 68 shooting percentage in those first three periods and seized command at 39-21 heading down the stretch.

And while South Adams showed the home club a finish on the strength of an effective full-court press, the Starfires never were able to get closer than five points and then not until there were only 0:29 left in a game that simply wasn't as close as the final score would seem to indicate.

A Tucker Jenkins free throw inched it back out to 45-39 with 0:21 to play.

But South Adams' Tytus Lehman missed a hurried three-pointer with his team out of timeouts in any event, and that was all she wrote.

"We shot it better than I expected," smiled first-year Bluffton coach Craig Teagle after it was over. "I didn't expect our perimeter shooting to come around until probably Christmas."

Bluffton connected on four three-pointers during a 16-0 first-half run that propelled the Tigers from a 6-5 deficit with 3:35 left in the first quarter to a 21-6 advantage at the 5:32 mark in the second.

They never hit another three all night. They didn't need to.

"Our ball movement was outstanding against their zone," said Teagle. "We were able to work it around and get inside for good shots."

Teagle was talking about another Bluffton surge, this one a 10-0 bolt over the last four minutes of the third quarter that vaulted the Tigers to that 39-21 spread.

They hit six of seven shots in the period, the last one a hurried, high-arching 15-footer from the left side by Cameron Williams that dropped through the net at the buzzer and that South Adams coach Garrett Krieg called "deflating."

All but Williams' desperation fling at the buzzer came from directly under or in front of the basket, including three in a row from Jenkins

Williams had also swished a buzzer-beating three-pointer at the end of the first quarter.

Those two last-second heaves proved to be mighty important.

A three-pointer by Lehman reduced the

Take away those two Williams buzzerbeaters and see where that leaves you.

"We had opportunities, but we wouldn't look up the floor," commented Teagle about the South Adams press that got the Starfires back in the game. "My hat's off to South Adams. Their kids played hard. When you're down, 39-21, it's easy just to roll over, and they did not do that.

Bluffton spread most of its scoring out over four players.

The Tigers were led by Kaleb Green, who scored 14 points on 6-for-9 shooting with 12 of those points coming in the middle two periods.

Williams and Jenkins each added nine points and Elijah Garrett eight.

South Adams got a game-high 23 points from Lehman.

Teagle tipped his hat to the 6-3 sophomore — mostly.

"I didn't mind his pull-up jumpers," commended the opposing coach. "That's just a good player making good plays. But I did mind him getting to the rim. That's on us. In fact, of (South Adams') 14 points in the first half, 10 were in the paint and around the rim, and the other four were on free throws. We'll be working on that.3

Bluffton made it a clean sweep on the evening by taking both the junior varsity contest, 46-33, and the freshman game, 32-27

The Tigers junior varsity players got 13 points from Nolan Lambert, seven from Jude Baumgartner, six each from Jared Moser and Griffin Morgan, five from Coleson Teeple, four from Eli Bertsch, three from Easton Blair, and two from Benjamin Maggard.

The freshmen were led by Jonah Geisel with 13 points.

Alexander Maggard added seven, Heath Johnson five, Abram Gehrett four, and Chanley Shaw three.

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BLUFFTON 45, SOUTH ADAMS 39

at Bluffton SOUTH ADAMS (1-2, 0-1 ACAC): Derek McKean 1-4 0-1 2, Owen Wanner 3-10 3-4 10, Tytus Lehman 9-17 3-4 23, Noah Hunley 0-1 0-0 0, Conner Fear 2-5 0-2 4, Isaac Dee 0-0 0-0 0, Diesel Ziegler 0-0 0-0 0, Jax Wanner 0-1 0-0 0. TOTAL: 15-38 6-11 39.

BLUFFTON (1-1, 1-0 ACAC): Elijah Garrett 2-3 2-2 8, Cameron Williams 3-4 1-2 9, Tucker Jenkins 4-6 1-2 9, Axton Beste 1-2 0-0 2, Kaleb Green 6-9 2-5 14, Hunter Wenger1-3 0-0 3, Declan Grieser 0-1 0-0 0, Andrew Hunt

Verger 1-3 0-0 3, Declar Grieser 0-1 0-0 0, Andrew Ac 0-0 0-0 0, TOTAL: 17-28 6-11 45. South Adams 6 8 7 18 – 39 Bluffton 16 11 12 6 – 45 Three-point Shooting: South Adams 3-17 (McKean 0-2, Wanner 1-7, Lehman 2-6, Fear 0-2), Bluffton 5-11 (Garrett 2-3, Williams 2-3, Jenkins 0-1, Beste 0-1, H. Wenger 1-2, Grieser 0-1), Bebunds: South Adams 19 Wenger 1-2, Grieser 0-1). Rebounds: South Adams 19 (Lehman 7), Bluffton 20 (Green 5). Turnovers: South Àdams 8, Bluffton 11. Personal fouls: South Adams 11, Bluffton 15. Fouled Out: None. Technical Fouls: None.



Bluffton lead to that 44-39 margin with 29 ticks remaining.

Junior Varsity: Bluffton 46, South Adams 33. Freshmen: Bluffton 32, South Adams 27.

Knights make adjustments vs. Vikings to move to 1-0 in NE8

By RYAN WALKER

Norwell needed a brief identity change to get Northeast 8 Conference win No. 1 on the season. It ended up being 56-45 win over Huntington North at The Castle.

The Knights (7-2), who are typically a fast break, three-point shooting nightmare for opposing coaches, needed to turn it down a notch to pull out a win.

The three-ball wasn't there anyway, but the Knights only took 14 threes on the night and made two of them. Their season average is 26 three-point attempts per night and making 10 of them, but the Vikings (2-4) did not allow it on the defensive end.

'It certainly wasn't a 2-3 team when you look at it on paper and when you watch them play," Norwell head coach Eric Thornton said after the game. "That was the concern going into tonight is that they're super competitive and they do a great job of taking away what you want to do and making you play their way. That was a struggle at times for us tonight, but it's good to go through and come out the other side.'

The Vikings threw the first punch, as scores by Haiden Bailey and Gracie

Fields helped propel the team to a 12-7 lead in the first quarter. It was also a glimpse of what the Knights had to deal with on the offensive end, shooting a cold 3-14.

Kennedy Fuelling and Makenzie Fuess, Norwell's top scorers, combined for 2-12 in the period, including 0-5 from three.

Thornton's group has faced tough defenses this season and wasn't the first time they'd gone into a shooting slump to begin games. This time, he wanted to change the gameplan and try to get closer to the basket.

In the second quarter, 13 of the 16 points came from inside the arc.

After Huntington North went up 16-10 at the 6:03 mark, Norwell finished the remainder of the half going on a 13-0 run. Addie Norris' three was the only one for Norwell in the first half. Other buckets came from Vanessa Rosswurm twice, Annabelle Johnson, and free throws from Fuelling.

"We've relied on the three in some games because it was there and it was a good shot, but tonight we didn't rely on it," Thornton said. "I don't think we took bad threes, and I thought as the game went on we looked for more penetration and getting to the foul line, trying to get in there and make some plays around the basket, and that's what we had to do."

Getting to the free-throw line is exactly what Fuelling did.

Even with having three fouls in the second quarter, leading to some time on the bench, Fuelling sacrificed looks from deep and drove the lane. She picked up four buckets down by each block and scored seven points from the charity stripe. She had a team-high 26 points, but 14 of them were at the line and only missed two of them.

"For (Fuelling) to just be able to mentally still be in the game. She came back in and found a way to get to the line and put some points on the board. That just shows some great senior leadership on her part," Thornton said.

The Knights went 18-22 from the line in the game and 10-23 in the second half, which helped slow down the Viking's attempts to make a comeback.

Huntington North at times in the third quarter drained the Norwell lead and got it as low as five in the fourth quarter, but Fuelling and the Knights put the Bluffton senior Tucker Jenkins, right, lines up for a basket over a South Adams defender during the first half of Friday night's game in Bluffton. (Photos by Chad Kline)



Norwell senior Kennedy Fuelling, left, battles for the ball against Huntington North defenders in the closing seconds of Friday night's conference game at Norwell. Fuelling's 26 points helped the Lady Knights to a 56-45 win.

fire out with high-percentage looks.

Forwards Haley Green, Dekota Hubble and guard Lilly Norris had easy lay-ins to help the cause.

In the fourth, Norwell outscored Huntington North 18-13 to successfully make necessary changes in its style and get the first win in NE8 play.

"I thought we really made some tough plays the last three quarters," Thornton said. "The first quarter was very physical, especially on the ball. I thought our kids had to play through that. There's been times that we've played in a little bit of a hurry, and I thought we got more dis-

ciplined as the game went on."

Norwell won the junior varsity game 54-10. Leading scorer was Macie Saalfrank with 13 points, Haley Williamson 10 and Larkin Smith nine.

Norwell also won the freshmen game 42-12. Leading scorer was Carlee Strunk with 17 points and Elizabeth Dillon with 11. Isabella Swineford tallied 10 rebounds.

Norwell will host Eastbrook next at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 6

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NORWELL 56, HUNTINGTON NORTH 45 At Norwell HUNTINGTON NORTH (2-4): Haiden Bailey 7-15 2-5 15, Gracie Fields

5-13 2-5 13, Marissa Trout 3-10 2-2 9, Grace Michel 2-3 1-1 5, Faith Minton 1-1 0-0 2, Elle McDonald 0-3 0-0 0, Riley Wilson 0-0 1-2 1, Abby Grube 0-0 0-0 0. TOTALS: 18-45 7-13 45.

NORWELL (7-2): Kennedy Fuelling 6-20 14-16 26, Makenzie Fuess 10 4-9 1-2 10, Vanessa Rosswurm 2-13 2-2 6, Dekota Hubble 2-6 0-0 4, Addie Norris 1-2 0-0 3. Annabelle Johnson 1-4 1-2 3, Haley Green 1-1 0-0 2, Lilly Norris 1-1 0-0 2. TOTALS: 18-56 18-22 56.

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Freshman: 42-12 Norwell.

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WEDNESDAY, DEC 6

GIRLS BASKETBALL: Eastbrook at Norwell, 7:30 p.m. THURSDAY, DEC 7

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

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New Orleans at Sacramento, 10 p.m. College

Men's Basketball Scores Friday, Dec. 1 E **AST**

SPORTS Canisius 93. Quinnipiac 73

- Iona 78, Fairfield 67 Manhattan 75, Mount St. Mary's 74. OT
- 4, OT Siena 67, Rider 65 St. John's 79, West Virginia 73 SOUTH Coll. of Charleston 76, Liberty 67
- Georgia 80, Mercer 69 LSU 73, SE Louisiana 66 Norfolk St. 63, VCU 60 Queens (NC) 134, Centurions 69 South Carolina 89, George Wash-
- ington 67 Southern Miss. 85, UAB 82 MIDWEST
- E. Michigan 68, Lake Superior St. 53 Houston 66, Xavier 60
- Indiana 65, Maryland 53 Iowa St. 99, DePaul 80 Kansas 69, UConn 65
- S. Dakota St. 61, Towson 48 FAR WEST BYU 85, Fresno St. 56 Cal St.-Fullerton 64, North Dakota
- 54 Portland 81, Wyoming 70
- Women's Basketball Scores
- Friday, Dec. 1 EAST Rutgers 69, Lafayette 48 UC Riverside 65, Merrimack 53 Yale 70, UMass 62
- SOUTH FIU 88, Jacksonville 81
- FIU 88, Jacksonville 81 Liberty 67, James Madison 53 MIDWEST Cincinnati 76, Tennessee St. 52 III. Chicago 95, Omaha 89 Kansas St. 79, Jackson St. 37 Missouri St. 70, Tulane 60 Murray St. 93, S. Indiana 73 N. Dakota St. 93, E. Michigan 73 Purdue 67, Davton 59 Purdue 67, Dayton 59 Wichita St. 78, Saint Louis 59
- SOUTHWEST Ark.-Pine Bluff 103, Arkansas Bap-
- tist 35 North Texas 74, Pepperdine 57 Oklahoma 103, Grambling St. 69
- Sam Houston St. 65, Florida A&M 62 TCU 82, Tulsa 50 Texas Tech 79, Houston Christian
- 34
- FAR WEST Arizona St. 76, Pacific 66 Santa Clara 113, Lincoln (CA) 37 Stanford 85, San Diego St. 44 Temple 78, Xavier 41 Washington St. 77, UC Davis 52

HOCKEY NHL

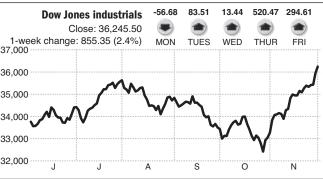
Thursday's Games Pittsburgh 4, Tampa Bay 2 Detroit 5, Chicago 1 Florida 5, Montreal 1 Boston 3, San Jose 0 Toronto 4, Seattle 3, SO New Jersey 4, Philadelphia 3, OT N.Y. Islanders 5, Carolina 4, OT Edmonton 3, Winnipeg 1 St. Louis 6, Buffalo 4 Minnesota 6, Nashville 1 Calgary 4, Dallas 3, OT Arizona 4, Colorado 3, OT Vegas 4, Vancouver 1 Washington 5, Anaheim 4 Friday's Games

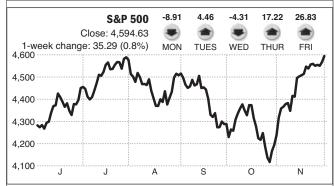
Columbus 4, Ottawa 2 San Jose 6, New Jersey 3 Saturday's Games

Tampa Bay at Dallas, 2 p.m. Chicago at Winnipeg, 3 p.m. N.Y. Rangers at Nashville, 4:30 p.m. N.Y. Islanders at Florida, 6 p.m. N.Y. Islanders at Florida, o p.m. Boston at Toronto, 7 p.m. Buffalo at Carolina, 7 p.m. Detroit at Montreal, 7 p.m. Philadelphia at Pittsburgh, 7 p.m. Seattle at Ottawa, 7 p.m. St. Louis at Arizona, 9 p.m. Colorado at Anaheim, 10 p.m. Vancouver at Calgary, 10 p.m. Washington at Vegas, 10 p.m. Sunday's Games Chicago at Minnesota, 2 p.m. San Jose at N.Y. Rangers, 6 p.m. Columbus at Boston, 7 p.m. Nashville at Buffalo, 7 p.m. Colorado at Los Angeles, 8 p.m. Monday's Games Dallas at Tampa Bay, 7 p.m. Pittsburgh at Philadelphia, 7 p.m. Carolina at Winnipeg, 7:30 p.m. Seattle at Montreal, 7:30 p.m.

THE WEEK IN REVIEW

WEEKLY DOW JONES AND S&P 500





50.1	Week	STOCK MARK		Wk	Wk	YTD	10
-52- High	Low	Name	Last	Chg	%Chg	%Chg	12-mo %Chg
36,264.85	31,429.82	Dow Jones Industrials	36,245.50	+855.35	+2.42	+9.35	+5.2
16,717.04	13,230.05	Dow Jones Transportation	15,463.76	+369.56	+2.45	+15.47	+6.4
1,013.30	765.47	Dow Jones Utilities	876.01	+10.03	+1.16	-9.45	-10.2
16,458.89	14,471.08	NYSE Composite	16,263.75	+279.93	+1.75	+7.11	+3.1
14,446.55	10,207.47	Nasdaq Composite	14,305.03	+54.18	+.38	+36.67	+24.8
4,607.07	3,764.49	S&P 500	4,594.63	+35.29	+.77	+19.67	+12.8
2,743.01	2,322.38	S&P MidCap	2,625.58	+65.25	+2.55	+8.03	+2.0
46,570.30	37,324.63	Wilshire 5000	46,295.42	+528.54	+1.15	+21.59	+14.3
2,007.31	1,633.67	Russell 2000	1,862.64	+55.14	+3.05	+5.76	-1.6
15,531.26	11,731.63	Lipper Growth Index	15,447.52	+153.44	+1.00	+28.76	+18.6

STOCK EXCHANGE HIGHLIGHTS

NYSE G	AINERS	6 (\$2 OF	R MORE)	NYSE L	OSERS	(\$2 or	MORE)	NYSE A	CTIVES (\$1 or i	MORE)
Name	Last	Chg	%Chg	Name	Last	Chg	%Chg	Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
BigLots	6.38	+2.24	+54.1	IntellgSys	13.16	-3.04	-18.8	Farfetch	3636036	1.28	46
SunITch	8.74	+2.48	+39.6	Flotek	3.29	71	-17.8	FordM	2947827	10.58	+.18
UiPath	25.04	+6.69	+36.5	BrghtHI rs	6.52	-1.23	-15.9	Palantir	2919210	20.27	+1.07
Beyond	21.46	+5.58	+35.1	ChinGrn	2.03	38	-15.6	Pfizer	2458089	28.91	-1.59
VictSec	28.53	+7.32	+34.5	Xpeng	15.74	-2.74	-14.8	BkofAm	2343320	30.96	+1.47
DougElli	2.17	+.54	+33.1	GroveCol rs	3 2.00	30	-13.0	GenMotors	1979015	32.36	+4.27
GpTelevisa	3.28	+.75	+29.6	AshfrdH pfl	10.13	-1.37	-11.9	PG&E Cp	1910385	17.45	57
AshfrH pfG	14.74	+3.29	+28.7	RubicnT rs	2.30	30	-11.5	AT&T Inc	1688826	16.76	+.55
ScullyRy	5.98	+1.33	+28.5	Navios pfG	18.60	-2.35	-11.2	CNH Indl	1592691	11.18	+.95
RexAmRs	47.16	+10.18	+27.5	Jabil	116.91	-14.26	-10.9	Nu Hldg	1316610	8.30	+.09
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Name	Last	Chg	%Chg	Name	Last	Chg	%Chg	Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
Minim	3.19	+2.30	+258.8	WeTrade rs	3.11	-3.07	-49.7	Tesla	6480308	238.83	+3.38
NexImm rs	6.05	+4.26	+238.0	MicrAlgo n	3.30	-1.91	-36.7	Redhill rs	4690829	1.66	+1.34
ConduitPh	5.51	+3.67	+199.5	HongliGr n	2.60	-1.35	-34.2	Nikola	3048992	1.02	+.05
SaftyShot v	vt 2.24	+1.34	+148.9	EaglePhm	5.95	-3.02	-33.7	Amazon	2416879	147.03	+.29
EnvoyMdA	n 2.32	+1.09	+88.6	RoylMgt A	3.20	-1.45	-31.2	SoFiTech	2321482	7.83	+.97
ImunoGn	29.32	+13.26	+82.6	LIZI rs	2.66	-1.16	-30.3	MarathDig	2298245	13.70	+2.29
ProDvrs rs	2.15	+.90	+72.0	WaveDncr	rs 2.07	81	-28.1	Apple Inc s	2161840	191.24	+1.27
Biomea	16.68	+6.20	+59.2	SonderHI rs	3 2.98	-1.01	-25.3	Nvidia	2062035	467.65	-10.11
IrisEnrgy	5.57	+2.03	+57.3	Elevai n	2.86	84	-22.7	Intel	1933800	43.74	22
ShiftPixy rs	10.44	+3.75	+56.1	Acelyrin n	6.88	-1.86	-21.3	AMD	1878371	121.39	92

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Name	Div	Last	Wk Chg	Wk %Chg	YTD %Chg	Name	Div	Last	Wk Chg		YTD g %Chg
AFLAC	2.00	82.61	33	-0.4	+14.8	iShR2K	1.77	184.91	+5.58	+3.1	+6.1
AT&T Inc	1.11	16.76	+.55	+3.4	-9.0	Intel	.50	43.74	22	-0.5	+65.5
AMD	1.60	121.39	92	-0.8	+87.4	IBM	6.64	160.55	+5.37	+3.5	+14.0
Amazon		147.03	+.29	+0.2	+75.0	Inv QQQ	1.16	389.94	+.43	+0.1	+46.4
AEP	3.52		+2.01	+2.6	-15.2	Kroger		44.60	+.42	+1.0	
Apple Inc s		191.24		+0.7	+47.2	LincNat		24.13		+0.3	
ApldMatl		151.59		+0.8	+55.7	Lowes	4.40	203.92		+2.4	
BP PLC	1.74			+0.4	+3.0	MarathDig		13.70			+300.6
BkofAm	.96			+5.0	-6.5	McDnlds		285.96	+5.09	+1.8	
BitBroLtd rs		.04		+50.0	-99.6	micromobl rs		.01	00		-100.0
BrMySq	2.28	50.10		+0.7	-30.4	Microsoft	3.00	374.51	-2.92	-0.8	
CampSp	1.48			-1.3	-28.5	MullnAuto rs		.16	01	-6.3	
Caterpillar		256.76		+3.8	+7.2	NL Inds	.28	5.18	02	-0.4	
Chevron		144.81	09	-0.1	-19.3	NiSource	1.00		+.10	+0.4	
Cisco		48.47		+0.2	+1.7	Nikola			+.05	+5.5	
Citigroup	2.12			+4.4	+4.4	NorflkSo			+10.61	+4.9	
CocaCola	1.84			+0.9	-7.8	Nucor			+13.25		+29.3
DxSOXBr		8.34		-0.2	-78.9	Nvidia	.16		-10.11		+220.0
DxBiotBll		4.20		+17.3	-40.6	Nxu Inc A			00	-4.5	
DxSOXBI		23.07			+138.6	PG&E Cp			57	-3.2	
Dir30TrBul				+11.0	-28.7	Palantir		20.27			+215.7
Disney				-3.6	+6.6	PepsiCo		168.69	+.59	+0.4	
Eaton		230.46		+0.8	+46.8	Pfizer	1.64		-1.59	-5.2	
EliLilly	4.52	584.04		-2.8	+59.6	PrUltPQ		44.24	+.06	+0.1	+155.7
Esports		.02		-29.6	-99.8	PShtQQQ		15.90			
ExxonMbl		102.99		-1.5	-6.6	Redhill rs		1.66			
Farfetch		1.28		-26.4	-72.9	SpdrDJIA		363.05	+9.25	+2.6	
FordM	.60	10.58		+1.7	-9.0	S&P500ETF	4.13			+0.8	
FrankElec	.90			+0.9	+13.6	SoFiTech		7.83		+14.1	+69.8
FrptMcM	.30			+6.5	+3.3	SPDR Fncl	.46	36.17	+.79	+2.2	
GenElec		122.50		+2.1	+88.2	StIDynam		119.75	+8.25	+7.4	
GenMotors	.36				-3.8	Tesla		238.83		+1.4	
GreenGiant		.31		-63.7	-89.4	VerizonCm	2.66			+3.1	-2.1
HP Inc	1.02		+.86	+3.0	+9.8	WalMart		154.34	-1.72	-1.1	+8.9
HomeDp		319.62		+3.6	+1.2	WalgBoots		20.79	06	-0.3	
iShChinaLC	.87		-1.47	-5.6	-12.0	WsteMInc		173.80	+2.49	+1.5	
iSh20 yrT	3.05			+3.6	-6.6	WellsFargo	1.40	45.02		+4.9	
iShiBxHYB	5.09	75.99	+.99	+1.3	+3.2	Wheeler rs		.32	+.15	+86.0	-97.7

Evansville Mater Dei 73, S. Spencer 50

Warsaw 62 Homestead 56 Washington Twp. 58, Boone Grove

Army 74, SUNY Maritime 39 Bryant 69, Brown 66

Washington at Arizona, 9 p.m St. Louis at Vegas, 10 p.m.



Norwell's Emma Dodane, (middle) moments after signing her letter of intent with Indiana Tech to play golf Friday morning at the high school. Family, friends and former and future coaches were in attendance. (Photo by Ryan Walker)

Knights' Dodane signs to play golf at Indiana Tech University

By RYAN WALKER

Norwell golfer Emma Dodane signed her letter of intent to Indiana Tech University at the high school Friday morning.

Dodane, who was a part of a regional qualifying Knights' group this fall, is joining the Warriors that currently has just four members on the roster. She will have the potential to seek meaningful playing time right away for the team.

With head coach Mark Beneke in attendance, she was eager to get the pen to paper and make it official.

"It's just really awesome. I'm glad I'm able to get that done with and have that secured honestly," Dodane said. "I'm really happy to be at Indiana Tech, and I'm really excited."

Indiana Tech competes in the Wolverine Hoosier Athletic Conference and recently was projected fourth out of the 12 teams after finishing second last season. The team produced two all-conference players at the final tournament in Augusta, Michigan.

In NAIA golf, teams split their seasons in the fall and in the spring. The first half of the season will feature five invitationals including the WHAC Conference preview tournament back at Augusta. The rest of the schedule has not yet been released.

Indiana Tech plays at Donald Ross Golf Club in Fort Wayne, and Dodane shared some of her thoughts about it.

"It's definitely a tough course," she said. "I've gotten better as I've played it, but it's a really beautiful and open course and I enjoyed playing.'

The course is 3,472 yards long and is a par 36, according to the website.

As a student, Dodane plans on majoring in business management and perhaps going into a second field of study. She emphasized that the campus was beautiful when she took a visit and she liked the campus life.

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	Last	Pvs Day		Last	Pvs Day
me Rate	8.50	8.50	Australia	1.4991	1.5133
scount Rate	6.00	6.00	Britain	1.2700	1.2623
deral Funds Rate	5.33	5.33	Canada	1.3495	1.3568
easuries			Euro	.9198	.9183
1-year	5.05	5.16	Japan	146.85	148.24
2-year	4.55	4.70	Mexico	17.2015	17.3881
5-year	4.14	4.31	SwitzerInd	.8694	.8753
10-year	4.21	4.34	British pound ex		
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MUTUAL FUNDS

Name	To Obj	otal Asse (\$MIns)	ts NAV	To 4-wk	tal Return 12-mo	/Rank 5-year	Pct Load
American Funds AmrcnBalA m	MA	<u> </u>	31.23	+6.4	+6.4/C	+7.1/B	5.75
American Funds EuroPacGrA m	FG	18,067	54.32	+8.3	+6.6/C	+5.7/C	5.75
American Funds FdmtllnvsA m	LB	57,400	70.93	+8.9	+14.7/B	+10.7/D	5.75
American Funds GrfAmrcA m	LG	106,859	64.34	+10.5	+21.4/C	+11.8/D	5.75
American Funds IncAmrcA m	AL	69,226	22.86	+5.7	+1.2/E	+6.2/D	5.75
American Funds InvCAmrcA m	LB	69,438	50.03	+8.8	+18.2/A	+11.3/C	5.75
American Funds NwPrspctvA m	WG	49,329	56.25	+8.8	+12.4/C	+11.2/A	5.75
American Funds WAMtInvsA m	LB	70,419	56.41	+7.5	+8.7/D	+10.6/D	5.75
Davis NYVentureA m	LB	3,968	26.19	+7.6	+17.0/A	+8.3/E	4.75
Dodge & Cox Stkl	LV	57,189	237.09	+7.9	+7.2/A	+10.4/A	NL
Fidelity 500IdxInsPrm	LB	447,395	159.92	+8.6	+14.6/B	+12.6/A	NL
Fidelity Contrafund	LG	103,423	15.99	+6.7	+26.9/B	+13.7/B	NL
Fidelity TtlMktldxInsPrm	LB	78,946	127.73	+9.3	+13.7/B	+11.9/B	NL
Fidelity Advisor EquityGrowthA n	ו LG	1,820	16.49	+9.9	+21.7/C	+16.1/A	5.75
Fidelity Advisor GrowthOppsA m	LG	3,381	121.55	+11.6	+25.7/B	+16.5/A	5.75
George Putnam BalA m	MA	1,150	22.15	+7.0	+10.9/A	+8.7/A	5.75
INVESCO MnStrA m	LB	7,377	51.58	+9.0	+13.4/C	+10.5/D	5.50
PIMCO Inclnstl	MU	74,495	10.42	+3.9	+5.8	+2.9	NL
Putnam DiversIncA m	NT	532	5.43	+4.0	+1.3	0.0	4.00
Putnam SustLeadersA m	LG	4,586	107.76	+9.8	+14.4/E	+13.3/C	5.75
Putnam TEIncA m	ML	505	7.67	+7.7	+3.9/B	+1.7/C	4.00
Schwab SP500ldx	LB	70,047	71.38	+9.1	+13.8	+12.5	NL
Thornburg IntermMnA m	MI	259	13.15	+4.5	+3.8/B	+1.6/C	2.00
Thornburg LtdTrmUSGvtA m	GS	42	11.69	+2.5	+1.0/E	0.0/E	2.25
Vanguard 500IdxAdmrl		401,334	425.13	+8.6	+14.6/B	+12.6/A	NL
Vanguard GrldxAdmrl	LG	57,872	154.29	+10.4	+29.1/A	+16.1/A	NL
Vanguard InTrTEAdmrI	MI	63,978	13.51	+5.2	+3.7/B	+2.2/A	NL
Vanguard PrmCpAdmrl	LB	58,026	160.87	+8.7	+16.0/A	+11.5/C	NL
Vanguard TrgtRtr2025Fd	ΤG	70,149	18.45	+6.4	+6.9/A	+5.9/B	NL
Vanguard TrgtRtr2030Fd	ΤH	79,533	35.07	+7.1	+7.7/A	+6.5/B	NL
Vanguard TrgtRtr2035Fd	ΤI	80,427	21.82	+7.4	+8.4/B	+7.1/C	NL
Vanguard TrgtRtr2040Fd	ΤJ	70,443	38.68	+7.7	+9.2/B	+7.8/C	NL
Vanguard TrgtRtr2045Fd	ΤK	67,072	26.19	+8.1	+10.0/B	+8.4/B	NL
Vanguard TtBMIdxAdmrl	CI	92,068	9.46	+4.4	+1.1/C	+0.9/C	NL
Vanguard TtInSIdxAdmrl	FB	64,479	30.29	+8.2	+7.8/C	+5.4/C	NL
Vanguard TtInSIdxInv		163,565	18.11	+8.2	+7.8/C	+5.3/D	NL
Vanguard TtlSMldxAdmrl		296,586	111.07	+9.2	+13.6/B	+11.9/B	NL
Vanguard WingtnAdmri	MA	86,758	72.28	+6.5	+7.4/B	+7.9/A	NL

CA -Conservative Allocation, CI -Intermediate-Term Bond, FB -Foreign Large Blend, GS -Short Government, IB -World Bond, IH -World Allocation, LB -Large Blend, LG -Large Growth, LV -Large Value, MA -Moderate Allocation, MI -Muni National Intermediate, ML -Muni National Long, NT -Nontraditional Bond, WS -World Stock, Total Return: Chng in NAV with dividends reinvested. Rank: How fund performed vs. others with same objective: A is in top 20%, E in bottom 20%. **Source:** Morningstar.

Stock Footnotes: g = Dividends and earnings in Canadian dollars. h = Does not meet continued Signing standards. If a Late filing with SEC. n = New in past 52 weeks. pf = Preferred, rs = Stock has undergone a reverse stock split of at least 50 percent within the past year. rt = Right to buy security at a specified price. s = Stock has split by at least 20 percent within the last year. un = Units. yi = In bankruptcy or receivership. wd = When distributed. wi = When issued. wt = Warrants. Mutual Fund Footnotes: b = Fee covering market costs is paid from fund assets. d = Deferred sales charge, or redemption fee. f = front load (sales charges). m = Multiple fees are charged. NA = not available. p = previous day's net asset value. s = fund split shares during the week. x = fund paid a distribution during the week. **Source:** The Associated Press. Sales figures are unofficial.

Putting our feet down and giving my brother tough love

Dear Annie: My brother has a chron-vices local to him ic mental illness. For all his life up until and have offered two years ago, he lived in the same to call them with city as my long-divorced parents, and there he received support from them as well as from community mental health services. Two years ago, he moved to another city, one he has long felt strongly drawn to and that is far from our parents, me and any other family members.

My parents have continued to provide him with financial support, but neither of them can continue doing this, at the rate they have been, for much longer. My father told my brother that he needs to get connected to mental health/ life skills services in the new city or my father will gradually decrease the monthly amounts he sends. The main goal is to find a professional who will help my brother manage the money he receives from my parents.

My brother does not seem to remember the mental health and life skills services he's had in the past. He says that he doesn't need them now. He is incredibly resistant to any discussion about this.

My father has indeed started decreasing my brother's monthly stipend. My brother already lives below the poverty level and, if he doesn't comply with my father's contingencies, it's likely that he'll soon be homeless. My brother has social security benefits and housing assistance, but that alone is not enough to live on. He believes he can't work. He needs my parents' stipends for basic necessities.

He is scornful of suggestions we offer regarding budgeting, using local food banks, washing his clothes by hand (his laundry expenses are unusually high) and the like. He does not spend the money my parents send him wisely, and he continually asks for more. We are just hoping that there are services that will help him budget and conserve his money, and that he will use them. We have provided him with all the information we have found about ser-

him. He responds with belligerence.

Annie, my questions are: One, do you think my dad is doing the right thing by making his financial support to my brother contin-

gent on him seek-

anything we haven't yet tried to support him in gaining those services? — Worried Sister

Dear Worried Sister: It's difficult to watch someone you love struggle in the way your brother has, but your father's approach has purpose. There's a difference between supporting your brother in a way that's beneficial and enabling his dependence. Your brother needs people in his corner, and he has that. He must also be willing to help himself,

The suggestions you've all made to him are good ones. I also wonder if seeaddressed, too? Continue to be a shouland take steps to better his situation – before homelessness becomes not a possibility, but a reality. Ultimately, asking for help isn't a sign of weakness: It's the

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Dear

Annie

by Annie Lane

ing services? And two, can you think of

ZITS CONGRATS YOU'VE ACHIEVED INNER PEACE especially if he's set on living alone.

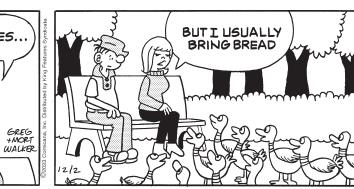
ing a doctor wouldn't be the best next step. He feels he cannot work - is that purely due to his mental health, or is there a physical issue that needs to be der he can lean on while vehemently insisting that he utilize local resources greatest sign of strength.

CRANKSHAFT I THOUGHT WE'D KEEP THE MONTONI'S NAME FOR THE RESTAURANT. THE FAMILY CIRCUS **By Bil Keane**



"Hold it, Daddy! You've got me all in one leg!'





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HOW MUCH WILL

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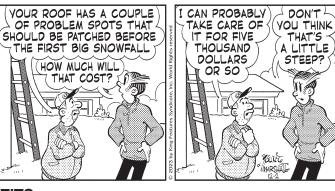
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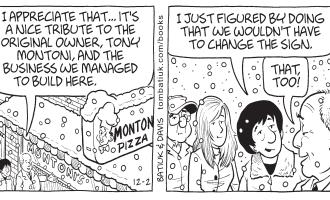


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Яv Answer By Dr. Billy Graham

Q: *As a recent graduate* of a Christian college, I was taught the importance of branding Christianity effectively. I like wearing *T*-shirts and caps with cool logos, but I'm not too sure about the effectiveness of branding Jesus. At the ballpark, I see people with T-shirts that say, "I love Jesus and marijuana."

To believe in Jesus is to turn from a life of sin

Him as Lord by obeying His word. When this happens, a person's desires change as they begin to follow His teachings found in the Bible.

When Jesus traveled the countryside, great crowds sought Him. But He knew the people desired to see His great miracles more than hear His words, so He told them, "For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not sit down first and count

in name only - and they walked away from the truth because their faith was insincere. Jesus paid the cost of our salvation with His blood, but there is a cost to following this wonderful Savior who came to seek and save lost souls.

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The greatest testimony to this dark world today would be a band of crucified and risen men and women and young people, dead to sin and alive unto God, bearing in their bodies "the marks of the Lord Jesus" (Galatians 6:17).

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This doesn't seem like a clear testimony of faith in Christ. -B.C.

A: For a person just to say they are "believing in Jesus" can produce a false assurance of salvation, because even the devil "believes in Jesus." To believe in Jesus is to turn from a life of sin, receive Him as Savior, and follow

the cost?" (Luke 14:28, NKJV). When He began to tell them that He would soon die and be raised to life again, many people left Him and "walked with Him no more" (John 6:66, NKJV). They didn't want to follow someone who promised eternal life if it meant the cruelty of

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