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Haigh is Southern Wells' Educator of the Year

By JONATHAN SNYDER

In front of the entire Southern Wells Elementary student body, second grade teacher Peggy Haigh was announced as the Southern Wells Educator of the Year.

Elementary kids were called to an assembly in the gym, where Haigh was honored with a certificate, balloons and other gifts for her dedication. During her speech, Haigh stated that she felt honored not only to receive the award, but for the opportunity to teach at Southern Wells. She thanked both the school and her students for their dedication throughout her over 36-year teaching career.

"A lot of team effort comes into this," Haigh said in a separate interview. "It's not just me, I had a lot of good support with the administration and other teachers, parents and the kids. It's truly an honor to teach here — it's a great (school) system."

Haigh said that the students have been

her inspiration throughout her career. Seeing their growth academically and socially drives her to continue and finding those moments where her students fully understand a concept is a point of motivation for her.

Haigh's uniqueness comes from an effort to be understanding with her students. Former and current students mentioned that she will give second chances to students if they prove to be hard workers. Additionally, she will incorporate different games for reading and math to keep students engaged. Haigh is also ready to help a student whenever they have trouble.

"She would put us with the best possible people to help us learn," current sixth grade student Olivia Hoffacker said. "She always had a positive attitude. If I were to choose my favorite teacher, Mrs. Haigh would be my first."

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Family members Louisa, left, and Ezrin Haigh congratulate Peggy Haigh (right). (Photo by Jonathan Snyder)



Andrew Cook, the Bluffton-Harrison Metropolitan School District's Educator of the Year, walks with his parents through hallways of applauding students after the honor was announced. (Photo by Holly Gaskill)

'He changed my life'

Andrew Cook is BHMSD's Educator of the Year

By HOLLY GASKILL

Well deserved. The simple phrase was used numerous times among colleagues, students, friends and family Friday morning as Andrew Cook was announced as Bluffton-Harrison Metropolitan School District's Educator of the Year.

Cook is in his 10th year of teaching math and science at Bluffton High School, where he's been involved with the school's social committee, serves as a building-level teacher technology specialist and coaches the Cyber Tigers eSports team.

"Mr. Cook is very deserving of this award," said Superintendent Brad Yates. "We have many, many teachers that would

fit into the same category of being so deserving, but one thing that really steps out for Mr. Cook is his ability to make every moment just truly matter for our students. It is not a one swing for the fence, it's a gradual progression that he works with our students to make sure they can be successful in the long term."

Cook has made an indelible impact on his students' lives — two of which spoke about their appreciation for Cook on Friday.

Because of Cook's mentorship, seniors Lucas Yates and Logan Zoll both plan to study cybersecurity. Both have also already received certifications in the field, as a result of Cook's work in introducing dual-credit

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Most localities still holding onto opioid settlement funds

By WHITNEY DOWNARD

Indiana Capital Chronicle

Most local governments haven't started spending their opioid settlement dollars, according to a state report presented on Thursday.

Four towns failed to meet deadlines for reporting spending, leaving 644 localities in the analysis. Of those, 80% haven't spent any of their restricted funds, while 82% haven't dipped into their unrestricted accounts.

"As these record amounts of funds continue to flow into Indiana, the role of locals is vital," said Shelby Thomas, the deputy director for drug prevention, treatment and enforcement under Gov. Eric Holcomb.

"With that in mind, we've developed guidance for communities to consider as they look to submit their restricted funds," Thomas continued. "Also included in this document is a list of tangible items that are not included as an allowable expense, as well as resources for those communities."

The Family and Social Services Administration, the agency tasked with tracking such spending, presented the findings before the Indiana Commission to Combat Substance Use Disorder.

Over 18 years, the state as a whole is on track to receive more than \$980 million as part of a national settlement with opioid distributors, manufacturers and marketers — with funds designated to combat substance and opioid use disorders.

Total funds will be split 50-50 between the state and local units of government. Overall, 30% of the money — or 15% for each level of government — will be directed to "unrestricted" funds; the state and locals can spend it however they see fit.

The state, on the other hand, is moving more quickly.

As of Oct. 1, FSSA reported that it had committed to spending more than \$40 million in "restricted" funds. Such spending is directed toward programs such as building recovery

residences, street outreach or hiring peer support specialists.

"An overwhelming majority of funds, nearly \$35.5 million ... have gone toward treatment and recovery," Thomas said.

In August, the State Budget Committee approved the next round of spending for \$46 million.

What are these funds for? Earlier this year, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention had good news: overdose deaths around the country had fallen by 3% — the first drop since 2018.

In Indiana, the drop was even bigger, falling by 18%. Still, over 2,000 Hoosiers died by overdose in 2023 and thousands of others are battling addiction.

Funds from the National Opioid Settlement started flowing to Indiana communities in December 2022. In contrast to the 1998 Tobacco Master Settlement, funds will go to localities in order to target areas with high numbers of overdose deaths and opioid proliferation.

But the smallest towns

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Trial begins for the man accused of killing Georgia nursing student Laken Riley

By KATE BRUMBACK
Associated Press

ATHENS, Ga. (AP) — A Venezuelan man "went hunting for females on the University of Georgia's campus" earlier this year and ended up killing nursing student Laken Riley after a struggle, a prosecutor said Friday. A defense attorney said the evidence is circumstantial and doesn't prove his client is guilty.

Jose Ibarra, who entered the U.S. illegally two years ago, is charged with murder and other crimes in Riley's February killing, which helped fan the immigration debate during this year's presidential campaign. Ibarra waived his right to a jury trial, meaning his case is being heard and decided by Athens-Clarke County Superior Court Judge H. Patrick Haggard.

Prosecutor Sheila Ross told the judge that Ibarra encountered Riley, a 22-year-old student at Augusta University College of Nursing, while she was out running on Feb. 22.

"When Laken Riley refused to be his rape victim, he bashed her skull in with a rock repeatedly," Ross said, adding that the evidence will show that Riley "fought for her life, for her dignity."

As a result of that fight, Ibarra's DNA

was left under her fingernails, Ross said. Riley called 911 and, in a struggle over her phone, Ibarra's thumbprint was left on the screen, she said.

The forensic evidence is sufficient to prove Ibarra's guilt, but digital and video evidence will also show that Ibarra killed Riley, the prosecutor said.

Defense attorney Dustin Kirby called the evidence in the case graphic and disturbing, but he said none of it proves that his client killed Riley.

"The evidence in this case is very good that Laken Riley was murdered," he said. "The evidence that Jose Ibarra killed Laken Riley is circumstantial. The evidence that anyone had any intent or certainly committed any sexual assault is speculation."

The killing added fuel to the national debate over immigration when federal authorities said Ibarra illegally entered the U.S. in 2022 and was allowed to stay to pursue his immigration case.

Republicans, including President-elect Donald Trump, blamed Democratic President Joe Biden's border policies for her death. As he spoke about border security during his State of the Union address weeks after the killing, Biden

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Southern Wells Educator of the Year

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"She helps us learn," second grader Reagan Slusher said. "If you get hurt she helps you and she will get you a Band-Aid."

"She gives us a decent (amount of) time for reading and she has fun books," elementary student Brynlee Caldwell said. "I love that she's so nice and all the time she just smiles. Her jokes are pretty funny."

This positivity also extends to the staff at Southern Wells Elementary. Teachers and other staff members said that they can come to her when they are feeling low, and that her personality picks them up and puts smiles on their faces.

"She is very positive," literacy coach Kim Huffman said. "You could be having the worst day ever and go into her room at the end of the day and just fall down on a chair and she would perk you up. She would encourage you and be willing to listen to your beefs and make you feel better about any situation."

First grade teacher Caleb Sleppy also noted Haigh's dedication as a reason for the award. Sleppy mentioned that Haigh is constantly getting involved in after school activities and willing to help both students and teachers after hours with a smile on her face.

"I had (Mrs. Haigh) when I was in school," Sleppy said. "She's a great teacher that has taught me many things and I look to her for advice. She's a hard worker, she has put in a lot of time. She cares about everybody, she cares about the kids, she cares about her coworkers — so she is more than deserving. I am thankful for everything she has done."

Haigh's positivity, fairness and penchant for incorporating games into her teaching style have put her in great standing with teachers, students and administration. Superintendent Trent Lehman described her as an amazing professional, and will remain positive about herself throughout any circumstance.



Haigh stands with balloons in the gym. (Photo by Jonathan Snyder)

"When I've come into her classroom she is always prepared," Lehman said. "The students are engaged, she's smiling, she's kind. She is just positive about herself as a teacher, about education in general and about her kids. It's amaz-

ing that she maintains that positive attitude in a world where it's sometimes easy to be negative. She's always smiling, engaging and loving to her students and always a professional with her coworkers."

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Bluffton-Harrison Educator of the Year

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opportunities. Both said that Cook has had a deep impact on their lives.

"He changed my life ... Mr. Cook, out of every teacher here at Bluffton High School, or even the entire district, has an aura of passion, dedication, enjoyment, introspection — really, everything," Yates said. "While I see (the same spirit) in other teachers, he just has it in so many spades that it's unprecedented. I haven't seen a man dedicated to just helping — even when he's not directly helping, he's helping."

"Everywhere I go, he's always smiling, he's always laughing, he's always encouraging people," Zoll said. "From people I've talked to before, he just made an impact on their life, on his previous students, and it just changes everything."

Even an empty classroom shows the marks of a well-loved, dedicated teacher. A nearly life-size cardboard cutout of Cook stands in the corner, made by a group of students who wanted to show their appreciation several years ago. Cook's desk is covered with sticky note messages and pictures, preserved for years by tape. Multiple read "the best math

teacher," while another is just simply "thank you man."

"Mr. Cook is what I would call the epitome of what every teacher and educator should strive to be," said BHS Principal Steve Baker. "He puts in the time. He has a heart for kids. He wants to make a difference in their lives. He has poured his whole self into his job — it's not a job for him, it's a calling."

Cook was simply shocked when his parents, colleagues and Wells County Chamber of Commerce representatives entered his room with the announcement on Friday.

"I just appreciate the support of the administration at the school," he said. "My parents made a three-hour drive in. All the teachers and our students here, (I) couldn't do it without a village, so credit to them."

It was only moments after that Cook was ushered through hallways of hollering students celebrating the announcement. Cook later added that knowing someone would receive the honor that day, he had tried to bribe Baker that morning to avoid it.

"I tried to pay him off at breakfast this morning in case this was gonna happen



Bluffton High School teacher Andrew Cook was helping a student in his classroom when he was surprised with the announcement he was chosen as the district's Educator of the Year. (Photo by Holly Gaskill)

— 'I'll give you \$3 in case this is supposed to happen that way we don't do this,'" Cook joked. "I'm not a big fan of the fanfare and recognition. There are so many other great teachers who are deserving of the honor of teacher of the year."

"I think the only person who doesn't believe

that they deserve BHMSD Educator of the Year (for their good work) is Andrew Cook," said Tara Cocanower, fellow teacher. "It's an easy decision. It's well deserved ... Mr. Cook goes above and beyond in the little ways, and I think he exemplifies that the little things add up to big things."

Opioid settlement funds

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received paltry amounts, too little to even purchase a box of Narcan, prompting the state to pivot.

Last summer, the state made a change to its funding formula for communities receiving minute sums. Prior to July 1, anything less than \$1,000 would instead be directed to county coffers. Sums less than \$5,000 after June 30, 2023 would also go to counties instead.

Smaller units of government may opt to pool their funds with the county anyway, Thomas said.

"We have actually had a number of communities reach out who, even if

they're receiving a little over \$5,000, it's still just not a large sum of money," Thomas said.

Both Thomas and Douglas Huntsinger, the executive director of the state's Office of Drug Prevention, Treatment and Enforcement, said that community size or settlement amount didn't matter when it came to spending. They said the best indication that communities will spend their settlement money is if they choose to create a government body to oversee spending.

Only 103 localities, or 16%, reported creating a local committee, according to the report.

"That cooperation is what is driving communities," Huntsinger said.

Online databases with Next Level Recovery include a handful of communities with less than 2,000 residents starting to spend funds.

Thomas added that some localities might opt to let their funds build up over several payments before choosing to spend their dollars.

"That is not a bad thing, necessarily," Thomas said. "However, we know there are a lot of communities who just still do not know where to start and so we want to provide that guidance to them."

Weather

Saturday, November 16, 2024

(24-hour observations at 10:09 p.m. Friday)

High: 50; Low: 48; Precipitation: 0.03 inches of rain
Wabash River Level (at the Main Street bridge): 1.19 feet at 9:45 p.m. Friday

Wells County forecast

Today: Mostly cloudy, with a high near 55. Calm wind becoming southeast around 5 mph in the afternoon.

Tonight: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 42. South wind around 5 mph.

Sunday: Partly sunny, with a high near 61. Southwest wind 5 to 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

Sunday Night: A 30% chance of showers, mainly after 1 a.m. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 45. Southwest wind around 5 mph becoming calm after midnight.

Monday: A 20% chance of showers after 1 p.m. Partly sunny, with a high near 61.

Monday Night: Showers, mainly after 1 a.m. Low around 52. Chance of precipitation is 80%.

Tuesday: A 40% chance of showers before 1 p.m. Partly sunny, with a high near 67.

Tuesday Night: A 20% chance of showers after 1 a.m. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 44.

Trial begins

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mentioned Riley by name.

Riley's mother, Allyson Phillips, and other family members packed the courtroom Friday. Phillips put her face in her hands and cried frequently, especially when photos of her daughter were shown and during testimony about what happened to her.

Ibarra sat at the defense table in a plaid shirt with his hands and feet chained. He wore headphones to hear a Spanish-language interpreter and appeared attentive, sometimes looking up when photos or video were shown and sometimes looking down at his lap.

During her opening statement, Ross laid out a timeline for the judge using doorbell and surveillance camera footage as well as data from Riley's phone and watch to piece together her final moments.

Riley left home at 9:03 a.m. and headed for wooded trails where she often ran. Data from her watch shows that at 9:10 a.m., she was running at a fast pace when something happened that

made her "stop dead in her tracks," and she called 911 at 9:11 a.m.

A 911 dispatcher answered but no one responded when she repeatedly sought a response, and then the call was ended by the caller. The dispatcher immediately called back, but no one answered.

"Her encounter with him was long. Her fight with him was fierce," Ross said, noting that Riley's watch data showed her heart was still beating until 9:28 a.m.

Ross also played security camera video that shows a man she said is Ibarra at 9:44 a.m. in a parking lot at his apartment complex. The man tossed something in a recycling bin and then appeared to throw something in nearby bushes. In the recycling bin, officers found a dark hooded jacket with blood that turned out to be Riley's on it and strands of long dark hair caught on a button. In the bushes, they found black disposable kitchen gloves, one of which had a hole in the tip of the thumb.

Election Board certifies results

By HOLLY GASKILL

The Wells County Election Board certified the local results of the Nov. 5 election on Friday.

The board had also approved one provisional ballot during a separate meeting Thursday. Final results, available at wellcounty.org/elections, include this provisional ballot and one from a Wells County citizen overseas.

Clerk Beth Davis said the new polling machines also performed "really, really well" and had minimal damage from the election season. They were also able to accommodate one voter who requested a Spanish ballot by switching the machine settings.

In other updates, the board was notified of Gregory Vanover's resignation from the Jackson Township Advisory Board, effective Jan. 1; Vanover was elected to the Southern Wells school board. Additionally, Rina Stuck (R) will begin a county recorder on Dec. 2, finishing Carolyn Bertsch's term.

The board's next meeting is at 3:30 p.m. on Jan. 21 in the clerk's office.

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OBITUARIES

Richard "Rich" Dian, 62

Richard "Rich" Dian, 62, of Mishawaka passed away peacefully on Nov. 13, 2024, surrounded by his loving family. Born on Jan. 16, 1962, in Bloomington to Dr. Donald and Sue Dian of Fort Myers, Florida, Rich graduated from Norwell High School in 1980 and attended Indiana University in Bloomington.



A true sports enthusiast, Rich was a devoted fan of the Indiana Hoosiers, Chicago White Sox and Notre Dame Basketball. The Indianapolis 500 was one of his favorite annual traditions. His love of sports was just part of his adventurous spirit. Rich enjoyed the outdoors, whether walking along the St. Joe River, backpacking through the Grand Canyon, or exploring Florida beaches. He cherished the beauty and serenity of nature.

An avid reader, Rich's bookshelves reflected his eclectic interests, ranging from historical novels to Beat Generation poetry to John Grisham thrillers. He also loved to cook, known for his weekly Sunday breakfasts. Rich enjoyed watching cooking shows, learning about new ingredients,

and exploring the best local shops for culinary discoveries. Rich adored his two dogs, Murphy and Griffey, who preceded him in death. He was often found online, dreaming of adopting new canine companions.

Rich is survived by his treasured son, Samuel "Sam" Dian of Mishawaka, and his sisters, Julia Woodward and her husband Keith of Edina, Minnesota, and Sarah Dian and her husband Andrius Sperauskas of Raleigh, North Carolina. He is also survived by his niece, Haley Isa (Woodward) of New York and nephew, Graham Woodward of Chicago.

The family will hold a celebration of life at a future date. Memorial contributions may be made in Rich's name to the St. Joseph County Humane Society in Mishawaka.

Palmer Funeral Homes ~ Bubb Chapel, 3910 N. Main St. in Mishawaka is assisting the family with arrangements. Condolences may be left at www.palmerfuneralhomes.com

Teresa Hathaway, 62

Teresa Ann Hathaway, 62, born on Nov. 20, 1961, in Bluffton, passed away peacefully on Nov. 12, 2024 at Lutheran Hospital in Ft Wayne, Indiana.



A dedicated store manager, Teresa took great pride in her work, always ensuring her store was tidy and welcoming.

Teresa cherished her family above all else, finding joy in spending quality time with them, especially taking her grandson, Walker, to the parks around the area. She was a loving mother to her children, James (Jimi-Lu) Jamison, Amanda Dean Jamison, Brandon Hathaway and Marcus (Kristen) Hathaway. Her

legacy continues through her grandchildren, Jilayne Jamison and Walker Hathaway, who brought her immense happiness.

In her free time, Teresa enjoyed watching NASCAR car races and found solace at the beach, her favorite place in the world. She will be remembered for her warm spirit, love for her family, and dedication to her work. She leaves behind a community that will deeply miss her kindness and vibrant presence.

A Celebration of Life will be held from 1-4 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 17, at Preble Fireman's Park in Decatur.

Sharon K. Lautzenheiser, 83

Sharon K. Lautzenheiser, 83, passed away Friday morning, Nov. 15, 2024, at Christian Care Retirement Community.

Funeral arrangements are pending with Goodwin - Cale & Harnish Memorial Chapel 3220 East SR 124 Bluffton, IN.

Police Notebook

INCIDENTS

Thursday, 6:03 p.m., St. Joseph Catholic Church. Tag issued for injured deer.

Thursday, 6:10 p.m., KFC. Two vehicle crash.

Thursday, 6:14 p.m., Cherry and Washington streets. Report of drag racing. Unable to locate.

Friday, 6:35 a.m., Main and Wabash streets. Two vehicle crash.

Friday, 10:31 a.m., 300 block of West Market Street. Report of stolen temporary license plate.

Friday, 1:09 p.m., Christian Care Retirement Community. Unwanted party.

County: Wednesday, 12:43 p.m., 11569 N Marzane Rd., Mar- kle. Vehicle tagged as abandoned.

Wednesday, 1:38 p.m., Wells County Jail. Warrant served.

Wednesday, 1:41 p.m., Wells County Jail. Warrant served.

Wednesday, 8:33 p.m., 300 W and 1000 S, Key- stone. Car vs. deer.

Thursday, 6:27 a.m., 1041 N 100 E. Two vehicle accident. Report to follow.

Thursday, 12:42 p.m., Wells County Courthouse. One in custody.

Thursday, 2:02 p.m., Wells County Council on Aging. Information taken for a crash report.

Thursday, 9:43 p.m., C.R. 100 S and 500 E, rural Bluffton. Car vs. deer.

Friday, 6:36 a.m., Main and Wabash streets, Bluffton. Two vehicle crash. Report to follow.

Friday, 7:23 a.m., Silo Farms. Caller reported their Amazon package had been dropped off at the wrong location and the residents were denying having it.

Friday, 9:17 a.m., Wells County Jail. Warrant served.

Wednesday, 4:39 p.m., 700 block of West Lafayette Street, Ossian. Caller reported another vehicle had attempted to hit her. Unable to locate.

Thursday, 6:07 p.m., Norwell High School. Head-on collision. Report to follow.

ACCIDENTS

Friday, 6:35 a.m., S.R. 1 at Wabash Street. Stephanie Habig, 63, Bluffton, was driving a 2008 Honda CR-V westbound on Wabash Street and struck a northbound 2013 Chevrolet Silverado driven by Heidi J. Harris, 40, Berne. Habig thought she had a green light but couldn't remember, and Habig said she had the green light. Damage exceeded \$5,000.

Thursday, 6:10 p.m., S.R. 1 near Margaret's Road. Raymond Lantenier, 85, Bluffton, was driving a 2015 Ford Escape out of the KFC

parking lot and did not see an oncoming 2002 Pontiac Aztek driven by Belinda Foreman, 65, Bluffton. The Aztek then veered into another parking lot and hit a pole. Both vehicles were towed. Damage exceeded \$10,000.

County: Tuesday, 4 p.m., Marion Street, Bluffton. Jerry Reineck, 74, Bluffton, was parking a 2025 Ford E-350 and backed into an unattended 2024 GMC Terrain. Damage exceeded \$1,000.

Thursday, 6:27 a.m., C.R. 100 N at 100 E, Bluffton. Keling Yurisma Rizo Zedelon, 29, Fort Wayne, was driving a 2018 Ford Escape and rear-ended a 2003 Toyota Camry driven by Patrick Louis, 46, Bluffton. The 2003 Camry was reportedly pushed into a 2024 Camry driven by Kamar Bin Esop, 50, Fort Wayne, but no visible damage was noted. The escape and 2003 Camry were towed. Damage exceeded \$10,000.

Thursday, 7:56 p.m., S.R. 1 at C.R. 800 S. Jeffrey L. Moss, 68, Petroleum, was driving a 2012 Toyota Tacoma and struck a deer. Damage exceeded \$5,000.

Thursday, 9:50 p.m., C.R. 100 S at 500 E, Bluffton. Cheryl Ivins, 57, Bluffton, was driving a 2023 Toyota Camry and struck a deer. Damage exceeded \$2,500.

Bluffton Parks & Rec News & Notes



By Brandy Fiechter

Destination Recreation

Congratulations to Sadie Vines, the ten-year-old granddaughter of Ernesto and Amy Gonzalez, for finding Ralph the roaming Turkey. Keep an eye on the Bluffton Parks Department's Facebook page for when Ralph will be hiding in one of the parks next.

Speaking of turkeys, Thanksgiving will be here before you know it. Make plans with the family now to join the annual Wobble Before You Gobble. This is a family-friendly morning of running, walking, and giving thanks to get you moving before all Thanksgiving Day festivities. Meet at the Bluffton City Gym at 9 a.m. this Thursday, Nov. 28. Donuts will be waiting for you at the finish line. No pre-registration is needed. See you there.

Mark your calendars for Theater Thursday, Nov. 21. Join us for a special screening of Wonka, rated PG. The movie will be shown at 10:00 a.m. at the Wells County Public Library. This is a free event for adults, so grab some popcorn and enjoy a morning of entertainment!

The Wells County Boys 5-8th grade Basketball tryouts are Saturday, Nov. 30, from 1-3 p.m. and Saturday, Dec. 7, from 1-3 p.m. in the Bluffton City Gym. Anyone wanting more information about the league can contact Barry Crosby at 260-824-4399.

The annual Elks Hoop Shoot is a free throw program for youth ages 8-13. Boys and girls are invited to the Bluffton City Gym on Saturday, Dec. 7, from 3:30-6 p.m. during our regularly scheduled Open Gym to give it their best shot.

The annual Hope Lights a Tree, proudly sponsored by the Wells County Foundation, is a special way to honor loved ones and support the ongoing care

of the Angel of Hope Memorial Park. For a donation in any amount, an ornament will be placed on the tree located in the park. In addition to the ornament on the tree, you will receive a keepsake ornament to cherish. The annual remembrance ceremony will be held on Dec. 6 at 7 p.m. at Angel of Hope Park, where you can pick up your keepsake ornament. Donations received through this program will directly benefit the maintenance and upkeep of this beautiful community park. To contribute, please mail your check to the Wells County Foundation at 222 W Market Street. We hope you join us in this meaningful tradition of remembrance and support.

We are looking for local pet-friendly businesses or organizations that would like to have a table at the City Gym for the Paws and Claus event on Wednesday, Dec. 11, from 5:30-7 p.m. Participation is free, and you can register by emailing us at events@blufftonindiana.gov or calling 824-6069 to reserve a table space.

The Giant Stocking Coloring Contest has all been delivered to the schools. Be sure to check out the fun winter activities on the back of the coloring page. The contest will run from Nov. 13 through Dec. 13. Additional pages are found at https://tinyurl.com/38xv87p2, or visit the park office for a copy. Completed pages can be mailed to the park office at 128 E Market Street or dropped off at the Parks Department office on the 2nd floor of City Hall. This contest is open to youth of any age. One lucky winner will be randomly selected to win a giant stocking full of goodies that can be picked up at City Hall.

Have a great week!

Parkview Health set to open new clinic in downtown Bluffton

Wells County residents will soon have a new healthcare option. On Dec. 3, Parkview Health will open a new clinic at 1980 N. Main St. in Bluffton, Indiana.

The new clinic encompasses space for providers of Parkview Physicians Group — Family Medicine and PPG — OB/GYN, making it convenient for patients to receive multiple types of care under one roof.

"We are so pleased to be able to open this clinic and expand access to Parkview's high-quality care for Bluffton and surrounding-area residents," said Deb Potempa, market president, Parkview Health South. "This facility is designed to provide a welcoming patient experience for those who entrust their care to our expert providers."

Bluffton native and experienced physician assistant Tammy Trout has already been serving the Bluffton area she knows, providing comprehensive, quality care to help each person maintain their health, prevent disease and treat illness appropriately. She will relocate from her current office at 1169 N. Main St. to the new facility.

"I love working with

people of all ages and backgrounds," she said. "I am passionate about getting to know my patients as unique and complex individuals, not just as patients. My goal is to educate them about their health and make recommendations, so each person can then make educated decisions about their healthcare needs."

Certified Nurse-Midwife Alisa Felke has been serving the gynecological and obstetric needs of women in northeast Indiana as part of the PPG team for nearly

five years and has 10 years' experience as a CNM.

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1 SAMUEL 17:17-26, 32 SATURDAY | NOVEMBER 16 Your servant will go and fight him. [1 SAMUEL 17:32] DELIVERING HELP When Heather's job took her to Tim's house to deliver his take-out meal, he asked her to help him untie the knot in the food bag. Tim had suffered a stroke a few years prior and no longer had the ability to untie the knot himself. Heather cheerfully obliged. Throughout the rest of her day, Heather's thoughts returned to Tim frequently and she was inspired to assemble a care package for him. When Tim later found the hot cocoa and red blanket she'd left at his door with an encouraging note, he was moved to tears. Heather's delivery became much more significant than she originally anticipated. The same was true when Jesse sent his young son David to supply his brothers with food when the Israelites "drew up their battle line to meet the Philistines" (1 SAMUEL 17:2). When David arrived with the bread and cheese, he learned Goliath had been instilling fear in God's people with his daily taunting (VV 8-10, 16, 24). David was incensed by Goliath's defiance of "the armies of the living God" (V. 26) and was moved to respond, saying to King Saul, "Let no one lose heart on account of this Philistine; your servant will go and fight him" (V. 32). God sometimes uses the circumstances of our daily lives to put us in places where He wants to use us. Let's keep our eyes (and hearts!) open to see where and how He might want us to serve someone. KIRSTEN HOLMBERG When has God supplied your needs through another person? How might He want to use you today in the life of another? Father, please open my eyes to see where You might use me today. Family Ford of Bluffton 970 N. Main St., Bluffton 824-2300 Kirsten Holmberg, Our Daily Bread®, Copyright © 2024 by Our Daily Bread Ministries, Grand Rapids, MI. Reprinted by permission. All rights reserved. www.odb.org. For further distribution, please contact - permissionsdept@odb.org

My prognosticating talent continues

You can thank me or curse me, depending on

Saturday's Sub



Mark Miller

your political persuasion. But I am taking full credit — or blame — for the outcome of the presidential election.

Regular visitors to this Saturday space may recall that this past Aug. 3rd, I made a formal and official prediction that Donald Trump would lose the election. “Trump is toast,” to quote myself.

That conclusion was based on his losing record since he won in 2016, his continued insistence on appealing to his base rather than moderate his behavior in order to appeal to the critical swing voters and his inability to not be himself — “himself” being an abrasive, boorish, crass and often profane jerk. To be succinct. And, by comparison, polite.

“Meanwhile, Kamala Harris will utilize her relative youth and the perception of a fresh approach,” I continued. “Her ‘We can’t go back’ line has a nice forward-sounding ring to it that will appeal to those swing voters ... unless of course, they actually think about what they might be able to go back to. Like a controlled border, low inflation, energy independence, coercion on what kind of car or stove to buy and a world in less turmoil. But I’m betting they won’t.”

You may also recall that I prefaced this prediction with a review of my stock-picking and sports-betting prowess — more accurately, my lack thereof. My curse worked. For better or ill, history will tell us.

But one must understand that I had to be sincere in my prediction. Speaking from experience, a contrary prediction solely to get my team to win or my stock pick to work simply doesn’t work. I sincerely expected Trump to lose up until the first returns came in from Georgia and New York, one of which showed Trump with a definite lead and the other displayed him losing but by a far narrower margin than four years ago.

As mentioned before, I am a fan of George Will’s talent in getting to the core of issues and how he words it. We published what I think are among his all-time best efforts last week: his final pre-election wrap-up (“The worst presidential choice in U.S. history”) and his post-election summary, “Republican self-degradation” and “Democratic self-sabotage” being a part of that headline. If you did not read them, I recommend going back through our e-editions to last week’s Tuesday and Thursday opinion pages. But I digress.

My prediction’s one caveat, that Trump could only win if he stopped being Trump, was equally wrong. Trump continued to be Trump. Swing voters, I felt, were already experiencing “Trump fatigue” and would, by Nov. 5, have “Trump exhaustion.”

At one of his final rallies, he not only pointed to the bank of reporters as “the fake news,” but said “To get me, somebody would have to shoot through the fake news. And I don’t mind that so much. I don’t mind that.” Exhausting.

But despite the numerous and too-often onerous flaws of this person, swing voters in (I think) every state looked at the last four years of inflation, open borders, world chaos and far-left cultural weirdness, and then looked at the annointed — as opposed to elected — candidate to carry that torch, and said “no, thanks.” Frankly, that gives me new hope for our country. Which is not to be interpreted as an endorsement of the alternative. And I would maintain that a not insignificant portion of those swing voters don’t either.

I don’t mind being wrong. Am I glad I was wrong? You will hear no predictions on that bet. Some of his proposed nominations to his cabinet are worrisome — terrible, to be succinct. The final result, methinks, will rest on who the Senate confirms and on how many of Trump’s imprudent promises — tariffs, for instance, and no taxes on tips and Social Security — will have the same fate as the “Mexico will pay for the wall” promise.

Meanwhile, on the local front, our usual post-election analysis of the returns found no particular surprises, except perhaps for the margins of victory in the two contested school board races. Neither was close.

And Wells County has swing voters as well. While there was no question that the Republican candidate, no matter who that might be, would win the most local votes, those who voted for the Democratic candidate decreased this year versus 2020 (which had increased from 2016) while the Republican candidate saw an increase. Not a lot, but it is consistent with what happened across the country.

Who saw that coming? Obviously, not me. You’re welcome. Or not.

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Today in History

By The Associated Press
Today is Saturday, Nov. 16, the 321st day of 2024. There are 45 days left in the year.

Alaska North Slope to the port city of Valdez.

Also on this date:
In 1907, Oklahoma became the 46th state of the union.

In 1914, the newly created Federal Reserve Banks opened in 12 cities.

In 1982, an agreement was announced in the 57th day of a strike by National Football League players.

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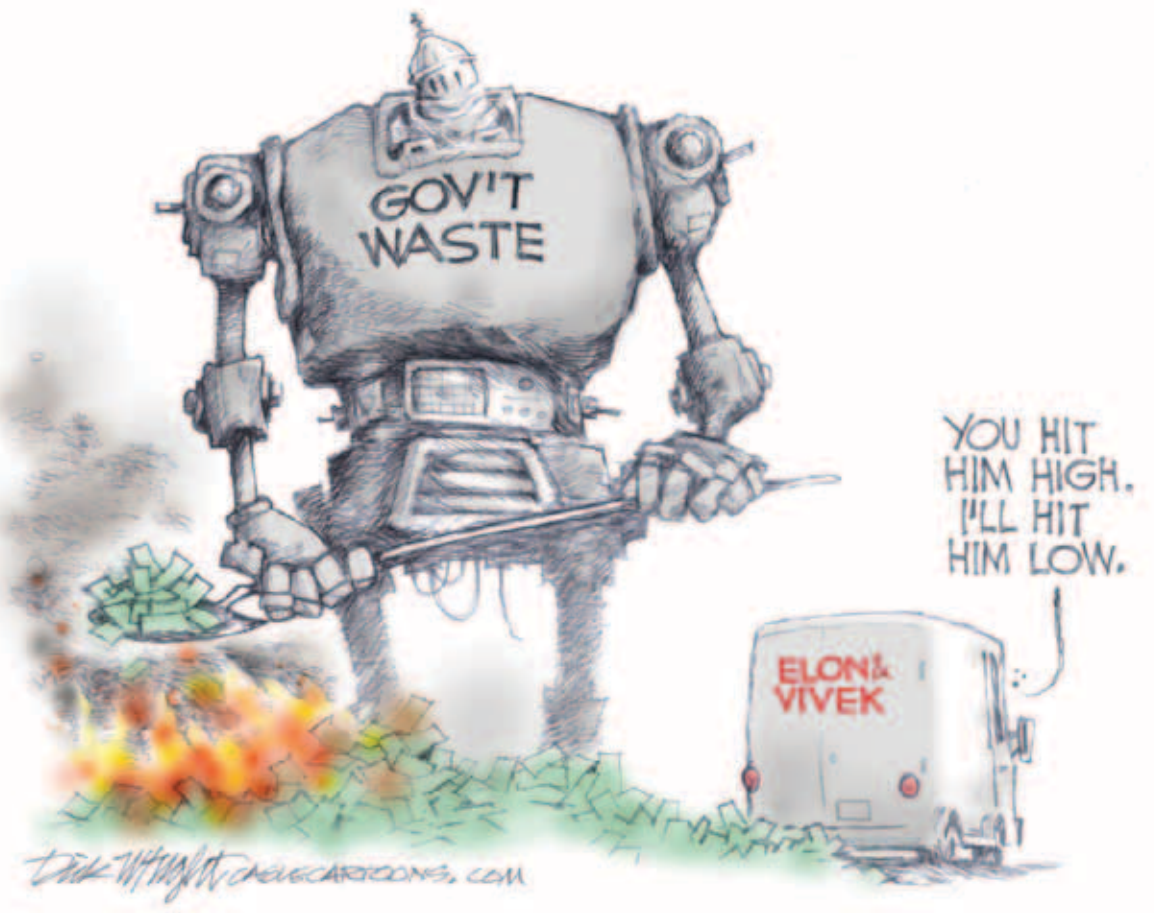
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The world’s richest person is about to receive a free public education

Being aggrieved is his pursuit of happiness, so 2020’s sore loser is 2024’s sore winner. Hence his announcement that his administration’s adult supervision will not come from Mike Pompeo (West Point, four-term congressman, CIA director, secretary of state) or Nikki Haley (two-term governor, U.N. ambassador). Both have been excommunicated from the Church of Trump for unspecified (but easily imagined) deviationism.

Donald Trump, whose election owed much to inflation, ran promising to increase living costs. His favorite word is (“freedom”? “justice”? don’t be silly) “tariff,” and the point of tariffs is to increase prices of domestically produced goods by depressing competition from foreign goods. (A truism: Protectionist nations blockade their own ports.)

Elon Musk’s reward for services rendered to Trump’s campaign will be leadership of a commission to slice waste from and infuse efficiency into government. The world’s richest man is about to get a free public education. He will learn this truism: Life is not one damn thing after another; it is the same damn thing over and over.

Musk says he can cut “at least” \$2 trillion from federal spending — say, one dollar in three. (Fiscal 2024 spending: \$6.75 trillion.) Well.

Debt service (13.1 percent of fiscal 2024 spending) is not optional and is larger than defense (12.9 percent), which Trump wants to increase. Entitlements (principally Social Security and Medicare) are 34.6 percent, and by Trumpian fiat are sacrosanct. So, Musk’s promise is to cut about 30 percent of the total budget from a roughly 40 percent portion of the budget, politics be damned.

Musk was 10 years old in 1982 when Ronald Reagan appointed entrepreneur J. Peter Grace to purge government of waste and mismanagement. Grace, said Reagan, aimed to make government “more responsive to the wishes of the people.” The problem is that government is *too* responsive to those wishes.

Instructed by Reagan not to “leave any stone unturned” combating “inefficiency,” Grace found that under every stone lurks someone like the farmer who was the father of Major Major, a character in Joseph Heller’s 1961 novel, “Catch-22.” He was “a God-fearing, freedom-loving, law-abiding rugged individualist who held that federal aid to anyone but farmers was creeping socialism.”

Grace’s commission produced 2,478 recommendations, including this: Electricity produced by the Hoover Dam was being sold to parts of three Western states at Depression-era rates that were one-fourth to one-fourteenth of those paid by unsubsidized Ameri-



George Will

cans. Congress responded to Grace’s proposal — stop this! — by stampeding to extend for 30 more years this way-below-market price of a federal resource.

The Republican-controlled Senate voted 64-34, with Western senators unanimously adamant about continuing the subsidy lest an obnoxious principle — federal resources should be sold at market prices — be extended to water, grazing fees and other natural rights. Heaven forbid.

Musk might do some good; Trump’s tariffs will do nothing but harm. Both, however, could cause Congress to rethink its decades of delegating dangerous discretion to presidents. They can unilaterally wreck international commerce and domestic prosperity with vague incantations about “national security” and “unfair” practices.

Progressives, especially, are executive power enthusiasts. They are about to discover the obvious: Things achieved by executive high-handedness — President Joe Biden’s executive orders; bureaucratic improvisations (e.g., the electric vehicle mandate) — are written on water. Trump’s dictates erasing Biden’s, which erased Trump’s, will endure until the next Democratic president erases them.

Policy instability is a price paid for Congress’s abdications. Another Trump presidency might provoke most Democrats and many Republicans to revise their excessively president-centric understandings of government.

Democrats’ post-election grieving will intensify when they realize this: After the 2030 Census, the migration of voters from high-tax, slow-growth blue states to booming red states will redistribute electoral votes. California likely will lose four of today’s 54. New York, which had 47 in 1940, and has 28 today, might lose three. Illinois, which had 26 in 1972 and has 19 today, might have 17. Texas might gain four and Florida three.

Meanwhile, Democrats, who are experiencing freedom as Kris Kristofferson defined it (“Freedom’s just another word for nothing left to lose”), should remember what today’s Goldwater remnant — the few, the proud, the obdurate — remember. In 1964, they voted for the Arizona senator who lost 44 states to President Lyndon B. Johnson. Commentators wondered if the GOP would ever again be competitive. With huge assists from Johnson — Vietnam, Great Society excesses — Republicans won four of the next five and five of the next seven presidential elections.

But, then, the remnant has always insisted that Barry Goldwater won in 1964. It just took 16 years to count the votes.

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Trump’s chance to change taxation

If any constitutional amendment can be hated, it would be the 16th Amendment.

Passed by Congress in 1909 and ratified by the states in 1913, it allowed Congress to “levy income taxes without apportioning them among the states based on population.” At first the collection of revenue came from the very wealthy and in a small percentage, but World Wars I and II put the country in debt and Congress, using the power given to it by the 16th Amendment, began spreading the burden around until we arrived at our present moment when half the country and corporations are paying taxes (when state, local and other



Cal Thomas

taxes are included, that amounts to more than half their income in states like California and New York). Half the people pay little or no federal income tax at all.

President-elect Trump and Elon Musk, whom Trump has asked to reform our broken tax and spending system that has resulted in a \$36 trillion debt, have a rare opportunity. With all three branches of government under Republican control, Trump and Musk should simultaneously address the debt, including the size and cost of government, and also the way we collect taxes.

On that latter point, Trump and

generations. In an essay for Americans for Tax Reform, Forbes wrote that under his plan “the current Social Security benefits of every American 55 and older will be fully protected — no benefit cuts, no tax increases, no more raiding the Social Security Trust Fund.”

At the time Democrats criticized the plan because it allowed people to put a small percentage of their income into the stock market, which they said was unreliable. Anyone checked the record high market lately?

Younger workers would have freedom of choice (a phrase Democrats like when it comes to abortion, but oppose if it involves schools and the stock market). Workers could choose a new retirement system Forbes called Personal Retirement Accounts (PRAs).

Trump and Musk should revisit the Forbes flat tax plan and update it as necessary

Under his calculation, in 1999, younger workers could deposit 4 percentage points of their Social Security taxes into their own PRAs and increased their contributions as follows:

- In 2003 — 5 percentage points.
- In 2004 — 6 percentage points.
- In 2005 — 7 percentage points.
- In 2006 — 8 percentage points.

Forbes wrote that if his idea had been adopted, a single working mother who was 25 in 2000 and retires in 2040 could have earned a nest egg of \$1.2 million in her PRA. She could then purchase an annuity that pays her \$100,000 annually, nearly twice as much as she would receive under Social Security. A high school graduate who was 18 in 2000, Forbes wrote, and retires in 2040, would have a nest egg of \$2 million.

Among the reasons Democrats have refused to reform Social Security and Medicare, both of which are projected to become insolvent in the 2030s without reforms, is politics. If they solve the problem, they lose the issue.

Trump and Musk should revisit the Forbes flat tax plan and update it as necessary while they have the power. Doing so would have a lasting and beneficial effect on every citizen.

Congress has made many mistakes in the past and the 16th Amendment was among the biggest. A unified Republican government now has an opportunity to undo the damage if they have the nerve and can take the heat.

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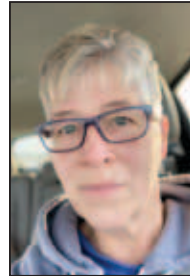
Time to Take a Devotional Break

DO IT SCARED
What frightens you the most? Following the recent presidential election, some would say they fear political change. Parents often say that they harbor fears of dangers their children might face. Children may identify a fear of the dark.

The internet is filled with “Top 10 Lists” of common life-altering fears, including acrophobia — the fear of heights, aerophobia — the fear of flying, and arachnophobia — a fear of spiders, to name just a few. Until you experience a situation related to common phobias whose outcome impacted you in some way, all of man’s fears are based on “what if’s” rather than reality.

God created mankind in His image (Genesis 1:26-31), including the mental capacity to love, dream, and imagine. However, Satan delights in and does not hesitate to twist the beauty and goodness of God’s holy work to suit his own purposes.

Fear can be good when it leads to cautious behavior. Without intuition or a sense of unease, many choose to make foolish decisions.



by Martha Paxon

Often, despite our vigilance, the dangerous choices of fellow human beings can impact us forever.

The Bible reminds us, “Fear not,” including Isaiah 41:10, Proverbs 29:25, and 1 Timothy 1:7, which states that God has given us a spirit of power, love, and self-control. God will always be with us. During their time of persecution, the early church did not pray to have the circumstances that brought fear removed. Instead, they prayed for boldness to combat their dread of what could happen (Acts 4).

God’s wisdom is always available to His children (James 1:5-8), and when His Word speaks, we can go forth confidently despite our fear.

“Do it scared. God hasn’t just called us to hard things. He’s called us to do impossible things. People can get the credit for hard things. Only God can get credit for impossible things. Miracles are often on the other side of the things that we are scared to do, say or ask God for. Do it scared. Live a life only God could get the credit for.” ~ Noah Herrin, Way Church, Nashville.
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8:30 a.m. - Coffee fellowship. 9:15 - Worship.

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6:30 p.m. - Bible study.

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9:30 a.m. - Fellowship. 10 a.m. - Adult & Children’s Worship.

UNIONDALE COMMUNITY CHURCH
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9 a.m. - Worship.

UNIONTOWN CHURCH OF CHRIST
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9 a.m. - Sunday School. 10 a.m. - Worship.

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WESTSIDE COMMUNITY CHURCH
205 S. Adams St., Monroe
9 a.m. - Worship. 10:15 - Discipleship for adults & children.

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10 a.m. - Worship.

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Raiders top Cougars, wins fourth girls' hoops game in a row



Southern Wells took a road trip to Winona Lake and left with a 51-33 win. The Raiders improved to 4-1 on the season and have won four games in a row. They won seven games altogether in 2023-24.

Callie Ripperger led the team with 12 points, followed by Collena Reeves with 10 and Gracie Reeves with seven. Southern Wells will be at Eastbrook at 7 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 15.

Bluffton basketball league kicks off season at the city gym

Bluffton's Men's Basketball League at the Bluffton City Gym kicked off on Monday night.

There were a total of four games played. Here are the results:

- Boleas Farms defeated Intena Doors 96-37. Grant Prible led Farms with 24 points, and Kreigh Roush 20. Darrion Holloway scored 10 for Doors and both Kyler Jones and Ogwr Haler had seven points each.
- The Irish defeated The "B" Team 58-54. Tanner Johnson led The Irish with 15

points while Logan Steiner had 12. Dallas Creager led The "B" Team with 22 points and Michael Scott had 20.

- Peyton's Northern defeated Craigville Appliance 76-54. Vern Martin scored 28 points for Peyton's Northern and Adrian Scott had 15. Hayden Nern and Everett Johnson both scored 12 points each.
- Helena Agri-Enterprises defeated The Flint Tropics 77-67. Konner Platt led the Agri-Enterprises with 26 points and Kevin Moser had 24. Drew Federspiel led the Tropics with 24 and Will Geiger had 18.

High School Calendar

SATURDAY, NOV 16

GIRLS BASKETBALL: Bluffton at East Noble, 7:30 p.m.; Norwell at Northridge, 2:30 p.m.; Southern Wells at Eastbrook, 7:30 p.m. **SWIMMING:** (Girls only) Norwell Invitation- al, 9 a.m.

MONDAY, NOV 18

No events scheduled.

TUESDAY, NOV 19

GIRLS BASKETBALL: Bluffton at Mississ-

inewa 7:30 p.m.; Norwell at Homestead, 7:30 p.m.

SWIMMING: (Girls only) Huntington North at Bluffton, 5:30 p.m.; Adams Central at Norwell, 5:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, NOV 20

No events scheduled.

THURSDAY, NOV 21

BOYS BASKETBALL: Randolph Southern at Southern Wells, 6 p.m.

NBA considering a tournament format for the All-Star Game

By TIM REYNOLDS
AP Basketball Writer

The NBA is considering going to a tournament-style event for the All-Star Game, similar to what has been used in the Rising Stars competition in recent years, two people with knowledge of the plan said Friday.

The people, who spoke to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity because no changes had been finalized, said the notion has been discussed for several weeks and was further talked about during a competition committee meeting on Friday.

The idea centers around the 24 All-Star selections being split into three teams of eight players, with the fourth team likely to be the winner of the Rising Stars competition that will be held earlier that weekend.

The changes would take effect starting with this season's All-Star weekend in San Francisco, set for Feb. 14-16.

It remains unclear how the voting process would change. Fans, players and media have been part of a weighted system to choose starters, while coaches have selected reserves. Under the proposed format, there would not be any reserves — so it's likely all four voting entities would play a role in selecting the 24-player group.

Also unclear: how choosing coaches would work. Typically, the coaching staffs from the teams leading the Eastern and Western Conferences are invited to coach the All-Star Game — but now, with three or four teams involved, more coaches could be needed.

ESPN first reported the idea of the changes Friday.

Commissioner Adam Silver said earlier this month that the league wants to change the format of the All-Star Game, with hopes that it can become more competitive. The East beat the West 211-186 last season, combining for the most points in the game's 73-year history and marking the first time a team eclipsed 200 points.

"We're looking at other formats," Silver said on Nov. 2, without specifying what may change. "I think there's no doubt that

the players were disappointed as well in last year's All-Star Game. We all want to do a better job providing competition and entertainment for our fans."

The league has tinkered with the All-Star formula several times in recent years. Among the attempts were scrapping the longstanding East-vs.-West format for a draft picked by team captains and going to an untimed fourth quarter with a target score to ensure that the game must end on a made shot.

Last year's game went back to the traditional format — four full 12-minute quarters, East vs. West. And it was nothing but an offensive showcase, with the teams combining for 168 3-point attempts.

So, this year, the NBA is on the brink of trying something new — at least for the All-Stars. The rookie-sophomore game was scrapped a few years ago for the Rising Stars tournament, where the top first- and second-year players are split into four teams. Two teams play, then the other two teams play, and the winners meet to decide the Rising Stars champion. It's shorter bursts of basketball, and that may appeal to the All-Star players more than the 48-minute game.

Silver enlisted Golden State star Stephen Curry, among other players, to help figure out a way to make the All-Star Game more competitive this season. Members of the National Basketball Players Association leadership group have been involved in the talks surrounding the current All-Star changes, the people said.

There were elements added to last year's All-Star weekend that worked, such as the Curry vs. Sabrina Ionescu 3-point contest that the league wants to bring back this season — likely with Caitlin Clark and perhaps Klay Thompson involved to make it a 2-on-2 format.

"When you look at the interest in terms of viewership last year, one of the highlights was that Sabrina-Steph shootout," Silver said earlier this month. "So, we do want to do more of that."

Pistons beat Raptors to remain undefeated in NBA Cup play

By IAN HARRISON
Associated Press

TORONTO (AP) — Malik Beasley scored seven of his 20 points in the fourth quarter, Cade Cunningham had 15 points and 10 assists and the Detroit Pistons beat the struggling Toronto Raptors 99-95 on Friday night.

Tobias Harris had 11 points and 11 rebounds, Jaden Ivey scored 14 points and Jalen Duren added 12 for the Pistons. Rookie Ron Holland had 10 points and eight

rebounds for Detroit but missed all six of his 3-point attempts.

Detroit won despite shooting 8 for 38 from 3-point range. The Raptors weren't much better and shot 8 for 31 from distance.

Jakob Poeltl had a season-high 25 points and matched his career-high with 19 rebounds, but the Raptors lost their sixth straight.

RJ Barrett scored 22 points and Grady Dick, who shot 1 for 10 from 3, added 16 for Toronto, which has lost 10 of 11.

Kaufman-Renn scores 26 points to lead No. 13 Purdue past No. 2 Alabama

By MICHAEL MAROT
AP Sports Writer
WEST LAFAYETTE, Ind. (AP) — Trey Kaufman-Renn scored a career-high 26 points and grabbed eight rebounds, and freshman C.J. Cox scored nine of his 11



points during a game-turning 13-0 run midway through the second half to help No. 13 Purdue get past No. 2 Alabama 87-78 on Friday night.

The Boilermakers (4-0) have won 21 consecutive home games and 25 straight in November. They have not lost a regular-season nonconference game since December 2020.

Braden Smith had 17 points and 10 assists as he moved into third place on Purdue's career assists list with 483. Fletcher Loyer also scored 17.

Alabama (3-1) was led by freshman Labaron Philon, who had a season-high 18 points off the bench before fouling out with 2:02 to play. Grant Nelson added 12 points and 11 rebounds, and Mark Sears scored 15 in a matchup between two of last season's Final Four teams.

Takeaways

Alabama: Coach Nate Oats rolled the dice playing such an early road game against a team so traditionally strong at home, espe-

cially in November. But the Crimson Tide learned lessons that will help them in the long run.

Purdue: The Boilermakers might have turned the corner. After three straight rocky performances, coach Matt Painter's squad delivered its best game yet. If Purdue continues playing this way, it could be the Big Ten contender everyone expects.

Key moment

After Alabama took its largest lead at 65-59, Kaufman-Renn answered with a basket and Cox made three straight 3-pointers to fuel a 13-0 run that gave the Boilermakers a 72-65 advantage with 8:17 to play. They never trailed again.

Key stats

Purdue committed just three turnovers and beat the highest-ranked nonconference opponent in Mackey Arena history. The only other time it played a non-Big Ten team ranked in the top two came in the arena's first game — a 73-71 loss to No. 1 UCLA in December 1967.

Up next

Alabama faces another Big Ten foe, Illinois, on Wednesday in Birmingham, Alabama.

Purdue visits No. 15 Marquette on Tuesday.

Adebayo scores 30 points, leads Heat to breeze past the Pacers

By PHILLIP B. WILSON

Associated Press
INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Bam Adebayo scored 30 points and had 11 rebounds and the Miami Heat beat the Indiana Pacers 124-111 on Friday night in NBA Cup play.

Adebayo scored 17 points in the final quarter as the Heat pulled away to even their NBA Cup record at 1-1. Tyler Herro scored 20 points, Kevin Love 15 and Haywood Highsmith 14 in the first of two straight games between the teams. They meet again Sunday in Indianapolis.

Obi Toppin led the Pacers with 21 points off the bench. Tyrese Haliburton had 18 points and eight assists. The game was Indiana's NBA Cup opener after reaching the final last year.

Takeaways

Heat: Needed a bounce back after



an embarrassing overtime loss on Tuesday in which coach Erik Spoelstra called for a timeout that Miami didn't have, resulting in a technical foul that gave the Pistons the winning free throw.

Pacers: Spotty defense has been a continual issue as lapses allowed open 3-point looks and uncontested baskets at the rim. The Pacers can score with any team, but at the moment, it remains to be seen if they can lock opponents down.

Key moment

Love scored the Heat's first 13 points of the second half as the visitors built a 13-point lead that reached as high as 22 in the third quarter. The 16th-year veteran had scored just nine points in his other two games this season.

Up next

The Heat visit the Pacers on Sunday.

UConn's Auriemma ties NCAA Division I record with 1,216th win

By AARON BEARD
AP Basketball Writer

GREENSBORO, N.C. (AP) — UConn's Geno Auriemma sounded more interested in getting his team ready to contend for a national championship than adding another coaching milestone to a Hall of Fame career.

Even on the night he tied the NCAA Division I record for coaching victories in men's or women's basketball.

The 70-year-old Auriemma earned his 1,216th win Friday night as his No. 2 Huskies beat No. 14 North Carolina 69-58. That matched Tara VanDerveer, who retired in April after 38 seasons at Stanford.

"I'm more of how do I put (the players) in position so they can feel like I feel, like I've been very fortunate to get a lot of things come my way," Auriemma said. "And they came hoping to get some of those things. So I just keep the focus on that all the time. And whatever happens on my end happens."

His record with the Huskies is 1,216-162, good for an 88.2% win percentage to go with 11 national championships — most recently in 2016. He can break the record Wednesday against Fairleigh Dickinson.

"It's the reason you came to UConn, to play under him," said preseason All-American Paige Bueckers, who scored 29

points. "So it's been a dream come true, and we're super proud of him. I know he doesn't talk about himself too much, just a little bit.

"To be a part of this, it's amazing, and it speaks to the longevity of what he's built here at UConn — the history, the players, the success, the national championships. So it means everything to play for UConn and play for him."

Tar Heels coach Courtney Banghart was quick to praise Auriemma, too. She told reporters Thursday about meeting with Auriemma as a graduate assistant coach at Dartmouth as part of her thesis on coaching leadership, a meeting that left an impression on Banghart as she mulled becoming a coach after her playing career.

Among the now-46-year-old Banghart's takeaways: Auriemma's authenticity is "a superpower."

"He deserves his flowers," she said, adding: "He lifts others up. He has brought people with him. So you're talking to a Geno fan."

Mike Krzyzewski, who retired in 2022, holds the men's record with 1,202 victories at Army and Duke. Auriemma, VanDerveer and Krzyzewski are the only Division I coaches to reach the 1,200-win plateau, and Auriemma is the only one to spend his entire career at one school. VanDerveer coached at Idaho and Ohio State before Stanford.

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FOOTBALL

High School	
Friday's Scores IHSAA State Tournament Regional Class 6A	
Region 2	Westfield 42, Fishers 28
Region 3	Brownsburg 22, Lawrence North 21
Region 4	Center Grove 23, Warren Central 15
Class 5A	
Region 7	Decatur Central 21, E. Central 16
Region 8	Bloomington South 28, Castle 21
Class 4A	
Region 9	Mishawaka 21, New Prairie 7
Region 10	E. Noble 52, Huntington North 17
Region 11	New Palestine 28, Indpls Chatard 21, OT
Class 3A	
Region 14	Ft. Wayne Luers 31, Maconaquah 28
Region 16	Heritage Hills 50, N. Harrison 7
Class 2A	
Region 17	Andean 20, Lafayette Central Catholic High School 17
Region 18	Adams Central 42, Eastern (Green-town) 7
Region 19	Indpls Lutheran 35, Lapel 0
Region 20	Linton 22, Brownswood 21
Class 1A	
Region 21	N. Judson 70, Taylor 6
Region 22	S. Adams 40, N. Miami 21
Region 23	S. Putnam 60, Sheridan 19
Region 24	Providence 28, Milan 10

Monday's Games	
Thursday, Nov. 14	
Philadelphia 26, Washington 18	
Sunday, Nov. 17	
Baltimore at Pittsburgh, 1 p.m.	
Cleveland at New Orleans, 1 p.m.	
Green Bay at Chicago, 1 p.m.	
Jacksonville at Detroit, 1 p.m.	
L.A. Rams at New England, 1 p.m.	
Las Vegas at Miami, 1 p.m.	
Minnesota at Tennessee, 1 p.m.	
Sunday Night Football: Indianapolis at N.Y. Jets, 1 p.m.	
Atlanta at Denver, 4:05 p.m.	
Seattle at San Francisco, 4:05 p.m.	
Kansas City at Buffalo, 4:25 p.m.	
Cincinnati at L.A. Chargers, 8:20 p.m.	
Open: Arizona, Carolina, N.Y. Giants, Tampa Bay	

Monday, Nov. 18	
Monday Night Football: Houston at Dallas, 8:15 p.m.	

BASKETBALL

High School

Friday's Scores	
Brebeuf Jesuit Preparatory Academy 44	
Bremen 63, Jimtown 20	
Canton 45, N. White 34	
Clay City 62, Bloomington Lighthouse 17	
Class 2A	
Columbia City 83, Whitko 44	
Concord 36, S. Bend St. Joseph's 33, OT	
Eastside 59, Fremont 37	
Elkhart Christian 55, Bethany Christian 21	
Eminence 49, Seven Oaks Classical 28	
Ft. Wayne Blackhawk 47, New Haven 30	
Ft. Wayne Concordia 62, Ft. Wayne Northrop 57	
Greensburg 74, Franklin 34	
Madison 75, Switzerland Co. 23	
Muncie Central 62, Marion 58	
N. Montgomery 55, Attica 20	
Oak Hill 38, Northfield 28	
Orleans 65, Salem 25	
Perry Central 54, Mitchell 22	
Richmond 55, Anderson 53	
S. Decatur 45, Rising Sun 26	
Scottsburg 43, Bedford N. Lawrence 41, OT	
Silver Creek 55, Seymour 28	
Southern Wells 37, Lakeland Christian (IN) 14	
Southwestern (Hanover) 62, Crothersville 17	
Tippecanoe Valley 47, LaVelle 41	
Twin Lakes 40, Logansport 27	
Waldron 53, Southwestern (Shelby) 31	
Wawasee 42, Westview 22	
Winchester 39, Knightstown 29	

Corydon Central Tournament	
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Corydon 52, Borden 48	
Evanville Central 66, Crawford Co. 24	
Washington 39, Northview 30	

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New England	3 7 0 300 160 220
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Indianapolis	4 6 0 400 208 253
Tennessee	2 7 0 222 157 240
Jacksonville	2 8 0 200 202 264
North	
Pittsburgh	7 2 0 778 215 146
Baltimore	7 3 0 700 318 253
Cincinnati	4 6 0 400 270 262
Cleveland	2 7 0 222 148 213
West	
Kansas City	9 0 0 1,000 219 161
L.A. Chargers	6 3 0 667 186 118
Denver	5 5 0 500 197 177
Las Vegas	2 7 0 222 168 251

NATIONAL CONFERENCE	
East	
Philadelphia	8 2 0 800 259 179
Washington	7 4 0 636 308 253
Dallas	3 6 0 333 177 259
N.Y. Giants	2 8 0 200 156 222
South	
Atlanta	6 4 0 600 238 236
Tampa Bay	4 6 0 400 279 266
Carolina	3 7 0 300 167 310
New Orleans	3 7 0 300 227 246
North	
Detroit	8 1 0 889 284 171
Minnesota	7 2 0 778 221 157
Green Bay	6 3 0 667 230 194
Chicago	4 5 0 444 175 167
West	
Arizona	6 4 0 600 238 220
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Thursday's Games	
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Sunday's Games	
Carolina 20, N.Y. Giants 17, OT	
Munich, DEU	
Buffalo 30, Indianapolis 20	
Kansas City 16, Denver 14	
Minnesota 12, Jacksonville 7	
New England 19, Chicago 3	
New Orleans 20, Atlanta 13	
Pittsburgh 28, Washington 27	
San Francisco 23, Tampa Bay 20	
L.A. Chargers 27, Tennessee 17	
Arizona 31, N.Y. Jets 6	
Philadelphia 34, Dallas 6	

College	
Men's Scores	
Friday, Nov. 15	
EAST	
Boston College 72, Temple 69	
Brown 76, New Hampshire 58	
Fairfield 93, John Jay 44	
Holy Cross 82, Sacred Heart 75	
Iona 62, Vermont 59	
Loyola Chicago 73, Princeton 68	
Manhattan 78, Fordham 76	
Marist 91, Army 88, OT	
Marquette 78, Maryland 74	
Pittsburgh 86, West Virginia 62	
Quinnipiac 58, Maine 55	
Robert Morris 67, Lindenwood (Mo.) 53	
Rutgers 98, Monmouth (NJ) 81	
Saint Joseph's 86, Penn 69	
Stonehill 80, New Orleans 54	
Virginia 70, Villanova 60	
Coll. of Charleston 119, FAU 116, OT	
Florida 87, Florida St. 74	
Furman 75, Tulane 67	
Gardner-Webb 80, Elon 79	
Georgia Southern 80, NC Central 75	
High Point 68, UAB 65	
Memphis 94, Ohio 70	
North Carolina 107, American 55	
Old Dominion 73, Md.-Eastern Shore 71	
Penn St. 86, Virginia Tech 64	
South Florida 74, West Georgia 55	
Tennessee Tech 72, VMI 71	
Texas Rio Grande Valley 86, Charleston Southern 76	

West	
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Cal State Fullerton 61, New Mexico 49	
San Diego State 61, Utah State 34	
Arizona State 45, Oregon 34	
Washington State 45, Nevada 28	
Oregon State 45, Idaho 34	
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Winthrop 86, William & Mary 85	
MIDWEST	
Butler 81, SMU 70	
Cincinnati 86, Nicholls 49	
Michigan 76, TCU 64	
Northwestern 67, E. Illinois 58, OT	
Purdue 87, Alabama 78	
SIU-Edwardsville 79, W. Michigan 60	
St. Thomas (MN) 102, St. Norbert 54	
SOUTHWEST	
Texas-Arlington 95, Texas College 69	
FAR WEST	
Belmont 79, Air Force 71	

Women's Scores	
Friday, Nov. 15	
EAST	
Army 57, Air Force 51, OT	
Bryant 62, Rider 54	
Canisius 48, St. Francis (Pa.) 46	
Colgate 74, CCSU 60	
Fordham 64, St. Peter's 56	
Rutgers 81, Iona 53	
Saint Joseph's 68, Penn 57	
Stony Brook 62, Yale 48	
UConn 69, North Carolina 58	
UMass 76, Monmouth (NJ) 53	
West Virginia 83, Texas A&M 62	
SOUTH	
Charlotte 59, UNC-Asheville 47	
Coastal Carolina 105, Union (KY) 43	
Jacksonville St. 72, SC State 41	
LSU 74, Murray St. 60	
Lipscomb 62, ETSU 61	
N. Kentucky 81, Cedarville 67	
North Alabama 71, South Alabama 62	
Old Dominion 77, Bowie St. 50	
Richmond 92, Gardner-Webb 44	
SE Louisiana 68, Southern Miss. 61	
Temple 59, VCU 55	
MIDWEST	
Austin Peay 74, Indiana St. 56	
Lindenwood (Mo.) 87, Harris-Stowe 61	
Missouri 75, W. Illinois 55	
N. Dakota St. 88, Jamestown 50	
S. Indiana 84, Indiana-Southeast 41	
Wright St. 77, Tennessee St. 65	
Xavier 68, Mercyhurst 53	
Youngstown St. 69, Clarion 52	

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New York	6	6	5.00	3½
Brooklyn	5	8	3.85	5
Philadelphia	2	10	1.67	7½
Toronto	2	11	1.54	8
Southeast Division				
W	L	Pct	GB	
Orlando	8	6	5.71	—
Atlanta	6	7	4.62	1½
Miami	5	6	4.55	1½
Charlotte	4	7	3.64	2½
Washington	2	9	1.82	4½
Central Division				
W	L	Pct	GB	
Cleveland	14	0	1.000	—
Detroit	6	8	4.29	8
Indiana	5	7	4.17	8
Chicago	5	8	3.85	8½
Milwaukee	4	8	3.33	9
WESTERN CONFERENCE				
Southwest Division				
W	L	Pct	GB	
Houston	9	4	6.92	—
Memphis	7	5	5.83	1½
San Antonio	6	7	4.62	3
Dallas	5	7	4.17	3½
New Orleans	4	9	3.08	5
Northwest Division				
W	L	Pct	GB	
Oklahoma City	11	2	8.46	—
Denver	7	4	6.36	—
Minnesota	6	6	5.00	4½
Portland	5	8	3.85	6
Utah	3	8	2.73	7
Pacific Division				
W	L	Pct	GB	
Golden State	9	2	8.18	—
Phoenix	9	4	6.92	1
L.A. Lakers	8	4	6.67	1½
Sacramento	7	5	5.83	2½
L.A. Clippers	6	7	4.62	4

THURSDAY'S GAMES	
Atlanta at Sacramento, 10:30 p.m.	
Milwaukee at Charlotte, 3 p.m.	
L.A. Lakers at New Orleans, 8 p.m.	
Toronto at Boston, 8 p.m.	
San Antonio at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.	
Utah at Sacramento, 10 p.m.	
Sunday's Games	
Phoenix at Minnesota, 3:30 p.m.	
Miami at Indiana, 5 p.m.	
Atlanta at Portland, 6 p.m.	
Charlotte at Cleveland, 6 p.m.	
Denver at Memphis, 6 p.m.	
Detroit at Washington, 6 p.m.	
Brooklyn at New York, 7 p.m.	
Dallas at Oklahoma City, 7 p.m.	
Houston at Chicago, 7 p.m.	
Utah at L.A. Clippers, 9 p.m.	
Monday's Games	
Chicago at Detroit, 7 p.m.	
Indiana at Toronto, 7:30 p.m.	
Philadelphia at Miami, 7:30 p.m.	
Washington at New York, 7:30 p.m.	
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Atlantic Division						
GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
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Toronto	18	10	6	2	54	47
Boston	18	8	8	2	18	45
Tampa Bay	15	8	6	1	17	53
Ottawa	16	8	7	1	17	55
Buffalo	17	8	7	1	17	59
Detroit	15	7	1	15	37	45
Montreal	17	5	10	2	12	46
Metropolitan Division						
GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
New Jersey	20	12	6	2	26	72
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Washington	15	10	4	1	21	62
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Daily Three-Midday — 08-08-07-04, SB: 00
Daily Three-Evening — 05-07-02, SB: 01
Daily Four-Midday — 08-08-07-04, SB: 00
Daily Four-Evening — 04-00-00-05, SB: 01
Quick Draw Evening — 04-12-13-21-22-28-32-38-39-48-50-51-53-67-68-73-74-76-77-78, BE: 68
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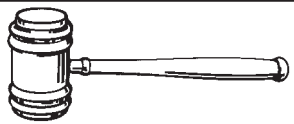
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Public Sale Calendar

BIDDING ENDS NOVEMBER 17 - (Online only firearm) - McNamara, owners. Rifles, shotguns, handguns, ammunition, archery. Auction preview & online bidding assistance Nov. 16, 9 a.m.-11 a.m., 215 E. Market St., Bluffton, IN. Sale manager Isaac Stoller, 260-413-3515. Please review all registration information before bidding. *The Steffen Group*, www.steffengrp.com, 260-824-3006.

SOFT CLOSE STARTS NOVEMBER 17 - 6 p.m. - Herman Family farm & Elite Tooling, owner. Online real estate auction. 47+/- acres, log home, machine shop, dog kennel, 2 ponds, CNC lathes, mill, machinist tools, Ferris mower, mowers, skid loader, 1960 Harley Davidson toppler. *Green Auction*, 260-589-8474, SoldonGreen.com.

NOVEMBER 17-NOVEMBER 24 - (Online Only) - Various consignors and antique dealers, seller. Christmas decor blow ups, vintage Christmas decor, vintage toys, antiques, primitives, vintage collectibles, costume jewelry, tools, modern and antique furniture, hardware, appliances, TVs, sports collectibles, dolls, glassware, Early Featherweight sewing machine, rare primitive mud sled, sporting goods, much more. Open houses Nov. 19 and Nov. 21 from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m., 102 S. Jefferson St., Ossian, IN. Sale manager Rod Fetters, 260-557-8451, *The Steffen Group Inc.*, 260-824-3006, www.steffengrp.com.

NOVEMBER 24-DECEMBER 1 - (Online Only) - Estate of Eldrid Tinkel. 1995 Ford XLT 1/2 ton pickup truck, Komatsu PC10-6 mini excavator, antique tractors, farm implements, livestock feeder and waters, Amish buggy, horse drawn sleighs, pioneer covered wagon, horse driving equipment, farm primitives, power and hand tools, garden equipment, engine stand, Craftsman snowblower, chain saws, scrap metal, vintage Coleman lanterns, vintage stop sign, antiques. Open house Nov. 24, 2-4 p.m., Nov. 29, 10 a.m.-noon, 1910 N. Meridian St., Marion, IN. Brandon Steffen, sale manager, 260-710-5684, *The Steffen Group Inc.*, www.steffengrp.com, 260-426-0633.

NOVEMBER 25 - 6 p.m. - Christopher & Kellie Pierce, owner. Held at Krueckberg Auction Complex, 815 Adams Street, Decatur. Real estate & land auction! Tract 1: 2 bed, 1 bath, 948 sq. foot home, full basement, 40'x90' bank barn, 30'x20' barn, grain bin, wooded, tillable, 6.5+/- acres. Tract 2: 4+/- acres tillable frontage on Hoagland Rd. Tract 3: 4+/- acres tillable frontage on SR 101 & Hoagland Rd. Tract 4: 42.5+/- acres tillable frontage on SR 101 & Hoagland Rd. To be sold in individual tracts or any combinations. *Krueckberg Auction & Realty LLC*, 260-724-7402, Kjauction.com.

acres, Liberty Township, Section 18, southern Wells County farmland. Highly productive farmland with approximately 76+/- acres tillable land, road frontage along 500 W. and 200 S, approximately 15.5+/- acres in woods/classified forest. Nick Huffman, 260-827-8255, sale manager, *The Steffen Group Inc.*, www.steffengrp.com, 260-824-3006.

BIDDING NOW OPEN AND STARTS CLOSING DECEMBER 1 STARTING AT 4 p.m. EST - Various consignors, owners. Online only Elm Street consignment auction! Name brand woodworking tools, camping supplies, like new 24" Craftsman lawn vac, lawn & garden tools, weight lifting equipment, household furniture, Craftsman snow blower, antiques, collectibles, kitchen items, and much more! Preview Nov. 27, 3-5 p.m., 812 Elm Street, Decatur, IN. Pick up Dec. 2, 2-6 p.m., Dec. 3, 9 am.-noon. *Krueckberg Auction & Realty LLC*, 260-724-7402, Kjauction.com.

DECEMBER 3 - Starts at 6 p.m. - Blackford Golf Club (Lort Services, Inc.), owner. Held at Blackford County Fairgrounds, Hartford City, IN. Online bidding available. 105+/- acres offered in 7 tracts or any combination. Currently a golf course, potential farmland, recreational land, development potential, personal property available, Blackford Co. Inspections Nov. 16, 10 a.m.-noon, Nov. 19, 3 p.m.-5 p.m., 1605 W. Water St., Hartford City. Auction mgr. Al Pfister, 260-760-8922, *Schrader Real Estate and Auction Company, Inc.*, schraderauction.com, 800-451-2709.

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DECEMBER 8-15 - 2 p.m. - (Online only personal property) - Thomas B. & Mary Lou Woodward, seller. 2016 JD 1025R diesel utility tractor, Frontier RT1149 tiller, 2016 Grasshopper zero turn mower, 2020 Club Car Carryall 1700, mowers, lawn & garden, patio furniture, antique & modern furniture, vintage framed art work, lithograph prints, vintage pickle castors, glassware, collectibles, more. Preview Dec. 1, 8, 2-5 p.m., Dec. 12, 3-6 p.m., 301 N. Highland Ave., Ossian. Patrick Carter, sale manager, 260-824-3006, *The Steffen Group Inc.*, www.steffengrp.com, 260-824-3006.

DECEMBER 9 - 4 p.m. - 6 p.m. ET - (Online) - Crandall Farm, seller. Property location: Two miles northeast of Gas, IN, near intersection of E 300 S and S 550 E, Mill Township, Grant County. 81.59+/- total acres, tillable, woods, recreational land, potential building sites. Tract 1: 27.59+/- acres, 18.4+/- tillable, 8+/- woods, 1.19+/- non-tillable. Tract 2: 54+/- acres, 28.91+/- tillable, 23.34+/- woods, 1.75+/- non-tillable. Rick Johnloz, 260-827-8181, Emma Barr, 260-494-0992, Jason Johnloz, 260-273-9177, *Halderman Real Estate & Farm Management*, 800-424-2324, halderman.com.

DECEMBER 17 - 9 a.m.-6 p.m. - (Online Only) - Thomas B. & Mary Lou Woodward, seller. One of a kind picturesque real estate offering. Outstanding 4,014 SF on 8.45 acres, 4 bedroom, 3 bath home with a 2 car detached garage. Scenic backyard with multiple utility sheds and gazebo, Wells County. Open houses Dec. 1 and 8 from 2-5 p.m., and Dec. 12 from 3-6 p.m., 301 N. Highland Ave., Ossian, IN. Pat Carter, sale manager, 260-273-8294, *The Steffen Group Inc.*, www.steffengrp.com, 260-426-0633.

Public Notice

Notice of Special Meeting
Town Council of the Town of Ossian, Indiana
Monday, November 18, 2024
beginning not earlier than 7:10 p.m.
Collier's 215 North Jefferson Street Ossian, Indiana 46777
The Town Council of the Town of Ossian, Indiana will hold a special meeting on the date and at the time and place referenced above to receive information, consider, and perhaps act on matters.

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Local Roundup

Solid Waste District board will meet Monday

The board of the Wells County Solid Waste Management District will meet at 4 p.m. Monday, Nov. 18, in Room 105, the multi-purpose room on the lower level of the Wells Carnegie Government Annex, 223 W. Washington St.

County Drainage Board will meet Monday afternoon

The Wells County Drainage Board will meet at 4:30 p.m. Monday, Nov. 18, in Room 105, the multi-purpose room on the lower level of the Wells Carnegie Government Annex, 223 W. Washington St.

County Commissioners will meet Monday evening

The Wells County Commissioners will meet at 5 p.m. Monday, Nov. 18, in Room 105, the multi-purpose room on the lower level of the Wells Carnegie Government Annex, 223 W. Washington St.

- Items on the agenda include:
- Department reports from Sheriff Scott Holliday, Highway Supervisor Shawn Bonar and County Engineer Nate Whitacre.
 - Appointment with Economic Development Director Jessica Beste.
 - Monthly reports and miscellaneous business.
 - Consideration of a services agreement.
 - Approval of a building closure resolution.
 - Consideration of an updated ARPA plan.
 - Economic Development interlocal agreement.

Bluffton-Harrison school board will meet Monday

The board of the Bluffton-Harrison Metropolitan School District will meet at 6 p.m. Monday, Nov. 19, in the school district's administration building at 803 E. Harrison St. in Bluffton.

- Items on the agenda include:
- Financial and personnel matters.
 - Regular reports and announcements.
 - Construction updates.

Ossian council to hold special meeting Monday

The Ossian Town Council will meet earlier than 7:10 p.m. Monday, Nov. 18, at the Collier's Comfort Services, 215 N Jefferson St.

County Commissioners will hold executive session

The Wells County Commissioners will hold an executive session at noon Tuesday, Nov. 19, at the Wells County Commerce

and Visitors Centre, 211 Water St. in Bluffton.

The reason cited for the executive session is "To discuss a job performance evaluation of individual employees. This subdivision does not apply to a discussion of the salary, compensation, or benefits of employees during a budget process."

Bluffton Board of Works to meet Tuesday afternoon

The Bluffton Board of Public Works and Safety will meet at 4:30 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 19, in the meeting room on the first floor of City Hall, 128 E. Market St.

Bluffton Common Council will meet Tuesday evening

The Bluffton Common Council will meet at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 19, in the Council Chambers on the second floor of City Hall, 128 E. Market St.

Southern Wells school board will meet Tuesday

The board of the Southern Wells Community Schools will meet at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 19, in the high school media center of the SWCS campus.

- Items on the agenda include:
- Spotlight on Raider Success.
 - Financial and personnel matters.
 - Consideration of policy changes.
 - Approval of facility use and field trip requests.
 - Superintendent information.

Southern Wells board will hold executive session

The board of the Southern Wells Community Schools will meet at 6:30 p.m. or directly following their regular meeting on Tuesday, Nov. 19.

The reason cited for the executive session is "To discuss a job performance evaluation of individual employees. This subdivision does not apply to a discussion of the salary, compensation, or benefits of employees during a budget process."

Markle Town Council will meet Wednesday evening

The Markle Town Council will meet at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 20, in the meeting room of the Markle fire station, 150 W. Sparks St. in Markle.

- Items on the agenda include:
- Amendment to the Unified Development Ordinance.
 - Discussion of water utility rates.
 - Correspondence with: Youth Services Bureau of Huntington County, Huntington County Council on Aging and Bluffton-Southern Wells Dollars for Scholars.
 - Regular reports.

Daughters of Malcolm X sue the CIA, FBI and NYPD over the civil rights leader's assassination

NEW YORK (AP) — Three daughters of Malcolm X have accused the CIA, FBI, the New York Police Department and others in a \$100 million lawsuit Friday of playing roles in the 1965 assassination of the civil rights leader.

In the lawsuit filed in Manhattan federal court, the daughters — along with the Malcolm X estate — claimed that the agencies were aware of and were involved in the assassination plot and failed to stop the killing.

At a morning news conference, attorney Ben Crump stood with family

members as he described the lawsuit, saying he hoped federal and city officials would read it "and learn all the dastardly deeds that were done by their predecessors and try to right these historic wrongs."

The NYPD and CIA did not immediately respond to requests for comment. Nicholas Biase, a spokesperson for the Department of Justice, which was also sued, declined comment. The FBI said in an email that it was its "standard practice" not to comment on litigation.

For decades, more questions than answers have arisen over who was to

blame for the death of Malcolm X, who was 39 years old when he was slain on Feb. 21, 1965, at the Audubon Ballroom on West 165th Street in Manhattan as he spoke to several hundred people. Born Malcolm Little in Omaha, Nebraska, Malcolm X later changed his name to El-Hajj Malik El-Shabazz.

Three men were convicted of crimes in the death but two of them were exonerated in 2021 after investigators took a fresh look at the case and concluded some evidence was shaky and authorities had held back some information.

Lebanon's prime minister asks Iran to help secure a cease-fire in Israel-Hezbollah war

BEIRUT (AP) — Lebanon's caretaker prime minister on Friday asked Iran to help secure a cease-fire in the war between Israel and Hezbollah and appeared to urge it to convince the militant group to agree to a deal that could require it to pull back from the Israel-Lebanon border.

As a top adviser to Iran's supreme leader Ali Khamenei visited Lebanon for talks, Lebanese officials said an American proposal for a cease-fire deal had been passed on to Hezbollah, aiming to end 13 months of exchanges of fire between Israel and the group.

Iran is a main backer of Hezbollah and for decades has been funding and arming the Lebanese militant group. Hezbollah began firing rockets into northern Israel the day after Hamas' surprise attack into Israel on Oct. 7, 2023 ignited the war in Gaza — prompting exchanges between the two sides ever since.

Since late September, Israel dramatically escalated its bombardment of Lebanon, vowing to cripple Hezbollah and end its barracks in Israel. More than 3,400 people have been killed in Lebanon by Israeli fire — 80% of them in the past month — Lebanon's

Health Ministry says.

According to Lebanese media, U.S. Ambassador Lisa Johnson handed over a draft of a proposed cease-fire deal to Lebanese Parliament Speaker Nabih Berri, who has been leading the talks representing Hezbollah.

A Lebanese official confirmed that Beirut has received a copy of a draft proposal based on U.N. Security Council resolution 1701, which ended the last Israel-Hezbollah war, in the summer of 2006. A Lebanese politician said Hezbollah officials had received the draft, were studying it and would express their opinion on it to Berri. The politician, who knows the work of Hezbollah, and the official spoke on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to speak to the media about the ongoing talks.

U.N. resolution 1701, among other things, holds that only the Lebanese army and U.N. peacekeepers should operate in southern Lebanon, meaning Hezbollah would have to end its presence there. That provision was never implemented. Lebanon accuses Israel of also violating the resolution by maintaining hold of a small, disputed border area and conducting frequent military overflights over Lebanon.

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