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Sale, Skubal win Cy Young awards

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State Sen. Travis Holdman, right, makes his presentation of the recommendations of the two-year State and Local Tax Review task force Wednesday afternoon in the Statehouse. At left is Rep. Jeffery Thompson, who co-chaired the joint study commission. (Screen capture from streamed video feed of the hearing)

State taxes task force concludes two-year run, makes nine recommendations to legislature

The State and Local Tax Review task force wrapped up its two-year effort Wednesday afternoon, adopting nine recommendations to forward the Indiana Legislature.

The task force was formed in 2023, established by Senate Enrolled Act 3-2023 authored by Sen. Travis Holdman of Markle. He co-chaired the task force along with fellow Republican Rep. Jeffery Thompson. It was comprised of four members

from each branch of the legislature and four other staff members of the the state government. The group met four times in 2023 and another four times this year, during which they heard from 55

While the initial impetus for forming the task force was centered on studying the feasibility of eliminating the state's income tax, the group's studies became a more wholistic overview of

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Markle discusses water, trash and wastewater increase

By JONATHAN SNYDER

Water, wastewater and trash pickup rates were all introduced by the Markle Town Council Wednesday.

Operations manager Mike Grant and Clerk-Treasurer Stephenie Hensley noted that the rates for water and wastewater will increase by 30% compared to the previous rate increase in January 2018 — the last time the council raised rates. The council stated that the increase is on par with other communities over the past six years.

Tap fees will also increase, but any leak adjustment fees will be removed from Markle ordinance code. The proposed rates will be heard again during Markle's December meeting.

Additionally, council member Nicolas Lund stated that it would be prudent to look into having a rate study done every two years by Baker Tilly. Hensley noted that the town has discussed getting on a schedule, but nothing official was decided.

GFL Environmental, responsible for trash pickup in the area, also announced that their rates will increase by 3% on Dec. 1, according to their letter sent to the coun-

Later, changes to the Unified Development Ordinance in Markle were approved by the council.

Huntington County's Executive Director for Community Development Kim Hostetler stated that they are removing certain divisions of land from the exemption list, forcing those divisions to be reviewed by appropriate committees. Additionally, subdivided lots where the parent lot is still 20 acres or larger can have unlimited minor subdivisions as long as each is 20 acres or more in size. Two minor subdivisions are allowed for parcels under 20 acres in size.

'We feel that if you have a large enough piece — let's say you have 80 acres and you split it off into four 20-acre pieces, you should be able to split those 20-acre pieces again," Hostetler said. "As it was written before this amendment ... you cannot split those child parcels ever again.'

The divisions of land that will now require review include divisions of land into two or more tracts which are all at least 10 acres in size, divisions of land less than 10 acres in size per calendar year per parent parcel, and divisions of land for agricultural uses not involving new streets or ease-

Discussions on tax abatements possibilities for smaller businesses were also heard by the council.

Operations manager Mike (Continued on Page 2)

Bluffton native gets Michigan lifetime achievement award for legal career

"Chuck" Barbieri was recently recognized by the Ingham County Bar Association with its Lifetime legal career. Barbieri recently retired from full-time practice as a partner with the Foster Swift Collins & Smith in Lansing, Michigan.

"It's all very flattering of course," he told the News-Banner Monday afternoon. "You wonder sometimes whether you're having any impact, so it is very nice to find out that something you've enjoyed doing gets recognized."

A member of the Bluffton High bachelors degree from DePauw University in 1977 with magna cum laude honors and his law He had clerked for the law firm in I arrived here," he added. Dur-

Lansing during the summer of '79 ing this career he has represented Bluffton native Charles as part of his studies and was sub- other major newspapers including sequently offered a position there upon graduation.

Barbieri developed a specialty Achievement Award, honoring his in two areas of the law: environachievements of a nearly 45-year mental and First Amendment and media law, "both really more by accident than intent," he said.

"There was a major change in environmental statutes and regulations right at the end of the Carter administration" which coincided with his graduation, that essentially created a new area for legal representation. "Up until then, law schools didn't have any classes in environmental law, but now they all do. So I kind of learned on the School class of 1973, he earned a job. It was very interesting and exciting."

Additionally, "I was fortunate that our law firm was already repdegree from Indiana University in resenting the local paper — the 1980 with cum laude recognition. Lansing State Journal — when

the Detroit Free Press and the New York Times.

In his retirement, Barbieri continues to represent a few clients in the environmental field.

"I seem to have developed a specialty in the waste water field, so there are a couple of municipalities I continue to work with," he

Barbieri and his wife Lorie split their time between a home in Colorado where his daughter and her family reside and their home in Lansing. "I really enjoy my mornings there when I can have a leisurely cup of coffee and spend some time with our granddaughter," he said.

He conceded to likely getting some "writing and editing genes" from his late father, long-time News-Banner editor Jim Barbieri

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Chuck Barbieri, left, accepts the Lifetime Achievement Award at the Lansing-area bar association's annual dinner Thursday evening. Presenting the award are emcees Greg and Cynthia Ward. (Photo provided)

U.S. to give Ukraine antipersonnel mines to slow Russian advance

By SAMYA KULLAB, ILLIA NOVIKOV, **MATTHEW LEE** and LOLITA C. BALDOR **Associated Press**

KYIV, Ukraine (AP) — The Biden administration announced Wednesday that it will give Ukraine antipersonnel mines to help it slow Russia's battlefield advances, marking the second major shift on U.S. military support for Kyiv in days. After allowing Ukraine to use

longer-range American missiles

to launch strikes deeper into Russia, U.S. Defense Secretary Lloyd Austin said the shift in Washington's policy on antipersonnel land mines for Ukraine was needed to counter changing Russian tactics.

The war, which reached its 1,000-day milestone on Tuesday, has largely been going Russia's way. Moscow's bigger army is slowly pushing Ukraine's forces backward in the eastern Donetsk region, while Ukrainian civilians are being maimed and killed by Russian drones and missiles often

fired from inside Russia.

Individual ground troops, rather than forces more protected in armored carriers, are leading the Russian battlefield advance, so Ukraine has "a need for things that can help slow down that effort," Austin said during a trip to Laos.

The announcement comes two months before Donald Trump replaces Joe Biden in the White House. Trump has pledged to swiftly end the war and has criticized the amount the U.S. has spent on supporting Ukraine.

Biden administration officials say they are determined to help Ukraine as much as possible before he leaves office, and they announced Wednesday that the U.S. intends to cancel half of the debt — some \$4.6 billion — Ukraine owes to the country. State Department spokesman Matthew Miller said U.S. lawmakers were informed of the move this week, and that he doesn't expect them to pass a resolution of disapproval to try to stop the loan forgiveness because of the bipartisan support

for Ukraine in the current Con-

The steps taken to help Ukraine along with unconfirmed reports Wednesday of Ukraine firing a certain British cruise missile at Russia for the first time — were likely to vex Moscow.

The U.S. and some other Western embassies in Kyiv temporarily closed on Wednesday in response to the threat of a potentially major Russian aerial attack on the Ukrainian capital.

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Early Christmas decor leads to early snow showers

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Low 29	Low 39	Low 33

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State taxes tax force

(Continued from Page 1) Indiana's tax system and then eventually almost totally focused on property taxes.

Holdman provided an overview of the task force's efforts and details on the complexity of property taxes the during the group's final meeting Wednesday afternoon.

'While it has been demonstrated that Indiana has a competitive and taxpayer friendly system," Holdman opened his remarks, "help for the taxpayer is on the way. However, it may take some time to work its way through the established system as well as the General Assembly.

In their formal final report, the task force made six recommendations regarding property taxes and three recommendations regarding local income taxes:

Property Taxes: • Enact more effective

controls on property tax

- All eligible over 65 property taxpayers should receive a credit to ensure a reduction on their property
- Refine the agricultural land base rate methodology.
- Increase the de minimis business personal property tax exemption to help small Hoosier businesses.
- Reduce the 30% floor for all business personal property to spur economic development.
- Make progress towards a transparent and accountable property tax system that enables taxpayers to see a reduction in their property tax bill when their local unit reduces its tax rate, particularly homeowners.

Local Income Taxes:

- Enable the collection and distribution of LIT revenue within a county by utilizing Geographic Information Systems.
- Phase in a reduction to the overall LIT rate cap to match the state income tax

• Permit larger municipalities to adopt their own LIT rate under the overall LIT rate cap.

After Holdman's presentation, there was considerable discussion for the remainder of the approximately 40-minute meeting. There were repeated concerns expressed about the impact of rising property taxes on senior citizens. Rep. Edward DeLaney, (D-Indianapolis), told the group he could not support the final product however, stating he does not feel the recommendations adequately address the "tax shift" that has "increased the reliance on homeowners while decreasing the reliance on businesses" and other categories, he told the

He cited statistics that average property tax bills have increased 92% since

Sen. Fady Qaddoura (D-Indianapolis) suggested the words "particularly homeowners" be added to the wording of the recommendatations, which was adopted by consensus of the task force.

DeLaney appreciated the inclusion, but replied that the "tax caps have become a failed government promise" in that they are more protective of wealthier homes than lower-priced homes.

Rep. Greg Porter (D-Indianapolis) was not able to attend but submitted other concerns, notably his opposition "to any further relief for businesses.'

With two members unable to attend, when Rep. Thompson called the roll call of the 12 members, the proposals passed by a 9-1 vote with the sole "nay" coming from DeLaney.

Holdman shared with the group that there are several senators working on legislation to address some of these issues in the coming session.

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Weather

Thursday, November 21, 2024 (24-hour observations at 10:05 p.m. Wednesday) High: 50; Low: 36; Precipitation: 0.19 inches of rain Wabash River Level (at the Main Street bridge): 1.21 feet at 8:45 p.m. Wednesday

Wells County forecast

Today: Snow showers, mainly after 11 a.m. High near 35. West wind 15 to 20 mph, with gusts as high as 30 mph. Chance of precipitation is 90%. New snow accumulation of 1 to 2 inches possible.



Tonight: Snow, possibly mixed with rain before 2 a.m., then a slight chance of snow after 4 a.m. Low around 29. Southwest wind around 10 mph becoming northeast in the evening. Winds could gust as high as 30 mph. Chance of precipitation is 80%. New snow accumulation of less than one inch possible.

Friday: A chance of rain and snow showers before 7 a.m., then a chance of rain showers. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 46. Northwest wind 10 to 15 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph. Chance of precipitation is 40%.



Friday Night: A 40% chance of showers, mainly before 1 a.m. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 39. West wind 10 to 15 mph, with gusts as high as 30 mph.

Saturday: Mostly cloudy, with a high near 47. **Saturday Night:** Mostly cloudy, with a low around 33.

Sunday: Partly sunny, with a high near 52. Sunday Night: A 40% chance of showers. Mostly

cloudy, with a low around 44. Monday: A 50% chance of showers. Mostly cloudy,

with a high near 55. Monday Night: A 50% chance of showers. Mostly

cloudy, with a low around 33. **Tuesday:** Partly sunny, with a high near 43.

Tuesday Night: A slight chance of rain and snow show-

ers. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 26.

Wednesday: A slight chance of showers. Partly sunny, with a high near 41.

Markle discusses water

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Grant and the council discussed giving abatements for small businesses going into the downtown area. Council agreed to speak with economic development consultant Chad Kline to discuss the possibility.

Grant additionally noted that the water main replacement project on Lee and Sparks Streets is set to begin in late March or early April. Workers requested flexibility from the council to potentially start as late as July due to time constraints from other projects they will be working on over the winter. Should the project be delayed, however, they would send multiple crews to work on the site and get it done quickly.

Markle also received a letter from FEMA regarding grant money for firefighter assistance. FEMA awarded money to several fire departments within Huntington County, which Markle used for purchasing essential radio equipment. According to Grant, FEMA is requesting Markle return \$24,000 of those funds due to a miscalculation in the total amount given. In a response letter, which requests that FEMA reconsider, Markle reported that "all applicable guidelines were adhered to, and the awarded funds were approved by the relevant federal grant administration bodies for this designated pur-

Additional discussion topics included an income survey for the town of Markle to procure grant funding for improvements to the northwest area, a community garden located outside the Markle Church of Christ, and employee salary raises. Hensley and Grant proposed a 3% increase, but council member Blake Caley warned that 3% may not be enough due to the sharp increase in cost of living throughout

The council also paid \$5,700 for a new mini split air conditioning unit for their wastewater treatment lab. Grant said that the cost to replace the current wall mounted unit runs about \$1,500 every two years.

"I would rather spend \$5,700 for a unit that's probably going to last 20 years than spend (money) every two years putting in a wall mount that wasn't really designed for what we are asking it to do," Grant said.

New body cameras from Axon Products were also purchased by the council, replacing the current systems from Digital Ally. Town Marshal John Markley reported that footage from Digital Ally's cameras has recently gone missing due to a technical glitch. Markley reported that the plan was to move to Axon's cameras at some point, but the glitch was the final straw for the police department.

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Ukraine antipersonnel mines

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Humanitarian groups have long criticized the use of antipersonnel mines because they present a lingering threat to civilians. Amnesty International called the U.S. decision "reckless" and a "deeply disappointing setback." And Norway's foreign minister, Espen Barth Eide, called it "very problematic" because Ukraine is a signatory to an international convention opposing the use of land mines.

Austin pointed out that Ukraine already makes its own antipersonnel mines, and that the U.S. has been providing Ukraine with antitank mines. He also tried to allay concerns about the new mines the U.S. is giving Kyiv, saying they are not persistent, meaning troops can control when

they would self-detonate.
"That makes it far more safer eventually than the things that they are creating on their own," Austin said.

The mines are electrically fused and powered by batteries so that when the battery runs out, they won't detonate. They can become inert in anywhere from four hours to two weeks.

Russia already uses land mines in Ukraine, but those don't become inert over

time. The United States also sought commitments from the Ukrainians on the use of the mines to limit harm to innocent civilians, according to a U.S. official who spoke on condition of anonymity to discuss internal deliberations. Ukraine would use the mines in its own country and would not put them in civilian popu-

lated areas. The mines are contained in a \$275 million package of new military assistance announced by the Biden administration Wednesday. Also included in the package are High Mobility Artillery Rocket Systems, or HIMARS, as well as 155 mm and 105 mm artillery rounds, Javelin anti-armor munitions, and other equipment and spare parts.

The war has taken on a growing international dimension with the arrival of North Korean troops to help Russia on the battlefield — a development that U.S. officials said prompted Biden's policy shift on allowing Ukraine to fire longer-range U.S. missiles into Russia and that angered the Kremlin.

Britain had been quietly pressing the U.S. to ease restrictions on how Western-supplied missiles are used, and unconfirmed news reports Wednesday said Ukraine had fired Britishmade Storm Shadow cruise missiles at Russia for the first time. British and Ukrainian officials didn't confirm the reports.

Officials with France's military and president's office, meanwhile, declined to say whether Ukraine is using French long-range SCALP missiles to strike targets in Russia, citing France's military secrecy policy. French President Emmanuel Macron has been pushing for such a step for

After the Biden administration allowed Ukraine to attack Russia with longer-range American-made ATACMS missiles, Russian President Vladimir Putin lowered the threshold for using his nuclear arsenal, with the new doctrine announced Tuesday permitting a potential nuclear response by Moscow even to a conventional attack on Russia by any nation that is supported by a nuclear power.

That could potentially include Ukrainian attacks backed by the U.S.

The American diplomatic mission in Kyiv said Wednesday that it had received a warning about a potentially significant Russian air attack on the Ukrainian capital and closed the embassy for several hours before reopening. The Spanish, Italian and Greek embassies also closed, but the U.K. government and France said that their

embassies remained open. Western leaders dismissed the Russian reaction to the U.S. missile decision as an attempt to deter Ukraine's allies from providing further support to Kyiv, but the escalating tension weighed on stock markets after Ukraine fired ATACMS missiles for the first time at a target inside

Western and Ukrainian officials say Russia been stockpiling powerful longrange missiles, possibly in an upcoming effort to crush the Ukrainian power grid as winter approaches.

Military analysts say the U.S. decision on the range over which American-made missiles can be used isn't expected to be a gamechanger, but it could help weaken the Russian war

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effort, according to the Institute for the Study of War, a Washington think tank.

"Ukrainian long-range strikes against military objects within Russia's rear are crucial for degrading Russian military capabilities throughout the theater," it said.

Meanwhile, North Korea recently supplied additional artillery systems to Russia, according to South Korea. It said that North Korean soldiers were assigned to Russia's marine and airborne forces units and some of them have already begun fighting alongside the Russians on the front lines.

Ukraine struck a factory in Russia's Belgorod region that makes cargo drones for the armed forces in an overnight attack, according to Andrii Kovalenko, the head of the counter-disinformation branch of Ukraine's

Security Council. He also claimed Ukraine hit an arsenal in Russia's Novgorod region, near the town of Kotovo, located about 420 miles behind the Ukrainian border. The arsenal stored artillery ammunition and various types of missiles, he said.

Achievement

(Continued from Page 1) and his mother Barb, who still writes for the newspaper. He served as an editor for the Indiana Law Review during his time in Bloomington, a result, he believes, of a law review article he wrote which was then published about a legal case involving the Indiana & Michigan Power Company, which supplies wholesale power to the City of Bluffton Utilities.

'I actually got the idea for the review from reading dad's stories in the News-Banner," he said.

Barbieri has received other awards during his career, including an Outin Lansing honor. He has also been involved in professional and community affairs, including serving as the president of the bar association and for Michigan State University's "Inns of Court" organization in which local attorneys help mentor the law school students. He also "had the privilege of being a local scoutmaster." He has also served on the DePauw University's Alumni Board.

standing Lawyer of the Year

"I've been very fortunate, really very lucky," he said. The award was made Thursday, Nov. 14 in Lansing.

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OBITUARIES

Eugene "Gene" Weber, 89

Gene Weber, 89, of Decatur went to be with the Lord on Nov. 15, 2024, at Adams Memorial Hospital.

Gene was born Aug. 17, 1935, to Clarence and Helena (Etzler) Weber, both of whom predecease him. He married Beverly A. (Isnogle) Weber on August 25, 1961.

In addition to his wife, Bev, Gene is survived by his three children, Joyce (Kevin) Price of Day-

ton, Ohio, Daniel (Karen Wyss) Weber of Decatur, and Steven (Michael Satterfield) Weber of Atlanta, Georgia. He is also survived by 11 grandchildren and 11 greatgrandchildren. His sister, Ruth Mae (Weber) Heffelmire of Atlanta, and his brother, Donald Weber of South Carolina, both survive, and he was predeceased by one sister, Delores (Weber) Rumple.

Gene was a member of Zion Lutheran Church in Decatur. He was previously a member of St. Paul Lutheran Church in Preble for over 80 years. Gene was a retired farmer and also retired from the Adams County Highway Department after 26 years of service. Gene served for 12 years in the Indiana Air National Guard at

A memorial service will be held at Zion Lutheran Church in Decatur on Saturday, Nov. 23, including military honors by American Legion Post 43 Color Guard, with Pastor Zach Oedewaldt officiating. The service will begin at noon, with visitation for family and friends one hour prior to the service at the church. Arrangements by Northern Indiana Funeral Care.

In lieu of flowers, preferred memorials are to the Preble Volunteer Fire Department, Zion Lutheran Church in Decatur, American Legion Post 43 Color Guard, or Worship Anew.

Doris Hiner, 87

Doris Hiner, 87, of Warren, Indiana, passed away at her daughter's home on Tuesday, Nov. 19, 2024, at 9:27 a.m.

Doris was born on Jan. 27, 1937, in Hartford, Conneticut to Walter and Doris (Gustafson) Smith. She married Leo D. McClain in 1953 and he preceded her in death

Doris was preceded in death by her parents; husband; son, Walter "Randy" McClain; stepfather, Walter Campbell; siblings, Barbara Stell, Harold Smith, Floyd Smith, Wally Smith, Gilbert Smith and Donald "Doc" Smith; and three great-grandchildren.

Loving survivors include her children, Terry (Renee) McClain of Shoal, Indiana, Tammy (Jim) McNany of Warren, Brian (Barbie) McClain of Poinciana, Florida, Barbie (Dan) Stroud of Warren, and Shawn (Dee) McClain of Poneto; brother, Wesley (Sandy) Smith of Huntington; and sister-in-law Diane Smith of Warren; 20 grandchildren, 34 great-grandchildren, sevent grea-great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Friends and family may gather to share and remember on Monday, Nov. 25, 2024, from 2 p.m. to 8 p.m. and again on Tuesday, Nov. 26, from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. at Glancy-H. Brown & Son Funeral Home located at 203 N Matilda St. Warren, IN 46792. A funeral service will begin at 3 p.m. Tuesday. Burial will follow at Woodlawn

Arrangements have been entrusted to Glancy-H. Brown & Son Funeral Home in Warren, Indiana.



By LESLIE **BONILLA MUÑIZ**

Indiana Capital Chronicle Indiana's legislative leaders - minus one embattled dropout — talked budget, energy, taxes and more in downtown Indianapolis on Monday morning. They spoke at an annual preview from the Indiana Chamber of Commerce, which also released new tax recommen-

"I think it's going to be a challenge, obviously, a budget year with a fewer dollars than we've had in the last three budget years or so," Senate President Pro Tempore Rodric Bray said.

"The main issues that we're looking at this year, none of them seem to have a really clear resolution. So we're looking forward to ... working with all of you to try to find some good solutions," he told the crowd.

House Speaker Todd Huston extolled the Legislature's past successes while House Minority Leader Phil GiaQuinta acknowledged "a little more uncertainty this year," and expressed interest in the state's forthcoming revenue forecast.

Missing was Senate Minority Leader Greg Taylor, who abruptly pulled out of his scheduled Q&A session. His absence coincided with Monday morning news: the Indianapolis Star reported three woman have accused Taylor of sexual harassment. He was reinstalled as caucus leader hours later.

Rebecca Patrick, the chamber's senior vice president of communications and marketing, told reporters that her organization learned shortly before the event that Taylor wouldn't be able to

Leaders talk possible changes

Bray cited the state's worsening fiscal position for being more open to a \$2 cigarette tax hike. The chamber and health advocates have long pushed for an increase, citing revenue and public health benefits. The House has approved legislation not the Senate.

"(It's) more likely this year than past," Bray said. .. The other added feature this year is that we've got a Medicaid challenge, financially. ... And, so, there's some added motivation to maybe do this tax as a result of that, to try and help shore that up a little bit."

Chamber leader Vanessa Green Sinders didn't have the other leaders weigh in.

But all three expressed concerns as Indiana works to bring power to a slate of extant and forthcoming power-guzzling data centers and tries to attract other heavy industrial electricity users.

"That capacity is beginning to limit us," Bray said. He added that whatever action lawmakers take should help expand capacity. He also expressed frustration over rising electricity prices, calling them "a slip in the (state's) competitiveness" and saying policies should "reflect the need to adjust those things.'

GiaQuinta, whose community is set to host a massive Google data center, said he had concerns about energy supply but believed there was enough available to "keep Google going." He wanted to ensure utility customers didn't end up on the hook for data center-related

utility company investments. Huston said he expected the state's energy companies

to meet large users' needs, adding, "I don't want to hear differently, so figure it out." "These are huge economic opportunities," Huston continued. He said the state's energy policy

shouldn't be a "hindrance"

to such boons, and called for greater capacity develop-

Asked if lawmakers would pass stopgap or transformative road funding changes, Bray predicted significant discussion. As more drivers switch to electric or hybrid cars, Indiana's gas tax — which funds road construction and maintenance for the state and

lect less money. GiaQuinta, meanwhile, said he wanted larger communities to get their fair share under the roadfunding formula. Most are "donors," with populations that contribute more in taxes than the cities receive.

locals — is expected to col-

Huston commended Gia-Quinta's community for tapping into its wheel tax he said that's the first thing he asks when communities push him for more road money — and said he wanted a plan to get Interstates 65 and 70 to be three lanes each way from border to border.

Asked how lawmakers could further align education with business needs, Bray and Huston agreed that they "like the trajectory" that Indiana is on. Republicans have led successful efforts to push work-based learning, apprenticeships and more.

Don't expect big tax

changes, despite the upcoming conclusion of what was billed as a potentially transformational two-year examination of the state's tax system. Some lawmakers had hoped to ditch the income tax but heard little support, and gradually shifted the task force's focus to property taxes.

Bray said his top takeaway was that Indiana is "extremely competitive."

"I don't know that you'll see really big changes happen this year, maybe some tweaks to ... help people feel a little less of a pinch than they have," he said of property tax reform. "You'll see maybe some changes to that, maybe some opportunities to increase local government's ability to do local income tax as well, and perhaps some larger reforms maybe down the road."

GiaQuinta said he thought the state's individual income tax was competitive and should be kept "the way it is. He noted that property tax changes impact locals and should come with replacement revenue.

Huston noted that lawmakers have already built in some income tax reductions but agreed that there'd be some focus on "the property tax issue."

Chamber releases study

The chamber also published the final phase of its tax study - the advocacy element.

An earlier phase found that Indiana's tax system is less competitive in capitalintensive industries like manufacturing and life sciences but is better for siting headquarters.

In this phase, the chamber had consultant Ernst

Police Notebook

INCIDENTS

W Lancaster St. Car vs. Report of a vehicle in ditch.

Tuesday, 4:38 p.m., Airplane Express. Syringe found in bathroom. Collected and disposed.

Wednesday, 8:40 a.m., Hardees. Semi accident. Report to follow.

Wednesday, 10:35 a.m., Bluffton Regional Medical 3 at S.R. 218, Mount Zion. Center. Two vehicle acci-

Wednesday, 12:46 p.m., Comfort Inn & Suites. Report of a protective order cle towed from scene. Dam-

County:

Wednesday, 7:14 a.m., Tuesday, 3:27 p.m., 1955 100 N and 100 E, Bluffton. Unable to locate.

and 1000 N, Ossian. Citation issued for 70 in a 45 mph

Tuesday, 6:08 p.m., S.R. Cody Runkle, 35, Poneto, was driving a 2021 Toyota Camry eastbound on S.R. 218 and struck a deer. Vehi-

The News-Banner and Ossian Journal publishes "basic" obituaries free of charge for "local" deaths. "Basic" obituaries will include the deceased's name, age, community of record, date and place of death, basic genealogical information, the date, time and location of calling hours and services and the name of the funeral home handling arrangements.

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Democrat women push state party to act on sexual harassment allegations By NIKI KELLY government, or state gov-

Indiana Capital Chronicle

Forty Democrat women sent a scathing letter Wednesday calling on state party Chair Mike Schmuhl to take action following another case of sexual

"These allegations and the many preceding them are shamefully ignored by Party leadership. Women who bravely come forward to report sexual harassment and assault are repeatedly met not with accountability or even acknowledgement but with silence and complicity,"

the letter said. Schmuhl released a statement saying the topic deserves more attention than a simple response or press statement, and he appreciates the women voicing their concerns.

'We have taken a number of steps to address sexual harassment at the Indiana Democratic Party during my time as chair and we will be sharing more of that information with our state central committee at our next meeting. I think it's also important to note that IDP is a separate employer from a political campaign, city

ernment. That being said, our values are vital and I will work with these leaders and all stakeholders to build more trust within the party for the future.'

The move comes after the Indianapolis Star revealed three women were allegedly narassed by Indianapolis Democrat Sen. Greg Taylor. Taylor did not deny the allegations and he was re-elected to lead the Senate Democrat caucus within hours. Most of the women went

through the Hoosier Women Forward program, a separate nonprofit described as a "political and civic leadership training program designed to empower Democratic women to become more active participants in politics and leaders in their communities."

Others who signed on are Democrat delegates, precinct committeepersons, or city

and county councilwomen. The letter said "leadership's deplorable inaction repeatedly leaves survivors no choice but to risk further trauma by recounting their injuries to the media in search of accountability. This is reprehensible and profoundly

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unjust. While recent public outcry has elicited a few tepid statements of condemnation from Party leadership, these statements lack substance, conviction, and most critically, solutions. These hollow statements and the silence of others within the Democratic Party, whether born of apathy or complicity, send the devastating and unmistakable message to women across the state: Indiana Democrats do not care about you."

In addition to the incidents involving Taylor, Indianapolis Mayor Joe Hogsett has drawn criticism for not firing a top aide after several harassment situations. And Sen. David Niezgodski, D-South Bend, allegedly harassed a young, female former employee: at the office, in voicemails, over texts, and even showed up to her home. His company settled with the former employee for \$8,000, according to the Star.

The letter goes on to accuse the Indiana Democratic party of hiding allegations and sheltering offenders. It also demands transparent investigations into any and all allegations of sexual harassment and assault involving party members.

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Recognizing the good in a busy season

It was about this time a couple of weeks ago I sat at my desk, checking my calendar and scribbling notes when it hit me — it's that time of the year.

Following Election Day, we're seemingly launched into a holiday and end-of-the-year preparation frenzy with a litany of to-dos and events. And that's no overstatement — after staying up until around 3 a.m. the night of the election (or Wednesday morning, more accurately), I woke up to a text message from a sibling asking when I planned



Holly Gaskill

to travel for Thanksgiving. I was not particularly apt to answer that question at the moment. Our N-B team, in particular, finds ourselves spread

even a bit thinner as we also adjust our coverage without Sydney Kent.

We're thrilled about her new role with the YWCA of Northeast Indiana, despite our sadness to see her go. If a quick search of our archive is correct, Sydney and I directly worked on a few dozen stories together during her time at the N-B — the coffees, conversation and encouragement are a bit harder to quantify.

You may still see Sydney's byline for the occasional tear-jerking feature, but I'm sure her puns will be sorely missed from the Police Notebook.

All that said, this season does bring a lot of "good busy," so to speak.

While I lamented a particularly late night at the office earlier this week, I was nonetheless excited to head over to an elementary classroom first thing the next morning for an upcoming Thanksgiving story. There's also great fun in these end-of-the-year staple stories, like recent teachers of the year coverage, which are often uplifting and downright sappy.

Of course, the recent decoration of Bluffton's "Merry Christmas" sign and snowflakes signal that Parlor City Christmas, Christmas At the Mansion, and other exciting events are just down the road. That may sound appalling for the holiday season purists — and surely there is too early of a time to think about Christmas — but I like to think harvesttime thankfulness and Christmas joy can

Things are busy, but all sorts of "good busy." Before we know it, we'll be putting together our top stories of

And though I've grumbled about my to-do list much of this week, it will likely be forgotten next week somewhere between baking pies with my mom and sisters and the (hopefully) good-natured chaos of nine nieces and nephews running around in one house.

It's that time of year, and I'm glad.

holly@news-banner.com

Who's Who

A continuing series on how to contact government officials

Wells County Elected Officials

Lisa McCormick (R) County Auditor, Courthouse, Suite 205, Bluffton, phone 824-6470.

Beth Davis (R) County Clerk, Courthouse, Suite 201, Bluffton, phone 824-6479. (Also County Election Board chairman and Passport Information office supervisor).

Kathy Peeper (R) County Treasurer, Courthouse, Suite 204, Bluffton, phone 824-6512.

Carolyn Bertsch (R) County Recorder, Courthouse,

Suite 203, Bluffton, phone 824-6507. Laura Roberts (R) County Assessor, Courthouse, Suite

202, Bluffton, phone 824-6476.

Jarrod Hahn (R) County Surveyor, Courthouse, Suite 102, Bluffton, phone 824-6414. Kenton Kiracofe (R) Wells Circuit Court Judge, Court-

house, Suite 302, Bluffton, phone 824-6485. Andrew Antrim (R) Wells Superior Court Judge,

Courthouse, Suite 303, phone 824-6508.

Colin Andrews (R) **Prosecuting Attorney**, Courthouse, Suite 405, phone 824-4102.

Scott Holliday (R) County Sheriff, 1615 W. Western Ave. (Wells County Jail), phone 824-3426.

Hilarie Gaskill (R) County Coroner, Carnegie Government Annex, 223 W. Washington St., Room 206, Bluffton.

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Today in History

By The Associated Press Today is Thursday, Nov. 21, the 326th day of 2024. There are 40 days left in the

Today in history: On Nov. 21, 1980, 85 people died, most because of smoke inhalation, after a fire broke out at the MGM

Grand Hotel in Las Vegas. Also on this date:

In 1920, on "Bloody Sunday," the Irish Republican Army killed 14 suspected British intelligence officers in the Dublin area; British forces responded by

raiding a soccer match, killing 14 civilians.

In 1980, an estimated 83 million TV viewers tuned in to the CBS prime-time soap opera "Dallas" to find out "who shot J.R." (The shooter turned out to be J.R. Ewing's sister-in-law, Kristin Shepard.)

In 1985, U.S. Navy intelligence analyst Jonathan Jay Pollard was arrested and accused of spying for Israel. (Pollard later pleaded guilty to espionage and was sentenced to life in prison, but was released in 2015.)

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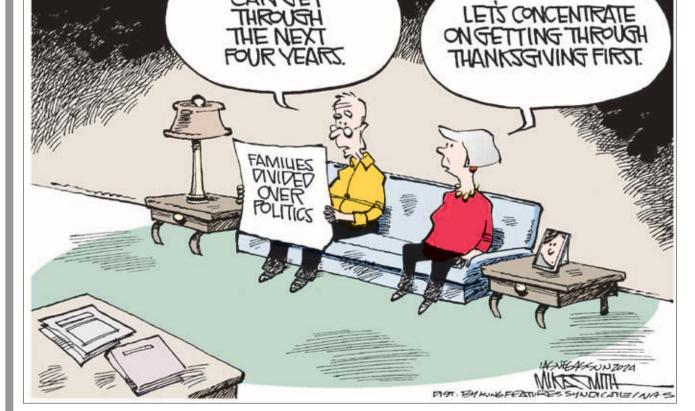
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Schumer to GOP: Please don't do what we were going to do to you

When the Democratic convention took place in August, with new nominee Kamala Harris rising in the polls, Democrats were giddy with a sense of impending victory. In Chicago for the convention, Senate Majority Leader Charles Schumer of New York visited with party officials and reporters to outline his plans for a glorious new age in Washington with Democrats in control of the White House, Senate and House of Representatives.

Schumer's top priority in the new Harris administration would have been to eliminate the legislative filibuster that has long protected minority rights in the Senate. That way, even if the Senate were tied between 50 Democrats and 50 Republicans, those 50 Democrats, with the tiebreaking vote of Vice President Tim Walz, could enact far-reaching legislation without any input at all from Republicans. Washington would have true one-party rule, and the minority party would have no say in things whatsoever.

Democrats had tried to kill the filibuster in 2022, when Democrats had just 50 votes, but fell two votes short when two independent-minded Democratic senators, Joe Manchin and Kyrsten Sinema, refused to go along with the party. In 2022, Democrats picked up another seat, giving them a 51-49 majority in the Senate. That put them one vote closer to killing the filibuster.

Schumer believed 2024 would be the year Democrats could finally erase any Republican power in the Senate. Manchin and Sinema were both leaving the Senate, Schumer explained at his talk in Chicago. Manchin's seat would be won by a Republican, so it still would be unavailable for Democrats. But Sinema's seat would be won by Democrat Ruben Gallego, Schumer said, and Gallego would go along with the party on the filibuster. That would give Democrats the 50 votes they needed, provided there was a Vice President Walz to break the tie.

We got it up to 48, but, of course, Sinema and Manchin voted no; that's why we couldn't change the rules," Schumer explained. "Well, they're both gone. Ruben Gallego is for it, and we have 51. So even losing Manchin, we still have 50." And if there were 50 Democrats, and given his confidence that there would be a Vice President Walz, Schumer would be preparing at this moment to destroy the filibuster and prepare a wave of legislation so objectionable to moderates and conservatives that they would be passed on Democratic votes alone.

But it didn't happen. The Democrats lost votes in the election. Republicans will have a 53-to-47 majority in the Senate. Schumer is headed toward being the minority leader. And there will be no Vice President

Walz. None of Schumer's dreams came

So this week, Schumer went to the well of the Senate and addressed some remarks to his Republican colleagues. "Another closely contested election now comes to an end," he said. "To my Republican colleagues, I offer a word of caution in good faith: Take care not to misread the will of the people, and do not abandon the need for bipartisanship. After winning an election, the temptation may be to go to the extreme. We've seen that happen over the decades, and it has consistently backfired on the party in power. So, instead of going to the extremes, I remind my colleagues that this body is most effective when it's bipartisan. If we want the next four years in the Senate to be as productive as

The short version of that is: Please don't do to us what we were going to do to you. Schumer is obviously concerned that Republicans might embrace a scheme to eliminate the filibuster and pass all sorts of consequential legislation with no Democratic input at all. That wouldn't be bipartisan! Fortunately for Schumer, Republicans have been more principled than Democrats when it comes to the legislative filibuster, and to the filibuster in general. Republicans realize that even though they will have the majority for the next two years, they might be back in the minority at any time after that. So Schumer will not get it good and hard the way he planned to give it to Republicans.

the last four, the only way that will happen is through

bipartisan cooperation.'

The filibuster has always been the subject of hypocrisy in the Senate. The late Sen. Fred Thompson used to explain it this way: When we are in the majority, the filibuster is bad. When we are in the minority, the filibuster is good. It's an issue that some lawmakers hop back and forth on, depending on whether their party is in the majority or minority

But Schumer's brand of hypocrisy is particularly egregious. He was not advocating whether this or that individual bill should or should not be filibustered. That goes on all the time. He was advocating changing Senate rules, on an entirely partisan basis, to eliminate the minority party's ability to demand a higher standard of approval for controversial legislation. And then, when Schumer's party loses, he instantly turns around and becomes Mr. Bipartisanship. For that, there should be a word that goes beyond mere hypocrisy.

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Flip-flop dreams of horticulture

Angelkeep Journals

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ing corn in hills,

not rows. Added

to the hills were

Angelkeep gardening evolved from bare excavated clay into multiple types of uses. It constantly changed. Surprisingly, one form came

as a dream. Rotisserie sleeping evolved into flip-flop slumber once the elder ages arrived. In a semi-unconscious state, an alarm clock's time-check took place with each flop to the right side. Dreams often continued, interrupted only by a flip or a flop. One case in point involved a consideration to return to teaching Horticulture 101, a university level of study.

Flips routinely occurred near the half-hour time slot, flops amazingly and routinely within five minutes of the hour mark.

Semi-awakened thoughts included what should be included in the synopsis. Should it be general or an Angelkeep garden focus? What did the University Dean of Horticulture desire? The flop view of the clock approached midnight. Amidst the slumber of someone already retired and of late-70s age, the dream recalled a feeling of both opportunity and despair.

On the next flip moment of semiawareness, the higher educational level had diminished to the potential of high school's pre-college-level instruction. Perhaps the inclusion of cooking both produce and natural vegetation from the garden would excite this younger crowd of knowledge seekers. The dream struggled with how to convert a good portion of the curriculum into cell phone activ-

On the flop side of that sequence the dream included the potential for



Alan **Daugherty**

climbing bean and squash seeds. The beans climbed the cornstalks which served as the trellis. Squash (pumpkins are squash) vined between the hills using every available space. The leaves' shade helped keep the weeding to a minimum. Pioneers named it a Three Sisters Garden.

Angelkeep never planted corn. Chipmunks planted corn. That occasionally grew in strange places. Semiawakeness at flip-stage rationalized the futility of historical horticulture. Yet the urge to jump from bed and research horticulture delayed the return to full slumber and the horticulture dream world.

Angelkeep flopped again and realized at 2 a.m. an entire night of ongoing dreaming involved a saga of returning to employment in the educational field. Challenging gardeners a half-century or more younger would be difficult. What excites youth today? Perhaps field trips to an Angelkeep garden should be considered. Veggie and floral beds by November predominately contained weeds. Would they challenge students through the sense of taste? Eat a leaf of dandelion. A violet bloom. An insect. Eat whatever

grew available.

At the point of the half-hour flip the continuing dream sequences seemed like something from a Charles Dickens' novel. Were the ghosts of years of past teaching haunting well after Halloween? Angelkeep attempted to recall the previous day's food consumption. Was over-indulgence causing a dream to convert into a nightmare? Slumber resumed prior to the completion of the meal and snack inventory.

At the 3 a.m. flop the nearly awake insanity of the thought of returning to teaching employment forced the morning into full cognition. What was that all about?

Was it time, as in the case of Charles Dickens' Ebenezer, to throw open the window and shout to the next passerby as to the correct day, time, and level of emotional stability? Was it rational to begin thinking about what to fix with the turkey for next week's Thanksgiving Day-long feed? Dream sequences remained lodged in the back of the mind.

Angelkeep living often involves food followed by a nap. More food. Sleep. Snack. Slumber.

Creating a pie or two from local garden products would be a challenge.

A Marie Calendar's Southern Pecan Pie would be purchased. Two? No dream could alter that determination. Flip.

Pie every day until Thanksgiving.

Happy Thanksgiving Angelkeep

friends. Eat dessert first.

Mr. Daugherty is a Wells County resident who, along with his wife Gwen, enjoy their backyard and have named it "Angelkeep."



Pictured from left are Wells County Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Erin Prible, Ben Renkenberger of the United Way of Wells County, Kira Lee of Three Rivers Federal Credit Union, Katie Brindle and Angie Comment of Metropolitan Title, Topher Kirnec, Jennifer Kirnec, owner of Old Ways Book & Curio, Erica Lehman of Lehman Appraisals, Robert Vanover of Premier Clock and Vacuum Service, Kevin Sills of Indiana Farm Bureau Insurance, Angie Topp of Stockton Mortgage, Sarah MacNeill of the Wells County Public Library, Trent Bucher of Honegger of Ringger & Co., Julie Thompson of Bluffton Regional, Rachel Reinhard of the Wells County Chamber and Nathan Stauffer of Parlor City Cabinetry. (Photo submitted)

Old Ways Books & Curio brings cozy charm to downtown Bluffton

The Wells County Chamber of Commerce and its Ambassadors recently celebrated the opening of Old Ways Books & Curio with a ribbon-cutting ceremony in downtown Bluffton. Located at 110 S Johnson Street. This charming bookstore brings together books, houseplants, and vintage home decor, filling a unique niche in the community with its cozy and welcoming

Owner Jennifer Kirnec shared her inspiration for creating Old Ways Books, "The atmosphere I wanted to create was that of a used bookstore - a cozy vibe that you don't find in many places. I paid attention to every detail, from the colors on the walls to the plants and vintage touches, to make it feel like a home environment. I want people to come in, relax, and feel comfortable just sitting and reading a book."

The idea for Old Ways Books originated when Jennifer and her husband were scouting locations for his business. After noticing the space's large windows, Jennifer saw an opportunity to bring something special to Bluffton. Following extensive renovations to modernize the building while preserving its charm, the bookstore was born.

Old Ways Books & Curio offers a curated selection of new and used books, including fiction, non-fiction, children's literature, and Christian titles. Additionally, the shop features vintage home decor, houseplants, and locally crafted book-themed artwork. Jennifer has also implemented a loyalty program for book enthusiasts, "You get one point for every used book and two points for every new book. Once you reach nine points, you can redeem them for discounts like 25% off a book or a plant, depending on your point total.

Jennifer is already planning exciting additions to the store's offerings. She hopes to host a children's reading hour on Saturdays and expand the online book club, which has its first Facebook discussion next week, with in-person gatherings.

Jennifer and her family, including her husband and five children, moved to Bluffton four years ago to be closer to family. Passionate about creating a space where community members can connect and unwind, she has succeeded in bringing her

For the holiday season, Old Ways Books & Curio is open Tuesday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 2

Visit Old Ways Books at 110 S Johnson Street, Bluffton, IN, for a unique shopping experience filled with books, plants, and vintage treasures. For more information, contact 260-820-2885 or email oldwaysbooks@gmail.com. Follow them on Facebook and Instagram at @Old Ways Books & Curio for updates and upcoming events.

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Owner of Record	Eligible Nbr of Years	Start Pay Year	Exemption Amt
Almco Steel Products Corp	10	2019	\$75,540.00
0059 N Oak St Ext			
Bluffton, IN 46714			
Brick And Mortar Properties LLC	10	2017	\$47,710.00
c/o Randy Harnish 225 Harrison Rd			
Bluffton, IN 46714			
Gerber Development LLC	10	2017	\$102,480.00
1274 S Adams St			
Bluffton, IN 46714			
Gerber Development LLC	10	2021	\$122,755.00
800 S Dougherty St			
Bluffton, IN 46714			
Jackson Studebaker Investment	5	2023	\$230,000.00
P.O. Box 455 (Sr 1)			
Bluffton, IN 46714			
Knot Just A Snack (Multi) LLC	10	2018	\$197,900.00
123 Harvest Rd			
Bluffton, IN 46714			
Metaldyne M & A Bluffton INC	10	2019	\$461,220.00
c/o Dale Welper One Dauch Dr			
Detroit, MI 48211			
MidLand LLC	10	2017	\$438,168.00
110 E Monroe St			
Bluffton, IN 46714			
MidLand LLC	10	2021	\$295,910.00
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MidLand LLC (BTTF Group, LLC)	10	2017	\$40,800.00
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Pena's Property Llc 405 Carol Ann Ln	5	2024	\$447,984.00
Ossian, IN 46777 FHT Properties LLC (Rethceif Properties LLC)	10	2018	\$185,430.00
420 Industrial Parkway	10	2016	\$185,430.00
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Ossian, IN 46777 Rethceif Properties LLC	5	2024	\$975,358.00
420 Industrial Parkway	,	2024	\$775,556.00
Ossian, IN 46777			
Roembke Mfg & Design, Inc.	10	2019	\$200,000.00
1580 Baker Dr	10	2017	Ψ200,000.00
Ossian, IN 46777			
Roembke Family Properties, LLC	6	2025	\$2,300,000.00
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1440 S ADAMS	10	2016	\$11,929	
BLUFFTON, IN 46714	10	2019	\$27,658	\$45.640.0
EDGE MANUFACTURING, INC	10	Total Abatement 2019	\$45,641 \$98,334	\$45,640.0
1274 S ADAMS ST	4	2022	\$82,180	
BLUFFTON, IN 46714	5	2023	\$442,007	
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Energy Control, Inc 804 W Mill St	4	2024	\$699,054	
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K-K TOOL AND DESIGN, INC	10	2015	\$3,892	
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MARKLE, IN 46770 MELCHING MACHINE, INC	10	Total Abatement 2015	\$3,892 \$6,280	\$3,890.0
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METALDYNE M&A BLUFFTON, LLC	10	2015	\$58,206	
131 W HARVEST RD BLUFFTON, IN 46714	10	2016 2018	\$148,622 \$345,805	
BEUT TON, IN 40/14	10	2019	\$2,194,879	
	10	2020	\$8,412,078	
	10	2021	\$571,440	
	10	2022	\$778,655	
	10	2023 Total Abatement	\$476,314 \$12,985,999	
		Tool & Die	\$12,983,999	
		Total Deduction	\$13,093,803	\$13,093,800.0
MULTI-FIBER,LLC	10	2019	\$608,822	
1000 W WILEY AVE				****
BLUFFTON, IN 46714	10	Total Abatement	\$608,822	\$608,820.0
PENAS MECHANICAL CONTRACTORS 1645 E 950 N	10	2017	\$3,429 \$53,089	
OSSIAN, IN 46777	<u> </u>	Total Abatement	\$56,518	\$56,520.0
PERMA-COLUMN, LLC	10	2020	\$54,299	
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RETHCEIF ENTERPRISES, LLC 420 INDUSTRIAL PARKWAY	10 10	2017 2018	\$8,083 \$19,352	
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		Total Abatement	\$472,676	\$472,680.0
ROEMBKE MFG. & DESIGN, INC	10	2015	\$21,804	
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	9	2024	\$328,919	
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1717 W LANCSTER ST	10	2016	\$4,545	
BLUFFTON, IN 46714	10	2019	\$34,889	
	10	2020	\$16,603	
	4	2022	\$27,165 \$111,705	
	4	2022 2023	\$111,705 \$206,517	
	4	2024	\$203,671	
		Total Abatement	\$615,928	\$615,930.0
SUPER PUFFT USA, INC	1	2024	\$97,924	
705 W DUSTMAN RD BLUEFTON IN 46714	3	2024	\$507,828	
BLUFFTON, IN 46714 20-20 CUSTOM MOLDING	10	Total Abatement 2019	\$605,752 \$1,151,715	\$605,750.0
785 DECKER DR	10	2020	\$1,067,379	
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This Weekend

Holiday Craft & Vendor Show

A Holiday Craft and Vendor Show will be held at the National Guard Armory in Bluffton on Saturday, Nov. 23, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Over 30 direct sales and hand craft vendors will be on hand. There will be vendor donated raffle items. All money raised from the raffles will be donated to Honor Flight of Northeast Indiana.

Admission is free. For more information, contact Deb Carson at 260-273-7950 or doodle-

bug_63@yahoo.com The National Guard Armory is located at 500 E.

Spring St. in Bluffton.

FW's Christmas on Broadway Friday, Nov. 22

The annual Christmas on Boardway on Fort Wane will be held on Friday, Nov. 22, 5 p.m. with the Boys & Girls Clubs to be highlight-

The Concordia Lutheran High School Band will lead the parade down Broadway from Broadway and Creighton to the Broadway Plaza. The Colorado blue spruce tree in front of the Shine & Harden office building will be lit with 40,000 colored lights for the 20th year at 6 p.m., along with fireworks.

Other parade participants will include Icy, the Fort Wayne Komets mascot and hockey team, a sleigh, reindeer float and a vintage 1942 fire truck from the Firefighters Museum.

The Smokin Joe's Food Truck and Travelin Tom's Coffee truck will offer refreshments for purchase.

The event will be telecast over 21 Alive beginning at 4 p.m. on Nov. 22.

Center and YWCA team up

On Friday, Nov. 22, Fort Wayne's Cinema Center and the YWCA will combine forces to host a "Holiday Slipper & Clothing Drive, during the screening of WICKED at 4 and 7:30 p.m.

Those attending the screening are asked to bring either new-with-tag slippers (bonus if they're ruby) or other article of clothing in exchange for pop corn. For more information check out cinemacenter.org.

Christmas Caboose Train rides

Rides on the Christmas Caboose Train will depart from the Santa's Workshop in New Haven at 1580 Edgerton Rd. on Nov. 22, 23 &

Santa will be on board for the 20 minute rides and tickets must be purchased in advance. The cars are heated and Travelin' Tom's Coffee will be offering warm beverages and baked goods for purchase.

Trains run rain or shine and with restrooms available. For more information go to https://www.indianarailexperience.org/christmas-

Holiday Lights at Parkview Field

Head to the Tin Caps Ball Field in Fort Wayne to see this display from Nov. 14 to Jan. 4th. One of the attractions will be a small train ride. Admission is \$10 in November and \$12 during December. More information at 250-482-5400.

Blue Jacket's Fantasy of Lights

Fort Wayne's Fantasy of Lights is held in Franke Park and is open from Nov. 18 through Dec. 31. Admission is \$15 per car to travel the three miles of lit displays. Hours Sunday through Thursday are 5:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. and Friday and Saturday: 5:30 p.m. to 10 p.m. Listen to music over 91.7.

Walkway of **Lights in Marion**

This display is set up in Marion's Matter Park from Nov. 23 to Dec. 31. Hours are 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. daily. Admission is \$5 per car (season pass \$25). A Gift Shop offers refreshments some evenings.

A Talk with Tego



Abby is a 71/2-monthold, dilute calico, spayed female.

Tego's Tips: All fixed cats/kittens have waived adoption fees until the end of the year!



Cosmo is a seven-monthold, tiger/white, neutered

These are just a few pets available for adoption at the Wells County Animal Shelter, 1613 W. Cherry St., Bluffton. For more information call 824-6063



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Braves' Chris Sale, Tigers' Tarik Skubal take Cy Young Awards

By STEPHEN HAWKINS AP Baseball Writer

Chris Sale was one of the ace left-handers Tarik Skubal idolized as a teenager. Now the two will be linked forever after winning their first Cy Young Awards on Wednesday.

Skubal was a unanimous pick for the American League honor following a brilliant season with the Detroit Tigers. Sale's selection in the National League capped an incredible comeback with the Atlanta Braves after the 35-year-old had been derailed by injuries since helping Boston win the 2018 World Series.

"It means a lot. It's a special night," Sale said. "I just can't express how thankful I am for everybody that stuck by me. It would have been easy to jump ship and write me

Skubal and Sale shared the MLB lead with 18 wins this season and dominated their respective leagues.

Sale went 18-3 and topped the NL with 225 strikeouts, while his 2.38 ERA in 29 starts was the best among all major league qualifiers. It was his first season in the National League during a big league career that began in 2010 with the Chicago White

Skubal, who turned 28 on Wednesday, was 18-4 with a 2.39 ERA and a big leaguebest 228 strikeouts in 31 starts. The lefthander got all 30 first-place votes in AL balloting by the Baseball Writers' Association of America that was completed before the

up Zack Wheeler from Philadelphia getting the other four.

"If you look at his career, it's no surprise that he's winning this award," Skubal said about Sale. "To be able to share this award and win it the same year, and win the same triple crown

Chris Sale award in the AL and NL, that's something that's really special to me, and it's awesome. I'll be able to live with that the rest of my life."

Pittsburgh Pirates righty Paul Skenes finished third, two days after being selected NL Rookie of the Year. Kansas City starter Seth Lugo was the AL runner-up, with Cleveland closer Emmanuel Clase (47 saves) coming in third.

It was the first time since 2011 that someone won the pitching triple crown in both leagues. There have been 25 occasions when a pitcher led his league in wins, strikeouts and ERA among qualifiers — and a Cy Young Award followed every time.

Sale didn't have any major injury issues in his Braves debut until he was scratched because of back spasms from their final regular-season game, which they needed to win to make the playoffs. He was then left off the roster for their Wild Card Series loss

Atlanta acquired Sale in a trade last Sale received 26 firsts, with NL runner- December after he made only 31 starts for



with Boston. Sale was named the NL Comeback Player of the Year last week at Major League Baseball's All-MLB Awards Show.

the Red Sox from

2021-23. He missed

the 2020 season and

most of 2021 after

Tommy John surgery.

He made only two

starts in 2022 after

he fractured a rib and

then broke his left pin-

kie. He broke his right

wrist riding a bicycle

in August 2023, end-

ing his final season

'Talk about motivation, right? To be able to show my sons hard work, dedication and not giving up. My wife had my back the whole time. I'm sure I was a real peach at times during some of those injuries," he said. "And just with my parents, my family, I was talking to my dad the other day about this and whether it did or didn't happen, he was proud of me.'

It was the third time Sale finished among the top three in Cy Young Award voting. He was the AL runner-up in 2017 after his first season with Boston behind Corey Kluber, who was also the Cy Young Award winner in 2014 when Sale finished third with the White Sox.

Sale won the eighth Cy Young Award for the Braves organization. Most of those came in the 1990s, when Greg Maddux won three in a row with Atlanta from 1993-95 —

after being the 1992 winner with the Chicago Cubs. Tom Glavine won twice (1991 and 1998), and John Smoltz was the 1996 winner. Warren Spahn was the first in 1957 when the Braves played in Milwaukee.

Detroit now has six Cy Young Awards. Denny McLain won back-to-back in 1968 and 1969, and reliever Willie Hernández was the 1984 winner. Justin Verlander's Cy Young Award with the Tigers came two years before Max Scherzer won in 2013.

Skubal had Tommy John surgery at Seattle University before the Tigers drafted him in the ninth round in 2018. His made his big league debut in 2020, and this season went at least six innings in 25 of his 31 outings. He was 6-0 in his first nine starts and finished the season the same way -6-0 in his last nine starts while the Tigers made their surprising push to the playoffs.

He made his postseason debut with 17 consecutive scoreless innings before a five-run fifth that included a grand slam by Cleveland's Lane Thomas in the deciding Game 5 of their AL Division Series. That 7-3 loss ended the Tigers' season.

"I was able to kind of get over it relatively quickly just because I was so proud of our team and what we were able to accomplish," Skubal said. "And if I'm going to be the one to fail, I love that, because, you know, it's only going to set our team up to have success in the future."

Based on where they placed in balloting, Clase earned a \$150,000 bonus, Sale and Lugo \$100,000 each and Wheeler

High School Calendar

THURSDAY, NOV 21 No events scheduled. FRIDAY, NOV 22

GIRLS BASKETBALL: Huntington North at Bluffton, 7:30 p.m.

WRESTLING: Elwood at Southern Wells, 6 p.m. SATURDAY, NOV 23 **BOYS BASKETBALL:**

Bluffton at Whitko, 11 a.m.

GIRLS BASKETBALL: North Miami at Bluffton, 7:30 p.m.; Oak Hill at Norwell, 7:30 p.m.; Southern Wells at Canterbury, 3:30 p.m.

WRESTLING: Bluffton Super Duals, 9 a.m.; Southern Wells at Bronco Super Duals (Wapahani & Daleville High School), 9 a.m.

No events scheduled. **TUESDAY, NOV 26**

BOYS BASKETBALL: Lakewood Park Christian at Southern Wells, 7:30 p.m. GIRLS BASKETBALL:

Concordia at Norwell, 7:30 SWIMMING (Co-ed):

Columbia City at Norwell,

MONDAÝ, NOV 25 QB Caleb Williams, Bears look to

By GENE **CHAMBERLAIN Associated Press**

LAKE FOREST, III. (AP) — Finding a way to build upon positives from a tough loss against Green Bay is the next step for Chicago Bears quarterback Caleb

Those positives would no doubt be much easier to see without the blocked field goal to end a 20-19 defeat, but Williams found them. He said it started with the way new offensive coordinator Thomas Brown devised a game plan and called plays.

"It started with him stringing things together and doing a good job with that and getting everybody into a rhythm and not necessarily thinking of what's next?" Williams said Wednesday. "Or anything like that. We kind of had an idea of what's next, and from there you go out there, you play, and you play efficient football, it gives you the best chance to win."

Brown replaced fired coordinator Shane Waldron and the Bears gained 113 yards more than their season average of 278 yards. It helped getting 179 yards in the running game, and that could be in jeopardy this week because coach Matt Eberflus revealed Wednesday that running back D'Andre Swift has a groin injury and missed practice. The offense had 43 more

build on positives after tough loss

ing than their average with 212 yards, and they were almost twice as good on third downs, converting 56.3%

yards pass-

Williams received much of the credit for converting a fourthand-3 with a 21-yard pass to Rome Odunze and with getting the Bears in range for a game-winning field-goal try.

However, he deflected much of it to Brown and partly for getting plays in

"We didn't reinvent the wheel for those three or four (practice) days that Thomas became the offensive coordinator and play caller," Williams said. "I think the decisiveness, I think all of that came from, one, our meetings, and how we're going to do things. I think it came from being able to get play calls in faster and being able to get up there and not feel like you're rushed or not feel like you need to hurry up and get the ball snapped and things like that.

"I think all of these small things, details of routes, details of the blocking, details of the path of running backs and how we're going to do things, I think that led into all of what happened last week.'

The Bears haven't turned the ball over in three straight games, but doing this against coordinator Brian Flores' blitzing Vikings defense will be the goal this week. Minnesota and Buffalo are tied for the league lead with 21 takeaways.

"I think obviously, you know, he's going to blitz you," Williams said. "He's the king of cover-zero blitz and finding a bunch of different ways to do it." Eberflus views Williams

as an effective quarterback against blitzes, if this is the path the Vikings take against him.

"It starts with his natural ability," Eberflus said. "His natural ability is to get the ball out fast. Some players don't have that ability, right? They take it. Their release is slow. But his is very fast.

"I think it helps him. The recognition, the way we set it up on offense I think will help him also. And it's just identifying it before the snap, but also it's natural ability to get the

Williams saw something else as critical as they try to build on the success they had last week, at least from an offensive standpoint.

"I think communication, I think the attitude and I think us just going out there and being on the details, for myself and for the whole team," Williams said. "I think those three things would be huge for us for this run that we're going to go

Geno Auriemma earns NCAA record 1,217 victory as No. 2 **UConn beats Fairleigh Dickinson** years at the school with more than 60 alums,

By DOUG FEINBERG **AP Basketball Writer**

STORRS, Conn. (AP) — Geno Auriemma became the winningest coach in NCAA college basketball history, earning his 1,217th victory as No. 2 UConn beat Fairleigh Dickinson 85-41 on Wednesday night.

Auriemma broke a tie with retired Stanford coach Tara VanDerveer for the most victories all-time. Former Duke coach Mike Krzyzewski holds the men's record with 1,202. Auriemma began his journey with UConn in 1985 and is 1,217-162 in his career. He has only had one losing season his first one with the Huskies.

The Huskies (4-0) celebrated Auriemma and associated head coach Chris Dailey's 40 including former UConn greats Sue Bird, Diana Taurasi, Maya Moore and Rebecca Lobo in attendance.

UConn's latest star led the way as Paige Bueckers had 16 points, nine rebounds and five assists. Freshman Sarah Strong had 20

Takeaways

UConn: The Huskies are finally starting to get healthy which will give Auriemma a deeper bench as the season progresses.

Up next

FDU hosts Saint Peter's on Saturday while UConn heads to the Bahamas to play in a tournament. The Huskies' first game is against Oregon State on Monday.

Joey Logano has rebuilt career and Team Penske organization while racing to 3rd NASCAR title

By JENNA FRYER **APAuto Racing Writer**

CHARLOTTE, N.C. seasons at Joe Gibbs Racing certainly didn't get the job done for Joey Logano, not after replacing Hall of Famer Tony Stewart and entering NASCAR with the nickname "Sliced Bread" because you're allegedly the next best thing.

He knew his days with Gibbs were winding down in 2012, the same time Roger Penske found himself in need of a driver. It was then-Penske driver Brad Keselowski who introduced the team owner to Logano. Keselowski was convinced the 23-year-old could still be as good as predicted with a change of scenery.

Keselowski was right: Logano joining Team Penske changed the entire organization. It only happened, Penske believes, because the organization pledged its support to Logano at his lowest career moment.

"I think first he had to shake off some of the reputation he had. They called him "Sliced Bread" I think it was, or whatever it was," said Penske. "But he shook that off pretty quickly. We were behind him, and I think that was key, and he just grew and grew and

Logano has taken his second chance with a top-tier NASCAR team and become a star of the series. He will be feted Friday night at the season-ending awards ceremony for winning his third Cup Series title; Logano

three-time champion in NASCAR and one of only (AP) — Two wins in four 10 drivers in history to win three or more titles.

He's done it all with Team Penske, which threw Logano a lifeline when he could have quickly washed out of NASCAR. His championship won earlier this month at Phoenix Raceway gave Penske three consecutive Cup titles -2022 and 2024 with Logano, with Ryan Blaney sandwiched in between. Blaney finished second to Logano this year.

Bombing out at JGR ultimately put Logano on a far better path. Since joining Penske in 2013, Logano has logged 34 of his 36 career Cup Series wins and three championships. When he was 18 and rushed into a Cup seat vacated by Stewart at Gibbs, he won two races over four seasons and never finished higher than 16th in the standings.

He let the JGR flameout light his fire for his move to the No. 22 Ford.

"I don't think it's the No. 1 motivator, but you like to prove people wrong, don't you? You know what I mean? You'd like to shut up the critics," Logano said. "I don't have anything bad to say about JGR. I think they're a great race team, and I understand the decision they made. We weren't winning. Something has to

But do you take that with you when you leave a

is now the the only active little bit? Yeah, you probably do. You're a little bitter about it," Logano added.

> Logano thrives on driving with a bit of an edge, finding something he can take as a slight and use for motivation.

> In winning title number three, Logano left Charlotte Motor Speedway in October eliminated from the round of eight. Hours later, Alex Bowman was disqualified for failing post-race inspection. Logano was suddenly back in.

> He then won the opening race of the third round to become the first driver to earn an automatic berth into the championship finale.

> Logano over the final month of the season used every bit of criticism against him to push him to another level. He wasn't the new kid in NASCAR anymore and he didn't have a great year — just a single victory during the regular season on fuel mileage, no less — and he was ranked 15th in the 16-driver playoff field.

He was wound so tight headed into the finale that he was uncharacteristically graphic in his post-qualifying news conference when asked if it was his championship to lose and Logano said: "Yeah, we've got 'em where we want 'em. We just gotta put our foot on their throats from here."

He was then up at 6 a.m. on race day reviewing notes with Paul Wolfe, now (Continued on Page 7)

MLB will test robot umpires at 13 spring training ballparks

By RONALD BLUM **AP Baseball Writer**

NEW YORK (AP) Major League Baseball will test robot umpires as part of a challenge system during spring training at 13 ballparks hosting 19 teams, which could lead to regularseason use in 2026.

MLB has been experimenting with the automated ball-strike system in the minor leagues since 2019 but is still working on the shape of the strike zone.

An agreement for big league use would have to be reached with the Major League Baseball Umpires Association, whose collective bargaining agreement expires Dec. 1.

"I would be interested in having it in '26," baseball

Commissioner Rob Manfred said Wednesday after an owners' meeting. "We do have a collective bargaining obligation there. That's obviously a term and condition of employment. We're going to have to work through that issue, as well.' Manfred said the spring

training experiment will have to be evaluated before MLB determines how to move forward. "There's two sides to that

test," he said. "It's what the clubs think about it and also what do the players think about it? And we're going to have to sort through both of those."

Triple-A ballparks used ABS this year for the second straight season, but there is little desire to call the strike zone as the cube defined in the rule book and MLB has experimented with modifications during minor league The ABS currently calls

strikes solely based on where the ball crosses the

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Dallas at Denver, 10 p.m.

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Robot umpires

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midpoint of the plate, 8.5 inches from the front and the back. The top of the strike zone was increased to 53.5% of batter height this year from 51%, and the bottom remained at 27%.

After splitting having the robot alone for the first three games of each series and a human with a challenge system in the final three during the first 2 1/2 months of the Triple-A season, MLB on June 25 switched to an all-challenge system in which a human umpire makes nearly all decisions.

During the second half of the season, each team had three challenges in the Pacific Coast League and two in the International League. A team retains its challenge if successful, similar to the regulations for big league teams with video

"I think we will have a spring training ABS test that will provide a meaningful opportunity for all major league players to see what the challenge system will look like," Manfred said. "It won't be in every single ballpark but we actually have a plan where every team will get meaningful exposure.'

Logano

(Continued from Page 6) only active three-time champion crew chief.

Logano, a father of three and considered a team leader at

Team Penske and Ford, said something changes inside him when he can see the finish line.

throughout the whole team, too. It's not just me.'

"It's just closer to the goal I become more intense, probably a little shorter-fused," Logano said. "I try to achieve the same intensity level all year long, but it just seems like when it comes down to the end, you find another gear, and it's really hard to get to it a lot of times. But I think that's

Saturday's Games New York at Utah, 5 p.m. Detroit at Orlando, 7 p.m. Charlotte at Milwaukee, 8 p.m. Memphis at Chicago, 8 p.m. Portland at Houston, 8 p.m. Golden State at San Antonio, 8:30

Denver at L.A. Lakers, 10:30 p.m.

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Wednesday's Games
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Buffalo at Los Angeles, late

Thursday's Games

Carolina at New Jersey, 7 p.m.

Colorado at Washington, 7 p.m.

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Buffalo at Anaheim, 10 p.m.
Saturday's Games
Chicago at Philadelphia 1 p.m.

Chicago at Philadelphia, 1 p.m. Minnesota at Calgary, 4 p.m. Seattle at Los Angeles, 4 p.m. Colorado at Florida, 6 p.m. Boston at Detroit, 7 p.m. Carolina at Columbus, 7 p.m. Dallas at Tampa Bay, 7 p.m. New Jersey at Washington, 7 p.m. Utah at Pittsburgh, 7 p.m. Vancouver at Ottawa, 7 p.m. Vegas at Montreal, 7 p.m. Winnipeg at Nashville, 7 p.m



Heineken Silver Las Vegas Grand Prix Site: Las Vegas, Nevada.

Schedule: Friday, practice, 9:30 p.m. ET; Saturday, practice, 1 a.m., and 9:30 p.m.; Saturday, qualifying, 1 a.m.; Sunday, race, 1 a.m. Last race: Verstappen overcame penalties that left him

starting 17th and then the rain to win the Brazilian Grand Prix in Sao Paulo three weeks ago. It was a huge step toward securing a fourth consecutive series title. The Dutchman overtook Estaban Ocon on Lap 42 and won by nearly 20 seconds for his first victory since June.

Fast facts: Las Vegas starts the final stretch for the 2024 Formula 1 series, which moves to Qatar next week and closes at Abu Dhabi on Dec. 8.

Next race: Qatar Grand Prix, Nov. 29-Dec. 1.

NHRA Drag Racing Last event: Drag racers ended their season in Pomona,

California, last week with Antron Brown winning the Top Fuel title at the In-N-Out Burger NHRA Finals and taking his fourth world championship. **Next event**: March 6-9, 2025, Gainesville, Florida.

NASCAR Cup Series

Last race: Joey Logano led 107 laps to dominate the winner-take-all finale at Phoenix Raceway on Nov. 10, earning his third championship and completing a remarkable turnaround after initially missing the second-round cut before earning a reprieve with another driver's disqualification. Next race: Feb. 16, 2025, Daytona Beach, Florida.

NASCAR Xfinity Series

Last race: Justin Allgaier took his first series title. Allgaier overcame a flat tire and consecutive penalties that dropped him in the grid, then withstood another caution that forced a double-overtime restart to give JR Motorsports the crown.

Next race: Feb. 15, 2025, Daytona Beach, Florida.

NASCAR Truck Series

Last race: Ty Majeski dominated from the pole in a Ford to earn his first championship, holding off playoff drivers Corey Heim and Christian Eckes in the 150-mile finale at Phoenix Raceway. Majeski led 132 laps, Heim 16 and championship finalist Grant Enfinger two while finishing

Fast facts: Majeski clinched a series-high sixth title for ThorSport Racing. He raced in his second championship four in just his third full-time season.

Next race: Feb. 14, 2025, Daytona Beach, Florida.

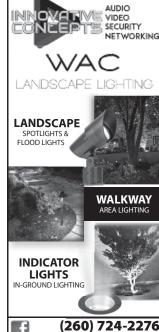
World of Outlaws Sprint Cars

Last event: David Gravel won in Concord, North Carolina, on Nov. 7 and clinched the series crown a day later. Gravel finished fourth in the Nov. 8 race, which was enough to lock up the title.

Next race: Feb. 5-8, 2025, Barberville, Florida.

IndyCar

Last race: Alex Palou claimed his second consecutive IndyCar championship and third in four years at Nashville Superspeedway, where Colton Herta won the Music City Grand Prix for Andretti Global.



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COUNTY BUILDING

SALES & AUCTIONS

INSPECTOR 414 N MERIDIAN ST. PORT-Wells County Government is accepting resumes for a County Building Inspector. The Wells County Commissioners as the county executive are seeking to employ a full-time county building inspector. This person is re-

overseeing county construction and final inspection, under the direction of the county executive. The county building inspector shall, sub-ject to the policies of the county executive, perform the following functions and have related experience:

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Controls the expenditure of

departmental appropriations Receives complaints, investigates, and issues unsafe building violations, nuisance violations and minimum housing standards violations as appropriate.

Completes continuing education classes on building codes and practices, as needed

Reviews the building plan for

the County.
Approves the building permits, issues permits, and collects the fees for the permits, as necessary

Issues certificates of occu pancy, as needed. Maintains an effective communication process with the

Bachelor's degree (B.A/B.S.) from a four-year college or university; and five years related experience and/or training; or equivalent combination of education and experience. CBO Certification is required. Previous experience building construction or related field is required. Previous supervisory experience is required.

Starting salary for this position is up to \$70,000/yr. plus all county benefits. Interested applicants can send their resumes to Wells County Auditor, 102 W Market, Suite 205 IN 46714 auditor@wellscounty.org. Resumes will be accepted until December 16, 2024.

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Ring 2 @ 10:00 AM - SIMUL-CAST! This ring will include a nice collection of St. Clair, Blenko, & Jim Davis paper weights, vintage radios, Black & Decker power tools & eleclawn mower, ceramic Christmas trees, Tupperware, jewelry, coins, nice electric fireplace, appliances such as fridge, freezer, gas stove & microwave, Husky tool chest, Craftsman tool chest, shelving units, primitive furniture, Toro snowblower, Lazy Boy recliner, tools of all sorts, saws, Christmas clamps, hutches & wash stand, marbles, hen on nest, collectible glassware such as jadeite, amber, blue hobnail. St. Clair. Fenton & more, Pyrex, musical instruments such as violin,

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Lottery Numbers

Wednesday's Drawings HOOSIEŘ LOTTERY Cash 5 — 05-12-33-40-

Lotto Plus — 03-06-07-

13-31-35 **Cash4Life** — 27-28-38-

39-55, Cash Ball: 01 **Quick Draw Midday** 01-08-09-10-16-18-24-30-

32-38-39-54-55-61-64-66-68-69-73-80, BE: 08 Daily Three-Midday -

09-09-01, SB: 04 Daily Three-Evening —

04-01-06, SB: 08 Daily Four-Midday -

04-08-05-03, SB: 04 Daily Four-Evening —

09-04-06-05, SB: 08 Quick Draw Evening -08-09-10-18-30-35-40-43-44-46-52-56-58-60-63-65-

69-73-76-77, BE: 77 Hoosier Lotto — 07-10-20-31-41-44

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Town of Ossian Indiana

Notice of Receipt of Bids

Project: Town of Ossian CCMG 2024-2 Street Improve-

ments ("Project").

Summary: Along Meadow
Lane in Ossian, Indiana, the Project shall consist of pavement mill-

ing and resurfacing, driveway

improvements, storm sewer and

drainage swale improvements,

underdrains, erosion control, and

surface restoration. All qualified

Contractors are invited to bid the

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bidding documents are available at www.questcdn.com. Quest CDN

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tion. No paper copies will be provided by the Owner.

507 N. Jefferson Street, Ossian, Indiana 46777. Prospective bid-

ders are strongly encouraged to

ted to the Town of Ossian by noon, Thursday, December 19, 2024, to

be considered for the work. Bids submitted prior to 11:45 a.m. on

December 19, 2024, shall be submitted at the Ossian Town Hall,

507 N. Jefferson Street, Ossian, IN 46777. Bids submitted after

11:45 a.m. on December 19, 2024, must be delivered to the Ossian

Town Council meeting location

at Collier's Comfort, 215 N. Jefferson St., Ossian, IN, between 11:45 a.m. and 12:00 noon. Bid-

ders are responsible for the timely

delivery of their bids. All bids shall be in sealed envelopes bearing the Project title, "Town of Ossian CCMG 2024-2 Street Improve-

ments", and include the name and address of the bidder. All bids shall

include fully completed and exe-

cuted Contractor's Bid for Public Work – Form 96 and E-Verify and Iran Investment Certification. Bids

shall be accompanied by a bidder's

bond or certified check equal to

5% of the bid amount. Bids arriving

after the time set will be returned

unopened and only complete bids

with all required materials will be considered.

All bids timely received shall be

publicly opened and read aloud at Collier's Comfort, 215 N. Jefferson

St., Ossian, IN at noon, December 19, 2024. The Town of Ossian,

Indiana, reserves the right to reject all bids, waive defects and amend

the Project's scope. It is anticipated

that the Ossian Town Council will

take bids received under advise-

ment and that a determination may

Town of Ossian, Indiana oj, nb 11/21, 12/5

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be made by January 13, 2024.

By: Town Manager, Crystal Chapman

Review and Consideration:

Bids: All bids must be submit-

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2025 Annual Bid Package Bid Date: Monday December Time: 5:00 pm.

Place: Conference room – Wells County Carnegie Annex, 223 W Washington St., Bluffton
All bids to be submitted on Wells County Highway Annual Bid

Bids for items 1 through 3 shall be accompanied by a 10% bid bond or certified check in the amount of 10% of the bid. (Out-

of-State companies must have checks.)
The Board of Wells County Commissioners reserves the right to reject any or all bids, or to accept the one which, in their judgment, will be in the best interest of Wells County, and will be the best and/ or lowest responsive and responsible bidder for each line or class of

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1. Bituminous Dust Control Material Liquid – 75,000 gallons or less liquid asphalt emulsions for dust control. No domining on the control of the c

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quote them individually Two applications

A. First application 15' wide @ .40 gallon per square yard
B. Second application 15' wide @ 20 gallon per square yard
Quote price per gallon for
each application rate.
2. Stone/Aggregate – 45,000 tons or less of various sizes of stone crushed aggregate including screenings. Materials to meet INDOT standard specifications, gradation and approval of the Wells County Commissioners and High-

way Department.
3. Bituminous Material Liquid – 440,000 gallons or less liquid asphalt emulsions of various grades. Materials to meet Indiana Department of Transportation Specifications except remove stone coating. No demurrage can be charged. Bid price at cents/gallon and dollars/ton.

4. <u>Fuel</u> – provide pricing for Regular unleaded fuel and Premium on-road and off-road diesel fuel to be delivered to the Wells County Highway Department and 3 off site fueling locations. On-Road Diesel to be delivered to Wells County Highway Garage 828 East CR 200 S, Bluffton, IN location and Off-Road Diesel to be delivered to three separate county fueling sites. Total of 45,000 gallons of On-Road and Off-Road Diesel in Regular and Winter Mix with kerosene rates, as appropriate. Pricing to include all taxes applicable to a governmental agency. Price per gallon should also include delivery cost in addition to any other fees that may apply. Bidder agrees to monitor tank levels and maintain volume appropriate for emergency operations as determined by Superintendent. Bidders should not

include biodiesel. 5. Aluminum Box Culverts Provide unit pricing for all sizes and accessories available, including but not limited to shell, invert, head-walls, wingwalls, corner panels, toe walls, receiving channel, and footing pads. Price structures for HL93, HS25, and HS20 load ratings. Bid der must provide signed and sealed fabrication, plate layout, and design calculations by manufacturer for any structure ordered by Owner. Bidder must have an Indiana Registered Professional Engineer (PE) on staff to assist Owner in design and sizing of these type structures

if required and must be able to attend a mandatory onsite precon-struction meeting with Owner and provide an onsite inspection during construction by an employee of the culvert manufacturer if required.

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6. Precast Concrete Arch Structures and Boxes - Provide unit pricing for all sizes and accessories available, including but not limited to shell, invert, headwalls, wingwalls, and foundations. Price structures for HL93, HS25, and HS20 load ratings. Bidder must provide signed and sealed fabrication, layout, and design calculations by manufacturer for any structure ordered by Owner. Bidder must have an Indiana Registered Professional Engineer (PE) on staff to assist Owner in design and sizing of these type structures if required and must be able to attend a mandatory onsite preconstruction meeting with Owner and provide an onsite inspection during construc-tion by an employee of the culvert

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7. All Steel Bridge Packages
Including Beam Span and Truss Structures - Provide unit pricing for all sizes and accessories available. Price structures for HL93, HS25, and HS20 load ratings. Bidder must provide signed and sealed fabrication, layout, and design calculations by manufacturer for any structure ordered by Owner. Bidder must have an Indiana Registered Professional Engineer (PE) on staff to assist Owner in design and sizing of these type structures if a mandatory onsite preconstruction meeting with Owner and provide an onsite inspection during construction by an employee of the bridge manufacturer if required.

8 Bridge Decking Products - Provide unit pricing for Structural Plate Bridge Flooring, corrugations 2" to 6" and 3" to 9" in all gauges available. Price both punched and

un-punched material.

9. <u>Treated Timber Bridge Products</u> - Provide unit pricing for treated timber bridge rail, decks,

package components, and galva-nized attaching hardware. 10. <u>Steel Pipe Products</u> - Pro-

vide unit pricing for corrugated steel pipe products on a per foot or unit price basis from 12" thru 144" diameter for both standard and elliptical in 16ga thru 10ga. Price galvanized, aluminized-T2 and polymer coated pipes.
11. <u>Misc Pipe & Fittings</u> - Pro-

vide unit pricing for corrugated High Density Polyethylene pipe products on a per foot basis from 4" diam-eter thru 60". Include pricing for standard fittings.

12. Misc Guardrail Posts,
Rails, Ends, Fittings & Hardware

 Provide unit pricing for INDOT specification compliant standard guardrail sections, posts, ends and hardware. The submittal must include a description and part num-ber on the pricing sheet. Successful Bidder must have a

representative available to assist Owner in sizing and installation of pipe, culvert, timber or precast structures materials for all items. Bidder must provide a professional engineer (PE) on products as

Items 6 through 12 shall be considered as a unit, with bid to be complete for all items and material to be delivered and unloaded as specified by the Owner. Quote net

prices only.

The delivery time and availability of material are to be listed and considered as part of the bid.

All materials must meet all federal and state highway specifications with a design load capacity to meet AASHTO guidelines. Manufacturer's material certification sheets must accompany bid where All materials must be manufac-

tured and fabricated in the United States of America. Nate Whitacre

Wells County Engineer oj, nb 11/21, 12/5

Ready for marriage, but my boyfriend is hesitant

Dear Annie: I'm a 47-year-old munication and woman, and I've been with my boyfriend, "Greg," for almost six years. I'm really happy with him, and I am at the point where I really can't imagine being with anyone else. There's just one thing: He has not proposed, and I don't know if he ever will.

It's gotten to the point where I feel almost desperate for him to propose, but I don't want to ruin what we have by pushing him away. I also don't want to waste any more years in a relationship that doesn't have a future.

I brought it up once with him, and he sort of brushed it off, saying, "One day, when the time is right." But I'm starting to feel like "one day" might never come? He was married once before and had a messy divorce, and I noticed he always does seem a little bitter about the whole concept. Whenever someone we know gets engaged, he'll make a comment like, "Let's see how long THAT lasts."

Recently, several friends and family members have asked when we're getting married, and it's so embarrassing to me that I don't have an answer. One friend advised me to give him an ultimatum, but I'm too scared it'll backfire. I love him and don't want to lose him, and I know he loves me, too.

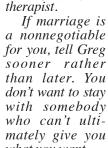
How can I bring up marriage in a way that doesn't feel like I'm pressuring him but lets him know how important this is to me? Am I wrong for wanting this commitment, or should I just be happy to be in this good relationship? Waiting and Wondering

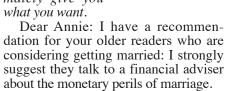
Dear Waiting and Wondering: For some people, marriage is the ultimate symbol of love and commitment. Others could take it or leave it. Still others are fundamentally opposed to it, arguing they don't need paperwork to prove their love.

The only way to figure out Greg's stance is to talk to him directly. It sounds like he is holding onto some bitterness and fear from his first marriage, which can be worked through with com-

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Married people are also liable for each other's debts (think medical expenses). Nothing like suddenly being widowed and facing crushing medical bills. Long-term care also taps into both people's assets if married. I know two couples who got divorced because

Losing even a few hundred dollars a month could make a world of difference in their standard of living. By all means, have a commitment ceremony, but senior citizens should be mindful of the financial hazards of becoming legally married. It could threaten their wellbeing. — Practical

Dear Practical: Thank you for offering your perspective. All couples, regardless of age, should have a conversation about finances before deciding to get married. The more money is at stake, the more need for professional

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My Answer

By Dr. Billy Graham

Question: An artist friend of mine gave me one of his paintings of a tree growing by the water and added a Bible verse, Psalm 1:3. We had been talking about growing spiritually and I guess this is what prompted his lovely gift to me. What is the significance of a tree planted by water? -P.W.

Answer: It is no accident that the Bible speaks of trees, even urging us to grow spiritual roots that are deep and strong. Trees grow from a small seed and spiritual life also begins with a seed – the seed of God's Word planted in the soil of our souls

The seed of God's Word

that eventually sprouts and becomes a new seedling when we are born again. Just as God implants the life cell in the tiny seed

that produces the mighty oak, He implants His divine life in the hearts of people who earnestly seek Him through Christ. His Word waters the seed, producing life abundantly.

We are not meant to remain spiritual seedlings, weak and vulnerable to every temptation, doubt, falsehood, or fear. God's will is for us to grow strong in our faith and become mature, grounded in the truth of His Word, and firmly committed to doing His will (see 1 Peter

When we give our life to Christ, we are taking the essential first step –

but it is only the first step. God's will is for us to become spiritually mature, growing stronger in our relationship to Christ and our service for Him. Conversion is the work of an instant; spiritual maturity is the work of a lifetime. Word studies from the Bible will teach us many things about ourselves, others, and most certainly the Lord Jesus. "He shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that brings forth its fruit in its season" (Psalm 1:3, NKJV)

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

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Trump picks Dr. Oz to run Medicare and Medicaid, Linda McMahon for Education, Lutnick for Commerce

By FATIMA HUSSEIN, AMANDA SEITZ, COLLIN BINKLEY and JOSH BOAK **Associated Press**

WASHINGTON (AP) President-elect Donald Trump on Tuesday tapped billionaire professional wrestling mogul Linda McMahon to be secretary of the Education Department, tasked with overseeing an agency Trump has promised to dismantle. He also selected Dr. Mehmet Oz, a former television talk show host and heart surgeon, to head the agency that oversees health insurance programs for millions of older, poor and disabled Americans, and named Wall Street executive Howard Lutnick to lead the Commerce Department.

McMahon led the Small **Business Administration** during Trump's initial term from 2017 to 2019 and twice ran unsuccessfully as a Republican for the U.S. Senate in Connecticut.

McMahon served on the Connecticut Board of Education for a year starting in 2009 and has spent years on the board of trustees for Sacred Heart University in Connecticut. She's seen as a relative unknown in education circles, though she has expressed support for charter schools and school choice.

"Linda will use her decades of Leadership experience, and deep understanding of both Education and Business, to empower the next Generation of American Students and Workers, and make America Number One in Education in the World,' Trump said in a statement.

In nominating McMahon, Trump is rewarding a loyal backer of his movement who, along with Lutnick, has also helped lead his transition team. She was with him Tuesday as he attended a launch of SpaceX's Starship craft in Texas.

After her time in the Trump administration, McMahon became the chair of the board of the America First Policy Institute, a think tank created by Trump supporters and former officials who have been preparing for his return to government. McMahon has also been chair of the pro-Trump America First Action Super-

She is married to Vince McMahon, who stepped down as World Wrestling Entertainment's CEO in 2022 amid a company investigation into allegations that he engaged in sexual battery and trafficking. He also resigned as executive chairman of the board of TKO Group Holdings this January, though he has denied the allegations.

If confirmed by the Republican-led Senate, Linda McMahon will be asked to bring the nation's schools and universities in line with Trump's vision of education. Trump has made sweeping promises centered on removing what he sees as "left-wing indoctrination" in America's schools.

Trump has vowed to cut federal money for "any school pushing Critical Race Theory, transgender insanity, and other inappropriate racial, sexual, or political content on our children." He has promised to fight university diversity initiatives, saying he will open civil rights investigations and fine colleges "up to the entire amount of their endowment."

Oz, who ran a failed 2022 bid to represent Pennsylvania in the U.S. Senate, has been an outspoken supporter of Trump and in recent days expressed support for Robert F. Kennedy Jr.'s nomination for the nation's top health agency, the Department of Health and Human Services.

"Dr. Oz will be a leader in incentivizing Disease Prevention, so we get the best results in the World for every dollar we spend on Healthcare in our Great Country," Trump said in a statement. "He will also cut waste and fraud within our Country's most expensive Government Agency, which is a third of our Nation's Healthcare spend, and a quarter of our entire National Budget."

As the administrator for the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Oz would report to Kennedy.

"Americans need better research on healthy lifestyle choices from unbiased scientists, and @robertfkennedyir can help as HHS secretary," Oz said in an Instagram post last week.

If confirmed by the Senate, Oz would be responsible for the programs — Medicaid, Medicare and the Affordable Care Act — that more than half the country relies on for health insurance.

Medicaid provides nearly-free health care coverage to millions of the poorest children and adults in the U.S., while Medicare gives older Americans and the disabled access to health insurance. The Affordable Care Act is the Obama-era program that offers health insurance plans to millions of Americans who do not qualify for governmentassisted health insurance, but do not get insurance through their employer.

Trump has said he wants to overhaul the Affordable Care Act. During his first term in office, he tried to scrap the program altogether. Last month, Republican House Speaker Mike Johnson promised that health care reform would be a big part of Trump's second term

During his campaign for senate, Oz promised to expand Medicare Advantage, the privately run version of Medicare that has become increasingly popular but also a source of widespread fraud.

TV personality Oprah Winfrey helped launch Oz into fandom and fortune. After years of appearing on her show as a health expert, Oz landed a talk show of his own that aired for 13 seasons. Oz has been accused of hawking dubious medical treatments and products on his defunct TV show. And during the height of the COVID-19 pandemic, he pressured government officials to make hydroxychloroquine widely available, despite unresolved questions about its safety and effectiveness.

He estimated his net worth to be between \$100 million and \$315 million, according to a federal financial disclosure he filed in 2022.

Lutnick, meanwhile, will have a key role in carrying out Trump's plan to raise and enforce tariffs as commerce secretary, Trump said. Lutnick is a cryptocurrency enthusiast and head of brokerage and investment bank Cantor Fitzgerald.

Trump made the announcement on his social media platform, Truth Social. He said Lutnick "will lead our Tariff and Trade agenda, with additional direct responsibility for the Office of the United States Trade Representative."

The nomination would put Lutnick in charge of a sprawling Cabinet agency that is involved in funding new computer chip factories, imposing trade restrictions, releasing economic data and monitoring the weather. It is also a position in which connections to CEOs and the wider business community are crucial.

An advocate for imposing wide-ranging tariffs, Lutnick told CNBC in September that "tariffs are an amazing tool for the president to use — we need to protect the American worker." Trump on the campaign trail proposed a 60% tariff on goods from China and a tariff of up to 20% on everything else the United States imports.

Mainstream economists are generally skeptical of tariffs, considering them a mostly inefficient way for governments to raise money and promote prosperity.

Lutnick had been considered for treasury secretary, a role that has been at the center of high-profile jockeying within the Trump world. At the same time, the treasury position is closely watched in financial circles, where a disruptive nominee could have immediate negative consequences on the

stock market, which Trump watches closely.

Lutnick joined Cantor Fitzgerald in 1983 and rose through the ranks to be appointed president and CEO in 1991. He also chairs financial technology company BGC Group Inc. and the commercial real estate services firm Newmark Group

Lutnick has donated to both Democrats and Republicans in the past, and once appeared on Trump's NBC reality show, "The Apprentice." He has become a part of the president-elect's inner circle, and has shared the stage with Trump at events in the closing days of his campaign, including a rally at Madison Square

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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 house 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., www.steffengrp.com, 260-

NOVEMBER 24-DECEMBER (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 Krueckeberg 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. Krueckeberg Auction & Realty LLC, 260-724-7402, Kjauction.com.

NOVEMBER 26 - 6 p.m. -(Live Auction) - The Estate of Jimmy L. Thompson, seller. Auction location: 1245 4-H Park Rd., Bluffton, IN. 96.89+/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-

BIDDING NOW OPEN AND STARTS CLOSING DECEM-BER 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! Elm Street, Decatur, IN. Pick up Dec. 2, 2-6 p.m., Dec. 3, 9 am.-noon. Krueckeberg 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. Auction mgr. Al Pfister, 260-760-8922, Schrader Real Estate and Auction Company, Inc.,

Public Notices

Public Notice Indiana Car Wash Holdings (905 Hickory Lane, Mansfield, OH 44905) is submitting a Notice of Intent to the Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM) of our intent to comply with the requirements of the Construction Stormwater General Permit to discharge stormwater from construction activities associated with the East River Road - New Building project located at 4250 E. River Road, Bluffton, IN 46714. Runoff from the project site will be routed into the floodplain and onto the Wabash River. Please direct questions to MLS Engineering at 260-489-8571 or by email at coreysmith@mlswebsite.us. nb 11/21

schraderauction.com, 800-451-2709. **DECEMBER 4 - 3 p.m.** -

Online - Dusty Roach, Bankruptcy Trustee, sellers. 6,142 sq. ft. modern commercial building. Key features: 5 rental units w/4 office suites, 1 currently leased, 600 sq. ft. heated garage w/16'x12' overhead door, independently controlled heating and cooling for units, expansion potential w/additional land available for future. Open house Nov. 27, 2-3 p.m. :379 N. Main St., Bluffton, IN Kurt Ness, auction mgr., 260-417-1545, Ness Bros. Realtors & Auctioneers, www.NessBros.com, 260-459-3911.

DECEMBER 5 & 6 - 9 a.m.

- Secured creditors & various consignors, owners. 815 Adams, St., Decatur. Day Online bidding only. Over 300+ lots including skid loader attachments, tool boxes, workbenches, iron gates, chains & binders, 1 trip 40' high side shipping container w/side doors, dome shelter containers, much more! Day 2 truck & equipment auction! Onsite and online bidding offering 600+ lots! Cars, SUV, 1/2 ton & 3/4 ton pickup trucks, cargo & passenger vans, dump trucks, large group of box trucks, day cabs, sleepers, utility trucks bucket trucks, utility & semi trailers, SUV's pickup trucks, various skid steer attachments. much more! Accepting consignments! Krueckeberg Auction & Realty LLC, 260-724-7402, Kjauction.com.

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, tillablé, 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+/- nontillable. 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.

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 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-

DECEMBER 17 - 9 a.m.-6

NOTICE OF HEARING FOR AREA PLAN COMMISSION 11/15/2024

Notice is hereby given that the AREA PLAN COMMISSION will hold a Public Hearing in Conference Room 105 in the Wells Carnegie Government Annex, 223 W. Washington St., in the City of Bluffton, IN at 7:00 o'clock P.M. on the 5th day of December, 2024, for the purpose of reviewing and hearing comments on the petition(s) listed

1. Request of James S Jackson Family Trust, PO Box 555, Bluff-ton, IN 46714 for the purpose of a

Current Zoning: I-1
Proposed Zoning: B-3
Common Location: The

subject property is located at SW Corner of SR 1 & Harvest Road, Bluffton, Indiana. 46714

Brief Legal: The subject property is described as 5.401 acres in the SW/4 9-26N-12E in Harrison Township of Wells Coun-

Dated this 15th day of November, 2024
WELLS COUNTY AREA

PLAN COMMISSION Michael Lautzenheiser, Jr.,

oj, nb 11/21

NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS OF ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS

Notice is hereby given the taxpayers of Wells County, Indiana, that the County Council of said County, will meet at the Courthouse Annex in Bluffton, Indiana at 7:00 O'clock p.m. on <u>Tuesday, the 3rd day of December 2024</u>, to consider the following additional appropriations more than the et for the current year.

General Repairs (1000-30402-000-0380) COMMUNITY TRANSITION PROGRAM
Other Expenditures
(1123-59900-000-0000)

\$8,960.00

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