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Heartwarming, handmade gifts for local veterans

Local quilting groups have been making annual presentations for 20 years

By MARK MILLER

A group of active, creative women have been making quilts for veterans for about 20 years now, but the effort and process was officially kicked into high gear by a request from Jody Gates, then a teacher at Norwell High School.

"She had called and wanted to know if it would be possible to have a quilt for each veteran they were planning on honoring at a Veterans Day ceremony," recalls Betty Johnloz, current president of the Bee Happy Quilters Club. "Of course, we said 'sure.'"

That was in 2005. The group devoted an entire weekend at what has now become a semi-annual quilting retreat. They made 40 quilts that weekend and supplemented those with more quilts from their "sister club" in Adams County and others from friends ... totaling 100 quilts presented to veterans at the Norwell event.

Since then, the group has made annual presentations of quilts for veterans with this year's event set for Thursday, Nov. 14, at the Christian Care community center building in Bluffton.

"Sue Harris always finds us a new set of veterans," Johnloz said. Harris said she had 17 lined up but will



Quilters Betty Johnloz, left, and Carol Riley, right, wrap a patriotic-themed quilt around veteran Larry Gephart during last year's presentation of gifts to honor local veterans. (Photo provided)

continue to "make some phone calls" for more.

There were 24 busy bodies at the C&C Bible Fellowship complex northeast of Berne over the first weekend in November. It was their semi-annual Quilt Lovers Retreat, organized the past few years by Julie Jones of Bluffton. It

includes members of the Wells County-based Bee Happy Quilters, the Creative Quilters Club primarily made up of Adams County ladies, the Swiss Stitchers Club from Berne as well as several "friends and family" from as far away as Tennessee.

While part of their focus was finishing up enough

patriotic-themed quilts for Veterans Day, they are also making quilts that will be presented to law enforcement and first responders, local food banks and people who have experienced a house fire. The group also sent 43 quilts to flood victims in North Carolina this year.

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Following a nationwide trend, Indiana's teacher vacancies persist

Special education positions remain the hardest to fill in Indiana, according to the state's job board.

By CASEY SMITH
Indiana Capital

New federal data shows that the majority of the country's public K-12 schools had difficulty hiring fully-certified teachers heading into the current academic year — and Indiana districts are not immune to vacancies.

Officials at nearly 75% of public schools nationwide said they had trou-

ble filling one or more vacant teaching positions before kicking off the 2024-25 school year, according to a survey study released by the U.S. Department of Education's National Center for Education Statistics.

The School Pulse Panel data published by NCEES showed one-fifth of vacant teacher positions remained unfilled at the start of this school year

— with many ongoing vacancies. As of Thursday, the Indiana Department of Education's job board listed more than 1,300 available educator jobs statewide.

That's an improvement from earlier this year. As of June, there were more than 2,200 vacancies for teaching positions statewide and nearly 1,000 openings for other jobs within school districts.

It's a hopeful drop, too, compared to in 2022, when — not long after the COVID-19 pandemic — IDOE's job

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Armed teen arrested after trying to enter Wisconsin elementary school

By TODD RICHMOND
and RICK CALLAHAN
Associated Press

MADISON, Wis. (AP) — A 13-year-old boy who had researched school shootings online was arrested hours after he tried to enter a Wisconsin elementary school with suspicious bags, police said.

Investigators believe the boy was armed, judging by videos of him brandishing what investigators believe was a rifle and comments he made to other students, said Patrick Patton, police chief in Kenosha, a city on Lake Michigan between Milwaukee and Chicago.

"We narrowly missed a tragedy," Patton said at a news confer-

ence Thursday afternoon.

The teen tried to enter Roosevelt Elementary School around 9 a.m. Thursday with a backpack and a duffel bag, according to police. Staff members grew suspicious and moved to question him, but he fled.

Kenosha Unified schools were placed on lockdown for the rest of the day as police searched for the

boy. They finally arrested him at his home that afternoon.

The teen attends Mahone Middle School in Kenosha and was a former Roosevelt Elementary student, police said, but they have not released his name. They said in a news release Friday that he has been charged with making terroristic threats. Kenosha County Dis-

trict Attorney Michael Graveley said in an email to The Associated Press on Friday that the boy will be prosecuted in juvenile court, where proceedings are confidential.

It was unclear Friday whether the boy was actually armed when he tried to enter the elementary school. Patton said investigators believe he

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Paul Young holds his Distinguished Flying Cross medal he was presented after piloting 57 B-25 missions over Italy during World War II. (Photo by Mark Miller)

Paul Young: A 'lucky' Bridgebuster pilot

By MARK MILLER

As he approaches his 103rd Veterans Day, Paul Young admits he's "slowed down a bit these past few years," he said as he worked to find some of his mementoes in his River Terrace Estates apartment. "And I have trouble remembering some names."

But there are still a number of details he can share about his 57 missions as a B-25 bomber pilot which earned him a number of citations including the Distinguished Flying Cross.

Assigned to the 445th Bomb Squad, he arrived on the island of Corsica in October 1944. "We often flew two missions a day," he said.

The most treacherous missions were over the Brenner Pass in the Italian Alps, which served as the main thoroughfare for the Germans to re-supply their forces in Italy. At this point in the war, the German fighter planes were becoming more scarce but they had developed a more sophisticated anti-aircraft defense in targeting the planes from the ground.

"I was really lucky, no doubt," Young said, "especially considering the number of missions we were on."

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Child dies, drivers injured after head-on crash

An eight-year-old has died following a head-on crash on State Road 116 on Wednesday, Oct. 30. Both drivers were also seriously injured.

A press release from the Wells County Sheriff's Department states that passenger Rose Irwin, 8, Bluffton, was transported by EMS to Bluffton Regional Medical Center and later airlifted to Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne. Irwin died from her injuries on Nov. 5.

According to the WCSD crash report released Friday, Jorge Narvaez, 41, Bluffton, was driving a 2008 Toyota Camry westbound on S.R. 116 near the intersection of County Road 450 E and swerved into the oncoming lane to avoid collision with a vehicle stopped to turn into a driveway. The Camry then collided head-on with a 2013 Chevrolet Impala driven by Sue Crum, 68, Bluffton. Irwin was a passenger in Crum's vehicle.

The report states the Crum was trapped in the vehicle with incapacitating injuries. She was transported via EMS to Lutheran Hospital. Narvaez was airlifted to Lutheran Hospital from the crash due to his injuries.

Also in the report, the driver of the turning vehicle, Robert Greiner, said that he saw the Camry approaching and not slowing, then swerving to avoid a rear-end collision.

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Gifts for local veterans

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“One of our members has a brother down there,” Johnloz says, “so he handled the distribution through three different churches.”

The group arrived on Thursday afternoon, Oct. 31, and stayed until Sunday afternoon. They all bring their own sewing machines and fabric, which is often shared and swapped. The facility has a large kitchen and ample sleeping quarters for the group. Jones organizes them into 3-or-4 person teams, each providing one meal during the weekend.

“It’s fun, its really a blast,” Johnloz says, “And these gals are so amazing, so creative in what they do.”

Johnloz is actually serving as president of both the Bee Happy club in Wells County and the Creative Quilters in Adams County. The club began as one in 2004 but quickly grew too large and was split, although a number of members remain active in both clubs.

“The clubs meet once a month,” Johnloz explains. “We have a short lesson and do a little show-and-tell about what we’re working on.”

Johnloz also hosts a quilting event in her basement three of four times a year which is when many of the quilts for charity work are made. The quilts for veterans are done by individual members in their homes throughout the year and at the semi-annual retreats. Some quilts are completed totally by individuals while some are



Above, Molly Bauer of rural Bluffton (right) and her friend Darla Baughman of Fort Wayne work on their quilts for veterans as does Monica Gause, Decatur, in photo at left. This year’s quilts will be presented to about 17 veterans during the Be Happy group’s Nov. 14 meeting. (Photos by Mark Miller)

done by teamwork.

“Some ladies enjoy the piecing and others prefer the binding,” Johnloz says. “It all works out.”

Making the quilts for vet-

erans is special to Harris, who has been working on recognizing Wells County veterans for a number of years. She has been a member of the quilting

group since 2015.

“Anything we can do to honor veterans,” she says. “We just can’t do that enough.”

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Closures listed for Veterans Day Monday

Veterans Day on Monday will close some offices for the day, including Wells County government.

There is no mail delivery and The News-Banner will not publish Monday. The office will be open. Normal publication and office hours will resume Tuesday.

Weather

Saturday, November 9, 2024

(24-hour observations at 10:57 p.m. Friday)

High: 62; Low: 38; Precipitation: None

Wabash River Level (at the Main Street bridge): 1.23 feet at 8:45 p.m. Friday

Wells County forecast

Today: Mostly sunny, with a high near 59. East wind around 10 mph.

Tonight: Showers, mainly after 1 a.m. Low around 47. East wind 5 to 10 mph. Chance of precipitation is 90%. New precipitation amounts between a quarter and half of an inch possible.

Sunday: Showers and possibly a thunderstorm. High near 66. South wind 10 to 15 mph, with gusts as high as 30 mph. Chance of precipitation is 90%. New precipitation amounts between a quarter and half of an inch possible.

Sunday Night: A 20% chance of showers before 1 a.m. Partly cloudy, with a low around 43. West wind 10 to 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

Veterans Day: Mostly sunny, with a high near 59.

Monday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 38.

Tuesday: Sunny, with a high near 55.

Tuesday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 38.

Russia hits Ukraine with more aerial attacks as part of intensified campaign

KYIV, Ukraine (AP) — Russian missiles, bombs and drones battered three regions of Ukraine in targeted nighttime attacks, officials said Friday, as Russia mounts an intensified aerial campaign that Ukrainian officials say they need more Western help to counter — even as doubts deepen over what Kyiv can expect from a new U.S. administration.

Since the war began almost three years ago following Russia’s full-scale invasion of its neighbor, the Russian military has repeatedly used its superior air power to blast civilian targets across Ukraine. More than 10,000 Ukrainian civilians have been killed in the conflict, according to the United Nations.

A about 1,000 pounds glide bomb severely damaged a high-rise apartment building in Kharkiv, Ukraine’s second-largest city, in the middle of the night, regional Gov. Oleh Syniehubov said. At least 25 people, including an infant, were injured, he said.

Glide bombs, for which Ukraine has no effective countermeasure, obliterate their targets, sending out a powerful shock wave and often leaving a wide crater.

In the southern city of Odesa, a Russian drone attack killed one person and injured nine others overnight, regional Gov. Oleh Kiper said.

In the capital Kyiv, falling wreckage from intercepted missiles injured four people, regional Gov. Ruslan Kravchenko said.

In total, Russia fired 92 drones and five missiles at Ukraine during the night, Ukraine’s air force said. Four missiles and 62 drones were intercepted, and 26 drones were jammed electronically, it claimed.

Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy said his country needs more help to fight back against Russia’s military might, even as uncertainty deepens about what Western aid Ukraine can expect after Donald Trump was elected this week as the next U.S. president.

A ‘lucky’ Bridgebuster pilot

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With 57 missions, “you remember bits and pieces of some of them,” he continued. On one flight, he recalls a particularly heavy amount of flak. When they returned to base, they began counting the number of holes in the plane. He does not recall the exact number, “but it was 40 or 50-some,” he shared. “But the amazing thing is that none of my crew was injured.” And even more amazingly, he added, no one was injured on his plane during any of the 57 missions, including one instance in which the tailgunner’s canopy — which they called a “greenhouse” — was completely destroyed by enemy fire but the tailgunner “didn’t get a scratch,” he said and they were able to return safely to base.

“When we got over there and I was assigned a plane, I drew one called ‘Heaven Can Wait,’” which included a drawing of a scantily-clad, attractive woman below the cockpit. “I was told it had been a lucky plane, so I didn’t change a thing,” he said, and laughed.

It was years later that Young discovered his unit, part of the 57th Bomber

Wing, was the same as author Joseph Heller, whose fictionalized novel based on his experiences in World War II — “Catch 22” — became a best-seller, was made into a movie and the title became a cultural catch-phrase.

Another writer, Thomas Cleaver, had come across a Veterans Day online post in 2013 by Young’s daughter Susan which piqued his interest. She had written that her father had always been reluctant to talk about his war experiences until she accompanied him to a reunion of his old squadron. He was able to track her down and asked for an introduction to her father, which ultimately resulted in “The Bridgebusters — The True Story of the ‘Catch-22’ Bomb Wing.”

“Yes, I had several very long conversations with him,” Young recalled. The book begins with the author’s first discussions with Young and his daughter.

“Talking with Paul about his experiences,” Cleaver wrote in his introduction, “it was easy to see why someone might not wish to relive what amounted to 45 charges of the light brigade

‘into the jaws of hell,’ each as terrifying as the first.” Young’s recollections and comments appear no less than seven times in the book.

A Jay County native, Young’s father was a minister which meant they moved around the state, resulting in him graduating from high school in Evansville. He met his future wife during a return trip to Portland — he remembered her from their time together in first grade. He and Ruby raised two children. His son lives in South Dakota and his daughter in Fort Wayne. Ruby died a couple years ago at the age of 100.

“My family keeps growing though.” They were blessed, he said, with five grandchildren and, so far, seven “greats.”

After a career at McCray Refrigeration in Kendallville and also selling school supplies for a company in Indianapolis, he retired in 1986 and then, at the suggestion of his son’s in-laws, Ed and Imogene Brown, moved to River Terrace in 2016.

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Teen arrested

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was carrying a firearm, but the chief has not said whether police recovered any weapons or ammunition from him.

A search of his home netted several pellet guns that resembled real handguns and a pellet rifle that resembled a real rifle, police said in Friday’s news release. The boy’s mother told investigators he didn’t have access to any actual firearms.

The teen told detectives he went to the elementary school to sell candy but later told a social worker he intended to scare students, police said.

Investigators also “have information that the suspect performed mul-

tiiple internet searches related to school shootings,” Patton said Thursday, adding that the teen had shared videos and made several comments to fellow students for weeks before Thursday.

“This is something that had been told to people of his growing intentions,” Patton said. “We know that there is internet searches, and all the red flags that we would look for and expect someone to report were there.”

Police received at least one video of the student wielding what investigators believe is a rifle, Patton said. The chief played a video at a news conference Thursday that shows the student holding a firearm as he appears to

practice room-entry techniques, Patton said. The chief did not specify when or where the video was filmed, but it appears to have been filmed in a home.

“The Kenosha Police Department had reason to believe the suspect had access to some type of firearm based on videos on social media and other witness information,” the agency said in Friday’s news release. “The actions on scene were extremely suspicious and the internet activity by the suspect suggested they had extensive research history related to previous school shootings, information on how to execute a school shooting, and specifics about the targeted building.”

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OBITUARIES

Leo Glogas, 89

Leo Franklin Delano Glogas passed away on Nov. 6, 2024, at his residence in Bluffton.

He was born a twin on Dec. 19, 1934, to Abraham and Rachel Glogas in Marion. At age two, Leo moved with his family to the small town of Dunkirk, where his father started a men's clothing store named after his first-born son, Leo, calling it Lee's Men's Shop. Leo began working in the store at the age of eight dusting boxes, and continued to work there part time until he graduated from Dunkirk High School in 1952. Leo was a graduate of Ball State University in Muncie, Indiana with a bachelor's degree in business and a certificate in Teaching.

Upon graduation, Leo returned to Lee's Men's shop in Dunkirk to continue his work there and to be around the people and community he loved most. He soon purchased the shop from his father, Abie, who continued working with Leo. When Abie passed away in 1970, Leo's brother Gary left his full-time position as a senior at Ball State University and went part-time so that he could help Leo manage operations of the store during that time and ended up working beside Leo for 17 years.

Besides owning Lee's Men's Shop, Leo was a regular attendee of Temple Beth El in Muncie, where he was a lifelong member. He headed the Elks National Foundation Scholarship Committee for many years which he grew substantially and was able to secure many winners in his time at the post. This role was one of his proudest accomplishments in the community.

He held numerous other leadership and supportive roles in committees and organizations while in Dunkirk. Leo spent his most productive years trying to help facilitate the development of Dunkirk into a well-rounded community that would draw in and retain working class families. He was a consistent visitor of Top's Restaurant, visiting each morning and afternoon to have a cup of coffee and fellowship with other merchants and communi-

ty members. He was an avid ping pong player and fierce competitor. He also served as a substitute teacher for the Jay and Delaware Community School Corporations as he was able and continued to substitute teach well into his retirement years.

The small town of Dunkirk, Indiana was his pride and joy, and the people were his extended family. He resided in Dunkirk until he moved to Fort Wayne at age 78 to live closer to his children and grandchildren. Leo passed away gracefully at the age of 89.

Leo was preceded in death by his wife, Gwendolyn Carol Glogas, on Sept. 21, 2017. He is survived by his twin sister, Ethel, of Rialto, California, and brother Gary of Dunkirk. He is also survived by his four children, Dr. Glenn Glogas (Charlotte Strait) of Fort Wayne, Gayle Jones (Rick) of Indianapolis, Greta Henry (Dave) of Baltimore, Dr. Geoffrey Glogas (Jaye Campbell) of Fort Wayne, and eight grandchildren, Rachel, Robert, Madeleine, Sean, Jacob, Shane, Ella and Maxwell.

Leo will always be remembered for his love for his home community of Dunkirk. His legacy also includes a deep faith in God and a deep love for his family. He was an example of the power of hard work and being of service to others. A private graveside memorial service for close family will take place at a later date. Leo's family would like to thank all those who shared friendship with Leo throughout his lifetime and express a special thank you to everyone who took the time to visit, reach out to or accept a phone call or two from Leo during his final years of illness.

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



Rose Irwin, 8

On Tuesday, Nov. 5, 2024, our beautiful little girl, Rose Ellen Marie Irwin, 8 years-old, is now safely in the arms of Jesus.

Rose was born on Aug. 11, 2016, in Whitley County. She was a very loving, caring, and active little girl. She didn't know a stranger and always had a huge smile for everyone!

Rose attended Grace Fellowship Church in Decatur, where she loved doing the Missionary March and going to Sunday School. She loved having Jesus in her heart. Rose was currently a second grader at Bluffton-Harrison Elementary School and attended Lifewise Academy where she touched many hearts and lives.

She also attended New Life Christian Day Care and loved going to Bible School. She loved ice cream, her kitty and the colors pink and purple.

She is survived by her father, Tim Irwin, and mother, Sue Crum of Bluffton, along with her grandmothers, Barbara Irwin and Audrey Daniels, both of Bluffton. She is also survived by her siblings: Joey Irwin of Liberty Center, Jordan Irwin of Bluffton, Missy (Shawn) Velasquez, Annessa J. Scheibelhut of Bluffton, Alisha E. Grogg of

Fort Wayne, Telisha E. Jensen of Peoria, Arizona, and Fallisha S. (Duane) Biberstein of Bluffton, along with many aunts, uncles and cousins.

Funeral services will take place at 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 12, 2024, at the Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home in Bluffton with Rev. Dan York officiating. Burial will follow in the Garden of Chimes at Elm Grove Cemetery in Bluffton.

Visitation will take place from 2-8 p.m. on Monday, Nov. 11, 2024, at the funeral home and for one hour prior to the service.

Memorials may be made to help the family and directed to the funeral home.

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Bluffton Parks & Rec News & Notes



By Brandy Fiechter

Destination Recreation

Congratulations to the Donaghy family for winning the Bluffton Parks Department's **Virtual Costume Contest**. Their adorable Toy Story costumes stole the hearts of 235 voters. We want to thank everyone who participated in the contest; we loved seeing all the creative costumes.

We would also like to congratulate Mia Hall, 11, for being the first child to find **Ralph the Roaming Turkey** at Washington Park. Keep an eye on the Bluffton Parks Department's Facebook page to see when Ralph will be hiding again in one of the city parks.

Last week was the Indiana Parks and Recreation Association Conference, where Park Departments from across the state gathered to learn about new trends, attend continuing education classes, and view the latest play equipment. Fortunately, multiple education sessions were on new pools and aquatic facilities, so we gained valuable advice for our upcoming renovation.

We are thrilled to announce that our department has been honored with two state awards this year. **Rock Steady Boxing Bluffton** won in the Inclusion Program of Excellence category. Rock Steady Boxing offers a wellness curriculum for people living with Parkinson's Disease who train to improve agility, speed, muscular endurance, accuracy, hand-eye coordination, and overall strength and balance. This program has a remarkable impact in the lives of our participants, offering not just physical training but also by building a tight-knit community of support. I'm so thankful for the dedication of our coaches, Laurie Baumgartner, Amy Johnson, and Rich Schoenherr who develop a spirit of camaraderie among participants and their families by hosting holiday gatherings,

support meetings, and fun activities above and beyond the curriculum.

Additionally, we are excited to share that Susan Campbell was recognized with the prestigious **Distinguished Citizen of the Year Award**. Over the past 22 years, Susan's unwavering support and dedication to the Bluffton Parks and Recreation Board have played a pivotal role in the department's remarkable growth. Her heart for parks is evident to everyone who knows her because of her constant promotion of the department's programs, races, concerts and events. Personally, her words of encouragement have meant a great deal to me and continues to be a driving force to motivate our department to achieve new heights of success.

We are incredibly proud to celebrate Susan's enduring commitment to our community and the lasting legacy she has helped build within Bluffton's Park system. Our board members, like Susan, are the unsung heroes who guide our department with vision and purpose, and I am grateful for the opportunity to recognize their invaluable contributions.

Thank you, Susan, for your dedication and the positive impact you've made on our community. We look forward to continuing this journey of growth and success with your continued guidance and inspiration.

As we continue to grow and enhance the parks and programs that make Bluffton a wonderful place to live, we want to thank all our residents, volunteers, and local partners for their continued support. I'm convinced that our success is a direct reflection of the strong sense of community we have here. Thank you all once again for being part of the Bluffton Parks family.

Have a great week!

Police Notebook

INCIDENTS

City:
Thursday, 4:53 p.m., Walmart. Citation issued for no valid license.

Thursday, 4:55 p.m., 800 block of Kimberly Drive. Verbal dispute. Parties separated.

Thursday, 5:01 p.m., 904 S Main St. Two vehicle crash. Report to follow.

Thursday, 5:39 p.m., Airplane Express. Vehicle broke down in the roadway. Office helped push vehicle off the road and vehicle towed.

Thursday, 6 p.m., Walmart. Report of theft.

Thursday, 7:29 p.m., Walmart. Report of theft. Suspect detained in office.

Thursday, 8:09 p.m., 1303 S Main St. Juveniles grabbed armful of items, including vapes and cigars, and ran out of store on foot.

Friday, 1:01 a.m., Premier Flats. Verbal argument.

Friday, 10:58 a.m., Horton and Wayne streets. Citation issued for 50 in a 30 mph zone.

Friday, 1:13 p.m., Main and Monroe streets. Citation issued for 50 in a 30 mph zone.

County:
Wednesday, 12:14 p.m., 7700 E 300 S, Bluffton.

Report of issue with neighbor's dog.

Wednesday, 3:53 p.m., 300 W and 800 N, Markle. Driver cited for speeding.

Thursday, 12:03 a.m., 300 W and 1100 N, Markle. Car versus deer.

Thursday, 7:08 a.m., 400 S and 200 W, Bluffton. Car versus deer.

Thursday, 9:55 a.m., North Marzane Road and West 1000 N, Markle. Driver cited for speeding.

Thursday, 10:16 a.m., North 300 W and 1000 N, Markle. Driver cited for speeding.

Thursday, 2:05 p.m., U.S. 224 and North 100 W, Uniondale. Driver cited for speeding.

Thursday, 3:12 p.m., South Main and East Wash-

ington streets, Bluffton. Driver cited for disregarding red light.

Thursday, 4:53 p.m., Walmart. Driver cited for no valid license.

Thursday, 9:48 p.m., 1100 N 500 W, Roanoke. Subject requested police report for fraudulent bank charge.

Friday, 9:03 a.m., 300 S and 600 W, Liberty Center. Officer checked on suspicious activity, subjects contemplating drainage solutions for field.

ACCIDENTS

City:
Thursday, 5:01 p.m., S.R.

1 at Silver Street. Gabriel Moore, 16, Zanesville, was driving a 2022 Buick Envision in the center lane to turn left when he attempted to re-

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Legion Will host fish fry on Friday

The American Post Legion 111 will hold its monthly meal on Friday, Nov. 15, from 4-7 p.m.

The meal will be a fish fry with colselaw,

french fries and dessert for \$12. Carryout also offered. Tickets are required. Call Commander George Thomas, 260-223-1247, with questions.

Obituary Policy

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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1 PETER 4:7-11 Use whatever gift you have received to serve others. [1 PETER 4:10]

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SERVING WITH LOVE

When Krystal first started work at a Virginia coffee shop, she served a customer named Ibbby. Because Ibbby is hearing impaired, he placed his order using a typed note on his phone. After Krystal learned Ibbby was a regular customer, she determined to serve him better by learning enough American Sign Language so he could place his order without writing it down.

In a small way, Krystal showed Ibbby the kind of love and service Peter encourages us all to offer one another. In his letter to believers in Jesus who'd been scattered and exiled, the apostle indicates that they ought to "love each other deeply" and use their gifts "to serve others" (1 PETER 4:8, 10). Whatever skills and abilities He's equipped us with are gifts we can use to benefit others. As we do, our words and actions can bring honor to God.

Peter's words were especially important to those he wrote to, for they were experiencing a season of pain and isolation. He encouraged them to serve one another during the time of distress to help them bear up under their trials. Though we may not know the specific pain another person experiences, God can help us to show empathy as well as graciously and cheerfully serve one another with our words, resources, and abilities. May God help us serve others as a reflection of His love.

KIRSTEN HOLMBERG

When have you experienced the kind of hospitality Peter encourages? Who could you serve with your words, skills, and resources today?

Father, please help me to serve those around me with all that You've given me.

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A Crispian Day salute to a special band of brothers

If my kids or grandkids would ask “What did you do in the Army?”, my stories, beyond a couple about my mundane work monitoring the inventory of a parts warehouse for a tank battalion, would involve anything but actions to defend my country when my life might have been in danger. I essentially had a European vacation based in what was then West Germany.

Perhaps because of that, I have a special appreciation for what I call the “real veterans” — those who saw combat and worse. The late Gary Books comes to mind. Bob Buehl has made some notes about his time in Vietnam that I think deserve a book. And then 103-year-old Paul Young, whom I have come to know in the past couple weeks, actually *has* a book.

As related in a story in today’s edition, his recollections helped spur “The Bridgebusters: The True Story of the ‘Catch-22’ Bomb Wing.” Paul also shared with me a photo and a story about three men in that photo. It is a story that deserves our time, consideration and appreciation to mark Veterans Day.

Paul describes the picture as “my crew, although we never flew a combat mission together.” He explained that they had trained together and arrived at their assigned base on Corsica in October 1944 together and assumed they would fly together. “But you get moved around and ends up we never did fly as a group, but we served together and stayed in touch.”

We had rummaged through his closet and a dresser drawer to find some boxes and files. After finding the photo, he was looking for something else specific.

“Here it is,” he finally said. “You can borrow this. I think you’ll find it interesting. It’s about these three fellows here,” as he pointed to three men in the photo. “But please bring it back. It’s the only copy I have.”

Paul is not sure what year the 11-page typewritten document came to him. It is “An Account of the Flight of the ‘Miss Bobby’ on February 27, 1945, and the Subsequent Fate of Its Crew.” The seven-man crew included three of his buddies: Pilot Jay DeBoer, Jr., of Muskegon, Michigan; Engineer Bob Mitchell of Oneida, Illinois; and Radio Operator Charles Reagin of Cory, Indiana.

Their B-25, nicknamed “Miss Bobby,” was part of a mission to destroy railway lines near the Brenner Pass in the Italian Alps. Just as they were beginning their bombing run at about 11,500 feet, a flak round from a “German 88” tore through their right engine and took half of the right wing with it, sending the airplane into an immediate dive to its right, nearly flipping it over.

Saturday’s Sub



Mark Miller

DeBoer and his co-pilot managed to level the plane off enough for the entire crew to bail out within about 30 seconds.

“The entire crew landed within six miles of each other,” the author, Russ Head of Thomaston, Georgia, wrote. “Where you landed meant the difference between capture and escape” since there were detachments of German soldiers manning the anti-aircraft guns and an active group of Italian partisans both searching for any survivors.

When DeBoer hit the ground, “he started rolling downhill. A mile away, the crew’s B-25 crashed into the valley below. As soon as he stopped rolling he heard shots ring out. He had been spotted by the Germans and quickly jumped over some rocks and hid under a little ridge. There he huddled for the night, safe but freezing in the chill of late February.”

He evaded capture for three days with no survival kit. On the fourth day he saw a priest; desperate, he took a chance and approached him. “Luckily, the priest accepted him as a friend rather than a foe.” While being hidden in the church, a German patrol arrived, at which time the nuns dressed DeBoer as a priest. The ruse worked.

DeBoer was then placed into the care of the local underground resistance, which took him to a farmhouse where he was hidden for several weeks. He was also assisted by “a mysterious British major” who apparently was the coordinator of the partisans to smuggle downed fliers out of Italy. DeBoer’s journey included being joined by three other airman, and then getting on a train to Switzerland which also was carrying German soldiers. The partisans convinced the Germans that the men were deaf mutes, former Italian soldiers who were suffering from “shell shock.” The group eventually crossed over into Switzerland and were put in touch with the Red Cross and thus, their way home.

Charles Reagin and Bob Mitchell both suffered some injuries during the ordeal of the plane getting hit and their descent. Although Reagin was initially found by a father-son team of partisans, their attempt to get him medical attention led to his capture by a German patrol.



As the pilot, Paul Young is front and center of what he calls “his crew.” With him in the front are (left) Jay DeBoer and Phil Caron; he cannot recall the name of the man at far left standing, to his consternation. The other two are, from left, Bob Mitchel and Charles Reagin.

His initial interrogation by the patrol was in a wine shop amid a small crowd of Italians. There was apparently an argument — in German of course — as to whether he should be shot or taken in for further interrogation. But just when it looked bleak, a group of officers drove up and put Reagin in their car.

While he was in a prison being interrogated, he met up with Mitchell, also recovering from his wounds. “Under repeated questioning, the two had to deny knowing one another for fear their captors would play one against the other in their efforts to extort information.”

The two were separated and sent to P.O.W. camps where they eventually met again and lived to see their camp liberated by American troops.

While two other members of the crew were also rescued by partisans, “the endings were not all happy,” Head wrote. The

graves of Co-pilot Lucian Crutchfield and Bombardier Will Brooks were found in an Italian Cemetery after the war’s conclusion. A local man gave an eyewitness account of the two men being executed by a German patrol, with their bodies left alongside the road. After the Germans moved on, the witness and a local priest buried the Americans and marked their graves.

In his introduction to his narrative, Mr. Head quoted Shakespeare’s “King Henry the Fifth,” specifically when the king addressed his men before the battle at Agincourt on St. Crispian’s Day. He had given them the option of a free passage home but added:

“He that outlives this day, and comes safe home,
Will stand on tiptoe when this day is named
And rouse him at the name of Crispian.
He that shall live this day and see old age,
Will yearly on the vigil feast his neighbors
And say, ‘Tomorrow is St. Crispian’s Day.
This story shall the good man teach his son;
And Crispin Crispian shall ne’er go by,
From this day to the ending of the world,
But we in it shall be remember’d;
We few, we happy few, we band of brothers...’

Monday is sort of like our St. Crispian’s Day. We salute this particular Band of Brothers.

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Letters to the Editor

To my neighbor: Please come see me again

A thoughtful young woman came to my house on Thursday. She said that she noticed my Harris/Walz signs in my yard, and said she thought that this must be a difficult week for me. She gave me a pot of flowers, some chocolates, and a container with apple fritters.

I was on a long distance phone call when I opened the door. She said that she was a neighbor, although I do not know who she is. She also said that she would like to talk with me sometime about what I think. She stated that she did not vote for Harris, but she was nonetheless interested in hearing how I thought about how I voted.

Because I was on a phone call when she stopped by, I failed to ask her name or even adequately thank her. To be completely honest, I was surprised that she stopped and made a specific effort to ring my bell.

That is the purpose of this letter: if the young woman who stopped by my house sees this, please call me or stop by again so that I can thank you appropriately for your kindness and also so that we can set a time to get together for that discussion. I would very much like to talk about what we both think and how we both came to the decision to vote the way we did.

So, my sincere hope is that she will contact me again and we can have that most welcomed conversation. I look forward to hearing from her or seeing her on my front step again in the very near future. Discussion, conversation, and hearing each other is precisely what this time in our country requires and the opportunity to share ideas is one I do not want to overlook or miss.

BILLY KREIGH
Bluffton

Veterans Day is 70 years old

“This Nation will remain the land of the free only so long as it is the home of the brave.”

Elmer Davis
Reporter, Author, and Hoosier native

This coming Monday, Nov. 11, 2024, marks the 70th anniversary of the official change from Armistice Day to Veterans Day. This year’s Veterans Day theme is “A Legacy of Loyalty and Service”.

In the aftermath of World War II and the Korean War, The American Legion led an “all Veterans Day” celebration in Emporia, Kansas, which was seen as the spark that lit the movement for November 11th to be a day to honor every American who honorably served in our nation’s military since the Revolutionary War. Following years of national support for a change in the federal holiday’s name, President Dwight D. Eisenhower signed a proclamation on Oct. 8, 1954 making Veterans Day the official title.

Over 41 million Americans have served in the United States military since the American Revolution. According to latest figures from the Department of Veterans Affairs, there are currently over 18 million United States military veterans. In Indiana alone there are over 300,000.

One responsibility that all Americans should carry is the remembrance of those who have made our freedom possible. There are citizens of Wells County that are veterans, friends of veterans, family of

veterans, coworkers of veterans and neighbors of veterans. It is up to us to ensure that every veteran believes that his or her service to this country is respected by their fellow Americans. There are many tangible ways that we can acknowledge their sacrifice, but the easiest is to simply say, “Thank you for your service to our country.”

With respect for and in recognition of the contributions the veterans of Wells County have made to the cause of peace and freedom around the world, American Legion Post 111 proudly decorates Veterans Park Monday with the symbol of freedom known around the world ... our American Flag.

A parting thought. While we get ready for the holiday season, not everyone will be eating at the dining room table, sitting around the fireplace, or baking cookies in the kitchen. According to the Department of Defense there are 1.3 million active duty members of the Armed Forces stationed at home and in over 80 countries around the world.

Most of them will not be able to be home with their families and friends for



George Thomas

Guest Column

the holidays.

In September our own Indiana Army National Guard 38th Infantry Division deployed approximately 600 soldiers to the Middle East to support Operation Spartan Shield. Please show them your support by sending cards and letters. Seek out churches and other organizations that send packages to our troops and donate to their project.

Let us not forget those who have sacrificed being at home during the most wonderful time of the year so that we may have the freedom to celebrate the season in peace. And most of all, please remember them in your thoughts and prayers.

May God bless and protect all of the men and women in our Armed Forces, may God bless our veterans and their families, and may God continue to bestow his blessings upon the United States of America.

P.S. Sunday, Nov. 10 will mark a significant milestone in our Country’s history. Since their founding at Philadelphia’s Tun Tavern in 1775, they have adapted to overcome the ever-evolving threats facing our nation and world. Steeped in history, purpose, tradition and pride, their principals of “honor, courage and commitment” have guided them for 249 years as they “stand proud” defending our Country.

Happy Birthday to the United States Marine Corps. *Semper Fi.*

George Thomas is Commander of American Legion Post 111 in Bluffton

Democracy lives in brightness

In the end, Kamala Harris was the wrong candidate with the wrong message at the wrong time. President-elect Donald Trump won the greatest comeback in American political history — bigger than Richard Nixon’s 1968 victory — by surviving two assassination attempts, a media that was shamelessly in the tank for Harris and a majority of voters who appeared tired of being labeled “deplorables” and “garbage” by a condescending elite.

Trump has transformed the Republican Party from an image of a mostly white, big corporation-loving, country club, rich guy’s party, to a more racially diverse, working man’s party that the Democratic Party used to be. Trump peeled away a significant number of Black and Latino voters to win. He even did well in deep Blue New York City.

Harris flogged abortion as her only issue and Democrats, according to one estimate, spent half a billion dollars on TV ads claiming Trump would sign a national abortion ban. Voters apparently saw through the lie. Significantly, a Florida constitutional amendment that would have barred the government from involvement in the procedure to the point of denying parents the right to know about their daughter’s abortion, failed, as did a measure that would have legalized marijuana

and made the state its chief dispenser.

In his relatively short (for him) victory speech, Trump said: “America has given us a mandate.” So, it seems with Republicans winning the Senate and likely to keep their House majority. Trump said his first act as president would be to “seal borders.” He also promised to “pay down debt.” He called his win “a massive victory of democracy,” a slap at The Washington Post’s slogan “Democracy Dies in Darkness.” Not on Tuesday. It beamed in brightness as a record number of Americans voted.

Trump said it is “time to put the divisions of the last four years behind us.” One hopes that wish comes true. It can start with a promise to cease name-calling. Both sides must make that promise and keep it. Policy is paramount and success will bring more unity than disparaging fellow Americans.

What might be another step in building some sort of unity is for President Biden to issue pardons to his son, Hunter, and to Donald Trump and for all cases against Trump to be dropped, including the New York political conviction of Trump on 34 trumped-up felony charges. This would allow the next president to focus on what concerns most Americans and the

issues on which he ran, including inflation, grocery and gas prices, immigration and the border. What Republicans have rightly called “lawfare” in which someone (usually a Republican) is indicted as a political act must also end. A new attorney general who puts the law ahead of political retribution will go a long way toward achieving that goal and restoring public confidence in the justice system.

The contentiousness and bitterness of the last four years must end if the United States is to make progress and dig itself out of the dark hole we have been in.

Kamala Harris and her party sought to re-shape American institutions in ways the public rejected. In fact, her decision to say little about policy (other than abortion) made her the stealth candidate. People want to know what a president stands for and where he (or she) plans to lead the country. Harris failed to articulate that message. Trump did.

Given the results, it was not an overstatement (unusual for Trump) for him to say the election was “the day the American people regained control of their country.”

It was nice to see him give credit where credit was due, and not heap praise on himself. A little humility, combined with policy successes, will go a long way toward making his second term a victory for all Americans.

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A Joyful Noise ...



KNOWING TRUTH

"What is truth?"
Pilate's question still echoes throughout the past 2,000 years, but sadly, too many people don't think they can answer that question.

Christians, though, can ...
(Note: This is the third part in a three-part series).

In 2021, a major government office decided to replace the word "women" with "birthing people" in its official documents. When pressed, a spokesperson said the government didn't want to offend people over a "complex issue."

That same year leaders from a nationwide denomination pushed to formally welcome men and women who unrepentantly embraced sin as members, even leaders, and no one at the meeting outright condemned the idea. In fact it seems no one could. Like many in the denomination, the attendees didn't think the Bible spoke clearly on this "disputed theological matter."

What is truth?
"Who knows," Satan says.

The author of confusion has masterfully manipulated statistics and soundbites, even theology, to convince people God can't or didn't speak clearly, and this fog-like uncertainty has turned black and white into gray convictions based primarily on feelings.

A 2018 survey, for instance, reported, "Truth is increasingly regarded as something *felt*, or relative (44%), rather than something *known*, or absolute (35%)."

And this leaven has even turned foundational doctrines into mere interpretations, just one of many understandings all equally valid with none exclusively right.

The New Testament writers, however, not only denounced sin clearly, they also dared to declare that anyone could know truth and keep Christ's commandments, no matter their education or formal training.

As Paul told the Corinthians, he didn't need to present complex, theological arguments to reach them because

the foundational truth of the cross and resurrection don't need such proofs to convict sinners and lead them to mercy, while even the least educated of Christians can communicate their simple truths through the power of the Spirit.

But a simple faith is not a shallow faith. Water, for instance, is both simple and deep. A man dying of thirst must not analyze its molecular composition to drink, but once satisfied he can dive deeply into its other unfathomable promises. Likewise, a soul dying of sin must not first analyze hermeneutics to drink of the water of life (Revelation 22:17), but once sanctified, it will dive more deeply into the wonders of truth (1 Corinthians 2:6), and this includes "rightly dividing" the Word to recognize sin (learn more about the promise of salvation and righteousness in lesson 11).

The simple faith also delights to discover the logic, science, and history behind the Bible because it delights to please God, who said to cast down those statistics, arguments, and "every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God" (2 Corinthians 10:5).

A shallow faith, however, barely bothers to understand the implications of the cross or Christ's commands. It uses the cross as a crutch to prop up a lazy, blind, and vague belief that produces soundbites and slogans, not godly fruit.

Satan especially seeks the shallow faith, challenging it on the age of the earth, the validity of the Bible, the reality of Jesus, and the morality of God.

And either shallow believers repent and learn to discern, or they retreat until they only offer the thirsty an unsatisfying (and unbiblical) drop of vague love and acceptance.

"I'm a Christian," a professing believer once said. "I do believe that there is a higher power. I'm just not exactly ... I don't know how to say it ... There's a lot of stuff in the Bible that was written there that is kind of weird. I'm not sure how to feel about this."

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Knights beat quality Irish team in first home game since state title run

By RYAN WALKER

Norwell's win over Cathedral was smooth sailing until it got a little dicey toward the end of the fourth quarter Friday night.

The Knights (2-0) returned to The Castle for the first time since their state championship run, topping the Cathedral Fighting Irish (0-1) 53-45 in a rare matchup between the two schools.

Norwell, who graduated the majority of its players last season, did not miss a beat with its new unit. They lead the Irish by as many as 18 points in the third quarter. The Knights put together a quick 7-2 stretch to begin the second half when point guard Vanessa Rosswurm nailed a three just 12 seconds in. Macie Saalfrank and Ashley Waldman cleaned up a pair of twos to reach the 14-point threshold.

A jumper and another bucket from Saalfrank later, and the Knights firewall hit 18 points with 2:55 remaining in the quarter. The stretch peaked at 19-1 with the Irish not scoring more than one free throw for 10 straight minutes.

"I really liked the start of each quarter," Norwell coach Eric Thornton said. "It was very good for us on both ends. We had good possessions offensively, and I think that helps us defensively as well. It's complimentary at times when we didn't have good possessions offensively. You could see (us) getting in transition, and then (Cathedral) fouling, and then they're getting things rolling."

That was until Jaeda Wilson of the Irish had something to say about it.

The junior guard scored 12 points for the Irish on her own in a row, cutting the deficit down to just 12 by the end of the third. She finished with 16 points total.

Norwell fought back to start the fourth, as Saalfrank hit a quick five points on a transition bucket and a triple, then Rosswurm added another two points off of a turnover to back up by 17 that rushed Irish coach Lisa Finn to call a timeout. But that certainly wasn't it for Cathedral.

While the Knights went dry for the next four minutes, the Irish were swatting back. a 10-0 run was capitalized by Tianna Guy's three-pointer that brought the lead back to 51-38. Rosswurm hit a pair of free throws to weather the storm, but Cathedral would make three more shots with one minute to play.

Guy hit the second of her three-point baskets in the fourth down the stretch, and the lead shrunk to eight with 47 seconds left. The Irish had another opportunity with an open three to trim the Knights' lead a little more, but just hit the orange iron and Norwell dribbled the ball out to make the score final.

In the end, the Knights' body of work in the second and third quarters prevented a potential collapse at the end. The Knights were outscored 15-11 in the final frame.

"I think that's due to our lack of experience," Thornton said. "I thought you saw that we get a little skittish and fighting ourselves at the end. I call it wild. That's what I call our kids when they do that, and they get a little wild."

Rosswurm finished the game with a team-high 16 points on 4-15 shooting and hit all seven of her free throws. Saalfrank's 11 points were all in the second half. Ryland Graft picked up seven points with three buckets off of steals.

As a team, Norwell shot a lackluster 4-22 despite getting open looks early.

Norwell crushed the rebounding edge 47-27.

Rosswurm's new role

Rosswurm's duties on the state runner-up squad last season were to be an option all over the floor, clean up rebounds for points and be a pest defensively. She was terrific in the role, but now with several members of the squad graduating, Thornton needed to lean on her for more.

With a mostly inexperienced varsity team, Thornton said that around mid-June, he toyed with the idea that his veteran should give point guard a try.

Rosswurm certainly has the ball in her hands more often, bringing the ball up the floor and getting her teammates involved. In the first quarter, shooters from beyond the arc were wide-open as defenders keyed in on the talented junior.

"She's so much stronger with the ball," Thornton said. "She's really played off of other kids, and we never really thought of her in that position. As the summer went on, we were just kind of experimenting with things. Well, she was very receptive to it, and she just kind of took a hold of it. I like it. I like the way it fits with the rest of our pieces."

In her two games this season, Rosswurm is averaging 21 points per contest.

Norwell won the junior varsity game 58-16. Mia Kurtz led the way with 22 points, Eden Nash eight and Grace Freiburg-er seven.

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NORWELL 53, CATHEDRAL 45

At Norwell

CATHEDRAL (0-1): Jaeda Wilson 4-11 7-7 16, Caroline Wiggins 4-7 1-2 10, Tianna Guy 3-11 0-0 9, Precious Anuka 2-3 2-2 6, Abby Beasley 1-3 0-0 2, Maddy Watko 1-4 0-4 2, Reaghan Gilmore 0-0 0-0 0, Aryn Garrard 0-0 0-0 0, Tatum Triggs 0-3 0-2 0. TOTALS: 15-44 10-19 45.

NORWELL (1-0): Vanessa Rosswurm 4-15 7-7 16, Macie Saalfrank 5-8 0-0 11, Ryland Graft 3-10 0-0 7, Alivia Green 2-3 1-2 5, Jada Dale 1-4 2-2 5, Addison Norris 1-6 1-2 3, Ashley Waldman 1-7 1-2 3, Larkin Smith 1-3 1-2 3, Haley Williamson 0-2 0-0 0, Mekynzi Beck 0-0 0-0 0, Isabella Swineford 0-0 0-0 0. TOTALS: 18-58 13-17 53.

Cathedral 8 6 16 15 — 45

Norwell 15 12 15 11 — 53

Three-point FG: Norwell: 4-22 (Dale 1-2, Rosswurm 1-3, Saalfrank 1-4, Graft 1-4, Norris 0-3, Waldman 0-4, Smith 0-1, Williamson 0-1), Cathedral: 5-10 (Guy 3-4, Wiggins 1-2, Wilson 1-3, Beasley 0-1). Rebounds: Norwell: 47 (Green 10, Waldman 4, Saalfrank, Rosswurm 4, Dale 4, Norris 3, Swineford 2, Graft 1, Beck 1), Cathedral: 27 (Wilson 7, Beasley 3, Anuka 3, Guy 1, Watko 1, Wiggins 1). Turnovers: Norwell: 17, Cathedral: 18. Fouls: Norwell: 16, Cathedral: 18. Fouled Out: None. Technicals: None. JV: 58-16.

Freshman: No game.



Norwell's Ryland Graft (left) swipes away at Cathedral's Reaghan Gilmore for one of her four steals and heads on a mission to the basket Friday night at The Castle. The Knights defended home court with 53-45 victory over the Irish. (Photos by Ryan Walker)



Knights' guard Macie Saalfrank takes an open shot in the corner during the first quarter against the Fighting Irish. She finished the game with a career-high 11.

High School Calendar

SATURDAY, NOV 9

GIRLS BASKETBALL: Warsaw at Norwell, 7:30 p.m.; Canterbury at Bluffton, 7 p.m.; Southern Wells at Union City, 7:30 p.m.

MONDAY, NOV 11

No events scheduled.

TUESDAY, NOV 12

No events scheduled.

WEDNESDAY, NOV 13

GIRLS BASKETBALL: Northfield at Bluffton, 7:30 p.m.; Northrop at Norwell, 7:30 p.m.;

Union Modoc at Southern Wells, 7 p.m.

THURSDAY, NOV 14

No events scheduled.

FRIDAY, NOV 15

GIRLS BASKETBALL: Southern Wells at Lakeland Christian, 7:30 p.m.

SATURDAY, NOV 16

GIRLS BASKETBALL: Bluffton at East Noble, 7:30 p.m.; Norwell at Northridge, 2:30 p.m.; Southern Wells at Eastbrook, 7:30 p.m.

SWIMMING: (Girls only) Norwell Invitational, 9 a.m.

NASCAR defends drivers in Cup Series title race, officiating and playoffs as final weekend arrives

By JENNA FRYER

AP Auto Racing Writer

AVONDALE, Ariz. (AP) — NASCAR President Steve Phelps defended the four drivers racing for the Cup Series championship this weekend — even though others had better statistics than the finalists — as well as the playoff system itself in Friday's annual State of the Sport address.

Reigning champion Ryan Blaney, Team Penske teammate Joey Logano, Daytona 500 winner William Byron of Hendrick Motorsports and regular-season champion Tyler Reddick of 23XI Racing will race for the title Sunday in the winner-take-all-finale at Phoenix Raceway.

Phelps admitted NASCAR has heard fan backlash that the most deserving drivers were eliminated from the title-deciding race, including Kyle Larson, who led the Cup Series with six wins this season, and Christopher Bell, who was outstanding in the third round of the playoffs but disqualified for riding the wall last week at Martinsville Speedway in a move deemed to be a safety violation.

That gave the final berth to Byron on points after Logano, Reddick and Blaney all won races to earn automatic spots in the finale. Among those eliminated were Chase Elliott and Denny Hamlin.

"There's a lot of chatter around the four that are competing on Sunday. Heard some words like, 'they're not deserving, you've got the wrong drivers, two, three, four drivers,'" Phelps said. "All our drivers knew the format. All four of these drivers deserve to be here — full stop."

Logano was eliminated from the play-

offs following the second round but was reinstated when Alex Bowman's car failed post-race inspection following an elimination race. He will try to become the only active three-time champion in NASCAR's top series.

He will be up against Blaney, who with Logano will try to win a third consecutive Cup title for team owner Roger Penske and Ford. Reddick didn't have the best playoffs but used a last-corner pass at Homestead-Miami Speedway to win and put the team co-owned by Michael Jordan and Hamlin into the championship for the first time in team history.

Byron earned his way in on points once Bell's move was deemed illegal.

Penalties aplenty

NASCAR this week issued \$600,000 in fines and suspended nine team members from three organizations over race manipulation last weekend at Martinsville Speedway that chief operating officer Steve O'Donnell said the sanctioning body found completely out of line.

NASCAR penalized 23XI Racing for running interference for fellow Toyota driver Bell, while Chevrolet teams Trackhouse Racing and Richard Childress Racing were penalized for helping Byron.

"I would argue before what we saw, one of the best races we've seen in the playoffs, and it's unbelievable that we're sitting here talking about this topic," O'Donnell said. "I'll probably get in trouble for saying this, but I'll say it anyway what I saw in Martinsville pissed me off, and it pissed everyone off at NASCAR because we all know better, and we know what happens."

No. 1 Kansas blows 20-point first-half lead, holds on to beat No. 9 North Carolina

By DAVE SKRETTA
AP Basketball Writer

LAWRENCE, Kan. (AP) — Hunter Dickinson had 20 points for top-ranked Kansas, which blew a 20-point first-half lead against No. 9 North Carolina before holding on for a 92-89 victory when the Tar Heels' Elliot Cadeau missed a 3-pointer as time expired Friday night.

Zeke Mayo had 21 points and KJ Adams Jr had 14 for the Jayhawks (2-0), who led 49-29 in the first half but trailed 87-83 with 3:28 to go. Dickinson and Mayo responded with a series of baskets to tie the game at 89, and Dickinson's basket with 1:15 to go and free throw with 12 seconds remaining made it a three-point game.

The Tar Heels (1-1) raced up the floor, but Cadeau's 3 from the wing never had a chance.

Seth Trimble scored 19 points to lead North Carolina. RJ Davis had 16 points and Cadeau finished with 12.

It was just the 13th matchup of the Tar Heels and Jayhawks, and the first since Kansas rallied from a 16-point deficit to win the 2022 national championship. The only other time they have met on campus was in 1960,

when Larry Brown — who would later coach the Jayhawks to the 1988 title — helped the Tar Heels win in Allen Fieldhouse.

Kansas made a repeat seem unlikely when it built a 20-point first-half lead. But the Tar Heels trimmed the deficit in the second half, and Jae'Lyn Withers' 3-pointer gave them an 80-79 lead with 7:06 to go. The two bluebloods wrestled it away several other times before Kansas finally put the game away.

Takeaways

North Carolina stayed alive by getting to the basket and drawing fouls, ultimately going 28 of 31 from the line.

Kansas avoided what would have been the biggest blown-lead loss in school history while giving coach Bill Self his 590th win at the school, matching Phog Allen's record.

KEY MOMENT

Dickinson's basket inside with 1:15 left gave Kansas the lead, and the All-American center's free throw forced North Carolina into needing a 3-pointer to tie the game.

UP NEXT

North Carolina plays American next Friday night. The Jayhawks play Michigan State on Tuesday night in Atlanta.

Loyer and Kaufman-Renn lead No. 14 Purdue past NKU

By MARK AMBROGI
Associated Press

WEST LAFAYETTE, Ind. (AP) — Fletcher Loyer scored 16 points and Trey Kaufman-Renn had 14 to lead No. 14 Purdue to a 72-50 rout of Northern Kentucky on Friday night.

Braden Smith added 11 points and seven assists for the Boilermakers (2-0). Caleb Furst scored eight off the bench.

No one reached double figures for the Norse (0-2). Trey Robinson, Sam Vinson and Keeyan Itejere each had eight points.

The Boilermakers used a 12-0 spurt to take an 18-4 lead in the opening half. However, a

nearly six-minute scoring drought kept Purdue from pulling away early. The Boilermakers settled for a 37-24 halftime lead.

In the first minute of the game, Purdue freshman center Daniel Jacobsen, who scored 13 points in the season opener, fell and needed to be helped to the bench. He was able to walk to the locker room and returned to the bench with ice on his shin, but did not play again.

Boilermakers coach Matt Painter said Jacobsen sustained a lower leg injury and will have an MRI on Saturday.

UP NEXT

Purdue: Will host Yale on Monday.

News-Banner Scoreboard

FOOTBALL

High School

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

East
Friday's Scores
IHSAA Sectional Championship Class 6A

Section 1
 Crown Point 35, Penn 0
 Section 2
 Carroll (Ft. Wayne) 21, Ft. Wayne Snider 10
 Section 3
 Westfield 35, Zionsville 13
 Section 4
 Fishers 44, Hamilton Southeastern 41
 Section 5
 Brownsburg 38, Indpls Ben Davis 35
 Section 6
 Lawrence North 24, Indpls Cathedral 7
 Section 7
 Warren Central 48, Indpls Perry Meridian 3
 Section 8
 Center Grove 52, Franklin Central 14

Class 5A
 Section 9
 Merrillville 55, Hammond Morton 14
 Section 10
 Valparaiso 28, Chesterton 21
 Section 11
 Warsaw 31, Concord 28
 Section 12
 Lafayette Jeff 45, Kokomo 14
 Section 13
 Decatur Central 35, Plainfield 7
 Section 14
 E. Central 21, Franklin 0
 Section 15
 Bloomington South 27, Bloomington North 3
 Section 16
 Castle 31, Evansville North 21

Class 4A
 Section 17
 New Prairie 35, Hanover Central 23
 Section 18
 Mishawaka 22, NorthWood 21
 Section 19
 E. Noble 19, Ft. Wayne Dwenger 0
 Section 20
 Huntington North 31, Lebanon 28, OT
 Section 21
 New Palestine 41, Pendleton Hts. 7
 Section 22
 Indpls Chatard 28, Indpls Roncalli 24
 Section 23
 Martinsville 35, Greenwood 31
 Section 24
 Evansville Reitz 35, Boonville 6

Class 3A
 Section 25
 Knox 12, Mishawaka Marian 0
 Section 26
 Garrett 21, W. Noble 20
 Section 27
 Maconaquah 17, W. Lafayette 14
 Section 28
 Ft. Wayne Luers 34, Mississinewa 28
 Section 29
 Tri-West 21, Guerin Catholic High School 12
 Section 30
 Batesville 21, Lawrenceburg 7
 Section 31
 N. Harrison 8, Madison 7
 Section 32
 Heritage Hills 38, Evansville Memorial 24

Class 2A
 Section 33
 Andean 35, Bremen 0
 Section 34
 Lafayette Central Catholic High School 60, N. Montgomery 6
 Section 35
 Adams Central 41, Eastside 19
 Section 36
 Eastern (Greentown) 21, Tipton 15
 Section 37
 Indpls Lutheran 31, Monrovia 6
 Section 38
 Lapel 27, Triton Central 17
 Section 39
 Linton 42, Greencastle 39
 Section 40
 Brownstown 49, Tell City 3

Class 1A
 Section 41
 N. Judson 44, LaVie 18
 Section 42
 Taylor 28, Pioneer 6
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 N. Miami 28, Triton 21
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 S. Adams 43, Madison-Grant 36
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 S. Putnam 44, Riverton Parke 6
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 Sheridan 42, Cloverdale 14
 Section 47
 Milan 24, N. Decatur 17
 Section 48
 Providence 51, N. Daviess 6

Boston 108, Brooklyn 104, OT
 Oklahoma City 126, Houston 107
 Memphis 128, Washington 104
 Denver 135, Miami 122
 Minnesota 127, Portland 102
 L.A. Clippers at Sacramento, late
 Philadelphia at L.A. Lakers, late

Saturday's Games
 Utah at San Antonio, 5 p.m.
 Brooklyn at Cleveland, 7:30 p.m.
 Chicago at Atlanta, 7:30 p.m.
 Toronto at L.A. Clippers, 10:30 p.m.

Sunday's Games
 Houston at Detroit, 3 p.m.
 Boston at Milwaukee, 3:30 p.m.
 New York at Indiana, 5 p.m.
 Washington at Orlando, 6 p.m.
 Charlotte at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.
 Golden State at Oklahoma City, 7 p.m.

Miami at Minnesota, 7 p.m.
 Dallas at Denver, 8 p.m.
 Sacramento at Phoenix, 8 p.m.
 Memphis at Portland, 9 p.m.
 Toronto at L.A. Lakers, 9:30 p.m.

Monday's Games
 Brooklyn at New Orleans, 8 p.m.
 Cleveland at Chicago, 8 p.m.
 L.A. Clippers at Oklahoma City, 8 p.m.
 Sacramento at San Antonio, 8 p.m.
 Washington at Houston, 8 p.m.

St. John's 67, LIU Brooklyn 50

SOUTH
 Auburn 128, Va.-Lynchburg 36
 Georgia 61, Houston 47
 Georgia Tech 67, Georgia St. 47
 LSU 95, Northwestern St. 36
 Louisville 75, S. Indiana 51
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MIDWEST
 Ball St. 89, IUPUI 63
 Dayton 79, Delaware St. 44
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 Michigan 86, Lehigh 55
 Michigan St. 100, Yale 44
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 Oakland 95, Cougars 51
 S. Dakota St. 76, Creighton 71
 Youngstown St. 95, Lake Erie 39

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 Oklahoma 95, Virginia 51

FAR WEST
 Air Force 73, South Dakota 66
 Colorado St. 65, Oregon St. 59
 Nevada 70, Bushnell 48

Florida 6, Nashville 2
 Boston 4, Calgary 3, OT
 Philadelphia 2, Tampa Bay 1, SO
 Dallas 3, Chicago 1
 Winnipeg 1, Colorado 0
 Utah 4, St. Louis 2
 Vancouver 4, Los Angeles 2
 Minnesota 5, San Jose 2

Friday's Games
 Toronto 3, Detroit 1
 Pittsburgh 4, Washington 2
 Minnesota at Anaheim, late
 Vegas at Seattle, late

Saturday's Games
 Calgary at Buffalo, 1 p.m.
 Dallas at Winnipeg, 3 p.m.
 Philadelphia at Florida, 6 p.m.
 Montreal at Toronto, 7 p.m.
 N.Y. Rangers at Detroit, 7 p.m.
 Ottawa at Boston, 7 p.m.
 Washington at St. Louis, 7 p.m.
 New Jersey at N.Y. Islanders, 7:30 p.m.

Utah at Nashville, 8 p.m.
 Carolina at Colorado, 9 p.m.
 Columbus at Los Angeles, 9 p.m.
 Edmonton at Vancouver, 10 p.m.

Sunday's Games
 Minnesota at Chicago, 7 p.m.
 San Jose at New Jersey, 7 p.m.
 Columbus at Anaheim, 8 p.m.
 Monday's Games
 Montreal at Buffalo, 12:30 p.m.
 Dallas at Pittsburgh, 7 p.m.
 San Jose at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.
 Los Angeles at Calgary, 8:30 p.m.
 Nashville at Colorado, 9 p.m.
 Carolina at Vegas, 10 p.m.

HOCKEY

NHL

Thursday's Games
 Carolina 5, Pittsburgh 1
 New Jersey 5, Montreal 3
 N.Y. Islanders 4, Ottawa 2
 Buffalo 6, N.Y. Rangers 1

College

Men's scores

Friday, Nov. 8

EAST

Buffalo 87, Fredonia St. 78
 Maryland 86, Mount St. Mary's 52
 Navy 85, Harvard 80
 Penn St. 103, UMBC 54
 Pittsburgh 83, Murray St. 68
 Temple 103, Monmouth (NJ) 74
 VCU 80, Boston College 55
 Villanova 91, NJIT 54
 West Virginia 75, UMass 69

SOUTH
 Alabama 88, Arkansas St. 79
 Clemson 88, St. Francis (Pa.) 62
 Duke 100, Army 58
 E. Kentucky 82, ETSU 78
 FAU 99, Coastal Georgia 49
 Furman 76, Belmont 74
 Gardner-Webb 88, NC Central 82
 Mississippi 66, Grambling St. 64
 Mississippi St. 101, Georgia St. 66
 NC State 81, Presbyterian 72
 Queens (NC) 67, W. Carolina 54
 Radford 89, William & Mary 77
 South Carolina 86, SC State 64
 UCF 75, Fort Wayne 68
 Virginia Tech 93, SC-Upstate 74

MIDWEST
 Akron 88, Ohio Wesleyan 57
 Austin Peay 68, Butler 66
 Ball St. 87, Franklin 60
 Cincinnati 83, Morehead St. 56
 Davidson 91, Bowling Green 85
 E. Michigan 83, Siena Heights 58
 Ill.-Chicago 91, Yale 79
 Illinois 90, SIU-Edwardsville 58
 Kansas 92, North Carolina 89
 Kent St. 98, Miami-Hamilton 53
 Missouri 77, Howard 62
 Oral Roberts 105, Ambassadors 49
 Purdue 72, N. Kentucky 50
 S. Illinois 86, Missouri S&T 64
 St. Thomas (MN) 90, Green Bay 76
 Valparaiso 111, Concordia (MI) 46
 Xavier 94, IUPUI 80

SOUTHWEST
 Incarnate Word 97, Southwestern (Texas) 53
 TCU 67, Florida Gulf Coast 51
 Texas 90, Houston Christian 59
 Texas A&M 87, Texas A&M Commerce 55

FAR WEST
 Arizona St. 81, Santa Clara 74
 Denver 97, W. Colorado 80
 N. Arizona 115, SW Assemblies 67
 Stanford 80, Cal St.-Fullerton 53

Women's scores

Friday, Nov. 8

EAST

Buffalo 123, Buffalo St. 44
 Penn 64, Merrimack 52

Class 3A
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NFL
Thursday's Games
 N.Y. Jets 21, Houston 13
Thursday, Nov. 7
 Baltimore 35, Cincinnati 34
Sunday, Nov. 10
 N.Y. Giants vs Carolina at Munich, DEU, 9:30 a.m.
 Atlanta at New Orleans, 1 p.m.
 Buffalo at Indianapolis, 1 p.m.
 Denver at Kansas City, 1 p.m.
 Minnesota at Jacksonville, 1 p.m.
 New England at Chicago, 1 p.m.
 Pittsburgh at Washington, 1 p.m.
 San Francisco at Tampa Bay, 1 p.m.
 Tennessee at L.A. Chargers, 4:05 p.m.
 N.Y. Jets at Arizona, 4:25 p.m.
 Philadelphia at Dallas, 4:25 p.m.
 Sunday Night Football: Detroit at Houston, 8:20 p.m.
 Open: Cleveland, Las Vegas, Green Bay, Seattle
Monday, Nov. 11
 Monday Night Football: Miami at L.A. Rams, 8:15 p.m.

BASKETBALL

High School

Friday's Girls Scores
 Alexandria 60, Cowan 10
 Austin 65, S. Ripley 31
 Borden 59, Eastern (Pekin) 45
 Cascade 60, Terre Haute South 38
 Crothersville 49, Bloomington Light-house 45
 Culver Academy 48, Wabash 47
 Daleville 73, Muncie Burris 36
 DeKalb 43, Lakeland (IN) 27
 Edinburg 59, Hauser 55
 Evansville Harrison 47, Mt. Vernon (Posey) 20
 Fountain Central 51, Frankfort 14
 Franklin Co. 63, Rising Sun 27
 Greensburg 81, Jac-Cen-Del 23
 Indpls Herron 48, Indiana Deaf 32
 Mooresville 45, Bedford N. Lawrence 39
 N. Central (Farmersburg) 80, Clay City 21
 New Washington 63, Christian Academy of Madison 44
 Norwell 53, Indpls Cathedral 45
 Oak Hill 55, Peru 29
 S. Bend St. Joseph's 63, Hammond Noll 48
 Washington 57, N. Knox 51
 Wood Memorial 43, Perry Central 35

NBA

Thursday's Games
 Minnesota 135, Chicago 119
 San Antonio 118, Portland 105
 Milwaukee 123, Utah 100
Friday's Games
 Orlando 115, New Orleans 88
 Charlotte 103, Indiana 83
 Detroit 122, Atlanta 121
 New York 116, Milwaukee 94
 Cleveland 136, Golden State 117
 Phoenix 114, Dallas 113

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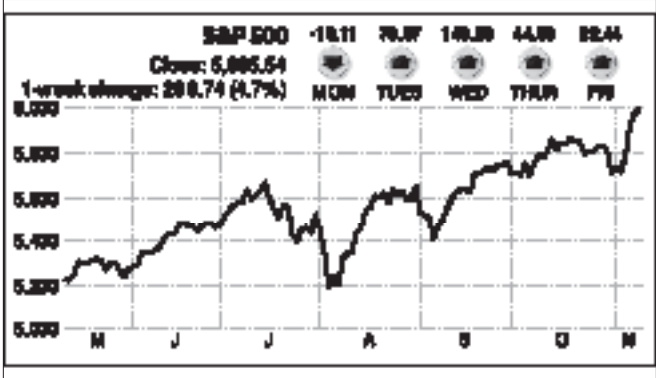
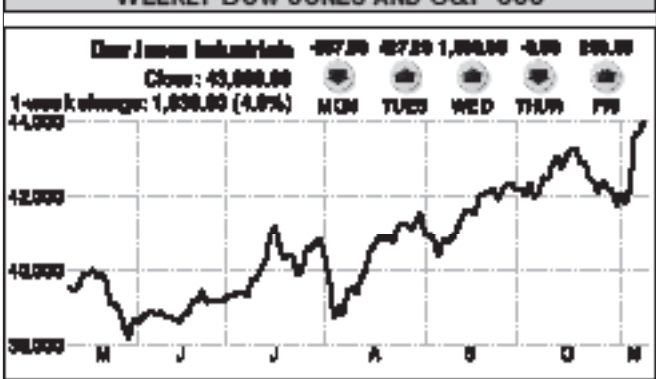
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42,700.00	41,500.00	Dow Jones Transportation	41,500.00	41,500.00	+0.15	+0.10
17,000.00	16,500.00	Dow Jones Utilities	16,500.00	16,500.00	+0.07	+0.24
10,000.00	9,500.00	RUSSELL 2000	9,500.00	9,500.00	+0.05	+0.50
10,000.00	9,500.00	NASDAQ Composite	9,500.00	9,500.00	+0.74	+0.30
10,000.00	9,500.00	NYSE Composite	9,500.00	9,500.00	+0.05	+0.20
10,000.00	9,500.00	NYSE MidCap	9,500.00	9,500.00	+0.07	+0.10
10,000.00	9,500.00	NYSE SmallCap	9,500.00	9,500.00	+0.07	+0.10
10,000.00	9,500.00	NYSE MicroCap	9,500.00	9,500.00	+0.07	+0.10
10,000.00	9,500.00	NYSE MegaCap	9,500.00	9,500.00	+0.07	+0.10

STOCK EXCHANGE HIGHLIGHTS

Stock	High	Low	Chg	% Chg	Volume	Stock	High	Low	Chg	% Chg	Volume
Alcoa	28.50	28.00	+0.50	+1.8	1,000,000	Boji	10.00	9.50	+0.50	+5.0	500,000
Amgen	120.00	118.00	+2.00	+1.7	2,000,000	Chubb	100.00	98.00	+2.00	+2.0	1,000,000
Apple	170.00	168.00	+2.00	+1.2	5,000,000	Costco	400.00	395.00	+5.00	+1.2	1,500,000
Bank of America	35.00	34.00	+1.00	+2.9	3,000,000	Delta	40.00	39.00	+1.00	+2.5	2,000,000
Caterpillar	30.00	29.00	+1.00	+3.3	1,500,000	Exxon	40.00	39.00	+1.00	+2.5	2,000,000
Chick-fil-A	50.00	49.00	+1.00	+2.0	1,000,000	Genentech	400.00	390.00	+10.00	+2.5	500,000
Costco	400.00	395.00	+5.00	+1.2	1,500,000	Johnson & Johnson	150.00	148.00	+2.00	+1.3	2,000,000
Delta	40.00	39.00	+1.00	+2.5	2,000,000	Merck	100.00	98.00	+2.00	+2.0	1,000,000
Exxon	40.00	39.00	+1.00	+2.5	2,000,000	Novartis	80.00	78.00	+2.00	+2.5	1,000,000
Genentech	400.00	390.00	+10.00	+2.5	500,000	Pfizer	30.00	29.00	+1.00	+3.3	2,000,000
Johnson & Johnson	150.00	148.00	+2.00	+1.3	2,000,000	United Therapeutics	100.00	98.00	+2.00	+2.0	1,000,000
Merck	100.00	98.00	+2.00	+2.0	1,000,000	Vertex	100.00	98.00	+2.00	+2.0	1,000,000
Novartis	80.00	78.00	+2.00	+2.5	1,000,000	Vertex	100.00	98.00	+2.00	+2.0	1,000,000
Pfizer	30.00	29.00	+1.00	+3.3	2,000,000	Vertex	100.00	98.00	+2.00	+2.0	1,000,000
United Therapeutics	100.00	98.00	+2.00	+2.0	1,000,000	Vertex	100.00	98.00	+2.00	+2.0	1,000,000
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STOCKS OF LOCAL INTEREST

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Amgen	120.00	118.00	+2.00	+1.7	2,000,000	Chubb	100.00	98.00	+2.00	+2.0	1,000,000
Apple	170.00	168.00	+2.00	+1.2	5,000,000	Costco	400.00	395.00	+5.00	+1.2	1,500,000
Bank of America	35.00	34.00	+1.00	+2.9	3,000,000	Delta	40.00	39.00	+1.00	+2.5	2,000,000
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A CHILD IN NEED OF SERVICES
AND
BRANDON RAINEY (ALLEGED
FATHER) AND
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SUMMONS FOR SERVICE BY PUBLICATION & NOTICE OF CHILD IN NEED OF SERVICES HEARING

TO: Brandon Rainey and Any Unknown Alleged Father Whereabouts unknown
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to the above noted parent whose whereabouts are unknown, as well as Any Unknown Alleged Fathers, whose whereabouts are also unknown, that the Indiana Department of Child Services has filed its Verified Petition Alleging the child to be in Need of Services, in accordance with I.C. 31-34-9-3, and that an adjudication hearing has been scheduled with the Court.

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Daily Three-Evening — 04-00-06, SB: 09
Daily Four-Midday — 06-05-09-08, SB: 03
Daily Four-Evening — 07-06-01-03, SB: 09
Quick Draw Evening — 01-02-06-17-19-24-27-32-34-40-42-43-44-55-56-61-67-68-69-75, BE: 42
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 enter the northbound lane, striking a 2018 Chevrolet Malibu driven by Nikolas Roberts, 26, Fort Wayne. Damage exceeded \$2,500
County:
 Monday, 6:37 p.m., S.R. 116. David R. Aschliman, 36, Bluffton, was driving a 2010 Chevrolet Malibu eastbound on S.R. 116 in the area east of C.R. 200 W and struck a deer. Damage exceeded \$2,500.
 Tuesday, 7:09 a.m., C.R. 300 W near C.R. 200 S.

Amanda Bertsch, 38, Bluffton, was driving a 2020 Jeep Cherokee northbound on C.R. 300 W and struck a deer.
 Thursday, 7:08 a.m., C.R. 200 S. Andy Evans, 61, Poneto, was driving a 2017 GMC Sierra westbound on C.R. 400 S and struck a deer.
FIRES
 Thursday, 6:30 p.m., 233 Hickory Knoll Dr., Bluffton. Carbon monoxide alarm.
 Thursday, 7:50 p.m., Hardees. Carbon monoxide alarm.

Teacher vacancies

(Continued from Page 1)
 board listed 4,200 open jobs within Indiana schools. More than 2,500 of the open positions posted were teaching jobs.
 But many openings remain. Most of the unfilled positions in Indiana are for elementary, early childhood and special education positions.
 The NCES data, collected in August, came from 1,392 participating public K-12 schools from every state and the District of Columbia. NCES did not release state-by-state numbers, however, instead releasing only aggregate country-wide results.
Areas with the most vacancies
 On average, public schools reported having six open teacher positions before the start of the current academic year. By the first day of school, 79% of those positions were filled, according to NCES.
 National survey results indicated that general elementary teaching positions, special education and English language arts positions were among the most commonly cited by public schools as having at least one teaching position to fill prior to the start of this school year. Special education remained the most difficult teaching position to hire for this year.
 In the Hoosier state, 1,370 teaching positions were listed on IDOE's jobs board as of Thursday. More than 2,600 school openings were available, overall.
 A breakdown of specific teaching vacancies included:

ty neighborhoods, reported more vacancies.
 Teacher shortages — especially in certain subject areas, like English-as-a-second-language classes and special education — have been particularly challenging for schools since the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic, according to the NCES report.
 Teaching salaries have also largely failed to keep up with inflation, and teachers' morale declined following the pandemic. National experts cited increased issues with student behavior and a rise in mental health problems as contributing factors, too.
 Still, the NCES survey results also noted that 64% of schools said "an overall lack of qualified candidates" and "too few candidates" applying for open positions were the top challenges in finding teachers to fill vacancies.
 Compared to years past, though, the percentage of schools saying candidates felt like salary and benefits were not enough dropped for both teaching and non-teaching staff.
 Indiana's latest teacher compensation report revealed that Hoosier teachers' average annual pay exceeded \$60,000 for the 2023-24 academic year — a new high for pay.
 The average teacher salary in Indiana during the last school year was recorded at \$60,557 — up from \$58,531 the year prior — and nearly all Hoosier school districts gave teachers a raise. But many teachers in the state — especially those with little to no experience — still make less.
 IDOE has targeted teacher recruitment with multiple grants and other programming to increase the number of Indiana teachers and cut down on lingering vacancies, including the I-SEAL program — run by the University of Indianapolis' Center of Excellence in Leadership of Learning — that allows current teachers, including those on emergency permits, to get fully licensed in special education at no cost.
 More than 1,100 teachers have enrolled in the program, and nearly 600 have completed it since its inception.
 Nearly 3,600 new-to-teaching hires were also brought into schools during 2023-24, according to the most recent state data.
 Separately, 4,464 full-time teachers who already had classroom experience were hired by districts across the state.

- 15 in alternative education
- 23 in arts
- 25 in career and technical education
- 332 in early childhood
- 234 in elementary education
- 36 in ENL/ESL
- 33 in foreign language
- 58 in language arts
- 8 in library
- 77 in mathematics
- 25 in music
- 25 in physical education
- 77 in science
- 39 in social studies
- 286 in special education
- 369 in other teaching positions

Why vacancies persist
 Compared to the national estimate, public schools with a student body made up of less than 25% students of color reported filling a higher percentage of vacancies with fully certified teachers, per the NCES survey.
 Schools with a student body made up of more than 75% students of color, as well as those in high-pover-

ties, reported more vacancies.
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Local Roundup

Friends of the Shelter will meet Monday afternoon

Friends of the Shelter, the organization that provides support for the Bluffton/Wells County Animal Shelter, will meet at 5:30 p.m. Monday, Nov. 11, in the Council Chambers on the second floor of City Hall, 128 E. Market St.

Bluffton Board of Works to meet Tuesday afternoon

The Bluffton Board of Public Works and Safety will meet at 4:30 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 12, in the Council Chambers on the second floor of City Hall, 128 E. Market St.

Commissioners will meet Tuesday morning

The Wells County Commissioners will hold a special meeting at 8 a.m. Monday, Nov. 12, in Room 105, the multi-purpose room on the lower level of the Wells Carnegie Government Annex, 223 W. Washington St.
 The meeting will discuss a change order for the Hoosier Highway project between C.R. 200-300.

Wells County Public Library board will meet Tuesday

The board of the Wells County Public Library will meet at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 12, in the meeting room of the main library, 200 W. Washington St.
 Items on the agenda include:
 • Regular department and committee reports.
 • Personnel and financial updates.
 • Policy changes for 2025.
 • Discussion about health insurance.

Norwell school board will meet Tuesday morning

The board of the Norwell Community Schools will meet at 9:30 a.m. Tuesday, Nov. 12, at Norwell Middle School, 1100E. U.S. 224 in Ossian.
 Items on the agenda include:
 • Personnel and financial matters.
 • Out-of-state field trip request.
 • Superintendent's report.
 • Norwell Middle School presentation and tour.

Regional Sewer District board will meet Tuesday

The board of the Wells County Regional Sewer District will meet at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 12, in Room 105, the multi-purpose room on the lower level of the Wells Carnegie Government Annex, 223 W. Washington St.
 Items on the agenda include:
 • Superintendent report and board updates.
 • Project updates.

Wells County SWCD board will meet Tuesday morning

The board of the Wells County Soil and Water Conservation District will meet at 9 a.m. Tuesday, Nov. 12, in the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Service Center at 117 W. Harvest Road in Bluffton.

Ossian Town Council will meet Tuesday evening

The Ossian Town Council will meet at 7 p.m. Monday, Nov. 12, at the Ossian Town Hall, 507 N. Jefferson St. in Ossian.
 Items on the agenda include:
 • Regular department and committee updates.

- Financial and personnel matters.
- Consideration of a variance for 423 Shady Lane.
- Parking lot extension request from First Baptist Church.
- Approval of police dog transfer from Noble County.
- Salary ordinance discussion.
- Consideration of employee handbook amendment.
- Easement requests from 704 W. Lavefer St. and 1609 Diane Dr.
- Discussion of streaming council meetings.
- Annexation request.

County Election Board will meet Thursday afternoon

The Wells County Election Board will meet at 3:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 14, in the clerk's office in the Wells County Courthouse, 102 W. Market St.
 Items on the agenda include:
 • Reviewing provisional ballots from the Nov. 5 election.
 • Certify results of the Nov. 5 election.
 • Acknowledge resignation of Gregory Vanover from the Jackson Township Board.
 • 2025 meeting dates.

Bluffton parks board will meet Thursday evening

The Bluffton parks board will meet at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 14, in the Council Chambers on the second floor of City Hall, 128 E. Market St.
 Items on the agenda include:
 • Regular reports.
 • IPRA state awards.
 • Donations and grants.
 • Discussion about Roush Park parking and basketball court repairs.
 • Updates on riverbank stabilization.

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Public Sale Calendar

BIDDING ENDS NOVEMBER 10 - (Online Only) - Estate of Elizabeth (Carter) Aeschliman & others, seller. Ladies diamond wedding ring, ladies diamond cluster fashion ring, ladies diamond earrings, Sapphire necklace w/matching earrings, costume jewelry, Howard Miller china cabinet, quality cherry finish china cabinet, 2019 GE window style air conditioner, collectibles, glassware, vintage silverplate flatware sets, numerous collections of marbles, Anri Italy wood carved figurines, home decor, holiday decorations, household. Sale managers Bobby Perry, 260-273-7260, Patrick Carter, 260-273-8294, *The Steffen Group*, 260-824-3006. www.steffengrp.com.

NOVEMBER 10-NOVEMBER 17 - (Online only firearm) - McNamara, owners. Rifles, shotguns, handguns, ammunition, archery. Auction preview & online bidding assistance Nov. 16, 9 a.m.-11 a.m., 215 E. Market St., Bluffton, IN. Sale manager Isaac Stoller, 260-413-3515. Please review all registration information before bidding. *The Steffen Group*, www.steffengrp.com, 260-824-3006.

BIDDING CLOSES NOVEMBER 12 - 6 p.m. Al Grogg's Custom Exhaust Shop, seller. Harley Davidson fully custom Roadster, dirt track race car, paved track race car, Lingenfelter 9:1 racing engine, race car parts, tool cabinets, racing suspension parts, engines, quick change rear end, fuel cells, Snap-On collector clocks, frame straightener, Simplicity 7117 tractor w/snow blower and weights, Simplicity 4211 hydrostatic, valve grinder, 3 wheel electric convalescent trike (nearly new), tools, vintage auto scanners, oscilloscope, radio and TV signal generators, engine hoists, box grader, race car frame, boat trailer, commemorative clocks, torch sets, more. Full list at Town-countryauctions.com, click Filters. Preview 1441 W. Lancaster St., Bluffton, daily until auction closes, Monday-Thursday 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Friday 9 a.m.-noon, or by appointment, 260-824-4835. Pick up noon-7 p.m. Nov. 14. *Town and Country Auctioneers/Realtors*, 260-223-7352, *Shaw Real Estate & Auction, Inc.*, 260-824-2116.

NOVEMBER 13 - 6:30 p.m. ET - (Live and online) - Gary and Jennifer Weibaker, farm. American Legion, 118 N. Broadway Street, Butler. Property location: Along and/or near CR 26 and CR 79 in Troy Twp. (Tract 1, North Part Tract 2) and Stafford Twp. (Tracts 2-4). Tracts 5-6 located near CR 20 and CR 27 in Smithfield Township. Adjoining tracts, road access, tile outlets, 264.651+/- acres, 6 tracts, DeKalb Co. Jon Rosen, 260-740-1846, Neal Wolhuter, 260-336-2219, *Halderman Real Estate & Farm Management*, halderman.com, 800-424-2324.

NOVEMBER 14 - 6 p.m. - Becher Family Farms LLC, sellers. Auction location: Adams Co. 4H Expo Hall, 160 W. Washington St., Monroe, IN. Four tracts, Washington Township, Adams County. Tract 1: 82.88 acres, County Rd. 200 West, Sec 18. Tract 2: 80.2 acres, County Rd. 450 North, Sec 8. Tract 3: 35.05 acres, County Rd. 450 North, Sec 9. Tract 4: 39.97 acres, County Rd. 400 North, Sec 9. *Heartland Auction & Realty, Inc.*, 260-724-3499, heartlandauctionrealty.com.

SOFT CLOSE STARTS NOVEMBER 17 - 6 p.m. - Herman Family farm & Elite Tooling, owner. Online real estate auction. 47+/- acres, log home, machine shop, dog kennel, 2 ponds, CNC lathes, mill, machinist tools, Ferris mower, mowers, skid loader, 1960 Harley Davidson topper. Open house Nov. 9, 10 a.m.-noon, Nov. 12, 4-6 p.m. *Green Auction*, 260-589-8474, *SoldonGreen.com*.

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. Open House Nov. 11, 5-6 p.m., 21015 Hoagland Rd., Monroeville, IN. *Krueckeberg Auction & Realty LLC*, 260-724-7402, *Kjauction.com*.

BIDDING NOW OPEN AND STARTS CLOSING DECEMBER 1 STARTING AT 4 p.m. EST - Various consignors, owners. Online only Elm Street consignment auction! Name brand wood-working tools, camping supplies, like new 24" Craftsman lawn vac, lawn & garden tools, weight lifting equipment, household furniture, Craftsman snow blower, antiques, collectibles, kitchen items, and much more! Preview Nov. 27, 3-5 p.m., 812 Elm Street, Decatur, IN. Pick up Dec. 2, 2-6 p.m., Dec. 3, 9 am.-noon. *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. Inspections Nov. 16, 10 a.m.-noon, Nov. 19, 3 p.m.-5 p.m., 1605 W. Water St., Hartford City. Auction mgr. Al Pfister, 260-760-8922, *Schrader Real Estate and Auction Company, Inc.*, schraderauction.com, 800-451-2709.

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 houses Nov. 20, 2-3 p.m., Nov. 27, 2-3 p.m., 2379 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 1: Online bidding only. Over 300+ lots including skid loader attachments, tool boxes, workbenches, iron gates, chains & binders, 1 trip 40' high side shipping container w/side doors, dome shelter containers, much more! Day 2 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, tillable, woods, recreational land, potential building sites. Tract 1: 27.59+/- acres, 18.4+/- tillable, 8+/- woods, 1.19+/- non-tillable. Tract 2: 54+/- acres, 28.91+/- tillable, 23.34+/- woods, 1.75+/- non-tillable. Rick Johnloz, 260-827-8181, Emma Barr, 260-494-0992, Jason Johnloz, 260-273-9177, *Halderman Real Estate & Farm Management*, 800-424-2324, halderman.com.

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

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