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Annual auction closes 4-H fair

By HOLLY GASKILL and RYAN WALKER

Over \$200,000 in sales were registered Thursday during the annual auction.

On top of this, \$19,900 was raised for the Wells County 4-H Foundation. Of this total, \$17,300 was raised for the Feeding Tomorrow's Future Today, also known as the Backpack Program — double what had been raised last year.

The single most expensive lot of the evening was Kayla Kiefer's 230-lb. market gilt pig, which was bought by 26 buyers for \$6,125. It was purchased by Alliance Energy Services, Bergquist Ind., Bluffton Animal Clinic, BR Fuel Services, Bumgarner Trucking, the Dr. Harry Brickley Farm Foundation, Farmers & Merchants, Felger Electric Generators, First Bank of Berne, Flash Point Energy, Franger Gas, Halderman Real Estate and Farm Management, Mitchel Enterprises, National

ECO Energy, National Oil & Gas, PT Risk Management, Quality Steel, Ray Energy, Reed Farms, Scott and Emily Miller, Selking International, Shelton Financial Group, Ben Burman State Farm, Truland Equipment and Yoder Grain.

Category champions and reserve champions sold at the auction, and the purchasers, were as follows:

Premiere Auction

- Samantha Evans, grand champion alfalfa, \$1,450: BR Fuel Services, Dr. Harry Brickley Farm Foundation, Farmers & Merchants State Bank, First Bank of Berne, First Merchants Bank, Halderman Real Estate & Farm Management, Halderman Real Estate & Farm Management, Helena Chemical, Lee & Danielle Werling, Mounsey Farms Inc, National Oil & Gas, Inc. and Truland.
- Clark Evans, reserve grand champion alfalfa, \$1,100: BR Fuel Services, Dettmer Enterprises, Dr.

Harry Brickley Farm Foundation, Farmers & Merchants State Bank, First Bank of Berne, First Merchants Bank, Halderman Real Estate & Farm Management, Halderman Real Estate & Farm Management, Helena Chemical, Lee & Danielle Werling, National Oil & Gas, Inc. and Red Line Equipment.

- Emma Fey, grand champion beekeeping, \$450: Huffman Real Estate Group.
- Ella Wheeler, grand champion beekeeping, \$600: Dr. Harry Brickley Farm Foundation, Halderman Real Estate & Farm Management, Mounsey Family Farms LLC, and The News-Banner.
- Corban Wheeler, reserve grand champion beekeeping, \$500: Dr. Harry Brickley Farm Foundation, Halderman Real Estate & Farm Management and Mounsey Farms Inc.
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Adrian Boxell shows his dairy feeder steer at Thursday's auction. (Photo by Holly Gaskill)



Kane Kinsey sits with his mom, Brittany Danels, in a classic car. (Photos provided)

Hundreds of 'Kruisers' participate in parade

By SYDNEY KENT

"I love you, mom."
"I love you, Kane."
"I miss you all the time, Mom."
"I miss you all the time, Kane."

Brittany Danels detailed the tender conversation she shared with her four-year-old son, Kane. Kane is battling a rare form of terminal cancer called Rhabdoid Sarcoma.

Like most children, Kane loves to be right next to his mom. He also loves anything vehicular-related. If it has a motor or drives on wheels, he is excited. If it makes Kane smile, his family is interested.

Attending a car show was out of the question — a 15-minute car ride hurts him, and he no longer has the capacity to take a walk outside. However, Danels wondered if anyone in the community would be willing to drive past their home and bring the show to him.

Her thoughtful idea evolved into a community event: Kruisin' for Kane. Danels created a Facebook event for July 6, inviting vehicles of all kinds.

The community came through. More



Kane Kinsey (pictured) sitting on his front porch waiting for his crusade of Kruisers.

than 700 cars interrupted the quiet streets of Bluffton to make Kane smile. The line-up of vehicles began at the 4-H park, with family, friends, and strangers all participating.

After the event, Danels thanked the community in a heartfelt Facebook post.

"So many have reached out and thanked us for the honor to do this," Danels wrote. "I

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Contract is approved for Markle/Uniondale fire merger

By JONATHAN SNYDER

Markle approved a one-year contract for a deal between the Uniondale and Markle Fire Departments during its council meeting Wednesday.

Discussions about the deal have been ongoing for months. Uniondale will transfer control of its equipment, truck and maintenance of the Uniondale Fire Station to the trustees of Wells County and pay \$15,000 per year while retaining land ownership of the fire station. In exchange, the other five entities in the deal will provide the equipment and manpower for Uniondale's fire coverage.

The council and other employees of Markle agreed that this deal will act as a baseline for future negotiations, rather than a permanent mainstay. While Fire Chief Jon Gray expressed his relief that the negotiation process ended, he was clear about the need to take another look.

"To be completely honest the number is low," Gray said. "But I think in order to make this work and to be good stewards of everyone's money and do a good job for the communities that we both serve, we need to start somewhere."

Council member Nicolas Lund further stated that the short-term nature of the deal

requires everyone to look toward next year as soon as possible, with all parties having a clearer vision of what should be needed after the current year passes, Council President Matthew Doss also said that he will talk with the trustees about ways they could communicate better throughout the negotiation process, so next year does not take as long.

Additionally, Operations Manager Mike Grant announced a "worst-case scenario" estimated \$5,725 expense for TW Excavating to replace 600 feet of six-inch drainage tile for the new Whispering Pines housing addition at Conifer Court. While Grant tried to contact two other contractors for bids over the past six weeks, they were unresponsive to the request. For previous similar projects, TW Excavating came in lower than expected, which gave the council confidence in approving the expense for the drainage tile project.

Grant also noted that a block section between Logan and Scott streets will receive some upgrades as a part of the water main project. In the water main bids, Markle added some asphalt and street work for certain areas in the project space, which qualified them for a \$1.5 million Community

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Kane Krinn Award
This year's recipients of the Kane Krinn Memorial Award were Hunter and Fletcher Wenger, the sons of Mick and Mollie Wenger. Presenting the award were members of the Krinn Family, RieAnn, Shelley and Matt. (Photo by Ryan Walker)

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4-H annual auction

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champion cake decorating, \$375: Baker Farms GP, Dr. Harry Brickley Farm Foundation, Halderman Real Estate & Farm Management and Mounsey Family Farms LLC.

• Violet McClain, reserve grand champion cake decorating, \$325: Jessica Ault.

• Grant Nash, grand champion corn, \$450: Farmers & Merchants State Bank, Rob & Jenni Hoover Family and Truland.

• Ethan Donovan, reserve grand champion corn, \$900: BR Fuel Services, Farmers & Merchants State Bank, Helena Chemical, Johnson Seed Sales, National ECO Energy, National Oil & Gas, Inc., Shaw AG & Earthworks LLC and Truland.

• Makenzie Fuess, grand champion floriculture, \$400: NX4.

• McKenna Freed, reserve grand champion floriculture, \$425: Larry Reinhard and Lee and Danielle Werling.

• Violet McClain, grand champion prepared foods, \$350: Dr. Harry Brickley Farm Foundation, Halderman Real Estate & Farm Management and Mounsey Farms Inc.

• Elsa Franks, chamion prepared foods, \$325: R & J Collectables and Rick Fiechter Farms.

• Joshua Bricker, grand champion preserved foods, \$300: Dr. Harry Brickley Farm Foundation and Halderman Real Estate & Farm Management.

• Preston Sailors, reserve grand champion foods, \$450: National Oil & Gas, Inc.

• Elijah Ingle, grand champion garden, \$350: Rob & Jenni Hoover Family, Truland.

• Kammy Miller, reserve grand champion garden, \$350: Ulmer Livestock Trucking.

• McKenzie Striker, grand champion soybeans, \$450: Perfect Pet.

• Dane Schlagenhauf, reserve grand champion soybeans, \$1,400: Ag Best, BKM Real Estate and Krueckeberg Auction Company, BR Fuel Services, First Bank of Berne, Halderman Real Estate & Farm Management, National ECO Energy, National Oil & Gas, Inc. and Truland.

• Blake Fuess, strawberry grand champion, \$350: NX4.

• Mason Wells, reserve grand champion strawberry, \$325: Doug Ingle.

• Dane Schlagenhauf, grand champion wheat, \$1,000: BKM Real Estate and Krueckeberg Auction Company, Halderman Real Estate & Farm Management, Johnson Seed Sales and Shaw AG & Earthworks LLC.

• Eden Stoppenhagen, reserve grand champion wheat, \$500: Andy & Angie Evans, ANA Farms, Keystone Cooperative and Steffen Oil.

Livestock Auction

• Case Boxell, grand champion meat pen, \$425: First Bank of Berne, Lehman Feed Mill, Power-Up-Electric and Truland.

• Emma Fey, grand champion fryer, \$1,100: Baker Farms GP, First Farmers Bank & Trust, Huffman Real Estate Group, Jessica Ault, Krinn Farms Inc. and Monte Fisher & Markley Ag Services.

• Bryce Kilander, grand champion steer, \$325: Les Gerber Insurance.

• Hunter Wenger, grand champion steer, \$4,600: American Axle, Andy & Angie Evans, ANA Farms, Apache Propane, Bluffton Animal Clinic, BR Fuel Services, Brickley Excavating, Bunge, Double A Truck Repair LLC, Dr. Harry Brickley Farm Foundation, First Bank of Berne, First Merchants Bank, Habegger's Ace, Halderman Real Estate & Farm Management, Helena Chemical, Jessica Ault, Lehman Feed Mill, Mitchel Enterprises Corp., Monte Fisher & Markley Ag Services, Moser & Son Heating, National Oil & Gas, Inc., Power-Up-Electric, Prible Ag Products, Rick Fiechter Farms, S & S Family Farms, Shaw AG & Earthworks LLC, Sills Farms, Steffen Oil, Stoller Family, Sue Girod, The Farmhouse Merc, Truland, Wells Co. Farm Bureau Young Farmers and Yoder Grain.

• Caroline Ripperger, champion hereford steer, \$850: Baker Farms GP.

• Yazmine Tucker, champion senior dairy showman, \$1,100: BR Fuel Services, First Merchants Bank, Kris Frauhiger, Lehman Feed Mill and National Oil & Gas, Inc.

• Hallie Mounsey, grand champion dairy beef, \$2,000: Black Creek Contracting, BR Fuel Services, First Bank of Berne, First Merchants Bank, Habegger's Ace, Mounsey Farms Inc, National Oil & Gas, Inc., PK Agribusiness Services LLC, Red Line Equipment and Rick Fiechter Farms.

• Gracie Rinckenberger, champion natural color market lamb, \$2,225: Andy & Angie Evans, ANA Farms, Dr. Harry Brickley Farm Foundation, First Bank of Berne, Golden Horizon Ag, Habegger's Ace, Halderman Real Estate & Farm Management, Helena Agri Enterprises, Indiana Farm Bureau Insurance, Kris Frauhiger, Lee & Danielle Werling, Lehman Feed Mill, P & S Consultants, Rick Fiechter Farms and Yoder Grain.

• Luci Jenkins, grand champion dairy feeder, \$500: Meyer Building, LLC.

• Adrian Boxell, champion dairy feeder, \$600.

• Alaina Nusbaumer, reserve grand champion dairy feeder, \$800: Earthwise Energy, Helena Agri Enterprises, Steffen Oil and Wells

County Farm Bureau, Inc.

• Bryce Kilander, grand champion best in show wether, \$500: Frauhiger Livestock and P & S Consultants.

• Owen Boxell, reserve grand champion best in show dairy wether, \$500: Helena Chemical, Kris Frauhiger and Lehman Feed Mill.

• Joseph Nusbaumer, reserve grand champion barrow, \$1,100: Dr. Harry Brickley Farm Foundation, First Bank of Berne, Halderman Real Estate & Farm Management, Helena Chemical, Mounsey Family Farms LLC, Steffen Oil, Truland and Yoder Grain.

• Delani Prible, champion Berkshire barrow, \$1,650: Ag Best, Dave Prible Farms, Prible Ag Products, Steffen Oil, Tug It Trucking and Yoder Grain.

• Connor Reed, champion spot barrow, \$2,300: Apache Propane, Bluffton Animal Clinic, Bumgarner Trucking, Dr. Harry Brickley Farm Foundation, First Bank of Berne, Halderman Real Estate & Farm Management, Helena Chemical, Matt & Lauren Prible, Mitchel Enterprises Corp., Scott & Emily Miller, Shelton Financial Group, Steffen Oil and Yoder Grain.

• Baylee Sliger, champion Yorkshire barrow, \$850: Baker Farms GP, Dr. Harry Brickley Farm Foundation, Halderman Real Estate & Farm Management and Mitchel Enterprises Corp.

• Keeton Carroll, Landrace Barrows, \$700: Bluffton Animal Clinic and Dr. John Huseman.

4-H Foundation

• Two pies made by Helen Witte, \$900 each: Dr. Harry Brickley Farm Foundation, Halderman Real Estate & Farm Management and Ulmer Livestock Trucking.

• Two commemorative coins, \$400 each: Dr. Harry Brickley Farm Foundation and R & J Collectables.

• Backpack donations, totaling \$1,100: Ag Best, Baker Farms GP, Bunge, Chad and Renee Captain, Chelsea Klefeker, Clint & Emily Tumbleson, Coldwell Banker Holloway, Commodity Blenders LLC, Dettmer Enterprises, Dr. Harry Brickley Farm Foundation, First Bank of Berne, Heartland REMC, Krinn Farms Inc., Leas Farms, Les Gerber Insurance, Mike & Shelley Mossburg, National Oil & Gas, Inc., Olivia Binegar, P & S Consultants, Schriver Heritage Farms, Shaw AG & Earthworks LLC, Shaw Real Estate & Auction, Inc., Stoller Family, Sue Girod, Tech Services, Tim Engle Farms, Truland, Ulmer Livestock Trucking and Wells County Council/Coldwell Banker Holloway.

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Contract approved

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Crossings grant. Estimates for the asphalt work came in lower than expected, and an extra \$246,865 became available for street work. The Logan and Scott street upgrades are estimated to cost \$246,750.

The council also adopted an updated Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan from Huntington County. This plan identifies goals and actions to reduce risks if natural disasters hit. Hunting County Emergency Management Director Robert Jeffers stated that the plan qualifies Markle for post-disaster

relief funding from the Federal Emergency Management Agency. Police Chief John Markley and Grant stated that community meetings about the plan were very well attended, and their input was taken into account, giving the council confidence to adopt the plan.

The council also retained its current PHP Health Insurance plan. Larry Davis, representing PHP, stated that PHP is asking for an 8% increase in their current benefit plan's renewal numbers. Davis noted that compared to

other carriers, it's a very good renewal number. Council Member Blake Caley stated that the premium cost in the current plan outclasses other plans presented by Davis. Caley further noted that he wants to make sure that Markle does not do anything to knock themselves out of the grandfathered plan.

Additionally, Caley said that Master's Pantry, which provides food and clothing to community members in need, is spending over \$35,000 a month just on food costs. Richard Shafer, a volunteer for the pantry,

came to Caley with a request for help from the council. While the council wished to help, noting potentially available monies in the COVID-19 relief fund and the opioid settlement fund, Lund encouraged Shafer to go to the Markle Chamber of Commerce and see if a long-term partnership could be worked out, to ensure the long-term future of the pantry.

The next council meeting will occur on Aug. 29, due to absences from council members on their regularly scheduled date of Aug. 21.

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Weather

Friday, July 19, 2024

(24-hour observations at 10:16 p.m. Thursday)

High: 75; Low: 57; Precipitation: None

Wabash River Level (at the Main Street bridge): 1.36 feet at 9:45 p.m. Thursday

Wells County forecast

Today: Patchy fog before 8 a.m. Otherwise, sunny, with a high near 78. Calm wind becoming east around 5 mph.

Tonight: Mostly clear, with a low around 57. Calm wind.

Saturday: Sunny, with a high near 80. Calm wind.

Saturday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 59. Calm wind.

Sunday: Partly sunny, with a high near 81.

Sunday Night: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 62.

Monday: A 20% chance of showers and thunderstorms after 2 p.m. Partly sunny, with a high near 82.

Monday Night: A 20% chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 65.

Tuesday: A 40% chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 79.

Tuesday Night: A 30% chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 65.

Wednesday: Showers and thunderstorms likely. Partly sunny, with a high near 80. Chance of precipitation is 60%.

Wednesday Night: Showers and thunderstorms likely. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 65.



Kinsey smiles for a photo in his home. (Photo provided)

'Kruisers'

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want each and every person to know they were a part of something special. Seeing so many different styles of cars and people from many different walks of life come together for one special person — it's so beautiful."

Danels said she hopes to make Kruisin' for Kane an annual event to honor Kane's legacy.

"I will never feel like I have shown the appreciation I would like," Danels said. "But if we can give this to another family, it would be

an absolute honor."

The Tru Kingz Motorcycle Club is hosting a bike and car show, with 50% of the proceeds benefiting Kane's family. The show will take place from 12-6 p.m. on Aug. 10 at 5731 Saint Joe Rd. in Fort Wayne.

Kane's GoFundMe can be found at gofund.me/30ded893. Those interested in helping with food can participate in the meal train for Kane and his family at mealtrain.com/9qwzkk.

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U.S. Army honors Nisei combat unit that helped liberate Tuscany from Nazi-Fascist forces in WWII

ROME (AP) — The U.S. military is celebrating a little-known part of World War II history, honoring the Japanese-American U.S. Army unit that was key to liberating parts of Italy and France even while the troops' relatives were interned at home as enemies of the state following Japan's attack on Pearl Harbor.

Descendants of the second-generation "Nisei" soldiers traveled to Italy from around the United States — California, Hawaii and Colorado — to tour the sites where their relatives fought and attend a commemoration at the U.S. military base in Camp Darby ahead of the 80th anniversary Friday of the liberation of nearby Livorno, in Tuscany.

Among those taking part were cousins Yoko and Leslie Sakato, whose fathers each served in the 442nd Regimental Combat Team, which went onto become the most decorated unit in the history of the U.S. military for its size and length of service.

"We wanted to kind of follow his footsteps, find out where he fought, where he was, maybe see the territories that he never ever talked about," said Yoko Sakato, whose father Staff Sgt. Henry Sakato was in the 100th Battalion, Company B that helped liberate Tuscany from Nazi-Fascist rule.

The 442nd Infantry Regiment, including the 100th Infantry Battalion, was composed almost entirely of second-generation American soldiers of Japanese ancestry, who fought

in Italy and southern France. Known for its motto "Go For Broke," 21 of its members were awarded the Medal of Honor.

The regiment was organized in 1943, in response to the War Department's call for volunteers to form a segregated Japanese American army combat unit. Thousands of Nisei — second-generation Japanese Americans — answered the call.

Some of them fought as their relatives were interned at home in camps that were established in 1942, after Pearl Harbor, to house Japanese Americans who were considered to pose a "public danger" to the United States. In all, some 112,000 people, 70,000 of them American citizens, were held in these "relocation centers" through the end of the war.

The Nisei commemoration at Camp Darby was held one week before the 80th anniversary of the liberation of Livorno, or Leghorn, on July 19, 1944. Local residents were also commemorating the anniversary this week.

In front of family members, military officials and civilians, Yoko Sakato placed flowers at the monument in memory of Pvt. Masato Nakae, one of the 21 Nisei members awarded the Medal of Honor.

"I was feeling close to my father, I was feeling close to the other men that I knew growing up, the other veterans, because they had served, and I felt really like a kinship with the military who are here," she said.

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Police Notebook

INCIDENTS

City:
 Tuesday, 2:14 p.m., 800 block of Eastmoor Drive. Report of fraud.
 Tuesday, 4:20 p.m., First Bank of Berne. Report of people in the roadway trying to catch a dog.
 Tuesday, 6:18 p.m., CVS. Trespass warning requested.
 Tuesday, 7:40 p.m., Hardee's. Report of two men harassing female employee for her phone number.
 Tuesday, 8:45 p.m., Bluffton-Harrison Admin Building. Wallet found, owner contacted.
 Wednesday, 9:19 a.m., East Spring and South Mulberry streets. Driver cited for 46 in a 30 mph zone.
 Wednesday, 1:09 p.m., Walmart. Report of theft.
 Wednesday, 6:49 p.m., 600 block of Beth Avenue. Report of neighbor dispute.
 Wednesday, 7:26 p.m., North Main Street and Northwood Drive.

Thursday, 10:01 a.m., Pine Grove Apartments. Caller reported concerns with scam.
 Thursday, 11:44 a.m., 600 block of Cedar Road. Report of fighting.
 Thursday, 1:04 p.m., 600 block of South Marion Street. Neighborly dispute.
County:
 Wednesday, 2:23 p.m., 3100 South Main Street, Liberty Center. Report of dog attacking another dog.
 Wednesday, 4:11 p.m., 100 block of West Washington Street, Poneto. Town hall received threatening call from resident.
 Wednesday, 4:41 p.m., 200N and 300W, Bluffton. Driver cited for driving 80 in a 55 mph zone.
 Wednesday, 6:47 p.m., 1100N 500W, Bluffton. Report of multiple people in camouflage and tactical gear shooting firearms at a residence. Subjects were shoot-

ing in a safe manner.
 Thursday, 2:01 a.m., 2300 North West Street, Craigville. Officer noticed house on house watch list with unusual activity. Everyone was okay.
 Thursday, 3:17 a.m., Oubache State Park. Caller reported hearing someone outside of her tent. Officers cleared the area as best as possible.
 Thursday, 6:26 a.m., 3900 East Elm Grove Road, Bluffton. Tag requested for deer.
ARRESTS
 Ilse Arellano, 32, Fort Wayne; driving while suspended, a Class A misdemeanor. Bond set at \$1,500.
 Parker Brandon Capps, 18, Ossian; possession of marijuana, a Class B misdemeanor, possession of paraphernalia and minor consumption of an alcoholic beverage, both Class C misdemeanors. Booked and released.

Recount results for races still not certified over two months after primary election

By MIA HILKOWITZ
 Indiana Capital Chronicle

Indiana's primary election results have still not been certified more than two months after the May 7 primary. Holding up the certification are two ballot recount efforts, which the Indiana Recount Commission approved in May despite large margins of victory.

Initial tallying for one of the disputed races has not even started.

In May, the Indiana Recount Commission approved two recount efforts in Hendricks and Elkhart counties. Republicans Brian Paasch — who ran against incumbent Rep. Greg Steuwerwald in the primary for Indiana House District 40 — and Cindi Hajicek — who ran in House District 49 against incumbent Rep. Joanna King — filed recount petitions for their races on May 15. This was before election officials in the counties had finished counting provisional and absentee ballots.

When the State Board of Accounts (SBA) received these petitions it ordered the Indiana State Police to impound the counties' ballots and election equipment. However, this early impoundment meant some uncounted provisional and absentee ballots, and even ballots that did not include the disputed races, were closed off. While the commission decided to release some of the ballots for undisputed races, election officials have still not been able to properly certify the results.

According to the Indiana Election Division, Paasch received 36.8% of the vote, or 2,050 votes, and lost to his competitor, who got 63.2% or 3,519 votes. Hajicek earned 35% of the vote (2,047 votes), but her opponent received 65% (3,805 votes).

Paasch declined to comment, and Hajicek did not respond to the Indiana Capital Chronicle's request for comment.

A list of candidates for the 2024 general election online reads "The following list is NOT complete. The May 7, 2024, Primary Election will not be certified until recounts are concluded."

Uncertified results

Lindsey Eaton, communications director for the Indiana Secretary of State, said in an email the SBA has finished initial tallying of ballots in Elkhart County. The recount occurred from July 8-10. According to the commission's conduct guidelines, each candidate in a disputed race can observe or designate a representative to observe the recount tallying process.

"The Commission will meet at a later date to rule on the disputed issues and complete the recount proceeding," Eaton said.

Recounts need to be completed by mid-September to finalize a list of candidates and print ballots for the general election.

Elkhart County Clerk Chris Anderson confirmed in an email that the recount in his county was complete, but did not respond to the Indiana Capital Chronicle's requests for additional information.

Eaton said the SBA will start its initial tallying in Hendricks County on July 22. She said the recount director, which is appointed by the recount commission, works with the candidates' attorneys, the SBA, state police and county election officials to schedule the recount when all parties are available.

"Once SBOA finishes their work, the Secretary of State's Office will call a recount commission meeting," Eaton said.

The Indiana Recount Commission makes the final decision on whether a disputed bal-

lot will be counted.

In Indiana, any candidate or chairman of a state or county political party can file a recount petition, but do not have to meet any other conditions. While laws vary across the country, 12 states require candidates to be within a specified margin of votes to request a recount. Some states' recounts are also automatically triggered if results are within a certain margin of votes, but Indiana does not have this recount trigger.

Additionally, Indiana Code requires candidates who file for a recount petition to pay for "all costs of the recount." Candidates must file a cash deposit or bond of at least \$100. Because the number of votes cast for the nominated candidates and the candidates who filed recount petitions is more than 1% of the total votes cast, if more than 10 precincts need to be recounted, that bond can increase by \$100 per precinct. The bond, which is deposited in each county's general fund, is used to cover costs such as paying additional employees and recount commissioners.

The petitioners can receive partial or full refunds of these deposits if the recount significantly changes or if election officials determine that petitioner has been nominated or elected.

Impact on voters

At the Indiana Recount Commission's May meeting, county election officials voiced their concern that voters whose ballots were impounded before they could be counted would be disenfranchised. At the center of the debate was whether election officials could count the ballots for the first time during a technical recount.

Anderson, the Elkhart clerk, estimated in May that Elkhart County saw approximately 100 provisional and absentee ballots impounded. These ballots included votes for around 49 races, ranging from the Republican nominee selection for President to state convention delegates.

"When I look at the not-counting of those ballots, based on turnout, 85% of those voters are going to be Republican ballots," he said at the May meeting. "You've got 85% of those voters have been disenfranchised."

Debbie Hoskins, Hendrick County's chief deputy clerk of election, told the Indiana Capital Chronicle the county has not certified election results for 10 precincts, but that the rest of the county's precinct results had been certified.

Additionally, Hoskins said the previously uncounted provisional ballots will "not be counted but will be reviewed and acknowledged."

Eaton told the Indiana Capital Chronicle that all election materials are preserved and organized by the SBA.

"Ultimately the Recount Commission will make determinations about ballots to be counted or not counted, based on arguments of the parties and application of law," Eaton said.

While this number of ballots might not sway the outcome of larger primary races — such as the Republican Presidential primary — they could technically flip smaller races in the counties. For instance, a race for one Republican Precinct Committeeman in a contested precinct is within five votes.

Hoskins said that she cannot predict if the election results for these smaller races will change.

"I don't foresee a flip...but I cannot be 100% sure until the recount is over," Hoskins said.

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



This little lamb went to market

Thursday night was the 4-H Fair's annual auction event. Below, Gracie Rinkenberger rolls out her Champion Natural Color Market Lamb during the auction. At left, an auctioneer directs the potential bidders through Rinkenberger's presentation of the lamb. It sold for \$2,225. (Photos by Ryan Walker)



VP nominee Vance coming to FW

By NIKI KELLY
 Indiana Capital Chronicle

GOP Vice Presidential nominee J.D. Vance is coming to Fort Wayne next week for a fundraiser, Allen County Republican Party Chairman Steve Shine confirmed Thursday.

Details for the Wednesday event are still being worked out, but Third District Congressman Jim Banks will also be in attendance.

"It's an honor for Allen county and Fort Wayne to have someone of the national stature of J.D. Vance visiting our community right out of the gate following his nomination for vice president," Shine said. "I think it shows Fort Wayne and Allen County (are) a hotbed for Republican activism."

Indiana is often a stop for national Republicans looking to raise money. The

event has an entry fee of \$1,000 and is being coordinated by local GOP donor Bill Bean. Proceeds will go to Donald Trump's presidential campaign.

Trump selected Vance, a U.S. Senator from Ohio, to be his running mate on Monday.

"After lengthy deliberation and thought, and considering the tremendous talents of many others, I have decided that the person best suited to assume the position of Vice President of the United States is Senator J.D. Vance of the Great State of Ohio," Trump, who will be nominated as the 2024 Republican presidential candidate on Thursday night, posted on social media.

"J.D. has had a very successful business career in Technology and Finance, and now, during the Campaign, will be strongly

focused on the people he fought so brilliantly for, the American Workers and Farmers in Pennsylvania, Michigan, Wisconsin, Ohio, Minnesota, and far beyond....," Trump added.

Vance is a congressional newcomer, with less than two years experience as a senator and having voted against major bipartisan bills throughout his tenure in the upper chamber.

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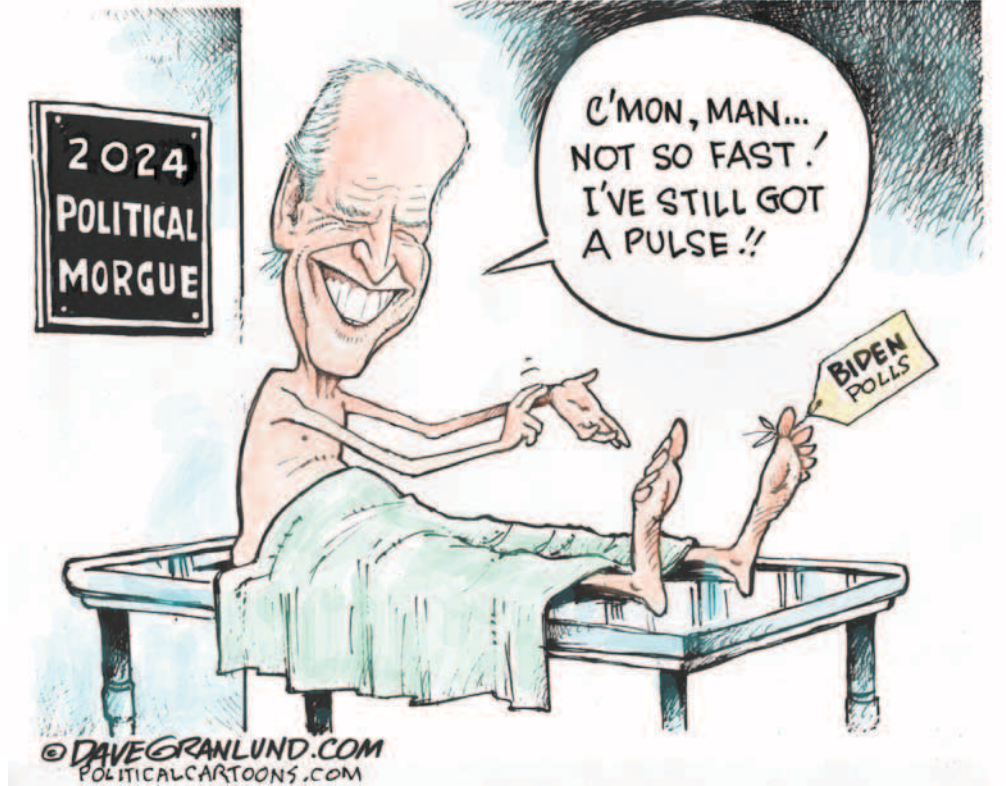
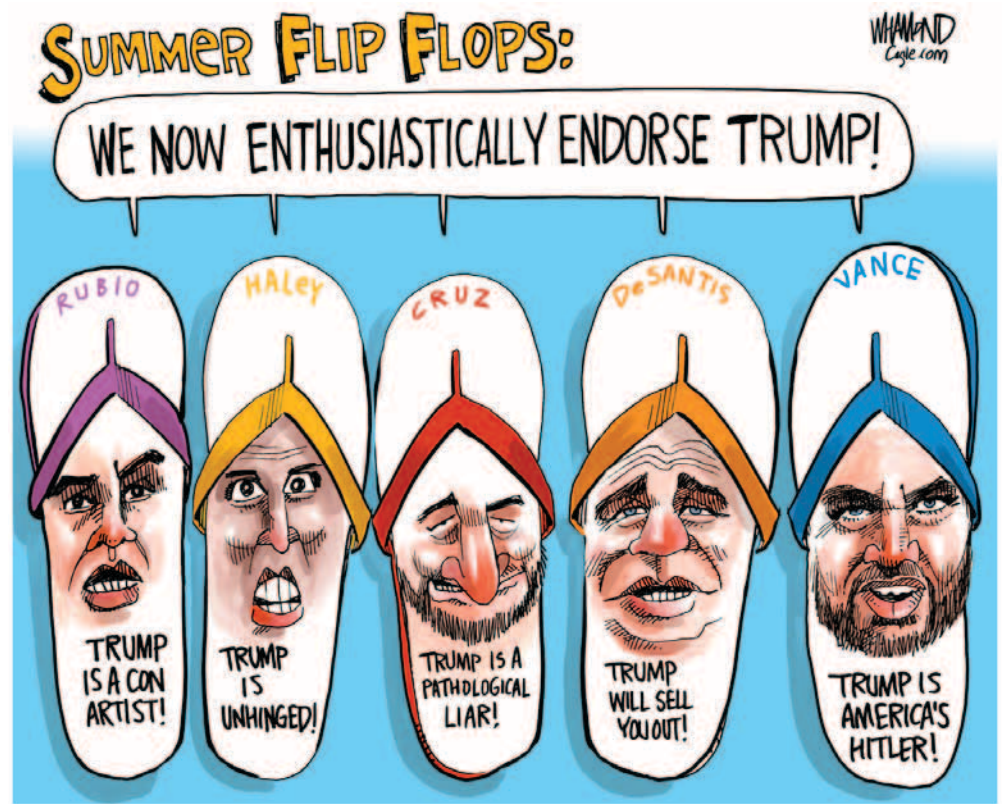
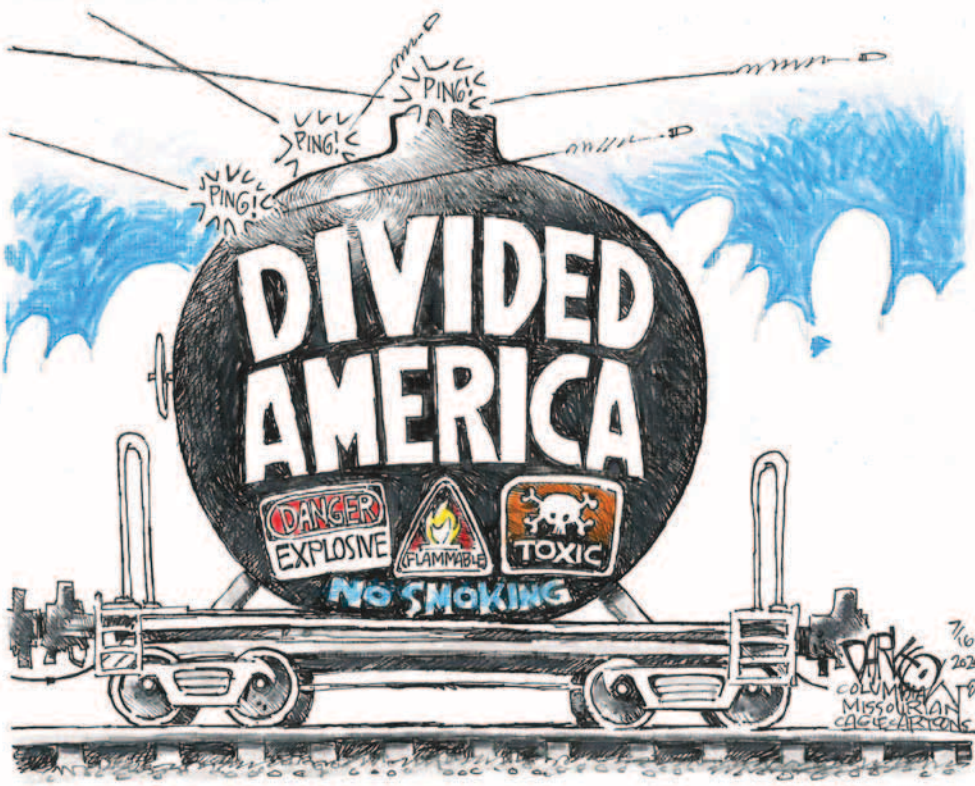
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Hundreds of calls and we appreciate them all

We knew we were in trouble Tuesday morning. The machine that makes our printing plates had stopped working.

Plates are an essential part of the printing process. To over-simplify the process, the image of newspaper pages is burned onto a plate, a coated sheet of aluminum. The best way to describe making a plate is to think of a toaster. Put a piece of bread in, hit the lever and wait for the wires to heat up. A piece of toast pops out. Substitute bread for a three foot by two foot piece of thin aluminum and wires for a spinning laser and you've basically got it.

The plate is wrapped around a large cylinder on the press. Ink and water are directed toward the moving plate and transferred to another cylinder wrapped with a 'blanket.' The blanket transfers the image onto speeding half-ton rolls of paper which are mechanically assembled, cut and folded.

I guess there isn't anything simple about the printing process.

A nearby newspaper helped us by making plates for our Wednesday edition. Nearby is a relative term, as our friends are located 45 minutes away.

Problem solved. Or so we thought.

Around 2:30 a.m. on Wednesday, one of the plates flew off the press while we were printing. We were stuck with no ability to make a replacement and no time to get one made by our nearby friends and make it to the Post Office in time for delivery.

At that point we had hundreds of newspapers printed. Unfortunately, we need thousands.

It's never a fun day in The News-Banner office as we field hundreds of calls and walk-in customers asking about their newspaper. It's an all-hands-on-deck kind of day.

While it isn't fun, it is energizing to know the newspaper we print is a critical part of people's day. It's an honor that we don't take for granted.

On the positive side, we talked to more subscribers than we would have on any other day. We always learn something about what people like and dislike about their newspaper. For example, I found out how important Saturday's stock market wrap-up is. I always appreciate the feedback.

At one point during the afternoon, I began timing the gap between calls. We had a two minute respite only once. More often the calls were merely seconds apart.

Throughout the day what stood out was how understanding and gracious everyone was. Internal production issues quickly turn into external problems because they effect you, the paying customer.

Wednesday afternoon, we were right back at it, going through the same process to get plates made by our friends. This time, we ordered a second set — just in case.

Thursday morning the replacement part was delivered and was installed by early afternoon.

We are back to making toast.

The world is right again. At least for now. I'm not one to be overconfident.

Thank you for all of the calls. We appreciate everyone who stopped by the office, emailed or texted.

You reaffirmed that the work we do is important and the people we serve are wonderful.

For that we are blessed.



Doug Brown

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We are nearing Fed rate cuts

The past three months of economic data offer an increasingly clear picture to Federal Reserve policy-makers wrestling with the moment to begin cutting interest rates. The next meeting to consider rate cuts occurs July 30 and 31. It is possible the Fed will cut rates at that meeting. Instead, it might hold rates constant until the September 17-18 meeting.

I prefer a July rate cut, with a couple caveats.

The Federal Reserve is tasked with controlling the supply of money by setting borrowing rates for banks and buying or selling government debt. By lowering borrowing rates and purchasing government debt, it increases the money supply. This causes a short-term increase in economic activity as businesses and consumers sense increased demand for goods.

The Fed slows short-term economic activity by raising rates and selling government bonds. This causes businesses to pay more for capital and consumers to pay more for borrowing to buy cars and homes. These changes to money supply really only affect the short run. You cannot make the economy grow over the long run by changing the money supply.

Getting all this right is devilishly hard, if not impossible.

The Fed has about 600 economists studying national and local economies. They read studies, convene conferences and solicit economic advice from a variety of sources. They also collect comments from local business leaders, who might have a better handle on up-to-date changes on local conditions than economists looking at data that are weeks or months old.

The Fed also runs more than a dozen forecasting models and watches dozens of other models run by economists around the country. It creates and monitors new data sources, like the Atlanta Fed's "GDP Now," which is a constantly updated estimate of the nation's gross domestic product. The Fed also monitors frequently updated data products, like the Sahm Rule for recessions or the University of Michigan's Consumer Sentiment Survey.

All this work is done transparently, with formal public statements. Fed economists speak publicly about their models, publish them in journals and often move in and out of universities.

The Fed sees what the rest of us see, but with 600-plus sets of eyes all over the country. So, what are they seeing?

First, Fed economists are looking at inflation. The whole of their efforts for more than two years have been to restrain inflation enough that we don't plunge the economy into recession. What they're now seeing is inflation slow dramatically. As of the June release, the U.S. actually slipped slightly into the deflationary range with the Fed's preferred measure of inflation.

Over the past three months, the average annual growth rate is at 2.4 percent, or just inside the targeted rate of 2.0 percent to 2.5 percent. There are several reasons for this target. First, if inflation is pushed too low, the economy will slow too much and we could slip into a recession. So, it is better to accommodate some modest inflation.

The Fed also knows that measuring inflation isn't a perfect business. In particular, it is difficult to include quality improvements in products in the inflation measure. Deflation is far riskier than inflation, so it is important to remain safely above zero.

There will be one more measure of Personal Consumption Expenditure data released before the July Fed meet-



Michael Hicks

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ing. If it is low, or even modestly negative like it was last month, that will at least trigger the Fed to say it expects to cut rates in September. If it is high, say above 2.5 percent, we should expect them to hold off on rate cuts past their September meeting.

The Fed also looks at economic growth, which has been sustained but slowing in recent months. Labor markets have remained strong, with American businesses creating between 160,000 and 310,000 jobs per month for the past year.

GDP growth also has been surprisingly strong over the past year. The U.S. is clearly outpacing other developed nations in the value of goods and services we produce. The Fed's forecast is for us to end 2024 with 2.1 percent GDP growth in 2024 (inflation adjusted), dropping to 2 percent in 2025. By comparison, the economy in 2017-2020 grew at an average annual rate of 1.8 percent.

This strong economic growth permits the Fed to delay reducing interest rates until it is more certain about inflation. Remember, the senior Fed economists are mostly in their 50s and 60s and attended graduate school in the 1980s. At the time, inflation had plagued the U.S. economy for two decades. In 1990, the Consumer Price Index had only been under 2.5 percent for a few months in 20 years. Throughout the 1980s, it averaged 6.4 percent as compared to 4.4 percent since COVID-19.

Fed economists are rightly concerned with inflation. With unemployment rates at more than 50-year lows, there's little in the macroeconomic data to suggest risk of a recession. It is difficult to find real data that indicates economic or financial stress in the country.

Delinquency rates on credit card loans sit at 3.16 percent, well below the 30-year average of 3.73 percent. Mortgage delinquency rates are at 1.71 percent, a low point since the summer of 2006. Household debt payments, as a share of family disposable personal income, is lower now than at any time from 1980 to COVID. Wages are up more than 4.08 percent from this time last year, while inflation is up 3.25 percent.

In other words, all the talk of a crashing, risk-filled economy where people are struggling is unsupported by actual data. The adults at the Fed are worried about data.

However, the strong performance of the domestic economy is not an absolute brake on the Fed lowering interest rates. In fact, several prominent economists, including Claudia Sahm, have argued the risk to inflation of cutting rates is very modest. Rather, the risk to further weakening labor markets when inflation is now so modest should be the Fed's focus.

I agree. Absent a hot inflation report in late July, the Fed should cut rates a quarter point at its July 30-31 meeting. It should also make clear it is unlikely to cut rates in September. A modest reduction in interest rates would signal that we have entered a period of declining borrowing costs. I haven't seen a single study or heard a single economist suggest that such a modest cut would endanger the fight against inflation.

This action would also signal we are firmly in soft landing territory, in what was probably the most effective Fed intervention in history.

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Left out of family wedding

Dear Annie: Our son married into a large family. His wife's sister was recently married. We did not receive an invitation, and no explanation was given.

cut me and his stepdad off since then. I have no idea how to react.

Dear Annie by Annie Lane



I feel bullied by him and have not had contact with him since I found out about the marriage. He and his wife, who I have only met a few times, are both 30.

Dear Sad Out-Laws: That is certainly hurtful, but before you make assumptions, consider the fact that it was your daughter-in-law's sister and her new husband who made the guest list.

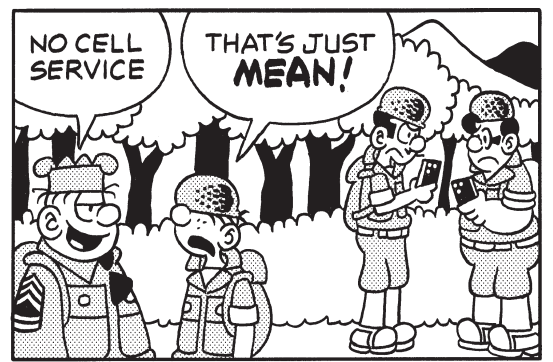
Dear Sad Mom: I'm sure opening your Facebook page to your son's wedding photos without any prior notice from him was alarming and painful.

Dear Annie: I separated from my husband when our sons were 4 and 6. He then proceeded to move halfway across the country to take a higher-paying job.

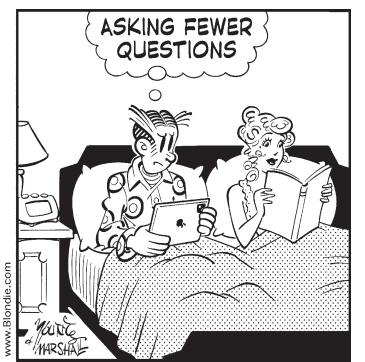
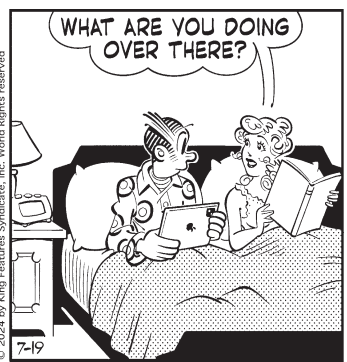
Fast forward and my oldest son, who has always favored his dad over me, recently got married at town hall, and I found out about a month later through a Facebook picture.

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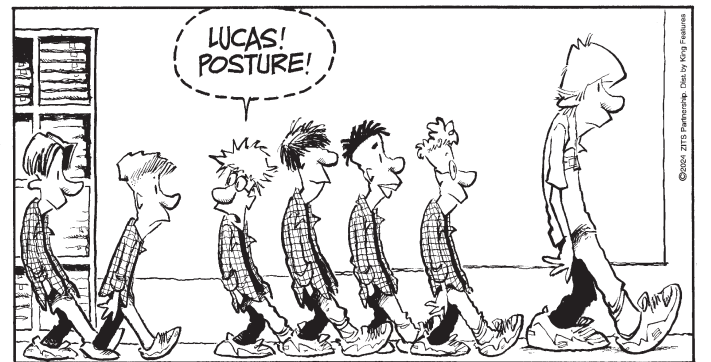
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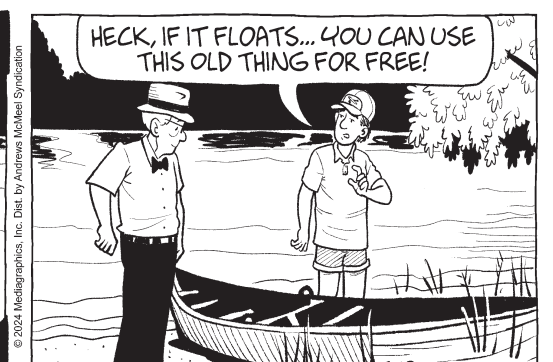
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My Answer by Dr. Billy Graham



Human suffering is inescapable

Question: I'm sitting with my dying mother day after day, having no idea how much time she has left.

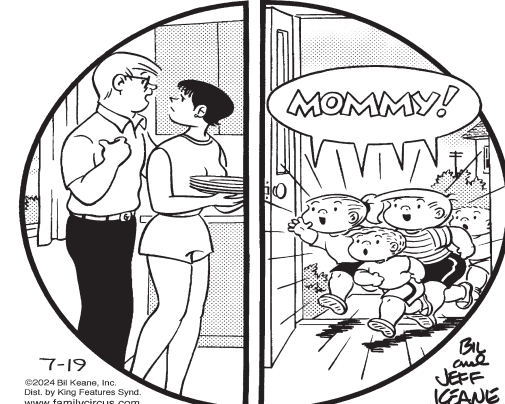
Answer: A dear lady wrote about her invalid mother who was suffering on a hospital bed in the last stages of cancer.

that human suffering is inescapable. We must accept it as an integral part of life. Job said, "Man who is born of woman is of few days and full of trouble"

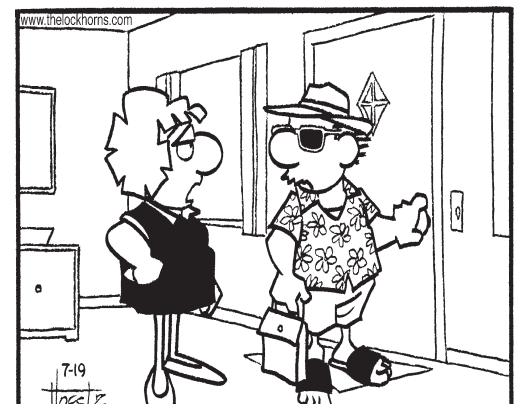
the triumphant day of graduation with honors. The Bible teaches that suffering is a part of life in a sinful world.

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CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

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Dodgers and Cubs open 2025 MLB season in Tokyo

NEW YORK (AP) — The Los Angeles Dodgers and Shohei Ohtani will open the 2025 season in Tokyo against the Chicago Cubs on March 18 and the Athletics will start the home portion of their first season in Sacramento against the Cubs on March 31.

All 30 teams are scheduled for March 27, marking the earliest opening day other than international games, Major League Baseball announced Thursday. There were games on March 28 in 2019 and this season.

Each team will play six games against its prime interleague rival instead of four, increasing matchups between the New York Yankees and Mets, the Dodgers and Los Angeles Angels, Cubs and Chicago White Sox and Athletics and San Francisco Giants. What is being called a Rivalry Weekend is scheduled for May 16-18 and includes the prime interleague rivalries along with Pittsburgh vs Philadelphia, Colorado vs. Arizona, Detroit vs. Toronto and Houston vs. Texas.

In the third straight season of a return to a balanced schedule, a team will play 13 games against each division rival and six or

seven against each other club in its league for a total of 62. The remaining 48 games are against interleague opponents, with a single three-game series against each of the 14 other clubs in the opposite league. Teams will be home against the same interleague opponents they hosted in 2023.

The American League used a balanced schedule from 1977-2000 and the National League from 1993-2000.

The Dodgers and Cubs will play at the Tokyo Dome on March 18-19, marking the 25th anniversary of the Mets and Cubs playing MLB's first regular-season games in Japan. Other Tokyo openers were the Yankees and Tampa Bay (2004), Boston and Oakland (2008), Seattle and Oakland (2012)



and Seattle and Oakland (2019). The Dodgers and San Diego started the 2024 season in Seoul, South Korea.

MLB and the players' association intended to play regular-season games in Paris next June but abandoned the plan because they couldn't find a sponsor. The collective bargaining agreement also called for September 2025 games in San Juan, Puerto Rico, but none were included.

After playing in Oakland at the Coliseum since 1968, the Athletics intend to spend the 2025-27 seasons at Sutter Health Park, home of the San Francisco Giants' Triple-A River Dogs and a ballpark with a capacity of about 10,500 fixed seats. The A's open with a four-game series at Seattle before host-

ing the Cubs. They play the Giants at San Francisco's Oracle Park from May 16-18 and host the Giants from July 4-6. The Athletics franchise started in Philadelphia from 1901-54, and moved to Kansas City for 13 seasons. The team has announced plans to move to a new ballpark in Las Vegas starting in 2028.

The daytime high temperatures in Sacramento often exceed 100 degrees in the summer and artificial turf is being installed to accommodate both the A's and River Dogs.

Other March 27 games include the Cubs at Arizona, Angels at the White Sox, San Francisco at Cincinnati, the Mets at Houston, Cleveland at Kansas City, Detroit at the Dodgers, Pittsburgh at Miami, Milwaukee at the Yankees, Minnesota at St. Louis, Atlanta at San Diego, Colorado at Tampa Bay, Boston at Texas, Baltimore at Toronto and Philadelphia at Washington.

Game times were not announced.

The All-Game will be at Atlanta's Truist Park on July 15 and the regular season ends Sept. 28.

Caitlin Clark breaks WNBA's game assists record with 19

By SCHUYLER DIXON
AP Sports Writer

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — Caitlin Clark smiled and hesitated just long enough for Indiana teammate Aliyah

Boston to intercept the answer for what it meant to the rookie to set a WNBA record with 19 assists in a game.

Clark's milestone came in the Fever's 101-93 loss to the Dallas Wings on Wednesday night in the final game before the month-long break for the Olympics, which is why Boston jumped in.

"She's going to say it means nothing," Boston said. "But I think it's pretty cool. So, sorry."

Perhaps Clark hesitated because of her turnover with 36 seconds left and the Fever trailing by four. She got trapped, lost the ball on a steal by Natasha Howard and stayed crouched on the court in disbelief after the Wings called a timeout to preserve their possession.

On Clark's record-setting assist, she set up Kelsey Mitchell up for a 3-pointer that tied it at 93 with 2:22 remaining. The turnover came during Dallas' game-ending 8-0 run.

"Yeah, the late turnover. That one kills, for sure," Clark said. "It's like a

fine line of they were up pressuring me so then I kind of got behind them and was able to attack and then I tried to pull it and kind of lost my handle."

The previous record was 18 by Courtney Vandersloot for Chicago on Aug. 31, 2020. Vandersloot also had 18 in a play-off game on Sept. 28, 2021. Ticha Penicheiro set the old rookie mark of 16 for Sacramento on July 29, 1998.

Clark scored 24 points on a rough shooting night from 3-point range (2 of 9), while Boston scored 28 points on 11-of-14 shooting. Eight of Boston's baskets came on assists from Clark.

"I just try to set my teammates up for success. I think at times I can almost overpass," Clark said. "There probably could have been a few times where instead of passing that leads to a turnover I may have, I can probably shoot the ball. Especially with (Boston). I'm just looking to set her up so much. My eyes are almost always on our post players."

Clark is the first rookie and ninth player overall in WNBA history with at least 400 points and 200 assists in a season. Chelsea Gray has three such seasons, Alyssa Thomas has two and six other players — Sue Bird, Jordin Canada, Natasha Cloud, Sabrina Ionescu, Courtney Williams and Vandersloot — have done it once.

Clark's previous season high for assists was 13, set four times. The most recent was in a 95-86 victory over Phoenix on Friday night.



Caitlin Clark

Brown makes late birdies for a 1-shot lead over Shane Lowry in wind-challenged British Open

By DOUG FERGUSON
AP Golf Writer

TROON, Scotland (AP) — The wind caught just about everyone off guard Thursday in the British Open. It came from the opposite direction off the Irish Sea, accompanied by occasional rain, and made Royal Troon a tougher test than anyone was expecting.

Turns out that wasn't even the biggest surprise.

Daniel Brown made his major championship debut a memorable one. He birdied two of the last three holes for a 6-under 65, giving him a one-shot lead over Shane Lowry with just enough spectators left in the Scottish twilight to celebrate his amazing day.

It was getting too dark to take a photo of his name atop the leaderboard, and that doesn't interest the 29-year-old from England, anyway.

"I'm going to try and keep my feet on the ground a bit and take on the job again tomorrow," Brown said.

A one-time winner on the European tour, he arrived at Royal Troon having failed to make the cut in seven straight tournaments dating to March until a couple of good events. One was the final qualifying to earn a spot in his first major, the other at the Scottish Open when he made the cut and finished 61st.

But this day was all about the wind — yes, it was fierce, but it was different. Instead of players trying to make a score on the downwind front nine and keep it together on the way back, it was tough from start to finish.

Rory McIlroy certainly found that to be the case. He shot 78 with a pair of double bogeys. Ditto for U.S. Open champion Bryson DeChambeau, who went out in 42 on his way to a 76. Every major is tough on 48-year-old Tiger Woods, who had a 79 for his highest start in a major since an 80 in the 2015 U.S. Open at Chambers Bay.

Lowry motored along, putting as well as he has all year, soaking up the warm applause all while reminding himself it was only a good start and three more rounds were ahead of him. But he sure knew what to expect.

"Fortunately enough, I came here two weeks ago and I played this wind on the second day that I played here. I saw the golf course in every wind possible I could see it," Lowry said. "Yeah, I guess that was a good thing to do, and it's out there paying off a little bit today."

Justin Thomas is off to another great start for the second straight week in Scotland, even if his score doesn't look that way. He had a 68 — he shot 62 last week in the Scottish Open — and feels as though he played better because the misses are more severely punished at Troon.

The group at 69 included PGA champion Xander Schauffele and Justin Rose, who also played bogey-free with greater appreciation of this Open because he had to endure 36-hole final qualifying just to get in.

Throw in the occasional rain, and Masters champion Scottie Scheffler found it plenty difficult after battling his way to a 70.

"I don't know if confusing is the right word, just challenging, especially when you

get the rain involved," Scheffler said. "When you get a wet ball into the wind, it's amazing how short it goes. I think it was No. 2 today, I had 165 to the pin off a slight upslope, and I hit a hold 5-iron, which for me usually goes about 205. It went probably 155 at the most. And I striped it."

Lowry, the Open champion at Royal Portrush five years ago, hit his stride around the turn. He birdied the seventh from about 10 feet and hit wedge to 10 feet at the par-3 eighth, the famed "Postage Stamp" that caused so much damage for a 123-yard hole.

He also made two big pars, including a 25-foot putt on the 10th, before holing a 20-foot birdie putt on the 11th to reach 4 under. Lowry ended his round with a wedge to 5 feet for his 66.

The applause kept getting louder, and Lowry kept reminding himself it was only Thursday.

"For some reason I felt like he crowd were getting very excited out there," he said. "It was late in the afternoon — a few pints of Tennent's were had out there ... and it felt more like the weekend. I just kept on telling myself there's a lot more to do and there's a few days left, so I just kind of stayed in my lane and hit some good shots, and I was pretty happy with how I handled myself."

Thomas played earlier in the day and was at 4 under through 11. He just had to work hard to keep a good score on his card.

His tee shot landed in a bush on the tough 12th hole that required a penalty drop, and he missed a 4-foot putt and made double bogey. His next drive took a wild hop into grass so deep his caddie called out to the gallery, "Last call. Anyone see the other ball to the right?" They eventually found it, but it led to bogey.

"A little bit of a hiccup in the beginning of the back nine but stayed patient and kept plugging," Thomas said.

Indeed, Thomas managed to keep it together. He avoided another bogey with a 12-foot par putt, and finished with a 6-iron to 8 feet for birdie on the 17th and a birdie on the 18th that showed how much the wind was helping — 4-iron off the tee, wedge into 25 feet on the 458-yard closing hole.

Justin Leonard, a winner at Royal Troon in 1997, returned for the first time since 2016 and was given the honor of the opening tee shot with the shiny claret jug positioned nearby on a podium. He had an 80, one of 12 rounds of 80 or higher.

McIlroy broke 80, but not by much.

He was hopeful of one last chance this year to end his drought in the majors that dates 10 years. Now McIlroy only wants to make it to the weekend. He took two to get of a bunker on the Postage Stamp, and then sent his drive on the 11th over the railroad tracks and out-of-bounds. He couldn't solve the wind.

"You play your practice rounds, and you try to come up with a strategy that you think is going to get you around the golf course. Then when the wind is like that other options present themselves, and you start to second-guess yourself a little bit," McIlroy said.

"The conditions were tough on that back nine, and I just didn't do a good enough job."

Dillon, NT Krumrie voted to team's Ring of Honor

By The Associated Press

CINCINNATI (AP) — The Cincinnati Bengals are adding running back Corey Dillon and nose tackle Tim Krumrie to the team's Ring of Honor this fall.

Dillon played for the Bengals from 1997-2003 while Krumrie spent his entire 12-year career at Cincinnati from 1983-94. The two were voted in by season ticket holders from a ballot of 11 nominees considered to have played a significant role in the team's history.

The ceremony will take place on Sept. 23 at halftime of Cincinnati's game with Washington.

Dillon was a second-round draft pick out

of Washington and became the Bengals' career leader with 8,061 rushing yards and 28 games with at least 100 yards. He was picked for three consecutive Pro Bowls from 1999-2001.

Dillon thanked the fans for the honor.

"It means a lot," Dillon said in a statement. "It's my legacy. I'm happy and fortunate that this is happening at this time."

Krumrie was a 10th-round selection out of Wisconsin in 1983 and turned into one of the team's most durable players, playing in 188 games which is record for a Bengals lineman on either side of the ball. He made the Pro Bowl in 1987 and 1988 and helped his team reach the Super Bowl that latter season.

Kyle Larson makes another trip to Indianapolis as Brickyard 400 returns to speedway's oval

By MICHAEL MAROT
AP Sports Writer

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Kyle Larson spent May trying to become the second driver to complete 1,100 miles of racing in a single day.

Rain in Indianapolis and Charlotte washed away his big dream.

Now the 2021 NASCAR champion is back in town for the first time since finishing his inaugural Indianapolis 500 with a new vision, a new challenge and a new appreciation for the track's historic 2.5-mile oval.

"To this point, I haven't really had any thoughts about the 500 and what that's going to mean this week or if I'll have a different perspective when I get there," Larson said in the lead up to Sunday's Brickyard 400. "Everybody there has just taken it from being already the greatest facility to stretching away from the competition."

Larson's mission this week is about more than logistics and aesthetics.

He has only one win since finishing the 500, June 9 at Sonoma, California, and Larson has only one top-five finish in his last five races — a fourth at New Hampshire.

Things got even worse over the past two weeks for the California native. The world's most versatile driver finished 39th in Chicago and 13th at Pocono, leaving him second in the Cup standings — three points behind Hendrick Motorsports teammate Chase Elliott, the 2020 NASCAR champ.

It's not just close at the top, either.

Tyler Reddick and Denny Hamlin trail Elliott by just 15 and 20 points and William Byron, another Hendrick driver, enters this weekend in fifth.

While some believe Larson's experience from earlier this year in Indy could give him a leg up on the competition when the Brickyard moves back to the traditional oval NASCAR ran 200-mile races after three years on the track's road course, Larson downplays the notion.

The lone practice session is scheduled for Friday afternoon with qualifying set for Saturday, a far cry from the weeklong six-hour

practice sessions and two days of qualifying Larson had leading up to the 500.

"Even though, the IndyCar and Cup car feel similar, it's different in the fact that in IndyCar you're running wide open," he said. "We're going to be lifting in every corner in the stock car and still, I think, we'll feel the weight a lot there (in the corners). I think the line will be similar, but it will be similar to what it was with the previous generation car. So, no, I don't think the laps I have in the IndyCar really mean anything this weekend."

Indianapolis has not been kind to Larson through the years.

In nine career Brickyard starts, he has just two top-fives with a career best third coming in 2021, the first road course race. On the oval, his top finish was fifth in 2016.

Changing series didn't help much, either. An impressive qualifying weekend allowed Larson to start fifth in May, but he was relegated to an 18th-place finish in part because of a late pit lane speeding violation. The four-hour rain delay in Indianapolis made him a late arrival in Charlotte where he failed to record a lap in the rain-shortened Coca-Cola 600.

He called it one of the most disappointing days he'd ever experienced.

While Larson's busy schedule has allowed him to cast aside most of those bad memories, one concern lingers.

"I'm still anxious about the weather because we're supposed to leave for Italy on Monday, so we don't need any rain," Larson said.

Fortunately for Larson, the weekend forecast looks picture perfect. High temperatures are expected to be in the low to mid-80s with rain chances under 10% all three days.

Weather won't be the only major difference as Larson drives through the speedway tunnel.

Though many Cup drivers believe the move back to the oval track will restore the race's prestige and the elimination of the NASCAR-IndyCar doubleheader again

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BASKETBALL

WNBA				
EASTERN CONFERENCE				
W	L	Pct	GB	
New York	21	4	.840	—
Connecticut	18	6	.750	2½
Indiana	11	15	.423	10½
Chicago	10	14	.417	10½
Atlanta	7	17	.292	13½
Washington	6	19	.240	15
WESTERN CONFERENCE				
W	L	Pct	GB	
Minnesota	17	8	.680	—
Seattle	17	8	.680	—
Las Vegas	16	8	.667	½
Phoenix	13	12	.520	4
Los Angeles	6	18	.250	10½
Dallas	6	19	.240	11

BASEBALL

MLB				
AMERICAN LEAGUE				
East Division				
W	L	Pct	GB	
Baltimore	58	38	.604	—
New York	58	40	.592	1
Boston	53	42	.558	4½
Tampa Bay	48	48	.500	10
Toronto	44	52	.458	14
Central Division				
W	L	Pct	GB	
Cleveland	58	37	.611	—
Minnesota	54	42	.563	4½

High-A Midwest League				
East Division				
W	L	Pct.	GB	
Dayton	13	8	.619	—
x-Lake County	10	10	.500	2½
West Michigan	10	10	.500	2½
Lansing	10	11	.476	3
Fort Wayne	9	12	.429	4
Great Lakes	8	12	.400	4½
West Division				
W	L	Pct.	GB	
x-Wisconsin	14	6	.700	—
Cedar Rapids	13	8	.619	1½
Peoria	12	9	.571	2½
Beloit	10	11	.476	4½
Quad Cities	9	12	.429	5½
South Bend	6	15	.286	8½

NATIONAL LEAGUE				
East Division				
W	L	Pct	GB	
Philadelphia	62	34	.646	—
Atlanta	53	42	.558	8½
New York	49	46	.516	12½
Washington	44	53	.454	18½
Miami	33	63	.344	29
Central Division				
W	L	Pct	GB	
Milwaukee	55	42	.567	—
St. Louis	50	46	.521	4½
Pittsburgh	48	48	.500	6½
Cincinnati	47	50	.485	8
Chicago	47	51	.480	8½
West Division				
W	L	Pct	GB	
Los Angeles	56	41	.577	—
San Diego	50	49	.505	7
Arizona	49	48	.505	7
San Francisco	47	50	.485	9
Colorado	34	63	.351	22

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Larson to Indianapolis

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gives Cup teams the exclusive stage, Larson knows the atmosphere won't be the same even in front of one of the series' biggest crowds.

"I've always understood how massive the Indianapolis 500 is," he said. "But it was

really amazing to see how big it is from start to finish with 350,000-plus people there. Every practice was a big deal and Carb Day and then, too, I just appreciate the facility every time I go there. I appreciate it more and more because it's the most beautiful facility we go to on the schedule."

Woods in danger of missing cut at British Open again after 8-over 79 at Royal Troon



Tiger Woods

By KEN MAGUIRE
AP Sports Writer

TROON, Scotland (AP) — Hands on his hips, Tiger Woods looked like a commuter whose train was late.

Woods had sent his drive near the ScotRail line that runs along the 11th hole at Royal Troon. It summed up his opening round at the British Open.

The 15-time major champion's 8-over 79 on Thursday left him in danger of missing the cut for a third straight time at the Open.

"I didn't do a whole lot of things right today," he said. "I need to shoot something in the mid-60s tomorrow to get something going on the weekend."

Woods now has 14 consecutive rounds in the majors without breaking par, dating to a 69 in the second round of the 2022 PGA Championship. This was his highest score to start a major since an 80 in the 2015 U.S. Open at Chambers Bay.

His average score in the majors this year is 75.4.

A 79 was also his highest score in the opening round of a British Open. This is his 23rd appearance, dating back to 1995 at St. Andrews, and he's won it three times (2000, '05 and '06).

There were flashes early, but mostly disappointment for the 48-year-old Woods and his loyal fans.

Woods got the crowd going when he curled in a 36-foot birdie putt at the par-4 third. Cue fist pumps. Hang on, though. He bogeyed the next hole and double-bogeyed the par-3 fifth — forced to play backward out of a bunker — and he was 2 over.

"I made that putt on the third hole, and then I think I had, what, three 3-putts today," he said. "I didn't hit my irons very close, and I didn't give myself a whole lot of looks today."

After he bogeyed the seventh, he got a shot in the arm from supportive fans as he ascended the walkway to the infamous "Postage Stamp" eighth — a 123-yard par 3. He missed the green, though, and after a promising chip he two-putted for another

bogey.

Four over at the turn, it got worse at the 11th. He drove the ball into the right bushes near the rail line, then teed off again with a provisional ball in case he couldn't find the first. He did find it, incurred a penalty, took a drop and played out. It ended in another double bogey.

The next two holes went bogey-birdie and Woods closed out his round with back-to-back

bogeys.

Woods, who has had four surgeries on his lower back, has failed to reach the weekend in three of his last four appearances at the British Open.

He's played all four majors for the first time since 2019.

"I'm physically feeling a lot better than I did at the beginning of the year," Woods said. "At the end of last year, it was tough, and I haven't played a whole lot."

"As the year has gone on, I have gotten better. I just wish I could have played a little bit more," he added, "but I've been saving it for the majors just in case I do something pretty major and then take myself out of it. Hopefully next year will be a little bit better than this year."

Xander Schauffele carded a 69 and had an up-close look at Woods' performance all day playing in the same group.

"I'm sure he'd like to prep more at home if his body would allow it," Schauffele said. "This is all stuff — I'm not sure he tells you guys this stuff or not. But as a tour pro now, I kind of know what goes into it and what needs to be done to play at a high level. If your body is not letting you do it, it's just frustrating. I'm sure he's trying to figure that out."

By only playing majors, Schauffele added, Woods is "making it as hard on himself as possible, and I know he's hard on himself too. It's just hard. I think he's just learning. He's got to learn a little bit more about his body, what he can and can't do."

Woods, Schauffele, and Patrick Cantlay have a quick turnaround for round two: They tee off at 9:25 a.m. local time (0825 GMT) on Friday.

Campenaerts wins a 3-man sprint to take Tour de France stage as Pogacar keeps yellow jersey

BARCELONETTE, France (AP) — Belgian rider Victor Campenaerts posted the biggest win of his career Thursday as he claimed the tough and hilly 18th stage of the Tour de France after a three-man sprint.

Two-time Tour champion Tadej Pogacar kept the race leader's yellow jersey as the top of the overall standings remained unchanged with just three days of racing left.

Campenaerts spent most of the day at the front and jumped away from a breakaway group some 35 kilometers (22 miles) from the finish together with Frenchman Matteo Vercher and former world champion Michal Kwiatkowski of Poland.

Campenaerts, who won a Giro stage in 2021, patiently waited behind his rivals in the last kilometer and did not panic when Vercher attacked. He stayed in the wheel of Kwiatkowski, then launched his sprint from behind.

The Lotto Dstny rider celebrated his win with his partner and baby on a video call straight after the finish.

"After the (spring) classics, I had a very difficult time," Campenaerts said, holding back tears. "I had a verbal agreement with the team about extending the contract and I got ignored for a long time and it was really difficult. I was on a long altitude camp but my girlfriend was there and she supported me every day, highly pregnant, and I was struggling to finish my training schedules. But I changed my mind, I have a bright future now still in cycling, I became a father and it was like blue skies, only blue sky."

There was a flurry of attacks at the start of the rollercoaster 180-kilometer stage featuring five climbs as riders tried to break

away before the first ascent, the Col du Festre. But the peloton rode at a high speed, thwarting all those early efforts.

About 20 riders finally managed to open a gap during that climb and were joined by Wednesday's stage winner Richard Carapaz and other talented contenders for the stage win, including Ben Healy and Geraint Thomas.

With the best-placed rider in that large group already lagging nearly 34 minutes behind Pogacar overall, the pack let the break get away. The main contenders for the overall win, including Pogacar and his rivals Jonas Vingegaard and Remco Evenepoel, finished 13 minutes and 40 seconds behind Campenaerts.

Earlier, Healy attacked twice from the leading group in the Cote de Saint-Apollinaire but his move eventually backfired as the Irishman got dropped when others upped the pace. A pivotal moment came in the Cote des Demoiselles when Kwiatkowski accelerated to move away and was later joined by Campenaerts and Vercher. The trio collaborated well as counter-attackers looked hesitant and reacted too late to catch them.

With only three stages left, Pogacar has a comfortable lead of 3:11 over two-time defending champion Vingegaard. Tour debutant Evenepoel is lagging 5:09 off the pace.

The battle between Pogacar, Vingegaard and Evenepoel is expected to resume on Friday. At less than 150 kilometers, the 19th stage to the ski resort of Isola 2000 is short, but tough. Riders will climb above 2,000 meters three times, including the climb to the summit of La Bonette, the highest road in France at an altitude of 2,802 meters.

A's exec tells Las Vegas officials the club plans to leave \$30 million in public money on the table

By MARK ANDERSON
AP Sports Writer

LAS VEGAS (AP) — Oakland Athletics executive Sandy Dean told the Las Vegas Stadium Authority on Thursday that the club does not expect to spend the entire \$380 million in public money allocated to build a new stadium in Las Vegas.

Dean said the A's plan to spend \$350 million of those funds, leaving \$30 million on the table. He also told the authority that the club plans to finance \$300 million of the stadium cost, but no lenders have been secured.

"We've had strong interest from a number of companies that want to participate in that portion of the project," Dean said.

The other \$850 million needed to build the \$1.5 billion stadium would come from private equity.

The A's have hired New York-based Galatioti Sports Partners to help find investors.

A 30-year non-relocation agreement was discussed but not acted upon at Thursday's board meeting. A's officials have asked for up to seven games over two years that otherwise would be played in Las Vegas or at special U.S. sites such as the Field of Dreams in Iowa. No more than four of those games in a year would be played outside Las Vegas.

The A's hope to open the 33,000-seat ballpark for the 2028 season.

They addressed the financing to supplement the public funding approved by the Democratic-controlled Nevada Legislature in a special session last June and signed by Republican Gov. Joe Lombardo. Dean and Steve Hill, president and CEO of the Las Vegas Convention and Visitors Authority, said during after the meeting that the financing will be in place for the John Fisher-owned ballpark.

"The Fisher family could do all of the required equity for the project," Dean said.

Hill said the lease agreement will be discussed at the Aug. 15 stadium authority meeting, but he said he didn't expect votes to occur on the documents required for construction until Dec. 19. Hill said he expected the ballpark to be completed on schedule.

"This town knows how to build major projects and knows how to build them fast," Hill said. "This is a relatively conservative pace. Allegiant Stadium was built in less time than the A's have budgeted to build this baseball stadium. That's different construction, but there's plenty of time to do that. Everything's on track."

The stadium authority is using the template that led to the 2020 opening of Allegiant Stadium, home of the NFL's Raiders.

That template included personal seat licenses, which also allow fans to secure seats for other events, such as concerts. The Raiders raised nearly \$550 million through PSLs.

Dean said though the A's have PSLs at their disposal, the club hasn't decided where to offer them for purchase.

"The Raiders had amazing success with PSLs," Dean said. "Football and baseball are really different because there are so many more games in baseball and that makes an individual season ticket for baseball (more) meaningfully compared to football for the same price."

Those who buy tickets will have an outward-facing view of Strip resorts MGM Grand and New York-New York. The exact location had been somewhat of a mystery.

"It's a step that needs to happen in order to move forward with the development," Hill said.

This is the A's final season in Oakland. They agreed to play the following three seasons, with an option for a fourth, in a Triple-A stadium in West Sacramento, California. The A's will share that facility with the River Cats, the San Francisco Giants' Triple-A club.



Magnussen to leave Haas at end of season

KANNAPOLIS, N.C. (AP) — Formula 1 driver Kevin Magnussen will leave Haas at the end of the season when his contract expires, the team said on Thursday.

The 31-year-old Magnussen is competing in his seventh season with the American team, starting 135 grand prix across two spells, from 2017-20 and 2022-24.

The former McLaren and Renault driver achieved a career-high ninth in the drivers' standings for Haas in 2018. He has five points this season.

Haas did not say who is going to replace Magnussen. The team has been increasingly linked with a move for Alpine driver Esteban Ocon — who is leaving Alpine at the end of the season — with Magnussen potentially taking his seat at Alpine.

"I'm proud to have raced for such a great team of people these last few years," Magnussen said. "While I'm looking forward to the next chapter of my racing career, I remain fully focused on giving everything I've got for the rest of 2024."

On the eve of the Hungarian Grand Prix, team principal Ayao Komatsu said he hopes they can "find a way to keep working together in some capacity."

News of Magnussen's departure came after Oliver Bearman signed a multiyear deal with Haas from 2025 onward. The 19-year-old British driver will take the seat vacated by German driver Nico Hulkenberg, who is joining Sauber at the end of the year ahead of its rebranding to Audi for 2026.

Hendrick to drive pace car at Brickyard 400

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Longtime NASCAR team owner Rick Hendrick has been selected as the pace car driver for Sunday's Brickyard 400. Indianapolis Motor Speedway officials made the announcement Wednesday. Hendrick will drive the Chevrolet Camaro ZL1 Pace Car, leading the field to the green flag for the 30th race held at Indy's famed track — and its first on the historic 2.5-mile oval since 2020. He also is celebrating his 40th season as a Cup team owner this year. Hendrick Motorsports holds every major team record in the Cup Series including championships, points-paying victories, pole positions and laps led.

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Makenzie Fuess (middle), daughter of Joye and Rob Fuess, sold her Grand Champion Meat Bird, Champion Broiler to Dan Nelson (left) and Laura Nelson (right), Fuess is a 10-year 4-H member. (Photos by Ryan Walker)



Madelyn Platt, daughter of Amy and Jim Platt, sold her Reserve Grand Champion Meat Bird, Champion Roaster, to Black Creek Contracting, represented by Adam Kiel (left), and Prible Ag, represented by Cindy Prible.



Nathan Bauermeister, son of Terry and Lori Bauermeister, sold his Reserve Champion Roaster to Bunge and Echo Community, represented by Rhonda and Dave Flesch, at left, and Stephanie Fawcett with baby Hazel, at right. Also pictured are 4-H Ambassadors Chayson Brown and Marianne Pease.



Chloe Ferguson, daughter of Mike and Brandi Ferguson, sold her Reserve Champion Broiler to Bunge and Echo Community, represented by Rhonda and Dave Flesch, at left, and Stephanie Fawcett and Shelby Todd with baby Hazel, at right. Also pictured are 4-H Ambassadors Chayson Brown and Marianne Pease.



Kole Kiefer son of Eric and Angela Kiefer, sold his Champion Turkey to BR Fuel Services, represented by Brady Ripple; Yoder Grain represented by Josh Fiechter; the Dr. Harry Brickley Farm Foundation and Halderman Real Estate represented by Rick Johnloz; Jason Johnloz, Truland Equipment represented by Rob Hoover; the First Bank of Berne, represented by Dustin Arnold, and Alliance Energy Services, Farmers & Merchants State Bank, Felger Electric Generators, Flash Point Energy, Franger Gas Co, National ECO Energy, National Oil & Gas, PT Risk Management, Quality Steel, Ray Energy, Selking International, Shelton Financial, and State Farm Ben Burman.



Case Boxell, son of Nathan and Lisa Boxell, sold his Grand Champion Meat Pen to First Bank of Berne, represented by Dustin Arnols (at left), Lehman Feed Mill, Power-Up Electric and Truland Equipment, represented by Rob Hoover. Also pictured is 4-H Ambassadors Chayson Brown and Marianne Pease.



Bryce Kilander (middle), the son of Megan and David Kilander, sold his Grand Champion Stewer to Les Gerber Insurance, represented by Perry Gerber. Also pictured are 4-H Ambassador Chayson Brown (left) and Marianne Pease (right).




Emma Fey (middle), the daughter of Amanda Krinn and Tony Fey, sold her Grand Champion Fryer to Baker Farms GP, First Farmers Bank, Huffman Real Estate Group, Jessica Ault, Krinn Farms, Monte Fisher and Markley Ag Services. Pictured is 4-H Ambassador Chayson Brown, Fisher, Mike Krinn, Fey, Huffman, Wilcox, Matt Krinn and 4-H Ambassador Marianne Pease.



Joseph Nusbaumer, son of Jody and Abby Nusbaumer, sold his Reserve Grand Champion Barrow to Dr. Harry Brickley Farm Foundation, First Bank of Berne, Halderman Real Estate & Farm Management, Helena Chemical, Mounsey Family Farms LLC, Steffen Oil, Truland and Yoder Grain. Also pictured is 4-H Ambassadors Makenzie Fuess and Marianne Pease.

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Mason Baker, son of Kari and Ryan Baker, sold his Reserve Grand Champion turkey to Baker Farms, BKM Real Estate, Kreuckeberg Auction, BR Fuel Services, Farmers & Merchants, Johnson Seed Sales, Lee and Danielle Werling, National Oil & Gas, Shaw Ag and Truland Equipment.



Caroline Ripperger, daughter of Judy and Mike Ripperger, sold her Champion Hereford Steer to Baker Farms, represented by Zak Krinn. Also pictured are 4-H Ambassadors Chayson Brown, Makenzie Fuess and Marianne Pease.



Hallie Mounsey, daughter of Charissa and Jarrod Mounsey, sold her Grand Champion Dairy Beef Steer to Black Creek Contracting, BR Fuel Services, First Bank of Berne, First Merchants Bank, Habegger's Ace, Mounsey Farms Inc., National Oil & Gas, Inc., PK Agribusiness Services LLC, Red Line Equipment and Rick Fiechter Farms.



Samantha Evans, daughter of Angie and Andy Evans, sold her Grand Champion Meat Born & Raise Meat Goat to BR Fuel Services, Bunge, Dettmer Enterprises, First Bank of Berne, Halderman Rest Estate, National Oil & Gas, Red Line Equipment, Scott and Emily Miller and Wood Farms Premium Meals.



Bryce Kilander, the son of Megan and David Kilander, sold his Grand Champion and Best Dairy Wether to Les Gerber Insurance, represented by Perry Gerber. Also pictured is 4-H Ambassador Makenzie Fuess.



Luci Jenkers, daughter of Cari Wenger-Midlam, sold her Grand Champion Dairy Feeder to Meyer Building, represented Matthew Gerber. Also pictured are 4-H Ambassadors Chayson Brown, Makenzie Fuess and Marianne Pease.



Owen Boxell, the son of Lisa and Nathan Boxell, sold his Reserve Grand Champion Dairy wether to Kris Frauhofer, represented by Ann Frauhofer above, Helena Chemical and Lehman Feed Mill. Holding the banner is Tyler Nicholas, and 4-H Ambassadors are Chayson Brown and Makenzie Fuess.




Helen Witte's pies to benefit the 4-H Foundation were sold to the Ulmer Livestock Training, represented by Tracey and Kent Ulmer, and the Dr. Harry Brickley Farm Foundation and Halderman Real Estate, represented by Jason Johnloz.



The Dr. Harry Brickley Farm Foundation, represented by Rick Johnloz (above), and R & J Collectibles, represented by Roland and Judy Myers (below), purchased this year's commemorative coins minted each year for the benefit of the 4-H Foundation.





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