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City considers logos, may go back to the drawing board

By JONATHAN SNYDER

During meetings this week about the city of Bluffton's 2025 budget, the Common Council discussed the next steps for its rebranding project.

Throughout those meetings, the council addressed concerns that the public had about the proposed new logos designed by Reusser Marketing of Fort Wayne. Some of the concerns included the bison being a county symbol, the logo not representing Bluffton's history well and the overall appearance.

"If you have to explain it to me and show me the historical text of it, then the point isn't made," Council member Rick Elwell stated, quoting one of the complaints he received. "If I can't look at it and garner some kind of concept as to what it is, where it came from or where it's going without a dissertation for it ... then we missed the mark."

Elwell proposed that the expectations of the rebranding were not communicated as well as they should have.

"This wasn't said to you (Council member Chandler Gerber) so I get it, you went off and did what you were supposed to do," Elwell said. "It's not that I disliked this (logo) completely, I'm not saying that. It feels like we probably should redefine our expectations on some of these things moving forward so that we don't walk away feeling that we didn't get any options or choices. It's not against anyone that was involved in the effort, I just wonder that we weren't detailed enough in the beginning to communicate those expectations."

While the council agreed that multiple logos would have been a good option to have, Council member Josh Hunt and Ger-

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Above is the proposed new logo for Bluffton. At left is the proposed new flag design. (Photos provided by Joe Beste)



Above, various members of the Wells County Trails board and Vera Cruz town board members from past and present cut the ribbon. From left to right, Janella Stroncsek, Kevin Ripple, Sheila Flotow, Cynthia Mulkey, Mason Raines, Judy Mikesell, Malvra Grover, Michael Lautzenheiser and AJ Springer. (Photos by Jonathan Snyder)

Vera Cruz celebrates new paddlesports launch site

By JONATHAN SNYDER

Vera Cruz's Paddlesports Launch ramp was officially opened in a ribbon-cutting ceremony Friday.

Area Plan Commission Executive Director Mike Lautzenheiser addressed the crowd of over 55 people in attendance for the ceremony. Lautzenheiser discussed the project's history, the people involved in construction and funding and thanked the Wells County Trails board members and Vera Cruz's town board for their support. Members of the Wells County Trails board, as well as past and present members of Vera Cruz's town council, helped cut the ribbon after Lautzenheiser spoke.

The project started three years ago, with both the Trails board and Vera Cruz wanting to develop a kayak launch for a younger demographic. Vera Cruz saw the success of the launch site at the White Bridge in Bluffton and wanted to see something similar. Trails board member and Bluffton kayak club member Brandy Fiechter stated kayaking and paddlesports have grown in popularity ever since the



From left to right, Dave Croy, Randy Gentis, Marylou Gentis and Jody Gentis discuss the new launch.

COVID-19 pandemic.

Similar to the White Bridge launch, the Vera Cruz site has a grooved concrete kayak ramp. Lautzenheiser stated that it is wide enough that a vehicle could head down the ramp, which would cut down on hauling kayaks and materials. The site also has a gravel driveway leading to two parking areas.

"We got a chance to really see the product and fell in love with the concept we could put in," Lautzenheiser said. "An easy up and down kayak launch that's wide enough to back a vehicle

down, is slip-proof and can get you right down to the water."

The Wells County Commissioners helped fund the engineering and environmental studies of the area. Isch Excavating dug up the original land that was there and installed the prefabricated concrete ramp. Donations, sponsorships and grants from the Wells County Foundation, the Indiana Housing and Community Development Corporation, and the Caylor-Nickel Foundation were some of the project sponsors for the launch.

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Man sentenced to six years in prison for meth possession

By SYDNEY KENT

A man from Ossian was ordered to spend the next six years in prison after he pled guilty to possessing drugs.

Zachary Andrew Osborn, 32, Ossian, pled guilty to one count of possession of methamphetamine, a Level 4 felony.

One count of dealing methamphetamine, a Level 2 felony, possession of methamphetamine, a Level 4 felony, possession of paraphernalia, a Class A misdemeanor, and possession of marijuana and a Class B misdemeanor, were all dismissed according to a plea agreement.

The charges were filed in May when an unidentified caller reported that Jerron Jackson had a warrant for his arrest. The caller advised Jackson was located at Osborn's residence near 1100 North S.R. 1 in Ossian.

Osborn reportedly confirmed that Jackson was inside before permitting officers to

enter the residence. Upon entering, officers ordered Osborn to hand over a glass pipe with white residue that he was reportedly attempting to conceal.

Multiple subjects in the residence were detained. A search of the property revealed seven glass vials, each containing a white crystal substance, a digital scale, and additional paraphernalia — all located in Osborn's bedroom.

Police located a scanner and printer combo with one sheet of computer paper with copied 10 and five dollar bills in the living room and kitchen of the residence.

Officers located counterfeit money, additional smoking devices and a clear plastic bag containing a white crystal substance in another area of the home. Three additional subjects, along with Osborn, were arrested.

Jodi Ann Sluder, 47, Ossian, settled her

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Absenteeism rates improve, still trail pre-COVID attendance

New law passed earlier this year seeks to curb absences, it's still up to school officials, local prosecutors to take specific action.

By CASEY SMITH Indiana Capital Chronicle

New data shows school attendance across Indiana is improving, but thousands of Hoosier students are still missing multiple days — even weeks — of school each year.

The latest attendance numbers released by the Indiana Department of Education last month reported that 17.8% of K-12 students — roughly 219,000 kids — were "chronically absent" during the most recent 2023-24 school year, meaning they missed at least 18 days.

It's the second year in a row that the number of chronically absent students went down, dropping from 19.2% in 2023, and 21.1% in 2022.

The department has not yet made available other attendance data.

A full attendance report released last year by the state agency, for example, showed that about 40% of students statewide missed 10 or more school days during the 2022-23 term. Those students do not meet the definition of "chronically absent," however.

An ongoing issue

Student absences have been on the rise

since the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic in Indiana and across the nation. Chronic absenteeism surged during the pandemic, nearly doubling to peak at 21.1% in 2022, according to IDOE.

Even so, Indiana's rates were lower than the nationwide average.

The National Center for Education Statistics said that 72% of schools across the country reported an increase in chronic absenteeism in the 2021-22 school year compared to pre-pandemic levels, emphasizing that elevated rates of chronic absenteeism are "one of the biggest obstacles to the nation's post-COVID academic recovery." The worst attendance rates in Indiana and in schools across the United States were reported among elementary schoolers, according to state and national data.

Educators around the state say the reasons for absences vary, but family challenges some students face at home, along with hard-to-break tendencies to keep kids home when even mildly unwell — a habit borne out of the pandemic — are key factors. And schools are getting creative to try to combat

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A glimpse of fall weather today, chilly tonight

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# City considers logos

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ber warned that many logo options would yield too many opinions to settle on one.  
Elwell and the council acknowledged that changing a logo and colors that have represented the city for generations will have pushback regardless, but agreed that the city needed a “refresh.” Council member Scott Mentzer stressed that a solution for this must be found, stating that they owe it to Reusser Marketing, the taxpayer and to the council’s work that they find a way to finish the project.  
“We’ve invested a reasonable amount of money into this,” Mentzer said. “We’re at a point where Reusser’s not going back to the drawing board and create new imagery. The scope of their work is not going to increase. We gotta figure out how to take the next step.” The city entered a \$20,000 contract with Reusser for the logos.  
The council then pro-



Above are some implementation ideas of the logos made by Reusser Marketing. (Photo provided by Joe Beste)

posed to pay extra for Reusser to go back to the drawing board. No official offer was made and no money amount was specified. The council then stressed that the public needs to know the context behind the logos and why

they were chosen. “To scrap this whole project at this stage of the game — that would be embarrassing,” Gerber said. An informational brief on the symbolism behind the bison logo will be available at a Bluffton Free Street Fair

booth. Additionally, Elwell stated that an explanation for the logos should be available on the web page and all Bluffton social media pages. An official decision on the logos will be made in October.  
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# Meth possession

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case in July. Sluder was sentenced to 794 days in prison with 730 days suspended and 64 days of jail credit after she pled guilty to one count of possession of methamphetamine, a Level 6 felony. Charges for counterfeiting money and application fraud were dismissed.  
Two additional cases in connection to the arrest are still pending.

Jeremy Scot Jackson, 43, Fort Wayne, was charged with counterfeiting and application fraud and possession of methamphetamine, both Level 6 felonies, and possession of paraphernalia, a Class C misdemeanor. Jackson is scheduled for a pretrial conference at 9 a.m. on Sept. 9 in the Wells Superior Court.  
Jerron Mikel Jackson, 30, Bluffton, was located in the bathroom and

arrested on a warrant for possession of methamphetamine, a Level 6 felony. Jackson is scheduled for a pretrial conference at 9 a.m. on Sept. 9 in the Wells Superior Court.  
Osborn was recommended for purposeful incarceration, a substance abuse treatment program available in prison. If he completes the program, he may be eligible for a sentence modification.  
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# Paddlesports launch site

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This launch will be a midway stop for people traveling from the Linn Grove launch point and the White Bridge launch. Before

the Vera Cruz site, it would take approximately six hours to travel by kayak from Linn Grove to the White Bridge. “We think this is something that’s going to increase

tourism opportunities and make nice connections between the launches,” Fiechter said. “So they’ve got options of taking a short trip or a longer trip.”

“We’re very proud of it,” former town board member Sheila Flotow said. “It’s a good opportunity for the town.”  
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# Absenteeism rates improve

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the growing problem. IDOE officials are also working on responses to improve school attendance, including development of a new “Attendance Insights” dashboard that breaks down weekly habitually truant and chronic absenteeism rates at the local and school levels. The state has already made the tool available to Hoosier school officials and plans to launch a public version later this year.

groups with the largest gaps in state language arts and math testing since the pandemic are more likely to be chronically absent. But policymakers have struggled to advance significant solutions for absenteeism.

The final draft of Senate Enrolled Act 282 — approved earlier this year — prompts Indiana school districts to take a tougher stance on student truancy, though it’s up to schools to decide how to craft and execute local policies.

ments to include middle and high school students, given that the new law only dealt with those in grades K-6.

The Indiana Code specifically defines chronic absenteeism as being absent 18 or more days within a school year for any reason — a higher standard than “habitual truancy,” which is ten or more days without an excuse.

The law calls for schools to intervene early when younger students have repeated absences without excuses. Parents of a student in grades K-6 who has missed five days of school within 10 weeks, without being excused, are to be notified by the school and required to create a plan to improve the student’s attendance.

The new statute also mandates that school districts create an absenteeism prevention policy, which could include wrap-around services, referrals to counselors or other social service help. A violation of the law could result in a class B

# OSSIAN DAYS

## SEPTEMBER 12, 13, 14, 2024

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Thursday, September 12th

9am-3pm **Booth Setup**  
3pm **Booths Open**  
3pm-5:30pm **Forrest Carvings** Chainsaw Carving Demonstration  
4pm-7pm **Smoked Pork Chop Dinner** \$15 per Dinner  
5pm **RIDES OPEN**  
6pm **Helen Witte Pie Auction** Business of the Year Announcement  
6:30pm **Lance Hunter Humanitarian Award Announcement**  
9pm **Festival closes for the day**

Friday, September 13th

5pm **RIDES OPEN**  
5pm-8pm **Norwell Show Choir:** Whole hog sausage dinner, \$12.00  
5:30-7:30 **Free face painting** provided by Ossian Days Inc; beside the Ossian Days booth.  
6pm **Ossian Days Prince & Princess Contest**  
7pm **Applejack Cloggers** in front of the Event Tent  
8:30-10pm **Nathan’s Karaoke & D.J. Service** in front of event tent

Saturday, September 14th

7:00am-8:30am **Fishing Tournament** Archbold-Wilson Park pond. Ages 1-5, 6-10, 11-15. Gifts cards to top 3 in each group. All participants get a prize.  
7am-10:30am **Pancake & Sausage Breakfast** St. Aloysius Knights of Columbus. Adults \$8.00, Children \$3.00, Under 5 free  
9:30am **Big Wheel Race sign-ups begin.** Ages 3-6  
This year F. & M. Bank north employee parking lot. NEW LOCATION!  
10am **Big Wheel Race** All participants get prizes; winners get trophies; awards following the final race.  
12 noon **RIDES OPEN**  
12 noon **Donut Hole Eating Contest;** in front of the event tent. Register at Ossian Days Booth. Contestants under 18 must have parent/guardian signature to compete.  
1pm **Bessie’s Movement:** behind event tent on Craig Street. Bessie’s Movement tickets are \$5 per square. You can buy them at the Ossian Deli, Ossian Do-It Best Hardware, Farmer’s and Merchants Bank and Ginger Fresh Market. We only sell 240 tickets, so purchase yours soon! If her “movement” falls on your square, you win \$500 prize.  
4pm **Parade line up** Fill out form at [www.ossiantdays.com](http://www.ossiantdays.com) and submit on website by September 12. Check-in at Town Hall.  
4:30pm **Float Judging**  
5pm **Parade Begins**  
After parade **Platinum Sponsor Acknowledgments** (please have representative come to the announcers table) **Presentations to float winners** (if your float is announced as a winner, please have a representative come to the announcers table right after the parade)  
6:00 -9:00pm **Free face painting and balloon animals** provided by Ossian Days Inc; beside the Ossian Days booth.  
7pm-9pm **\*Free Live music in the event tent.** Austin City Band Austin City plays country, rock & roll and oldies.  
10pm **Festival Closes**

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# Weather

Saturday, September 7, 2024  
(24-hour observations at 10:11 p.m. Friday)  
**High: 74; Low: 55; Precipitation: 0.40 inches of rain**  
**Wabash River Level** (at the Main Street bridge): 1.07 feet at 7:45 p.m. Friday

## Wells County forecast

**Today:** Sunny, with a high near 65. Northwest wind 5 to 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.  
**Tonight:** Mostly clear, with a low around 39. Northwest wind 5 to 10 mph becoming light after midnight.  
**Sunday:** Sunny, with a high near 70. Calm wind becoming west around 5 mph in the afternoon.  
**Sunday Night:** Clear, with a low around 47. Calm wind.  
**Monday:** Sunny, with a high near 79.  
**Monday Night:** Clear, with a low around 50.  
**Tuesday:** Sunny, with a high near 84.  
**Tuesday Night:** Mostly clear, with a low around 55.  
**Wednesday:** Sunny, with a high near 87.  
**Wednesday Night:** Mostly clear, with a low around 57.  
**Thursday:** Sunny, with a high near 88.  
**Thursday Night:** Partly cloudy, with a low around 59.  
**Friday:** Mostly sunny, with a high near 87.

## Corrections and clarifications

Friday’s News-Banner misstated that the new sidewalk initiative for the city would be paid for through its credit fund. The Common Council chose to pull money from a planned additional hire in the Parks Department and reallocate funds from the original sidewalk matching initiative into the Street Department.

## You are Invited!

Sunday September 8, 2024  
At 10:00 am

**Six Mile Church**  
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# Bluffton Parks & Rec News & Notes



By Brandy Fiechter

## Destination Recreation

We are thrilled to announce the resounding success of the 50th anniversary of the Parlor City Trot, which saw a remarkable doubling of participants from the previous year! This event was a proud moment for us as it was a Fort Wayne Track Club point series event and the Road Runner Club of America's Indiana State Championship half-marathon event. We extend our heartfelt gratitude to Fort Wayne Orthopedics for their invaluable support as our presenting sponsor and to Adams Wells Internet Telecom TV, the First Bank of Berne, the Wabash River Heritage Corridor Commission and the Wells County Visitor & Information Bureau for their generous sponsorship.

We would also like to thank Greg Reynolds for leading the runners on his bike, the Bluffton High School Football Team for getting up early to man all the water stops, the Bluffton PD for helping at the start and on the course, the Bluffton Street Department for setting up barricades and EACH AND EVERY volunteer who helped along the course and at check-in. (Amy Johnson, Kara Frank, Torrie and Jonah Baumgartner, Evan Baumgartner, Kirk Baumgartner, Ayla Rossworm and Megan Hunter and friend).

As we eagerly anticipate the completion of the new section of the Interurban trail, we feel it's time to remind everyone of trail use etiquette. By adhering to these safety tips, we can all contribute to a positive and enjoyable trail experience for everyone.

### Safety Tips:

- Obey the provided street signs and use the pedestrian signals at road crossings. Stop, look and listen for vehicle traffic before proceeding across the road.
- Walkers should use the right side of

the trail; the slowest traffic should be kept right.

- Pass others on the left. Just like out on the road, faster trail users should pass slower users on the left. Give an audible warning with a bell, or call out "Passing on your left." Bicycle speeds can startle other trail users, so don't wait to give your warning until you are right next to the walker or runner.
- If you use earbuds while on the trail, ensure the volume is low enough to hear others.
- Pets on the trail should always be under control, and pet waste must be removed immediately.
- Don't litter along the trails.
- At busy areas on the trail, avoid walking three abreast. Two people walking side by side fill up a lot of trail. When faster traffic comes up from behind, switch from walking abreast to in-line to give them room to pass you safely.
- High-speed bike riding is inappropriate for the trails and should be done on public roadways. Please slow to appropriate speeds to share the trail with slower users.

### Trail Use for Parents with Small Children

Keep an eye on children on the path. Be mindful that kids sometimes veer into the path of oncoming traffic, especially cyclists who cannot slow down quickly. If your child is cycling, be sure they are skilled enough to control the bike and maneuver as needed to share the trail and safely pass.

It's time to book your fall and winter parties. Dates are filling up for the Indoor Pavilion at Washington Park, and the NEW Lancaster Park pavilion is currently open while the weather stays nice, so call the park office at 824-6069 to reserve.

Have a great week!

## OBITUARIES

### Herbert G. Heyerly, 79

Herbert G. Heyerly, 79, of Bluffton, passed away on Friday morning, Sept. 6, 2024, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.



A lifelong resident of Wells County, Herb was born on Sept. 20, 1944, in Wells County to Luster and Martha (Neuenschwander) Heyerly. He graduated from Ossian High School in 1962. He served in the Army National Guard from 1964 to 1970. Herb worked as a meat cutter at Maloley's and then Heyerly's Market, which he owned and operated for several years. He retired from Bluffton Harrison Elementary School, where he worked for 15 years. Herb enjoyed landscaping and keeping his lawn looking beautiful. He was a longtime member of First Baptist Church in Bluffton.

On Oct. 20, 1985, Herb and Janet Pease were married in Bluffton. Together they have shared 39 years of marriage.

Survivors include his wife, Janet of Bluffton, along with two sons, Jade M. Heyerly of Bluffton and Jared M. (Angel) Heyerly of Ossian. He was a loving grand-

pa to four grandchildren, Trenton Kern, Aubreyan Heyerly, Addyson Heyerly and Rylan Heyerly. He is also survived by his sister, Sue (John) Lantz of Bluffton, and many extended family members.

Herb is preceded in death by his parents and a son, Kirby Heyerly.

Visitation will be held from 2 to 8 p.m. on Monday, Sept. 9, 2024, at the Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home in Bluffton and for one hour prior to the service.

Funeral services will take place at 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 10, 2024, at the Funeral Home with Pastor Les Cantrell officiating. Burial will follow at Fairview Cemetery in Bluffton.

Memorials may be made to Tunnel to Towers Foundation or to Friends Who Care Cancer Relief Foundation and should be directed to the funeral home.

Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the care of the Lemler family of Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home in Bluffton. Friends can share online condolences with the family at [www.thomarich.com](http://www.thomarich.com).

## Imagine Early director to speak to Optimists

Ashleigh King, the executive director of Imagine Early will be the speaker on Wednesday, Sept. 11, at the Bluffton Optimist Club. Imagine Early is a childhood education coalition of Adams and Wells

counties.

The meeting will begin at 11:30 a.m. at the Hoosier House Restaurant at the south edge of Bluffton. Visitors and guests are welcome to attend.

## American Legion to host dinner on Sept. 13

The American Legion Post 111 will hold its monthly dinner a week early due to the Bluffton Free Street Fair. The dinner will be from 5-7 p.m. on Sept. 13 at the post home, 111 W Washington St.

Oven baked chicken, two sides and pie will be served for \$12. Tickets are required and can be purchased at the post.

### Anna L. Nash

Calling: 12 - 5 p.m. Sunday, September 8. Service: 5 p.m. Sunday, September 8 at the funeral home.

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## Police Notebook

### INCIDENTS

**City:** Thursday, 2:12 p.m., Bluffton High School. Student found in possession of a vape.

Thursday, 5:02 p.m., 400 block of South Williams Street. Weed violation.

Thursday, 6:13 p.m., First Presbyterian Church. Citation issued for expired plates.

Thursday, 6:36 p.m., Linger Inn. Man reportedly banging on the caller's room an hour ago. Stephen Butt arrested on warrant.

Thursday, 10:37 p.m., Wings, Etc. Altercation between two customers. Parties separated.

Friday, 11:29 a.m., Bluffton High School. Student found in possession of a vape.

### County:

Thursday, 5:58 p.m., Meridian Road and 1000S, Keystone. Car versus groundhog.

Thursday, 7:49 p.m., 450E and S.R. 116, Bluffton. Haul versus barricade. State highway department contacted, no injuries.

Thursday, 11:23 p.m., 500N 600E, Bluffton. Caller reported tree limb fell and knocked power line down.

Friday, 10:18 a.m., 1000N 300W, Markle. Report of couch in ditch.

### Ossian:

Thursday, 8:26 p.m., Silo Farms. Report of door left open.

Thursday, 8:28 p.m., Meridian Road and 1100N,

Ossian. Report of man stopped in vehicle near intersection, vehicle had flat tire.

### ACCIDENTS

**City:** Saturday, Aug. 31, 11:03 a.m., Horton Street at Liberty Street. Victoria Wayman, 21, Bluffton, was driving a 2013 Ford Explorer and failed to yield the right-of-way to a 2010 BMW driven by Gabriel Jones, 18, Bluffton. Both vehicles were towed from the scene. Damage did not exceed \$10,000.

Sunday, 4:17 a.m., S.R. at the intersection of Wilowbrook Trail. Officer arrived the scene to find a 2011 Chevrolet Malibu facing northbound in the southbound lane. The vehicle appeared to have left the northbound lane, crossing the center lane and striking the walking path, going over the curb, and hitting the lighted walk sign. The driver, Douglas D. Ferris, 37, Ossian, admitted to drinking and driving but didn't believe he was in an accident. A nine-year-old was in the back seat at the time. The vehicle was towed by Pemberton's and Ferris was arrested. Damage did not exceed \$10,000.

Tuesday, 11:17 a.m., 2100 N Main Street. Julia M. Taylor, 29, Bluffton was driving a 2012 GMC Terrain in the Walmart parking lot and was reportedly not paying attention when the vehicle collided head-on with a

stop sign. Vehicle was towed by Freeman's. Damage did not exceed \$5,000.

Tuesday, 4:21 p.m., Main Street at Dustman Road. Robert L. Meyer, 69, Bluffton, was driving a 2024 Dodge Durango and began turning through the northbound lanes from the turn lane when a 2017 Ford Edge driven by Coty Smelser, 36, Ossian, struck Meyer's vehicle. Meyer was transported by EMS with complaint of arm and shoulder pain. Both vehicles were towed from the scene. Damage did not exceed \$50,000.

Tuesday, 5 p.m., S.R. 1 at the intersection of Capri Court. Mykenzie S. Price, 22, Bluffton, was driving her 2014 Subaru Forester southbound on S.R. 1, turning left through a yellow light at the intersection when a northbound 2018 Chevrolet Silverado pick-up truck driven by David Bradler, 27, Bluffton, struck her vehicle. Price stated that a northbound vehicle had waved her on to turn and Bradler had attempted to beat the yellow light before the collision. Bradler said he did not see the vehicle turning. Damage did not exceed \$2,500.

Wednesday, 6:58 p.m., 1111 S Adams St. Cody Iorg, 28, Summersville, Kentucky, was backing a 2023 Freightliner Cascadia and sideswiped a parked trailer belonging to First Fleet. Iorg then pulled forward causing damage to the other parked

trailer next to the one he originally struck. Damage did not exceed \$10,000.

Thursday, 5:10 p.m., S.R. 1 at the intersection of Dustman Road. Jalen C. Fiechter, 23, Bluffton, was driving a 2005 Chevrolet Silverado pick-up truck northbound on S.R. 1 and thought he had the green light and a 2020 Honda Odyssey driven by Timothy Drayer, 48, Bluffton, struck the vehicle. Drayer stated that he though he had the green light heading west on Dustman Road when Drayer ran the red light. An independent witness stated that Fiechter was the one to run the red light. Both vehicles were towed. Damage did not exceed \$50,000.

### FIRES

Thursday, 6:37 p.m., Super-Pufft. Fire alarm. Tested for carbon monoxide.

Thursday, 9:33 p.m., 5817 N Main St., Uniondale. Report of natural gas smell in home for about 30 minutes.

Thursday, 11:23 p.m., 522 N 500 E, Bluffton. Tree limb down on power lines.

### ARRESTS

Stephen Patrick Butt, 32, Bluffton; harassment, a Class B misdemeanor. Bond set at \$1,000.



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JOSHUA 3:17

When you reach the edge of the Jordan's waters, go and stand in the river. [ JOSHUA 3:8 ]

STEP OUT IN FAITH

The guest speaker spoke on the wisdom of trusting God and "stepping into the river." He told of a pastor who trusted God and chose to speak the truths of the Bible in a sermon despite the new law of his land. He was convicted of hate crimes and spent thirty days in jail. But his case was appealed, and the court ruled he had the right to give a personal interpretation of the Bible and to urge others to follow.

The priests carrying the ark of the covenant had to make a choice too—either step into the water or stay on the shore. After escaping Egypt, the Israelites wandered in the desert for forty years. Now they stood on the banks of the Jordan River, which was at flood stage and dangerously high. But they took that step, and God caused the waters to recede: "As soon as... their feet touched the water's edge, the water from upstream stopped flowing" (JOSHUA 3:15-16).

When we trust God with our lives, He gives us the courage to move forward, whether choosing to speak the truths of the Bible or to take a step into unknown territory. During the pastor's trial, the court heard the gospel through listening to his sermon. And, in Joshua, the Israelites crossed safely into the promised land and shared about the power of God with future generations (V. 17; 4:24).

If we step out in faith, God will see to the rest. ALYSON KIEDA

When have you faced a frightening situation and were afraid to take the first step? How did God help you to move forward?

Dear God, I need Your courage. Please help me to step out in faith.

For further study, read When Fear Seems Overwhelming at [DiscoverySeries.org/CB031](http://DiscoverySeries.org/CB031).



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## The perfect cure for the Labor Day Blues

Labor Day weekend is usually a melancholy experience. The end of another summer and here we go ... sweaters and coats will be required at Friday Night Lights, Street Fair will descend and recede, pumpkins emerge and then all of a sudden it's the holiday season.

But not this year. I was able to engineer a first — hopefully annual — grandson golf outing with the three that enjoy that and then take in a flag football contest of the one who doesn't. That would normally be a remarkable weekend on its own. But Monday morning was, in its own way, at least equally enjoyable: I took my inaugural bike ride on the extended Interurban Trail up to the new Lancaster Park.

It was sometime pre-Covid. I could research the exact year — 2018? — but it doesn't matter, other than it's been at least six years that Roger Thornton bent my ear about an idea he had: Develop the old and unused Lancaster School property into a city park built around a four-diamond baseball complex that would host weekend tournaments. Recognizing the need for a city park north of the bridge and the economic impact such tournaments would have, I agreed to help him pursue it. I introduced him to then city councilman John Whicker who also agreed to lend his support. We three — mostly Roger — raised some initial financial pledges and we went to the city.

You would think such a proposal might be a no-brainer but we ran into a buzz saw. There's no point in going into the details other than saying we got some bad procedural advice. Ultimately, the terrain proved unfriendly to baseball diamonds and the park board, with the ultimate hammer, said "no, thanks."

However, Brandy Fiechter, then serving as associate director, saw value in the general concept. After being elevated to the park department's director's position in December 2020, she immediately began to pursue an adjusted project with now Mayor Whicker's blessing and support, as well as the support of Thornton who had successfully ran for city council with a need for some type of city park in the north district one of his issues. Few fully know that with Fiechter's renewed efforts, he revisited the pledges he'd received for the initial project. Brandy also aggressively sought state and national grants and other local donations. So the cost for the trail and the park was a little over \$2 million, but local taxpayers footed less than \$60,000 of that.

Might be the bargain of the century. The result is — well, go see for yourself. Better yet, walk or ride north on the trail. You can start at the front gate of the state park, or park at Dutch Mill Landing and begin there, or from Lowe's or any point in between. Once arrived, circle the park on the half-mile paved track, and perhaps stop for a rest at the pavilion.

A sunny and comfortable Labor Day morning found two families on the track, another on the disc golf course and three families in the playground. I had pedaled up to the N-B office Monday morning to produce Tuesday's Opinion Page and then headed north from there, passing no less than a dozen other walkers/bikers/joggers there and back. A bonus: a light but brisk northeast wind made the going up a bit of a challenge but the return trip was literally a breeze.

That phrase cannot be used as to getting this wonderful new amenity for the city and county finished. Despite being initially scorned — not too strong of a word — Thornton continued to champion the idea even without his ball diamonds. But it wouldn't have happened without Brandy Fiechter, who convinced her board to tag along and overcame a number of challenges along the way, including funding and crazy bids and materiel and Covid. But perseverance wins again.

Between the grandkids and the grand ride, it was enough take the melancholy out of the end of another summer.

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## Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Saturday, Sept. 7, the 251st day of 2024. There are 115 days left in the year.

Today's highlight in history: On Sept. 7, 1940, Nazi Germany began an intense bombing campaign of Britain during World War II with an air attack on London; known as The Blitz, the eight-month campaign resulted in more than 40,000 civilian deaths.

Also on this date: In 1921, the first Miss America Pageant was held

in Atlantic City, N.J.

In 1943, a fire at the Gulf Hotel, a rooming house in Houston, claimed 55 lives.

In 1977, the Panama Canal Treaty, which called for the U.S. to turn over control of the waterway to Panama at the end of 1999, was signed in Washington by U.S. President Jimmy Carter and Panamanian leader Omar Torrijos.

In 1986, Bishop Desmond Tutu was installed as the first Black clergyman to lead the Anglican Church in southern Africa.



Mark Miller



## Kamala Harris, Donald Trump and Arlington Cemetery

It looks like the fight between the Harris and Trump campaigns over Donald Trump's appearance at Arlington National Cemetery is intensifying, not diminishing. Kamala Harris herself posted a statement on X using Trump's visit to mark the third anniversary of the Abbey Gate attack as an opportunity to revive the "suckers and losers" slur against Trump. Trump, in turn, produced statements of support from several Gold Star families who lost loved ones in the Biden-Harris administration's chaotic, violent and thoroughly bungled withdrawal from Afghanistan — the people whose sacrifice Trump had come to Arlington to respect.

There is no doubt the families had a right to observe the anniversary at Arlington and to invite Trump to be there with them. There is also no doubt that the Army, which administers Arlington Cemetery, tried to stop the event. (Secretary of the Army Christine Wormuth is, of course, a Biden appointee.) Army officials reportedly dragged their feet and "stymied" the families' request to have Trump, according to Republican Rep. Michael McCaul, who heard of the families' problems and enlisted House Speaker Mike Johnson to intercede with Arlington officials to get approval for the event.

So Trump went to Arlington. It seems clear that Harris objected to him being there at all, since the purpose of his visit was to observe the anniversary of a Biden-Harris fiasco that cost the lives of 13 American servicemen and women, and since the anniversary came in the middle of a presidential campaign. So there is nothing Trump could have done at Arlington that would have satisfied Harris or her team.

Beyond politics, though, there seemed little objection to Trump's participation in a wreath-laying ceremony. By some accounts, the Army had provided vague guidance on what happened next, which was the families' invitation to Trump to visit their love ones' gravesites in what is known as Section 60 at Arlington, where veterans of the conflicts in Afghanistan and Iraq are buried. A single cemetery employee, a civilian, objected and was, according to some reports, pushed aside by Trump campaign officials, who deny that any physical altercation occurred.

Perhaps the one image that has most upset Trump's adversaries is a photo of Trump standing graveside with the families giving his familiar thumbs-up gesture. Kelly Barnett, whose son, Marine Corps Staff Sgt. Taylor Hoover, was killed at Abbey Gate, requested that Trump come to Arlington and requested the photo. In a recent interview with Newsmax, she had high praise for the staff at Arlington as well as for Trump.

"The photo was for me," Barnett said. "Trump was walking away, and I said, 'Can I get a photo around Taylor's headstone really fast with my family and my friends?' It was supposed to be for me." Then a picture of the moment ended up in online news reports,

controversy exploded, and Barnett blamed Arlington. "It breaks my heart," she continued, "because I love going to Arlington, and I've had nothing but great things and great experiences with the staff there. And it breaks my heart that they're allowing an employee to act that way."

Obviously, Barnett's words will not stop the Harris campaign from doing what it does. But on the thumbs-up gesture — there has been a lot of horrified commentary that Trump would do such a thing at a hallowed place like Arlington National Cemetery. But another way of looking at the moment is that it was an entirely normal part of life and the way people deal with loss, perhaps especially in Section 60.

"The sections of Arlington holding Civil War and World War I dead have a lonely and austere beauty," says an article in The Atlantic, which includes comments from a California woman whose Army officer son was killed in Iraq. "Not Section 60, where the atmosphere is sanctified, but not somber — too many kids, Karen Meredith recalled from her visits to her son's burial site. 'We laugh, we pop champagne. I have met men who served under him, and they speak of him with such respect.'" Meredith then expressed outrage that Trump would come to Section 60 "and put his thumb up."

But Meredith's description of life in Section 60 helps explain what happened when Trump visited. Other people familiar with Section 60 have described family visits that include displays of indescribable grief but also families playing music, laughing, talking with each other and meeting others in the same situation.

This is part of human life. Hasn't anyone ever been to a wake? People can be sad and crying at one point and telling jokes and laughing at another. It's all entirely normal for people experiencing an intense range of emotions. That is perhaps particularly true in Section 60. Those buried there would still be young today had they not died in service to the United States. Theirs were lives cut short. They deserve every honor the nation bestows on them. But to their families, they were also real, individual people with all sorts of memories associated with them. Many of the survivors deeply desire to see something positive in their loss. They want to know that it means something. Trump's thumbs-up and demeanor at Arlington may have helped those particular families feel that.

So what happened in Section 60 was entirely human. It is also entirely human for other families to be angry about his appearance there, because it is entirely human for people to disagree. But now, it is a campaign issue.

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Byron York

## Time for a federal law prohibiting abortion

In June 2022, The Supreme Court, in *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization*, overturned *Roe v. Wade*, the decision that defined the law of the land regarding abortion since 1973.

Now we are in active national discourse about which abortion regime will fill this vacuum.

In *Roe*, the court ruled that the U.S. Constitution provides a right to abortion. The *Dobbs* decision, written by Justice Samuel Alito, concluded that the U.S. Constitution contains no right to abortion.

Now conventional wisdom seems to be that the abortion issue is "back to the States."

Although *Dobbs* notes that the Constitution "does not prohibit the citizens of each State from regulating or prohibiting abortion," it concludes saying that it returns "authority ... to the people and their elected representatives."

So, although we know that each state can now regulate abortion as it chooses, is a federal abortion regime now precluded?

I would say regarding a federal regime, such as the Women's Health Protection Act, pushed by Democrats, the answer is yes. It can't be done. Because *Dobbs* already ruled that the Constitution contains no right to abortion, a federal law allowing abortion cannot be done without amending the



Star Parker

Constitution.

But what about a federal law prohibiting abortion, which protects the life of the unborn? I believe a federal law protecting the life of the unborn is both possible and necessary.

Let's recall the famous exchange between Pastor Rick Warren and presidential candidate Barack Obama in 2008. Pastor Warren asked Obama, "At what point does a baby get human rights, in your view?" Presidential candidate Obama replied, "Whether you are looking at it from a theological perspective or a scientific perspective, answering that question with specificity is above my pay grade."

How strange to turn leadership of our country over to someone with no clear conclusions about the most fundamental questions about life and death. Of course, with history behind us, we know that the president-to-be then was just being disingenuous. Several years later, he became the first American president to address the national meeting in Washington of Planned Parenthood, the nation's largest abortion provider, and concluded his remarks saying, "God bless you."

Today's pro-abortion advocates are bolder and clearer than ever in their view that the life in the mother's womb is simply an appendage to her body, which they claim she owns.

Whenever I hear a woman say "I

own my body, I own myself," I want to ask that she produce the bill of sale documenting the transaction when she acquired herself.

Again, our national founding document, the Declaration of Independence, is clear that our rights come from our "Creator" because we come from our "Creator." But many of our nation turn a blind eye to this.

Can we force American citizens to believe? No.

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. observed that "Morality cannot be legislated, but behavior can be regulated. Judicial decrees may not change the heart, but they can restrain the heartless."

A recent article in The Wall Street Journal discusses the disappearing reality of grandparents. In 2023, per the article, about half of those ages 50 to 90 were grandparents. This is down from 57% in 2018.

We have lost sight that freedom is important because our Creator gave us free choice — the choice to choose between life and death, good and evil. Our country is in grave danger because of a culture that has emerged in which more and more are choosing death rather than life.

The deadly results are in front of us.

Let's be honest that the American people need leadership that embraces and buys into a future that is only possible in a free nation under God, in which the choice we make is for life.

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## Time to Take a Devotional Break

**GOD'S WISDOM**  
Close your eyes and picture the smartest person you know — someone who embodies wisdom and common sense, a giver of great advice. What does it take to be the smartest person in the room? The highest IQ? The most creative mind? The most popular personality? Most of us realize that all forms of wisdom are not the same. Intelligence may come to some through "book learning," while others are considered wise due to "street smarts" — learning through life's challenging experiences. A wise man once said, "The more I know, the more I realize how much I don't know." Indeed, wise is the man or woman who acknowledges their intellectual limitations and strengths. Few with true wisdom would approach a neurosurgeon and presume to advise them about a surgical procedure. We would never seek out a scientific engineer and tell them how to design a space module. Yet, in our spiritual lives, many of us presume to enter the throne room of the almighty Creator and tell Him what should and should not bring to pass in our lives. We often fail to realize how little we truly know. The Bible is filled with reminders that mankind, without Christ, faces a lifetime of insurmountable problems. Jeremiah 17:9-10 and Mark 7:21-23 state that man's wicked, unregenerate heart is the source of all his problems. But God does not leave His children without a remedy for their painful dilemma. Proverbs 9:10 — "The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom, and the knowledge of the Holy One is understanding." James 1:5-8 encourages all believers to seek God's guidance by asking in faith for the wisdom they need. King Solomon, one of the wisest men ever to rule, clarified that true understanding comes from acknowledging and following the guidance found in God's eternal law (Ecclesiastes 11:9; 12:1, 12-14). These turbulent days demand discernment beyond that of even the wisest human being. It's time to actively seek God's guidance, believing with unwavering faith that He can and will provide the enlightenment needed to live faithfully for His Kingdom. *mpaxson99@yahoo.com*



*by Martha Paxson*

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10 a.m. - Worship. 10:15 - Children's Sunday School.

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

**TOWER LIFE CENTER**  
11811 N. Wayne St., Zanesville  
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9:30 a.m. - TLC Groups. 10:30 - Worship.

**ST. MARK EV. LUTHERAN**  
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8:45 a.m. - Sunday School. 10 a.m. - Worship.

**TURNPOINTE COMMUNITY CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN**  
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9:30 a.m. - Fellowship. 10 a.m. - Adult & Children's Worship.

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9 a.m. - Worship.

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9 a.m. - Worship. 10:15 - Discipleship for adults & children.

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# Local Roundup

## Friends of the Shelter will meet Monday afternoon

Friends of the Shelter, the organization that provides support for the Bluffton/Wells County Animal Shelter, will meet at 5:30 p.m. Monday, Sept. 9, in the Council Chambers on the second floor of City Hall, 128 E. Market St.

## BHMSD school board will hold public hearing, work session Monday

The board of the Bluffton-Harrison Metropolitan School District will meet for a public hearing at 6 p.m. Monday, Sept. 9, in the school district's administration building at 803 E. Harrison St. in Bluffton.

- Topics on the public hearing agenda are:
- Educational need for elementary playground improvements, middle school upper gymnasium floor improvements, high school parking lot and drive improvements, and other deferred maintenance improvement items listen on the capital projects plan.
  - Overview of projects to meet the education needs, cost and timing.
  - Financial impact of projects.

A work session will directly follow the public hearing to hear and discuss a proposed timeline and plan for campus improvement projects.

## Ossian Town Council, Jefferson Township board will meet Monday evening

The Ossian Town Council and Jefferson Township Advisory Board will meet at 6 p.m. Monday, Sept. 9, at the Ossian Town Hall, 507 N. Jefferson St. in Ossian.

The only item on the agenda is discussion of a 2025 fire agreement.

## Regional Sewer District board will meet Monday

The board of the Wells County Regional Sewer District will meet at 6:30 p.m. Monday, Sept. 9, in Room 105, the multi-purpose room on the lower level of the Wells Carnegie Government Annex, 223 W. Washington St.

- Topics on the agenda include:
- Superintendent report and board update.
  - Project updates.
  - Discussion of property acquisition.

## Ossian Town Council will meet Monday evening

Following the joint session with the Jefferson Township Advisory Board, the

Ossian Town Council will meet at 7 p.m. Monday, Sept. 9, at the Ossian Town Hall, 507 N. Jefferson St. in Ossian.

## Wells County SWCD board will meet Tuesday morning

The board of the Wells County Soil and Water Conservation District will meet at 9 a.m. Tuesday, Sept. 10, in the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Service Center at 117 W. Harvest Road in Bluffton.

## Norwell school board will meet Tuesday morning

The board of the Norwell Community Schools will meet at 9:30 a.m. Tuesday, Sept. 10, at Norwell High School, 1100E. U.S. 224. An ID will be required to enter, as school will be in session.

- Topics on the agenda include:
- Personnel and financial matters.
  - Advertising of the 2025 budget.
  - Consideration of a revised policy on political involvement.
  - Superintendent's report.

## Bluffton Board of Works to meet Tuesday afternoon

The Bluffton Board of Public Works and Safety will meet at 4:30 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 10, in Room 105, the multi-purpose room on the lower level of the Wells Carnegie Government Annex, 223 W. Washington St.

## Wells County Public Library board will meet Tuesday

The board of the Wells County Public Library will meet at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 10, in the meeting room of the main library, 200 W. Washington St.

- Topics on the agenda include:
- Regular reports from the librarian, treasurer, staff and director.
  - Committee reports, including budget calendar; internal control, fixed asset and hotspot policies; board committees, board calendar and board member information.
  - Personnel and financial matters.

## Bluffton Park Board to meet Thursday evening

The Bluffton parks board will meet at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 12, in Room 105, the multi-purpose room on the lower level of the Wells Carnegie Government Annex, 223 W. Washington St.

- Financial matters.
- Project updates.
- Discussion regarding roof repairs and a new Wells Community Pool.



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# Public Sale Calendar

**SEPTEMBER 7 - 9 a.m. - Various consignors, sellers.** Lehman Feed Mill, 5111 S 000 Rd., Berne, IN. Farm Machinery Consignment Auction. Tractors, hay wagons, grain carts, discs, planters, plows, trucks, trailers, semis, livestock trailers, tools, lawn & garden equipment, shop equipment, livestock equipment & more! Call Heartland to advertise your items! *Heartland Auction & Realty, Inc.*, [heartlandauctionrealty.com](http://heartlandauctionrealty.com), 260-724-3499.

**SEPTEMBER 7- SEPTEMBER 14 - Online Only Personal Property - Gregory Brandt living trust, seller.** Horizon 210 Four Winn speed boat, 2007 Yamaha jet ski, pontoon boat with trailer, life jackets, towables, Detro dump trailer, Crown forklift, Cyclone leaf vacuum system, tools, Craftsman riding lawn mower, furniture, bikes, household & much more! Preview & online bidding assistance Sept. 7 from 10 a.m.-noon, 6828 N. 300 W., Unit #B16, Fremont, IN. Sale manager Brandon Steffen, 260-710-5684, *Steffen Group Real Estate & Auctions*, 260-426-0633, [steffengrp.com](http://steffengrp.com).

**SEPTEMBER 8-SEPTEMBER 15 - (Online Only Auction) - Private Collector, seller.** Outstanding collection of 2,000-plus comic books, large assortment of 8-Tracks, cassettes, CD's & DVD's, Star Wars figures, DJ lighting, vintage books, dolls, large Nativity set, toys, collectibles. Previews: Sept. 12 from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m., 117 W. Craig St., Ossian. Pat Carter, sale manager, 260-273-8294, *The Steffen Group Inc.*, [www.steffengrp.com](http://www.steffengrp.com), 260-824-3006.

**BIDDING NOW OPEN & STARTS CLOSING SEPTEMBER 9 - 6 p.m. EST - Susan Pollock estate, owner.** Two bedroom, 1 full bath, 1,264 sq. feet, basement, 8'x12' utility shed, Root Township, Section 34, Adams County, Indiana, North Adams Community Schools. *Krueckeberg Auction & Realty LLC*, 260-724-7402, [kjauction.com](http://kjauction.com).

**SEPTEMBER 10 - 10 a.m. EST - (Live and Online) - Norman & Norwin Bauermeister.** 815 Adams Street, Decatur, IN. Bauermeister Brothers retirement farm equipment auction! Tractors, tillage & grain handling equipment, skid loader, JD 5320, JD 6300, JD 4240, JD 7820 FWA, JD 980 23' field cult., 24' UM dual wheel single rolling basket w/harrow, 1965 Dodge D600 & 1974 Chevy C60 grain truck, J&M 425 hopper wagon, 8'x52' Mayrath swing auger, 3 point attachments & much more! For questions on equipment please call Butch, 260-246-3656. Checkout and pick up Sept. 10, 3-5 p.m. Sept. 11, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., 7845 N 650 E, Ossian, IN. *Krueckeberg Auction & Realty LLC*, 260-724-7402, [kjauction.com](http://kjauction.com).

**SEPTEMBER 15-22 - 2 p.m. - (Online Only) - Estate of Jeffrey W. Brown, seller.** Collectible vehicles, (3) 1967 Dodge Darts, 1971 Dodge Challenger, 1967 Cornet R/T, 1988 Ford Ranger, Dune Buggy, Chop Top Baja Beetle, 1991 JD 670 diesel tractor, Allis Chalmers tractor, John Deere 640 tractor, pull type mower, riding lawn mowers, Mopar parts, automotive parts, name brand shop & power tools, air operated tools, automotive shop supplies, chain saws, assorted hardware, lawn & garden, aluminum fishing boat, log splitter, antique furniture, collectibles, Hot Wheels, beer signs, more. Preview Sept. 12 & 19 from 3-6 p.m., 7271 N 300 W-90, Markle. Sale managers Pat Carter, 260-273-8294, Brandon Steffen, 260-710-5684, *The Steffen Group Inc.*, 260-824-3006, [www.steffengrp.com](http://www.steffengrp.com).

**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 (for-ester) present. Rick Johnloz, 260-827-8181, Emma Barr, 260-494-0992, Jason Johnloz, 260-273-9177, *Halderman Real Estate & Farm Management*, 800-424-2324, [halderman.com](http://halderman.com).

**SEPTEMBER 22-SEPTEMBER 29 - 2 p.m. -**

**(Online Only Personal Property Auction) - The Estate of Elizabeth Ann (Carter) Aeschliman, seller.** 2004 Lexus 4-door sedan, exceptionally clean modern furniture, patio furniture, collectibles, home interior decor items, various holiday decorations, household, lawn & garden, tools, much more. Preview: Sept. 19, 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. and Sept. 26 from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m., 406 Goldenrod Ct., Bluffton, IN. Sale manager Pat Carter, 260-273-8294, *The Steffen Group Inc.*, [www.steffengrp.com](http://www.steffengrp.com), 260-824-3006.

**SEPTEMBER 23-SEPTEMBER 30 - (Online Only) - Various consignors, seller.** Firearms consisting of Springfield, Hopkins & Allen, Colt, Browning, Stevens, Glock, Winchester. Open House Sept. 28 from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m., 215 E Market St, Bluffton, IN. Sale manager, Isaac Stoller, *The Steffen Group Inc.*, 260-824-3006, [www.steffengrp.com](http://www.steffengrp.com).

**SEPTEMBER 24 - 2 p.m.-6 p.m. ET - Online - Don A. Heckber, farm.** Property location: 11648 N SR 1 Ossian, IN. 31.63+/-total acres, agriculture prime farmland, 31.5+/- tillable, 0.13+/- non-tillable, Topography: Level, Zoning: Agricultural, School District: Norwell Community Schools. Rick Johnloz, 260 827 8181, [rickj@halderman.com](mailto:rickj@halderman.com), Jason Johnloz, [jasonj@halderman.com](mailto:jasonj@halderman.com), 260-273-9177, *Halderman Real Estate & Farm Management*, 800-424-2324, [halderman.com](http://halderman.com).

**SEPTEMBER 24 - 9 a.m.-6 p.m. - Online Only - The Estate of Jeffrey Brown.** Two story country home situated on 2.41+/- acre lot with 2 outbuildings totaling 866 SF, Wells County. This 1,876 SF home features 3 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, large living room, eat-in kitchen, utility room and 1 car garage. Open houses: Sept. 12 and 19 from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m., 7721 N. 300 W. Markle, IN. Sale managers Brandon Steffen, 260-710-5684, Pat Carter, 260-273-8294, *The Steffen Group Inc.*, [steffengrp.com](http://steffengrp.com), 260-824-3006.

**SEPTEMBER 24-OCTOBER 1 - (Online Only) - Grover, seller.** Tractor, mower, tools, woodworking, primitives. Open House Sept. 28 from 12 p.m. to 2 p.m., 8726 S 600 W-90, Warren, IN. Sale manager, Isaac Stoller, *The Steffen Group Inc.*, 260-824-3006, [www.steffengrp.com](http://www.steffengrp.com).

**SEPTEMBER 25 - 9 a.m.-6 p.m. - Online Only - The Estate of Jeffrey Brown.** 9,27+/- acre prime building site in Union Twp., Northern Wells County. Property features open land, wooded acreage, 24'x48' pole building. Perfect home site, country estate. "Explore the potential of this property." Open houses: Sept. 12 and 19 from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m., 1200 N (Scott Street) and Marzane Rd. - TBD, Zanesville, IN. Sale managers Brandon Steffen, 260-710-5684, Pat Carter, 260-273-8294, *The Steffen Group Inc.*, 260-824-3006, [steffengrp.com](http://steffengrp.com).

**SEPTEMBER 29-OCTOBER 6 - (Online Only) - The Estate of Wayne E. Penrod, seller.** Artifacts, tools, furniture, household. Open house Oct. 6 from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m., 69 W 1st St., Poneto, IN. Sale manager, Isaac Stoller, *The Steffen Group Inc.*, [www.steffengrp.com](http://www.steffengrp.com), 260-824-3006.

**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 Suction, 260-750-1553, *Schrader Real Estate and Auction of Fort Wayne*, 866-340-0445, [SchraderFortWayne.com](http://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.*, 260-724-3499, [heartlandauctionrealty.com](http://heartlandauctionrealty.com).



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# Norwell Knights

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 nice route. That's the stuff we're capable of doing."

A few drives into the second quarter later, and Cassel was making yet another correct decision, holding the ball on a read option play and taking it himself for a 44-yard touchdown run.

Unfortunately for Norwell, that was after yet another interception return for a touchdown and a fumble recovery by Leo at the one-yard line. Cassel's second touchdown narrowed the large margin to a 49-13 lead.

The running clock barred for any more ordinary box score numbers, as the first quarter posted 34 points and the second quarter 28 points.

Gerber admitted that parts of his offense and defense were banged up during the game. With Alex Fojtik out with an injury, he wanted to use Drew Jolley at fullback but Jolley went down with an injury in the middle of the first half,

down two players at the position and playing without Garry Riley as well.

"That was tough. That changes your offensive gameplan," Gerber said. "And then we're putting some guys in game situations that didn't get a ton of practice reps. So that's really hard, and I thought they responded well, I thought they played pretty hard and pretty well."

Regardless, the Knights saw the most improvement of the season on their offense in the first three weeks. The scores have been lopsided, but the first points were scored and the Knights executed twice on big plays.

Norwell's opponents have a combined record of 9-0 on the season, and next week, the Knights will play their first opponent with a loss, Belmont, who is 0-3. The Braves have also lost by nearly 40 points or more in each of their three games.

Gerber is anxious to start preparing for the week in hopes of getting his team on track.

"For what it was, I thought our kids played fairly well," Gerber said. "I mean, it doesn't show on the scoreboard, so it's hard to say that, but we saw growth. We saw guys get better. We saw some things that we don't like, but we also saw some things that we do. We'll come back Monday, work hard, and come out. The guys have continued to work hard, they've put in the work, and we'll just continue to keep asking to do that."

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### LEO 55, NORWELL 13

**At Leo**

Score By Quarters	1	2	3	4	Total
Norwell	6	7	0	0	13
Leo	28	21	6	0	55

**Scoring Summary**  
**First Quarter**  
 L—Grayson Esguerra 54-yard pass to Brock Schott (Elijah Lorenz kick), 9:09.  
 L—Nathan Foster 25-yard run (Lorenz kick), 7:13.  
 L—Landon Hoepfner 35-yard interception return (Lorenz kick), 6:18.  
 L—Paul Woods 24-yard run (Lorenz

kick), 2:04.  
 N—Cayden Cassel 73-yard pass to Drew Graft (kick failed), 1:07.

**Second Quarter**  
 L—Esguerra 73-yard pass to Hoepfner (Lorenz kick), 11:49.  
 L—Bret Sauder 30-yard interception return (Lorenz kick), 11:36.  
 L—Rashaad Martin 3-yard run (Lorenz kick), 10:32.  
 N—Cassel 47-yard run (Drew Graft kick), 2:35.

**Third Quarter**  
 L—Foster 44-yard run (kick failed), 3:50.

**Fourth Quarter**  
 No scoring.

**Team Statistics**

	LEO	NOR
First Downs	14	9
Rushes-Yards	31-191	30-122
Yards Passing	164	84
Passing (C-A-I)	5-8-1	3-14-2
Penalties-Yards	7-44	3-12
Fumbles-Lost	1-0	4-2
Punts-Average	3-32	5-33
Time of Possession	15:32	18:21

**Individual Statistics**  
 Rushing: Norwell: Adam Mahnensmith 12-38, Cayden Cassel 9-34, E.J. Morgan 3-32, Ben Peterson 2-16, Drew Graft 1-6, Trey Privett 1-3, Drew Jolley 1-0, Max Babcock 1-(-7), Leo: Nathan Foster 4-84, Paul Woods 4-29, Kelvin Hulbert 2-24, Landon Hoepfner 2-16, Zealand Zehr 3-14, Kaden Doll 2-10, Alijah Lindsey 1-9, Rashaad Martin 4-7, Haiyre Sampton 1-4, Titus Stoller 5-2, Foster Swaney 1-0, Grayson Esguerra 2-(-8).  
 Passing: Norwell: Cayden Cassel 3-14-2-84, Leo: Grayson Esguerra 3-5-0-146, Titus Stoller 2-3-1-18.  
 Receiving: Norwell: Drew Graft 2-78, Cooper Bunn 1-6, Leo: Brock Schott 2-73, Landon Hoepfner 1-73, Alijah Lindsey 1-12, Luke Tackwell 1-6.

# Southern Wells Raiders

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 got to get better at the little things."

Southern Wells will travel to Wes-Del Friday night.

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**JAY COUNTY 47, SOUTHERN WELLS 0**

**At Jay County**

Score By Quarters	1	2	3	4	Total
Southern Wells	0	0	0	0	0
Jay County	14	14	12	7	47

**Fourth Quarter**  
 JC—Leighton Brown 1 run (Myers kick), 8:17.

**Team Statistics**

	SW	JC
First Downs	4	12
Rushes-Yards	23-(-3)	23-157
Yards Passing	54	156
Passing (C-A-I)	5-11-1	8-11-0
Penalties-Yards	2-10	8-85
Fumbles-Lost	3-1	3-2
Punts-Average	6-25	0-0
Time of Possession	25:18	22:42

**Individual Statistics**  
 Rushing: Southern Wells, Bryson Williams 7-14, Robby Freimuth 4-(-min

us), 6:18.  
 L—Nathan Foster 25-yard run (Lorenz kick), 7:13.  
 L—Landon Hoepfner 35-yard interception return (Lorenz kick), 6:18.  
 L—Paul Woods 24-yard run (Lorenz

6), Levon Goodnight 1-1, Levi Blake 2-1, Leeland Goodnight 7-(-min 11), Lyric Maddox 2-(-min 2). Jay County, Sean Bailey 2-9, Leighton Brown 12-69, AJ Myers 5-61, Wyatt Foster 4-28.  
 Passing: Southern Wells, Freimuth 4-9-0-44, Leeland Goodnight 1-2-10-1, Jay County, Bailey 8-10-0-157, Nicholas Snow 0-1-0-0.  
 Receiving: Southern Wells, Blake 4-29, Joshua Aulbach 1-25, Jay County, Garrett Bennett 2-43, Myers 1-14, Aiden Phillips 1-18, Carter Fugiet 2-39, Benson Ward 1-17, Grant Wendel 1-25.

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#### Friday's Scores

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 Alexandria 47, Elwood 12  
 Andean 28, Kankakee Valley 7  
 Angola 38, Fremont 6  
 Batesville 26, S. Dearborn 21  
 Bloomington North 41, Terre Haute South 29  
 Bloomington South 37, Terre Haute North 20  
 Bluffton 33, S. Adams 7  
 Bremen 41, Osceola Grace 0  
 Brownsburg 40, Franklin Central 0  
 Brownstown 62, Eastern (Pekin) 0  
 Calumet 36, East Chicago Central 8  
 Carmel 44, Centerville, Ohio 23  
 Carroll (Flora) 35, Taylor 0  
 Carroll (Ft. Wayne) 49, Ft. Wayne South 0  
 Cascade 42, Edgewood 0  
 Cass 24, Peru 20  
 Castle 53, Evansville Bosse 6  
 Center Grove 24, Lou. Trinity, Ky. 10  
 Centerville 29, Eastern Hancock 26  
 Charleston 35, Clarksville 6  
 Cin. Moeller, Ohio 42, E. Central 13  
 Clinton Prairie 28, Clinton Central 26  
 Cloverdale 42, Brown Co. 6  
 Columbia City 61, Belmont 0  
 Columbus East 30, Seymour 14  
 Columbus North 45, Southport 14  
 Concord 35, Mishawaka 34  
 Connersville 47, Greensburg 7  
 Crown Point 46, Merrillville 13  
 Culver Academy 47, Knox 46  
 Danville 21, Lebanon 10  
 DeKalb 31, New Haven 12  
 Decatur Central 42, Whiteland 29  
 Delphi 41, Eastern (Greentown) 34  
 Delta 37, Shelbyville 7  
 E. Noble 28, Huntington North 16  
 Elkhart 69, S. Bend Washington 0  
 Evansville Reitz 28, Jasper 14  
 Fishers 17, Noblesville 14, OT  
 Floyd Central 33, Silver Creek 22  
 Frontier 39, N. White 0  
 Ft. Wayne Dwenger 14, Ft. Wayne North 6  
 Ft. Wayne Luers 40, Ft. Wayne Northrop 6  
 Ft. Wayne Snider 41, Ft. Wayne Concordia 6  
 Garrett 41, Churubusco 0  
 Gary West 8, Boone Grove 6  
 Gibson Southern 62, Princeton 7  
 Greencastle 42, W. Vigo 13  
 Greenfield 43, Mt. Vernon (Fortville) 29  
 Greenwood Christian 49, Wes-Del 14  
 Griffith 28, Hammond Central 14  
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 Hamilton Southeastern 28, Avon 10  
 Hanover Central 54, Highland 0  
 Heritage 28, Woodlan 6  
 Heritage Hills 38, Boonville 0  
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 Lawrenceburg 41, Milan 7  
 Leo 55, Norwell 13  
 Linton 26, Western 7  
 Maconaquah 42, Northfield 6  
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 Martinsville 50, Greenwood 31  
 McCutcheon 31, Hamilton Hts. 2  
 Michigan City 20, Chesterton 0  
 Mishawaka Marian 41, S. Bend Adams 8  
 Mississinewa 35, Oak Hill 0  
 Monrovia 44, Indpls Ritter 7  
 Mt. Vernon (Posey) 56, Pike Central 27  
 N. Central (Farmersburg) 55, Indpls Irvington 14  
 N. Daviess 20, Eastern (Greene) 7  
 N. Daviess 20, Eastern (Greentown) 7  
 N. Decatur 42, Monroe Central 6  
 N. Harrison 48, Corydon 35  
 N. Judson 61, S. Central (Union Mills) 0  
 N. Miami 42, Caston 14  
 N. Montgomery 28, Southmont 22  
 N. Posey 31, S. Spencer 16  
 N. Putnam 23, S. Putnam 22

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 New Palestine 41, Yorktown 13  
 NorthWood 49, Warsaw 14  
 Northeastern 19, Winchester 15  
 Northridge 13, Plymouth 7  
 Northview 35, Sullivan 0  
 Northwestern 28, Southwood 16  
 Paoli 41, Springs Valley 26  
 Pendleton Hts. 42, New Castle 21  
 Penn 35, S. Bend Ripley 0  
 Perry Central 44, Crawford Co. 0  
 Pioneer 35, Winamac 0  
 Plainfield 42, Mooresville 0  
 Providence 13, Madison 8  
 Riverton Parke 46, Fountain Central 6  
 Rochester 49, Whitko 12  
 Rushville 30, Franklin Co. 27  
 S. Bend St. Joseph's 7, New Prairie 0  
 S. Decatur 42, Edinburg 0  
 S. Newton 40, Benton Central 27  
 S. Vermillion 45, Parke Heritage 6  
 Scottsburg 54, Salem 7  
 Seeger 41, Attica 0

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 Tippecanoe Valley 35, Hammond Morton 23  
 Tri 62, Cambridge City Lincoln 7  
 Tri-West 69, Frankfort 8  
 Triton 49, Culver 8  
 Triton Central 16, Indpls Lutheran 13  
 Twin Lakes 14, Tipton 7  
 Valparaiso 42, LaPorte 7  
 W. Lafayette 24, Tri-County 12  
 W. Lafayette 34, Lowell 14  
 W. Noble 35, Eastside 0  
 W. Washington 35, Mitchell 6  
 Warren Central 30, Indpls N. Central 0  
 Warsaw 56, Goshen 7  
 Washington 45, N. Knox 6

## Calendar

### 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.

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# THE WEEK IN REVIEW

## WEEKLY DOW JONES AND S&P 500



## STOCK MARKET INDEXES

52-Week High	Low	Name	Last	Chg	Wk %Chg	YTD %Chg	12mo %Chg
41,585.21	32,327.20	Dow Jones Industrials	40,345.41	-1217.67	-2.93	+7.05	+16.68
16,334.96	13,471.47	Dow Jones Transportation	15,427.06	-616.79	-3.84	-2.97	+1.44
1,047.05	765.47	Dow Jones Utilities	1,028.84	+7.98	+0.78	+16.69	+18.02
19,298.03	14,638.37	NYSE Composite	18,663.14	-629.08	-3.26	+10.74	+17.53
18,671.07	12,543.86	Nasdaq Composite	16,690.83	-1022.79	-5.77	+11.19	+21.29
5,669.67	4,103.78	S&P 500	5,408.42	-239.98	-4.25	+13.39	+21.33
3,143.02	2,322.38	S&P MidCap	2,939.41	-152.11	-4.92	+5.68	+14.17
1,464.59	1,065.49	S&P SmallCap	1,338.28	-74.29	-5.26	+1.52	+12.89
56,825.18	41,178.32	Wilshire 5000	54,070.98	-2483.47	-4.39	+11.96	+20.31
2,300.00	1,633.67	Russell 2000	2,091.41	-126.23	-5.69	+3.17	+12.95

## STOCK EXCHANGE HIGHLIGHTS

NYSE GAINERS (\$2 OR MORE)				NYSE LOSERS (\$2 OR MORE)				NYSE ACTIVES (\$1 OR MORE)			
Name	Last	Chg	%Chg	Name	Last	Chg	%Chg	Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
ShiborFt	10.27	+4.39	+74.7	FourSeEd	11.35	-5.66	-33.3	AT&T Inc	2073765	20.97	+1.07
FlaAme r	10.31	+3.03	+41.6	AevaAtr	2.44	-8.6	-26.1	Nu Hldg	2047983	13.70	-1.27
FlameAr	21.82	+4.98	+29.6	JJill	24.64	-7.89	-24.3	ForM	1981536	10.58	-6.1
Yext	6.22	+1.13	+22.2	ESS Tch	5.80	-1.69	-22.6	BkofAm	1738105	38.76	-17.3
Dingdong	2.59	+4.3	+19.9	RevGp	24.94	-6.90	-21.7	Palatnr	1380342	30.33	-11.5
Allice	2.20	+3.6	+19.6	VitalEng	28.40	-7.49	-20.9	Pfizer	1365399	28.56	-4.5
IRSA s	11.73	+1.68	+16.7	CoreMn	38.05	-9.98	-20.8	Vale SA	1265286	10.13	-3.9
SunTch	5.46	+6.7	+14.0	Movado	18.90	-4.96	-20.9	USSteel	1111698	31.27	+6.4
Argan	89.97	+10.66	+13.4	Modine	99.29	-24.16	-19.9	LumenTch	1102950	5.84	-5.9
AshfrdH	118.86	+2.04	+1.21	Bakkt Hl	11.42	-2.74	-19.4	Trancon	1051170	4.12	-6.2

NASDAQ GAINERS (\$2 OR MORE)				NASDAQ LOSERS (\$2 OR MORE)				NASDAQ ACTIVES (\$1 OR MORE)			
Name	Last	Chg	%Chg	Name	Last	Chg	%Chg	Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
Wheeler rs	10.25	+9.20	+876.2	WindrTh	2.80	-5.31	-65.5	Nvidia s	15601886	102.83	-16.54
SummW rs	2.16	+9.0	+41.4	SingFuTc	2.30	-4.00	-63.3	Teles	3876348	210.73	-3.38
AsseEntri	2.39	+9.7	+68.3	DouYu rs	8.79	-10.05	-53.3	Intel	3634422	18.89	-3.15
SPAR Gp	2.39	+9.4	+64.8	Curren c	3.22	-3.06	-48.7	Summ			

# Beste's big night helps the Tigers blast Starfires

By RICK SPRUNGER

BERNE — Give it up for Axton Beste.

All Bluffton's sophomore quarterback did in a 33-7 win at South Adams Friday night was complete 15 of 17 passes for 218 yards and four touchdowns while rushing 17 times for 122 more yards.

He completed his first 14 passes and didn't throw an incompleteness until the fourth quarter when the game was already out of reach.

Thanks to his effort, Bluffton turned what was expected to be a close, hard-fought struggle into a blow-out by halftime.

It was the opening game in Allen County Athletic Conference play for both clubs, and Bluffton remained undefeated with a 3-0 record overall. South Adams is now 1-2.

"Axton really grew up tonight," said a proud Bluffton coach Brent Kunkel with a smile after the game. "He's still learning how to see the field, but he prepares; He works."

Beste completed four passes on Bluffton's first scoring drive late in the first quarter, including a 34-yarder to Coleson Teeple and a three-yarder to Declan Grieser for the score that gave Bluffton a lead it would never relinquish.

He only threw the ball twice in the second quarter, but both went for touchdowns. Both were caught by A.J. Streveler, once for 63 yards and the second for 28.

That second scoring toss was set up by Beste carries of 26 and 14 yards that put the Tigers in business on the South Adams 25-yard line.

"That wasn't our game plan," confessed Kunkel later about his young sophomore taking over the game. "But (South Adams) was doing a good job keying on Khameel (Moore) and Cooper (Craig). "So we started

running out of an empty backfield so they couldn't do that."

Even the defense got into the act.

The Tigers forced a three-and-out on South Adams' first possession, then dug in and held the Starfires on downs at the Bluffton 33-yard line, then forced and recovered a South Adams fumble at the Tiger 22.

The second of those stops came after South Adams had seemingly seized the momentum on a 34-yard run by quarterback Tytus Lehman and his 16-yard pass to Derek McKean.

There was also a 35-yard pick-six by Cooper Craig just 20 seconds after the first of Streveler's touchdown catches.

With the score 27-0 at halftime, the second half was largely a matter of Bluffton trying to maintain the shut-out.

The Tigers scored again on their first offensive series of the third quarter after a failed fake punt by South Adams left the Tigers with a short field at the Starfire 39.

Beste and Elijah Bertsch covered the last 23 yards by themselves in the last two plays of the drive, hooking up for 17 yards and then for the final six.

At that point, Bluffton was a successful two-point conversion away from running the clock on the Starfires, but a pass fell incomplete.

Even then, the defense didn't stop working.

They slammed the door on South Adams on downs at the 15 after the Starfires had reached the nine late in the third quarter.

And they very nearly held after seeing South Adams achieve a first-and-goal at the Bluffton 1 late in the game.

South Adams finally punched it in on that drive,

but needed a fourth down play to do it.

The touchdown came on a 1-yard pass from Lehman to Wanner, but only after two failed smashes into the line and an incomplete pass.

It finally enabled South Adams to get on the board with just 3:17 left in the game.

Lehman finished 12-for-26 for 126 yards for South Adams, including six tosses to McKean.

Bluffton ended up with 369 yards in total offense and 16 first downs to South Adams' 229 yards and 15 first downs.

Bluffton will next host Woodlan for its homecoming. The Warriors were a 28-6 loser to Heritage last night.

Woodlan is 1-2 on the season.

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## BLUFFTON 33, SOUTH ADAMS 7 at South Adams

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### First Quarter

BL—Declan Grieser 3 pass from Axton Beste (kick failed), 1:26.

### Second Quarter

BL—A.J. Streveler 63 pass from Beste (pass failed), 10:14.  
BL—Cooper Craig 35 interception return (Abram Gehrett kick), 9:54.  
BL—Streveler 28 pass from Beste (Gehrett kick), 2:08.

### Third Quarter

BL—Elijah Bertsch 6 pass from Beste (pass failed), 6:32.

### Fourth Quarter

SA—Jax Wanner 1 pass from Tytus Lehman (Jackson Garcia kick), 3:17.

### Team Statistics

	BL	SA
First Downs	16	15
Rushes-Yards	33-151	31-123
Passing Yards	218	106
Passing (C-A-I)	15-17-0	12-26-1
Penalties-Yards	6-50	2-10
Fumbles-Lost	2-0	3-2
Punts-Average	3-41.0	1-51.0
Time of Possession	27:38	20:22

### Individual Statistics

Rushing: Bluffton: Axton Beste 17-122, Khameel Moore 15-28, Cooper Craig 1-1; South Adams: Dillian Ramirez 15-68, Tytus Lehman 11-6, Will Patterson 4-(6), Uriel Gutierrez 1-(4).  
Passing: Bluffton: Axton Beste 15-17-0 218; South Adams: Tytus Lehman 12-26-1 126.  
Receiving: Bluffton: A.J. Streveler 4-109, Coleson Teeple 3-43, Elijah Bertsch 3-33, Khameel Moore 3-25, Easton Blair 1-5, Declan Grieser 1-3; South Adams: Derek McKean 6-56, Jax Wanner 3-14, Will Patterson 2-3, Caiden Neuenschwander 1-33.



Bluffton quarterback Axton Beste (right) bolts past a South Adams' defender Friday night in the Tigers' 33-7 victory over the Starfires on the road. Beste went 15-17 for 218 yards and 122 rushing with four touchdowns. (Photos by Holly Gaskill)



Bluffton cheerleaders hold up signs "Go Big Red" during the game against South Adams with their school taking a big win on the road to improve to 3-0 on the season.

# Lions roar against Knights, open NE8 with victory

By RYAN WALKER

LEO-CEDARVILLE — It was the third week in a row that the Norwell Knights faced a ranked opponent and the third straight week with a loss.

The Knights (0-3) traveled to No. 7 Leo and fell 55-13 Friday night in what has had a rough start to the 2024 campaign.

Similar to the first two games, the Knights allowed 49 points in the first half and were down 49-13 at the break. The first two halves of football were 35-point deficits.

The Lions (3-0) got rolling after quarterback Greyson Esguerra connected with 4-star tight end recruit and Miami Hurricanes commit Brock Schott for a 54-yard strike. What followed were three straight drives ending with 24 or more yards worth of scores for Leo.

Running back Nathan Foster took a 25-yard carry to the house, and on the ensuing drive, Norwell quarterback Cayden Casel found the wrong man, Landin Hoepfner, for a 35-yard pick-six.

Then, it was Paul Wood's turn, thundering a 24-yard rush for a score and poured into a 28-0 lead in the first quarter.

"They're a good team," Norwell head coach Josh Gerber said. "They have some explosiveness, and we tried to do some things and take some gambles, and it burned us a little bit."

Amid Leo's offensive onslaught, Norwell dropped some bombs.

Cassel read the Lions' defense and made the perfect throw in the middle of the field to a wide-open Drew Graft, who would not be caught on his way for a 73-yard touchdown catch. It was the first score of the season for the Knights.

"We hit them on a play-action," Gerber said. "We felt like we could get Drew with (Leo) playing a cover three look. We thought we could get Drew by that alley player, and we could hit him before the safety got over to him. And that's what we did ... Cayden made a nice throw, Drew made a

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Leo's Brock Schott (left) strides toward the endzone with Norwell defenders' Drew Graft (middle) and E.J. Morgan for a 54-yard touchdown pass to get the home team on the board first. The Lions topped the Knights 55-13 to open Northeast 8 Conference play. (Photo by Ryan Walker)

# Raiders blanked by Patriots

By ANDREW FEEBACK

PORTLAND — It was another rough night offensively for the Southern Wells Raiders as they were shut out by the host Jay County Patriots 47-0.

With a virtually non-existent ground game, the Raiders (0-3) struggled to sustain any kind of drive and never moved the ball beyond the Patriots' 30-yard-line.

They had a few passing plays that netted first downs, but not much else.

"The kids played hard," coach Blake Blaker said. "We just have to execute better and get better at throwing the ball. If we can't throw the ball, they play eight guys in the box and blitz us all night."

That was exactly what Jay County (2-1) did, holding Southern Wells to minus-three yards rushing on 23 attempts. Nearly half of the Raider rushing plays resulted in a loss of yards.

Southern Wells came up

with a fumble on Jay County's first possession, but then fumbled it right back on the next play.

A.J. Myers' 29-yard run got the Patriots on the board. His second touchdown run from 10 yards had the hosts up two scores.

It was 21-0 after Grant Wendel returned a punt 60 yards for a touchdown.

Sean Bailey threw a 22-yard pass to Carter Fugitt that netted first downs at the Patriots 28-0 lead at the half.

Bailey threw two more touchdown passes in the second half, one to Wendel and the other to Garrett Bennett. Leighton Brown ran in the final touchdown for the Patriots early in the fourth quarter.

There weren't many statistical bright spots for the Raiders, although they did commit only two penalties compared to the Patriots' eight.

Blaker feels his team has made some strides since its

opening game, even if it's not reflected in the scores or stats.

"Our effort level is there," he said. "In the first week, we talked about mental toughness, and we've fixed that. Our guys are playing hard, we've just

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Daily Three-Midday — 08-06-06, SB: 00  
Daily Three-Evening — 02-05-08, SB: 01  
Daily Four-Midday — 08-03-07-04, SB: 00  
Daily Four-Evening — 05-02-03-07, SB: 01  
Quick Draw Evening — 01-06-08-13-24-30-31-38-41-44-50-51-54-56-57-61-65-67-71-77, BE: 06  
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## Help Wanted

**BLUFFTON POLICE DEPARTMENT** Now Hiring! The Bluffton Police Department is accepting applications for the position of police officer. Applicant must be 21 years of age by close of application date, but less than 40; have a high school diploma; two-year college degree or equivalent (60 hours), or three years of work experience in police related field or an ILEA Basic graduate or equivalent. Must provide college transcripts. Applicant must possess and maintain a valid Indiana driver's license and responsible work experience. Applicant must pass a background investigation, written test, physical agility test, oral interview, voice stress examination, required statewide baseline physical and psychological examination and drug test. Applications may be picked up at the Clerk-Treasurer's Office, 128 E Market St, Bluffton, IN, between the hours of 8 am-4:30 pm Mon-Fri. or online at [blufftonindiana.net](http://blufftonindiana.net). If you have questions about the application process, you may call the Bluffton Police Department at 260-824-3320, Kyle Randall, Chief of Police. Last day to accept applications will be September 30, 2024

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## Public Notices

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COUNTY OF WELLS )  
                                  ) IN THE WELLS  
                                  ) CIRCUIT COURT  
                                  ) CAUSE NO.  
                                  ) 90C01-2407-MI-000019  
IN RE THE NAME CHANGE OF: )  
Yazmine Jayden Tucker Cruz )  
Petitioner )

**NOTICE OF PETITION FOR CHANGE OF NAME**  
Yazmine Jayden Tucker Cruz, whose mailing address is: 2677 S 500 W, Liberty Center, IN 46766, and if different, my residence address is: in the Wells County, Indiana, hereby gives notice that Yazmine Tucker Cruz has filed a petition in the Wells Circuit Court requesting that her name be changed to Yazmine Tucker.

Notice is further given that the hearing will be held on said Petition on SEPTEMBER 16, 2024, at 10:00 a.m.

Yazmine Tucker Cruz  
Petitioner  
07/25/2024  
Date  
Kenton W. Kiracofe  
Judicial Officer  
nb 9/7, 9/10, 9/13  
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**NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS OF ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS**  
Notice is hereby given the taxpayers of Union Township, Wells County, Indiana that the proper legal officers will consider the following additional appropriations in excess of the budget for the current year at their regular meeting place at 8313 N 600 West - 90 - Markie in 46770, at 7:00 o'clock PM, on the 1st day of October, 2024.

Fund Name:	Cum Fire	Amount
Major Budget Classification:		
Capital Outlays		\$ 22,553
Total for Cum Fire Fund:		\$ 22,553
Fund Name:	Fire Amount	
Major Budget Classification:		
Other Services & Charges		\$ 20,700
Total for Fire Fund:		\$ 20,700

Taxpayers appearing at the meeting shall have a right to be heard. The additional appropriations as finally made will be referred to the Department of Local Government Finance (DLGF). The DLGF will make a written determination as to the sufficiency of funds to support the appropriations made within fifteen (15) days of receipt of a Certified Copy of the action taken.  
Dated 08/26/2024

Brian Imel  
(Fiscal Officer)  
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