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#### Fall 5 in 5K series ends

The final Bluffton Parks Department 5 in 5K finished Thursday. At right, Wyatt Neuenschwander, left, stretches out with Shauna Neuenschwander. Below, Kyler Boots picks up speed as he heads down the final stretch. (Photos by Jonathan Snyder)





**Boeing workers continue labor** 

"After 10 years of sacri-

fices, we still have ground to

make up, and we're hopeful

to do so by resuming negoti-

ations promptly," Jon Holden, the head of the IAM

District 751 union, said in a

statement Wednesday eve-

ning. "This is workplace

democracy — and also clear

evidence that there are con-

sequences when a company

during an already challeng-

strike after contract rejection

# Marion man sentenced, garners similar charges in Madison, Howard counties

By SYDNEY KENT

Donell Dixon, Marion, was charged with sexual misconduct with a minor in Wells County in March 2023.

He received the same charge in Howard County in July 2022 and Madison County in

According to a probable cause affidavit, three separate victims, all under the age of 16, reported instances of sexual misconduct with Dixon in their respective cities -Bluffton, Kokomo, and Summitville — all having communicated through Snapchat. In each case, Dixon drove to the victim's loca-

In the Wells County case, Dixon was sentenced to five years in prison with two years suspended for one count of sexual misconduct with a minor, a Level 5 felony. The victim's story was corroborated by a friend who was present when the conduct took place. When questioned by the Department of Child Services, accompanied by detectives with the Bluffton Police Department, Dixon initially denied his involvement despite being confronted with potential video evidence of his vehicle in the county.

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# **Bids for new Bluffton** electric substation set to open in spring of next year

By JONATHAN SNYDER

Bids for construction of the new electric substation on Cherry Street are set to be sent out next spring, according to Utility Director Jon Oman.

The substation project comes due to a need for electrical supply at the west and south side of Bluffton. Oman stated that multiple industries have inquired about available electrical capacity in the area, adding that current infrastructure only has about four to six megawatts left that they can add to the grid.

"At the point where we thought there were legitimate possibilities, we understood that it was time to do something about setting up and meeting the needs of future growth," Oman said. "I'm expecting in the next 10 years to maybe have 40 more Mega-

# Indiana governor candidates discuss student absenteeism, literacy and teacher pay

#### **APPLETON Chalkbeat Indiana**

Three candidates are running for Indiana governor and a chance to shape education policy in the state — Republican U.S. Sen. Mike Braun, Democrat Jennifer McCormick, and Libertarian Donald Rainwater.

Their views differ significantly, particularly on questions of education funding that are likely to take center stage when the next legislative session starts in January.

To read the full Q&A on education policy with Indiana's gubernatorial candi-

sal access to private school vouchers, Rainwater, a soft-

versal ESAs, which would give families state funding for the classes and activities of their choosing, not just private school tuition.

Meanwhile, McCormick, the former superintendent of public instruction, has pointed out that choice funding has siphoned money from public schools, which enroll 90% of Hoosier students.

We asked the three candidates for Indiana governor to answer seven questions about their plans for education, including how they would tackle absenteeism and improve teacher reten-

Rainwater and McCormick answered our questions, while Braun's campaign provided a link to his education platform evant, Chalkbeat included points from his website that answered our questions.

Early voting is underway and sites can be found here.

Q: Participation in Indiana's three voucher tracks has grown as restrictions have been loosened, but most Indiana students still attend public schools. Meanwhile, some state leaders would like to merge the three tracks into a single universal ESA program. How would you balance these interests in the state budget? What is your vision for the future of the school

choice landscape?
Rainwater: I believe that Indiana should maximize the options for each and every child. I also believe

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DEIR AL-BALAH, Gaza Strip (AP) — An Israeli strike on a school where displaced people were sheltering in the central Gaza Strip killed at least 17 people on Thursday, nearly all women and children, Palestinian medical officials said.

The strike came as U.S. Secretary of State Antony Blinken said

Israel had accomplished its objective of "effectively dismantling" Hamas, and that negotiations over a cease-fire and the release of dozens of Israeli hostages would resume "in the coming days."

Another 42 people were wounded in the strike in the builtup Nuseirat refugee camp, according to the Awda Hospital, which received the casualties. Among the dead were 13 children under the age of 18 and three women, according to the hospital's records.

The Israeli military said it targeted Hamas militants inside the school, without providing evidence. Israel has carried out strikes on several schools-turned-shelters in recent months, saying it precisely targets militants hiding out among civilians. The strikes often kill women and children.

Israeli strike kills at least 17; Blinken says cease-fire talks will resume

Blinken, speaking to reporters in Qatar, which has served as a key mediator between Israel and Hamas, said negotiators would return to Doha to renew the talks.

"What we really have to determine is whether Hamas is prepared to engage," Blinken said on his 11th visit to the region since the start of the war.

Hamas's political representatives have not so far signaled a softer stance.

"There is no change in our position," senior Hamas official Osama Hamdan told Al Mayadeen, a Lebanese broadcaster seen as closely aligned with Iran and its allies.

Hamdan said Hamas delegates

heard from mediators in Cairo about the potential to revive ceasefire negotiations but reiterated that the group still insists on an end to Israel's offensive in Gaza, as well as its complete withdrawal from the territory.

The Israeli prime minister's office said the head of the Mossad, the country's spy agency, would travel to Qatar on Sunday to meet with CIA director Bill Burns and the Qatari prime minister.

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## **Marion man sentenced**

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In the Madison County Case, Dixon was sentenced to one year on home detention for three counts of sexual misconduct with a minor, all Level 5 felonies. The victim's parents also reported that Dixon gave her an sexually transmitted disease from their encounter.

In Howard County, Dixon was sentenced to three years in prison with 712 days suspended and 197 days of jail credit towards his sentence for one count of sexual misconduct with a minor, a Level 5 felony. The remainder of the time served was deferred to home detention and probation.

During his hearing in the Wells Circuit Court earlier this month, Prosecutor Colin Andrews stated that Dixon acted as a sexual predator from 2022-23.

"(Dixon) has really caused some damage for the victims in the case and himself," Andrews said. "I can't help but wonder where we would be if this was left unchecked for longer peri-

Judge Kenton Kiracofe

referenced several recent cases in the court.

"The court had a sentenc-

ing this morning where the individuals aided in the act," Kiracofe explained. "They drove the car that aided in the act of what Dixon has done today."

Kiracofe also referenced the long list of child solicitation cases, where an adult is led to believe they are meeting up with a minor for sexual conduct, but is met by a decoy and a police officer.

"Mr. Dixon goes on a website, meets a child, and has sex with the child — in several counties," Kiracofe said. "He's taken it to the next step."

Dixon is ordered to serve each of his sentences consecutively. Because he was recommended for the Sex Offender Management and Monitoring, or SOMM program in prison, Dixon has the potential to receive a sentence modification at a later date

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Friday, October 25, 2024 (24-hour observations at 9:30 p.m. Thursday At the Fort Wayne International Airport)

Weather

**High:** 62; **Low:** 33; **Precipitation:** None **Wabash River Level** (at the Main Street bridge): 1.07 feet at 7:45 p.m. Thursday

### Wells County forecast

**Today:** Showers and thunderstorms likely before 11 a.m., then a chance of showers. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 67. South wind around 10 mph becoming west in the afternoon. Chance of precipitation is 60%.

**Tonight:** Partly cloudy, with a low around 41. North wind 5 to 10 mph.

**Saturday:** Sunny, with a high near 60. North wind 5 to 10 mph.

**Saturday Night:** Mostly clear, with a low around 30. North wind around 5 mph becoming calm in the evening.

Sunday: Sunny, with a high near 60.

**Sunday Night:** Clear, with a low around 35. **Monday:** Sunny, with a high near 68.

Monday Night: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 54.

**Tuesday:** Mostly sunny, with a high near 78. **Tuesday Night:** Mostly cloudy, with a low around 59.

**Wednesday:** Mostly sunny, with a high near 79. Breezy. **Wednesday Night:** A slight chance of showers. Partly cloudy, with a low around 60.

**Thursday:** A chance of showers. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 71.

# **Electric substation**

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watts needed out there."

The substation is also expected to give redundancy to Bluffton's entire power grid, with Oman stating that power from the Cherry Street substation will be rerouted to other substations in case of outages. Additional circuits will be taken out to Lancaster and Horton Streets so relief options are available in the northern areas of the city.

"If you need to shut down a whole substation for maintenance, you can take the load from that station, shift it and have it shipped to another substation," Oman said. "It just benefits your entire system. It's your insurance policy."

The Board of Public Works and Safety accepted a bid from Virginia Transformer Corporation for two 56 MVA transformers that will accept a max of 56 megawatts of power to the station, with one acting as a backup. The transformers are expected to arrive sometime in early 2026, with new 69 KV circuit breakers purchased from Meiden America Switchgear arriving in late June of next year.

In the meantime, the city will send out bids to construct the substation next spring. Transmission and distribution lines will need to be built, as well as the substation site itself. While currently in the design and review stages, Oman stated that the site is expected to launch in May of 2026, after the transformers are unloaded and tested.

"When the transformers show up, in a perfect world, everything else is sitting there ready to roll," Oman said.

The total cost of the substation was estimated at \$13 million by Mayor John Whicker in March's State of the City address. The transformers, circuit breakers and surveying for the site currently bring the city's bill to an estimated \$5,377,000, with the substation's construction cost still unknown.

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# **Governor candidates**

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that the future of public schools in Indiana must include a thorough set of reforms that will shift the oversight of education back to the local community, parents, teachers, and school boards and away from centralized regulatory controls at the state and federal lev-

els. I fully support universal ESA and the decentralization of public education.

McCormick: I believe every Hoosier student deserves access to a highquality education, and that starts with holding all schools accountable, regardless of whether they are public or private. A world-class education requires adequate funding. Indiana's education system is underfunded, leading to inadequate educational opportunities that inhibit future success. Indiana ranks 37th in per pupil spending when compared to other states and falls behind our neighboring states. Compounding this issue is the expansion of the state's school voucher program that funnels money away from our widely supported public schools to private schools with little oversight. These privatization efforts have not demonstrated thepositive impact promised yet continue to be supported by GOP policymakers. While 90% of our students attending public schools, Indiana has sent over \$1.6 billion away from public schools and to private schools in the form of vouchers since 2011. My commonsense plan doesn't eliminate choice, but it makes sure that schools receiving public tax dollars meet the same standards for transparency, fiscal responsibility, and academic rigor. As governor, I will call for a school funding formula that provides a more adequate and equitable education for all students. I will also work to pause the expansion of school privatization efforts and require fiscal and academic accountability and transparency for all Indiana schools. I will fight for a school system that works for every student, not just the wealthiest, and will ensure

funded and supported.

Braun: Expand school choice programs, reform

public education is fully

the Choice Scholarship Program, and double the Education Scholarship Account Program for families with special needs.

Q: Do you support the pathway model outlined by Indiana's new proposed high school diplomas? Why or why not? How does Indiana ensure that each student has full access to advanced curriculum, career training, and postsecondary opportunities?

Rainwater: First, it is the responsibility of the child in collaboration with their parents and teachers to determine the best educational pathway for each unique child. The current one-sizefits-all public education approach does not provide successful outcomes for many Hoosier children. Indiana must eliminate the heavy handed legislative approach to education and get back to parents, teachers, and school boards developing and implementing curriculum and diploma standards that maximum opportunity and positive outcomes for all Hoosier children.

McCormick: I joined the concern raised by educators, university officials, and community leaders on the proposed changes. The original proposal limited access to Indiana's colleges and universities. There were also equity concerns, highlighting how the redesign might disadvantage some student populations. The proposal still does not allocate the necessary resources and funding to support its implementation effectively and undermines academic rigor, leaving students less prepared for future success. The primary issue facing high schools has been inadequate funding and a depleted educator pipeline – not the structure of the diploma requirements. The proposal is a solution in search of a problem, echoing a broader trend in Indiana's unbalanced single-party government over the past two decades.

Braun: Invest in career scholarship programs, support extracurricular exploration, and reward schools for graduating students prepared to excel in their career, college, or the military.

Q: School attendance in Indiana is improving, but

remains below pre-pandemic levels. Lawmakers have passed and proposed a variety of solutions to absenteeism, including meetings with families to identify underlying issues, community service and a loss of privileges for older absentee students, as well as potential legal action for parents. What specific approaches would you support to improve school attendance?

Rainwater: I believe that we need to have more innovation, competition, and opportunity in K-12 education. The more options that parents and students have available, the more likely a child will find an educational platform that maximizes their educational success. When children and parents experience positive outcomes through an educational platform, then attendance will improve for those children. Poor attendance is most often a result of negative experiences and outcomes in the educational platform

McCormick: Improving school attendance in Indiana requires a multi-faceted approach that addresses the root causes of absenteeism. First, I support increasing funding for school counselors and social workers who can work directly with families to identify and resolve underlying issues, such as mental health challenges, economic hardships, or transportation barriers. Additionally, I would promote the implementation of positive reinforcement strategies, such as attendance rewards and recognition programs that celebrate students for consistent attendance. Engaging the community is crucial; partnerships with local organizations can provide resources and support for families in need. Finally, it is critical to foster a positive school climate where students feel safe, supported, and engaged, as this can significantly influence their willingness to attend school regularly. Through these efforts, we can create an environment that encourages attendance and supports student success.

Braun: No response provided.

Q: What incentives or initiatives would you prioritize to improve teacher reten-

tion and recruitment? Do you think increasing teacher pay is a solution? If so, how would you do that?

Rainwater: I believe that returning to a less government-centric and more learning-centric educational environment would be the first step. I believe that teachers need more support and collaboration in the classroom. I believe that teachers will be more interested in coming to Indiana schools and staying in Indiana schools when they can teach without the heavy hand of government dictating their every action during the course of the day and the school year. I believe that an expansion of charter schools, private schools, and micro-schools will provide the competitive marketplace where teacher salaries will grow organically.

McCormick: The most invaluable element of a high-quality education system is the teacher. Due to vears of extreme Republican state policies targeting educators, the teaching profession has been disrespected, de-professionalized, and dismantled, leaving Indiana with a major shortage of active and prospective educators. Currently, Indiana has 1,000's of education-related job positions unfilled. Forty states have higher average teacher salaries than Indiana, and Hoosier educators make less than their peers in all border states. Despite the fact most teachers earn a bachelor's degree, and many hold a master's degree, teachers earn \$23,000 less than noneducators who hold a bachelor's or master's degree. As your governor, I will implement commonsense policies to recruit and retain the best, brightest, and most diverse educators for our students. I will fight to establish a minimum base salary of \$60,000 for educators, adjust veteran teacher salaries to reflect their non-educator peers, and work to uphold teacher rights by protecting the ability of teacher unions to bar-

gain for wages and benefits.

Braun: Raise base salaries for teachers, guarantee professional benefits like new parent leave, and offer improved health insurance

# **Boeing workers**

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with the 777 or "triple-seven" jet and the 767 cargo plane at factories in Renton and Everett, Washington.

The latest rejected offer included pay raises of 35% over four years. The version that union members rejected when they voted to strike last month featured a 25% increase over four years.

The union, which initially demanded 40% pay boosts over three years, said the annual raises in the revised offer would total 39.8%, when compounded.

Boeing has said that average annual pay for machinists is currently \$75,608.

Boeing workers told Associated Press reporters that a sticking point was the company's refusal to restore a traditional pension plan that was frozen a decade ago.

"The pension should have been the top priority. We all said that was our top priority, along with wage," Larry Best, a customer-quality coordinator with 38 years at Boeing, said on a picket line outside a Boeing factory in Everett, Washington. "Now is the prime opportunity in a prime time to get our pension back, and we all need to stay out and dig our heels in."

Theresa Pound, a 16-year Boeing veteran, also voted against the deal. She said the health plan has gotten more expensive and her expected pension benefits would not be enough, even when combined with a 401(k) retirement account.

"I have put more time in this place than I was ever required to. I have literally blood, sweat and tears from working at this company," the 37-year-old said. "I'm looking at working until I'm 70 because I have this possibility that I might not get to retire based on what's happening in the market."

The strike started Sept. 13 and has served as an early test for Boeing CEO Kelly Ortberg, who became chief executive in August.

In his first remarks to investors, Ortberg said earlier

Wednesday that Boeing needs "a fundamental culture change," and he laid out his plan to revive the aerospace giant after years of heavy losses and damage to its reputation.

Ortberg repeated in a message to employees and on the earnings call that he wants to "reset" management's relationship with labor "so we don't become so disconnected in the future." He said company leaders need to spend more time on factory floors to know what is going on and "prevent the festering of issues and work better together to identify, fix, and understand root cause."

Ortberg, a Boeing outsider who previously ran Rockwell Collins, a maker of avionics and flight controls for airline and military planes, said Boeing is at a crossroads.

"The trust in our company has graded. We're coddled

"The trust in our company has eroded. We're saddled with too much debt. We've had serious lapses in our performance across the company, which have disappointed many of our customers," he said.

But Ortberg also highlighted the company's strengths, including a backlog of airplane orders valued at a half-trillion dollars.

"It will take time to return Boeing to its former legacy,

but with the right focus and culture, we can be an iconic company and aerospace leader once again," he said.

In recent weeks, Ortberg announced large-scale layoffs

about 17 000 people—and a plan to raise enough cash

about 17,000 people — and a plan to raise enough cash to avoid a bankruptcy filing.
 Boeing hasn't had a profitable year since 2018, and

Wednesday's numbers represented the second-worst quarter in the manufacturer's history. Boeing lost \$6.17 billion in the period ended Sept. 30, with an adjusted loss of \$10.44 per share. Analysts polled by Zacks Investment Research had expected a loss of \$10.34 per share.

Revenue totaled \$17.84 billion, matching Wall Street estimates.

The company burned nearly \$2 billion in cash, in the quarter, weakening its balance sheet, which is loaded down with \$58 billion in debt. Chief Financial Officer Brian West said the company will not generate positive cash flow until the second half of next year.

Boeing's fortunes soured after two of its 737 Max jetliners crashed in October 2018 and March 2019, killing 346 people. Safety concerns were renewed this January, when a panel blew off a Max during an Alaska Airlines flight.

Ortberg needs to convince federal regulators that Boeing is fixing its safety culture and is ready to boost production of the 737 Max — a crucial step to bring in much-needed cash. That can't happen, however, until the striking workers return to their jobs.

# Israel strike kills 17

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The United States hoped to revive the negotiations after Israeli forces killed top Hamas leader Yahya Sinwar in Gaza last week, but neither side has shown signs of moderating its demands from months of negotiations that sputtered to a halt over the summer.

Blinken also announced an additional \$135 million in U.S. aid to the Palestinians, while again urging Israel to allow more assistance to enter the territory.

Health workers in besieged northern Gaza meanwhile warned

of a catastrophic situation there, where Israel has been waging an air and ground offensive for over two weeks.

Hundreds of people have been killed and tens of thousands have fled their homes in northern Gaza in recent days. The military says it is battling Hamas fighters who regrouped in the north, which was one of the first targets of the ground offensive at the start of the war.

Dr. Hossam Abu Safiyeh, the director of the Kamal Adwan Hospital in the north, said in a video message released Wednesday that

some 150 wounded people were being treated there, including 14 children in intensive care or the neonatal department.

"There is a very large number of wounded people, and we lose at least one person every hour because of the lack of medical supplies and medical staff," he said.

"Our ambulances can't transfer wounded people," he said. "Those who can arrive by themselves to the hospital receive care, but those who don't just die in the streets."

Footage shared with The Associated Press shows medical staff

tending to premature babies and several older children in hospital beds, some with severe burns. One child is seen attached to a breathing machine, with bandages on her face and flies hovering over her.

"We are providing the bare minimum to patients. Everyone is paying the price of what is happening now in northern Gaza," Abu Safiyeh said.

Kamal Adwan is one of three hospitals in the north left largely inaccessible because of the fighting. The war has gutted the health system across Gaza, with only 16

of 39 hospitals even partially functioning, according to the World Health Organization.

In another one of the besieged

hospitals in Gaza's northernmost end, the Indonesian Hospital, patients say they're struggling to stay alive in the face of power outages and shortages of food, water and medical supplies.

"The pain is horrible, but there are no painkillers here, no antibiotics," said 39-year-old Nidal al-Darini, whose foot, wounded in an Israeli airstrike, has become infected. "It's becoming unbearable."

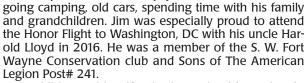
#### **OBITUARIES**

#### James "Jim" Lloyd, 77

James A. "Jim" Lloyd, 77, of Fort Wayne passed away Monday morning at his residence.

Jim was born in Fort Wayne on April 27, 1947, to Garrett E. and Marilyn J. (Smith) Lloyd, both parents preceded him in death. He married Susan Lynne (Stanton) in Fort Wayne on Nov. 10, 1984, she survives in Fort Wayne.

Jim retired in 2009 from the City of Fort Wayne Water Filtration Department. He enjoyed



In addition to his wife, Jim is survived by a daughter, Leslie A. Lloyd of Fort Wayne, four grandchildren, Amanda (Justin) Arnold, Brandon (Carlie) Brotherton and Chad (Brenna) Brotherton, all of Fort Wayne, and Miles Kephart of Wisconsin, 11 great-grandchildren, a brother, Larry (Judy) Lloyd of Fort Wayne and a sister, Patty (Jim) Rossin of Columbia City.

Jim was preceded in death by his parents, one daughter, Laura L. Brotherton in 1988, a son-in-law, Daniel Brotherton in 1988, and a brother-in-law, Mike Goodin.

Visitation will be on 1-3 p.m. on Monday, Oct. 28, 2024, at Goodwin – Cale & Harnish Memorial Chapel in Bluffton, followed immediately by a funeral service at 3 p.m., also at the funeral home. Paula Hunnicutt and Pastor Tim Miller will officiate. Burial will follow in Elm Grove Cemetery, Bluffton.

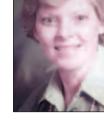
Memorials can be made in Jim's memory to Honor Flight of N.E. Indiana.

Online condolences can be made at www.goodwincaleharnish.com.

#### Elaine Miller, 93

Elaine B. Miller, 93, of Quincy, Ohio, passed away on Sunday morning, Oct. 20, 2024, at her son's residence in Quincy.

She was born on Oct. 10, 1931, in South Bend, to Ervin William and Elizabeth "Betty" Marie (Ledwick) Brockmann. After graduating from Central High School in South Bend, class of 1950, Elaine graduated from Northwestern University in 1952 with a degree in dental hygiene. She then



moved to Dayton, Ohio, shortly after graduation where she worked at multiple dental offices up until she was

She enjoyed entertaining her friends at Bridge Club, her time at the Dayton Woman's and Miami Valley Country Club of Dayton. She loved her profession and enjoyed taking care of her patients. She also was a very proud private pilot for a time and loved her little four-legged furry friends. She loved her summer days at Barron Lake in Niles, Michigan and was a fun-loving grandma that enjoyed spending time with her family. Her favorite saying to all was "I love you a bushel and a peck ... and a hug around the neck." She is now with her mom and dad at their heavenly Barron Lake cottage in which she left the light on awaiting the rest of her family to join them.

Survivors include her son, Dr. David W. (Lisa) Miller of Quincy, and daughter, Celynn Miller of Greenville, Ohio, along with her six grandchildren, Shelby Miller, Corbin Miller, Emma Miller, Everett Miller, Ervin Miller and soon-to-be Ivy May Miller, and Hayden Miller. She is also survived by a brother, William (Ellen) Brockmann of Greenwood, Indiana, and Carol (David) Dale of Fredericksburg, Virginia.

A private graveside service will take place at Elm Grove Cemetery in Bluffton with Pastor Jonathan Schrider officiating.

Memorials can be made in Elaine's memory to the Alzheimer's Association or to an organization of your

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.

### Elizabeth Schwartz, 93

Elizabeth A. Schwartz, 93, passed away Wednesday morning, Oct. 23, 2024, at Stillwater Hospice in Fort Wayne.

She was born in Adams County on March 30, 1931, to John P. and Leah E. (Rauch) Bertsch; both parents preceded her in death. Elizabeth married Kenneth L. Schwartz in Bluffton on Dec. 11, 1949; he preceded her in death on Feb. 4, 2010.

Elizabeth was a graduate with the Class of 1949 at Hartford High School. She was a member of the Apostolic Christian Church and volunteered for 10 years at Christian Care Retirement Community. She was a homemaker and worked for several years at South Adams Schools and retired in 1989 from Economy Printing in Berne. Elizabeth enjoyed quilting, knitting and spending time with her family and grandchildren.

She is survived by four children, Jim Schwartz of Franklin, Tennessee, Jack (Diane) Schwartz of Florence, Texas, Jean Steffen of Montpelier, and Joan (Greg) Gerber of Bluffton; 15 grandchildren, 44 great-grandchildren and seven great-great-grandchildren.

In addition to her parents and husband, she is preceded in death by a daughter in law, Sandy Schwartz; three great-grandchildren, Gabriel Schwartz, Taylor Maller and Jaret Harshman; and a brother, Godfrey Bertsch.

Visitation will be 1-6 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 27, 2024, at Goodwin – Cale & Harnish Memorial Chapel in Bluffton. Services will be held at 10:30 a.m. Monday, Oct. 28, at the Apostolic Christian Church East, with visitation at the church from 9:30-10:30 a.m. prior to the service. Brent Kaehr and Lynn Fiechter will officiate. Burial will follow at the Apostolic Christian Cemetery in Adams

Memorial contributions in memory of Elizabeth may be directed to the Christian Care Good Samaritan Fund. Online condolences may be made at www.goodwincaleharnish.com.

# Local groups host Halloween events

There are a number of local upcoming opportunities for kids and families to celebrate Halloween, including the events below.

Friday, Oct. 25

• Scarecrow Festival: Costume parade begins in downtown Warren at 6 p.m., food trucks open at 5 p.m., and game and chili cookoff will take place from 6-8 p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 26

- Ossian Health Communities Trunk or Treat: Enjoy candy, donuts and cider from 2-4 p.m. at Ossian Health Communities, 215 David Rd. in Ossian.
- Family Farm and Home Trick or Treat: 2-6 p.m. at 990 N Main St. in
- Bethlehem Lutheran and New Hope Lutheran Trunk or Treat: Available from 4-6 p.m. at New Hope Lutheran Church, 8643-8691 IN-1 in
- Local 84802 Women's Committee Trunk or Treat: 4-6 p.m., Union Hall, 1355 S Wayne St. in Bluffton.
- Ouabache State Park Fall Festival: Trick or treat at the campground from

4-6 p.m. and follow a special "spooky treat trail" from 4-5:30 p.m. For the safety of trick or treaters, the campground road will be closed during this

• Wells County 4-H Spooktacular: From 6-9 p.m., enjoy carnival games, prizes, hay rides, a bounce house and more at the 4-H fairgrounds, 1240 4-H Park Rd. in Bluffton. Admission costs for \$1 or one canned food item. For older youth and adults, the "spooky forest" will be open from 7-9 p.m.

Sunday, Oct. 27

- River Terrace Trick or Treat: Enjoy food, games, treats and more from 1-3 p.m. at 400 Caylor Blvd. in
- Hope Missionary Church Trunk or Treat: Celebrate with candy, food and games from 2-5 p.m. at both Bluffton and Ossian branches.

Tuesday, Oct. 29

· Markle Health and Rehabilitation Trick or Treating: From 5-7 p.m., trick or treat with the residents at Markle Health and Rehabilitation, 170 N Tracy St. in Markle. The first 50 children will also receive a pumpkin. Wednesday, Oct. 30

• Bluffton Church of the Nazarene Trunk or Treat: Beginning at 6:30 p.m., celebrate with a bounce house, hayrides, candy and other fun for kids.

Halloween, Thursday, Oct. 31

Door-to-door trick or treating: Bluffton, 5-7:30 p.m.; Markle, 5:30-7:30 p.m.; Ossian, 6-8 p.m.; Warren, 6-8 p.m. • Boo in Bluffton, downtown Bluffton: Dress in costume and visit partici-

- pating downtown businesses and the City Gym from 5-6 p.m. Participating businesses on the outskirts of town will hand out treats from 6-7 p.m. • First Church of Christ Trunk or
- Treat: 5:30-7:30 p.m. 909 W Spring St. in Bluffton.
- Christian Care Trunk or Treat: 6-7 p.m. at 720 E Dustman Rd.
- Teen Halloween Party: 6-7 p.m. at the main branch of the Wells County
- Happy Harvest Goodie Grab: 6-8 p.m. at Ossian Church of the Nazarene, 302 N Metts St. in Ossian.

# **Wells County Briefs**

#### Commissioners hold on cemetery project

The Wells County Commissioners took no action on a proposal from the Cemetery Board on Monday, as there were some disagreements between the members regarding the proposal.

Board members Jerri Lehman, Connie Brubaker and Thomas Liby presented a bid for restoration work at the Murray Cemetery. Lehman strongly supported a contractor that the board had previously used, but Brubaker expressed resentment for previous interactions she had had with the con-

As the group began arguing, commissioners Mike Vanover and Jeff Stringer interrupted and stated that the board needed to work through the disagreement privately before bringing it to them. The commissioners budgeted \$50,000 for cemetery maintenance in 2025 and saw no rush in the proposal

### **Sheriff hopes for** progress in jail finalization

There continues to be slow but sure progress in finalizing the renovation of the Wells County Jail. During the county commissioners' meeting Monday, Sheriff Scott Holliday reported that representatives from Ameresco had been on-site one day working on the HVAC. He also noted that the majority of the remaining items are to be handled by one subcontractor.

On Monday, Holliday reported 82 inmates were housed in the Wells County Jail. Thirty-five inmates were pre-trial holds for the Wells County Circuit Court, 23 pre-trial for the Superior Court, 21 from the Department of Correction and three Level 6 felons.

#### **County accepting** board appointment applications

As multiple terms for county boards expire for the upcoming year, the Wells County Commissioners are accepting applications for the following boards: Local Alcoholic Beverage Board, Area Plan Commission, Board of Zoning Appeals, Cemetery Board, Community & Family Services, Health Board, Huntington City/Town Public Library Board, Property Tax Assessment Board of Appeals, Regional Sewer District Board, Rockcreek Conservancy District Board and Visitors Commission.

The Wells County Council is also accepting applications for the following boards: Local Alcoholic Beverage Board, Area Plan Commission, Huntington City/Town Public Library Board and Property Tax Assessment Board of Appeals.

On Monday, Auditor Lisa McCormick notified the commissioners that new Indiana Code advises the county to appoint PTABOA members in staggering terms. The commissioners agreed to make one of their appointments a one-year term and the other a two-year term and planned to ask the council to make their appointment a two-year term.

For more information about specific boards, terms and applications, contact the Auditor's Office, at 260-824-6470, or visit wellscounty.org.

### Solid Waste board approves 2025 calendar

The Solid Waste Management District, the group that steers the Recycling Center, agreed to continue meeting on the third Monday of every month at 4 p.m. in the meeting room of the Carnegie Annex in 2025. The board will meet on the first Tuesday in September due to both the Bluffton Free Street Fair and Labor Day. HazMat Day will be offered on June

Also during the meeting, the board approved another six-month CD with First Source Bank in Bluffton with a 4.5% rate.

Four of seven board members were present for their meeting Monday — John Whicker, Scott Mentzer, Mike Vanover and Jeff Stringer were present, and Vicki Andrews, Blake Gerber and Stephanie Tucker were absent.

- Compiled by Holly Gaskill

# Police Notebook

### **INCIDENTS**

City:

Wednesday, 4:44 p.m., 300 block of West Cherry Street. Unwanted party.

Thursday, 8:22 a.m., KOA Campground. Man arrested for domestic violence, trespassing and criminal mischief.

**County:** 

Thursday, 7:20 a.m., East 300 N and Main Street, Bluffton. Driver cited for operating without financial responsibility and no tail lights. Car towed.

Thursday, 10:00 a.m., 6700 South S.R. 1, Bluffton. Report of horse in road. Officer assisted horse owner in retrieval.

Thursday, 12:52 p.m.,

**FW Philharmonic** 

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On Sunday, Oct. 27, the

Wells County Jail. Warrant Galvan.

Thursday, 12:55 p.m., Wells County Jail. Warrant served to Cody A. Howe. Ossian:

Wednesday, 2:53 p.m., Silo Farms. Officer responded to 911 emergency text, dispute between family members. One subject arrested for invasion of privacy for violating protective order by living at the resi-

Thursday, 11:48 a.m., 2100 E 700 N, Ossian. Report of company potentially scamming caller after he paid nearly \$10,000 for insulation work.

dence.

**FIRES** 

Wednesday, 5:07 a.m., criminal trespassing, all Class Center. Fire alarm.

Thursday, 8:59 a.m., 412 W Cherry Street. Report of smoke. Burning furnace

Thursday, 1:25 p.m., 521 N Main St. Hazardous chemical spill onto road.

**ARRESTS** 

Sabbathsheel Yahrulsale Israel, 31, Poneto; burglary, a Level 1 felony, robbery, a Level 2 felony, battery committed with a deadly weapon, a Level 5 felony, theft of a firearm, a Level 5 felony, and theft of auto parts, a Level 6 felony. Bond set at \$265,000.

Danielle Jeanette Irving, privacy, domestic battery, set.

served to Augustine Ramon Bluffton Regional Medical A misdemeanors, and criminal mischief, a Class B misdemeanor. Bond set at \$1,500. Benjamin Aron Kosanov-

ich, 39, Bluffton; domestic battery and criminal trespassing, both Class A misdemeanors, and criminal mischief, a Class B misdemeanor. Bond set at \$27,500. Robert Andrew Dasilva,

26, Bluffton; theft, a Class A misdemeanor. Bond set at Augustine Ramon Gal-

van, 47, Fort Wayne; possession of narcotic drug, a Level 6 felony. No bond set.

Cody Andrew Howe, 25, Ossian; probation violation, 46, Fort Wayne; invasion of a Level 6 felony. No bond

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# Man who pleaded guilty in FW shooting gets home detention

FORT WAYNE, Ind. (AP) — A man who pleaded guilty in a shooting that wounded one person inside a northeastern Indiana shopping mall last year has been sentenced to one year of home detention.

An Allen County magistrate sentenced Quentin A. Lewis, 28, on Wednesday to three years with two years suspended. The remaining year of Lewis' sentence will be served in the county's home detention program, followed by two years of probation.

Lewis pleaded guilty last month to criminal recklessness, one day before he was scheduled to appear for a pretrial conference in the shooting at Fort Wayne's Glenbrook Square. Under his plea agreement, a charge of battery by means of a deadly weapon that Lewis had faced was dismissed.

longo, baritone.

The Fort Wayne man was charged days after the September 2023 shooting left one man with a gunshot wound to the leg.

Authorities said the shooting followed tension between Lewis and the shooting victim because of comments Lewis had made about a woman and her children at a barbershop a few days earlier.

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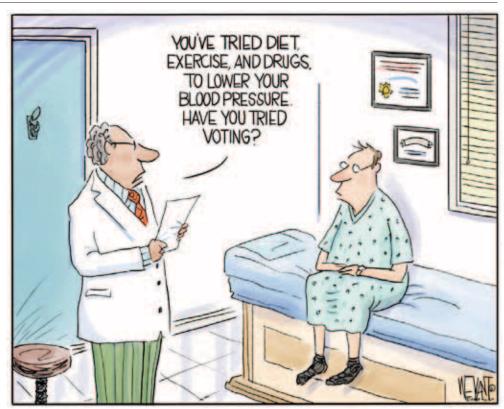
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# Other Opinions

### **How to fix** the Secret Service

A report issued (October 17) on the assassination attempt against Donald Trump this summer in Butler, Pa., comes to an alarming conclusion about the Secret Service's shortcomings. In the absence of "fundamental reform," it says, "another Butler can and will happen again." Will that sobering assessment help to prompt real changes, and fast?

The 52-page report was written by a bipartisan panel appointed under the Department of Homeland Security. This inquiry into the Butler shooting included 58 interviews and 7,000 documents. It goes through, in detail, the failures on the ground. The roof from which the gunman fired had been deemed part of the "outer perimeter," traditionally staffed by state and local police, not the Secret Service.

Communication between these agencies was a muddle. About 20 minutes before Mr. Trump took the stage, Secret Service personnel were made aware of a "suspicious person" who had been using a rangefinder, and police were trying to locate him for questioning. "The leadership of the Trump detail — those who were in closest proximity to him and tasked with managing his personal movements — were never informed," the panel says.

The report also makes broader criticisms of the Secret Service's culture, including "a pattern of undertraining"; an attitude of "doing more with less," which is "inconsistent" with its no-fail mission; "an overreliance on assigning personnel based on categories (former, candidate, nominee)" instead of individual risk assessments; and a lack of auditing and "continuous improvement" mechanisms.

The panel says new money would help, "but an influx of funds, without more, will not address the problems." It has recommendations for better communications and planning, while suggesting new leadership recruited from outside the agency. The report also argues that the Secret Service should shed responsibility for investigating financial crimes, so it can be "hyperfocused" on its most vital task.

"There is simply no excuse to need to 'do more with less' concerning protection of national leaders," the panel says. "Unless and until those responsibilities are fulfilled, no resources (funds or time) should be allocated to other missions that are not centrally related to the protective function." After Butler, that's an idea that should be taken seriously.

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# If demography is destiny, bring on immigration. We're going to need it.

Inevitably, presidential campaigns focus on immediate domestic difficulties or foreign dangers. Momentous developments — inexorably gathering storms — are unnoticed, until social upheavals upend governments' assumptions. But Nicholas Eberstadt has noticed.

For the first time since the Black Death in the 1300s, he writes in Foreign Affairs, Earth's population is going to decline. A lot. This will create social hazards that will challenge political ingenuity. Still, it will be, primarily, a protracted reverberation of a relatively recent, and excellent, event in humanity's story: the emancipation of women.

Eberstadt, who is incapable of writing an uninteresting paragraph, is an economist and demography-is-destiny savant at the American Enterprise Institute. He says a large excess of deaths over births will be driven not by a brute calamity like the bubonic plague but by choices: those regarding fertility, family structures and living arrangements, all reflecting "a worldwide reduction in the desire for children."

Today, two-thirds of the world's population lives in countries with below-replacement levels (2.1 births per woman) of fertility. Since the Soviet Union collapsed, Russia has had 17 million more deaths than births. The 27 European Union countries are, collectively, 30 percent

below replacement. Last year, France had fewer births than in 1806, when Napoleon won the Battle of Jena. Italy had the fewest since its 1861 unification, Spain the fewest since it started keeping track of this in 1859. America's "demographic exceptionalism" is despite its fertility rate (1.62 last year), thanks to immigration.

Periodically, including recently, alarmists have warned about a "population explosion" producing "overpopulation." Such Cas-

sandras do not notice the correlation between population increases and abundance produced by increased numbers of workers, innovators and entrepreneurs. In the past century, billions have risen from poverty as global population has quadrupled.

But, Eberstadt says, as the world has become richer, healthier, more educated and more urbanized, "the most powerful national fertility predictor" has been something related to these changes: changes in "what women want. Volition shapes birth rates because now people everywhere are "aware of the possibility of very different ways of life from the ones that confined their parents."

The waning of religious belief, which has generally encouraged fecundity, has coincided with increased valuing of "autonomy, self-actualization, and convenience." Soon, when global population passes its apogee, there will



emerge, other than in Africa, a worldwide wave of "top-heavy population pyramids, in which the old begin to outnumber the young," Eberstadt says. The number of "super-old" (those 80-plus, already the world's fastest-growing age cohort) will almost triple, to 425 million. "Just over two decades ago, fewer than 425 million people on the planet had even reached their 65th birthday," he

It is possible that "the pervasive graying of the population and protracted population decline will hobble economic growth and cripple social welfare systems in rich countries," Eberstadt writes. Also: "A coming wave of senescence," smaller

family units, fewer people getting married, "high levels of voluntary childlessness," "dwindling workforces, reduced savings and investment, unsustainable social outlays, and budget deficits" are the fate of developed nations unless they make "sweeping changes."

Eberstadt is, however, tentatively cheerful: "Steadily improving living standards and material and technological advances will still be possible." The Earth "is richer and better fed than ever before — and natural resources are more plentiful and less expensive (after adjusting for inflation), than ever before," and the global population is more "extensively schooled" than ever. What is required is "a favorable business climate," which is Eberstadt's

shorthand for allowing market forces to wring maximum efficiency from fewer people: "Prosperity in a depopulating world will also depend on open economies: free trade in goods, services, and finance to counter the constraints that declining populations otherwise engen-

The "demographic tides" are, Eberstadt writes, running against the quartet of nations (China, Russia, Iran, North Korea) that, oblivious of demography, are exaggerating their future powers. China's

next generation "is on track to be only half as large as the preceding one."

Furthermore, "demographic trends are on course to augment American power."

Although the United States is "a sub-replacement society, it has higher fertility levels than any East Asian country and almost all European states," Eberstadt says. Even more important, thanks to immigration, "the United States is on track to account for a growing share of the rich world's labor force, youth, and highly educated talent.'

One issue in this year's presidential campaign is germane to the convulsive demographic changes that are coming: immigration. Concerning this, Donald Trump is obtuse, and Kamala Harris has, as about most things, vagueness born of timidity.

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### Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Friday, Oct. 25, the 299th day of 2024. There are 67 days left in the year.

Ťoday's highlight in history: On Oct. 25, 1929, former Secretary of the Interior Albert B. Fall was convicted of accepting bribes in exchange for oil field leases at Teapot Dome in Wyoming and the Elk Hills and Buena Vista oil fields in California. As a result of the "Teapot Dome Scan-

dal," Fall would become the first U.S. cabinet member to be imprisoned for crimes committed while in office.

Also on this date:

In 1760, Britain's King George III succeeded his late grandfather,

In 1859, radical abolitionist John Brown went on trial in Charles Town, Virginia, for his failed raid at Harpers Ferry. (He was convicted and later

In 1962, during a meeting of the U.N. Security Council, U.S. Ambassador Adlai E. Stevenson II demanded that Soviet Ambassador Valerian Zorin confirm or deny the existence of Soviet-built missile bases in Cuba. Stevenson then presented photographic evidence of the bases to the council.

In 1983, a U.S.-led force invaded Grenada at the order of President Ronald Reagan, who said the action was needed to protect U.S. citizens there.

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# Supporting a struggling friend

Dear Annie: I have a friend I'll call "Scott." We have known each other for 15 years or so and have been retired for the last few years. He enjoyed working before he retired due to a plant closure.

Now Scott drinks from 8 a.m. until one room we 2 or so in the afternoon. He is in good spirits in the morning but is an absolutely depressed person by 2. He tries still run and to tell you that the world sucks now compared to when we grew up. It's so hard to listen to him go on about this.

I want to tell him that he needs help, but I am afraid to do so. I can't even hang out with him due to his problem. I know where to send him for help but have no idea on how to send him there. — Want My Friend

is totally valid. It sounds like he's been stuck in a bad place for quite some time, and he might not even realize how out of control things have gotten.

When he's sober, share your worries with him. Let him know you want to help him if he's open to it and that ultimately, you just want to see him happy again. You can't force Scott to stop drinking, but the reminder that he has you cheering in his corner might do more good than you know. Check out an Alcoholics Anonymous meeting, too. You are sure to hear helpful suggestions from people who have been there.

in our 70s. We have friends who are marriage, infidelity, communication in their 40s, with two kids (6 and 4). We have gone out to lunches with the four of them, and it's always been a bad experience. The kids tear through the restaurant and scream. It's becoming very embarrassing. The next time they invite us, we don't want to be in

a restaurant again. We don't want to go to their place because the wife is a hoarder and there is only can sit in — and besides, the kids scream in their own home. They can come to our place, but they still tear around.

What do we do or say the next time they invite us for lunch? — Tired

of Chaos Dear Tired: The energy of young Dear Want: Your concern for Scott kids is unmatched, so it's understandable that you're frustrated. Next time your friends invite you to lunch, why not suggest a place with ample outdoor space so the kids can run around? Some restaurants offer outdoor areas with lawns and sometimes even a playground. Or perhaps you could organize a picnic in a park, so the children can get all their energy out without disrupting the adults. Another option is to invite them over to your house and, provided the parents are OK with it, put on a movie for the kids, complete with popcorn and blankets.

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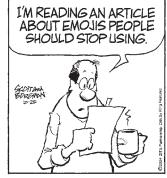
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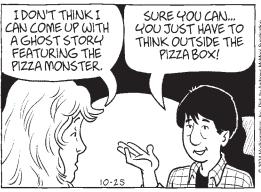
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**My** Answer

> By Dr. Billy Graham

Question: Since we are made in the image of God what's wrong with religion of self or believing fully in the capacity of our individuality? -R.S.

Answer: Religions do not reject God – people do. Religions are simply made up of people. God's love is for individuals. Each person has been created by God. He has put a soul into every man, woman, and child. Hundreds of philosophies and scores of religions have been invented to circumvent the Word of God. Many philosophers and psychologists are still trying to make it appear that there is some other way to happiness – including glo-

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# Religions do not reject God – people do

rifying self. There is only one way to God and that is through Jesus Christ,

His Son. It comes down to one thing: What will each person decide about Jesus Christ? Receiving God's salvation is purely an individual decision.

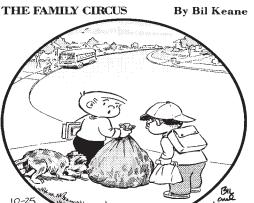
The one who is in the most danger spiritually is the one who doesn't see any need for God. They may enjoy life; they may be successful and looked up to by others. They may be moral and honest, and even be outwardly religious (although only outwardly, because it hasn't touched their hearts). Only God can break through the barrier of a heart that has no place for Him. That is why the most important thing anyone can do is submit to God and pray

that others will also. God is able to do what we cannot do.

"For He Himself is our peace, who has made both one, and has broken down the middle wall of separation" (Ephesians 2:14, NKJV). God desires to have a relationship with each person, that He might reconcile us to Him through what He did for us on the cross. We no longer have to be a stranger, but part of the family of God. To those who fear [respect] God, His message of salvation has been sent. Receive it today.

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

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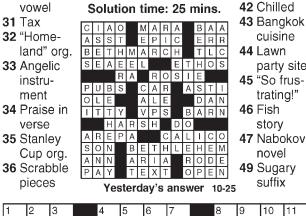
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# The Dodgers and Yankees are ready for the starriest **World Series in decades**

By RONALD BLUM **AP Baseball Writer** 

LOS ANGELES (AP) - Even 8-year-old Charlie Freeman is excited about a Dodgers-Yankees World

"He's at Universal (Studios) right now with a couple of his buddies, but he goes, 'Daddy, I can't wait for the World Series to start tomorrow," Los Angeles first baseman Freddie Freeman said at the last workout before Friday's opener. "He's on YouTube and seeing all the videos about Yankees-Dodgers. So you're starting to get a hint of how big this could be."

This will be the 12th Dodgers-Yankees matchup and the first in 43 years. The rivalry dates to 1941, when the Dodgers were in Brooklyn and Joe DiMaggio's Yankees were seeking their fifth title in six years.

'You can be the best player. You can do whatever you want," Yankees star Juan Soto said, "but at the end of the day, people remember you because you won a World Series."

Broadway vs. Hollywood has produced the starriest Series in decades, if not ever. The League Championship Series had the highest US TV ratings since 2017, and that's been dwarfed by viewership of the Dodgers from Japan driven by interest in Shohei Ohtani.

"You could easily argue that on a global scale, the Yankees and the Dodgers are the most followed, the most supported, the most visible," Los Angeles manager Dave Roberts said.

This figures to be the first World Series featuring five MVPs: the Dodgers' Ohtani, Freeman and Mookie Betts, and the Yankees' Aaron Judge and Giancarlo Stanton. There hasn't been even been a Fall Classic with four since



Ohtani and Judge are the likely MVPs this year, marking the first Series to feature both since San Francisco's Buster Posey and Detroit's Miguel Cabrera in 2012. This will be the first Series with a pair of 50-home run hitters in Judge (58) and Ohtani (54).

In an age of expanding playoffs, this is just the fifth World Series since the Wild Card Era started in 1995 involving the teams with the best records in each league.

"I'm sure I'm going to feel how special it is," Ohtani said through a translator.

Players practiced in 85-degree weather as the sun highlighted Dodger Stadium's sky blue, yellow, light orange and sea foam green seats. Freeman, slowed by a bad ankle, insisted he will be in the lineup for the opener.

While the Dodgers are seeking their eighth title and second in five years, the Yankees are in the World Series for the first time since winning No. 27

"This is where the real fun starts," Judge said.

Judge realizes a title is necessary for membership among the Yankees greats.

"They definitely got a different aura walking around here when you got a couple of rings on your fingers," he said. "I think that's the biggest thing, is that you see that they're battle test-



ed. They've been through the grind. They've been through the ups and downs and they came out on top."

**OLD RIVALS** 

Roberts and Yankees manager Aaron Boone have faced each other since April 3, 1992, when Roberts' UCLA Bruins beat Boone's Southern California Trojans' 11-1 UCLA's Jackie Robinson Stadium.

"As we all know in here, you're a Trojan for life. You're a Bruin for four years," Boone said play-

Ťold of Boone's shot, Roberts said: "Ouch! That hurts" and "absolutely disagree, 100%."

Boone texted a Yankees emoji to Roberts when New York's charter flight landed Wednesday.

"There was another emoji I thought about sending him with one finger, but I didn't," Roberts said. "I just gave a laughing emoji back."

FOR STARTERS

Dodgers starter Jack Flaherty, who starts the opener against the Yankees' Gerrit Cole, was high school teammates with Max Fried and Lucas Giolito at Harvard-Westlake School in Los Angeles. Three years ago, Flaherty was at Houston's Minute Maid Park for World Series Game 6 along with Giolito to watch Fried get the win that finished off the Atlanta Braves' World

# **High School Calendar**

FRIDAY, OCT 25 FOOTBALL: (Sectional) Adams Central at

Bluffton, 7 p.m.; Norwell at Bishop Luers, 7 p.m. SATURDAY, OCT 26 CROSS COUNTRY (co-ed): Regional at

Huntington University, 10 a.m.

**MONDAY, OCT 28** 

No events scheduled. TUESDAY, OCT 29 No events scheduled. **WEDNESDAY, OCT 30** No events scheduled. **THURSDAY, OCT 31** No events scheduled

# Kane's late power-play goal lifts Red Wings to win over Devils

By DANA **GAURUDER Associated Press** 

DETROIT (AP) Patrick Kane scored a go-ahead, power-play goal with 3:32 remaining and the Detroit Red Wings extended their

winning streak to three games, beating the New Jersey Devils 5-3 on Thursday

Christian Fischer and Alex DeBrincat scored 26 seconds apart late in the first period for Detroit. Dylan Larkin also supplied a power-play goal and Michael Rasmussen added an empty-netter, while Cam Talbot made 40 saves.

Nico Hischier scored two power-play goals for the Devils, who have lost three straight. Jacob Markstrom stopped 15

Devils forward Erik Haula scored in his 700th game. He's the 22nd Finnish player to reach that games-played mile-

#### TAKEAWAYS

Devils: They came into the game ranked 10th on the power play (25%) and improved on that by converting

three of five chances. They have scored nine power-play goals in their last six games.

Red Wings: They are putting a lot of pressure on their goaltenders by getting outshot in five of their first

seven games. They have been outshot 112-55 during the three-game winning

#### **KEY MOMENT**

In a rough-and-tumble third period that featured four fighting and three roughing penalties, a cross-checking penalty ultimately led to the go-ahead goal. Dawson Mercer committed the infraction against Olli Maatta, and Kane scored 22 seconds later.

#### **KEY STAT**

DeBrincat's goal was his third this season and first since opening night, when he scored twice against Pittsburgh. DeBrincat had 27 goals last season after Detroit acquired him from Ottawa.

#### **UP NEXT**

The Devils host the New York Islanders on Friday. The Red Wings visit Buffalo on Saturday.

# **Lions receiver Jameson Williams** won't fight 2-game suspension

ALLEN PARK, Mich. (AP) — Detroit Lions wide receiver Jameson Williams announced Thursday he will accept a twogame suspension by the NFL for violating the league's performance-enhancing sub-

Williams had said he had "no choice but

to take it on the chin" to a Monday report on the suspension. He issued a statement Thursday through his agent confirming he was notified of the suspension earlier this "The news came as a complete surprise

that I am still trying to understand," Wil-"I don't take supplements or vitamins

and I am overly cautious about even taking over-the-counter medicine. At no time have I ever taken something in an attempt to cheat or look for an unfair advantage. I understand that I am responsible for everything that goes into my body and I have to take accountability in this instance.'

That means Williams will miss Sunday's game for the Lions (5-1) hosting Tennessee (1-5) on Sunday and a Nov. 3 road trip to NFC North rival Green Bay. Williams has had a breakout season, a

year after serving a four-game suspension for violating the NFL's gambling policy.

He has 17 catches for 361 yards with three touchdowns. In 12 games last season, he had 24 receptions for 354 yards and two touchdowns. He returned from knee surgery two years ago and played six games and caught a 41-yard TD.

# With Clark gone, No. 3 USC and No. 5 UCLA women set to make a splash as Big Ten newcomers

By BETH HARRIS

**AP Sports Writer** Caitlin Clark made Big Ten women's

basketball a must-see attraction before leaving for the WNBA.

Thanks to her transformational talent, the Iowa Hawkeyes sold out every conference game last season for the first time in history. Now it's up to players like JuJu Watkins

of Southern California, Lauren Betts of UCLA, Alexis Markowski of Nebraska and Shyanne Sellers of Maryland to keep the momentum going.

The conference, now having grown to 18 members with the addition of UCLA, USC, Oregon and Washington this season, has six teams in the The Associated Press preseason Top 25.

"I just feel really secure to know that I'm stepping into the best league in the country," UCLA coach Cori Close said.

The Hawkeyes aren't ranked to start the season. They've ceded that status to two of the league's newcomers.

USC leads the way at No. 3 behind Watkins, a preseason first-team All-American along with teammate Kiki Iriafen. The Trojans' crosstown rival, UCLA, is ranked seventh led by returnees Betts and Kiki Rice. Also in the Top 25 are No. 14 Ohio State, No. 18 Maryland, No. 23 Nebraska and No. 25 Indiana.

"Our depth and versatility is spectacular,"

By TIM REYNOLDS

**AP Basketball Writer** 

phia center Joel Embiid did not play in the

team's nationally televised season opener

on Thursday. It was opened as part of the

NBA's player participation policy that went

against Milwaukee.

into effect last season.

The NBA is investigating why Philadel-

The league confirmed the investigation

**NBA** opens investigation into

Joel Embiid's playing status after

76ers star misses season opener

Close said. "It's the most talent of any team that I have ever coached, which is really fun."

The Big Ten will get an international spotlight when the season begins with the Aflac Oui Play doubleheader in Paris on Nov. 4. The Bruins take on No. 17 Louisville and the Trojans face No. 20 Mississippi at Adidas Arena.

"It's unbelievable to be a part of this sport now. There's this tidal wave, an apex, and it feels like we're only going to grow from here," USC coach Lindsay Gottlieb said. "It's been incredible to see the opportunities grow for women, to see the game take on the exposure that we've gotten, and just really grateful to be where we are right now."

**MAJOR MATCHUPS** 

Fans will want to circle Feb. 2 on their calendars. That's when Watkins, the nation's second-leading scorer at 27.1 points last season, and the Trojans travel to Iowa to face the Hawkeyes and Lucy Olsen, who averaged 23.3 points. Even without Clark, this game

will be a hot ticket on a cold winter's night. "I'm really excited to see the Big Ten atmospheres across the country that we're going to get to experience and how our players react and respond to that," Gottlieb

Other big games include Indiana at Iowa on Jan. 12; Ohio State at UCLA on Feb. 5 and the Buckeyes at USC three days later; and UCLA at USC on Feb. 13.

# **NASCAR** declares **Bobby Allison the** winner of a 1971 race, moving him into 4th on all-time wins

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. (AP) — NASCAR Hall of Famer Bobby Allison finally got his victory from Bowman Gray Stadium, more than five decades after he took the checkered flag and the trophy.

NASCAR on Wednesday formally recognized the 86-year-old Allison as the winner of the Meyers Brothers Memorial at the track in Winston-Salem, North Carolina, on Aug. 6, 1971. The sanctioning body updated the record books to reflect it, giving Allison 85 wins and moving him into fourth on the all-time wins list and out of a tie with Dar-

The race was one of six that season that featured a mix of Grand National (currently the Cup Series) and Grand American cars. Allison, who competed in both series at the time, chose to drive his Grand American Ford and won the race while leading 138 of 200 laps. Despite celebrating in victory lane, the win never counted toward Allison's Cup Series total.

"For 53 years, the Myers Brothers Memorial was the only race run by NASCAR that did not have an official winner," said Jim France, NASCAR chairman and CEO. "As we began preparations for the upcoming Clash at Bowman Gray Stadium, the topic of that August 6, 1971, race returned to the forefront.

"We felt it was the right thing to officially recognize Bobby's win and honor him as an 85-time NASCAR Cup Series winner. We are grateful for Bobby's lifetime contributions to NASCAR.

France and longtime NASCAR executive Mike Helton visited Allison on Wednesday and told him of the news and presented him with a plaque commemorating the victory.

With Allison's updated win total, he now only trails fellow NASCAR Hall of Famers Richard Petty (200), David Pearson (105) and Jeff Gordon (93).

Allison was inducted into the NASCAR Hall of Fame's second class in 2011. He is a five-time NASCAR champion and a three-time winner of the Daytona 500.





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NBA has said that any time a star player misses a game — it defines "star" as someone who was an All-Star or All-NBA selection in any of the previous three seasons, and Embiid is one of those — an investigation can be opened to "promote compliance"

Such a move was to be expected. The

with league rules and can include "independent medical review and related determinations regarding player availability.

Embiid — who helped the U.S. win Olympic gold at the Paris Games — missed the entire preseason and was ruled out for Wednesday's opener against Milwaukee with the 76ers citing "left knee injury management." Embiid has a long history of injury issues, including knee problems.

Embiid has never played more than 68 games in a season and was limited to 39 last season in large part because of knee surgery.

It is not clear how long the investigation will take. Philadelphia was also without Paul George for Wednesday's game; he suffered a bone bruise during the preseason.

# **News-Banner Scoreboard**

#### **FOOTBALL**

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Sunday's Games Jacksonville 32, New England 16, London, GBR Buffalo 34, Tennessee 10 Cincinnati 21, Cleveland 14 Detroit 31, Minnesota 29 Green Bay 24, Houston 22

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Arizona 17, L.A. Chargers 15 Thursday, Oct. 24
L.A. Rams 30, Minnesota 20
Sunday, Oct. 27
Arizona at Miami, 1 p.m.

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p.m. Carolina at Denver, 4:25 p.m. Chicago at Washington, 4:25 p.m. Kansas City at Las Vegas, 4:25 p.m. Dallas at San Francisco, 8:20 p.m. Monday, Oct. 28 N.Y. Giants at Pittsburgh, 8:15 p.m.

**BASEBALL** 

**MLB** 

**WORLD SERIES** 

New York Yankees vs. Los Angeles

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Monday, Oct. 28: Los Angeles Dodgers at New York Yankees (Schmidt 5-5), 8:08 p.m., (Fox)

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L.A. Clippers at Denver, 5 p.m. Boston at Detroit, 7 p.m. Cleveland at Washington, 7 p.m. Miami at Charlotte, 7 p.m.
Oklahoma City at Chicago, 8 p.m. Orlando at Memphis, 8 p.m. Toronto at Minnesota, 8 p.m Houston at San Antonio, 8:30 p.m. Dallas at Phoenix, 10 p.m. Sacramento at L.A. Lakers, 10:30

Sunday's Games
Philadelphia at Indiana, 3:30 p.m.
Milwaukee at Brooklyn, 6 p.m. New Orleans at Portland, 6 p.m. Atlanta at Oklahoma City, 7 p.m. L.A. Clippers at Golden State, 8:30

#### **HOCKEY**

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Sunday's Games Edmonton at Detroit, 6 p.m. Anaheim at New Jersey, 7 p.m. Montreal at Philadelphia, 7 p.m. Ottawa at Colorado, 9 p.m.

# Browns sue city of Cleveland over the 'Modell Law' designed to prevent their move

By TOM WITHERS **AP Sports Writer** 

CLEVELAND (AP) — The Browns' back-and-forth battle with Cleveland over a planned move into a new suburban stadium has gone to court.

The NFL team said Thursday it has filed a lawsuit in federal court asking for clarification of the "Modell Law," which the city has threatened to use to keep the Browns from leaving after their lease at lakefront Huntington Bank Field

The team has played its games in downtown Cleveland since the 1940s, and in its current 65,000-seat stadium, which is leased to the team by the city, since 1999.

Browns owners Dee and Jimmy Haslam announced last week they are moving forward with plans to build a domed stadium and entertainment complex in Brook Park, about 15 miles south of Cleveland. Earlier this week, the Cleveland city council threatened to

block the move by invoking the "Modell Law," named after former Browns owner Art Modell. After losing his fight with the city to get a new stadium built, Modell moved his franchise after the 1995 season to Baltimore, where it became the The state law passed in 1996 was used to stop the Colum-

bus Crew of Major League Soccer from moving from Ohio to Texas in 2019. The team stayed and was bought by the Haslams, who are also part owners of the NBA's Milwaukee

"Today's action for declaratory judgment was filed to take this matter out of the political domain and ensure we can move this transformative project forward to make a new domed Huntington Bank Field in Brook Park a reality," Dave Jenkins, CEO of Haslam Sports Group, said in a statement.

"We have no interest in any contentious legal battle but are determined to create a project that will add to greater Cleveland by building a domed stadium and adjacent mixeduse development. ... This project will bring premier events and economic activity that will generate significant revenue for the city, county and state."

The Browns explored other options, including a makeover of their current stadium, but said the remodeling was too costly. The city had offered to pay \$461 million toward a renovation it hoped would lead to development of the lakefront area adjacent to the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame.

Clevland Mayor Justin Bibb called the Haslams' decision to move the team "frustrating and profoundly disheartening."

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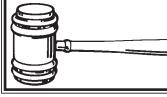
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### Books donated to Indiana Room at library

Nicholas H. Raber (left in photo) compiled and recently donated six history books to the Indiana Room at the Wells County Public Library. The first two, "Relatives of Maria (Lucabaugh) Raber 1856-1948" and "Joseph McClure & Madella Fishbaugh Family History," cover many families from Rockcreek Township. The third book, "Coolman Family History," focuses on the Coolman families of Wells and Huntington Counties and includes many old basketball photos from Liberty Center and Warren High School. The fourth book, "John R. Stinson & Permilla A. Thompson Family History," details the Stinson family of Wells and Huntington Counties and incorporates the Thompson Family History by Dick Thompson, Nellie Sleppy, and others. The fifth book, "Colagrossi Family History," outlines the history of Italian Americans on Harrison Street in Elkhart, Indiana. Finally, the sixth book, "Sven Harry Lindstrand (1909-1987)," explores the life and works of the local artist. All the books can be viewed in the Indiana Room at the library. Accepting the donations on behalf of the library in the photos is Jason Habegger, Adult Services Manager (right in photo). (Photo submitted)

# State Office of Technology to offer free website hosting for local governments

By WHITNEY DOWNARD **Indiana Capital Chronicle** 

More local governments around Indiana will soon have access to free website hosting from the Indiana Office of Technology.

The agency offers other services to municipalities, including cybersecurity assessments and training. For the last four years, the office has supported website hosting for a "low cost," but announced it would be eliminating the attached price tag this

"In an era where digital interaction has become a cornerstone of public service, maintaining secure, accessible, and efficient online resources is more important than ever. IOT's latest initiative seeks to ensure that all local governments, regardless of size or budget, can offer their constituents a safe, trustworthy and user-friendly online experience," an agency release said.

IOT has been offering local governments websites, with packages at \$50/month, \$100/month and \$250/month, and more than 100 locals were already taking advantage of that.

With the new no-cost offering, the state recently converted 102 of them to the zerocost package and the remainder, due to size

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and/or choice, stayed in the paid package.

The office offers three design choices, which have previously been recognized by the Center for Digital Government's and received annual Government Experience Awards. Such websites include content management systems and view analytics as well as a calendar and events system.

"This strategic move continues to build trust and aims to significantly improve cybersecurity measures and overall user experience on government platforms," said Tracy Barnes, the state's chief information officer. "We're seeking to empower local governments to better manage their digital front doors, and improve access to all levels of local government, be it a small township or for our larger communities. Hoosiers should expect to have secure, easy to use digital methods to get in touch with their government. By removing financial barriers, we are another step closer to providing an improved, consistent digital experience no matter what level of government a citizen is

Local governments interested in learning more about the websites, along with the agency's other services, should visit https:// on.in.gov/localgovernment.



By SCOTT SONNER

**Associated Press** RENO, Nev. (AP) For the first time under President Joe Biden, a federal permit for a new lithium-boron mine has been approved for a Nevada project essential to his clean energy agenda, despite conservationists' vows to sue over the plan they insist will drive an endangered wildflower to extinction.

Ioneer Ltd.'s mine will help expedite production of a key mineral in the manufacture of batteries for electric vehicles at the center of Biden's push to cut greenhouse gas emissions, administration officials said Thursday in Reno.

Acting Deputy Interior Secretary Laura Daniel-Davis said bolstering domestic lithium supplies is "essential to advancing the clean energy transition and powering the economy of the future.

"This project demonstrates how partnership and collaboration can effectively balance mineral production with the protection of vulnerable species and irreplaceable natural resources," added Steve Feldgus, principal deputy assistant U.S. interior secretary for land and minerals manage-

In the works for nearly eight years, construction of the Rhyolite Ridge mine

should start next year in the high desert halfway between Reno and Las Vegas, the Australia-based Ioneer said.

Production is scheduled to begin in 2028 at the mine, which should produce enough lithium for 370,000 vehicles annually for more than two decades, officials said.

It's unique because it includes a chemical processing facility that will process the lithium on-site instead of having to ship it to China, then back to the U.S. Worldwide demand for lithium is projected to have grown six times by 2030 compared to 2020. The biggest producer of lithium in the world is China, which processes most lithium currently.

"I can say with absolute confidence there are few deposits in the world as impactful as Rhyolite Ridge," Ioneer Executive Chairman James Calaway

The Interior Department's Bureau of Land Management issued the permit after the Fish and Wildlife Service concluded — in consultation with the bureau required under the Endangered Species Act — that the mine would not jeopardize the survival of Tiehm's buckwheat.

The service added the 6-inch-tall wildflower with yellow and cream-colored blooms to the list of U.S.

endangered species on Dec. 14, 2022, citing mining as the biggest threat to its survival.

The bureau initiated the mine's permitting process five days later. The agencies say Ioneer's subsequent changes to the mine's footprint alleviated concerns about potential harm to the

Environmentalists said the mine's final approval was a politically motivated violation of multiple U.S. laws. An hour after the bureau posted its formal record of decision approving the permit, the Center for Biological Diversity sent Interior Secretary Deb Haaland a 60-day notice of the group's intent to sue under the Endangered Species Act.

"We need lithium for the energy transition, but it can't come with a price tag of extinction," said Patrick Donnelly, the center's Great Basin director. He said Biden's administration " is abandoning its duty to protect endangered species like Tiehm's buckwheat and it's making a mockery of the

Endangered Species Act." Fewer than 30,000 of the plants remain in Nevada at the only place they're known to exist in the world across eight sub-populations that combined cover 10 acres — an area equal to the size of about eight football fields.





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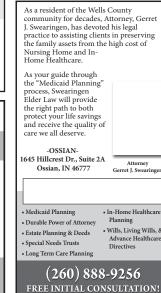
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