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Almco Steel rezoning petition sent back to APC

By JONATHAN SNYDER

Almco Steel's partial rezoning petition was sent back to the Wells County Area Plan Commission with modifications made by the Bluffton Common Council Tuesday.

The original petition was to rezone approximately 34 acres of agricultural residential land north of housing on Lancaster Street from A-R to heavy industrial land. The Wells County Area Plan Commission gave the petition a do-pass recommendation after two meetings of discussion among public disapproval.

Instead, council member Scott Mentzer suggested the site may be appropriate for light industrial. The petition will now go back to the APC.

In a Bluffton Common Council meeting Tuesday, Almco Steel Representatives Jim Almdale, Greg Rekegew

and Gary Aschliman presented a preliminary sketch of their building plans. The plans include a 100-foot buffer from residential housing filled with trees and shrubs, an extension of Hale Street that bypasses Lancaster Street, and a site for their new building across from Oak Street.

Members of the public were allowed to speak on the issue in a limited time-frame. Judy Steury, representing her mother and area resident Susan Grove, posed that increased truck traffic and potential land and air pollutants are reasons to not accept the recommendation. Ron Nelson and Kent Thompson also spoke against the petition, further citing truck traffic issues and the potential for other heavy industrial companies to buy some of the land.

A majority of council members acknowledged both sides of the issue,

stating that the petition walks a very fine line between Almco's expansion and preserving the future use of the land. Council members Rick Elwell, Josh Hunt and Mentzer spoke first, with Elwell stating that restrictions on other companies relocating into that I-2 heavy industrial area would help prevent issues from other companies. Hunt stated that if Almco would be willing to grant easements for the city in the area, improvements to water line infrastructure and drainage improvements are a possibility.

Mentzer, however, proposed an alternative. Mentzer read the APC's definition of heavy industrial land: "Heavy Manufacturing — the manufacturing, processing, assembly, fabrication and repairing of materials, which may produce such noise, vibra-

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Southern Wells discuss tax levy, construction

By CHET BAUMGARTNER

Southern Wells board members took two official steps Tuesday to help determine residents' tax rate for next year.

First, they approved Superintendent Trent Lehman's request to schedule a hearing to discuss construction projects. Then, they approved his request to advertise next year's budget.

In between, they navigated figures and calculations that established ceiling for that rate.

For instance, the budget the board approved to advertise establishes a maximum levy of \$1,953,839 and a tax rate of \$1.11 per \$100 assessed value.

However, Lehman told board members that school districts always and deliberately advertise high, as they can't request more afterward, and he anticipates that the rate will drop as state officials review the district's request.

For instance, the district advertised a tax rate of \$1.07 last year, and ultimately, the state approved a budget with a tax rate of 66 cents per \$100 assessed value.

But regardless of the final rate, the district will use it to cover operations and referendum costs and continue to pay construction debts. And the state will continue to pay for direct education expenses, such as teachers' salaries, through its revenue.

Lehman said he hopes the board can approve the proposed budget in October, enabling state officials to then review it and approve a finalized budget in November or December.

Before all that, though, board members will discuss construction priorities and their specific impact on the budget.

According to state statute, the board can approve up to \$6.2 million in construction initiatives through a majority vote. If they want to do more, they need the public's direct approval through a petition/remonstrance or referendum.

However, no one Tuesday proposed pursuing any projects totaling \$6.2 million.

Instead, after a presentation in which Damian Mag-

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Wabash closure

A portion of Wabash Street is closed for sewer line repairs. Utility Director Jon Oman reported that the sanitary fix was not up to standard, and the manhole boot connectors were knocked out of alignment. Oman hopes that the line repairs will be finished soon, but ensured repairs on the line will be completed by the end of the week. A timeline for asphalt repairs has not yet been determined. (Photos by Jonathan Snyder)



Board of Works clarifies Nuisance Animal Order

By JONATHAN SNYDER

A tabled Nuisance Animal Order was changed to a Potentially Nuisance Animal Order with a provision for the label being removed after 90 days in a Board of Public Works and Safety Meeting Tuesday.

Mayor John Whicker broke a tie between Board Members Josh Hunt and Scott Mentzer regarding the specifics on fence height and muzzle requirements for the property in the 1400 block of West Washington Street. The new decision states that the fence height will be 6 ft. and the dog will not require a muzzle when walking.

The scenario occurred on July 20, when a dog at Josh and Hayley Durham's residence bit their neighbor Rhonda Cunningham while she was mowing the yard. In the previous meeting, Cunningham argued that the dog should not be placed under Nuisance Animal Orders, citing significant stress from the mower sounds and the orders from the neighbor to get away from the mower for the dog's safety. Once the neighbor retreated back into her home, the dog did not give chase beyond the electric fence boundary.

"I don't see enough evidence that this dog has been habitually aggressive," Whicker said.

Josh Durham stated that an electric fence was

agreed to encroach onto the property by both him and their neighbors. The electric fence is circular and runs off a central transmitter, which was placed in the only area where it would work according to Durham. While the neighboring property extends into that electric fence area, both parties agreed that the dog could run around in that area due to the fence. A traditional fence further separates the encroached area from other parts of the neighbors property.

All the board members still agreed that a 6-ft. fence should be installed, which the Durham's currently paid for and are waiting on installation.

The board also stated that bushes on Julie Myers property in the 1000 block of Abbey Lane would be allowed to remain in the city easement. City Attorney Tony Crowell stated that non-permanent structures should not need an official easement from the city, citing that those shrubs could easily be changed or moved should the city need them. Hunt further clarified that Abbey Lane has a very slow speed limit and little foot traffic in the area for safety concerns.

Utility Director Jon Oman also clarified that a misprint on Virginia Transformer's bid for the Cherry Street Substation bid stated

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County Council maintains conservative approach with 2025 budget requests

By HOLLY GASKILL

While working with an \$800,000 excess from the proposed budget, members of the Wells County Council did not shy away from a conservative approach on Tuesday.

The excess, Council President Seth Whicker explained, comes from favorable investment rates, and is not guaranteed in the future. With other prospective needs coming down the line, the council exercised the opportunity to fine-tune budgets and critically consider requests.

Multiple departments saw changes in line items that did not appear to have been used fully in previous years. At large, the council wanted to shift departments toward requesting additional appropriations rather than overbudgeting and transferring for purchases.

Notable updates to the budget are detailed below. The council does not plan to reconvene before a pub-

lic hearing regarding the budget at 7 p.m. on Sept. 3.

County will add building inspector, sanitarian

Several county departments came with requests for additional positions, including a request for a building inspector from the County Commissioners.

Commissioner Jeff Stringer explained that the commissioners foresee the position working in tandem with the city of Bluffton, although no agreement has been made regarding funding the position. Even so, he emphasized the need to enforce basic Indiana building codes within the county.

The position was budgeted at a \$70,000 salary. Stringer said the building inspector will likely be in the Area Plan Commission office in the Carnegie Annex.

The council also approved an additional sanitarian for the Wells

County Health Department, reinstating the position after it was eliminated in December 2023. The department had originally planned to absorb the workload in light of other wage increases — that said, Stringer stated the department is now dealing with new food safety and sewer needs, as well as the significant administrative work of Health First Indiana.

The position was approved 4-2; Council members Seth Whicker, Steve Huggins, Brian Lambert and Scott Elzey voted in favor, Vicki Andrews and Brandon Harnish voted against, and Todd Mahnensmith was not present at the time.

Sheriff's camera request rejected

After some contention on the matter between council members and Sheriff Scott Holliday, the council rejected Holliday's request for funding the continued use of license plate

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OBITUARIES

Alvin G. Caddel, 69

Alvin G. Caddel, 69, of rural Keystone, passed away on Saturday, Aug. 17, 2024, at Swiss Village Retirement Community in Berne.

He was born in Amarillo, TX, on Sept. 6, 1954, to William H. and Floella R. (Bollen) Caddel. Both parents preceded him in death.

Survivors include a brother, Everett Caddel of Bettendorf, IA; a sister, Jackie (Harold) Bailey of Keystone and several nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents, Alvin was preceded in death by two brothers, Garry Hassel and Joe Caddel.

Private family services and burial will be held at a later date at Sunset Memorial Gardens in Billings, Montana.

Goodwin — Cale & Harnish Memorial Chapel in Bluffton has been entrusted with the arrangements.

Online condolences may be shared at www.goodwin-caleharnish.com.

Ukraine has destroyed or damaged all three bridges over Russia’s Seym River, sources say

By ILLIA NOVIKOV
Associated Press

KYIV, Ukraine (AP) — Ukrainian forces have either destroyed or damaged all three of the bridges over the Seym River in western Russia, according to Russian sources, as Kyiv’s incursion into western Russia entered its third week Tuesday.

Kyiv’s incursion into Russia’s Kursk region is changing the trajectory of the war and boosting morale among Ukraine’s war-weary population, though the ultimate outcome of the incursion — the first attack on Russia since World War II — remains impossible to predict.

Even as Ukraine hails its success on Russian territory, the Russian push in eastern Ukraine is poised to claim another key center, the city of Pokrovsk.

Ukraine’s attacks on the three bridges over the Seym River in Kursk could potentially trap Russian forces between the river, the Ukrainian advance and the Ukrainian border. Already they appear to be slowing down Russia’s response to the Kursk incursion, which Ukraine launched on Aug. 6.

Over the weekend, Ukraine’s Air Force commander posted two videos of bridges over the Seym being hit, and satellite photos by Planet Labs PBC analyzed Tuesday by The Associated Press confirmed that a bridge in the town of Glushkovo had been destroyed.

A Russian military investigator confirmed Monday that Ukraine had “totally destroyed” one bridge and damaged two others in the area. The full extent of the damage remained unclear.

“As a result of targeted shelling with the use of rocket and artillery weapons against residential buildings and civilian infrastructure in the Karyzh village ... a third bridge over the Seym River was damaged,” the unnamed rep-

resentative for Russia’s Investigative Committee said in a video published on the Telegram channel of Russian state TV anchor Vladimir Solovoyov.

Russian military bloggers Vladimir Romanov and Yuri Podolyaka and several high-profile pro-war Telegram channels in Russia also claimed that the third bridge had been targeted and damaged. Podolyaka’s post was shared by Roman Alekhin, an advisor to Kursk’s acting regional governor.

Since the incursion into the Kursk region began, the Ukrainian army has captured 1,263 square kilometers (488 square miles) and 93 settlements, Ukraine’s top military commander said Tuesday — up from 1,000 square kilometers (386 square miles) a week ago. Gen. Oleksandr Syrskyi made the remarks while meeting with local officials.

Following a meeting with Syrskyi later Tuesday, Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy said in a video address that the Ukrainian army was achieving “set goals” in Kursk.

Zelenskyy said in recent days that the operation is aimed at creating a buffer zone that can prevent future attacks on his nation from across the border, and that Ukraine is capturing a large number of Russian prisoners of war that it hopes to exchange for captured Ukrainians.

TASS, a Russian state news agency, reported that 17 people have died and 140 have been injured in Ukraine’s incursion, citing an unnamed source in the Russian medical service. Of 75 people hospitalized, four are children.

Russia’s Ministry of Emergency Situations said Tuesday afternoon that more than 500 people had left dangerous areas in the Kursk region over the past 24 hours. In total, more than 122,000 people have been resettled since the Ukraini-

an attack began, it said.

In another example of Ukraine taking the war to Russian soil, a massive fire burned for the third consecutive day after an oil depot was hit by Ukrainian drones.

The fire at the depot in the town of Proletarsk burned across an area of a hectare (2 1/2 acres), according to Russian state news agencies. There were 500 firefighters involved in the operation, and 41 of them already have been hospitalized with injuries, according to TASS, citing local officials.

Ukraine’s Army General Staff claimed responsibility Sunday for attacking the oil depot, which was used to supply the needs of Russia’s army, calling it a measure “to undermine the military and economic potential of the Russian Federation.”

Russian President Vladimir Putin accused the Ukrainians of “trying to destabilize our country” and compared them to terrorists.

“We will punish the criminals. There can be no doubt about that,” Putin said Tuesday. He was meeting with mothers of children killed in the 2004 Beslan school attack by Islamic militants that left more than 330 people dead.

Ukraine’s incursion has exposed Russian vulnerabilities according to analysts and Ukrainian officials.

Zelenskyy said Monday that he believes Ukraine’s actions would help to dispel Western fears of offering more robust military aid to Kyiv. Some allies have been handing over weapons slowly and imposing limits on how they can be used, fearing that crossing a Russian “red-line” could lead to escalation, even nuclear escalation.

“We have now achieved an extremely important ideological shift: the naive and illusory concept of so-called ‘red lines’ regarding

Russia that dominated the assessments of the war by some of our partners has crumbled these days somewhere near Sudzha,” the president said, referring to a seized Russian town under Ukrainian control.

Much remains unknown about Ukrainian operations in Russia when formal bridges are blown out — could be seen in the satellite images provided by Planet Labs PBC in two different positions along the Seym River in recent days. The pontoons likely were built by Russian troops trying to supply forces around the Ukrainian advance.

One pontoon bridge appeared along the serpentine path of the river between Glushkovo and the village of Zvannoye on Saturday, but not in images taken Monday. On Monday, smoke could be seen rising along the banks of the river nearby — typically the sign of a strike.

Police Notebook

INCIDENTS

County:
Monday, 1:07 p.m., Wells County Courthouse. Warrant served to Lee Mack Breedlove.

Monday, 1:14 p.m., 5900 North 200 West, Uniondale. Pipe line marker struck by vehicle.

Monday, 3:35 p.m., 800 block of Carl Drive, Bluffton. Attempted to serve protective order to Dean Tanner Junior, unable to locate.

Monday, 6:35 p.m., 224 and S.R. 1, Ossian. Report of a semi truck that hit and tore off a railroad crossing arm.

Monday, 6:44 p.m., S.R. 116 and 300 North, Bluffton. Car versus deer.

Monday, 8:19 p.m., Pak A Sak North. Lost debit card located, taken to police department.

Monday, 8:41 p.m., 900 block of Prairie Lane,

Ossian. Report of a domestic issue.

Monday, 9:12 p.m., 4900 East 900 North, Ossian. Report of ongoing harassment and intimidation.

Monday, 9:32 p.m., 5500 West S.R. 218, Poneto. Report of loose cows in the roadway, subject advised they belonged to nearby property and no one lives at the residence.

Tuesday, 11:21 a.m., 500 South 500 East, Bluffton. Report of an aggressive dog.

Tuesday, 11:28 a.m., 5500 West S.R. 218, Poneto. Report of loose animals in the roadway again. Officer chased livestock into bean field.

ARRESTS

Lee Mack Breedlove, 34, Bluffton; escape, a Level 6 felony, and invasion of privacy, a Level 6 felony. Bond set at \$30,000.

Election Board prepares for caucus, general election

By HOLLY GASKILL

Items on the agenda were slight for the Wells County Election Board, but preparation for the general election is ramping up.

The board was notified of three recent appointments — Preston Kaehr to replace Bruce Holland on the board of trustees for Bluffton-Harrison Metropolitan Schools, Bluffton Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Bri Lautzenheiser to replace Clerk-Treasurer Michelle Simon, and Recorder Carolyn Bertsch to replace Ossian Clerk-Treasurer Angie Ealing.

Lautzenheiser will take over the office on Sept. 4 and Bertsch on Dec. 1, meaning the Republican Party will hold another caucus to replace the recorder for December. Rina Stuck is the prospective successor as the only candidate on the general election ballot for recorder.

Clerk Beth Davis and Republican Party member Roy Johnson were present for Tuesday’s meeting; Democratic Party member Larry Sell was absent. The Election Board will meet next at 3:30 p.m. on Sept. 17.

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World’s oldest person has died at age 117

MADRID (AP) — Maria Branyas, an American-born Spaniard considered the world’s oldest person at 117 years old, has died, her family said on Tuesday.

In a post on Branyas’ X account, her family wrote in Catalan: “Maria Branyas has left us. She has gone the way she wanted: in her sleep, at peace, and without pain.”

The Gerontology Research Group, which validates details of people thought to be 110 or older, listed Branyas as the oldest known person in the world after the death of French nun Lucile Randon last year.

The next oldest person listed by the Gerontol-

ogy Research Group is now Japan’s Tomiko Itooka, who is 116 years old.

Branyas was born in San Francisco on March 4, 1907. After living for some years in New Orleans, where her father founded a magazine, her family returned to Spain when she was young. Branyas said that she had memories of crossing the Atlantic Ocean during World War I.

Her family wrote that Branyas told them days before her death: “I don’t know when, but very soon this long journey will come to an end. Death will find me worn down from having lived so much, but I want to meet it with a smile, feeling free and satisfied.”

3 charged after death of federal prison worker who opened fentanyl-laced mail

By MICHAEL R. SISAK
Associated Press

A federal prison inmate and two other people were charged Tuesday with conspiring to mail drugs to a penitentiary in California where a mailroom supervisor died this month after opening a letter that prosecutors said was laced with fentanyl and other substances.

According to prosecutors, Jamar Jones, a prisoner at the U.S. Penitentiary in Atwater, California, plotted with Stephanie Ferreira, of Evansville, Indiana, and Jermen Rudd III of Wentzville, Missouri, to send him drugs that he could sell at the prison. They disguised the shipment as “legal mail” from a law office, investigators said.

The penitentiary’s mailroom supervisor, Marc

Fischer, fell ill on Aug. 9 after opening a letter addressed to Jones that contained multiple pages that appeared to be “soaked,” or coated with drugs, according to an FBI affidavit filed in connection with the charges.

Within five minutes, according to the affidavit, Fischer started to stumble around and asked for medical help, telling a colleague: “I don’t feel good, it’s going up my arm.” He was taken to a hospital and died two hours later.

Fischer’s cause of death remains undetermined pending toxicology reports, the affidavit said.

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My cat got sick. It went downhill from there.

Have you ever had an off week? The universe and my own brain conspired against me this past week. I'm not sure what kind of cosmic karma I managed to wrack up, but I am not amused.

Made a few mistakes at work, forgot to put on socks before shoes, put a shirt on backwards and/or inside out, put on two different shoes (I'm thankful I keep backups in my car), discovered around six bruises that I have no idea where they came from and burnt my dinner. Twice. An off week.

It started with my cat Erwin getting sick. He refused to eat anything other than squeezable treats, and then he wouldn't even touch those. I made him a vet appointment and we both cried on the way in. Erwin because he hates the car and me because he was crying and I was driving myself into an anxiety attack and we were going to be late.

"I'm sorry," I said as soon as I walked in, "one of us didn't want to come."

There, the vet assistant called him a circle. I told her he was on a diet and had already lost some weight. I was informed he was absolutely perfect as is. She was determined that she and Erwin were going to be friends — he wanted nothing to do with her. I told her she shouldn't take it personally, Erwin doesn't really like anyone but me. He then tried to hide in the sink. I never claimed he was a smart cat.

The doctor checked his teeth: perfect. Ears: immaculate. No bumps, no lumps, no injuries to be found. The only thing she did find was a slight fever. Erwin was given five days of a pain reliever and 10 days of an antibiotic. So, every 12 hours I had to wrestle antibiotics into a very angry cat. I felt like I needed my own medicine after that.

And the off week continued.

One of the downsides to this job is that when you make a mistake, everyone sees it. It's usually pretty quickly forgotten — by everyone but me and maybe Holly Gaskill. Too err is human, but that doesn't make it any less annoying and on occasion embarrassing. I'm harder on myself than anyone else though, so every mistake feels like I just let nuclear launch codes fall into the hands of a precocious toddler.

The other downside is having to deal with the Street Fair. Which is 28 days away. Prepare yourselves.

I have a saying that Holly and Ryan Walker have heard a few times late at night when I feel like my eyes are crossing: I'm doing my best, but my best is not that great. I think it matches my gold star above my desk that says "You tried."

Sometimes, that's all you can do. I try to give myself as much grace as I give others, but it's more difficult because I know what I'm capable of. So on an off week, I do my best, even if it isn't always the greatest. It's Monday night as I write this and so far, we're okay.

And it better stay that way or I'm running away to join a circus. Do people still do that?

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Letters to the Editor

River Road lighting not good city planning

Our community has a River Road experience most communities along a river would envy — clean, picturesque, easily accessible, and not cluttered with billboards, intrusive development, overhead utility lines, or inappropriate public or private lighting.

Since the building of State Road 316 just over 80 years ago to replace the gravel road from Vera Cruz to Bluffton, the River Road experience from White Bridge to Bluffton has been a picturesque experience: along the north side the easily accessible Wabash River flows just beyond the now over 35-year-old River Greenway, and along the south side stretch vistas of farmland and residential yards up to houses, some that are now historic in their own right.

There are certain landmarks iconic to Wells County: the Wabash River, Ouabache State Park, the Wells County Courthouse, Bluffton's City Hall, Wells County Historical Museum, Five-Points School House along Jeff Road, the Salamonie River, Deam Oak, and the scenic River Road drive from White Bridge to Bluffton. To diminish any of these is to diminish the community we call "home."

Comes now the City of Bluffton with the plan to light River Road and the River Greenway by installing standard wooden utility poles along the south side of River Road with street light arms extending the ubiquitous street lamps over the road and electrified by overhead wires. Mayor John Whicker, in a letter dated August 13, 2024, and received by River Road property owners on August 16, 2024, informed us that the second attempt to install these proposed street lights will begin on August 20, 2024. Certain City officials have explained to us in two meetings that this project is an engineered solution to provide public safety based on traffic counts while also providing lighting for the River Greenway, yet these same City officials continue to fail to account for how the proposed lighting effects the quality of life the scenic River Road experience provides the community, effects the property owners and their Wabash River frontage property, effects wildlife and the natural environment, and isn't justified by INDOT's own traffic volume data.

The City's proposed "engineered" solution lacks the design inherent in good city planning.

In a meeting with River Road property owners, Councilman Scott Mentzer has stated that this plan to light River Road and the River Greenway was a utility decision and then asserted that it is a Mayoral decision. Installing 27 utility poles with street lights along the historic and picturesque River Road to light the River Greenway needs public review — that is standard good city planning practice.

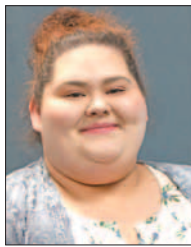
Moreover, there is no recorded documentation in the office of the Wells County Recorder of right-of-way from Orchard Ridge Drive to the White Bridge for this roadway. The recording of property transactions is required by State law and upheld by Indiana case law to make sure the public, especially succeeding property owners, can find such information.

How do we leave this community a better place to live? A natural, picturesque River Road without intrusive clutter helps sustain the quality of life to call this place "home."

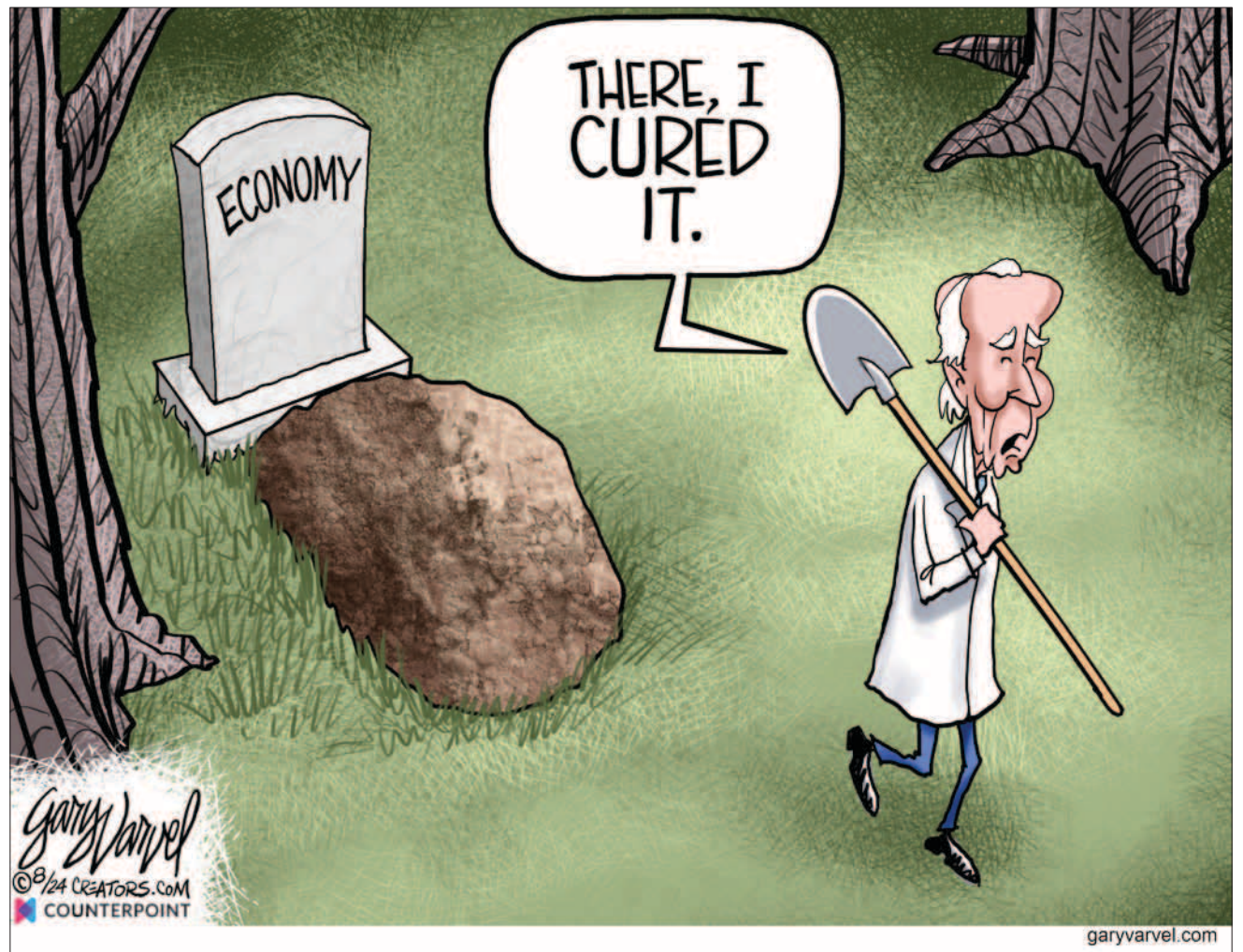
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Carrie Penrod



The two datapoints that explain why voters hate the Biden-Harris economy

Vice President Kamala Harris has a problem: Large majorities of Americans believe the economy is on the wrong track, and more say the Biden-Harris administration's policies have hurt their personal finances rather than helped, and that their personal economic situation is getting worse rather than better. That's clearly a major headwind for Harris's presidential hopes.

Until now, her and President Joe Biden's response to these concerns has been to tell people: Don't believe your lying eyes (or pocketbooks), the economy is doing a lot better than you think. As the Trump campaign pointed out in a new ad, until recently Harris was giving speeches boasting that "Bidenomics is working." That message has failed miserably, and for good reason: It does not conform with the lived reality of most Americans.

To understand why, consider this simple statistic: Over the past three years, Americans have gone from the highest levels of household savings ever recorded to among the lowest levels. At the same time, they have accumulated the highest level of personal debt ever recorded.

In the Biden-Harris administration's first year in office, the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco reports, U.S. households were sitting on a record \$2.1 trillion in excess savings — meaning additional savings built up during the pandemic recession above the prerecession trend. Nonetheless, as president of the Senate, Harris cast the deciding vote to pass the catastrophically misnamed "American Rescue Plan" with only Democratic votes — a reckless \$1.9 trillion social spending bill that even former treasury secretary Lawrence H. Summers, who served high in both the Clinton and Obama administrations, warned would "set off inflationary pressures of a kind we have not seen in a generation."

It did just that, unleashing the worst inflation in four decades. As inflation skyrocketed, Americans spent down their savings, and racked up debt trying to keep up.

The Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco reports that American households were spending down their savings at an average rate of \$70 billion per month since September 2021 — which has accelerated to \$85 billion a month since last fall. By March of this year, they had fully depleted all the excess savings they had accumulated during the pandemic, and by June their savings had dropped \$372 billion below expected levels.

Meanwhile, consumer debt has reached a record high of \$17.8 trillion — a \$3.15 trillion increase since Biden and Harris took office. Credit card debt has surpassed \$1.14 trillion for the first time, almost doubling on Biden and Harris's watch. Today, the average American is carrying \$6,329 in credit card debt — an increase of \$1,534 during this presidency. (Total debt increased on Donald Trump's watch, too, but more slowly and in a time of historically low interest rates.)

Because the Federal Reserve raised interest rates to fight inflation, Americans are paying the highest interest on that record debt in 23 years. The average credit card interest rate in America today is 24.92 percent, the highest level on record. So not only are many Americans' credit cards maxed out, their debt is compounding more quickly each month.

A basket of groceries that cost \$100 before Biden and Harris were elected now costs more than \$125 — and last year more than 60 percent of Americans used credit card debt, payday loans, savings and "Buy Now, Pay Later" options to pay for those groceries, according to a May report by the Urban Institute. Nearly 4 in 10 Americans have been charged a late

fee in the past year because they could not pay their bills on time.

Many also can't afford to buy a home because housing prices have skyrocketed and mortgage rates have more than doubled from 2.77 percent when Biden and Harris took office to 6.49 percent today. But renting offers little relief because residential rents have risen 22 percent. The costs of electricity and other utilities, home insurance and child care have shot up as well.

As Trump put it in his interview with Elon Musk this week, "Four years ago, five years ago, people were saving a lot of money. Today, they're using all their money and borrowing money just to live. It's a horrible thing that's happening."

He's right. And this reality puts Harris in a no-win situation. A new Financial Times-University of Michigan poll finds that more than 60 percent of Americans say Harris should make major changes to Biden's economic policies. But as the sitting vice president, she can't disavow the economic policies she has helped preside over for the past four years. She wasn't just a passive bystander to Bidenomics; she was one of its architects, casting the tiebreaking votes that enabled the inflation-inducing spending the Biden-Harris administration unleashed.

Where does she differ from Biden? If she had won the 2020 election instead of Biden, there is good reason to believe she would have tried to spend even more. During her campaign for the Democratic nomination, she proposed a mind-boggling \$45.5 trillion in new spending, according to Manhattan Institute budget expert Brian Riedl — more than 10 times the \$4.3 trillion in new spending she and Biden enacted. She also promised to ban fracking, which would have driven up gas and electricity prices even higher.

So, Harris can't defend the administration's record without appearing as hopelessly out of touch as Biden. She can't disown the disastrous economic policies she helped implement. And as a committed leftist, who has endorsed the full Democratic socialist agenda from the Green New Deal to Medicare-for-all, the only different course she can honestly offer is to spend even more — which would make inflation far worse.

On Friday, Harris doubled down on socialism with a widely panned economic policy speech, in which she deflected blame for inflation onto big business and proposed a federal ban on "price gouging" for groceries and other essential items. Federal price controls are a catastrophically bad idea that have failed everywhere they have been tried — from the Soviet Union to the Nixon administration — and would lead to Venezuelan-style shortages and even worse inflation. So is her proposed \$25,000 in government subsidies for first-time home buyers, which would cost a fortune and further drive up already soaring housing prices.

Her best new economic idea is her proposal to eliminate federal taxes on tips (despite the administration having created a new program last year to crack down on tipped service industry workers) — but that one she plagiarized, without attribution, from Trump.

In all, Harris's proposals amount to almost \$2 trillion in new government spending — virtually the same as the disastrous Biden-Harris "American Rescue Plan" that unleashed the inflation Americans are struggling with today. In other words, she has learned nothing from the economic failures of the Biden-Harris administration.

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Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Wednesday, Aug. 21, the 234th day of 2024. There are 132 days left in the year.

Today's highlight in history: On Aug. 21, 1831, Nat Turner launched a violent slave rebellion in Virginia, resulting in the deaths of at least 55 white people; scores of Black people were killed in retribution in the aftermath of the rebellion, and Turner was later executed.

Also on this date:

In 1858, the first of seven debates took place between Illinois senatorial

contenders Abraham Lincoln and Stephen Douglas.

In 1911, Leonardo da Vinci's "Mona Lisa" was stolen from the Louvre Museum in Paris. (It was recovered two years later in Italy.)

In 1944, the United States, Britain, the Soviet Union and China opened talks at Dumbarton Oaks in Washington that helped pave the way for establishment of the United Nations.

In 1959, President Dwight D. Eisenhower signed an executive order making Hawaii the 50th state.

In 1983, Filipino politician Benig-

no Aquino Jr. was assassinated as he exited an aircraft at Manila International Airport. (His widow, Corazon Aquino, would become president of the Philippines three years later.)

In 1991, a headline coup against Soviet President Mikhail S. Gorbachev collapsed in the face of a popular uprising led by Russian Federation President Boris N. Yeltsin.

In 1993, in a serious setback for NASA, engineers lost contact with the Mars Observer spacecraft as it was about to reach the red planet on a \$980 million mission.

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The benefits of a phone break

Dear Annie: I made the decision to put down my phone for a while, and the results have been wonderful.

Today was my "allowed" day to pick up my phone again. I had given myself a three-day restriction, and today was the fourth day. During those three days, I only answered for my dad calling.

I cannot believe how much I have gotten done in my little apartment. It's all shiny and organized again.

I am going to follow this rule weekly. I believe it is the best idea I've ever had, and it's good to see others have come to the same conclusion.

I've got a great movie waiting for me, so I'm putting this phone down again to enjoy my time.

Dear Feeling Free Again: When we say no to certain behaviors, we say yes and open the door to other positive behaviors.

Dear Annie: I was in an abusive, controlling marriage when my children were small, and I couldn't leave until they created their own lives.

While I found my way out, my problem is in how best to move on — to create my own life away from him.

I know that's how he made me feel — like I couldn't do anything for myself — and he has destroyed so many relationships in my life.

I finally realized that he was a narcissist who was very cunning and always fooling me. Please see if you can give me some support and advice not to let

this person ever fool me again with his lies. Thank you. — Married to a Narcissist

Dear Married: Congratulations on leaving what was a terrible situation for you. There are support groups you could join that would help you recover from the abuse that you suffered from your husband.

The best thing is that you are away from his toxicity, which can only leave you feeling drained and hollowed out. It's time to rebuild the pieces of your self-esteem that he spent years destroying.

Dear Annie: I just want to put this out there. I am a 63-year-old woman. I was bullied in school for no reason at all.

I was never the type to fight back or say anything, and after all these years, it still bothers me. I was afraid to tell my parents what I was going through.

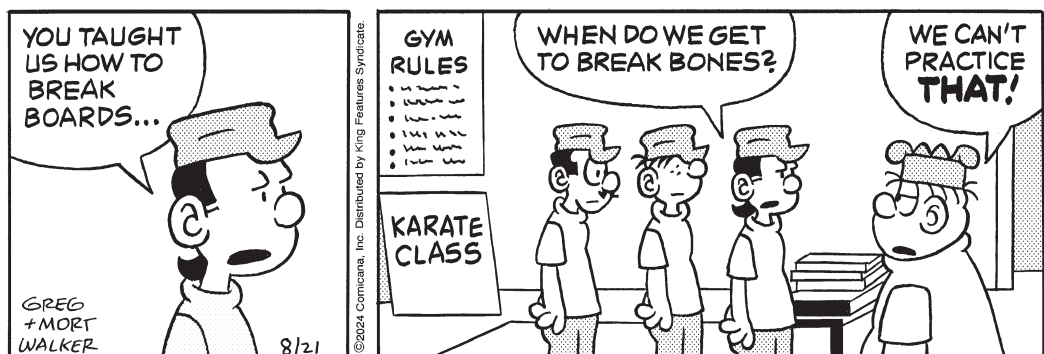
Dear Scars: I am sorry that you had to experience bullying at all. You are correct that the scars still remain. I hope that with the help of a good therapist, you can heal some of that past hurt so that you can be free of pain.

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Dear Annie by Annie Lane



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My Answer



By Dr. Billy Graham

The death of the righteous is no accident

Question: There was a terrible fire in our neighborhood. An elderly couple died with no one to rescue them. I'm having a hard time dealing with this because they were like grandparents to the neighborhood children, including my own.

or a saintly mother. We've stood at the open grave with hot tears running down our cheeks and asked in utter bewilderment, "Why, O God, why?"

The death of the righteous is no accident. God's watchful vigil notes the sparrow's fall and even the number of hairs on our heads.

Paul's strong, unshakable faith took trouble in stride. He never asked, "Why, Lord?"

It was Sir Walter Scott who asked, "Is death the last sleep? No, it is the final awakening."

(This column is based on the words and writings of the late Rev. Billy Graham.)

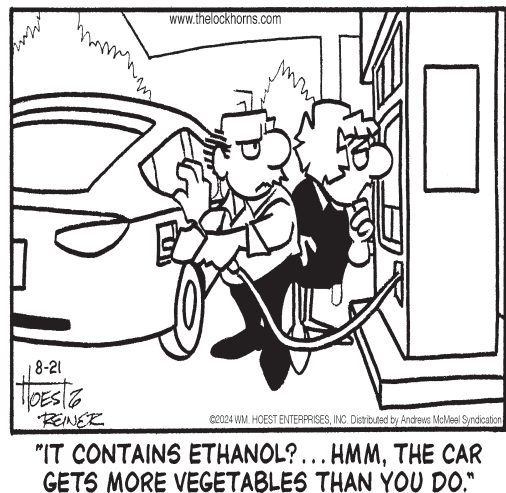
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By Bil Keane

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CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

Crossword puzzle grid and clues. ACROSS: 1 Arizona, 5 Hosp. areas, 8 TiVo fore-runners, 12 Portent, 13 Wager, 14 Panache, 15 Consecrate, 17 Long tale, 18 Boredom, 19 Devours, 21 Peregrinate, 24 Used to be, 25 Porgy's love, 28 Hindu hero, 30 Here, to Henri, 33 In the past, 34 Dangerous eel, 35 Corpuent, 36 MSN alternative, 37 Cameo stone, 38 Ballyhoo, 39 — Jima, 41 iPhone voice. DOWN: 3 Ivy League team, 4 Acquires, as debts, 5 Kimono sash, 6 Game official, 7 Ocular woe, 8 Goddess of the hearth, 9 Categorie-rize, 11 Garden gusher, 16 Uncle (Sp.), 20 Vacation-ing, 22 "East of Eden", 23 "The Bells of St. —", 25 Sheep call, 26 Conceit, 27 Freeze, 29 Extra-long, 31 Tube top suffix, 32 Mineral, 34 Jupiter orbiter, 38 Suggest, 40 Walks in water, 42 Scoundrel, 43 Polio vaccine discoverer, 44 Canal of song, 45 Tater, 47 Candle part, 48 Roundish do, 49 Deli loaves, 52 MGM rival, 53 Poetic dusk.

Yesterday's answer 8-21 grid with numbers 1-59.

Raiders drop opening match to Panthers, but are improved

By RYAN WALKER

PONETO — Southern Wells may have lost, but the improvement from last year's opening game to Tuesday night could not go unnoticed.

The Raiders fell 3-1 to Eastbrook at the Raiderdome with set scores of 19-25, 25-18, 27-29 and 13-25.

To put last year into context, Eastbrook's 17-15 record team swept Southern Wells' 1-23 team in straight sets 25-12, 25-11 and 25-20.

"I'm much happier with how they competed first three sets," Southern Wells head coach Whitney Powell said.

The third set loss was crucial to the Raiders, as the Panthers swiped it right from underneath them.

After taking the second set, Southern Wells had a seesaw battle with that scored several ties leading up to the final points. The Raiders went up 26-25 and 27-26, but the Panthers never let them have it and it paid off for Eastbrook's 29-27 victory.

The effort put into that set came up short, and the smell of defeat trickled over into the fourth set. Southern Wells head coach Whitney Powell attributed the 12-point loss in the fourth to conditioning and dropping the third set taking the energy out of the team.

"Having the lead, going back and forth with them — and we put a lot out (on the court)," Powell said. "I feel like maybe we need a little bit better conditioning too. So I feel that we're right there. That game could have gone either way for five or six points. I feel like the wind came out of our sails a little bit. We just got to learn to toughen up."

Despite the loss, the Raiders looked more sound as a unit. Powell is the architect of the team's 365-day turnaround, competing at a much higher level though it is early in the season to draw any conclusions. But the Raiders were about as good as they looked all season long last year.

Most of the pieces to the roster returned and are adding another year's worth of experience for Kila Shelley, a sophomore who put up a team-high three aces and nine digs against Eastbrook.

But the main contributing factor was freshman Abbie Powell. The 6' middle blocker had herself a night in her first varsity match. She racked up a team-high 14 kills and 4.5 blocks against the Panthers.

Powell made an athletic impact for the team immediately, but also as a leader. She was in the pregame huddle with the team, giving a pep talk and was the vocal leader during the match.

Powell, Shelley, freshman Kaylee Davis and other returners like Emma Parks, Aly Green, Sydney Alstoft, Kyah Thomas and Kaylea Coffel have a lot of room to grow with one another, and the first game was just the start.

"That's the biggest thing is that we're learning volleyball and while Abbie helps with that, Kila Shelley played club ball, getting extra touches through the summer," Powell said. "But we're all starting to just pick it up a little bit more than what we did before. So it's coming."

Stat leaders for the night were: Powell with 14 kills and 4.5 blocks, Shelley and Green with three aces and Coffel with 11 digs.

The junior varsity team fell in two sets. Southern Wells will be at home next at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 22.

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A hard-fought match

The Southern Wells Raiders fell 3-1 to Eastbrook at the Raiderdome Tuesday night, but the competitive spirit and much-improved squad proved why 2024 is a season to be excited about. At right, Southern Wells' volleyball team erupts after winning a close second set. Below left, freshman Abbie Powell (right) rips a spike down for one of her 14 kills against Panther's Gracie Elliot. Below right, sophomore Emma Parks reaches high for a spike on Eastbrook's Braylin Ailstock. (Photos by Ryan Walker)



Sports Roundup

Knights top three-team girls' golf meet, SW 2nd

Norwell took the three-team girls' golf match with Southern Wells finishing second at Eastbrook on Tuesday.

The Knights shot a 185 at Arbor Trace, while the Raiders finished with a 219. Eastbrook got third with a score of 249.

Norwell's Ellie Gatton was the medalist, finishing with a 42. Following her for the Knights was Savanna Simerman and Jordyn Shroyer at 47, Jessica Bynum 49 and Emma Burnau 53.

Callie Ripperger and Kolbie Beavans were the top golfers for the Raiders, who both shot 52s. Following them was Collena Reeves at 57, Sophie Meeks (58) and Erika Beavans (60).

Norwell will be at Wayne starting at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 21.

Southern Wells will be at home vs. Bluffton at 5 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 27.

Tigers open boys' tennis with win over Indians

Bluffton opened up its boys' tennis season with a victory at home over Union City Tuesday.

The Tigers won by a score of 4-1.

Individual results:

- Nolan Lambert (B) defeated Kolton Mills 6-0, 6-1 at No. 1 singles.
- Jacob Ribich (B) defeated Anthony Wyatt 6-0, 6-0 at No. 2 singles.
- Anthony Hartman (B) defeated Kegan Livingston 6-0, 6-0 at No. 3

singles.

• Jacob Thornburg and Brennan Hoggatt (UC) defeated Ben Maggard and Coy Lantz 6-4, 6-3 at No. 1 doubles.

• Kade Abbett and Dane Schlagenhaupt (B) defeated Levi Clark and Grant Elliott 6-0, 6-0 at No. 2 doubles.

The junior varsity team won 3-0.

Individual results for JV:

- Lance Moser defeated Gabe Thomas 8-0.
- Braden Lemler defeated Gabe Tapp 8-1.
- Alex Maggard and Reid Abbett defeated Gabe Thomas and Gabe Tapp 8-0.

Bluffton will be at Belmont at 4:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 22.

Knights improve to 2-0 in volleyball, beats Bruins

Norwell took the road trip to Northrop and came away with a 3-0 victory in volleyball Tuesday night.

The set scores were 25-10, 25-13 and 25-15 as the Knights improved to 2-0 on the season.

Stat leaders for the night were: Vanessa Rosswurm with nine kills, Rebecca Settle with four aces, Emma Vachon 19 assists, Mekynzi Beck one block and Autumn Lee nine digs.

Norwell won the junior varsity match 2-0 (25-8, 25-19) and the freshman match 2-0 (25-14, 25-22).

Norwell will be at Heritage at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 22.

Tigers fall in first volleyball match

Bluffton fell 3-2 against Huntington North in the opening volleyball game at home Tuesday night.

Set scores were 25-19, 16-25, 20-25, 32-30 and 13-15.

Stat leaders for the night were: Maryn Schreiber with 15 kills, Isla Gibson with 27 assists, Rori Drayer with three aces, Marly Drayer with 15 digs and Konley Ault with two blocks.

Huntington North won the junior varsity game 2-0 (25-20, 21-25, 12-15).

Stat leaders were: Lucy Mace five kills, Kenley Smith eight assists and four aces, Ella Borrer seven digs and Bridget Steffen one block.

Bluffton will be at the Argyll Invitational at 9 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 24.

Tigers' golf match with Warriors moved

Bluffton's golf match with Woodlan on Tuesday was postponed. The rescheduled date will be at 4:30 p.m. Sept 19.

Green Valley Golf results

Bill Foreman, Dick Crispen, Bruce Warner and Ron McDonald were a part of the winning team in this week's Green Valley Golf League. Dave Willits had the low gross of 38 and Foreman had the low net of 31. Mike Bennett had the closest to pin and Willits had the longest putt.

Bellinger, Swanson to lifts the Cubs over the Tigers

By GAVIN DORSEY

Associated Press

CHICAGO (AP) — Cody Bellinger hit a two-run double and Dansby Swanson homered to lift the Cubs over the Tigers, 3-1, on Tuesday night.

Bellinger went 2-for-4 to lead Chicago. Javier Assad (6-3) pitched 5 2/3 innings for the Cubs, allowing just one run on six hits and striking out seven.

"I thought it was Javy's best start in a while, maybe since coming off the injured list," Cubs manager Craig Counsell said.

"Getting ahead of hitters more consistently, more execution, fewer bad misses. Curveball to left handers got him some strikeouts tonight. The two-seamer got some strikeouts tonight. Multiple pitches (were) working, and I think that's what led to the good outing."

Tyson Miller, Drew Smyly and Porter Hodge threw 3 1/3 scoreless innings, each allowing a hit, to close the game. Hodge earned his second save.

Detroit fell despite strong performances at the plate by Dillon Dingler and Spencer

Torkelson. Dingler hit in the Tigers' lone run with an RBI single and added a triple. Torkelson was 4-for-4.

Tigers reliever Bryan Sammons (0-1) took the loss with three runs scored on four hits in 4 1/3 innings.

Chicago's offense was mostly stagnant for the first four innings. With two runners on base, Bellinger doubled in the fifth to put the Cubs ahead 2-1. It was a similar scenario to Bellinger's previous at-bat in the third, when he grounded out with runners on first and second.

"Obviously, I was pretty disappointed I wasn't able to get the job done," Bellinger said regarding his first attempt at batting in a run. "I felt decent that at-bat and said I just wanted to make the adjustment. Same situation, man on first and second with one out, so stay within my approach. (Ian) Happ and (Michael Busch) Buschy did a great job of getting on again, so I tried to get the job done."

Swanson hit a solo home run in the sixth, his 10th of the season, to left-center field to extend the lead.

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As I age, a long list of infirmities are a badge of honor

So, how are you doing?
 “Life would be infinitely happier if we could only be born at the age of eighty and gradually approach 18.”
 — Mark Twain

We’ve all been there. You ask a person of some advanced age how they are doing, and they begin a one-sided conversational tour de force of their aches and pains. You want to explain that the question was asked merely as a polite conversational



Ken Ballinger

bridge, but you cannot find an opening. The exhaustive list of infirmities and doctors’ visits must be completed.

I am guilty myself as I often elicit yawns and sudden phone checks during my health malady audit. Listeners make it difficult for me to adequately complete the list if their attending skills are poor. It would help if they could just focus for a few minutes, then

I could move on.

A real hoot is to overhear a conversation between two, let’s say 70 somethings, as they compete for turf in the aches and pains tug-of-war. This happened to me the other day when I ran into an old school mate in the frozen food section at Kroger. I had just placed a quart of double chocolate rocky road in my cart. Fortunately for you, the reader, I preserved a transcript of our exchange. It went something like this:

“Kenny Ballinger you old son-of-a-sea biscuit is that you? I haven’t seen you since you stole my tater tots down at Ivanhoe’s in high school.”

“I don’t recall that, but I’ll take your word for it Dusty.” I chor-tled with great sincerity. How you doin’?” I said through our handshake.

Pleased that I recognized him under his camouflage cap, he got right to it in response to my question, “Well, I’m pretty good, but the arth-a-ritis slows me down, specially in the mornins. You



know how it is. And then I passed a huge kidney stone last week – Dr. said it was the biggest he’d ever seen in Marion. Course he’s spent his whole life in Grant County, but he said with me just comin’ off a case of the shingles I was doing pretty good, but then the Covid got me, and set me back, and...”

I cut him off mid-sentence in desperation as I realized he had scored many points here and was off to a big lead in the aches and pains competition. I stumbled, then through sheer will I mustered the confidence to reply. “You know I’ve had both knees replaced and my left hand shakes, and I can’t raise my right arm above my shoulder, probably from all the curve balls I threw while we were playing baseball at Eastbrook HS...”

I regretted it as soon as I said it. I had wandered off topic and knew he now would have the upper hand. “You did not have a curveball in high school,” he chuckled. You could not break a pane of glass. Did you even

pitch?” (Just for the record, I did.) “Who can remember all that anyway?” Dusty continued. “I don’t sleep very well – since I gotta get up about six times a night for you know what...”

I cut him off again but with resignation as I silently acknowledged that he had won the day. “Getting old is not for the weak.” I mumbled. Just then I saw the drip of brown ice cream slurry under my shopping cart. Dusty saw it too. It was time to go. As we parted I asked, “How’s the Mrs.?”

“She’s fine,” he said. How is your wife doin’?”

“She’s fine,” I replied.

I’m 73 and consider myself to have been relatively healthy throughout my life, still I find I am under the care of many. Here is a list of my doctors:
 General Practitioner
 Cardiologist
 Gastroenterologist
 Ear Nose and Throat Specialist
 Orthopedic Surgeon
 Dermatologist
 Podiatrist
 Urologist
 Pulmonologist
 Neurologist
 And of course, I have a:

Dentist
 Audiologist
 Optometrist
 Pharmacist
 Many have suggested I need to see a psychologist, but as you can see, I have little time for any additions. What I could really use is someone in logistics to aid in navigation.

I am thankful for each of these men and women who take so much time with me and who work so diligently to hold me together. And the nurses? Don’t get me started. They are the best.

Here’s The Thing: When navigating the stairway of aging, grab the rail. Pray for those who have no rail to grab.

When you see me out and about, feel free to ask how I am doing. Just make sure you have some time.

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Editor’s Note: This is one of a series of articles and opinions written by a group of retired and current teachers — Ken Ballinger, Billy Kreigh, Kathy Schwartz, and Anna Spalding. Their intent is to spur discussions at the dinner table and elsewhere. You may also voice your thoughts and reactions via The News-Banner’s letters to editor.

Summer readers read more

A successful 2024 summer reading program has been announced by the Wells County Public Library with all reading goals broken.

The youngest patrons (ages birth to 24 months) completed 1,656 activities. 1,357 kids ages 2 to grade 6 were signed up and read more than 486,720 minutes.

260 teens read a combined total of 687,284 pages while the 629 registered adults read a total of 1,507,706 pages.

All groups ended the two month summer reading adventure with a year-end party.

FW’s Swinney Homestead events

On Sept. 7 and 8, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. the Swinney Homestead will celebrate with an open house and tour of the Herb Garden. Members of Settler’s Inc. will offer the free tours.

The Swinney Homestead is located at 1424 West Jefferson Blvd. More information about the Settlers at settlersinc.org.

On Sept. 21, 22 the Settler’s **Pioneer Village** will be set up at the Johnny Appleseed Festival in Fort Wayne. Entrance to the festival is free and costumed Settlers will be demonstrating a variety of historic hand arts, life skills and music. Hours on Saturday are from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and on Sunday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Fremion art in Fort Wayne Museum of Art exhibit

The art by Indiana artists and work chosen for the “Artists of the Hoosier Salon From the Permanent Collection” show will continue through Oct. 6, at the Fort Wayne Museum of Art. Among the artists are Wells county artist Joel Fremion.

Other Fort Wayne area artists included are Peggy Brown, Jim McBride, John Hrehov and John Kely.

A lecture about the exhibit will be presented on Friday, Sept. 27, at 7 p.m. by Mark Ruschman, Senior Curator of Art and Culture, Emeritus, for the Indiana

State Museum and Historic Sites. (Reservations needed to fwmoa.org/events, \$15 members or \$20 non-members).

Other exhibits and their of closing dates are as follows:

The art installation drawn pieces of textile art by Rowland Ricketts will be viewable through Sept. 1st.

“Sam Gilliam: His Art of Printmaking” will be on view through Oct. 27. Thirty-four of his prints will be shown. “Diverse Directions: Rethinking the Landscape”

Swiss Stitchers to meet August 26

Swiss Stitchers will meet Monday, August 26 in the Berne Fire Station at 7 p.m.

There will be a short business meeting and wrap-up of the Quilt Show plus show and tell.

Quilts will be placed in frames for Education Day at Swiss Heritage Village. There are five quilts to prep for the event.

Please check your calendars and come prepared to sign-up to work the Education Day.

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