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In the photo above cast members display a copy of The News-Banner in The Spam sketch. (Photo by Barbara Barbieri)

## 'Edukational Show' takes over Warren's Pulse Opera House

By BARBARA BARBIERI

There are still four chances to catch Monty Python's Edukational Show at the Pulse Opera House in Warren this next weekend. There will be 8 p.m. curtain times on Friday and Saturday, the usual 4 p.m. one on Sunday and the one added at 3 p.m. on Saturday afternoon.

The entire family will enjoy the British humor showcased in the sketches, songs and animation captured from Monty

Python's Flying Circus.

The sketches feature Steve Bricker, Matthew Doss, Erin Harlan, Robert Harlan, Debi Sackett, Kira Stansell, Matt Stephenson and Ken Zuk. Cynthia Smyth-Wartzok is director with Ron Wartzok technical director and stage management by Priscilla Alter.

Tickets are \$15 with online reservations to [www.pulseoperahouse.org](http://www.pulseoperahouse.org) by phone to 260-375-7017.

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## Economic development, engineer vacancies remain

By JONATHAN SNYDER

The city of Bluffton is still looking to replace two roles — their search for a city engineer is reaching six months, while another offer has been reportedly tendered for an economic development director.

Cheryl Morphew has handled both county and city consulting for economic development matters in the interim. Morphew is on a fee for service agreement, available for up to 10 hours a month for \$150 per hour. Mayor John Whicker said approximately eight people have applied for the vacancy; the city has not heard an official response from the individual they tendered an offer to.

County Commissioner Jeff Stringer had reported prospects with another candidate in May, but that individual reportedly backed out.

If a hire is made, the county and city still need to work out an interlocal agreement, where both parties will share the salary for said position. However, Whicker stated position will be classified as a city employee.

Stringer, County Council member Seth Whicker, Common Council member Scott

Mentzer and Mayor John Whicker have been involved in the hiring process.

Wells County has not had a full-time economic development director since April.

"She (Morphew) is still engaged. We're not missing opportunities because this person isn't on board, and we will continue to have somebody filling those responsibilities, whether it's the economic development director or the engineering responsibilities," Mentzer said. "There will be somebody to take care of those duties until we have those positions filled. So from our perspective, while we would like to get them filled as soon as possible, we can be patient to find the right person."

Meanwhile, the search for a city engineer has continued since former City Engineer Kelly White resigned in February. In the interim, the city has been using a company out of Fort Wayne for engineering purposes, Mentzer said.

"There's lots of smaller towns and cities that tend to use engineering companies as their engineer," Mentzer said. "So they pay an engineering company to come in and do the work. That's how we operated until we

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## Report: Indiana loses out on \$4.2B annually because of child care shortage

By WHITNEY DOWNARD  
Indiana Capital Chronicle

The lack of affordable child care options in the state is costing the state — not just on an individual level, but also in terms of "economic potential," according to a new study from the Indiana Chamber of Commerce and Early Learning Indiana.

The price tag is \$4.22 billion each year, of which \$1.17 billion can be linked to annual loss in tax revenue. Other costs to economic productivity include the 57% of parents with young children who miss work or class because of child care problems. Or the 40% of parents, mostly women, who left the workforce "as a direct result of child-care-related issues."

"Childcare access and affordability issues continue to hold back the Hoosier workforce and future economic growth for our state," said Indiana Chamber President and CEO Vanessa Green Sindors in a statement. "This report brings into focus just how important it is to solve these childcare challenges. While daunting, we see creative solutions emerging across Indiana and we're confident that through sustained advocacy and collaboration, we can keep making progress to help our citizens and employers."

This struggle drags down the state's economic performance and hampers future job growth, the study concludes. Relative to other states, Indiana ranks 27th in the nation for labor force participation — the same rank the Hoosier State has for its unemployment rate, which sits at 3.5%.

The organizations note that high-quality child care has another benefit: boosting the

future academic performance of the state's youngest Hoosiers. Studies have linked high-quality child care with improved literacy rates — the same scores that plummeted in recent years following the COVID-19 pandemic.

"Hundreds of thousands of Hoosier children need high-quality early learning experiences to thrive in school and beyond," said Maureen Weber, the president and CEO of Early Learning Indiana, in the release. "For the business community, this report shows a two-fold impact as parents are forced to leave today's workforce while tomorrow's workers cannot reach their full potential. We will continue our work with partners in government, business and the philanthropic community to ensure high-quality early learning opportunities for all Indiana children."

The study, which includes several personal stories from surveyed families, is part of a nationwide partnership with the U.S. Chamber of Commerce Foundation analyzing the "untapped potential" of more than a dozen states.

Recent reform at the state level — including philanthropic efforts — "are promising," the report adds, but "the survey results show that there is more work to be done to maximize Indiana's economic potential."

Though the state has thousands of providers and seats available but not enough. Only 61% can be served with existing capacity.

Quantifying the economic impact

Broadly speaking, the \$4.22 billion in (Continued on Page 2)

## Death toll rises from Helene, supplies are rushed to North Carolina and Florida digs out

By KATE PAYNE,  
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Associated Press

PERRY, Fla. (AP) — Authorities struggled to get water and other supplies to isolated, flood-stricken areas across the U.S. Southeast in the wake of Hurricane Helene as the death toll from the storm rose.

A North Carolina county that includes the mountain city of Asheville reported 30 people killed due to the storm, and several other fatalities reported in North Carolina Sunday pushed the overall death toll to at least 91 people across several states.

Supplies were being airlifted to the region around

the isolated city. Buncombe County Manager Avril Pinder pledged that she would have food and water into Asheville — which is known for its arts, culture and natural attractions — by Monday.

"We hear you. We need food and we need water," Pinder said on a Sunday call with reporters. "My staff has been making every request possible to the state for support and we've been working with every single organization that has reached out. What I promise you is that we are very close."

Officials warned that rebuilding from the widespread loss of homes and property would be lengthy and difficult. The storm

upended life throughout the Southeast. Deaths also were reported in Florida, Georgia, South Carolina and Virginia.

North Carolina Gov. Roy Cooper predicted the toll would rise as rescuers and other emergency workers reached areas isolated by collapsed roads, failing infrastructure and widespread flooding.

He implored residents in western North Carolina to avoid travel, both for their own safety and to keep roads clear for emergency vehicles. More than 50 search teams spread throughout the region in search of stranded people.

One rescue effort involved saving 41 people (Continued on Page 2)

## Israeli airstrike hits central Beirut for first time in year of conflict

By MELANIE LIDMAN  
and KAREEM CHEHAYEB  
Associated Press

JERUSALEM (AP) — The first apparent Israeli airstrike on central Beirut in nearly a year of conflict leveled an apartment building early Monday, hours after Israel hit targets across Lebanon and killed dozens of people as Hezbollah sustained heavy blows to its command structure, including the killing of its leader, Hassan

Nasrallah.

The airstrike hit a multistory residential building, according to an Associated Press journalist at the scene. Videos showed ambulances and a crowd gathered near the building in a mainly Sunni district with a busy thoroughfare lined with shops.

The airstrike killed at least one person and wounded 16, said an official with Lebanese Civil Defense, who spoke on condition

of anonymity because he was not authorized to speak to the media. He said the person killed was a member of the al-Jamaa al-Islamiya, or the Islamic Group, a Sunni political and militant group that is allied with Hezbollah.

The group is not known to have played any meaningful role in the current conflict between Israel and Hezbollah.

A Palestinian leftist faction in Lebanon said three of its members

were killed in the airstrike. The Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine said in a statement early Monday that its military and security commanders in Lebanon, and a third member were killed in the attack.

In the past week, Israel has frequently targeted Beirut's southern suburbs, where the militant group Hezbollah has a strong presence — including a major strike on Friday that killed Nasrallah — but

had not hit locations near the city center.

Israeli officials had no immediate comment.

Earlier, Hezbollah confirmed that Nabil Kaouk, the deputy head of the militant group's Central Council, was killed Saturday, making him the seventh senior Hezbollah leader killed in Israeli strikes in a little over a week. They include founding members who (Continued on Page 2)

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**Outside**

Small chance of showers today and tomorrow

Today	Tuesday	Wed.
High 75	High 78	High 69
Low 60	Low 44	Low 46

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## Economic development director

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brought Kelly on board.”

Part of the issue with finding an engineer, according to both Mentzer and Mayor John Whicker, is the competition with the private sector. Both stated that the city will exercise caution in hiking up their proposed salary for a new engineer, as they are not missing any major projects at the moment and want to avoid the risk of shuffling salary numbers.

“It’s taxpayer dollars that pay for these positions,” Mentzer said. “We want to

be financially responsible with the dollars, and we’re still hopeful that we can find a candidate that is inside our current salary ordinance range. There’s no projects that are falling through the cracks because of a lack of an engineer. We’re just having to contract those services out, rather than having that engineer on staff.”

“We have to be careful with compensation,” Whicker said. “We want to be competitive in the hiring process, but we can’t go crazy at the expense of our other depart-

ment heads and other city employees.”

The city has also had difficulty finding candidates with municipal utility credentials. The multitude of county engineers in the public sector may not have the skill set that the city is looking for with utilities, in particular with the city’s electric department. Whicker stated that most communities do not have an electric utility, instead choosing to have a provider like AEP or Indiana Michigan Power.

“Generally speaking, we’re at a size for a city that is right on that line of, ‘Would a city our size typically have a city engineer or not have a city engineer?’” Mentzer said. “I feel like we’re right on that tipping point. And bigger cities have bigger budgets, and they can afford to pay some of these positions more than we can afford. We think this position is important, but we want to be fiscally responsible with the taxpayer dollar”

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## Weather

Monday, September 30, 2024

(24-hour observations at 10:01 p.m. Sunday)

High: 75; Low: 66; Precipitation: 0.05 inches of rain  
Wabash River Level (at the Main Street bridge): 1.28 feet at 8:45 p.m. Sunday

### Wells County forecast

**Today:** A 10% chance of showers after 5 p.m. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 75. Northeast wind 5 to 10 mph.

**Tonight:** A 10% chance of showers before 8 p.m. Patchy fog after 2 a.m. Otherwise, mostly cloudy, with a low around 60. Northeast wind around 5 mph becoming calm in the evening.

**Tuesday:** A 20% chance of showers. Patchy fog before 9 a.m. Otherwise, partly sunny, with a high near 78. Light west wind becoming northwest 5 to 10 mph in the afternoon.

**Tuesday Night:** Mostly clear, with a low around 44. Northwest wind 5 to 10 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

**Wednesday:** Sunny, with a high near 69.

**Wednesday Night:** Clear, with a low around 46.

**Thursday:** Sunny, with a high near 75.

**Thursday Night:** Partly cloudy, with a low around 49.

**Friday:** Mostly sunny, with a high near 74.

**Friday Night:** Mostly clear, with a low around 45.

**Saturday:** Sunny, with a high near 70.

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

**Sunday:** Sunny, with a high near 72.

## Child care shortage

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untapped economic potential falls into two categories: workplace disruptions — such as worker absenteeism and employee turnover — and lost tax dollars from unearned wages.

Parents missed an average of 14 days of work related due to child care disruptions per year — absenteeism that cost employers \$906 million annually. Others left the workforce entirely, whether voluntarily or involuntarily, and turnover cost employers another \$2.14 billion.

“The \$4.22 billion in lost economic value for Indiana each year is not an abstract number. Each dollar lost due to insufficient childcare is a dollar that will not be used to fund a single mother’s education, provide for a child, or put food on a struggling family’s table,” the report said. “The annual loss to the state of Indiana is certainly eye-opening; compounded over decades, and measured in terms of unaddressed human need, it becomes staggering.”

One-in-four parents reported quitting a job due to child care issues, while another 21% said they dropped from full-time work to part-time employment. Another 15% were fired, 11% turned down a promotion and 19% turned down a job offer.

Those who leave the workforce or interrupt their schooling due to child care issues damage their earning potential down the road.

“Women bear the brunt of the child-care-related economic losses; women with children earn slightly less than males with children earn, even after controlling for job and qualifications. The study revealed that women are also more likely than men to quit a job to care for a child...,” the report found. “Translated, this means women are not only leaving the workforce at higher rates but are also being penalized with a higher opportunity cost for doing so.”

The survey ends by posing a question to stakeholders, including government officials, businesses and parents: “What could Indiana do with an additional \$4.22 billion each year?”

### Report findings

Survey results completed by 609 Hoosier parents of children under the age of six were gathered in March 2024 for the report and then used to craft a model to estimate the economic

cost of the child care shortfall. Though the study broke down some data by gender, it did not do so for race or ethnicity.

Just over three-quarters of those parents, or 77%, paid for child care, telling researchers they primarily picked their provider based on affordability. Low-income families are defined as those earning under \$30,000 while high-income families earn more than \$100,000.

The average high-income household paid \$895 per month for child care, compared to \$544 each month for a low-income family. The middle-income families spent the least, at \$496 per month. Combined, families spent an average of \$677 per month.

According to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, a household should devote no more than 7% of their income to child care. But poorer families often spend more. The average annual cost of child care is closer to \$8,000 annually.

In general, families in Indiana elect to place their child under the care of close family members at least some of the time. Parents in lower income tiers are most likely to report that their children are under the care of a parent, stepparent, or guardian. Such households often forgo a second income, electing instead to subsist on one parent’s salary,” the study concluded.

“Overall, high-income earners have a wider range of care options available to them relative to low-income earners, and high-income parents are more likely than other groups to be using multiple childcare solutions at the same time.”

Two-thirds of parents got some sort of tax break or government assistance, such as vouchers or tax credits. Just one-quarter of parents reported employer support — whether directly through subsidies or indirectly with flexible working options. Incentivizing employers to support child care options has been a big focus for the chamber, which has sponsored such efforts in the past.

Over one-quarter of parents “experienced employment changes” due to issues with their child care, or 27%. However, that response changed based on a family’s income. One in five, or 20%, of high-income families experienced an employment change compared to 36% of low-income families.

In terms of employer support, parents said flexible hours and remote work were the most appealing to close child care gaps. Such amenities, traditionally only available to higher-wage earners, have reportedly reduced turnover and improved employee satisfaction.

Additionally, 11% of parents — including 12% of fathers — planned to leave their employment in the next year. Again, low-income families were more likely to be planning a career change than their high-income counterparts. Other parents reported dropping from full-time student status to part-time learning to accommodate inconsistent child care availability.

Most high-income families were satisfied with their child care arrangements, or 88%, compared to 74% of middle-income families and 66% of low-income families. Fathers also reported being more satisfied with their arrangements than mothers.

Additionally, parents utilizing Head Start or Early Head Start programs reported the highest satisfaction, at 87%, followed by parents using child care centers and families relying upon nannies or au pairs — both at a 82% satisfaction rate.

### Recent momentum

The conclusion doesn’t include any proposed solutions to the state’s child care shortage — something that lawmakers have struggled to address in recent years.

Actions taken in 2024 include increasing the maximum number of children allowed at unlicensed homes and extending licensing requirements. A separate law authorized a pilot program for “micro centers,” lowered age limits for child center staff and allowed child care employees to access state benefits for their own child care needs.

Those bills explicitly focused solely on deregulation and other proposals that didn’t include a budget line and authors vowed to return to the issue in the 2025 budget-writing session.

However, the General Assembly will return in January with smaller reserves as well as long-term Medicaid funding problems and might not prioritize actions to close Indiana’s child care gap — though both the Republican and Democratic candidates for governor have discussed the state’s child care issues in their campaigns.

## Helene death toll rises

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north of Asheville. Another mission focused on saving a single infant. The teams found people through both 911 calls and social media messages, North Carolina National Guard Adjutant General Todd Hunt said.

President Joe Biden described the impact of the storm as “stunning” and said he would visit the area this week as long as it does not disrupt rescues or recovery work.

Hurricane Helene roared ashore late Thursday in Florida’s Big Bend region as a Category 4 hurricane with 140 mph winds. A weakened Helene quickly moved through Georgia, then soaked the Carolinas and Tennessee with torrential rains that flooded creeks and rivers and strained dams.

There have been hundreds of water rescues, including in rural Unicoi County in East Tennessee, where dozens of patients and staff were plucked by helicopter from a hospital rooftop Friday.

More than 2 million homeowners and other utility customers were still without power Sunday night. South Carolina had the most outages and Gov. Henry McMaster asked for patience as crews dealt with widespread snapped power poles.

“We want people to remain calm. Help is on the way, it is just going to take time,” McMaster told reporters outside the airport in Aiken County.

The storm unleashed the worst flooding in a century

in North Carolina. One community, Spruce Pine, was doused with over 2 feet of rain from Tuesday through Saturday.

Jessica Drye Turner in Texas had begged for someone to rescue her family members stranded on their rooftop in Asheville amid rising floodwaters. “They are watching 18-wheelers and cars floating by,” Turner wrote in an urgent Facebook post on Friday.

But in a follow-up message Saturday, Turner said help had not arrived in time to save her parents, both in their 70s, and her 6-year-old nephew. The roof collapsed and the three drowned.

The state was sending water supplies and other items toward Buncombe County and Asheville, but mudslides blocking Interstate 40 and other highways prevented supplies from making it. The county’s own water supplies were on the other side of the Swannanoa River, away from where most of the 270,000 people in Buncombe County live, officials said.

Law enforcement was making plans to send officers to places that still had water, food or gas because of reports of arguments and threats of violence, the county sheriff said.

FEMA Administrator Deanne Criswell toured south Georgia on Sunday and planned to be in North Carolina Monday.

“It’s still very much an active search and rescue mission” in western North Carolina, Criswell said. “And we know that there’s

many communities that are cut off just because of the geography” of the mountains, where damage to roads and bridges have cut off certain areas.

Biden on Saturday pledged federal government help for Helene’s “overwhelming” devastation. He also approved a disaster declaration for North Carolina, making federal funding available for affected individuals.

In Florida’s Big Bend, some lost nearly everything they own. With sanctuaries still darkened as of Sunday morning, some churches canceled regular services while others like Faith Baptist Church in Perry opted to worship outside.

Standing water and tree debris still covers the grounds of Faith Baptist Church. The church called on parishioners to come “pray for our community” in a message posted to the congregation’s Facebook page.

“We have power. We don’t have electricity,” Immaculate Conception Catholic Church parishioner Marie Ruttinger said. “Our God has power. That’s for sure.”

Georgia Gov. Brian Kemp said Saturday that it looked “like a bomb went off” after viewing splintered homes and debris-covered highways from the air.

In eastern Georgia near the border with South Carolina, officials notified Augusta residents Sunday morning that water service would be shut off for 24 to 48 hours in the city and surrounding Richmond

## Israeli airstrike

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had evaded death or detention for decades.

Hezbollah also confirmed that Ali Karaki, another senior commander, died in the strike that killed Nasrallah. Israel says at least 20 other Hezbollah militants were killed, including one in charge of Nasrallah’s security detail.

The Lebanese health ministry documented at least 105 people killed around the country in airstrikes Sunday. Two strikes near the southern city of Sidon, about 28 miles south of Beirut, killed at least 32 people, the Lebanese health ministry said. Separately, Israeli strikes in the northern province of Baalbek Hermel killed 21 people and injured at least 47. There were other strikes.

The Israeli military previously said it also carried out another targeted strike on Beirut, but did not immediately provide details.

Lebanese media reported dozens of strikes in the central, eastern and western Bekaa and in the south, besides strikes on Beirut. The strikes have targeted buildings where civilians were living and the death toll was expected to rise.

In a video of a strike in Sidon, verified by The Associated Press, a building swayed before collapsing as neighbors filmed. One TV station called on viewers to pray for a family caught under the rubble, posting

their pictures, as rescuers failed to reach them. The Lebanese health ministry reported at least 14 medics were killed over two days in the south.

President Joe Biden said Sunday he would speak soon with Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, and believes that an all-out war in the Middle East must be avoided. “It has to be,” Biden told reporters at Dover Air Force Base in Delaware as he boarded Air Force One for Washington.

Meanwhile, wreckage from the strike on Friday that killed Nasrallah was still smoldering. AP journalists saw smoke over the rubble as people flocked to the site, some to check on what was left of their homes and others to pay respects, pray or simply to see the destruction.

In response to the dramatic escalation in Israeli strikes on Lebanon, Hezbollah significantly increased its attacks in the past week, from several dozen to several hundred daily, the Israeli military said. The attacks injured several people and caused damage, but most of the rockets and drones were intercepted by Israel’s air defense systems or fell in open areas.

The army says its strikes have degraded Hezbollah’s capabilities and the number of launches would be much higher if Hezbollah had not been hit.

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OBITUARIES

Carolyn J. Graham, 94

Carolyn J. Graham, 94, of Bluffton, passed away early Friday morning, Sept. 27, 2024, at her home.

She was born on Jan. 15, 1930 in Bluffton to James and Thrice (White) Goldsberry. She graduated from Bluffton High School in 1947. Carolyn was able to raise her children at home while assisting her husband on the family farm. She was a member of the American Legion Women's Auxiliary, First Presbyterian Church and Psi Iota Xi.

On Oct. 3, 1948, Carolyn and James R. Graham were married in Bluffton. They shared 57 years of marriage before his passing on July 24, 2006.

Survivors include her children, Michael (Connie) Graham, Patrick Graham and Robert Graham, all of Bluffton, and Peggy Graham of Ossian; along with 10 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren. She is also survived by a sister, Barbara (Jack) Sprunger of Pawleys Island, South Carolina.

She is preceded in death by her husband, James; her daughter, Linda Sue

Kunkel; and her parents.

Funeral services will take place at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 12, 2024, at the Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home in Bluffton with Jeff Lemler officiating. Visitation will be held from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 11, 2024, at the funeral home and for one hour prior to the service.

Burial will follow at Elm Grove Cemetery in Bluffton.

Memorials may be made to Friends of the Wells Animal Shelter and can be sent 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 send online condolences to the family at [www.thomarich.com](http://www.thomarich.com).



Theresa R. Harris, 71

Theresa R. Harris, 71, of Bluffton passed away on Thursday morning, Sept. 26, 2024, in Bluffton.

She was born on Sept. 23, 1953, in Oxford, England to Raymond F. Gubernatz, Sr. and Rose K. (Reedman) Fuller.

Theresa graduated from Bluffton High School with the class of 1971. She worked at the Caylor-Nickel Clinic in data processing and registration and Richard's Restaurant in Bluffton. Since April of 2013, Theresa has been the heart and soul of Bi-County Services working as a supportive living house manager and scheduling. Theresa was always active and on the go and chose to face each day with a smile. She enjoyed her grandchildren, going on family vacations and music festivals, camping and quilting. Theresa attended Grace Baptist Church.

Theresa is survived by her three children, Jason M. (Keisha) Harris of Suffolk, Virginia, Jennifer (Chad) Osborn of Ossian and Jodie Harris of Lawrenceville, Georgia. She was a loving Nana to 10 grandchildren, Alexandra, Jordan, Jared, Justin, Courtney, Ethan, Jenna, Braydon, Cameron and Jaelyn; and four great-grandchildren, Aurora, Jesselin, Axel and Waylon. She is also survived by her stepfather, Robert L. Fuller of Cookeville, Tennessee; and sisters, Kathy (Rocky)

Mahon of Clarksville, Tennessee, Linda (Gary) Glenn of Bluffton, Colleen (Andy) Evans of Poneto and Roberta Byrd of Geneva; and a sister-in-law, Susan Gubernatz of Milford, Ohio.

She is preceded in death by her parents; and siblings, Raymond F. Gubernatz, Jr., Michelle Gubernatz-Michael and Robert Fuller, II.

Visitation will be held from 1 p.m. to 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 1st, 2024, at the Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home in Bluffton.

Funeral Services will take place at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 1st, 2024, following visitation with Pastor Doug McClure officiating.

Memorials may be made in Theresa's memory to Bi-County Services and can be sent 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 memories and online condolences with the family at [www.thomarich.com](http://www.thomarich.com).



David A. Terhune, 78

David A. Terhune, 78, of Bluffton, passed away on Sunday morning, Sept. 29, 2024, at Stillwater Hospice Home in Fort Wayne.

Dave was born on June 27, 1946, in Charlotte, North Carolina to Wayne F. and Helen E. (Wood) Terhune. After graduating from Bluffton P.A. Allen High School with the class of 1965, Dave served his country in the United States Air Force from 1966 to 1969.

He worked at CPC Pipe Company in Fort Wayne for 23 years, Hiday Motors in Bluffton for four years, managed W. & W. Concrete for 19 years, and retired from Timber Ridge Golf Course Pro Shop, after 12 years.

Dave was inducted to the Bluffton Athletic Hall of Fame in 2019 and worked for IHSSA basketball for 27 years as an official and eight years as a IHSAA observer. He was also recognized in the Indy Star "Top 100 players of the year" by scoring 41 points in a U.S. Basketball game in 1964. He enjoyed playing golf and attending his grandchildren's ball games and was a member of Hope Missionary Church in Bluffton and the American Legion Post 111 of Bluffton.

Survivors include his two daughters, Ashlee L. (Casey) Kolkman and Brooke D. (Chip) Swindell, both of Bluffton. Dave was a loving grandpa to eight grandchil-

dren, Cooper A. King, Cayah L. King, Creighton D. Kolkman, Collin P. Burns, Charli G. Swindell, Crue F. Swindell, Josie A. Kolkman and Alex J. Kolkman.

He is also survived by his siblings, Alyse (George) Terhune-McCathern of Tuxedo, New York, Wayne F. (Valerie) Terhune of Ossian, Terry L. Miller of Bluffton and Jeffrey (Anita) Terhune of Craigville.

A service to celebrate Dave's life will be held at 1 p.m. on Saturday, October 5, 2024, at the Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home in Bluffton. Visitation will take place from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday, prior to the service.

Military Honors will be performed as part of Dave's service by the U.S. Air Force Honor Guard and the American Legion Post 111 Honor Guard.

Memorials may be made to Hope Missionary Church in Bluffton.

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



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

Indiana Attorney General's Office seeks second execution date

By WHITNEY DOWNARD and CASEY SMITH  
Indiana Capital Chronicle

The Indiana Office of the Attorney General submitted a request Friday to set an execution date for Benjamin Ritchie, who was convicted in 2002 for killing a law enforcement officer from Beech Grove. Ritchie has exhausted his appeals.

"Most Hoosiers and I expect justice without delay, especially when someone murders a police officer, one of the many, many brave men and women we thank and respect daily," Attorney General Todd Rokita said in a statement. "This convicted cop killer has been on death row far too long — 22 years — and it's past time for him to pay his debt to society."

In June, Rokita's office requested an execution date for Joseph Corcoran, who killed four people in 1997. Corcoran, who similarly has exhausted his appeals, is scheduled to die Dec. 18 and would be the first person executed by the state since 2009.

Corcoran still has several legal options, including challenging the new execution protocol in Indiana, asking courts to block the execution due to his mental illness.

State officials struggled to obtain the necessary drugs for the three-ingredient execution cocktail for years, before turning instead to the single drug pentobarbital.

"This individual has been on death row since October of 2002 and exhausted all his appeals since his murder of Beech Grove Officer, William Toney, 32, on September 29, 2000," Gov. Eric Holcomb's office said in a Friday statement. "Gov. Holcomb will be fulfilling his gubernatorial duty by following the law and carrying out justice according to the conviction and sentencing

of this case by the court."

State public defenders assigned to Ritchie's case did not immediately reply to a request for comment.

It's now up to Indiana's high court justices to grant the state's request and set an execution date. Ritchie can still seek clemency or a pardon in his case — an unlikely option that hasn't been granted to a death row inmate in over a decade.

There are currently eight men on death row in Indiana. Ritchie is among the four who have exhausted all their appeals and have no other recourse, according to the Indiana Public Defender Council's website.

Ritchie case

Ritchie and two others stole a van from a gas station on Sept. 29, 2000 and officers later found the stolen van, initiating a pursuit. The trio stopped the van and fled on foot, running in opposite directions.

Beech Grove police officer William Toney chased Ritchie, who turned around and fired four shots and killed Toney. Ritchie, then 22, was convicted of the murder in 2002 and the jury unanimously recommended a death sentence.

Toney's widow, Dee Dee Horen, shared news of the attorney general's request with WTHR earlier this year, including that Ritchie would be the second man in line for the death penalty. At least two other men on death row were convicted of killing law enforcement officers.

According to courtroom reports from the IndyStar, Ritchie laughed when his verdict was read after the jury deliberated for more than three hours. Ritchie's defense shared stories of his difficult home life but failed to sway the jury, who had to be sequestered for the trial.

Federal judge blocks police buffer zone law in media lawsuit

By NIKI KELLY, Indiana Capital Chronicle

A federal judge late Friday blocked a law creating a 25-foot buffer zone around law enforcement officers during certain activities.

U.S. District Court Judge James Sweeney II, of the southern district, ruled in favor of the Reporters Committee for Freedom of the Press and a coalition of other Hoosier journalism organizations and media outlets.

The Indiana Attorney General's Office had sought to dismiss the case, which the judge denied.

"Simply being within twenty-five feet of a police officer is not a crime, and indeed, important First Amendment rights are regularly exercised within twenty-five feet of law enforcement every single day," Sweeney said.

But he focused his ruling on a 14th Amendment vagueness claim.

"This is not specific enough to allow the general public or reporters to know how to conduct themselves to avoid receiving an order to move," the 26-page decision said.

Lawmakers passed the law in April 2023, under which officers engaged in "lawful duties" can order someone to stay 25 feet away or risk a Class C misdemeanor. Supporters at the time said some situations become more volatile when people are too close to the officers.

Members of the press and the public argue the so-called "buffer zone" limits their ability to hold law enforcement accountable, especially when it comes to public recordings.

The media plaintiffs argued in the case that the law was too vague because it contains no limiting standards for police officers to follow or indications of what type of conduct will prompt an officer to order someone to move back.

"The Buffer Law is clear about what conduct may lead to an arrest: refusing to obey an officer after being told to move when one is within twenty-five feet. However, the constitutional vagueness analysis requires more when a law criminalizes failing to obey such an order, as due process requires a "warning about the behavior" that will prompt that order," the ruling said.

There is a second ongoing parallel case challenging the law, and it was also in court on Friday.

The American Civil Liberties Union of Indiana filed a lawsuit in August 2023 on behalf of South Bend's Donald Nicodemus, whose YouTube channel captures his interactions with the local police force, saying the law infringed on his constitutional rights.

Nicodemus has previously encountered controversies as a "citizen journalist" and captured video of an officer ordering Nicodemus to stand 25 feet away.

But U.S. District Court Judge Damon R. Leichty appeared not to sympathize with the ACLU's arguments and found the law constitutional. He operates in Indiana's northern district.

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Financial Focus

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To defend yourself, take these steps: First, don't be rushed into snap decisions. If someone won't give you the time to consider an offer, it's not worth considering.

Also, be suspicious of "risk-free" claims. All investments carry risk.

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To achieve your financial goals, you'll likely need to invest for decades — so, be wary of scammers who claim to offer a shortcut to success.

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## Feeling confident in elections, voting in-person or by mail

Will you be voting in this fall's election? You can bet I will, and I know my vote will be counted. And matter.

Did you know in 2019 a city council race in Columbus was decided by one vote? And that race also swung the political control of the body?

One vote! Imagine if you lived there and didn't vote. I don't want to have that kind of regret.

I hope other Hoosiers have the same sense of confidence I have, despite baseless claims in recent years of rampant election fraud.

In Indiana, voter registration isn't the problem. We have 4.7 million Hoosiers registered, according to the Indiana Secretary of State's Office. That is about 90% of those eligible to vote. Yes, there are likely some people who have moved, died or have duplicate entries in the state system. And there is an established process to winnow those out. But we don't do it lightning quick because taking away a person's right to vote is serious business.

Indiana's issue is turnout. In recent general elections, the high-water mark for turnout was 65% in 2020. In 2022, that dipped to 40%. And primary turnout is even worse.

I am glad lawmakers have created the 30-day early voting period. Honestly, it means no one has an excuse for not casting their ballots.

There has occasionally been chatter about reducing the length of early voting. In 2022, Indiana Secretary of State Diego Morales walked back a proposal to cut early voting as well as softened his previous comments on the 2020 election.

It makes no sense to take away an option in a state that has safe and secure elections.

Then there is mail-in voting. It's technically called absentee voting in Indiana, but you can do it early, in-person or by mail.

The Secretary of State's Office ran a report for ICC showing how many mail-in votes Indiana has had in the last four general elections. In 2016 it was 155,582, or about 5.5%. That rose to 6.5% in 2018.

The 2020 general election is a bit of an anomaly because state elections officials removed perquisites to vote by mail as a way to ease fears around the pandemic. That year more than 563,000 Hoosiers voted by mail, or 18.3%.

More recently, the percentage dropped down to about 8.4% in 2022.

I personally enjoy the camaraderie of voting in person, but election days can be hectic. So early voting has been a great option for me over the years.

But there are lots of folks who are introverted and would prefer filling out their ballot in the privacy of their home. There are also students who live out of state; senior citizens who struggle to get out; disabled Hoosiers that have no way to get to the polls. Heck, in some states you don't even need a reason. And in 8 states, all votes are cast by mail.

I'm not afraid of mail-in voting. The Bipartisan Policy Center said mail voting has been in use since it helped soldiers cast ballots during the Civil War.

Of course, there are people who break the law — both voting in person and by mail. There is no way to stop people from being stupid. But most of the examples bandied about were stopped by election officials enforcing the security processes already in place to thwart scofflaws. Or they were isolated in nature.

It's not a perfect system but it's pretty damn good, and I will stand by it and participate wholeheartedly.

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## Hoosier Opinions

# Is there a Hoosier 'silent majority' on abortion rights?

INDIANAPOLIS — In this upcoming election, voters in 10 states will determine the legality of abortion. Three of these states — Arizona, Nevada and potentially Florida — are so-called presidential battleground states. In Nebraska, there are two citizen-initiated ballot questions that would either back or negate abortion rights.

Since the U.S. Supreme Court ruled in its Dobbs decision in June 2022 that the issue should be determined by voters in their states, referendums guaranteeing abortion rights have passed in Ohio (with 56.7% of the vote), California (66.8%), Kansas (58.9%), Kentucky (52.3%), Michigan (56.6%), Montana (52.5%) and Vermont (76.7%). Of these states, Ohio, Kentucky, Kansas and Montana have been strong Republican bastions.

Hoosier voters will not have the opportunity to vote for such a referendum. While the aforementioned states have processes for citizen-generated referendums, Indiana does not.

Only the General Assembly can approve a referendum. But the General Assembly has used gerrymandered maps since 2011 guaranteeing lop-sided GOP majorities. It has held super majority status since 2014 (which is unprecedented in the state's two centuries), despite the fact that Democratic legislative candidates have traditionally pulled around 45% of the total vote.

In a 2023 Ball State Bowen Center Hoosier Survey, to the question, "Do you think abortion should be..." 31.3% of respondents answered "legal in most cases," and 27.8% answered "legal in all cases." That means that more than 59% believe in some type of abortion access. Meanwhile, 27.2% answered "illegal in most cases," while 10.3% responded with "illegal in all cases."

If Hoosiers want to vote on the abortion issue, they'll have to use the governor's race to do so. Democrat Jennifer McCormick is facing Republican Mike Braun and Libertarian Donald Rainwater.

"That's exactly right," McCormick told me last May. "A vote for me is a vote for that purpose. There's a clear difference. I'm going to fight to restore those rights under any authority I can, working in a bipartisan fashion, using our committees, board and our agencies. I also know, too, what everybody's fear is — that [Republicans are] not going to restore those rights and will take them further."

The issue that is supposed to send young females to the polls was rated the top issue by only 6% in an NBC poll released last weekend. But as NBC analyst Steve Kornacke said on Monday, abortion was the key issue driver in a series of special congressional and legislative elections that the Democrats dominated earlier this year.

It "disproportionately got Democrats to the polls,"



Brian Howey

## Politicking

Kornacke said. "It's a major, major variable." The McCormick campaign is airing a TV ad on network and cable TV channels assailing Braun's positions on abortion and in vitro fertilization. It features Braun "in his own words" taking abortion and IVF positions during debates and TV interviews.

"When it comes to things like abortion, I think it's clear to turn it back to the states," Braun says in the ad. There's a brief segment with a news anchor saying, "Indiana is the first state to ban most abortions." Braun is seen saying, "I think our state government got it right."

Then-NBC "Meet the Press" moderator Chuck Todd asks Braun in a 2022 interview whether he would "criminalize abortion." Braun responds, "I'm perfectly comfortable doing it." On IVF, Braun says, "There's no reason to take it because no one's trying to take it away."

Kelly Wittman, McCormick's campaign manager, declined to describe the size of the media buy or whether the ad was running statewide. "The ad started last week and clearly people are seeing it," Wittman told Howey Politics on Tuesday. "It's important for voters to know Braun's positions and this ad shows exactly where he stands in his own words."

The Braun campaign did not comment.

In 2022, Braun appeared on NBC's "Meet the Press" where moderator Chuck Todd pressed him on the politics of reproductive rights or restrictions.

"When it comes to issues like this, divide our country in a way to where we're never going to get to 60 votes on any of this stuff, I think the practical solution is when it's not enumerated, return it to the states," Braun said.

Todd asked Braun: How would you enforce a ban on abortion?

"You're gonna leave that up to the individual states," Braun responded. "You might find that right mix. I'm not saying we got it right in Indiana. It's not right in New York. Maybe you find that happy medium."

Todd asked Braun, do you criminalize abortion?

"I'm perfectly comfortable doing it, just not at the level where everybody's got to live with the same thing," Braun said. "When you talk about criminalizing it, then all you're doing is taking this to a logical extreme that you'll never get to anyway. We just need to take it off of where it is, send it back to the states. Let's find that right way to address it."

In the 1970s, President Richard Nixon sought and found support from what he called the "silent majority." This autumn, it is Vice President Kamala Harris and down-ballot Democrats like McCormick who hope that a similar force of young, female voters will weigh in on this issue.

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# Why are more young women than young men moving left?

It's not news that young people are further on the left of the political spectrum than older generations. Of unique interest now is that the movement to the left is more disproportionate among young women than young men.

As a nation we should know this is happening and try to understand why.

Women, traditionally, have been the stabilizing cultural influence in chaotic times. It is women who have brought children into the world and raised them when men have not been reliable fathers and heads of households. But consider data from a recent Pew Research survey.

Per the survey, our young people are less inclined than in previous generations to marry and have children. Among those ages 18-24, 7% are now married compared to 18% in the same age group 20 years ago in 1993. In the age group 25-29, 29% are now married compared to 50% in the same age group in 1993.

However, in this survey, when young unmarrieds in the age group 18-34 were asked if they want to marry someday, 72% of men said yes, and 69% of women said yes.

When they asked those 18-34 with no children if they want children someday, 57% of men said yes, and 45% of women said yes.

Getting married, having children and building a family reflect per-



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sonal values. So along with these trends in marriage and children, it is not surprising that we find results in a survey done at the American Enterprise Institute with the headline "Young Women Are Leaving Church in Unprecedented Numbers."

Per this survey, 54% of Gen Z (those born 1997-2012) adults who left their religion were women; 46% were men. Disaffiliation from religion has always been higher among

men than women. The same survey reports the following among young adults leaving religion: Millennials (born 1981-1996), 53% men compared to 47% women; Gen X (born 1965-1980), 55% men compared to 45% women; Baby Boomers (born 1955-1964), 57% men compared to 43% women.

What's driving the shift to more young women disaffiliating from religion than young men?

Per the same survey, 61% of Gen Z women identify as "feminist." And 65% of women ages 18-29 disagree with the statement "most churches and religious congregations treat men and women equally."

All this has not surprising fallout in the political arena.

A new Gallup poll reports the average percent of women ages 18-29 identifying as "liberal/very liberal" over the period 2017-2024 was 40%. The same age group of women over the period 2001-2007 identifying

"liberal/very liberal" was 28%. So, the percentage of women identifying as liberal/very liberal increased 12 points.

However, over the same time periods, there was no change in percentage of men 18-29 identifying "liberal/very liberal." Over 2001-2017 it was 25%, and over 2017-2024 it was 25%.

The difference in percentage of women identifying liberal/very liberal compared to men increased from 3 points in the 2001-2007 period to 15 points in the 2017-2024 period.

In that same Gallup survey, the percent of women saying that "abortion should be legal under any/almost all circumstances" increased 18 points over the two time periods. The percentage that said that the environment should be prioritized over economic growth increased 19 points.

However, the percentage of young women who said they are worried about energy availability and affordability declined 11 points of the two periods; the percentage who said they are worried about federal spending and deficits declined 14 points; and worried about the economy declined 16 points.

The moral relativism and hedonism of modern culture have taken root more strongly in our young women than among our young men.

It does not point to healthy future for our nation, and it behooves us to try to understand what is driving this trend to do something about it.

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## Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Monday, Sept. 30, the 274th day of 2024. There are 92 days left in the year.

Today in history: On Sept. 30, 1949, the Berlin Airlift came to an end after delivering more than 2.3 million tons of cargo to blockaded residents of West Berlin over the prior 15 months.

Also on this date:

In 1777, the Continental Congress — forced to flee in the face of advancing British forces — moved to York, Pennsylvania.

In 1791, Mozart's opera "The Magic Flute" premiered in Vienna, Austria.

In 1938, addressing the public after co-signing the Munich Agreement, which allowed Nazi annexation of Czechoslovakia's Sudetenland, British Prime Minister Neville Chamberlain proclaimed, "I believe it is peace for our time."

In 1939, NBC broadcast the first televised football game, a college matchup between Fordham and Waynesburg; Fordham won 34-7.

In 1947, the World Series

was broadcast on television for the first time, as the New York Yankees defeated the Brooklyn Dodgers 5-3 in Game 1; the Yankees would go on to win the Series four games to three.

In 1954, the first nuclear-powered submarine, the USS Nautilus, was commissioned by the U.S. Navy.

In 1955, actor James Dean was killed at age 24 in a two-car collision near Cholame, California.

In 1962, James Meredith, a Black student, was escorted by federal marshals to the campus of the University of Mississippi, where he enrolled for classes the next day; Meredith's presence sparked rioting that left two people dead.

In 1972, Pittsburgh Pirates star Roberto Clemente connected for his 3,000th and final hit, a double against Jon Matlack of the New York Mets at Three Rivers Stadium.

In 2022, Russian President Vladimir Putin signed treaties to illegally annex more occupied Ukrainian territory in a sharp escalation of his seven-month invasion.

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# When a sister cuts ties

Dear Annie: I'm struggling with a painful situation involving my sister. About a year ago, she abruptly stopped speaking to me, and there was no discussion or clear explanation about why this happened. Since then, she has kept her distance not just from me but also from our entire family. She's excluded us from all major family gatherings, including Thanksgiving, Christmas and birthdays.

This past year has been especially difficult because I was undergoing cancer treatments. Throughout that time, she never reached out — not even once. Despite living just a short drive away, she didn't call, visit or offer any support. Her silence has been incredibly hurtful, particularly because I have no idea what triggered this rift between us.

When mutual friends or family members ask her what's going on, she insists that she isn't angry or upset with anyone. This response only adds to my confusion and pain, as her actions suggest otherwise.

Now my daughter is getting married in about a year, and we're starting to plan engagement parties and bridal showers. Given the current state of our relationship, I'm deeply conflicted about whether I should invite her to these significant events. Part of me feels I should reach out and try to include her, but another part wonders if it's better to respect the distance she seems to want.

I'm torn. Should I make an effort to bridge this gap by inviting her to the wedding festivities, or would it be more appropriate to leave her out since she has chosen to exclude herself from our lives? — Upset Sister

Dear Upset: It sounds like your sister is going through something difficult. Assuming there hasn't been a major conflict between your family and her, her abrupt decision to distance her-

self raises some concerns. There are a few possibilities that might help explain her behavior.

One possibility is that your sister may be in an abusive relationship where her partner is manipulating her and trying to isolate her from her family. This is a common tactic in abusive relationships, where the partner convinces her that her family is harmful or untrustworthy, making her feel that she can only rely on them.

Another possibility is that she's struggling with her mental health. It could be depression, or maybe she felt overwhelmed by the emotions surrounding your cancer treatments and didn't know how to cope. When faced with trauma or intense emotions, people often respond by either fleeing, fighting or freezing — and it sounds like she may have chosen to withdraw from the situation.

While this doesn't excuse her behavior, it may help to understand that she might be dealing with her own battles. Keep reaching out to her with kindness and patience. Let her know that you care and that you're there for her if and when she's ready to reconnect. And definitely invite her to the wedding.

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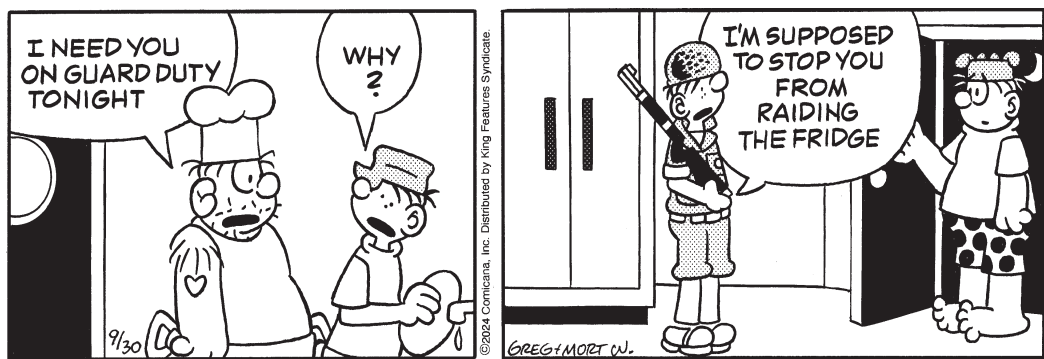
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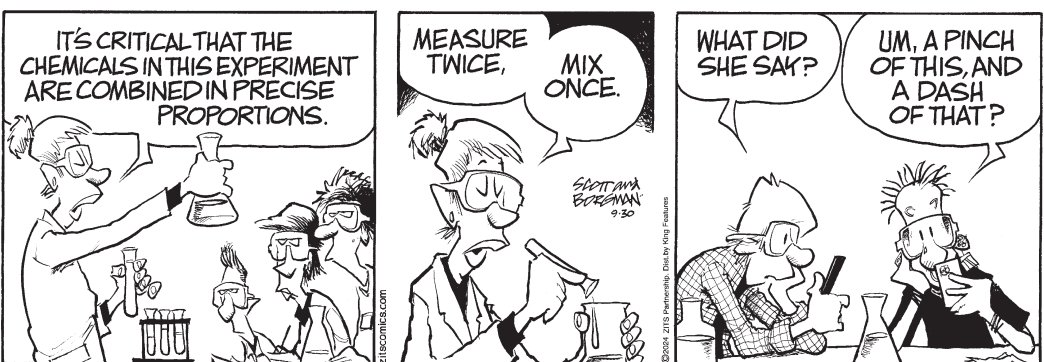
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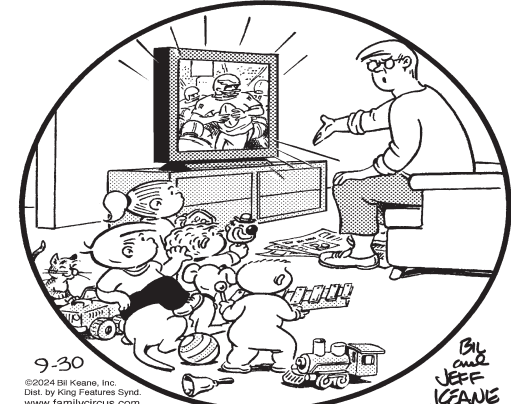


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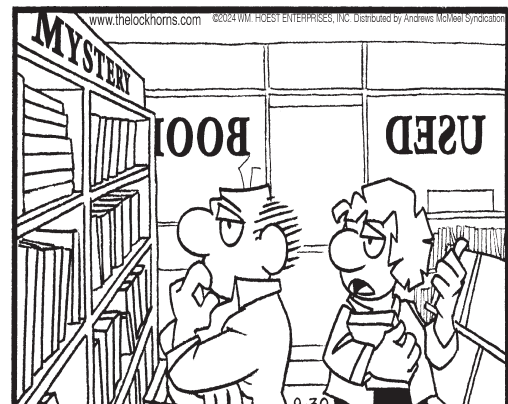


## THE FAMILY CIRCUS

By Bil Keane



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## My Answer

By Dr. Billy Graham



## Salvation in Christ means being born again

Question: My wife isn't thrilled about my love for baseball but with the World Series approaching I am glued to the television. She thinks I'm making light of religion when I tell her that there are a lot of religious analogies in the game of baseball. Am I wrong? — W.S.

Answer: Years ago in the seventh game of the World Series, the score was tied in the last inning with two outs. The batter came to the plate and hit a home run. The crowd went wild. It's about the most exciting thing that can happen in baseball. But when the hero crossed home plate to score, the umpire yelled, "Out!" The crowd was

stunned. The umpire explained that the batter had not touched first base. That's the way with many people. They're Christians outwardly — baptized, church members, tithing — but have missed the most important thing. They've not been born again. They haven't touched first base.

Nicodemus was one such man who came to Jesus. Though he was deeply religious — fasting, tithing, and teaching the theology — he was not satisfied. He had missed first base — salvation — and then Jesus told Him what it means to be "born again."

Being baptized, going to church, and doing good works will not get us to Heaven. One of the

saddest passages in all of Scripture is found in Matthew 7:22-23. Jesus said that many will say to Him that they have done great things in His Name, but He will have to say, "Depart from Me — I never knew you."

Salvation in Christ means being born again. We're all born physically, but to get to Heaven, one must be born spiritually. This is the gift of God that only He can give; and He freely gives it when we repent of our sin and come to Him with a humble heart by faith. This is truth.

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

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51 Under the Silver Lake (18) Riley Keough, Andrew Garfield

52 \*\*\* Jack Reacher (12) Rosamund Pike, Tom Cruise

53 \*\*\* The Firm (1993, Drama) Jeanne Tripplehorn, Gene Hackman, Tom Cruise

54 \*\*\* American History X (1998, Drama) Edward Furlong, Fairuza Balk, Edward Norton

55 \*\*\* The Yards (2000, Crime Story) Joaquin Phoenix, Charlize Theron, Mark Wahlberg

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WINM (12)	11	26	63		Washington Watch With Tony Perkins	News-at-5	Creflo Dollar	Joseph Prince	Turning Point	TCT Today	Joyce Meyer	Prop. Com	Life Today with Robert Jeffress	Discovering	Andrew Womack	Ask the Pastor	CrossTalk				
CBS WANE (15)	2	15	15		News (N)	Inside Edition (N)	News at 6 (N)	CBS News (N)	Wheel of Fortune (N)	Jeopardy!	The Price is Right at Night "All Cash" (N)	NCIS "Heartland" (N)	NCIS "Under the Radar" (N)	Nightcast (N)	(35) Late Show-Colbert (N)	(35) After Mid. (N)					
Antenna WANE-2 (152)	106	20			Criminal "There's No Place Like Home"	Criminal Minds "Hope"	FBI "One Night Stand"	FBI "Fear Nothing"	FBI "Face Off"	FBI "Ghost From the Past"	FBI "Kayla"	FBI "Hero's Journey"									
ABC WPTA (21)	4	3	21	21	ABC21 News at 5 (N)	ABC21 (N)	ABC World News (N)	Ent. Tonight (N)	NFL Football Seattle Seahawks at Detroit Lions	The Seahawks try to continue their mastery of the Lions with a second straight series victory. (L) (N)	(15) ABC21 (N)	(50) Jimmy Kimmel Live! (N)	(50) Nightline								
NBC WPTA-2 (212)	7	8	14		Family Feud	25 Words or Less	News (N)	NBC News (N)	Family Feud (N)	The Voice The coaches seek America's next singing phenomenon. (N)	Brilliant Minds (N)	News (N)	(35) Tonight Show (N)	(35) Seth Meyers (N)							
MNT WPTA-3 (213)	10	9	56	34	Bob Hearts Abishola	Bob Hearts Abishola	Modern Family	News (N)	Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit	Seinfeld "The Maid"	Seinfeld "The Pitch"	The Conners	The Conners	The Goldbergs	The Goldbergs			
CW WISE (33)	8	4	33	33	The Steve Wilkos Show	TMZ Live (N)	TMZ (N)	True Crime News (N)	TMZ (N)	True Crime News (N)	All American "Survivor" (N)	Superman & Lois	Friends	Friends	TMZ (N)	Dish Nation (N)	The News	Chicago P.D.			
PBS WFVA (39)	13	5	39	39	Craft in America "Inspiration"	PBS News Hour (N)	BBC News America	Matters of Antiques "Vintage Atlantic City, Hour 2" (N)	Antiques "Vintage Atlantic City, Hour 2" (N)	Antiques Roadshow	Antiques Roadshow	Antiques Roadshow	Independent Lens "One Person, One Vote" (N)	Independent Lens "One Person, One Vote" (N)	Young Sheldon	Young Sheldon	Neighbor	Neighbor			
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FOX WFFT (55)	6	5	55	55	WFFT Fox News at 5 (N)	WFFT Fox News at 6 (N)	Big Bang	Big Bang	9-1-1: Lone Star (N)	Rescue: HI-Surf (N)											
<b>CABLE CHANNELS</b>																					
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FX	24	132	136	148	*** Eternals (21) Angeli Jolie.	*** Black Widow (21) Florence Pugh, Scarlett Johansson.	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	English (N)	English	English	*** Step Brothers (08) Will Ferrell, Zach Galifianak.	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	
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ESPN	31	50	140	206	Countdown The ESPN NFL crew provides an in-depth look at Monday's game, as well as reviews of Sunday's...	(4:35) Kickoff (L) (N)	NFL Football	Tennessee Titans at Miami Dolphins	The Titans try to even up their road record in this prime-time spot against the Dolphins. (L) (N)	SportsCenter	ESPN Films	ESPN Films	ESPN Films	ESPN Films	United UFA 390 - Muay Thai For Life 8, Part 2	United UFA 391 - Muay Thai For Life 8, Part 2	United UFA 392 - Muay Thai For Life 8, Part 2	United UFA 393 - Muay Thai For Life 8, Part 2	United UFA 394 - Muay Thai For Life 8, Part 2	United UFA 395 - Muay Thai For Life 8, Part 2	
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HBS	39	134	118	265	*** Making Waves (2023, Romance) Corey Cott, Gelsea Mae, Holland Roden.	*** The Purge: Anarchy (2014, Action) Carmen Ejogo, Zach Gilford, Frank Grillo.	*** Ocean's 8 (2018, Comedy) Hathaway, Sandra Bullock.	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	United UFA 390 - Muay Thai For Life 8, Part 2	United UFA 391 - Muay Thai For Life 8, Part 2	United UFA 392 - Muay Thai For Life 8, Part 2	United UFA 393 - Muay Thai For Life 8, Part 2	United UFA 394 - Muay Thai For Life 8, Part 2	United UFA 395 - Muay Thai For Life 8, Part 2	
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AMC	45	131	135	254	*** Halloween H20: 20 Years Later	*** Ghost Ship (2002, Horror) Ron Eldard, Desmond Harrington, Juliana Margulies.	*** Ocean's 8 (2018, Comedy) Hathaway, Sandra Bullock.	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	United UFA 390 - Muay Thai For Life 8, Part 2	United UFA 391 - Muay Thai For Life 8, Part 2	United UFA 392 - Muay Thai For Life 8, Part 2	United UFA 393 - Muay Thai For Life 8, Part 2	United UFA 394 - Muay Thai For Life 8, Part 2	United UFA 395 - Muay Thai For Life 8, Part 2	
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FS1	48	64	150	219	*** Speak Joy Taylor, Keyshawn Johnson and Paul Pierce discuss the biggest sports topics of the day.	NASCAR Craftsman Truck Series Kubota Tractor 200 From Kansas Speedway in Kansas City, Kan.	NASCAR Craftsman Truck Series Kubota Tractor 200 From Kansas Speedway in Kansas City, Kan.	NASCAR Craftsman Truck Series Kubota Tractor 200 From Kansas Speedway in Kansas City, Kan.	NASCAR Craftsman Truck Series Kubota Tractor 200 From Kansas Speedway in Kansas City, Kan.	NASCAR Craftsman Truck Series Kubota Tractor 200 From Kansas Speedway in Kansas City, Kan.	NASCAR Craftsman Truck Series Kubota Tractor 200 From Kansas Speedway in Kansas City, Kan.	NASCAR Craftsman Truck Series Kubota Tractor 200 From Kansas Speedway in Kansas City, Kan.	NASCAR Craftsman Truck Series Kubota Tractor 200 From Kansas Speedway in Kansas City, Kan.	NASCAR Craftsman Truck Series Kubota Tractor 200 From Kansas Speedway in Kansas City, Kan.	United UFA 390 - Muay Thai For Life 8, Part 2						



# Tigers, Raiders finish 1-2 at ACAC volleyball tourney

The Allen County Athletic Conference wrapped up its annual volleyball tournament at Heritage High School over the weekend.

The Adams Central Flying Jets were the champions, going a perfect 3-0 and defeating Woodlan 2-1 in the championship.

Bluffton and Southern Wells finished with the same record, but the Tigers beat the Raiders in a sweep in Game 3.

### Bluffton's results

Game 1: 2-0 Heritage (25-9, 25-19). Stat leaders were Maryn Schreiber four kills, Isla Gibson five assists, Marly Drayer eight digs and Schreiber, Alexandria Koby and Sophie Eisenhut one block.

Game 2: 2-0 Woodlan (25-18, 25-14). Stat leaders were Schreiber and Eisenhut four kills, Kamryn Ault eight assists, Konley Ault, Marly Drayer and Rori Drayer one ace, Konley Ault nine digs and Eisenhut two

blocks.

Game 3: Bluffton over Southern Wells (25-19, 25-17). Stat leaders were Schreiber 14 kills, Kamryn Ault 12 assists, Konley Ault, Marly and Rori Drayer two aces, Marly Drayer 16 digs and Schreiber and Koby one block.

### Southern Wells' results

Game 1: Woodlan 2-0 (25-8, 25-10).  
Game 2: Bluffton (25-19, 25-17).  
Game 3: Heritage (25-23, 5-23).

Stats for the tournament were Abbie Powell 21 kills, five blocks, six aces and 14 digs. Kila Shelley 11 kills, two blocks, two aces and four digs. Sydney Alstoft two aces and 36 assists. Kaylea Coffel 19 digs and Bristol Chapman seven digs.

Bluffton (7-13) will host New Haven at 7 p.m. Monday, Sept. 30.

Southern Wells (11-11) will host Tri-Central at 7 p.m. Monday, Sept. 30.



Bluffton's Marly Drayer shouts during a point for the Tigers during the first match of the ACAC volleyball tournament Saturday morning at Heritage High School. Both the Tigers and the Southern Wells Raiders finished 1-2 at the event. (Photo by Ryan Walker)

## High School Calendar

### MONDAY, SEPT 30

BOYS SOCCER: Huntington North at Norwell, 6:30 p.m.

VOLLEYBALL: New Haven at Bluffton, 7 p.m.; Adams Central at Norwell, 7 p.m.; Tri-Central at Southern Wells, 7 p.m.

### TUESDAY, OCT 1

BOYS TENNIS: (Sectional) Bluffton, Norwell vs. TBD

at Bluffton, 4:30 p.m.

GIRLS SOCCER: Norwell at Huntington North, 6:30 p.m.

VOLLEYBALL: Heritage at Bluffton, 7 p.m.; Belmont at Norwell, 7 p.m.; Southern Wells at Jay County, 7 p.m.

### WEDNESDAY, OCT 2

GIRLS SOCCER: Woodlan at Norwell, 5:30 p.m.

### THURSDAY, OCT 3

BOYS SOCCER: Blackford at Norwell, 5:30 p.m.

VOLLEYBALL: Norwell at New Haven, 7 p.m.; Woodlan at Southern Wells, 7 p.m.

### FRIDAY, OCT 4

FOOTBALL: Heritage at Bluffton, 7 p.m.; DeKalb at Norwell, 7 p.m.; Southern Wells at Adams Central, 7 p.m.

## Sports Roundup

### Wells County schools race at New Haven XC invitational

Bluffton, Norwell and Southern Wells all raced at the same New Haven Classic at Huntington University Saturday morning.

All three schools for boys and girls ran different divisions A through AAA.

In the boys' AAA Division, Bluffton's boys placed eighth with 209 points. Homestead (47 team points), Edgewood (98) and Carroll (114) went 1-3.

In the boys' AA Division, Norwell placed seventh with 189 points. West Noble (94), Wawasee (96) and Hamilton Heights (94) went 1-3.

In the boys' A Division, Southern Wells placed sixth with 205 points. Monroe Central (123 team points), Lakewood Park Christian (127) and Manchester (128) went 1-3.

In the girls' AA Division, Norwell finished in third place with 95 points and Bluffton ninth (263). Hamilton Heights (72 team points), Bishop Dwenger (83) went 1-3.

In the girls' A Division, Southern Wells finished sixth with 159, points tied with Canterbury. Elkhart Christian (66 team points), Adams Central (77) and Manchester (86) went 1-3.

### Individual results:

#### Bluffton

Boys: Levi Johns finished 15th with a time of 16:35.50, Jude Baumgartner 23rd (16:55.20), Aidan Graves 61st (18:11.30), Jackson Rockwell 67th (18:16.40), Griffin Linderwell 88th (18:39.71), Ryan Schlagenhauf 107th (19:03.60), Owen Lesh 123rd (19:25.30), Manning Nash 142nd (19:45.70), Clayton Brubaker 154th (20:00.30), Andy Baumgartner 158th (20:07.00), Brett Kuhlbeck 164th (20:13.80), Azimjon Bahronov 214th (21:32.40) and Jimmy Borabo-Hower 265th

(24:35.60).

Girls: Abigail Ramseyer finished 12 with a time of 20:31.00, Cora Kunkel 29th (21:50.30), Reagan Harris 66th (23:37.90), Amarah Robles 15th (25:06.90), Dakota Lee 104th (25:11.70), Addison Sonnigsen 111th (25:38.71), Juaneliz Rivera Torres 116th (25:47.20) and Namine VanHyfte 145th (29:31.30).

#### Norwell

Boys: Gavin Threewits finished sixth with a time of 17:10.30, Cadien Petrie 28th (18:11.30), Kayden Robbins 43rd (18:32.10), John Baxter 56th (18:54.70), Zathan Westfall 66th (19:23.70), Elijah Jacob 71st (19:34.71), James Springer 85th (20:00.40), Gresyon Shoemaker 92nd (20:21.50) and Kale Meredith 94th (20:24.70).

Girls: Mia Kurtz finished 11th with a time of 20:30.50, Ashley Tucker 15th (20:41.30), Macy Oatess 18th (21:08.60), Ashley Waldman 24th (21:34.80), Brookly Meyer 27th (21:46.40), Mya Oatess 36th (22:12.60), Addison Meyer 54th (23:12.30), Mariah Kline 72nd (23:48.50), Teagan Lesley 77th (24:04.70), Lyanna Kelley 85th (24:22.00), Adalynn Fausz 97th (24:53.80) and Kylee Hannie 105th (25:14.40).

#### Southern Wells

Boys: Kelton Barr finished 16th with a time of 18:22.50, Jarin Frauhiger 36th (19:06.60), Colter Kiel 40th (19:14.80), Miles Garrett 59th (19:49.40), Daniel Isasi Escudero 71st (20:02.00), Peyton Ellis 87th (20:32.00) and Kane Jenkins 106th (21:26.90).

Girls: Marianne Pease finished 26th with a time of 22:44.70, Sarah McFarren 47th (25:05.60), Keely Miller 60th (26:11.80), Kameron Hawkins 68th (26:55.90), Gracie Reeves 70th (27:05.60), Shaylinn Geesman 83rd (28:25.40) and Chanie Mounsey

91st (30:00.50).

Bluffton will host Southern Wells at the Bluffton Invitational at 10 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 5.

Norwell will compete for the Northeast 8 Conference meet at Columbia City starting at 10 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 5.

### Soccer pairings released

The boys' and girls' sectional pairings occurred Sunday night on the IHSAA's website.

The sectional tournament will be played the week of Oct. 7 with Concordia hosting the boys and Norwell hosting the girls.

The Knight boys (7-7) drew Woodlan (5-8-1) in the second game on Tuesday, Oct. 8. The first game will start at 5 p.m. with the Knights' game to follow. Norwell defeated Woodlan early in the season 5-1.

The Knight girls (9-5) drew the only bye of the first round and will play the winner of Canterbury (5-7) and Heritage (4-9-1) on Thursday, Oct. 10. Norwell defeated Heritage recently 5-1, but has not played Canterbury.

### Knights pick up big road boys' soccer victory in NE8

Norwell got an important road victory over NE8 opponent Columbia City on Saturday.

The Knights defeated the Eagles 3-0, improving their record to 7-7 and 2-4 in the conference.

Norwell has now won three of its last four games with two matches remaining.

Kyler Morris scored two goals for the Knights, adding his season total now to a team-leading 13. Noah Schamerloh scored a goal, his second game in a row with one. Kale Fuess recorded two assists and Morris

one.

Philip Gaier had nine saves in the shutout effort.

The junior varsity match ended in a tie. Brennan Fryback had seven saves.

Norwell will host Huntington North at 6:30 p.m. Monday, Sept. 30.

### Knights tie in both JV girls' soccer matches

Norwell's junior varsity girls' soccer team went 0-0-2 in the Teagarden JV soccer showcase on Saturday.

The Knights finished at 0-0 with Northrop in their first game, and tied 1-1 in the second.

Maggie Neuenschwander and Emma Garner were in goal for the first game.

In the second game, Kayleigh Hartup scored off of a Kaylee Bennett shot. Neuenschwander and Garner were in goal again.

### Raider boys win middle school New Haven invite

Southern Wells Middle School boys' team won the New Haven Classic on Saturday.

The boys finished with a team score of 59 points. Medal runners for the Raider boys were: Logan Leas with a time of 10:35, Rylan Leas (10:52), Chase Kirkwood (10:53), Colten Fiechter (11:02), Logan Rogers (11:39), Vance Mounsey (11:56) and Liam Leas (12:48).

The girls finished fifth. Medal runners for the Raiders were: Aubree Neuenschwander with a time of 12:16, Grace Rogers (12:56), Tenley Fiechter (13:04), Parker Bryant (13:24), Alexis Sunderman (13:55), Ellie Nichols (14:03) and Anna McFarren (14:11).



Southern Wells' middle school cross country teams take a team photo together after a successful New Haven Invitational on Saturday. The boys and girls had several medalists with the boys' team winning the event overall. (Photo submitted)

## Wells County runs in its annual middle school cross country meet

All three schools in the county competed against one another in middle school cross country Thursday night.

The Norwell Knights were victorious in both the boys' and girls' races.

The Knight boys scored 26 team points, followed by Southern Wells 34 and Bluffton's 76. For the girls, it was Norwell with 21 points, Southern Wells 38 and Bluffton 68.

The Raiders claimed both of the fastest times for both races with Logan Leas finishing first with a time of 10:48.6 and Aubree Neuenschwander with a time of 12:19.5.

### Top times (boys)

1. Logan Leas 10:48.6 (SW), 2. Maddux Thornton 10:55.7 (NOR), 3. Easton Reinhard 10:57.0 (NOR), 4. Chase Kirkwood

11:07.1 (SW), 5. Rylan Leas 11:11.7 (SW), 6. Miles Daughtery 11:33.7 (NOR), 7. Grant Keller 11:43.6 (NOR), 8. Paxton Frisch 11:45.1 (NOR), 9. Titus Jacob 11:46.5 (NOR), and 10. Nolan Hitzfield 11:52.6 (NOR). Bluffton's top runner was Deacon Yates in 12th at 12:18.2.

### Top times (girls)

1. Aubree Neuenschwander 12:19.5 (SW), 2. Hadley Meyer 12:35.3 (NOR), 3. Avery Thornton 12:52.2 (NOR), 4. Leah Randol 13:01.8 (NOR), 5. Kenley Reed 13:02.1 (NOR), 6. Parker Bryant 13:03.2 (SW), 7. Ruby Oakleaf 13:05.0 (NOR), 8. Grace Rogers 13:06.3 (SW), 9. Tenley Fiechter 13:06.6 (SW), and 10. Haley Lewis 13:23.7 (NOR). Bluffton's top runner was Erin Ramseyer in 11th at 13:24.0.

## News-Banner Scoreboard

### FOOTBALL

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##### Sunday's Games

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Chicago 24, L.A. Rams 18

Cincinnati 34, Carolina 24

Denver 10, N.Y. Jets 9

Houston 24, Jacksonville 20

Indianapolis 27, Pittsburgh 24

Minnesota 31, Green Bay 29

Tampa Bay 33, Philadelphia 16

San Francisco 30, New England 13

Washington 42, Arizona 14

Kansas City 17, L.A. Chargers 10

Las Vegas 20, Cleveland 16

Buffalo at Baltimore, 8:20 p.m.

##### Monday's Games

Tennessee at Miami, 7:30 p.m.

Seattle at Detroit, 8:15 p.m.

#### College

##### Major Scores

##### EAST

Boston College 21, W. Kentucky 20

Brown 31, Harvard 28

Bucknell 38, Lehigh 35, 2OT

Cornell 47, Yale 23

Dartmouth 16, Merrimack 14

Dayton 47, Marist 17

Delaware 49, Sacred Heart 0

Frostburg 22, Mercyhurst 24

Georgetown 20, Columbia 17

Maine 34, Albany (NY) 20

Marshall 27, W. Michigan 20

Monmouth (NJ) 63, Fordham 21

Penn 27, Colgate 17

Penn St. 21, Illinois 7

Princeton 30, Howard 13

Stony Brook 22, Morgan St. 3

Syracuse 42, Holy Cross 14

Uconn 47, Buffalo 3

Villanova 24, LIU Brooklyn 10

##### SOUTH

Alabama 41, Georgia 34

Alabama St. 26, Bethune-Cookman

Alcorn St. 42, MVSU 21

Campbell 44, Delaware St. 41

Chattanooga 45, Portland St. 30

Clemson 40, Stanford 14

Colorado 48, UCF 21

Duke 21, North Carolina 20

E. Kentucky 31, Robert Morris 7

ETSU 34, The Citadel 17

East Carolina 30, UTSA 20

FAU 41, Wagner 10

FIU 17, Louisiana Tech 10

Georgia Southern 38, Georgia St. 21

James Madison 63, Ball St. 7

Kentucky 20, Mississippi 17

LSU 42, South Alabama 14

Louisiana-Lafayette 41, Wake Forest 38

Louisiana-Monroe 13, Troy 9

Memphis 24, Middle Tennessee 7

Mercer 22, Wofford 3

Morehead St. 17, Valparaiso 5

##### NC Central 37, Norfolk St. 10

NC State 24, N. Illinois 17

Navy 41, UAB 18

North Alabama 25, West Georgia 16

Oklahoma 27, Auburn 21

Prairie View 36, Grambling St. 34,

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Richmond 27, Elon 17

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SC State 45, NC A&T 25

Tennessee St. 13, Charleston South-

ern 9

Tennessee Tech 52, Gardner-Webb

21

Tulane 45, South Florida 10

UT Martin 24, Kennesaw St. 13

##### MIDWEST

Butler 63, Va. Lynchburg 0

Cent. Michigan 22, San Diego St. 21

Drake 30, San Diego 28

E. Michigan 52, Kent St. 33

Houston Christian 27, Indiana St. 24

Indiana 42, Maryland 28

Kansas St. 42, Oklahoma St. 20

Lindenwood (Mo.) 28, E. Illinois 25

Miami (Ohio) 23, Umass 20, OT

Michigan 27, Minnesota 24

Missouri St. 38, Youngstown St. 31

N. Dakota St. 42, Illinois St. 10

Nebraska 28, Purdue 10

North Dakota 72, Murray St. 35

Notre Dame 31, Louisville 24

Ohio 30, Akron 10

Ohio St. 38, Michigan St. 7

Old Dominion 30, Bowling Green 27

SE Missouri 19, Northwestern St. 0

South Dakota 42, S. Illinois 13

TCU 38, Kansas 27

##### SOUTHWEST

BYU 34, Baylor 28

Cent. Arkansas 34, Lamar 14

Charlotte 21, Rice 20

Iowa St. 20, Houston 0

Jackson St. 43, Texas Southern 14

North Texas 52, Tulsa 20

SMU 42, Florida St. 16



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## SUDOKU

Complete the grid so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains every digit from 1 to 9 inclusively.

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## This Week's Garage Sales



**GIGANTIC GARAGE SALE**  
October 3 & 4, 9-5, October 5, 9-2 sack sale, Forgotten Children Worldwide, 650 N. Main Street, Bluffton. Bring a friend (never attended our garage sale before) & both of you will receive a surprise gift (while supplies last). Halloween costumes, Thanksgiving & Christmas decor, so many books (10/\$1), plus much more. Follow us on Facebook.

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## Lottery Numbers

### Saturday's Drawings HOOSIER LOTTERY

**Cash 5** — 04-07-11-34-37  
**Cash4Life** — 01-08-17-43-53, Cash Ball: 04  
**Lotto Plus** — 04-05-29-37-41-46  
**Quick Draw Midday** — 03-04-11-13-17-18-25-36-38-55-57-59-64-66-70-73-74-76-78-79, BE: 25  
**Daily Three-Midday** — 05-01-03, SB: 06  
**Daily Three-Evening** — 03-04-04, SB: 04  
**Daily Four-Midday** — 04-08-06-07, SB: 06  
**Daily Four-Evening** — 02-01-03-06, SB: 04  
**Quick Draw Evening** — 01-04-07-16-18-19-22-23-25-42-43-50-51-55-56-57-58-66-78-79, BE: 16  
**Hoosier Lotto** — 01-15-23-27-37-40  
**POWERBALL**  
03-11-13-24-39; Powerball: 22; Power Play: 3X

### Sunday's Drawings HOOSIER LOTTERY

**Cash 5** — 06-20-23-28-39  
**Cash4Life** — 01-05-08-16-34, Cash Ball: 02  
**Quick Draw Midday** — 04-05-11-13-16-17-20-23-26-37-48-52-55-56-57-60-64-73-75-77, BE: 16  
**Daily Three-Midday** — 06-03-05, SB: 00  
**Daily Three-Evening** — 06-08-07, SB: 05  
**Daily Four-Midday** — 04-03-04-09, SB: 00  
**Daily Four-Evening** — 07-06-03-09, SB: 05  
**Quick Draw Evening** — 05-06-14-17-20-22-23-26-28-29-30-35-37-44-46-54-62-71-73-74, BE: 26  
**Hoosier Lotto** — Estimated jackpot (for Wednesday): \$23.1 million

### MEGA MILLIONS

Estimated jackpot (for Tuesday): \$93 million  
**POWERBALL**  
Estimated jackpot (for Wednesday): \$258 million

# September GOODS & SERVICES DIRECTORY

## Public Sale Calendar

**BIDDING ENDS SEPTEMBER 30 - (Online Only) - Various consignors, seller.** Firearms consisting of Springfield, Hopkins & Allen, Colt, Browning, Stevens, Glock, Winchester, ammunition, arrowheads, duck decoys, & more. Sale manager, Isaac Stoller, 260-413-3515, [The Steffen Group Inc.](http://TheSteffenGroup.com), 260-824-3006, [www.steffengrp.com](http://www.steffengrp.com).

**BIDDING ENDS OCTOBER 1 - (Online Only) - Grover, seller.** Ford tractor, mower, Craftsman tools, various wood-working & shop tools, furniture, antiques, primitives, lumber, and much more! Sale manager, Isaac Stoller, 260-413-3515, [The Steffen Group Inc.](http://TheSteffenGroup.com), 260-824-3006, [www.steffengrp.com](http://www.steffengrp.com).

**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. Auction manager Jared Sipe, 260-750-1553, [Schrader Real Estate and Auction of Fort Wayne](http://SchraderRealEstate.com), 866-340-0445, [SchraderFortWayne.com](http://SchraderFortWayne.com).

**OCTOBER 3 & 4 - 9 a.m. - Secured creditors & various consignors, owners.** 815 Adams St., Decatur. Two day truck & equipment auction. Day 1 (Online bidding only): Over 300+ lots including skid loader attachments, tool boxes, workbenches, iron gates, chains & binders, 1 trip 40' high side shipping container w/side doors, dome shelter containers, & much more! Day 2 (Onsite and Online bidding): Offering 600+ lots! 100+/- municipal units! Cars, SUV, 1/2 ton & 3/4 ton pickup trucks, cargo & passenger vans, large group of Chevy Impalas, Tahoes, & Dodge Chargers, dump trucks, large group of box trucks, day cabs, sleepers, utility trucks, bucket trucks, mobile food trailer (like new), utility & semi trailers, SUV's, pickup trucks, 100+ various skid loader attachments & much more! [Krueckeberg Auction & Realty LLC](http://KrueckebergAuction.com), 260-724-7402, [kjauction.com](http://kjauction.com).

**OCTOBER 5-OCTOBER 12 - Private Family Collection, sellers.** Fine art work including William P. Silva oil paintings, 2006 Pontiac Torrent, 2005 Toyota highlander, sterling silver, primitive and early American antique furniture, country primitives; glassware, early collectibles. Open houses Oct. 8 and Oct. 10 from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m., 102 S. Jefferson St., Ossian, IN. Rod Fetters, sale manager, [The Steffen Group Inc.](http://TheSteffenGroup.com), [www.steffengrp.com](http://www.steffengrp.com), 260-824-3006.

**BIDDING ENDS OCTOBER 6 - (Online Only) - The Estate**

**of Wayne E. Penrod, seller.** Artifacts, art, antiques, collectibles, home goods & decor, electronics, tools, furniture, lawn & garden, sports goods, household, & more! Open house Oct. 5 from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m., 69 W 1st St., Poneto, IN. Sale manager, Isaac Stoller, 260-413-3515, [The Steffen Group Inc.](http://TheSteffenGroup.com), [www.steffengrp.com](http://www.steffengrp.com), 260-824-3006.

**OCTOBER 6-OCTOBER 13 (Online Only) - Boots Estate, seller.** 1993 Ford F150, boat mini bike, wagons, Pyrex, Corningware, antiques, collectibles, glassware, jewelry, advertising, furniture, toys, household, electronics, board games, much more. Open houses Oct. 3 and Oct. 10 from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m., 366 W 300 N., Bluffton. Sale manager Bobby Perry, 260-273-7260, [The Steffen Group Inc.](http://TheSteffenGroup.com), 260-824-3006, [www.steffengrp.com](http://www.steffengrp.com).

**OCTOBER 12 - 9 a.m.-6 p.m. - (Online Only) - The Estate of Robert McNabb, seller.** Spectacular 7,700 SF lake front home on 1.23 acres w/200' of lake frontage on Hamilton Lake. Luxury home features 6 bedrooms, 7 baths, expansive entertaining space, 4-car attached garage. Selling absolute at or above 1.4 million dollars. Seller's have over 4.7 million invested in this one of kind lake property. Open houses Oct. 1, 5-7 p.m., Oct. 12, 9 a.m.-noon, 1180 LN 150 Hamilton Lake, Hamilton, IN. Brandon Steffen, sale manager, 260-426-0633, [The Steffen Group Inc.](http://TheSteffenGroup.com), [www.steffengrp.com](http://www.steffengrp.com).

**OCTOBER 13 - 3 p.m. - Multiple consignors, owners.** Online only bidding only. 700+ lots! Furniture, Craftsman band saw and radial arm saw, ice maker, banjo, baseball cards, 100+ Pfaltzgraff, tools, pet doors, live traps, collectable glass, Detecto scales, Generac edger, tiller, yard cart, washer, Dryer 50 pc. Ruby Flash & Kings Crown glass and much more! Preview Oct. 10, 3-5 p.m., 812 Elm Street, Decatur, IN. Pick up Oct. 14, 1-6 p.m. & Oct. 15, 9 a.m.-noon. [Krueckeberg Auction & Realty LLC](http://KrueckebergAuction.com), 260-724-7402, [kjauction.com](http://kjauction.com).

**OCTOBER 13-OCTOBER 20 - (Online Only) - Estate of Larry N. Curry, seller.** 1997 Chevy Express Conversion van, 2013 Chevy Impala LTZ w/73,000 miles, John Deere LA115 riding lawn mower,

rare vintage Schwinn bikes, large quantity of hand and power tools, lawn and garden, modern and vintage furniture, household, games, toys, flat screen TV & home decor. Open houses Oct. 15 and Oct. 17 from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m., 419 W. Roe St., Ossian. Sale manager Rod Fetters, 260-557-8451, [The Steffen Group](http://TheSteffenGroup.com), [www.steffengrp.com](http://www.steffengrp.com), 260-824-3006.

**OCTOBER 24 - 9 a.m.-6 p.m. - (Online Only) - Estate of Larry Curry, seller.** Excellent 1,398 SF, 3 bedroom, 2 bath ranch home in Rose Ann Heights neighborhood on .52 acre lot, 2 car attached garage. Home has a ton of potential. "Explore the Possibilities." Open houses: Oct. 15, Oct. 17 from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m., Oct. 22 from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m., 419 W. Roe St., Ossian. Sale managers, Brandon Steffen, 260-710-5684, Rod Fetters, 260-557-8451, [The Steffen Group Inc.](http://TheSteffenGroup.com), 260-824-3006, [www.steffengrp.com](http://www.steffengrp.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.](http://HeartlandAuction.com), [heartlandauctionrealty.com](http://heartlandauctionrealty.com), 260-724-3499.

## Public Notice

**NOTICE OF UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION**  
IN THE WELLS CIRCUIT COURT DOCKET NO. 90C01-2409-EU-000031 OF WELLS COUNTY, INDIANA  
Notice is hereby given that GEORGIA ANN WHINERY AKA ANN WHINERY and CHRIS D. SWANSON were on the 23rd day of September, 2024, appointed co-personal representatives of the estate of ROBERT D. BARTON, deceased, who died on the 26th day of August, 2024, and were authorized to administer his estate without Court supervision.  
All persons who have claims against this estate, whether or not now due, must file those claims in the office of the Clerk of the Wells Circuit Court within three (3) months after the date of the first publication of this notice, or within nine (9) months after the decedent's death, whichever is earlier, or those claims will be forever barred.  
Dated at Bluffton, Indiana, this 23rd day of September, 2024.  
Beth Davis  
Clerk, Wells Circuit Court  
Matthew P. Hayes  
Attorney for Co-Personal Representatives  
Attorney No. 32002-02  
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## 7th annual downtown Chili Walk Saturday

Bluffton NOW! will host the 7th annual 'Bring on the heat' Chili Walk in downtown Bluffton. The event is Saturday, Oct. 5 from 5-7 p.m.

Participating downtown businesses will supply homemade chili for patrons to taste and vote on. Wristbands are available at the registration table on the Parlor City Plaza for \$5 and are required to participate. Beverage truck drinks are available to purchase. For more information, contact Jeremy Penrod at 260-824-2354 or jeremy.penrod@edwardjones.com.

## Jefferson Homemakers hold September meeting

The September meeting was opened by Mary Ann Ripperger, president, thanking Judy Kaehr for helping with the hostess duties.

The thought of the month was "A smile is an inexpensive way to change your look."

The inspiration was "Gift of Love" by O'Neil Blanchard.

Pledge to the flag and creed were led by Mary Ann Ripperger.

Roll Call was answered by 13 ladies with How many years since you graduated. Sharon Snow was the oldest and Charlotte Steffen was the youngest.

Mary Ann read about the History of Labor Day and Sharon Jump gave a health and safety lesson.

Secretary minutes from July meeting was read by Sharon Jump, Secretary and Treasurer's Report was given by Margie Huss. Both were approved.

The July auction brought in a little over \$100. It was decided that \$25 would be sent to Riley Cheer Guild for membership and \$75.00 would be given to the Wells County Back Pak Program.

Instead of a club collection today \$5.00 was given towards the rental of the library. Next month we will be collecting \$10 for the county fund raiser.

Birthdays for August and September were celebrated: Cindy Jester, August 3; Carol Lochtefeld, August 14; Carol Baker, September 7; Lesley Tillman, September 9; and Joey Septer, September 27. Anniversaries for September were Cindy Jester and Margie Huss.

Mary Ann reported on the donations to Grace and Mercy and the tour of the facilities. It was very impressive and a worthwhile charity.

Mary Ann also reported on the stock the trailer for the 4-H Fair. Volunteer Work Day is October 8 at the extension office from 9 to 11:30 to work on blankets for Riley. All are encouraged to attend as is the public.

Discussion about the club's responsibilities for the entertainment at the Holiday Luncheon. Carol Baker will check to see if the entertainer was available. It was also stated that the club would be responsible for the meal at the Homemaker's Festival. Thinking caps are to be on for that.

Fall District Meeting will be October 17 at Sweetwater Sound. At this time 4 people plan to attend. Mary Ann gave a lesson on Hydrogen Peroxide.

The next meeting will be October 9 with Sharon Snow and Joey Septer as hostesses.

## Events at the Creative Arts Council of Wells County

428 S. Oak Street in Bluffton  
260-824-5222  
www.wellscocreativearts.com  
creativeartscouncil@gmail.com  
Facebook: www.facebook.com/wellscocreativearts  
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Creative Arts office hours — Monday through Thursday 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Friday (by appointment only).

**Creative Arts 50th Anniversary Gala – A Fundraiser Celebrating our Past, Present and Future**  
Saturday, Oct. 5  
Cocktails and Hors d'oeuvres at 5:00 - Dinner served at 6:00  
Tickets are \$50/person and can be purchased online at www.wellscocreativearts.com  
Event held at Wells County Chamber & Visitor's Centre, 211 Water Street, Bluffton

**Creative Arts Dance Academy - \*New 6 week classes\***  
• "Foundations in Dance" beginning November 2!  
Ages: Students 5-8 years old  
Day/Time: Saturdays from 10:00-10:45 a.m.  
Dates: 11/2, 11/9, 11/16, 11/23, 12/7, 12/14 (no class 11/30 due to Thanksgiving)  
Tuition: \$40 for the 6 week session  
To register: https://www.wellscocreativearts.com/foundations-in-dance or call the office at (260) 824-5222  
• "Beginning Tap for Adults" beginning Nov. 2!  
Ages: 18 years old and above  
Day/Time: Saturdays from 10:45-11:30 a.m.  
Dates: 11/2, 11/9, 11/16, 11/23, 12/7, 12/14 (no class 11/30 due to Thanksgiving)  
Tuition: \$40 for the 6 week session  
To register: https://www.wellscocreativearts.com/tap or call the office at (260) 824-5222

• Excerpts from "The Nutcracker"  
Creative Arts Youth Dance Company proudly present excerpts from "The Nutcracker"  
Performances: Dec. 6 at 7:00 p.m. and Dec. 7 at 3:00 p.m.

**Creative Arts School of Music**  
• Voice Lessons with Lynne Niermeyer, Tuesday afternoon/evenings, \$30/half hour lesson  
• Guitar Lessons with Mike Needler, Tuesday afternoon/evenings, \$35/half hour lessons  
For more information regarding the music lessons above, please call the office at (260) 824-5222 for lesson times/availability.

**Creative Arts Theater**  
Creative Arts 2024/25 Theater season has been announced:  
• Mark Twain's Tom Sawyer – Oct. 10-12, 2024  
• "The BEST Christmas Pageant Ever" – Dec. 12-14, 2024  
• "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat" – March 6-8, 2025  
• Disney Newsies JR – June 13-14, 2025  
• Disney Artistocats Kids – June 27-28, 2025  
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**Mark Twain's "Tom Sawyer"**  
Performances:  
Thursday, Oct. 10 at 7:00 p.m.  
Friday, Oct. 11 at 7:00 p.m.  
Saturday, Oct. 12 at 3:00 p.m.  
Tickets (\$15) on sale through ArtsTix online at: https://tickets.artstix.org/TheatreManager/1/tmEvent/tmEvent4201.html or by calling (260) 422-4226, Monday – Friday; 12 to 6



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**Auditions for "The Best Christmas Pageant Ever"**  
• Auditions will be held Oct. 15 from 5 to 8 p.m. at Creative Arts Council for "The Best Christmas Pageant Ever". Call backs will be Oct. 17 at 6 p.m..  
Performances: December 12-14  
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**Ongoing Activities**  
**Creative Crew:** Tuesdays from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. All forms of creativity welcome: painting, drawing, needlework and more... spend the morning working on your craft and socialize with other artists. Enter Door 1 or Door 10 at Life Community Church, the creative crew meets in the cafe.  
**Readers' Brown Bag Luncheon:** Meeting the last Tuesday of the month at noon at Life Community Church, enter door 10. All readers are welcome. Feel free to call the office for more information.  
\*\*\*Important Scheduling Note: Changes can occur after the Creative Happenings column has been published. Please confirm dates and times before planning to participate in programs and activities\*\*\*  
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## Zanesville News

by Melba Edwards

The family wedding is over and, by the time you read this, Elijah and Cassie will be back home and he will be facing getting the two bones in his foot fixed. He did a great job at the wedding hobbling around with a medical boot on his foot instead of his cowboy boot he aimed to wear. They were married at the Lutheran Church in Bluffton and then all guests wondered north to the White Barn where, after a short program for the guests and din-

ner, the dancing began for all to enjoy. So Jonathan Edwards again was asked to sing "She Thinks My Tractor's Sexy" for all the family that is very familiar with this song. Forty-two of our present 74 Edwards family members were present. Elijah is the oldest of son Jeremiah and his wife Brandy. This week, as I write, Robin and I will be in Huntington setting up for Pioneer Days at Hiers Park. Hope you stopped to say hello.

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