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Once lost, now found

A container of World War II medals finds its way home

By MARK MILLER
 Mike Moriarity knew his grandfather saw combat during World War II. He knew he was awarded a number of medals and honors, but he didn't know whether they still existed.
 "I began really looking for them about five years ago," he said, when a flag that his grandfather had brought home came into his possession when his mother died. "Mom only knew that it had flown over his base, but we didn't know what base that was."
 Moriarity had his grandfather's discharge paperwork, along with a few newspaper clippings and his grandfather's military driver's license from the time he was stationed at Camp Shelby, Mississippi, prior to being shipped out to the Pacific theater. So he knew that he had been a Private First Class in Company G, 152nd Infantry Regiment.
 He also had a list of the awards, including a Purple Heart with one oak leaf cluster, meaning he'd been wounded twice. He just didn't have the medals.

"He would never talk about the war," Moriarity said. His grandfather went to all of his basketball games at Southern Wells; the two were close.
 "I did get him to talk about it just a little bit once," he shared. "I remember asking him, 'Grandpa, did you shoot anyone?' He got real quiet, and teared up and just walked away."

Moriarity has some ideas about what might have happened to the medals but declined to share the details. He kept asking other family members when he could about the medals but no one seemed to know.

Howard Adney of Hartford City was inducted into the U.S. Army April 19, 1941. After infantry training in Mississippi, his company was deployed to the Pacific Theater where the 152nd Infantry was involved in heavy fighting to retake the Philippine Islands, specifically the Bataan Peninsula.

Adney was discharged from the Army Sept. 10, 1945, at Camp Atterbury in south-
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The trail of how a container filled with World War II medals came back into the possession of the recipient's grandson goes from (from left) Troy Zook who found them at the Tonner Transfer station south of Bluffton, to Yvonne Clark, office administrator at the Wells County Veterans Service Office, to retired teacher Sue Harris, to Mike Moriarity, who had been looking for the lost medals. In addition to the medals awarded his grandfather, Howard Adney, the container includes a number of other military insignias. "I know exactly who gave those to him," Moriarity says, "one of his best friends." (Photo by Mark Miller)

Body identified as man reported missing on Friday

By SYDNEY KENT
 A body located in a Bluffton retention pond Sunday afternoon has been confirmed to be that of a 37-year-old man who was reported missing on Friday.
 The Wells County Coroner's Office identified the person as 37-year-old Justin Stanley of Bluffton.
 According to a press release from the Bluffton Police Department, officers responded to a report of a body in a pond near the 1800 block of north Main Street in Bluffton on Sunday afternoon. The release was updated Monday confirming Stanley's identity. The manner and cause of death are still pending toxicology results.
 The department initially requested help locating Stanley on Friday, advising that he was last seen at Walmart in Bluffton around 11 p.m. on Wednesday.
 The Wells County Coroner, Bluffton Fire Department, Wells County EMS and DNR Law Enforcement assisted the department at the scene.
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Netanyahu pushes back on pressure over Gaza, hostages

'No one will preach to me'
By TIA GOLDENBERG, Associated Press
 TEL AVIV, Israel (AP) — Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu on Monday pushed back against a new wave of pressure to reach a cease-fire deal in Gaza after hundreds of thousands of Israelis protested and went on strike and U.S. President Joe Biden said he needed to do more after nearly 11 months of fighting.
 In his first public address since Sunday's mass protests showed many Israelis' furious response to the discovery of six more dead hostages, Netanyahu said he will continue to insist on a demand that has emerged as a major sticking point in talks — continued Israeli control of the Philadelphia corridor, a narrow band along Gaza's border with Egypt where Israel contends Hamas smuggles weapons into Gaza. Egypt and Hamas deny it.
 Netanyahu called the corridor vital to ensuring Hamas cannot rearm via tunnels. "This is the oxygen of Hamas," he said.
 And he added: "No one is more committed to freeing the hostages than me. ... No one will preach to me on this issue."
 Israelis had poured into the streets late Sunday in grief and anger in what appeared to be the largest protest since the start of the war. The families and much of the public blamed Netanyahu, saying the hostages could have been returned alive in a deal with Hamas. A rare general strike was held
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Runners set off from Main Street to begin the race. (Photos by Jonathan Snyder)

50 years of trotting around Bluffton

By JONATHAN SNYDER
 An early fog and humid weather was the backdrop for the golden anniversary of the Parlor City Trot Saturday.
 The Parlor City Trot takes runners down River Road, through Ouabache State Park and back again toward downtown. There are 5K and 10K options, as well as the traditional half-marathon offered for runners of all ages.
 The cool morning air was quickly replaced with humidity, which slowed the pace down according to runner Derek Miller of Fort Wayne. Miller won the half-marathon race this year, with a time of 1 hour, 10

minutes and five seconds. Noah Steffen of Bluffton was the fastest Wells County half-marathon runner, finishing 1:16:28. The recorded fastest time set by Fernando Cabada at one hour and six minutes stands tall.
 The top 27 finishers in the half-marathon ran under eight minutes per every mile. Men and women in their 60's and 70's also competed in the half-marathon, with Tom Felts of Fort Wayne, at 70 years old, running under eight minutes and 30 seconds per mile. Mariah Jordan, the fastest female in the half-marathon field, finished 1:26:15.

Miller, who is currently training for a full marathon later this year, stated that this race was a good way to measure his performance levels for the full marathon. Miller stated that very few changes in elevation, along with the state park loop, make the course very fast and enjoyable to run.
 "It was fun running into state park just because there's the campers and other people that are in there, so some of those people are cheer-




Scott Wolff, left, high fives Ashton Franken as Wolff finishes the race.



Joshua Peppers poses after the race.

ing you on," Miller said. "Eventually you loop back and pass the other runners. That's always fun, just because you get to say 'good job' to each other. So it's kind of a group effort (where) we're all trying to help each other out."
 After the races were finished, the camaraderie did not stop, with runners from different cities chatting about the race and life. Whenever a runner was winded after finishing, people were ready to hand water to them and give a pat on the back, recognizing their efforts.
 Joshua Peppers of Bluffton, who ran the race for the third time and finished 10th overall, loved the familiarity of the course. Peppers is
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Sunny and warm today, showers later in the week

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World War II medals

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ern Indiana with the several awards: Asiatic-Pacific Theater Ribbon with three Bronze Stars, Philippine Liberation Ribbon with one Bronze Star, Purple Heart with one oak leaf cluster, a Combat Infantryman badge and a World War II Victory Medal.

Adney returned to Hartford City where he worked and eventually retired as a welder at Overhead Door. He died in 1994. Adney's daughter Sharon married Howard Moriarity and moved to southern Wells County. Their son Mike graduated from Southern Wells in 1987.



Howard Adney was an infantryman in Company G, 152nd Infantry Regiment that saw action on the Bataan Peninsula in the Philippine Islands. (Photo provided)

As part of his duties at the Tonner Transfer station south of Bluffton, Troy Zook performs a quick overview of the contents of the trash that arrives at the facility before it is taken to an area landfill. One of the services that Tonner offers is providing a dumpster for people to fill and then picking it up.

"So we deliver dumpsters to an address, someone — the family maybe or someone else — usually empties out a house or apartment after someone has died or moved away," Zook explained. "We rarely know much of the story. We just pick it up when they say it's ready."

He added that these dumpsters come in filled "with everything you can imagine. Furniture of course, pots and pans and kitchen stuff. Old clothes."

He has found two saxophones in like-new condition and a number of antique metal Tonka truck toys.

"You name it, I've seen it," he said.

Zook is looking for

materials that cannot go to landfills. "I keep an eye out for containers," he said. "Bleach, old paint. Any chemicals. These things have to be disposed of properly."

One day in early August, he came across a package in one of the dumpsters — a plastic Tupperware-like container.

"I looked inside and you know what? I about passed out," he continued. It contained a number of military medals and insignias, including two uniform hats, all very apparent to be of World War II vintage.

"I knew I didn't want to throw this away but I also didn't know what to do with it," he said. So he put it aside and went back to work. "But of course, I kept thinking about it," he continued. "My son-in-law, Kyle Morphew, is a veteran so I asked him what he thought. He is the one who suggested I take it to the veterans service office in town and even volunteered to do just that."

Wells County Veterans Services Officer Dewey Randall confirmed that a clear plastic container with a number of World War II medals and two service hats were brought to his office "by a young man from Tonner Transfer, but I didn't get his name," he said.

Dewey and his office administrator, Yvonne Clark, examined the contents and found the name of Howard Adney faintly printed on a small piece of paper. Clark cross-referenced the name with a listing of Wells County veterans that Sue Harris has compiled. Harris' research and work to continue to honor local veterans has been the subject of several News-Banner articles.

"I thought maybe Sue might be able to locate the family," Clark said.

Harris was indeed up to the challenge.

"I had his obituary because he was on my list of Wells County veterans," Harris said. Hence, she knew that there had been two daughters in the area, but one had died — Sharon — and the other is now in a nursing home in Jasper. "But Sharon Moriarity had two sons and I discovered Mike was still living in Wells County."



Mike Moriarity displays the medals awarded his grandfather, Howard Adney, that were recently found. "I've been looking for these for about five years," he says. Below, The medals and other insignias, including two military hats found at Tonner Transfer. Mike Moriarity believes one of the hats belonged to his grandfather and the other to one of his friends. Also shown in is his grandfather's discharge certificate, which he has had for several years. (Photos by Mark Miller)



Someone told her that he used to work at a local feed mill. She next went there and asked around for any information about Mike Moriarity and eventually was able to determine that he now works for Cornerstone Ag and got his phone number.

Moriarity gets emotional when he recalls getting that phone call from Harris.

"Yes, I teared up," he said. "I'd been looking for these for about five years and had pretty much given up. I didn't think I'd ever see them." His daughter, who has been working on the family genealogy, "is thrilled too," he said. "I am so grateful to everyone involved. I can't thank Sue enough for finding me."

"I don't know how she

did it," Randall said, "but good for her and kudos to the Tonner folks who thought the medals were too precious to just toss aside."

Harris said she will have to adjust her records to note that Adney was not a Wells County veteran. "I'm wondering now how he got on my Wells County list," she said.

Moriarity suspects that his mother Sharon submitted her father's name to Harris after reading about her efforts to accumulate a list of all local veterans.

"Mom was very proud of her dad," he said, adding that of course, he always has been as well. "I'm sure she wanted to make sure he was honored."

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Weather

Tuesday, September 3, 2024

(24-hour observations at 10:31 p.m. Monday)
High: 73; Low: 53; Precipitation: Trace
Wabash River Level (at the Main Street bridge): 1.09 feet at 8:45 p.m. Monday

Wells County forecast

Today: Sunny, with a high near 77. East wind 5 to 10 mph.

Tonight: Partly cloudy, with a low around 49. East wind around 5 mph.

Wednesday: Sunny, with a high near 83. Southeast wind around 5 mph.

Wednesday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 58. South wind around 5 mph.

Thursday: Sunny, with a high near 87.

Thursday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 63.

Friday: A 50% chance of showers. Partly sunny, with a high near 80.

Friday Night: A 40% chance of showers, mainly before 2 a.m. Partly cloudy, with a low around 53.

Saturday: A 20% chance of showers before 2 p.m. Mostly sunny, with a high near 67.

Saturday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 44.

Sunday: Sunny, with a high near 67.

Sunday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 46.

Monday: Sunny, with a high near 74.

Netanyahu

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across the country on Monday.

Late Monday, several thousand demonstrators gathered outside Netanyahu's private home in central Jerusalem, chanting, "Deal. Now." and carrying coffins draped in the Israeli flag. Scuffles broke out when police snatched away the coffins, and several protesters were arrested. Thousands more marched outside Netanyahu's Likud party in Tel Aviv, according to Israeli media.

But others support Netanyahu's drive to continue the campaign in Gaza, which was triggered by Hamas' Oct. 7 attack into Israel and has killed tens of thousands of Palestinians in the territory. Netanyahu says the assault will force militants to give in to Israeli demands, potentially facilitate rescue operations and ultimately annihilate the group.

Key ally the United States is showing impatience. Biden spoke to reporters as he arrived at the White House for a Situation Room meeting with the U.S. mediation team in the negotiations. Asked if Netanyahu was doing enough, Biden responded, "No."

He insisted that negotiators remain "very close" to a deal, adding, "Hope springs eternal."

Hamas has accused Israel of dragging out months of negotiations by issuing new demands, including for lasting Israeli control over the Philadelphia corridor and a second corridor running across Gaza. Hamas has offered to release all hostages in return for an end to the war, the complete withdrawal of Israeli forces and the release of a large number of Palestinian prisoners, including high-profile militants — broadly the terms called for under an outline for a deal put forward by Biden in July.

Netanyahu has pledged "total victory" over Hamas and blames it for the failure of the negotiations. On Monday, he said he is ready to carry out the first

phase of the cease-fire — a plan that would include the release of some hostages, a partial pullout of Israeli troops and the release of some prisoners held by Israel. But he rejected a full withdrawal from Gaza, saying he saw no other party that could control Gaza's borders.

Israeli media have reported deep differences between Netanyahu and top security officials, including Defense Minister Yoav Gallant, who say the time is ripe for a cease-fire.

An official confirmed a shouting match between Gallant and Netanyahu at a security cabinet meeting Thursday, where Netanyahu held a vote in favor of maintaining control over the Philadelphia corridor.

Gallant cast the lone vote against the proposal, saying Netanyahu was favoring border arrangements over the lives of hostages. The official spoke on condition of anonymity to discuss the closed-door meeting. Gallant on Sunday called on the security cabinet to overturn the decision.

Khalil al-Hayya, the Hamas official leading the negotiations, told the Qatari network Al Jazeera late Sunday that Netanyahu had deemed keeping the Philadelphia corridor "more important" than winning the hostages' release.

Al-Hayya also said Hamas had offered "great flexibility," including reducing its demand for 500 Palestinian prisoners to be released in exchange for each captive Israeli soldier to 50, and from 250 Palestinian prisoners or each Israeli civilian hostage to 30. He accused Israel of introducing new conditions including increasing the number of prisoners who would be deported upon release and banning the release of elderly or ill prisoners serving life sentences.

Israel said the six hostages found dead in Gaza were killed by Hamas shortly before Israeli forces arrived in the tunnel where they were held.

Trotting around

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also training for the Chicago Marathon in October and he runs the Rivergreenway as training, running 40 to 50 miles every week to prepare.

"I train on this Greenway, and Ouabache State Park quite a bit," Peppers said. "So it's really nice to race on a course that I'm very familiar with and comfortable running on. Towards the back of the state park, on the cave trail, there's a winding section that comes to an end there on the east side. It's just really pretty, really serene and peaceful. That's my favorite part of the course."

Parks Department Sports Coordinator Laurie Baumgartner stated that this year's edition of the Trot brought in more than double the amount of people that ran last year. Baumgartner stated that around 290 people participated.

Additionally, for the first

time the trot was the host site for the Roadrunner Club of America Half-Marathon State Championship. Medals were awarded for the top 5K finishers. Other top runners in the 10K got a mug for their efforts, and the top finishers in the half-marathon shared from a \$5,000 total purse.

"What's neat about this race, especially for our half marathon event, is over 50% of the runners are from outside of Wells County," Baumgartner said. "So we get a lot of local runners, but we also get a ton of people from as far away as Illinois, Michigan, Texas, Kentucky, we've got people from all over coming."

The top five half-marathon finishers were:

1st: Derek Miller, Fort Wayne, 1:10:05

2nd: Andrew Taylor, Lafayette, Indiana, 1:13:46.5

3rd: Justin Kowalski, South Bend, Indiana,

1:13:52.9

4th: Noah Steffer, Bluffton, 1:16:28

5th: Jeff Zenger, Fort Wayne, 1:20:56

The top five 10K finishers were:

1st: Riley Worl, Rochester, Indiana, 33:21.4

2nd: Scott Saucedo, Westfield, Indiana, 37:52

3rd: Curtin Hines, Huntington, Indiana, 40:08.6

4th: Kody Ahrens, Angola, Indiana, 43:16.7

5th: Matthew Ackerman, Huntington, 43:32.1

The top five 5K finishers were:

1st: Ethan Fudge, Fort Wayne, 20:27.7



Derek Miller is the fastest overall for the half-marathon. (Photo by Jonathan Snyder)

2nd: Brian Hufford, Rossville, Indiana, 25:41.7

3rd: Lana Beregszazi, Fort Wayne, 28:12.7

4th: Ed Lill, Fort Wayne, 28:32.6

5th: Brenner Newsom, Bluffton, 28:38.8

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OBITUARIES

Kathy Sue McDonald, 65

Kathy Sue McDonald, 65, of Montpelier, passed away at 7:13 p.m. on Thursday, Aug. 29, 2024, at Lutheran Hospital of Indiana in Fort Wayne. She was born on Friday, June 12, 1959, in Bluffton, to the late James Milton and Betty Jane Marshall. She married Gary A. McDonald on Saturday, June 15, 1991, in Montpelier.

Survivors include husband, Gary A. McDonald, Montpelier; daughters, Melissa K. (Brady) Johnson, Liberty Center, Amanda Jo McDonald, South Whitley, and Megan R. (Ryan) McDonald, Fort Wayne; son, James D. (Dianne) Hess, Fort Wayne; seven grandchildren and two great-grandchildren; and sister, Donna (Paul) Morgan, Liberty Center.

She was preceded in death by her parents, James Milton and Betty Jane (Booher) Marshall; and sister, Shirley Marshall Guldice.

Family and friends may gather to share and remember at Walker & Glancy Funeral Home, located at 109 W. Windsor Street, Montpelier on Tuesday, Sept. 3, 2024, from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. and from 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. at Walker & Glancy Funeral on Wednesday, Sept. 4, 2024, one hour before the service.

A service to celebrate Kathy's life will be at Walker & Glancy Funeral Home at 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 4, 2024, with Pastor Wayne Couch of Healing Waters Ministry of Mt. Etna officiating. The burial will follow the service in the Brookside Memorial Park in Montpelier.

Arrangements have been entrusted to Walker & Glancy Funeral Home in Montpelier.

Anna L. Nash, 85

Anna L. Nash, 85, of Bluffton, passed away Monday morning, Sept. 2, 2024, at Christian Care Retirement Community.

Funeral arrangements are pending with Goodwin - Cale & Harnish Memorial Chapel in Bluffton.

McCormick emphasizes curriculum, accountability and teachers in education plan

**By CASEY SMITH
Indiana Capital Chronicle**

School accountability, teacher salary boosts and "academic freedom" are priorities on Jennifer McCormick's education plan, the Democratic gubernatorial candidate announced on Thursday.

The former state public instruction superintendent, along with running mate Terry Goodin, said their platform largely intends to create more flexibility for K-12 administrators and educators to craft curriculum, while still ensuring academic rigor and accountability across both public and private schools.

The plan also guarantees that teachers would be paid at least \$60,000 per year — an increase from the current \$40,000 minimum.

"Obviously, education is my passion. It is also Terry's passion. We believe in the power of education — not just for our kids — but for our families and our communities and the entire state. It's also what empowers us as a nation," McCormick said during a Thursday press call. "Too often in Indiana, we talk about the expense, because we are incredibly expensive, but we don't talk about it as an investment, and it needs to be. ... It's not a K-12 isolation, it is a system of education."

The costs of the proposal are unknown at this time.

Democrats outline education priorities

The McCormick-Goodin "Commonsense Education Plan" is broken down into five pillars: increased funding for early education; school accountability; teachers' pay and bargaining rights; keeping partisan politics out of school curriculum decisions; and "re-establishing" a statewide emphasis on attaining post-high school education.

Specifically, the Democratic plan would expand "quality and affordable childcare to address Indiana's childcare deserts." The platform also seeks to guarantee universal pre-kindergarten education for all Hoosier families.

Although McCormick said the state is doing "a much better job" at expanding child care now than in years past, she emphasized that "we still have an enormous amount of Indiana" that does not have access to quality care.

"And with some of that childcare, too, we're really struggling to find providers because of (low) wages," she added.

The platform also promises to "protect the rights of students and parents" by establishing a "streamlined," "consistent" and "transparent" accountability platform for all schools accepting public dollars. McCormick said the system seeks to ensure schools — public, private, urban, rural and so on — are all being held to the same academic and fiscal standards.

This would impact pri-

vate schools receiving voucher dollars that currently don't have to follow some of the same rules and regulations.

"We're a school choice state, and there are no quality guardrails on that system," she said. "And so in order to really do it in a way that makes sense and is fair to kids and families and our business industry — that's relying on us getting this right — and taxpayers, there should be some accountability."

"If we're going to be a state of school choice, it needs to be parent choice and not school choice," McCormick continued. "It also needs to be one that those quality guardrails are tight so parents at least know there's some threshold that when you come into a school, that you do have some educated and trained teachers. What kind of curriculum you are following? What kind of fiscal responsibility are we following?"

McCormick and Goodin said they'll also "champion" Indiana's K-12 and post-high school instructors "by implementing policies to recruit and retain the best and brightest educators." That means fighting for a minimum base salary of \$60,000 for Hoosier teachers, and adjustments for veteran teachers' salaries "to reflect their non-educator peers."

When it comes to finding the funding for increased salaries, McCormick said "there are a lot of areas" in the state budget that "we just need to re-look at again."

"It's about prioritizing," she said, noting that her property tax relief plan, for example, "really offers some relief" and "tries to relieve some of the local dollars, which would also help with some of the expenses at the school level."

The Democratic duo further promised to uphold teacher rights by "protecting the freedom of teacher unions to bargain for wages and benefits." Mandates placed on educators and school boards will be reviewed, too — and where unnecessary or burdensome — those will be eliminated, McCormick said.

The plan additionally calls for "autonomy at the local level" to design a unique curriculum "that prepares students for the future they choose." The Democratic nominee said that doesn't mean lowering standards, though. Rather, it's a guarantee of "more flexibility."

"Why should we have to go to the State Board of Education to beg them to address the needs of our kids?" McCormick asked. "We can still hold everyone accountable for certain thresholds and certain standards of performance, but allowing them to take care of the needs of their schools with the resources they are provided — given where they are located within the state of Indiana, and the partners they have access

to and don't have access to — only make sense. For too long, Indiana has said one size fits all."

And when it comes to higher education, McCormick and Goodin said they intend to "celebrate, champion, protect, and better fund our higher education institutions and direct workforce development training programs." That means ensuring resources are place for high schoolers to earn certifications they can use upon graduation, McCormick noted, in addition to maintaining and promoting clear paths towards college.

No specific GOP plan yet

McCormick was endorsed by the political action committee for the Indiana State Teachers Association — the state's largest teachers union — earlier this year.

A former Republican, McCormick fell out of favor with the Indiana GOP while serving as state superintendent.

The Republican-controlled legislature — with approval from Gov. Eric Holcomb — eliminated the elected position and replaced it with a Secretary of Education, who is appointed by the governor.

McCormick switched sides to become a Democrat shortly after. She announced her campaign for governor in May 2023 and was the only gubernatorial candidate on the Democratic primary ballot in May.

Goodin, a former Indiana lawmaker and social conservative, was previously a teacher, assistant principal and public school superintendent at Crothersville Community Schools.

"I think, unfortunately, the other team, they look at education as a liability. But our team, the Democratic team, looks at it as an investment," Goodin said Thursday. "We look at the state budget ... over 50% of that budget goes to education. We're looking at that as an investment that will make

Indiana better going forward and into the future. And the folks on the other side say that it's a waste of money, and that's been proven in the policies that they've been trying to push for the last, three, four, five 10, years."

McCormick's competitor, Republican Sen. Mike Braun, has yet to release a detailed education platform.

Braun's campaign website emphasizes that while more than half of the state budget is spent on K-12 education, "far too many of our graduates are not prepared to enter the workforce or pursue a degree."

The Republican candidate — a former school board member — "knows parents are the primary stakeholders in their children's education and every family, regardless of income or zip code, should be able to enroll in a school of their choice and pursue a curriculum that prepares them for a career, college or the military," Braun's website continues.

Recently, he has additionally supported the state education department's proposed overhaul of Indiana's high school diplomas and graduation requirements, saying Hoosier education focuses too little on career readiness.

Human remains found in 1993 are identified as South Carolina man

GREENWOOD, Ind. (AP) — Human remains discovered 31 years ago south of Indianapolis have been identified as a man from South Carolina, authorities said.

Relatives of Michael Benjamin Davis said they had lost contact with him in the late 1980s, the Johnson County coroner's office said.

DNA testing and genealogy work helped scientists determine the identity of the remains found in 1993 at what is now a golf course in Greenwood, Indiana, the coroner's office said in a written statement Sunday.

"Although this case has long been suspected of having been a homicide, the cause and manner of death have been ruled undetermined unless more information is discovered," the coroner's office said.

Davis was born in Richland County, South Carolina, in 1965, according to DNASolves.com, which works with police to assist in human identification cases.

Davis' family plans to travel to Indiana to collect the remains and speak to news media Thursday, the coroner's office said.

Awana Program begins at Liberty Center Community Church

Liberty Center Community Church will start the 2024-25 Awana program on Thursday, Sept. 5, from 6:15-7:30 p.m.; hot dogs and registration are available at 6:00 that evening. The program is available for children ages 3 to the eighth grade.

Weekly meetings will be on Thursday nights and will follow the Southern Wells school calendar. For more information, call 260-273-0509.

Obituary Policy

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Listening to my senses instead of looking at the calendar

The calendar says that we're still 19 days away from the astronomical start of fall yet my senses say to go with those who specialize in the weather when it comes to marking the start of autumn.

Sept. 1 marked the beginning of meteorological fall, and three of my senses this past Labor Day weekend certainly made me feel as if we were fully into a new season because of what I saw, what I tasted, and what I smelled.



Justin Peeper

I have always been a morning person, and our two dogs are as well. Our golden retriever Santiago and our Bernese mountain dog Alicia rarely sleep past 5 a.m.; most mornings, they're ready to start the day closer to 4:30 a.m.

I'm not sure why I even set an alarm any more, as they use their noses to nudge my arm every morning when they're ready to be petted — and fed.

We're normally out on our 1-mile morning walks by 5 a.m. each day — the pups clad in their bright and flashing LED collars as I carry in one pocket their leashes along with some treats and plastic bags for when they do their business and my iPhone streaming a podcast in the other pocket.

The cool, crisp air this past weekend was a gift after so many muggy mornings the previous week and most of the summer. The smell of the fresh and cool air made it feel like fall was here.

In addition to our 5 a.m. walks, we also follow the same 1-mile path in the evenings so that Santiago and Alicia get in some more exercise after sleeping most of the day.

As we walked about the neighborhood on Sunday evening, we saw that several leaves had started to fall from one of the trees a couple of streets behind where we live. It was so noticeable because it's the only tree in the person's front yard. The leaves on the tree in our front yard still seem very much intact for now.

Speaking of tact — or perhaps a lack of — it was back on July 24 when my wife and I were shopping in a big retail store when we saw that Halloween decorations were already out on display, including an eerie howling werewolf with glowing eyes that was taller than me and on sale for your front yard.

Call me crazy, but July seems a bit early to put out the Halloween decorations. I think we'll leave our spooky life-size LED ghost golden retriever decoration that I bought at Home Depot last year in the basement until Oct. 1.

By now, I'm guessing you can tell I'm a person who follows a routine most every day.

Each Friday before I head to school for the day, I splurge a bit on a warm chai from a coffee shop that is only a couple of miles from our house.

Santiago and Alicia are big fans of whipped cream and tag along each Friday at 6 a.m. for their weekly pup cups.

"Do you want pumpkin spice added to your chai," my wife asked last week as she placed our order. Those two words — pumpkin spice — have become synonyms of autumn for me, as that add-on is only available in the fall.

The first sip of a hot chai with pumpkin spice each year is a taste that I'll always associate with fall.

My senses of taste, smell and sight tell me fall has arrived already.

Two weeks from today, however, every sense will be in overdrive, as Sept. 17 is the opening night of Bluffton's best five-day fall celebration: Street Fair 2024. Those of us born and bred in Bluffton — with the exception of a handful of Parlor City residents — love the Street Fair as much as we look forward to the holidays.

This year's fair is titled "Passport to Fun" and will be the 113th to take place in Bluffton.

My senses are ready for this fall's Street Fair — especially my sense of taste.

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GOLDFISH CARTOONS

Harris flip-flops on border wall and betrays Latino supporters

For most of her 20 years in public service, Kamala Harris has pretty much ignored Latinos. And yet, as the Democratic presidential nominee drifts to the right on issues like immigration, Latinos may soon wish they could go back to simply being ignored.

After all, it's better to be overlooked than to be targeted.

It's not easy to see the world in black-and-white terms when you're serving as a district attorney, state attorney general and U.S. senator in a state where Latinos make up more than 40 percent of the population.

Now that Harris is running for president and eager to inoculate herself against the accusation from Republicans that she is soft on illegal immigration, she is overcompensating.

For one thing, as Axios recently noted, Harris now supports building a border wall and spending hundreds of millions of dollars to get it done. In her speech

Harris could have summarized her approach to immigration in a three-word slogan: "Be like Trump."

the Democratic National Convention last week, Harris said that — if she were elected president — she would sign the recent bipartisan border security bill that Republican presidential nominee Donald Trump is widely believed to have scuttled so he could preserve the border crisis as a campaign issue.

That bill requires that as much as \$650 million be used to continue building on the border what Sen. James Lankford (R-Okla.), the lead negotiator, calls "the Trump border wall."

But according to Axios, Harris was against the border wall before she was in favor of it. In 2017, shortly after getting elected to the Senate, she said the wall was a "stupid use of money" and pledged to "block any funding for it." In 2019, Harris called it Trump's "medieval vanity project." In 2020, she wrote on Facebook that the border wall was a "complete waste of taxpayer money" and insisted that it "won't make us any safer."

Harris advisers are trying to spin the flip-flop as being nothing out of the ordinary. They say that the border bill doesn't authorize the spending of any new money to build the wall and that it only extends the timeline to spend funds that were appropriated during the Trump administration.

What a weak argument. So Harris only wants to spend as much money as Trump did? What happened to all that stuff about how the wall was a waste of money and a vanity project?



Ruben Navarrette

In her convention speech, Harris tried to draw a contrast with Trump on immigration — albeit in the most vague language possible. She gave the policy item only three sentences.

"I know we can live up to our proud heritage as a nation of immigrants *and* reform our broken immigration system," she said. "We can create an earned pathway to citizenship *and* secure our border. America, we must also be steadfast in advancing our security *and* our values abroad."

Instead of that hash, Harris could have summarized her approach to immigration in a three-word slogan: "Be like Trump."

In August, a New York Times-Siena College poll of four battleground states — Arizona, Georgia, Nevada and North Carolina — found that Harris got 51 percent of the Latino vote among registered voters, compared with 41 percent for Trump.

That's not good for a Democrat. In 1996, Bill Clinton got 72 percent of the Latino vote. In 2012, Barack Obama got 71 percent. In 2016, Hillary Clinton got 66 percent. In 2020, Biden got 61 percent.

Meanwhile, history shows us that if a Republican can earn the support of at least 4 of 10 Latino voters (i.e., Ronald Reagan who got about 40% of the Latino vote in 1984, or George W. Bush who got around 44% in 2004), their Democratic opponent is in big trouble.

As a Mexican American journalist who has covered politics for more than 30 years, I had a feeling that Harris would sell out Latinos.

We're a cheap date for Democrats. You can promise us little and deliver even less. And still, we'll vote for you. And if you break your promises, we'll vote for you again.

Harris needs the support of union members, suburban Whites and Black voters, and all those groups tell pollsters the United States should take in fewer immigrants.

I just didn't expect this would happen so soon. I imagined Harris would wait until after the election to turn her back on Latinos — and disregard their concerns about border walls. But the election is so close that the Democrat couldn't take the chance. She needs to get her share of the anti-immigrant vote before early voting begins in late September. And that means sounding like Trump, building walls and burning bridges with Latinos.

All of a sudden, simply being ignored is looking pretty good.

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Today in History

By The Associated Press
Today is Tuesday, Sept. 3, the 247th day of 2024. There are 119 days left in the year.

Today in history: On Sept. 3, 1783, representatives of the United States and Britain signed the Treaty of Paris, which officially ended the Revolutionary War and recognized U.S. sovereignty.

Also on this date:

In 1861, during the Civil War, Confederate forces invaded the border state of Kentucky, which had declared its neutrality in the conflict.

In 1894, the United States celebrated the first federal Labor Day holiday.

In 1935, Sir Malcolm Campbell became the first

person to drive an automobile more than 300 miles-per-hour, speeding across the Bonneville Salt Flats in Utah.

In 1939, Britain, France, Australia and New Zealand declared war on Germany, two days after the Nazi invasion of Poland; in a radio address, Britain's King George VI said, "With God's help, we shall prevail."

In 1943, Allied forces invaded Italy during World War II, the same day Italian officials signed a secret armistice with the Allies.

In 1976, America's Viking 2 lander touched down on Mars to take the first close-up, color photographs of the red planet's surface.

The great price-gouging walk back

Never mind. If you thought cracking down on price gouging was a key element of the Kamala Harris economic program — because she said as much in her economic speech a couple of weeks ago — it turns out you were mistaken.

Harris merely wanted people to know how seriously she takes escalating prices at the grocery store. It was only a minor suggestion — trifling, really — to replicate the small-scale anti-price gouging laws seen at the state level. Regardless, we all know that there will never be the votes to pass it through Congress.

In short, nothing to see here. Can't we get back to feeling "the joy"? Insert funny and clickable coconut meme here.

This is basically what Democrat insiders have been saying about a Harris policy proposal that has gotten the most attention of any of her month-long campaign.

As Politico put it: "Under pressure to defend Kamala Harris' grocery price gouging plan, some Democratic lawmakers are delivering a quiet message to anxious allies: Don't worry about the details. It's never going to pass Congress."

The Washington Post notes that Harris allies "are arguing both publicly and privately that her plans have been taken out of context."

That Harris has reversed field



Rich Lowry

on so much of what she said during her ill-fated primary campaign and its aftermath suggests that she wasn't very good at policy in 2019 and 2020. The walk-back on price gouging suggests that she isn't very good at it in 2024, either.

In her speech, Harris said: "So, believe me, as president, I will go after the bad actors. And I will work to pass the first-ever federal ban on price gouging on food. My plan will include new penalties for opportunistic companies that exploit crises and break the rules." Sounds dramatic, right? The "believe me" is a particularly nice touch given how her supporters would immediately be saying, in effect, that she shouldn't be believed.

The premise of the proposal was always ridiculous. The idea that food companies and grocery stores suddenly began to gouge consumers at the moment when supply-chain disruptions, excessive government spending, low interest rates and international disorder drove a historic bout of inflation never made any sense. If they had this kind of market power, they presumably would have exercised it in the decades prior to Joe Biden presiding over a period of runaway prices.

It was equally absurd to pretend that government could make illegal this non-existent problem. If the Federal Trade Commission, the potential vehicle for ending all the alleged price gouging, can magically

end inflation, why didn't the Biden administration use it for this purpose when prices were rapidly accelerating?

Needless to say, no one should have any confidence that the FTC knows what the price of eggs or paper towels should be.

The minimalist gloss on the Harris proposal is that it is, in the words of The Post, "a targeted expansion of existing state powers rather than new government 'price controls' that would transform the U.S. economy."

These state laws are designed to prevent exploitative pricing in the midst of disasters. It's not clear why the federal government itself needs a statute banning people from, say, charging exorbitant amounts for bottled water after hurricanes, or how such a statute would prevent economy-wide inflation.

This back-filling and explaining away wouldn't be necessary if Harris hadn't spoken in such sweeping terms about a new federal power to control prices. And she didn't do it spontaneously, but reading from a script prepared by advisers who presumably gave it some thought.

What we are now being told was a way to convince people how much Harris cares about fighting inflation really shows how little she cares about what she says and what she proposes.

Her allies are making what's ultimately a damning defense — don't mind her, she's just trying to say things that sound good.

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Gloria visits her sister in South Dakota

Good morning from South Dakota! When things fell into place to go see my sister Faith and her husband and son, we were elated. School will soon be in swing and trips would be over.

On Thursday evening after supper we loaded up and by 7:30 we were off. The children did well, most of them got a good bit of sleep in.

Our driver did amazing, and fourteen hours later, we pulled into Lucas and Faith's driveway. What a feeling! After driving for hours, you pull up to a house you've never been to before, and there comes your baby sister beaming with welcome hugs. I can't really tell if I laughed or cried; maybe it was just a combination of both.

The children were beyond pleased when one-year-old Logan waved his arms, smiling his knowing smile. He had not forgotten them. Everyone wanted to be the first to hold him and, of course, be his favorite playmate.

I relished every bit of our tour on their little property. Living in a little town was a new experience for them. Their home has a cozy hue with a privacy fence around a portion of the yard, a sitting area next to fire ring, various flowers, and a sand box for Logan.

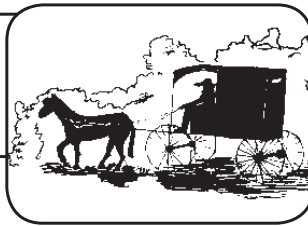
Faith had a yummy snack of tortilla pin wheels, sour dough jelly rolls, and tea ready for us. We talked nonstop. There was so much news to catch up on since their move from Illinois to South Dakota four months ago.

Even more has happened since I rocked her to sleep 22 years ago. Being 12 years older than her, gave me a sense of being a protective big sister. She was born soon after my stillborn sister and was followed by another stillborn baby girl. You can only imagine how loved she was on all sides; she was not taken for granted.

Now, in living in South Dakota, 800 miles from family it was evident

The Amish Cook

by Gloria Yoder



that she had not only grown up, but also learned how to live life by faith, a moment at a time.

The following afternoon I had the opportunity of joining in on a ladies' tea party. Since they are in the process of starting a church, they have a smaller group of ladies. The hostess and her daughters had prepared not only tea and coffee, but also various snacks and pastries including my favorites—bite sized cheese cakes.

Everyone filled their plates and settled in the living room for a time of sharing. Though most of them were complete strangers, there was that bond with others who are going through hard things. One young mom had just bade farewell to her stillborn baby girls. It was still so new and so fresh, it took me right back to those first weeks and months after my beloved went to heaven.

Their love could be felt as they listened to the story of our past years, which they had asked me to share about. They in turn shared of things they are facing in their lives. In conclusion we prayed, giving the hard things to God and opening our hearts to his provision.

In the meanwhile my three oldest boys were outside trying to figure out how to get to know other boys their age. Amazing how shy children can be at first and when the switch flips, everyone is big buddies.

In conclusion I'd like to pass on the recipe for tortilla pinwheels Faith had made, then served when we came to her house. The dill pickles add a unique twist unlike other pinwheels I've had.



If you don't care for the dill flavor you may replace it with sweet pickles.

Veggie Tortilla Roll Ups

- 4-8 inch tortillas
- 1 cup Ranch Dip
- ½ avocado
- ½ green pepper
- 1 small cucumber
- ½ cup dill pickles
- 2 slices ham
- ½ cup shredded cheese of your choice

Spread dip onto tortillas then slice all veggies into strips and place them lengthwise over tortillas (all pointing the same direction). Now beginning at the side of the tortillas, not where the toppings are pointing, roll up tightly. Chill at least two hours then cut each roll into 8 slices.

If desired all toppings may be chopped and spread over tortillas. The above method saves time for mothers who don't have the time to chop all their veggies.

Zanesville News

by Melba Edwards

I still am way to busy! It seems that you take a few days off and then you are way behind. Daughter Robin and I spent those few days with our son Jonathan and his family near Detroit.

When we visit there Jonathan likes to take us to different restaurants. He cooks our breakfast before we leave the house.

We enjoyed seeing pictures of the family's trip to Hungary and Spain. They traveled recently when Maxon was doing fencing.

Jonathan's wife Sarah and the other kids, Arlo, Millie and Ansel, went for the first trip with Jonathan meeting them in Spain.

This is sort of an exchange program like we did with the Lions Clubs. We had 17 exchange students over the years and still some of them keep in touch.

Of course Jonathan wouldn't be one of our sons without loving cars! We spent an afternoon at an area called Woodward where there just happened to be a 20 mile cruise! (My husband Kenny would have loved this.) We drove the 20 miles right along and beside regular and car show cars with about three lanes

on each side of the street. We went one way and then in 20 miles turned around and went back the other 20. Thousand of people lined the street to watch and at times along the side there would be a car show setting!

We also attended one of granddaughter Millie's soccer games.

Back home we attended a football game at South Adams with the Bluffton Tigers taking on the Blackhawk Christian team. Our grandson Brice Bennett coaches the Blackhawk team that he started just last season. He now has 11 men of which Gage and Chip are his sons. Another son Orion

helps out the team looking forward to playing in a few years. Of course the Tigers won with a score of 39 to 6. Brice looks forward to building a larger team and winning games. Bluffton coach Kunkel shared the improvement the Braves have made has been monumental.

A Talk with Tego



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Norwell, Southern Wells and Bluffton finished 1-2-3 in that order in the Bi-county golf meet at Timber Ridge Golf Course on Saturday. Norwell's Ellie Gatton (left) admires her shot during the meet and leading the Knights to a county championship. Southern Wells' Erika Beavans (middle) takes a shot during the meet. Bluffton's Emma Schwartz (right) takes a drive to help her score of 79, an individual top finisher at the event. (Photos by Ryan Walker)

Knights, Raiders and Tigers top bi-county meet; Schwartz 1st overall

The Bi-County golf meet was dominated by Wells County on Saturday.

The Timber Ridge-hosted event was won by Norwell, who shot a 369. Southern Wells got second with a 392, edging Bluffton, 411. In fourth place South

Adams (418), fifth Adams Central (431) and sixth Belmont (447).

Bluffton's Emma Schwartz won her third consecutive 18-hole tournament with a score of 79. She was six strokes higher than the Knights' Ellie Gatton at 85

and Piper Morgan (118). Norwell: Ellie Gatton (85), Emma Burnau (91), Savanna Simerman (94), Jordyn Schoryer (99) and Jessica Bynum (110).

Individual results
Bluffton: Schwartz (79), Eve Corkwell (101), Tressa Renner (115), Addison Kauffman (116)

perger (101) and Collena Reeves (123). Bluffton will host South Adams at 4:30 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 3 and Norwell will split the course and face DeKalb at the same time. Southern Wells will host Wes-Del at 5 p.m. the same day.

Southern Wells: Kolbie Beavans (96), Sophie Meeks (97), Erika Beavans (98), Callie Rip-

Sports Roundup

Knights pick up home NE8 win over Eagles in girls soccer

Norwell improved to .500 in girls' soccer for both the regular season and NE8 records on Saturday.

The Knights defeated Columbia City 3-2, which got them to 2-2 (1-1 NE8) on the year.

Grace Mann netted her team-high fifth goal of the season and was assisted by Addison Roembke. Ridley Sheets and Shae Brooks scored the others.

Maggie Neuenschwander was the goalie for Norwell.

Norwell tied the junior varsity game 0-0 in one half. Emma Garner and Shae Brooks were the goalies for the Knights.

Norwell will travel to No. 8 Belmont at 5:45 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 3.

Norwell goes 3-1 at Prairie Heights VB invitational

Norwell had a successful Prairie Heights Invitational in volleyball over the weekend.

The Knights went 3-1 in the tournament and improved their record to 5-4 on the season.

Norwell won the first game against the hosting school 2-1 (25-21, 21-25, 15-6). Stats were not given or published online. It won the second game over Bishop Luers 2-1 (25-17, 21-25, 15-11). And won the third game over Manchester 2-0 (25-17, 27-25).

Norwell fell in the final game 2-0 over Northeast 8 Conference foe East Noble (25-10, 25-22).

Norwell will be at Southern Wells at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 3.

Raiders go 2-2 in Cowan VB invitational

Southern Wells finished at an even 2-2

record at the Cowan Blackhawk volleyball invitational on Saturday.

The team lost to Southwood 2-0 (9-25, 10-25) and Cowan 2-0 (18-25, 21-25). But the Raiders bounced back and defeated Centerville in a back-and-forth battle 2-1 (23-25, 28-26, 15-13) and Cambridge City Lincoln 2-0 (26-24, 25-14).

Southern Wells is 4-5 on the season after the four-game weekend.

Abbie Powell had a team-high 47 kills for the tournament (115 now on the season) with eight aces and 31 digs. She was named to the all-tournament team. Kila Shelley had 11 kills, five aces and 13 digs. Sydney Alstoft had 51 assists, Kaylea Coffel 16 digs.

Southern Wells will host Norwell at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 3.

Tiger boys finish 2nd, girls 7th at Oak Hill Invitational

Bluffton's cross country teams competed at the Oak Hill Invitational on Saturday.

The Tiger boys placed second overall, and finished just two points behind Fairfield, who had 60 points. Levi Johns was the top runner for Bluffton, finished in second place with a time of 16:32.21 and hit a personal record. Jude Baumgartner came in sixth at 17:06.9, also a personal record. Aidan Graves hit a personal record and crossed him 15th in the finish line with a time of 17:57.0.

The girls placed seventh with a score of 137. Cora Kunkel finished 12th overall with a time of 21:58.5.

Individual results

Boys
Levi Johns finished second with a time of 16:32.21, Jude Baumgartner sixth (17:06.9), Aidan Graves 15th (17:57.0), Jackson Rockwell 16th (17:58.1), Griffin Linderwell 23rd (18:31.4), Ryan Schlagenhaut 30th (19:00.0), Manning Nash 34th (19:14.5), Andy Baumgartner 36th (19:17.7), Owen Lesh 51st

(19:52.2), Clayton Brubaker 53rd (19:58.2), Brett Kuhlbeck 67th (20:46.1), Rhett Gerber 73rd (21:16.0), Azimjon Bahronov 85th (22:27.0) and Jimmy Borabo-Hower 89th (23:11.0).

Team scores

1. Fairfield (60 team points), 2. Bluffton (62), 3. Hamilton Heights (71), 4. Delta (120), 5. Heritage Christian (126), 6. Oak Hill (149), Faith Christian (155), 8. Madison-Grant (157). Inc: Elwood, Carroll (Flora), Tri-Central and Peru.

Girls

Cora Kunkel finished 12th with a time of 21:58.5, Kierstynn Reed 24th (23:52.7), Reagan Harris 30th (24:06.2), Dakota Lee 36th (24:18.9), Briana Ortiz 49th (25:13.8), Amarah Robles 52nd (25:28.6), Juaneliz Rivera Torres 59th (26:32.0) and Namine VanHyfte 73rd (30:28.9).

Team scores

1. Hamilton Heights (29 team points), 2. Fairfield (75), 3. Heritage Christian (86), 4. Oak Hill (107), 5. Delta (113), 6. Faith Christian (121), 7. Bluffton (137) and 8. Elwood (251). Inc: Carroll (Flora), Madison-Grant, Tri-Central and Peru.

Bluffton will be at Norwell for the Bi-County Conditioner at 5 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 3.

Knights, Raiders compete in Taylor XC invitational

Norwell and Southern Wells both were at the Taylor University cross country invitational on Saturday.

The Knight girls were the top team of the four, finishing third overall with 135 team points, sitting behind Zionsville and Homestead. The Southern Wells girls finished 13th. Ashley Tucker and Mia Kurtz finished 31st and 33rd for Norwell, and Marianne Pease finished 61st for Southern Wells.

The Norwell boys placed 10th and the Southern Wells boys 14th. Norwell's Gage

Reinhard was the top runner for the boys at 26th, while Kelton Barr finished 63rd and was the top for Southern Wells.

Individual results:

Boys Norwell

Gage Reinhard finished in 26th place with a time of 17:11.4, Gavin Threewits 38th (17:32.7), Kayden Robbins 85th (18:51.7), John Baxter 92nd (19:21.0), Zathan Westfall 96th (19:31.0), James Springer 111th (20:06.3), Kale Meredith 121 (20:31.1), Parker McCartney 123rd (20:36.1), Elijah Jacob 124th (20:36.1) and Wyatt Lukins 185th (24:50.8).

Southern Wells

Kelton Barr finished in 63rd with a time of 18:14.9, Jarin Frauhiger 94th (19:30.5), Colter Kiel 105th (19:55.6), Miles Garrett 110 (20:05.4), Peyton Ellis 113th (20:08.8), Kane Jenkins 130th (20:58.0), Daniel Isasi Escudero 139th (21:24.3) and Braden Yencer (23:25.7).

Team scores

1. Homestead (44 team points), 2. Zionsville (74), 3. Yorktown (105), 4. Western (137), 5. Marion (146), 6. Princeton Community (157), 7. Madison Consolidated (233), 8. Adams Central (247), 9. Kokomo (252), 10. Norwell (255), 11. Maconaquah (301), 12. Eastbrook (306), 13. Tipton (317), 14. Southern Wells (352), 15. Mississinewa (430), 16. Randolph Southern (432), 17. Blue River Valley (467). Inc: North Miami.

Girls

Norwell

Ashley Tucker finished 31st with a time of 21:06.1, Mia Kurtz 33rd (21:22.5), Macy Oatess 41st (21:41.4), Ashley Waldman 44th (21:46.2), Brooklyn Meyer 54th (22:21.2), Mya Oatess 85th (23:40.4), Addison Meyer 96th (24:13.8), Kylee Hannie 99th (24:26.2), Teagan Lesley 104th (24:47.5), Lyanna Kel-

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High School Calendar

TUESDAY, SEPT 3

BOYS TENNIS: Manchester at Bluffton, 5 p.m.; Carroll at Norwell, 4:30 p.m.

BOYS SOCCER: Belmont at Norwell, 6:30 p.m.

CROSS COUNTRY (co-ed): Bluffton, Norwell, Southern Wells at bi-county Conditioner (Norwell), 5 p.m.

GIRLS GOLF: South Adams at Bluffton, 4:30 p.m.; DeKalb at Norwell, 4:30 p.m.; Wes-Del at Southern Wells, 5 p.m.

GIRLS SOCCER: Norwell at Belmont, 6:30 p.m.

VOLLEYBALL: Marion at Bluffton, 7 p.m.; Norwell at Southern Wells, 7 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, SEPT 4

BOYS TENNIS: Wayne at Bluffton, 5 p.m.; Oak Farm at

Norwell, 5:30 p.m.

GIRLS GOLF: Bluffton at Concordia, 4:30 p.m.; Woodlan at Southern Wells, 5 p.m.

VOLLEYBALL: Wayne at Norwell, 7:30 p.m.

THURSDAY, SEPT 5

BOYS SOCCER: Norwell at Jay County, 6 p.m.

BOYS TENNIS: Columbia City at Norwell, 5 p.m.

GIRLS GOLF: Bluffton at Heritage, 5 p.m.; Norwell at Huntington North, 4:30 p.m.; Southern Wells at South Adams, 5 p.m.

GIRLS SOCCER: Jay County at Norwell, 5:30 p.m.

VOLLEYBALL: Bluffton at Manchester, 7 p.m.; Norwell at South Adams, 7:30 p.m.

FRIDAY, SEPT 6

FOOTBALL: Bluffton at

South Adams, 7 p.m.; Norwell at Leo, 7 p.m.; Southern Wells at Jay County, 7 p.m.

SATURDAY, SEPT 7

CROSS COUNTRY (co-ed): Bluffton at Manchester Invitational, 8 a.m.; Norwell, Southern Wells at Marion Invitational, 8:30 a.m.

GIRLS SOCCER: North Side at Norwell, 10 a.m.

VOLLEYBALL: Raider-4 Way Invitational (Southern Wells), 9 a.m.

MONDAY, SEPT 9

BOYS TENNIS: Leo at Bluffton, 5 p.m.; Norwell at South Adams, 4:30 p.m.

VOLLEYBALL: Bluffton at Northfield, 7 p.m.

Scottie Scheffler caps off record season with FedEx Cup title

By DOUG FERGUSON

AP Golf Writer

ATLANTA (AP) — A Masters green jacket and an Olympic gold medal. A first-time father and his first time being arrested. A year Scottie Scheffler won't forget ended the best way possible Sunday when he won the FedEx Cup to cap off golf's best season in nearly two decades.

"If you can describe it in words, more power to you," Scheffler said after his

four-shot victory in the Tour Championship for his eighth win of the year. "Because I don't think I can."

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Sports Roundup

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ley 113th (25:09.7) and Adalynn Fausz 132 (26:08.0).

Southern Wells

Marianna Pease finished 61st with a time of 22:50.9, Sarah McFarren 121st (25:46.0), Keely Miller 139th (26:25.2), Gracie Reeves 161st (28:32.6), Kamaron Hawkins 162nd (28:38.5), Chanie Mounsey 172nd (29:55.0) and Shaylinn Geesaman 173rd (30:12.7).

Team scores

1. Homestead (30 team points), 2. Zionsville (45), 3. Norwell (135), 4. Maconaquah (159), 5. Western (164), 6. Yorktown (181), 7. Princeton Community (182), 8. Eastbrook (191), 9. Adams Central (226), 10. Marion (255), 11. Randolph Southern (287), 12. Kokomo (324) and 13. Southern Wells

(355). Inc: Blue River Valley, Mississinewa and North Miami.

Norwell and Southern Wells will be at the Bi-County Conditioner at Norwell starting at 5 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 3.

Bluffton football earns receiving votes in IFCA

Bluffton's football team enters week three of the IFCA coach's poll with receiving votes on Tuesday. It places the Tigers 12th overall based on votes.

Knights fall to Hornets in away boys' soccer

Angola took down Norwell for its second loss of the season on Saturday. The Knights lost 2-1 to the Hornets

and are now 4-2 on the season.

Kale Fuess got the goal for Norwell. Angola won the junior varsity contest 3-1.

Norwell will host Belmont at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 3.

Knights fall in JV football

Norwell fell 20-8 in junior varsity football on Saturday.

E.J. Morgan connected with Cooper Bunn for a 17-yard touchdown pass and then completed a pass to Lance Meriweather for a 2-point conversion to get the Knights' eight points.

On defense, Grant Shelton and Lincoln Moyer each had a sack. Meriweather with an interception and Mark Golden with a fumble recovery.

Leonard leads No. 7 Notre Dame's win vs. No. 20 Texas A&M

By KRISTIE RIEKEN

AP Sports Writer

COLLEGE STATION, Texas (AP) — Tied with Texas A&M late in the fourth quarter of his Notre Dame debut Saturday night, quarterback Riley Leonard had no doubt in his ability to lead the Fighting Irish to victory. "Everybody had all the confidence in the world that we were going to be able to go down there and score," he said. "It was just a matter of when." Leonard orchestrated an 8-play, 85-yard drive capped by a 21-yard touchdown run by Jeremiyah Love with 1:54 left and No. 7 Notre Dame beat No. 20 Texas A&M 23-13 in the opener for both teams.

Raiders' middle school has big day

Southern Wells' middle school cross country teams traveled to the Oak Hill Invitational on Saturday. Both the boys and the girls finished second out of the 12-team field. The boys' top runners were: Logan Leas in sixth place, Chase Kirkwood (seventh), Colten Fiechter (11th), Rylan Leas (12th), Vance Mounsey (22nd), Rhett Tucker (48th) and Logan Rogers (52nd). Top girls' runners were: Aubree Neuenschwander in sixth place, Grace Rogers (13th), Tenley Fiechter (19th), Anna McFarren (22nd) Parker Bryant (26th), Ellie Nichols (27th) and Alexis Sunderman (32nd). (Photo submitted)



Agriculture

U.S. House Ag Trade Caucus working to boost exports, improve policy

By SABRINA HALVORSON
Hoosier Ag Today

As the USDA is projecting a \$42.5 billion U.S. ag trade deficit for fiscal year 2025, a new congressional caucus is working to improve U.S. ag trade and trade-related policies.

The bipartisan Congressional Agricultural Trade Caucus was launched earlier this year by four members of the U.S. House—two are Republican and two are Democrat.

The lawmakers say their goal in creating the caucus is to solidify support for trade policies that benefit all those along the food and

agricultural supply chains.

Rep. Adrian Smith (R-NE-03), who serves as co-chair, highlights work of the Caucus.

"We have been promoting the aspects of why trade is important. I think sometimes U.S. agriculture is taken for granted in terms of the overall trade agenda," Smith said. "We want to make sure that stakeholders hear from us and that we have good interaction, good conversations of saying, 'OK, here what a particular trade policy means' ultimately to producers and to consumers."

The Caucus recently sent a letter to the Ambassador

of Colombia to the United States expressing concerns regarding investigation into U.S. exports of powdered milk products.

"We export about fifteen percent of our dairy. We have very efficient production. I think we want to look at opportunities to increase that number. Other countries get very protective," he said. "Canada is a prime example that they get very protective of their own dairy production. So, we're going to have to engage more though to explain to other countries that opening this up is good for their consumers, good for their industry and we can benefit from that as well."

Smith is one of four founders and co-chairs of the caucus. The others are Rep. Jimmy Panetta (D-CA-19), Rep. Jim Costa (D-CA-21), and Rep. Dusty Johnson (R-SD-At-Large).

The caucus may have a lot of work ahead to correct the projected U.S. ag trade deficit for fiscal year 2025. According to USDA Chief Economist Seth Meyer, sharply declining commodity prices, as well as a slower Chinese economy, continued strength of the U.S. dollar, and China diversifying its sources for trade are among the top factors that have led to the recent ag trade deficit.

USDA clears the path for GM wheat

By AGDAILY

The U.S. Department of Agriculture has cleared a major regulatory hurdle for Bioceres Crop Solutions Corp.'s HB4 wheat technology, potentially paving the way for the first genetically modified wheat to enter the North American market. This milestone, announced today, marks a transformative moment in agricultural biotechnology, though it is not without its challenges.

The USDA's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service conducted a thorough analysis of HB4 wheat. It concluded that it poses no greater risk of becoming a plant pest than traditional wheat varieties. As a result, HB4 wheat will not be subject to the stringent regulations under 7 CFR part 340, which govern genetically engineered organisms.

"Wherever wheat is grown in the world, drought takes its toll on yields and quality, so an innovation like HB4 holds a lot of interest for growers like me," said U.S. Wheat Associates Past Chairman and Okarche, Oklahoma, wheat grower Michael Peters. "With global demand for wheat hitting new records almost every year, there is concern about variable production.

However, despite this regulatory success, major international buyers of U.S. wheat, including Mexico, the Philippines, and Japan, have not approved HB4 wheat. This raises concerns about the market acceptance of genetically modified wheat, echoing a situation from two decades ago.

Back then, Monsanto Co. attempted to commercialize

a wheat variety engineered to withstand treatments of its Roundup weed-killer. The initiative was halted in 2004 after international buyers threatened to boycott U.S. wheat if the product was introduced. Bayer AG, which purchased Monsanto in 2018, faced similar market pressures in the past, underscoring the ongoing tension between agricultural innovation and global trade dynamics.

This green light from the USDA does allow for the commercial production of HB4 wheat in the United States and builds on the positive review already received from the Food and Drug Administration for its use in human and animal food. The U.S., a global wheat powerhouse, now joins Argentina, Brazil,

and Paraguay in authorizing HB4 wheat, marking a significant shift in the landscape of wheat production.

Bioceres has emphasized that HB4 wheat has been approved for food and feed use in several countries, including Australia, New Zealand, South Africa, and Chile. In Australia, a key wheat-producing region grappling with severe water shortages, Bioceres has secured a license for field trials aimed at gathering data to support future production.

HB4 wheat was engineered from the Cadenza variety and incorporates two key genetic modifications. The first involves the HaHB4 gene from sunflowers, which plays a crucial role in helping the plant withstand environmental stresses. The second modification introduces the

bar gene from *Streptomyces hygroscopicus*, providing resistance to the herbicide glufosinate.

Given the complexity of the wheat genome, which consists of about 17 billion base pairs and numerous repetitive sequences, the genetic event known as IND-00412-7 was meticulously characterized using Next Generation Sequencing techniques. The HaHB4v gene was precisely located on chromosome 2D, confirmed through detailed analysis using single nucleotide polymorphism markers across various wheat populations.

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Drama at the gender reveal

Dear Annie: I recently hosted a gender reveal in my home for my daughter and son-in-law's first child. I invited family and my closest friends to witness this amazing event. My two best friends were there. They drank the entire time they were here. They chose to single out one particular person I invited — and to treat her very rudely.

At the end of the evening, I called these friends out in my kitchen by themselves about the way they treated her. My one friend began to scream and shout and point her finger at me and then proceed to point at the girl and tell her that she doesn't like her and has never liked her. The reason is that she doesn't talk to her daughter at work, and apparently, they both work together. I know alcohol played a role in this behavior; however, it's been two weeks, and neither one of my friends has apologized.

In fact, my friends feel they did nothing wrong and that I disrespected them. I don't know where to go with this and would welcome your advice. I don't really feel I owe them any apology for treating someone so disrespectfully in my home, and the fact that they have not apologized truly makes me wonder if they were ever my friends. Where do I go from here? — Disappointed Friend

Dear Disappointed Friend: Where you go from here is exactly where you are. If you don't feel that you owe them an apology, then you certainly don't owe them one. You are correct that alcohol probably played a role in their rude behavior. You told them how you felt, and now the ball is in their court, not yours. If they want to come back to you and have a conversation (not necessarily an apology) to talk about where they were coming from, then be open to that.

Dear Annie: I was very moved by your letter from "Left Speechless," the older mom of three children. My parents were so blessed to have me "later in life." My sister was a miracle baby, and I was a blessing, as my parents

always told me. I do recall a time in grade school when one of my classmates asked me if my mother was my grandmother. I remember being very confused and telling him, "No!" I didn't understand why he said that. (I now realize that his mother was almost half my mother's age when he made that comment to me, as she had him very, very young.)

I wanted to let "Left Speechless" know that although I lost my mother when I was only 27, for those 27 amazing years, she was the best mother I could have ever asked for. There is something that comes with maturity, wisdom and the intense desire to have children. We were her world, and she loved us like no other. Your three children are just as lucky to have you as a mother as you are to have them!

Unfortunately, we, too, struggled with infertility, and IVF was sadly not an option for us because of the money. I'm sending all my love to "Left Speechless." Next time, smile bigger and let the whole world know that those kiddos are yours! XO. — So Blessed

Dear So Blessed: I love your letter. Thank you for sharing. I hope it helps others.

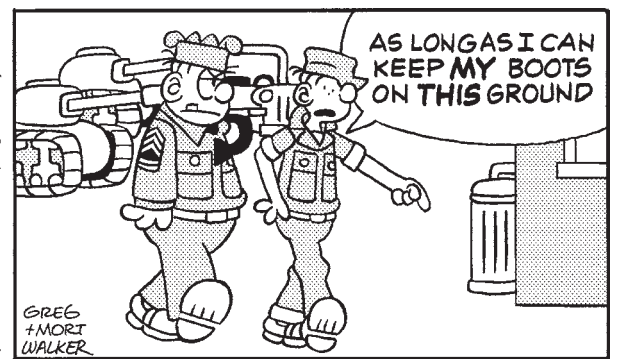
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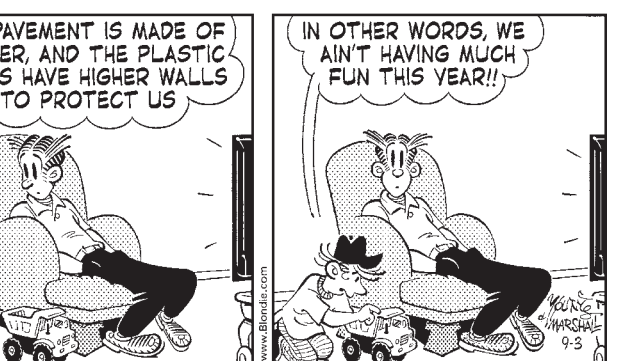
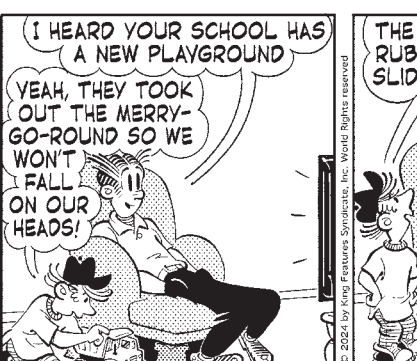
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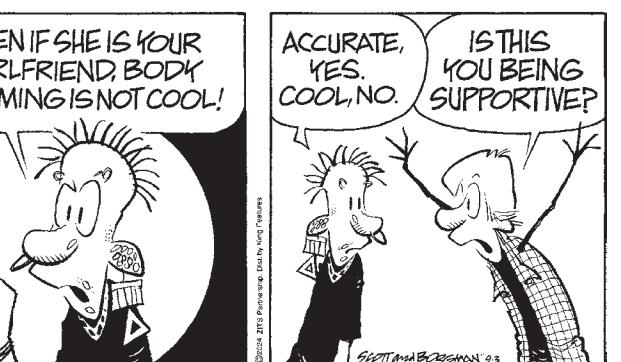
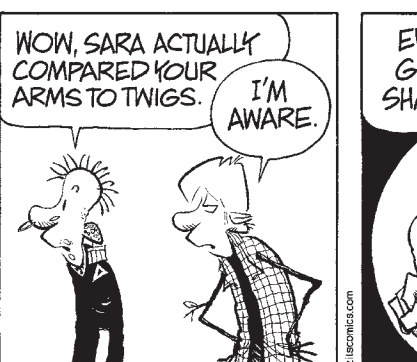
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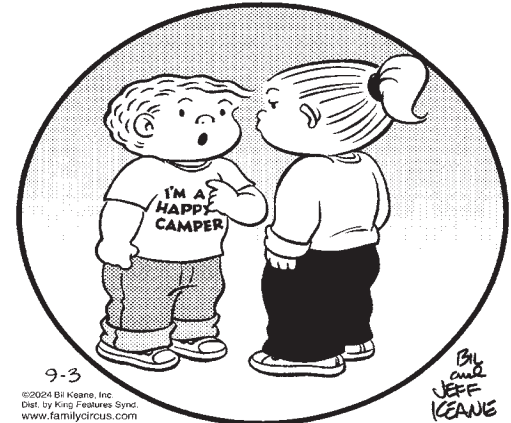
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THE FAMILY CIRCUS

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The LOCKHORNS



My Answer



By Dr. Billy Graham

The Word of God does not change

do cry out that Jesus lives.

not change. The Dead Sea Scrolls, archaeology, modern science; they do not change the Bible — they confirm it.

The Bible uses the word rock in many passages. Not only will the rocks cry out testifying of Christ, but David said, "To You I will cry, O Lord my Rock: Do not be silent to me" (Psalm 28:1, NKJV). And the psalmist also wrote, "Oh come ... ! Let us shout joyfully to the Rock of our salvation" (Psalm 95:1, NKJV). This is why Christians sing, "On Christ the solid rock I stand; all other ground is sinking sand."

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

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Question: I'm fascinated by archaeology and will be joining a crew going to Greece for a study on the subject. I saw a trailer on television about an upcoming video series "Israel Explored." Some of the testimonials from archaeologists document digs and finds and it does make the passage in the Bible intriguing that says, "The very rocks will cry out." But what does it really mean? And why is Jesus sometimes called the Rock? — F.F.

Answer: Archaeology is a sought-after adventure. Some enter this field studying antiquities, to disprove the Bible. When many brush the dust of the Earth from their knees, they confess that Jesus is Lord! The very rocks

Archaeologist William Albright, born in Chile, stated, "There can be no doubt that archaeology has confirmed the substantial historicity of Old Testament tradition." Jewish archaeologist Nelson Glueck said, "It may be stated categorically that no archaeological discovery has ever controverted a Biblical reference. Scores of archaeological findings have been made which confirm in clear outline or in exact detail historical statements in the Bible."

When the Pharisees told Jesus to silence His followers for proclaiming Him the King of glory, Jesus said, "I tell you that if these should keep silent, the stones would immediately cry out" (Luke 19:40, NKJV).

The Word of God does

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CBS WANE (15)	2	15	15		News (N)	Inside Edition (N)	News at 6 (N)	CBS News (N)	Wheel of Fortune	Jeopardy!	FBI	FBI: International	FBI: Most Wanted	Nightcast	(35) Late Show-Colbert	(35) After Mid. (N)				
Antenna WANE-2 (152)	106	20			Chicago Fire "Looking for a Lifeline"	Chicago Fire "The Chance to Forgive"	Chicago Fire "The One That Matters Most"	Chicago Fire "Put White on Me"	Chicago Fire "When They See Us Coming"	Chicago Fire "Where I Want to Be"	Chicago Fire "Where I Want to Be"	Chicago Fire "Where I Want to Be"	Chicago Fire "Where I Want to Be"	Chicago Fire "Where I Want to Be"	Chicago Fire "Where I Want to Be"	Chicago Fire "Where I Want to Be"	Chicago Fire "Where I Want to Be"	Chicago Fire "Where I Want to Be"	Chicago Fire "Where I Want to Be"	Chicago Fire "Where I Want to Be"
ABC WPTA (21)	4	3	21	21	ABC21 News at 5 (N)	ABC21 (N)	ABC World News (N)	Ent. Tonight (N)	Bach'tette "Finale and After the Final Rose" A woman meets a number of men and tries to narrow them down to one who could steal her heart. (SF) (N)	Got Talent Eleven acts take the stage live; America can vote for two acts to advance to the semi-finals.	Password	News (N)	(35) Tonight Show (N)	(35) Seth Meyers (N)						
NBC WPTA-2 (212)	7	8	14		Family Feud	25 Words or Less	News (N)	NBC News (N)	Family Feud	Family Feud	Chicago Fire	Chicago Fire	Chicago Fire	Chicago Fire	Chicago Fire	Chicago Fire	Chicago Fire	Chicago Fire	Chicago Fire	Chicago Fire
MNT WPTA-3 (213)	10	9	56	34	The King of Queens	King "Tank of Heaven"	Modern Family	News (N)	Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing	Chicago Fire	Chicago Fire	Chicago Fire	Chicago Fire	Chicago Fire	Chicago Fire	Chicago Fire	Chicago Fire	Chicago Fire	Chicago Fire
CW WISE (38)	8	4	33	33	S. Wilkos "I Went to Prison for a Knife Attack."	Call the Midwife	PBS News Hour (N)	BBC News America	Healthline America	Brothers Celebrating The Allman	Tina Turner: One Last Time	Amanpour and Company (N)	Amanpour and Company (N)	Amanpour and Company (N)	Amanpour and Company (N)	Amanpour and Company (N)	Amanpour and Company (N)	Amanpour and Company (N)	Amanpour and Company (N)	Amanpour and Company (N)
PBS WFWA (38)	13	5	39	39	Call the Midwife	Context	The Day	PBS News Hour (N)	GOSPEL Live! Presented by Henry Louis Gates, Jr.	Beat Shazam "Beatbox Shazam" (N)	The Quiz With Balls (N)	FOX 55 News First at 10 (N)	Young Sheldon	Young Sheldon	Neighbor	Neighbor				
PBS WFWA (38)	13	5	39	39	Call the Midwife	Context	The Day	PBS News Hour (N)	GOSPEL Live! Presented by Henry Louis Gates, Jr.	Beat Shazam "Beatbox Shazam" (N)	The Quiz With Balls (N)	FOX 55 News First at 10 (N)	Young Sheldon	Young Sheldon	Neighbor	Neighbor				
FOX WFTT (55)	6	5	55	55	WFTT Fox News at 5 (N)	WFTT Fox News at 6 (N)	Big Bang	Big Bang	Beat Shazam "Beatbox Shazam" (N)	The Quiz With Balls (N)	FOX 55 News First at 10 (N)	Young Sheldon	Young Sheldon	Neighbor	Neighbor					
CABLE CHANNELS																				
LIFE	23	113	108	252	Castle "Rise"	Castle "Heroes & Villains"	Castle "Head Case"	Castle "Kick the Baddie"	Castle "Eye of the Beholder"	(05) Castle "Demons"	(05) Castle "Cops & Robbers"	Castle "Kick the Baddie"								
FX	24	132	136	148	Iron Man 2	Iron Man 2	Iron Man 2	Iron Man 2	Iron Man 2	Iron Man 2	Iron Man 2	Iron Man 2	Iron Man 2	Iron Man 2	Iron Man 2	Iron Man 2	Iron Man 2	Iron Man 2	Iron Man 2	Iron Man 2
TVLAND	25		106	304	Andy Griffith	Andy Griffith	Andy Griffith	Andy Griffith	Andy Griffith	Andy Griffith	Andy Griffith	Andy Griffith	Andy Griffith	Andy Griffith	Andy Griffith	Andy Griffith	Andy Griffith	Andy Griffith	Andy Griffith	Andy Griffith
E!	26	142	114	236	Modern Family	Modern Family	Modern Family	Modern Family	Modern Family	Modern Family	Modern Family	Modern Family	Modern Family	Modern Family	Modern Family	Modern Family	Modern Family	Modern Family	Modern Family	Modern Family
PARMT	30		241	241	Two and a Half Men	Two and a Half Men	Two and a Half Men	Two and a Half Men	Two and a Half Men	Two and a Half Men	Two and a Half Men	Two and a Half Men	Two and a Half Men	Two and a Half Men	Two and a Half Men	Two and a Half Men	Two and a Half Men	Two and a Half Men	Two and a Half Men	Two and a Half Men
ESPN	31	50	140	206	(12:00) US Open Quarterfinals (L) (N)	Around (N) Pardon (N)	ESPN BET Live (L) (N)	NFL Live (N)	NFL's Greatest Games	30 for 30 The Minister of Defense	30 for 30 The Two Bills	UFC								
ESPN2	32	54	143	209	(6:00) MLB Baseball	SportsCenter (L) (N)	Life All-Star Game	Cardinals! MLB Baseball Pre (L) (N)	Cardinals! MLB Baseball Pre (L) (N)	Cardinals! MLB Baseball Pre (L) (N)	Cardinals! MLB Baseball Pre (L) (N)	Cardinals! MLB Baseball Pre (L) (N)	Cardinals! MLB Baseball Pre (L) (N)	Cardinals! MLB Baseball Pre (L) (N)	Cardinals! MLB Baseball Pre (L) (N)	Cardinals! MLB Baseball Pre (L) (N)	Cardinals! MLB Baseball Pre (L) (N)	Cardinals! MLB Baseball Pre (L) (N)	Cardinals! MLB Baseball Pre (L) (N)	Cardinals! MLB Baseball Pre (L) (N)
FSMW	33		418	971	Law & Order: SVU "Decline and Fall"	Law & Order: SVU "Decline and Fall"	Law & Order: SVU "Decline and Fall"	Law & Order: SVU "Decline and Fall"	Law & Order: SVU "Decline and Fall"	Law & Order: SVU "Decline and Fall"	Law & Order: SVU "Decline and Fall"	Law & Order: SVU "Decline and Fall"	Law & Order: SVU "Decline and Fall"	Law & Order: SVU "Decline and Fall"	Law & Order: SVU "Decline and Fall"	Law & Order: SVU "Decline and Fall"	Law & Order: SVU "Decline and Fall"	Law & Order: SVU "Decline and Fall"	Law & Order: SVU "Decline and Fall"	Law & Order: SVU "Decline and Fall"
USA	34	133	105	242	Law & Order: SVU "Decline and Fall"	Law & Order: SVU "Decline and Fall"	Law & Order: SVU "Decline and Fall"	Law & Order: SVU "Decline and Fall"	Law & Order: SVU "Decline and Fall"	Law & Order: SVU "Decline and Fall"	Law & Order: SVU "Decline and Fall"	Law & Order: SVU "Decline and Fall"	Law & Order: SVU "Decline and Fall"	Law & Order: SVU "Decline and Fall"	Law & Order: SVU "Decline and Fall"	Law & Order: SVU "Decline and Fall"	Law & Order: SVU "Decline and Fall"	Law & Order: SVU "Decline and Fall"	Law & Order: SVU "Decline and Fall"	Law & Order: SVU "Decline and Fall"
DISC	35	72	182	278	Deadliest Catch "A Wrinkle in Time"	Deadliest Catch "A Wrinkle in Time"	Deadliest Catch "A Wrinkle in Time"	Deadliest Catch "A Wrinkle in Time"	Deadliest Catch "A Wrinkle in Time"	Deadliest Catch "A Wrinkle in Time"	Deadliest Catch "A Wrinkle in Time"	Deadliest Catch "A Wrinkle in Time"	Deadliest Catch "A Wrinkle in Time"	Deadliest Catch "A Wrinkle in Time"	Deadliest Catch "A Wrinkle in Time"	Deadliest Catch "A Wrinkle in Time"	Deadliest Catch "A Wrinkle in Time"	Deadliest Catch "A Wrinkle in Time"	Deadliest Catch "A Wrinkle in Time"	Deadliest Catch "A Wrinkle in Time"
TLC	36	73	183	280	Welcome to Plathville	Fat Fabulous	Fat Fabulous	Fat Fabulous	Fat Fabulous	Fat Fabulous	Fat Fabulous	Fat Fabulous	Fat Fabulous	Fat Fabulous	Fat Fabulous	Fat Fabulous	Fat Fabulous	Fat Fabulous	Fat Fabulous	Fat Fabulous
HST	38	77	120	269	Antic Antics "Area 52"	Antic Antics "Area 52"	Antic Antics "Area 52"	Antic Antics "Area 52"	Antic Antics "Area 52"	Antic Antics "Area 52"	Antic Antics "Area 52"	Antic Antics "Area 52"	Antic Antics "Area 52"	Antic Antics "Area 52"	Antic Antics "Area 52"	Antic Antics "Area 52"	Antic Antics "Area 52"	Antic Antics "Area 52"	Antic Antics "Area 52"	Antic Antics "Area 52"
ARE	39	134	118	265	The First 48	The First 48	The First 48	The First 48	The First 48	The First 48	The First 48	The First 48	The First 48	The First 48	The First 48	The First 48	The First 48	The First 48	The First 48	The First 48
HALL	40	117	185	312	Roadhouse Romance (2021, Romance) Tyler Hynes, Michael Teigen, Lauren Alaina.	Roadhouse Romance (2021, Romance) Tyler Hynes, Michael Teigen, Lauren Alaina.	Roadhouse Romance (2021, Romance) Tyler Hynes, Michael Teigen, Lauren Alaina.	Roadhouse Romance (2021, Romance) Tyler Hynes, Michael Teigen, Lauren Alaina.	Roadhouse Romance (2021, Romance) Tyler Hynes, Michael Teigen, Lauren Alaina.	Roadhouse Romance (2021, Romance) Tyler Hynes, Michael Teigen, Lauren Alaina.	Roadhouse Romance (2021, Romance) Tyler Hynes, Michael Teigen, Lauren Alaina.	Roadhouse Romance (2021, Romance) Tyler Hynes, Michael Teigen, Lauren Alaina.	Roadhouse Romance (2021, Romance) Tyler Hynes, Michael Teigen, Lauren Alaina.	Roadhouse Romance (2021, Romance) Tyler Hynes, Michael Teigen, Lauren Alaina.	Roadhouse Romance (2021, Romance) Tyler Hynes, Michael Teigen, Lauren Alaina.	Roadhouse Romance (2021, Romance) Tyler Hynes, Michael Teigen, Lauren Alaina.	Roadhouse Romance (2021, Romance) Tyler Hynes, Michael Teigen, Lauren Alaina.	Roadhouse Romance (2021, Romance) Tyler Hynes, Michael Teigen, Lauren Alaina.	Roadhouse Romance (2021, Romance) Tyler Hynes, Michael Teigen, Lauren Alaina.	Roadhouse Romance (2021, Romance) Tyler Hynes, Michael Teigen, Lauren Alaina.
SYFY	41	135	122	244	Deepwater Horizon (2016, Thriller) Kurt Russell, Douglas M. Griffin, Mark Wahlberg.	Deepwater Horizon (2016, Thriller) Kurt Russell, Douglas M. Griffin, Mark Wahlberg.	Deepwater Horizon (2016, Thriller) Kurt Russell, Douglas M. Griffin, Mark Wahlberg.	Deepwater Horizon (2016, Thriller) Kurt Russell, Douglas M. Griffin, Mark Wahlberg.	Deepwater Horizon (2016, Thriller) Kurt Russell, Douglas M. Griffin, Mark Wahlberg.	Deepwater Horizon (2016, Thriller) Kurt Russell, Douglas M. Griffin, Mark Wahlberg.	Deepwater Horizon (2016, Thriller) Kurt Russell, Douglas M. Griffin, Mark Wahlberg.	Deepwater Horizon (2016, Thriller) Kurt Russell, Douglas M. Griffin, Mark Wahlberg.	Deepwater Horizon (2016, Thriller) Kurt Russell, Douglas M. Griffin, Mark Wahlberg.	Deepwater Horizon (2016, Thriller) Kurt Russell, Douglas M. Griffin, Mark Wahlberg.	Deepwater Horizon (2016, Thriller) Kurt Russell, Douglas M. Griffin, Mark Wahlberg.	Deepwater Horizon (2016, Thriller) Kurt Russell, Douglas M. Griffin, Mark Wahlberg.	Deepwater Horizon (2016, Thriller) Kurt Russell, Douglas M. Griffin, Mark Wahlberg.	Deepwater Horizon (2016, Thriller) Kurt Russell, Douglas M. Griffin, Mark Wahlberg.	Deepwater Horizon (2016, Thriller) Kurt Russell, Douglas M. Griffin, Mark Wahlberg.	Deepwater Horizon (2016, Thriller) Kurt Russell, Douglas M. Griffin, Mark Wahlberg.
TBS	43	130	139	247	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang
TNT	44	131	138	245	Independence Day	Independence Day	Independence Day	Independence Day	Independence Day	Independence Day	Independence Day	Independence Day	Independence Day	Independence Day	Independence Day	Independence Day	Independence Day	Independence Day	Independence Day	Independence Day
AMC	45		131	254	We Are Marshall (2006, Drama) Matthew Fox, Ian McShane, Matthew McConaughey.	We Are Marshall (2006, Drama) Matthew Fox, Ian McShane, Matthew McConaughey.	We Are Marshall (2006, Drama) Matthew Fox, Ian McShane, Matthew McConaughey.	We Are Marshall (2006, Drama) Matthew Fox, Ian McShane, Matthew McConaughey.	We Are Marshall (2006, Drama) Matthew Fox, Ian McShane, Matthew McConaughey.	We Are Marshall (2006, Drama) Matthew Fox, Ian McShane, Matthew McConaughey.	We Are Marshall (2006, Drama) Matthew Fox, Ian McShane, Matthew McConaughey.	We Are Marshall (2006, Drama) Matthew Fox, Ian McShane, Matthew McConaughey.	We Are Marshall (2006, Drama) Matthew Fox, Ian McShane, Matthew McConaughey.	We Are Marshall (2006, Drama) Matthew Fox, Ian McShane, Matthew McConaughey.	We Are Marshall (2006, Drama) Matthew Fox, Ian McShane, Matthew McConaughey.	We Are Marshall (2006, Drama) Matthew Fox, Ian McShane, Matthew McConaughey.	We Are Marshall (2006, Drama) Matthew Fox, Ian McShane, Matthew McConaughey.	We Are Marshall (2006, Drama) Matthew Fox, Ian McShane, Matthew McConaughey.	We Are Marshall (2006, Drama) Matthew Fox, Ian McShane, Matthew McConaughey.	We Are Marshall (2006, Drama) Matthew Fox, Ian McShane, Matthew McConaughey.
COM	47		107	249	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Seinfeld
FS1	48	64	150	219	Speak Emmanuel Aho, Joy Taylor, and LeSean McCoy discuss the biggest sports topics of the day.	Speak Emmanuel Aho, Joy Taylor, and LeSean McCoy discuss the biggest sports topics of the day.	Speak Emmanuel Aho, Joy Taylor, and LeSean McCoy discuss the biggest sports topics of the day.	Speak Emmanuel Aho, Joy Taylor, and LeSean McCoy discuss the biggest sports topics of the day.	Speak Emmanuel Aho, Joy Taylor, and LeSean McCoy discuss the biggest sports topics of the day.	Speak Emmanuel Aho, Joy Taylor, and LeSean McCoy discuss the biggest sports topics of the day.	Speak Emmanuel Aho, Joy Taylor, and LeSean McCoy discuss the biggest sports topics of the day.	Speak Emmanuel Aho, Joy Taylor, and LeSean McCoy discuss the biggest sports topics of the day.	Speak Emmanuel Aho, Joy Taylor, and LeSean McCoy discuss the biggest sports topics of the day.	Speak Emmanuel Aho, Joy Taylor, and LeSean McCoy discuss the biggest sports topics of the day.	Speak Emmanuel Aho, Joy Taylor, and LeSean McCoy discuss the biggest sports topics of the day.	Speak Emmanuel Aho, Joy Taylor, and LeSean McCoy discuss the biggest sports topics of the day.	Speak Emmanuel Aho, Joy Taylor, and LeSean McCoy discuss the biggest sports topics of the day.	Speak Emmanuel Aho, Joy Taylor, and LeSean McCoy discuss the biggest sports topics of the day.	Speak Emmanuel Aho, Joy Taylor, and LeSean McCoy discuss the biggest sports topics of the day.	Speak Emmanuel Aho, Joy Taylor, and LeSean McCoy discuss the biggest sports topics of the day.
WE	53		307	307	Vargas Report (L) (N)	The Hill (L) (N)	On Balance (L) (N)	On Balance (L) (N)	On Balance (L) (N)	On Balance (L) (N)	On Balance (L) (N)	On Balance (L) (N)	On Balance (L) (N)	On Balance (L) (N)	On Balance (L) (N)	On Balance (L) (N)	On Balance (L) (N)	On Balance (L) (N)	On Balance (L) (N)	On Balance (L) (N)
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BRavo	60	140	129	237	Housewives of Dubai	Housewives of Dubai	Housewives of Dubai	House												

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Saturday's Drawings HOOSIER LOTTERY

- Cash 5 — 02-03-21-24-33
- Cash4Life — 18-22-25-36-37, Cash Ball: 04
- Lotto Plus — 04-16-17-19-40-43
- Quick Draw Midday — 05-09-11-12-19-22-29-37-40-
- 41-50-53-59-63-66-68-70-74-75-76, BE: 05
- Daily Three-Midday — 07-01-08, SB: 08
- Daily Three-Evening — 00-03-06, SB: 02
- Daily Four-Midday — 04-04-04-00, SB: 08
- Daily Four-Evening — 08-05-04-05, SB: 02
- Quick Draw Evening — 01-07-08-10-21-23-30-32-35-
- 36-47-51-52-54-59-66-68-74-77-78, BE: 47
- Hoosier Lotto — 03-05-08-20-33-37

POWERBALL

04-34-35-38-69; Powerball: 19; Power Play: 2X

Sunday's Drawings HOOSIER LOTTERY

- Cash 5 — 07-18-26-36-45
- Cash4Life — 06-21-33-49-50, Cash Ball: 02
- Quick Draw Midday — 01-07-11-15-17-25-28-33-42-
- 43-46-52-56-58-64-66-69-76-78-80, BE: 66
- Daily Three-Midday — 06-01-04, SB: 03
- Daily Three-Evening — 03-02-04, SB: 09
- Daily Four-Midday — 06-04-09-06, SB: 03
- Daily Four-Evening — 06-08-09-05, SB: 09
- Quick Draw Evening — 01-02-03-04-13-15-18-29-35-
- 37-40-41-43-48-52-60-62-64-66-77, BE: 35

Monday's Drawings HOOSIER LOTTERY

- Cash 5 — 01-02-11-14-27
- Cash4Life — 05-28-29-47-50, Cash Ball: 01
- Quick Draw Midday — 01-07-10-20-22-28-31-33-51-
- 52-55-56-58-59-61-65-70-73-76-77, BE: 61
- Daily Three-Midday — 07-01-08, SB: 09
- Daily Three-Evening — 01-06-08, SB: 04
- Daily Four-Midday — 05-08-05-04, SB: 09
- Daily Four-Evening — 07-03-03-07, SB: 04
- Quick Draw Evening — 04-06-07-12-18-19-25-27-28-
- 41-42-44-49-60-63-64-74-77-79-80, BE: 49
- Hoosier Lotto — Estimated jackpot (for Wednesday): \$20.8 million

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U.S. election season about to start, first ballots go out within days

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It might feel like the presidential election is still a long way off. It's not.

Election Day on Nov. 5 is only about two months away, and major dates, events and political developments will make it fly by. The stretch between now and then will go as fast as summer break from school in most parts of the country.

The first mail ballots will be sent to voters this Friday. The first presidential debate is set for Sept. 10. Former President Donald Trump, the Republican nominee, is scheduled to be sentenced in his New York hush money case on Sept. 18. And early in-person voting will start as soon as Sept. 20 in some states.

Here's a look at why the calendar will move quickly, with the Democratic and Republican conventions over and Labor Day signaling the traditional start of campaign season.

Who's ready to vote?

The first batch of ballots typically sent out are ones to military and overseas voters. Under federal law, that must happen at least 45 days before an election — which this year is Sept. 21.

Some states start earlier. North Carolina will begin sending mail ballots to all voters who request them, including military personnel and overseas voters, on Sept. 6.

Voter registration deadlines vary by state, with most falling between eight and 30 days before the election, according to the National Conference of State Legislatures. The deadline is Oct. 7 in Georgia, one of this year's most prominent presidential battlegrounds.

Nearly all states offer some version of in-person voting, though the rules and dates vary considerably. In Pennsylvania, another of the major presidential battleground states, voters can visit their local election office to request, complete and return a mail ballot beginning Sept. 16. For those counting, that's a little over two weeks from now.

The gloves come off. Whether, where and under what rules the Democratic and Republican presidential and vice presidential nominees will debate has

been a point of contention for weeks. But for now, two match-ups are on the calendar.

Trump and Democratic presidential nominee Kamala Harris have accepted an invitation from ABC News to debate Sept. 10 in Philadelphia.

Harris' pick for vice president, Minnesota Gov. Tim Walz, and Trump's, Ohio Sen. JD Vance, have agreed to an Oct. 1 debate hosted by CBS News in New York City.

Harris has forecast a possible second debate with Trump, but her proposal appeared to be contingent on the GOP nominee's participation in the Sept. 10 debate. Trump has proposed three presidential debates with different television networks.

Vance has challenged Walz to another vice presidential debate on Sept. 18, although it's not been set.

A possible criminal sentence for Trump

Trump is scheduled to be sentenced Sept. 18 in his hush money criminal case, though his lawyers have asked the judge to delay the proceeding until after Election Day. A decision is expected early this month.

In a letter to Judge Juan M. Merchan, Trump's lawyers suggested that holding the sentencing as scheduled, about seven weeks before Election Day, would amount to election interference. On Sept. 16, Merchan is expected to rule on Trump's

request to overturn the guilty verdict and dismiss the case because of the U.S. Supreme Court's July presidential immunity ruling.

Trump was convicted in May on 34 counts of falsifying business records to conceal a \$130,000 hush money payment to porn actor Stormy Daniels just before the 2016 presidential election. Falsifying business records is punishable by up to four years in prison. Other potential sentences include probation, a fine or a conditional discharge that would require Trump to stay out of trouble to avoid additional punishment.

Next steps in Trump's other New York cases

On Friday, the 2nd U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals will hear arguments in Trump's appeal of a jury's verdict last year ordering him to pay \$5 million to writer E. Jean Carroll after it found him liable for sexually assaulting and defaming her. Trump also is appealing a verdict in a second trial in January in which a jury found him liable on additional defamation claims and ordered him to pay Carroll \$83.3 million. Trump's lawyers have until Sept. 13 to file a brief in that appeal.

On Sept. 26, a New York appeals court will hear oral arguments in Trump's challenge of a nearly \$500 million civil fraud judgment in state Attorney General Letitia James' lawsuit against him. The court typically

rules about a month after arguments, meaning a decision could come before the November election. Trump's lawyers argue that a judge's Feb. 16 finding that the former president lied for years about his wealth as he built his real estate empire was "erroneous" and "egregious." State lawyers responded in court papers this week that there's "overwhelming evidence" to support the verdict.

What about Trump's election and document cases?

A state case in Georgia that charged Trump and 18 others in a wide-ranging scheme to overturn his 2020

loss in the state is stalled with no chance of going to trial before the election.

Federal prosecutors have brought two criminal cases against Trump, but one was dismissed by a judge last month and the other is likely to be reshaped by the recent U.S. Supreme Court opinion that conferred broad immunity on former presidents for official acts they take in office.

Special counsel Jack Smith has appealed the dismissal by U.S. District Judge Aileen Cannon of an indictment charging Trump with hoarding classified documents at his Mar-a-Lago estate in Florida and

obstructing the FBI's efforts to get them back. But even if a federal appeals court reinstates the case and reverses the judge's ruling that Smith's appointment was unconstitutional, there's no chance of a trial taking place this year.

In light of the Supreme Court's immunity ruling, a federal judge in Washington is now tasked with deciding which allegations in a separate case charging Trump with plotting to overturn the 2020 election can remain part of the prosecution and which ones must be discarded. Deciding which acts are official and which are not is likely to be an arduous process.

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- SEPTEMBER 17 - 2-6 p.m. ET - Online - Greenbush, Inc., farm.** Property location: 1231 N 740 E, Marion. 242.9+/- acres, classified forest, barns, quality farmland, timber, Van Buren Twp., Grant Co. Tract 1: 80+/-A, barns. Tract 2: 55.5+/-A. Tract 3: 18.3+/-A. Tract 4: 7.1+/-A, potential building site, 42'x56' barn, 30'x31' barn. Tract 5: 63+/-A, 55.28+/- classified forest. Tract 6: 19+/-A, 18.7+/- classified forest. Timber value appraisal available. Open house Sept. 7, 1-4 p.m., Steve Goodwin (forester) present. Rick Johnloz, 260-827-8181, Emma Barr, 260-494-0992, Jason Johnloz, 260-273-9177, *Halderman Real Estate & Farm Management*, halderman.com, 800-424-2324.
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- OCTOBER 2 - 6 p.m. - Ruby Johnson, Brant Johnson, owner.** Auction location: Lighted Gardens Reception Hall, 10794 N. State Road 1, Ossian. Property location: 14631 Smith Rd., Yoder. 48+/- acres offered in 4 tracts and combinations. Productive tillable land, excellent road frontage and access along Smith Rd., 2,400+ sq. ft. sprawling brick ranch home on full basement with 20x30 outbuilding, Allen County. Inspection Sept. 9 & 16, 5-7 p.m. Auction manager Jared Sipe, 260-750-1553, *Schrader Real Estate and Auction of Fort Wayne*, 866-340-0445, SchraderFortWayne.com.
- NOVEMBER 14 - 6 p.m. - Becher Family Farms LLC, sellers.** Auction location: Adams Co. 4H Expo Hall, 160 W. Washington St., Monroe, IN. Four tracts, Washington Township, Adams County. Tract 1: 82.88 acres, County Rd. 200 West, Sec 18. Tract 2: 80.2 acres, County Rd. 450 North, Sec 8. Tract 3: 35.05 acres, County Rd. 450 North, Sec 9. Tract 4: 39.97 acres, County Rd. 400 North, Sec 9. *Heartland Auction & Realty, Inc.*, heartlandauctionrealty.com, 260-724-3499.

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