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### REMC fiber advancing toward home installation

#### FROM STAFF REPORTS

ANGOLA — Steuben County REMC will soon be making its first connections in the fiber-to-the-home project.

The first homes to be connected will be in the western and northwestern parts of Steuben County, in an area REMC is calling Otter Northwest.

“We are excited to announce that broadband internet service will open for REMC members in Phase I, Zone 1 ... in the weeks ahead. We are excited to have reached this point and eager to start making connections,” says Dave Short, director of broadband operations.

To view the phase map and determine your specific location and timeline visit their website at <https://remcsteuben.com/status-map-updates> for more details.

Steuben County REMC will inform registered members as additional zones open.

To be among members notified, register by logging into the SmartHub app, or visiting the website to check your availability.

While driving around the county lately, especially the northwest corner, people may have noticed a great deal of utility work. If people looked up at the

poles they may have noticed internet fiber being strung along the utility poles.

This broadband fiber of the Steuben County REMC fiber-to-the-home project will change the lives of the residents of northeast Indiana with consistent internet speeds reaching 10 to 100 times faster than any services currently available to the rural areas of Steuben County, said a news release from REMC.

On July 28, the first mile of fiber was installed on C.R.800W, north of the Otter substation. Continuing efforts, over the last month, by more than a dozen contractor crews have installed 50-plus miles of additional fiber across the western portion of the county.

Along with construction of the network, Steuben County REMC has established its own unique internet service provider services connecting this network to the outside world.

This will not only support the fiber-to-home network, but also enable businesses to transform. Business looking to establish service, or switch from an existing provider are encouraged to call the REMC office at 665-3563 to discuss their options and available packages.

Future zones will begin to open throughout this fall for Phase 1. The Otter Northwest zone is anticipated to open in November-December, servicing areas from Flint to Hogback Lake to Pine Canyon Lake.

Zone 3 will follow

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Here is an undated view of this year's corn maze at Ridenour Acres. This year's theme is music in the country.

## Ridenour Acres ready to open for its 10th season of fall entertainment

### Two concerts planned this year

BY MIKE MARTURELLO

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ANGOLA — Over the course of 11 years, Jake Ridenour and crew at Ridenour Acres have seen it all.

As they open for the 10th season — notice the difference in numbers? — things are looking pretty good at the corn maze, pumpkin patch and fall attraction east of Angola at 2935 E. C.R. 20N.

“Our corn turned out the best year we’ve ever had. Our pumpkins are not too bad. The weeds in our pumpkin patch are having their best year, also,” Ridenour said.

That’s a far cry from 2012 when Ridenour first hoped to open. They

couldn’t do it due to one of the worst droughts on record in Steuben County.

“This season is our 10th season open to the public. Not many folks know, but we were ready to open in 2012 and had a horrible drought that kept the corn 3 feet tall and we decided to not open,” Ridenour said.

Over the years since opening in 2013, Ridenour Acres has played host to more than 50,000 guests. In addition, the facility always sends some of its profits to charitable causes.

Ridenour Acres has provided more than \$25,000 to multiple organizations.

“This year on opening day we will be raising money for ‘The Farm Place,’ a foster home in LaGrange,” Ridenour said.

Ridenour Acres opens for the season on Sept. 17. It is open noon to 9 p.m. on Saturdays and noon to 6 p.m. on Sundays.

This year’s maze theme is built around music at the farm.

There are also two concerts scheduled this season. On Sept 24 REKT will be returning to Ridenour Acres. On Oct. 1 Hubie Ashkraft will be making their Ridenour Acres debut.

Also returning this year will be the Crafts in the Country show on Sept. 24-25.

This craft and vendor sale hosted by Ridenour is held on the edge of the parking lot allowing for people to check out the vendors without paying admission to the maze.

There are still openings for vendors. Email [whispering-woodsco@gmail.com](mailto:whispering-woodsco@gmail.com) for more information.

For more information about Ridenour Acres, visit their website at [ridenouracres.com](http://ridenouracres.com).



Crafts in the Country, a crafts show, will return to Ridenour Acres this season on Sept. 24-25.

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### Weekend edition

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## Police Blotter

## Seven people arrested by local police officers

ANGOLA — The following people were booked into the Steuben County Jail following arrests made by police officers on Thursday and early Friday. Formal charges are filed in court by the Steuben County Prosecutor's Office.

- Zachary E. Ashbrook, 26, of the 2000 block of East

C.R. 100N, arrested at the Steuben County Courthouse on a warrant alleging felony failure to appear in court..

• Matthew J. Braun, 39, of the 700 block of West Easy Street, Pleasant Lake, arrested at home on a charge of misdemeanor battery.

- Dewey J. Imse II, 20, of the 6300 block of East C.R. 750N, Fremont, arrested in the 100 block of West Harcourt Road on a warrant

alleging misdemeanor  
intimidation and probation  
violation.

- Scarlett Kiefer, 30, of the 25000 block of County Road 40, Goshen, arrested at the jail on a warrant alleging misdemeanor failure to appear in court.

• Mary A. Kirst, 54, of the 100 block of North Michigan Street, Montgomery, Michigan, arrested on Toledo Street at Wayne Street, Fremont, on a warrant alleging misdemeanor failure to appear in court.

- Dominique L. Morton, 29, homeless, arrested at the jail on a warrant alleging felony failure to register as a sexual or violent offender.

• Chase L. Presley, 28, of the 7400 block of South Enterprise Drive, Hamilton, arrested on the Interstate 69 southbound ramp at the 350 mile marker on a warrant alleging misdemeanor battery resulting in bodily injury.



ANDY BARRAND

**Auburns, Cords and Duesenbergs participating in this year's Hoosier Tour returned to Auburn Thursday afternoon to officially kick off the ACD Festival weekend with the annual Festival Kick-off Luncheon.**

# Let the festival begin!

# Auburn PD honored at kick-off luncheon

**BY ANDY BARRAND**  
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McCoy said he hopes that upon retiring from the force he can come back to the festival and enjoy it even more as he won't be on duty.

## Public Meetings

## Tuesday, Sept. 6

- Steuben County Board of Commissioners, Steuben Community Center, 317 S. Wayne St., Angola, 9 a.m.
- Steuben County Drainage Board, Steuben

Community Center, 317 S.  
Wayne St., Angola, 2 p.m.  
• Steuben/DeKalb Joint  
Drainage Board, Steuben  
Community Center, 317  
S. Wayne St., Angola,  
2:45 p.m.

- Fremont Town Council.

Town Hall, 205 N. Tolford  
St., Fremont, 5 p.m.

- Angola Board of Public Works and Safety, City Hall, 210 N. Public Square, Angola, 6:30 p.m.
- Angola Common Council, City Hall, 210 N. Public Square, Angola, 7 p.m.

- Steuben County Board of Zoning Appeals, Steuben Community Center, 317 S. Wayne St., Angola, 7 p.m.
- Angola Historic Preservation Commission, City Hall, 210 N. Public Square, Angola, 5:30 p.m.
- Ashley Town Council, Community Center, 500 S. Gosner Ave., Ashley, 5:30 p.m.

## Wednesday, Sept. 7

- Pleasant Township Advisory Board, Township Office, 2510 N. C.R. 200W, Angola, 10 a.m.
- Angola Parks and Recreation Board, Commons Park, 299 S. John St., Angola, 10 a.m.
- Steuben County Plan Commission, Steuben Community Center, 317 S. Wayne St., Angola, 7 p.m.

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# Renovation coming to Steuben destination, ACD attracts crowds

## Pokagon's toboggan slide to receive \$1.3M in updates

LAKE JAMES — The winter attraction that brings thousands to Steuben County during the winter, the toboggan slide at Pokagon State Park, is getting its first major upgrade since the mid-1980s.

The Indiana State Budget Committee on Wednesday approved additional funding to upgrade the Pokagon State Park Toboggan Run, said Rep. Denny Zent, R-Angola.

Zent said the more than \$1.3 million in state funding will be used to replace PVC piping under the toboggan run with copper pipe. This update will be one of the largest modifications undertaken since the rebuild of the two tracks, and construction of the rental and warming facility in the mid-1980s.

“The toboggan run is a unique local treasure, providing great fun and lasting memories for people of all ages,” Zent said. “This state funding will help keep the tracks open for years to come.”

The refrigerated toboggan run at Pokagon, one of only two in the Midwest, draws nearly 90,000 riders each season. The run features a 30-foot tower and drops nearly 90 feet over a quarter mile filled with dips and valleys.

Terry Coleman, director of the Indiana Department of Natural Resources Division of State Parks, said he expected the work to start after this season is over in 2023.

The toboggan slide was built in the 1930s by the Boys of the CCC, the Civilian Conservation Corps, who constructed it as a wintertime attraction. Eventually, after the CCC left Pokagon due to World War II, the toboggan slide was converted into an attraction for public use.

## ACD Festival weekend engulfs Auburn

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ACD Festival officials were expecting large crowds for this year’s festival activities.

Classic cars, muscle cars, street rods, and more began to filter into downtown Auburn early Friday morning as more than 700 cars were expected for the annual cruise-in. The crowd stayed Friday night for the on-stage entertainment as Hubie Ashcraft and Whoa, Man! took the stage.

This year’s festival included an expanded three-day auction at Worldwide Auctioneers headquarters on the west side of Auburn. The auction featured over 300 “high quality” automobiles according to John Kruse,

principal and auctioneer with Worldwide Auctioneers.

Large crowds are expected for today’s Parade of Classics and the other events that will fill out the day in Auburn.

## Avilla continues to see success with its industrial park

AVILLA — With one new industrial park already filled and nearing completion, the Avilla Redevelopment Commission is already at least thinking about another, similar project.

Meeting in special session Wednesday, the Avilla Town Council awarded a bid to Fleming Excavating for \$1.4 million to do that completion infrastructure work at its East Industrial Park.

Fleming had the lowest of the four bids submitted.

The town is short just more than \$97,000 of direct funding for the project.

The town is using \$548,000 it received in the last 55-acre plot of the new industrial land, \$440,000 in CEDIT funds, \$300,000 in grant funds from the Noble County Economic Development Corp. Investment Trust Fund and a \$21,815 grant from I&M Power.

Town Manager Tena Woenker said the town could use TIF funds to make up the shortfall, since the industrial park is in that TIF district.

But Woenker said the quickness in which the industrial park was filled with new manufacturing has the RDC, which allocates TIF funds, already contemplating expanding the new industrial park, which is located to the southeast of the S.R. 3 and S.R. 8 intersection.

“We’re having such great success, it’s worth their time to look to the future,” Woenker said.

## Hometown Hero banners coming to Kendallville

KENDALLVILLE — Northeast Indiana has been getting patriotic, and Kendallville is joining the group.

Kendallville will run its own “Hometown Hero” banner program, allowing people to purchase street-pole banners honoring a local military service member, joining other nearby communities including LaGrange, Garrett and Huntertown who have launched similar programs recently.

Historic Downtown Kendallville, the city’s official Main Street organization, is currently taking sponsorship orders for the banners.

They’ve been a hot item, with most of the slots already spoken for.

“I’ve been getting requests for it because other communities do it. It’s new. We’ve got 26 street pole banners and I think I’ve already sold 18 of them,” Main Street Manager Kristen Johnson said. “It’s been pretty popular so far.”

“I announced them a week ago Friday and by that following Monday I had already sold like 10,” she said.

The banners are available to honor local veterans and first responders in the community. Banners are \$125 each, and there are 26 street pole banners in the downtown corridor, so supply is limited.

Banners will go up after Christmas, Johnson said, and stay on display for a few months. Once they’re taken down, purchasers can collect their banners and take them home.

The \$125 cost covers production of the banners, with a portion of the proceeds going to support Historic Downtown Kendallville and future downtown decor, Johnson said.

## High winds bring down the Auburn Garrett Drive-in

GARRETT — When Laura Glaser set up a GoFundMe page to restore the wind-damaged Auburn-Garrett Drive-In a couple days ago, she had no hard figures to use as a goal.

While the original \$4,000 target goal was easily surpassed, theater owner Julie Yarde expects costs to be immensely higher.

Yarde said Glaser, her daughter-in-law, set up the account to get the ball rolling, knowing full well a lot more will be needed.

“We used a lower amount to start,” said Yarde. With no hard figures, she is still trying to figure out what is covered, insurance caps and with no rock-hard costs, it was hard to decide where to begin.

Monday’s storm across the area dropped the curtains for the season at the Auburn-Garrett Drive-In north of Garrett.

Strong west winds took down a good portion of the 40-by-80-foot movie screen in an instant, Yarde said. She was watching the approaching storm from the west window of her business at J.Y. Design & Print next door.

How much money it will take to bring the screen back is unknown.

## Ohio man arrested for using fake gun in robbery

ANGOLA — An Ohio man is facing multiple felony charges related to burglaries that occurred around last Christmas, including one where he allegedly confronted a property owner and friend with a plastic, toy pistol.

Investigators with the Steuben County Sheriff’s Office used DNA samples found on evidence to arrest Donald E. Hammons, 44, Delphos, Ohio, on Wednesday.

He was jailed on charges including two counts of Level 4 burglary of a dwelling, Level 5 felony burglary, two counts of Level 5 felony attempted robbery, one count of Level 6 felony auto theft and one count of Class A misdemeanor theft.

In the first incident, on Dec. 24, 2021, a property owner on Golden Lake Road contacted police about finding a man, Hammons, in a pole barn by the owner and his neighbor, who were going in to retrieve some tools.

On Jan. 1, 2022, other owners of property south of Angola found cabins on their grounds to have been broken into. At one property, a tractor was stolen and taken to a neighbor’s property, court records said.

The penalty for a Level 4 felony is between 2-12 years in prison with an advisory sentence of 6 years. For a Level 5 felony the sentence is 1-6 years in prison. A Level 6 felony carries a prison term of 6 months to 2 1/2 years. Each also carries a possible fine of \$10,000.

## Security feature left off of Steuben Judicial Center plans

ANGOLA — Steuben County Commissioners on Monday made cuts to safety features in the new judicial center as they continued to finalize details for the new facility being built at the corner of East South Street and South Martha Street.

In an effort to cut down on costs — even after construction estimates have come in nearly \$1.5 million under the original estimates — a sally port and fencing have been trimmed from the project.

The estimated cost reduction is about \$450,000 for the sally port and \$200,000 for the fencing.

In Monday’s special meeting of the commissioners to deal mainly with matters pertaining to the judicial center, the move to remove the two security features was approved by a 2-1 vote, with commissioners Wil Howard and Ken Shelton voting to not make the expenditures and Lynne Liechty voting no.

“I think if we don’t do the sally port we’re going to regret it down the road,” Liechty said.

A sally port is a secured entry area that would be used only by law enforcement to transport prisoners in and out of the new courthouse. The fencing would have not only



ANDY BARRAND

**The classics were back in Auburn this weekend. Car enthusiasts share stories Thursday afternoon in the parking lot of the Auburn Cord Duesenberg Automobile Museum.**

provided security for personnel using the facility, but would have tied into the design of the building by incorporating brick columns.

“I was looking forward to the opportunity for a secure sally port for inmate transports for obvious security and weather issues,” Sheriff R.J. Robinson said. “A sally port in this day and age lends more opportunity for timely transports and out-of-site loading and unloading.”

When final bids are presented for the project, Howard asked that the sally port and fencing be included as alternates for possible inclusion.

“I am disappointed in the decision and I understand that this decision is financially based. My hope is that there is always a possibility for a sally port to be implemented if the funds are found to be present before the build begins,” Robinson said.

After the meeting, Liechty



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**After the 2023 season comes to an end the toboggan run at Pokagon State Park will receive a \$1.3 million renovation.**

said the cost of adding a sally port and the fencing at a later date would only guarantee higher costs. She said the approximately \$700,000 in additional cost now would barely impact property taxes needed to pay for the building.

The final estimate of

the cost of the new judicial center came in at \$26.5 million, which included all costs, soft and hard. Initially the estimates came in at nearly \$28 million. Once soft costs — furnishings and the like — were added, the price tag was around \$30 million.

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Lauren Parr

LAOTTO — Lauren LeVon Parr, 84, of LaOtto, Indiana, passed away on Thursday, Sept. 1, 2022, at



Mr. Parr

Parkview Regional Medical Center in Fort Wayne. He was born on Sept. 6, 1937, in Kendallville, Indiana, to

Gladwin LaVon and June Elnora (Fredericks) Parr. Lauren was a veteran of the United States Army. He married Carol Ann Rowe on Sept. 26, 1977, in Auburn, Indiana, and she passed away on Oct. 31, 2020.

Lauren worked at Auburn Gear in maintenance for 29 years, retiring in 2002. He also owned and operated an independent lawncare business for more than 40 years.

He enjoyed Indiana University Basketball, NASCAR, mowing, everything John Deere, socializing with friends and spending time with his grandchildren.

Surviving are two daughters and their spouses, Penny Sue and Michael Elston, of Muncie, and Stacey Dawn and Bob Sweet, of Garrett; five grandchildren, Dayton Sweet, Brittany Palacios, Lauren Parr Jr., Heather Elston and Lauren Elston; four great-grandchildren, Xavier Palacios, Sophia Palacios, Easton Parr and Gabe Parr; sister, Nancy Jo Nodine, of Ashley; and brother-in-law and sister-in-law, Richard and Sharon Rowe, of Waterloo.

He was preceded in death by his parents; wife; three children, Larry Alan Parr, in 2006, Jacqueline June Frain, in 2021, and Lauren Lee Parr, in 2022; and his brother, Robert Duane Parr, in 1967.

Services will be held at 11 a.m., on Thursday, Sept. 8, 2022, at Feller and Clark Funeral Home, 1860 Center St., Auburn, with visitation from 10-11 a.m., prior to the service at the funeral home. Brother Bud Owen will be officiating.

Burial will take place at Fairfield Cemetery in rural Corunna.

Visitation also will be from 4-7 p.m., on Wednesday, Sept. 7, 2022, at the funeral home.

Memorials may be directed to the Mizpah Shrine, 1015 Memorial Way, Fort Wayne, Indiana 46805.

To send condolence, visit [www.fellerandclark.com](http://www.fellerandclark.com).

James Wilson

James Dominic Wilson, age 40, of Angola, Indiana, formerly of Moorpark, California, died unexpectedly on Wednesday, Aug. 31, 2022, in Fort Wayne, Indiana.

Arrangements are under the direction of Beams Funeral Home of Fremont, Indiana.

Georgia Manahan

ANGOLA — Georgia May Manahan, 95, went to be with her Lord, on Sunday, Aug. 28, 2022.



Mrs. Manahan

Georgia was born on May 28, 1927, in Steuben County, Indiana. Georgia was the daughter of Floyd and Verna DeLancey,

also from Steuben County, Indiana. Georgia spent most of her childhood and adult life in Angola, Indiana.

She attended Scott Center School and graduated from Angola High School.

She worked for Angola State Bank (Wells Fargo) for more than 20 years, until her retirement in 1991.

After her retirement she moved to Port St Lucie, Florida, until 2007, when she returned to Fort Wayne, Indiana, to live with her daughter and son-in-law.

Georgia attended Angola Church of Christ, Port Saint Lucie Church of Christ and Messiah Lutheran Church in Fort Wayne. While at Messiah, she served as a voting delegate to the Synod Assembly.

Georgia was preceded in death by a daughter, Laura Lee MacRae (1957); her first husband, Albert J. MacRae (1962); her second husband, Don L. Manahan (1990); and a sister, Janice Burroughs (2009).

She is survived by a sister, Lee Griffith, of Columbia, South Carolina; a sister, Linda DeLancey, of Huntsville, Alabama; a son, Duncan (Lorraine) MacRae, of Kill Devil Hills, North Carolina; and a daughter, Jean (Garry) Pook, of Fort Wayne. Georgia had nine grandchildren; 20 great-grandchildren; and 17 great-great-grandchildren.

Services will be held at 11 a.m., on Saturday, Sept. 10, 2022, at Messiah Lutheran Church, 7211 Stellhorn Road, Fort Wayne, with calling from 10-11 a.m.

Burial will be at Circle Hill Cemetery, Angola, Indiana.

Memorials may be made to Messiah Lutheran Church Music Fund or Associated Churches Military Support Fund.

Fond memories and expressions of sympathy may be shared at <https://www.mccombandsons.com> for the Manahan family.

Michael Sumner

Michael Sumner, age 64, of Garrett, Indiana, passed away on Thursday, Sept. 1, 2022, at Parkview Randallia Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Arrangements have been entrusted to Feller and Clark Funeral Home in Auburn.

Gary Amerman

Gary L. “Gus” Amerman, 74, of Auburn, Indiana, died on Tuesday, Aug. 30, 2022.

Feller and Clark Funeral Home of Auburn is handling arrangements.

Deaths & Funerals

Jeffrey DeTro Sr.

LAKE GAGE — Jeffrey Scott “Jeff” DeTro Sr., age 60, of Lake Gage, Angola, Indiana, passed away on



Mr. DeTro

Monday, Aug. 29, 2022, at Cameron Memorial Community Hospital, Angola, Indiana.

He was born on July 5, 1962, in Fort Wayne, Indiana, to Jerry and Donna (Reed) DeTro.

Jeff graduated from New Haven High School in 1980.

He married Tammy Miller on Oct. 26, 1996, in Las Vegas, Nevada.

Jeff enjoyed riding his Harley motorcycle, loved taking his granddaughter out in his Ranger for rides, and boat rides with his family.

He was an active member of Sons of the American Legion Post # 423, and was very patriotic.

He was well-known for helping any and everybody, and loved his friends and family very much. Jeff was loved by many friends and family, and will be truly missed by everyone!

Jeff retired after 21 years at Steel Dynamics in Butler, Indiana.

Survivors include his wife, Tammy DeTro, of Angola, Indiana; children, Jeffrey (Amelia) Scott DeTro Jr., of Angola, Indiana, and Jamie (Jordan) Maschino, of Orland, Indiana; grandchildren, Alicia and Callaway DeTro; parents, Jerry and Donna DeTro, of Angola, Indiana; a sister, Diana (Jeff) Metcalf, of Auburn, Indiana; mother and father-in-law, Betty and Bob Curnow, of Highland, Michigan; a sister-in-law, Dawn (Charles) Mallon, of Hartland, Michigan; nephews, Dustin and Josh Metcalf; and nieces, Emily and Sarah Mallon.

A graveside service will be held at 3 p.m., on Friday, Sept. 9, 2022, at Greenlawn Cemetery, Orland, Indiana. Pastor Heath Kain will officiate the service.

A Celebration of Life will follow the graveside service from 4-6 p.m., on Friday, Sept. 9, 2022, at Orland American Legion Post #423, Orland, Indiana.

Jeff was a donor to the VisionFirst Indiana Lions Eye Bank.

Memorial donations in Jeff’s memory may be directed to SAL Post #423, or to the Steuben County Cancer Association.

Fond memories and expressions of sympathy may be shared at [www.beamsfuneralhome.com](http://www.beamsfuneralhome.com) for the DeTro family.

Arrangements are being handled by Beams Funeral Home, Fremont, Indiana.

Mark Creech

Mark Alan Creech, 60, of Fort Wayne, Indiana, died on Tuesday, Aug. 30, 2022, at Parkview Randallia Hospital. Arrangements are with Sheets and Childs Funeral Home 206 N. Main St., Churubusco, IN 46723.

Rev. William Imler

LAKE GAGE — The Rev. William Imler died on July 31, 2022, surrounded by members of his family, after



Rev. Imler

a long and full life. In his last two years he often stated, “Overall, it has been a wonderful life.”

Bill was born at home in a Methodist parsonage in Hagerstown, Indiana, to Earl and Marie Imler, on Feb. 6, 1925. He grew up in many Indiana towns, due to the itinerant nature of the Methodist Church’s appointment system of pastors.

He attended Middletown High School until, as part of a national defense initiative, he was selected to depart high school one semester early and begin studies in engineering at Purdue University.

In the summer of 1943, Bill enlisted in the Navy and trained in its Air Corps. After one solo training flight, he returned for a landing at the base in Ottumwa, Iowa, and found it nearly deserted. Over the loudspeaker he learned that Japan had surrendered. At that point, Bill chose to return to civilian life and returned to Indiana, where he transferred to DePauw University.

During the summers of his college years, Bill worked at Studebaker in South Bend, where he bought his first car in 1949. After Bill’s first year of seminary, he married Dona Lou Wilson, whom he had met at DePauw.

They moved to a small apartment in Madison until Bill graduated from seminary in 1951. From 1950-53 Bill was appointed pastor of two Methodist churches in Modena and Clintondale, New York. During the last two years of that pastoral ministry, Bill commuted to Yale Divinity School for additional graduate studies.

After graduation in 1953, Bill and Dona Lou drove their family of 5 in their Studebaker with a trailer hitched behind it, to Indianapolis, where Bill accepted the leadership of a newly chartered church called St. Luke’s Methodist. Worship services of St Luke’s Church were held in an American Legion Hall until 1955, when construction of a church building began and the congregation grew significantly.

In November 1959, Bill was appointed pastor of First Methodist Church in Martinsville, Indiana. The next move was a return to Madison, New Jersey, where Bill began work as Assistant Dean of Drew Theological Seminary. From 1967-1973 Bill worked as Director of Continuing Education for the alumni of Garret Theological Seminary in Evanston, Illinois. During this time he also preached at Michigan Avenue United Methodist Church in Hobart, Indiana, often renting a

Cessna to fly in for the worship service and deliver his message. In June of 1973 Bill was appointed to the pastoral staff of First United Methodist Church in West Lafayette, Indiana.

Following this assignment Bill took a sabbatical leave from ministry and toured United Methodist mission work around the world with his wife, Dona Lou. Bill assumed the leadership of Clay United Methodist Church in May 1977, and served there for 10 years.

After retirement he served on the staff of First United Methodist Church in South Bend as pastor of visitation. In 1992, Bill and Dona Lou became Volunteers in Mission at Wesley United Methodist Church in Medan, Sumatra, Indonesia, where Bill served as pastor and where they developed connections, which have lasted decades. From 1991 to the present Bill and Dona Lou were involved in the Methodist Church’s work of establishing, developing and supporting Africa University in Old Mutare, Zimbabwe.

They have visited there four times and have hosted the Vice Chancellor of Africa University and his wife in their home many times as well as students and graduates of the university.

In retirement, Bill and Dona Lou have hosted many relatives and friends and international friends at their Lake Gage home. The grandchildren and great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews, experienced enjoyable outdoor activities and celebrations at the lake over the years they lived there.

William A. Imler is survived by his wife of 73 years, Dona Lou; his sons, Don (Kay), Lee (Armida), Craig (Romana); and daughters, Carol (Dave) Jackson and Anita Goss. He is survived by six grandchildren, Anita, Chris, Dan, Kelton, Matthew and Finn; and five great-grandchildren, Gryph, Drake, Nico, George and June.

The memorial service for the Rev. William A. Imler will be Saturday, Sept. 10 at 2 p.m., with visitation at 1 p.m., at Angola United Methodist Church, 220 W. Maumee St., in Angola.

Preferred memorials are to the church or to Africa University Development Office, P.O. Box 34007, Nashville, TN, 37203.

Condolences may be sent online to the family at [www.beamsfuneralhome.com](http://www.beamsfuneralhome.com).

Arrangements by Beams Funeral Home, Fremont, Indiana.

Frank Anspaugh

Frank H. Anspaugh, 77, of Angola, Indiana, died at home, with his family by his side, on Thursday, Sept. 1, 2022.

Arrangements have been entrusted to Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.

ONLINE:

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# U.S. adds 315K jobs

BY CHRISTOPHER RUGABER AP Economics Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — America’s employers added a healthy number of jobs last month, yet slowed their hiring enough to potentially help the Federal Reserve in its fight to reduce raging inflation.

The economy gained 315,000 jobs in August, a still-solid figure that pointed to an economy that remains resilient despite rising interest rates, high inflation and sluggish consumer spending. Friday’s report from the government also showed that the unemployment rate rose to 3.7%, up from a half-century low of 3.5%. Yet that increase was also an encouraging sign: It reflected a long-awaited rise in the number of Americans who are looking for work.

“It’s a very positive report and still holds open the possibility for a soft landing,” said Ellen Gaske, an economist at PGIM Fixed Income, referring to the Fed’s goal of slowing the economy enough to cool inflation without going so far as to cause a recession.

Prices are rising at nearly the fastest pace in 40 years, which has handed congressional Republicans a hammer to use against Democrats in the fall congressional elections. Texas Republican Rep. Kevin Brady noted Friday that rising wages aren’t keeping up with inflation, leaving Americans with “shrinking paychecks.”

The White House has pushed back, claiming credit for what it calls evidence that the economy remains on firm footing.

“Jobs are up, wages are up, people are back to work and we’re seeing some signs that inflation may be, may be ... beginning to ease,” President Joe Biden said Friday.

Inflation did fall to an 8.5% annual rate in July from 9.1% in June, mostly as gas prices steadily dropped. Prices at the pump fell to \$3.81 a gallon Friday from a peak of \$5.02 in mid-June. But inflation has declined in the past only to jump higher again, and few economists are willing to declare yet that it has peaked.

The August hiring gain was down from 526,000 jobs that were added in July, and it fell below the average increase of the previous three months. Wage growth weakened a bit last month, too, which could also serve the Fed’s inflation fight. Average hourly pay rose 0.3% from the previous month, the smallest gain since April. Businesses typically pass the cost of higher wages on to their customers through higher prices, thereby fueling inflation.

Gaske suggested that the figures could allow the Fed to raise its benchmark short-term interest rate by a half-percentage point at its next meeting later this month, rather than by three-quarters of a point, as many Wall Street traders and some economists have expected. Either size increase would exceed the Fed’s typical hike of a quarter of a percentage point. When the Fed increases its rate, it leads over time to higher rates on mortgages, auto loans and business borrowing and can weaken the economy.

# Trump search inventory reveals new details

BY ERIC TUCKER Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Along with highly classified government documents, the FBI agents who searched former President Donald Trump’s Florida estate found dozens of empty folders marked classified but with nothing inside and no explanation of what might have been there, according to a more detailed inventory of the seized material made public on Friday.

The agents also found more than 10,000 other government documents kept by Trump with no classification marked.

The inventory compiled by the Justice Department reveals in general terms the contents of 33

boxes and containers taken from Trump’s office and a storage room at Mar-a-Lago during the Aug. 8 search. Though the inventory does not describe the content of the documents, it shows the extent to which classified information — including material at the top-secret level — was stashed in boxes at the home and mixed among newspapers, magazines, clothing and other personal items.

And the empty folders raise the question of whether the government has recovered all of the classified papers that Trump kept after leaving the White House.

The inventory makes clear for the first time the volume of unclassified government documents at the home even though presidential

records were to have been turned over to the National Archives and Records Administration. The Archives had tried unsuccessfully for months to secure their return from Trump and then contacted the FBI after locating classified information in a batch of 15 boxes it received in January.

The Justice Department has said there was no secure space at Mar-a-Lago for sensitive government secrets, and has opened a criminal investigation focused on their retention there and on what it says were efforts in the past several months to obstruct the probe.

It is also investigating potential violations of a law that criminalizes the mutilation or concealment of government records, classified or

not.

Lawyers for Trump did not immediately return an email seeking comment Friday. Trump spokesman Taylor Budowich asserted that the FBI search was a “SMASH AND GRAB” — though the Justice Department had received court-authorized permission to search specific locations in the home.

The inventory was released as the Justice Department undertakes its criminal investigation, as intelligence agencies assess any risk to national security caused by mishandling of classified information and as a judge weighs whether to appoint a special master — essentially an outside legal expert — to review the records.



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1405 N. Williams St., Angola. 665-9998. Pastor Jeffrey Gowen. Sunday School 9 a.m. Worship 10 a.m., 6 p.m.

**FREMONT**

**COMMUNITY CHURCH:** Fremont Youth and Community Center, 601 N. Coldwater St., Fremont. 495-4122. Pastor Josh Hawkins. Worship 10 a.m.

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**THE BAHAI FAITH OF ANGOLA:** P.O. Box 744, Angola. Call 800-22UNITE (228-6483).

**BAPTIST**

**FAITH BAPTIST CHURCH:** 560 W. C.R. 400N at S.R. 127, Angola. 665-1283. Pastor Denver Dekeyser. Sunday School 9 a.m. Worship 10 a.m., 5 p.m. Wednesday Service 7 p.m.

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**BRETHREN PLEASANT LAKE CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN:** 1993 C.R. 8, Ashley. (260) 587-3856. Pastor Valarie Kline. Worship 9:15 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Prayer ministry, Wednesday, 6 p.m.

**CATHOLIC ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA CATHOLIC CHURCH:** 700 W. Maumee St., Angola. 665-2259. Daily Mass 8 a.m. Saturday Reconciliation 4 p.m. Winter Masses: Saturday 5 p.m. Sunday 7:30 a.m., 10 a.m. Summer schedule: Memorial Day-Labor Day, Saturday 5 p.m. Sunday 7 a.m., 8:30 a.m., 10 a.m. Manapogo Park, Lake Pleasant, Saturday 7:30 p.m.

**ST. PAUL CATHOLIC CHAPEL:** 8780 E. C.R. 700N, Fremont. Mass: Sunday 9 a.m. Saturday 5 p.m. Memorial Day-Labor Day.

**CHRISTIAN CHURCH ANGOLA CHRISTIAN CHURCH:** 1297 N. C.R. 200W, Angola. 665-3815. John Coney, minister. Sunday Worship, 10:15 a.m. Sunday School, 9 a.m. Wednesday Prayer, Praise and Worship, 7 p.m.

**METZ CHRISTIAN CHURCH:** 1945 S. C.R. 800E, Metz. 665-1375. Pastor Michael Hesterman. Sunday School 9 a.m. Worship 10 a.m. Bible Study Wednesday 7 p.m. with potluck.

**LAKE AREA CHRISTIAN CHURCH:** 4760 N. S.R. 827, Fremont. 495-5222. Scott Saltzman, evangelist. Sunday worship 9 a.m. a dn 10:30 a.m. Wednesday Bible study, 6:30 p.m. Website: www.lace.church. Facebook: www.facebook.com/fremontLACC.

**NORTH SCOTT CHRISTIAN CHURCH:** C.R. 550E, Angola. Pastor David Wilson. Bible Study, 9 a.m. Worship 10 a.m.

**CHURCH OF CHRIST****COLUMBIA CHURCH OF CHRIST:**

14-994 Williams County Road 150, Edon, Ohio. (419) 272-3303. Jeremy Jones, minister, (419) 459-4862. Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m. Bible Study 9:30 a.m.

**HAMILTON CHURCH OF CHRIST:** 4040 E. Church St., Hamilton. 488-2719. the-hcc.com. Scott Ailes, pastor. Sunday Classes, 9 a.m. Sunday worship, 10 a.m.

**PLEASANT VIEW CHURCH OF CHRIST:** 200 Fox Lake Road, Angola. 665-2813.

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**CHURCH OF CHRIST**

Email: clearlakelutheran@gmail.com. Pastor Jeff Corder. Sunday Service 9 a.m. Holy Eucharist second and fourth Sunday of each month.

**LAKE GEORGE LUTHERAN CHAPEL CHURCH (MISSOURI SYNOD):** west side of Lake George at 1540 W. C.R. 800N, Fremont. 833-6208. Pastor Paul Shoemaker. Worship 9 a.m. Holy Communion second and fourth weekends.

**LAKE JAMES LUTHERAN CHAPEL:** 80 Lane 200D, Glen Eden Springs, Lake James. Worship 9 a.m. Guest pastors each week, Memorial Day-Labor Day.

**PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH (MISSOURI SYNOD):** 355 E. S.R. 120, Fremont. 495-4306. Pastor Jeffrey Teeple and Pastor Jim Elsner. Online services available through www.plcms.org. Sunday worship, 8 a.m. and 10 a.m. and Monday at 6:30 p.m. Sunday School and Bible class, 9:15 a.m. Holy Communion first and third Sundays at 10:30 a.m. and Mondays at 6:30 p.m.; second and fourth Sundays at 8 a.m.

**PRINCE OF PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH (MISSOURI SYNOD):** 10275 E. C.R. 550S, between Big Long Lake and Stroh. 351-2144. Worship 9 a.m. Christian Education 10:30 a.m. Holy Communion second and fourth Sundays.

**MISSIONARY EAST GILEAD MISSIONARY CHURCH:** Block and Southern Roads, East Gilead, Mich., (517) 369-2206. Harry Squiers, pastor. Sunday School, 10 a.m. Worship 11 a.m.

**FAIRVIEW MISSIONARY CHURCH:** 525 E. C.R. 200N, Angola. 665-8402. fairviewangola.com. Pastor Joel Greenwood. Small Groups/Sunday School 9 a.m., 10:30 a.m. Sunday Worship 9 a.m. 10:30 a.m. (9 a.m. service interpreted for the hearing impaired.)

**FREMONT ZION MISSIONARY CHURCH:** 205 N. Ray Road, Fremont. 495-1601. Jon Bruney, pastor. Worship 10 a.m. Wednesday family night 6:30 p.m.

**LAKE MISSIONARY CHURCH:** 9030 W. U.S. 20, Angola. 665-2254. www.lmcangola.org. Pastor Rich Warren. Sunday Worship and Celebration 10 a.m.; Youth 180, children's events and Bible Study, Wednesday 6-7:30 p.m.

**NAZARENE GATEWAY CHURCH:** 255 N. Gerald Lett Ave., Angola. Tony Baker, pastor, 665-2045. Sunday Services 10 a.m.

**ORLAND CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE:** 6015 N. State Road 327, Orland. 829-6395. Rodger Strong, pastor. Sunday School, 9:30 a.m. Worship 10:30 a.m., 6:30 p.m.

**PENTECOSTAL CALVARY TEMPLE PENTECOSTAL CHURCH OF GOD:** 400 E. Henry St., Angola. 665-9758. Vincent Torres, pastor. Sunday School 10 a.m. Sunday Worship 11 a.m., 6 p.m. Wednesday family Bible study and teen service 6:30 p.m.

**CHRISTLIFE REVIVAL CENTER:** 1220 S. Wayne St., Angola. 668-1895. Pastor Nathaniel Stroud. Sunday School 9:30 a.m. word and worship, 11 a.m. Thursday service at 7 p.m. Midweek friendship groups Wednesday 7 p.m. 260-665-7525.

**PRESBYTERIAN CALIFORNIA UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH:** 816 Hall's Corners Road, Montgomery, Mich. californiachurch@yahoo.com. Rev. Mark Case, pastor. Worship 10 a.m. Bible study 9 a.m.

**PRESBYTERIAN CHAPEL OF THE LAKES:** 2955 W. Orland Road, Angola. 833-4976. Thomas E. Smith, pastor. Worship 8:30 a.m., 11 a.m. Sunday School 10 a.m.

**SALEM CENTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH:**

3935 S. C.R. 800W, Salem Center. Melody Buehrer, lay pastor. Sunday School 9:15 a.m. Worship 10:15 a.m.

**SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST**

**SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH:** 314 N. Williams St., Angola. 665-5380. Don Greulich, pastor. Sabbath School, Bible Study 9:30 a.m. Saturday Worship 11 a.m.

**UNITED BRETHREN HUDSON UNITED BRETHREN CHURCH:**

516 N. Main St., Hudson. Craig Burkholder, pastor, 587-9239. Sunday School, 9 a.m. Worship service 10 a.m. Kids club and youth group Sunday 6 p.m. Adult Bible study Tuesday 7 p.m.

**UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**

**ASHLEY-HUDSON ST. JOHN'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST:** 27 DeKalb C.R. 23, Ashley. Kim Nusbaum, pastor. Worship 10 a.m. Sunday School 9 a.m. Summer Schedule: Worship 10 a.m. Sunday School 9 a.m.

**FIRST CONGREGATIONAL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST:** 314 W. Maumee St., Angola. 665-9362. Rev. Nicole L. Shaw, pastor. Sunday worship, 10 a.m. at church on online on our YouTube Channel. Contact church office for more information. Open and affirming.

**UNITED METHODIST ALVARADO UNITED METHODIST CHURCH:** 8045 E. C.R. 500S, Alvarado. Mike Halferty, pastor. 260-573-9180. Sunday School 10 a.m. Worship 9 a.m.

**ANGOLA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH:** 220 W. Maumee St., Angola. 665-3914. Tim Terrell, pastor. Blake Stevenson, family ministries director. Traditional Worship 9 a.m. The Gathering, 11 a.m.

**ASHLEY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH:** 210 W. Morgan St., Ashley. 687-0920. J.L. Horton, pastor. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Worship 9:30 a.m.

**FLINT UNITED METHODIST CHURCH:** 510 N. C.R. 750W, Flint. 687-0920. J.L. Horton pastor. Worship 11 a.m.

**FREMONT UNITED METHODIST CHURCH:** 105 N. Tolford St, Fremont. 495-2305. Pastor Tracey Zimmerman. Worship 10:30 a.m. Sunday School 9:30 a.m.

**HAMILTON UNITED METHODIST:** 7780 S. Wayne St., Hamilton. 243-6033. Pastor Mike Smith. Worship Service 9 a.m. Sunday school: 10:15 a.m.

**HELMER UNITED METHODIST CHURCH:** S.R. 327, Helmer. Donna Holcomb, pastor. Sunday School 9 a.m. Sunday Worship 9:45 a.m. Bible Study Tuesday 7 p.m.

**MOUNT ZION UNITED METHODIST CHURCH:** 3365 S. Golden Lake Road, Pleasant Lake. 475-1540. Tamra Gerber, pastor. Worship

9 a.m. Sunday School 10:15 a.m.

**NEVADA MILLS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH:** 4710 W. Bachelor Road, Nevada Mills. 833-1882. Pastor Tracey Zimmerman. Worship 9 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m.

**ORLAND UNITED METHODIST CHURCH:** 6150 N. S.R. 327, Orland. Pastor Donna Holcomb. Worship 11 a.m.

**PLATO UNITED METHODIST CHURCH:** 340 S. C.R. 500E, LaGrange. simplyrhetorical.wordpress.com. Paul Hoffmaster, pastor, 665-2327. Worship 10 a.m. Sunday School 9 a.m. Bible study Wednesday 6:30 p.m.

**PLEASANT LAKE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH:** 1160 W. Main St., Pleasant Lake. Jessica Boyd, pastor. Worship 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m.

**STOKES CHAPEL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH:** Fremont and Southern roads, Montgomery, Mich. Fred Cain, pastor. Worship 8:45 a.m. Sunday School 10 a.m.

**WESLEYAN HAMILTON WESLEYAN CHURCH:** Terry Lake Road, Hamilton. 488-4129. David Leitzel, pastor. Sunday School 9 a.m. Worship 10 a.m. Wednesday youth 6:30 p.m.

**NON-DENOMINATIONAL BREAKTHROUGH HARVEST CHURCH:** 665-5496 for service times and locations. Mark and Heather Cary, pastors.

**CALVARY CHAPEL FELLOWSHIP:** 4340 S. C.R. 1170E, Stroh. (260) 351-4215. Sunday worship 9:30 a.m. Bible studies available.

**CHRIST'S CHURCH AT LAKE GAGE:** 5540 N. C.R. 550W, Lake Gage. (260) 687-0936. Steve Altman, pastor. Sunday School 9 a.m. Worship 10 a.m.

**CLEAR LAKE BIBLE CHURCH:** 9050 E. C.R. 700N, Fremont. Jerry Strahan, pastor, 260-668-2172. Sunday School 9 a.m. Worship 10 a.m. Thursday: prayer meeting and Bible study 6 p.m.

**CROSSROADS OF ZION:** 7977 C.R. 4A, Hamilton. Pastor Gene Thimlar. Sunday school 9:30 a.m. Worship 10:30 a.m.

**FAITH HARVEST CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP:** 200 Park Ave., Angola. Jim Hazekamp, pastor, 495-0086. Worship 10 a.m.

**HANDS TO GO MISSIONS:** 113 W. Maumee St., Angola. Joel Werner, director, (517) 677-1932. Open worship and prayer 8-10 a.m. Monday-Friday. Dinner second, third and fourth Fridays 6 p.m.

**HEARTLAND FELLOWSHIP:** Wall Lake Association building, 11299 E. C.R. 600N, Wall Lake. Rowland Roth and Mike Wilson. Sunday worship 9:30 a.m. Teaching 10:30 a.m.

**HILLCREST BIBLE CHURCH:**

1207 S. Wayne St., Angola. 260-624-3722. Pastor L.M. Mitchell. Sunday School, 9:30 a.m. Worship, 10:30 a.m. Facebook Live 11 a.m. Wednesday evening 6 p.m.

**INDEPENDENT FULL GOSPEL CHURCH:** 1302 Gonser St., Ashley. 587-9544. Rev. Mark Marquart.

**JAMESTOWN CHURCH:** 7435 N. C.R. 150W, Fremont. Rev. Paul and Marsha Metzger. Sunday school 9 a.m. Worship 10 a.m. Wednesday Bible study, 6:30 p.m.

**LAKEVIEW COMMUNITY CHURCH:** 3130 E. Bellefontaine Road, Hamilton. 488-2080. Pastor Jess L. Jessup, 837-7376. Discovery days 9:15 a.m. Fellowship 10 a.m. Worship 10:30 a.m.

**LIVING HOPE CHURCH:** 101 N. Gonser St. Ashley. Pastors Robert Neace and Ken Brinkman; 260-587-9565. Sunday school 9:30 a.m. Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m. Wednesday service 6 p.m.

**LIVING ROOM LIFE CENTER:** 25 S. Public Square, Angola; 260-908-6905. Dan and Tracey Foster, pastoral directors. Worship and Bible class Saturday, 6 p.m. Wednesday class, 6:30 p.m.

**LIFE CHANGING REALITIES FELLOWSHIP:** 2201 N. Wayne St., Angola. Sunday services 9 a.m., 11 a.m.

**MESSIAH FELLOWSHIP CHURCH:** 6200 E. S.R. 120, Howe. Pastor Ron Hyre. Saturday worship 2:30 p.m.

**NEW HOPE CHRISTIAN CENTER:** 900 S. Wayne St., Waterloo. 837-3631. newhope.in. Ralph O. Diehl, Adam Diehl, Randy Stine, Sean Hartsell, pastoral staff. Saturday progressive service 6 p.m. Sunday 9 a.m., 10:30 a.m.

**REVELATION CHAPEL OF STEUBEN COUNTY:** 6265 E. 800N Fremont Indiana. (Ray) Sunday service 10:10 a.m. Wednesday Bible Study 6:35 p.m. Pastor John L. Winright

**ORLAND CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH:** 9315 W. S.R. 120, Orland. Mark Emelander, pastor, 260-668-1967. Sunday School 9:30 a.m.; Worship 10:30 a.m.; Wednesday Youth Group and Good News Club for children, 6 p.m.

**SHILOH HOUSE OF PRAYER:** 124 W. Hobart St., Ashley. Pastors Bradley and Cyndi Dirrim, 260-233-1429. Sunday service, 10:30 a.m.; Wednesday service, 6:30 p.m.

**THE OLDE YORK CHURCH:** 8740 E. 300 N, Fremont, IN 46737. Pastor Sam Hoffman, 260-495-1911. Sunday worship 10 a.m. Concert every third Sunday at 3 p.m.

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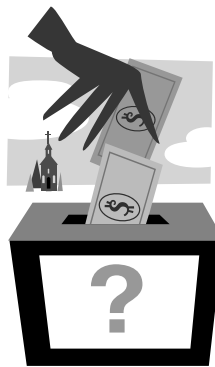
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— Christopher Simon



# Remember the sweetness of rest

Labor Day was created to celebrate workers and all they contribute and have contributed to the United States. Think of all the comforts you have due to the hard work of others. I can't go to a state park and not thank the people who had the idea to create and labor to make places of sanctuary for nature and people.

There is a time to labor and time to rest.

How are you balancing the rest and the work? Are you giving equal time to your labor as to your family? We can get so consumed with the "doing" that we miss the reason we are "doing."

Time is precious, as we have most likely discovered for those of us that are a



## LOVE LINES

Tracey Zimmerman

little more seasoned. We each have 24 hours a day and 168 hours a week. What are we doing with those hours? Let's break that down farther, 1440 minutes in a day. This looks like so much time on paper, but if we factor out what we do daily, it shaves a way at those minutes and hours.

Possibly one of the most well-known time scriptures comes from Ecclesiastes. Ecclesiastes 3: 1" There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens." There is another powerful first that reminds us to make the most of our time. Ephesians 5:16 "Making the best use of the time, because the days are evil."

Ecclesiastes seems to focus a lot on time. Ecclesiastes 3:17 *I said in my heart, God will judge the righteous and the wicked, for there is a time for every matter and for every work.*

Ecclesiastes 3:11 *He has made everything beautiful in its time. Also, he has put eternity into man's heart yet so that he cannot find out what God has done from the beginning to the end.*

This makes sense as the book is supposed to help us gain wisdom. There is wisdom in managing our time. There is wisdom in realizing that we all need to labor at work.

Will you notice those that have hard physical labor jobs? Please give thanks for them. Our world needs people to build with their hands, to repair and make roads, and do work that we

appreciate but rarely are thankful enough. Repair people are a blessing, those that repair our broken things to make them run again, at times like new.

God's plan for rest is like that. A renewal or repair of our minds and bodies is needed so that we can function and thrive. So, this Labor Day, catch up on what needs your labor at home but remember the sweetness of rest and Sabbath with your families.

There is no sweeter gift than being with those we love and enjoying the moments. Those moments need to include our Heavenly Father. He made time as a gift, so shouldn't we give him some of His gifts back?

**THE REV. Tracey Zimmerman** serves as pastor at Fremont United Methodist Church and Nevada Mills United Methodist Church

## Community Calendar

### Sunday, Sept. 4

- New Beginnings for Narcotics Anonymous, First Congregational United Church of Christ, 314 W. Maumee St., Angola, 6 p.m.

### Monday, Sept. 5

Labor Day

### Tuesday, Sept. 6

- ImagiKnit, Carnegie Public Library of Steuben County, 322 S. Wayne St., Angola, 9 a.m. to noon.
- Well Child Clinic, Steuben Community Center, 317 S. Wayne St, Angola, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- 101 Lakes Duplicate Bridge Club, Glendarin Hills Golf Club, 3333 Glendarin Way, Angola, 12:15 p.m.

### Wednesday, Sept. 7

- Knit@Night, Carnegie Public Library of Steuben County, 322 S. Wayne St., Angola, 4-6 p.m.
- Angola Lions Club, SonLight Community Church, 269 S. C.R. 200W, Angola, 6:30 p.m.
- New Beginnings for Narcotics Anonymous, First Congregational United Church of Christ, 314 W. Maumee St., Angola, 7 p.m.
- VFW Auxiliary meeting, VFW Post 7205, 2013 N. Wayne St., Angola, 7 p.m.

### Thursday, Sept. 8

- 101 Lakes Kiwanis, Cahoots Coffee Cafe, 218 W. Maumee St., Angola, 7 a.m.
- Well Child Clinic, Steuben Community Center, 317 S. Wayne St., Angola, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

- All Women's Alcoholics Anonymous Big Book Study, 412 S. John St., Angola, 6:30 p.m.
- Hamilton Lions Club, board meeting, Town Hall, 900 S. Wayne St., Hamilton, 6 p.m.

### Sunday, Sept. 11

- New Beginnings for Narcotics Anonymous, First Congregational United Church of Christ, 314 W. Maumee St., Angola, 6 p.m.

### Monday, Sept. 12

- Little River Chapter of the Sweet Adelines, Fairview Missionary Church, 525 E C.R. 200N., Angola, 6-9 p.m.
- Essential Oils Class, Carnegie Public Library of Steuben County, 322 S. Wayne St., Angola, 6:30 p.m.
- Gold Wing Road Riders Association, Pizza Hut, 1411 N. Wayne St., Angola, 7 p.m.

### Tuesday, Sept. 13

- ImagiKnit, Carnegie Public Library of Steuben County, 322 S. Wayne St., Angola, 9 a.m. to noon.
- Well Child Clinic, Steuben Community Center, 317 S. Wayne St, Angola, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- 101 Lakes Duplicate Bridge Club, Glendarin Hills Golf Club, 3333 Glendarin Way, Angola, 12:15 p.m.

### Wednesday, Sept. 14

- Knit@Night, Carnegie Public Library of Steuben County, 322 S. Wayne St., Angola, 4-6 p.m.

# Toni Murray sponsors Honor Flight

\$160,000 donation making the trip possible

## FROM STAFF REPORTS

FORT WAYNE — Honor Flight Northeast Indiana is slated to celebrate its 38th flight

to Washington D.C. on Wednesday, Sept. 14. Fort Wayne resident Toni Murray, a retired Fort Wayne Community Schools teacher, donated \$160,000 to Honor Flight Northeast Indiana to fund the entire cost of this Honor Flight.

"It is my wish to honor the veterans who have bravely supported and fought for our country and the freedoms that we enjoy," Murray said.

The Sept. 14 Honor

Flight currently consists of a total of 85 veterans: five Korea War veterans; 38 Cold War veterans; 41 Vietnam veterans, and one post-World War II veteran. To date 2,786 veterans have traveled on an Honor Flight from Fort Wayne to view the memorials that were built in their honor.

Due to construction at the airport, no welcome home festivities are permitted.

Cathy Berkshire, president of Honor Flight

Northeast Indiana, believes her team is ready and willing to accomplish the mission of getting its fall flights to Washington DC, making sure that the organization honors the men and women who have sacrificed their time to fight for freedom.

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# HAPPY LABOR DAY TO ALL!





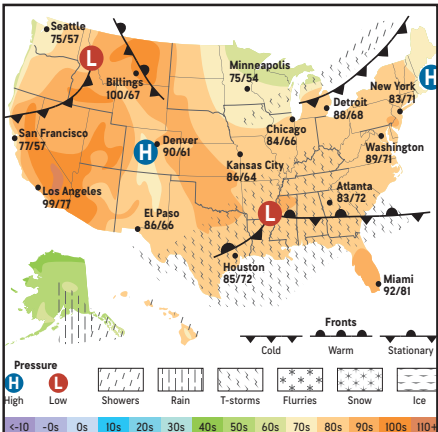
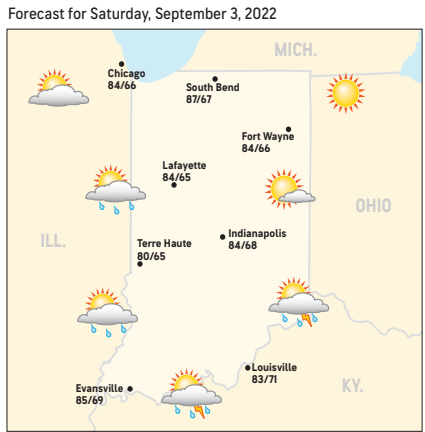
Hot weather is on tap for Labor Day week-end as highs today and tomorrow will be in the upper 80s under sunny skies. Temps will begin to cool off slightly next week.



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# Chamber's annual meeting Sept. 21 at Potawatomi Inn

## Registration due on Wednesday

**FROM STAFF REPORTS**  
ANGOLA — The Angola Area Chamber of Commerce Annual Business Expo and Membership Meeting is fast approaching.  
The event will be held on Wednesday, Sept. 21, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Potawatomi Inn in Pokagon State Park.  
“This is a great opportunity to showcase your business and the excellent services you provide with a booth sponsorship,” said information from the

Chamber of Commerce.  
Whether people are sponsoring a booth or just wanting to attend the event, you can register at <https://bit.ly/3wMplyf>.  
There will be a short business meeting as required by the Chamber's Bylaws to review the Chamber's accomplishments and plans for the year.  
This year's event is sponsored by Northern Lakes Nursing & Rehabilitation.  
The keynote speaker will be Bill Konyha, president and CEO of the Regional Chamber of Northeast Indiana.  
The Regional Chamber of Northeast Indiana is an advocacy organization supporting the policies of its private sector members in the 11-county region.  
The mission of the Regional Chamber is to promote an environment in northeast Indiana where individuals, businesses and communities thrive in a global economy. The focus is on the pillars of 21st Century Talent, world class infrastructure and a competitive business climate.  
People wishing to attend need to make their reservations by Wednesday.  
Sponsorships are still available and information is available by calling the phone number below. Individual lunch tickets are \$25 for Chamber members and \$35 for non-members.  
For questions, call the Chamber at 665-3512.



**Celebrating the running of the first mile of internet fiber in the Steuben County REMC's fiber-to-the-home project are, from left, Bill Snyder, REMC board member; Kevin Keiser, REMC CEO; Dave Short, director of broadband operations; Gary Shough, REMC board secretary-treasurer; Scott Charters, REMC board member; and Larry Jack, REMC board vice president. Since this photo was taken on July 28, contractors working for REMC have strung 50 miles of fiber.**

## REMC FIBER: Members encouraged to register

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traveling south to West Otter Lake, Turkey Lake, Salem Center and Golden Lake. This area of Steuben County was perhaps one of the if not the least served in terms of internet availability, based on a recent Purdue University study.  
Free installation will be available to members completing the registration process within a reasonable time as they move through each area.  
“We encourage all members to visit our website and pre-register if they have

not done so already. This will not only place them first on the list to receive notice to sign up and schedule their install, but assist the REMC with material acquisitions in order to keep the project moving forward, as well as forecast future zone release dates”, said Kevin Keiser, CEO of Steuben County REMC.  
Steuben County REMC is the largest fiber optics provider in Steuben County. It purchased the iMAN system in a deal that took effect in January 2021.  
The REMC's Board

of Directors authorized the acquisition of iMAN from the Steuben County Community Foundation for \$2.8 million in an effort to provide fiber optic services to its members. The deal was signed on Oct. 12, 2020.  
The fiber network was the creation of the Steuben County Community Foundation more than two decades ago.  
Over the next few years, REMC plans to deploy fiber to its home network of customers. This will represent a multi-million dollar investment in infrastructure.

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Eastside senior quarterback Carsen Jacobs runs for yardage against West Noble Friday evening in Ligonier.

KEN FILLMORE

# EXTINGUISHED

West Noble stays undefeated, toppling Eastside in OT

BY KEN FILLMORE

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LIGONIER — West Noble measured up quite well against one of the area's best football teams Friday night.

Drew Yates ran around left end for a 68-yard touchdown run to draw the Chargers close with 4 minutes, 6 seconds left in regulation, then ran to the right pylon from 10 yards out on his team's first offensive play in overtime. Senior Diego Uribe followed both scores with extra-point kicks to tie and give West Noble a 28-27 Northeast Corner Conference

crossover win over Eastside.

The Blazers had a couple lengthy, grinding drives and were opportunistic early. But the Chargers made a couple stops in the fourth quarter when they needed it to give their offense a chance to draw even, and that included an interception of Carsen Jacobs by freshman Xavier Yates early in the quarter and a sack by Mark Day late in the fourth quarter to slow down another Eastside drive.

Eastside had the ball first in overtime, and senior fullback Brady Laub scored from a yard out to put his team up 27-21. But the Blazers missed the extra point kick.

While it took Eastside three plays in overtime to score, the Chargers scored on one play, the run from Yates. The Blazers called time out attempting to ice Uribe, but Uribe overcame it and kicked the ball between the uprights.

The Chargers fumbled the ball away on the first offensive play of the game. Eastside's Gage Spalding recovered and the Blazers took advantage. Eastside marched 51 yards on 11 plays and finished with a Briar Munsey 5-yard touchdown run. Eastside made the extra point

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# Big plays doom DeKalb at home

BY JEFF JONES

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WATERLOO — On a night where each team struggled to click offensively, New Haven got the big plays at key times.

Quarterback Donovan Williams completed 11 first-half passes and running back Trre Bates ran for two first-half scores to propel the Bulldogs to a 27-7 win over DeKalb Friday in the first Northeast 8 contest for each school.

While the first quarter ended with no score, New Haven was driving late. Williams completed an 11-yard pass to Braylan Spencer for a first down to the DeKalb 21. On the next play, Bates deked a couple of Barons to take it to the end zone. The extra point kick was blocked, giving New Haven a 6-0 lead with 11 minutes, 23 seconds left in the half.

Despite a long kickoff

setting the Barons back to their own 6, the hosts strung together four first downs, taking more than 6 minutes off the clock in the process.

DeKalb got a push at the line and rode the hard running of sophomore Caiden Hinkle for 40 yards in the drive. Quarterback Tegan Irk completed two passes — one for 20 yards to Derek Overbay and another covering seven yards to Xavier Bell — for first downs, but a fourth down pass near the end zone was just off Caden Pettis' fingertips.

Stopping that threat, the Bulldogs marched 83 yards for their second touchdown.

New Haven survived a fumble and penalty that nullified a long Williams touchdown run before Bates scored from a yard out with 1:27 left in the half.

Earlier in the drive, Bates

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JEFF JONES

DeKalb's Caden Pettis, right, just has the football tick off his fingertips as New Haven's Braylan Spencer defends during a first-half play in Friday's football game.

# Knights escape with win after Mosley's late TD

BY EVAN WEAVER

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HUNTINGTON — In the beginning of it's Northeast 8 Conference opener against Huntington North, the East Noble Knights looked great.

The Knights scored two touchdowns on their first two drives to take a 14-0 lead, but the Vikings would hold their ground and score 20 straight points heading into the locker room at halftime.

But East Noble wouldn't falter, as the Knights battled back with a couple of fourth down conversions before running back Michael Mosley scored the game-tying touchdown, followed by kicker Alex Sprague making the game-winning extra point with 25 seconds left to power the team to a 27-26 victory over the Vikings.

Huntington North has yet to defeat the Knights, as

they are now 0-8 against East Noble since joining the NE8. The two teams had not faced each other prior to 2015.

Marching up the field on their first drive with a lot of help from sophomore running back Dylan Krehl, junior quarterback Zander Brazel capped it off with a 19-yard rushing touchdown to put the Knights up a score with 7:34 left in the first quarter.

On the ensuing kickoff, East Noble pulled off some trickery, catching the Vikings off guard by recovering an onside kick.

The recovery led to another Knights touchdown, with this drive ending with a five-yard flip pass from Brazel to Krehl for a 14-0 lead at the 4:52 mark.

After seven minutes passed without possession, the Vikings finally took over after recovering another

onside kick by the Knights.

The first drive for the Vikings ended in a punt, resulting in a kick-catch interference call after a couple of defenders tackled East Noble's punt returner before catching the ball.

The Knights were unable to take advantage of the 15-yard penalty, having to punt themselves to close the first quarter.

As a result of a short punt, Huntington North took advantage of a short field, scoring on a 1-yard touchdown run from running back Luke Teusch to put the Vikings on the board with 10:51 until halftime.

The Vikings tied it up just over four minutes later, with running back Noah Wagner punching it in on 4th and 1 from the 1-yard line.

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EVAN WEAVER

East Noble junior Tyson Reinbold stiff arms Huntington North's Luke Teusch in Friday's Northeast 8 Conference game.





PATRICK REDMOND

Touchdown Lakers!!!

Lakeland senior wide receiver Owen Troyer pulls down a pass for a touchdown Friday night during the first quarter of the Lakeland/Prairie Heights football game at Lakeland. Troyer beat Prairie Heights defensive back Jaden Daniels to the corner for the touchdown. Lakeland romped to a 46-0 victory over its LaGrange County neighbor.

Fremont falls on homecoming night

**BY DAVID VANTRESS**  
FREMONT — The Fremont High School football team came into Friday night’s Homecoming game against North Central (Ohio) riding high on a two-game winning streak to start the 2022 season. But Fremont ran into a tough North Central squad in its first varsity season and fell to the visitors, 38-8. Fremont (2-1) had no answer for North Central on offense or defense, as North Central, despite only having 20 players on their roster, dominated both sides of the ball all night long. North Central (2-1) got first-half TDs through the air on a 4-yard pass from Gage Kidston to Sam Moore and on a 10-yard TD run by Joe Burt. North Central added a critical score right before halftime on a Pick Six by

Jake Turner that sent the visitors into the locker room up 24-0. With North Central scheduled to get the ball to start the second half, the play was a huge swing. Fremont roared to life after getting a key stop from its defense on North Central’s opening drive of the second half. Zak Pica picked off a North Central pass and engineered Fremont’s first real drive of the night, culminating in a 10-yard TD pass from Pica to Gage Cope. With 5:19 left in the third, Fremont made it a 2-possession game at 24-8. But Fremont’s defense could not stop North Central on the ensuing drive, and North Central scored again on another Joe Burt run to get back out to a 24-point lead at 32-8. North Central added its final points with 8:54 left



DAVID VANTRESS

**Fremont defensive back Wyatt Claxton pursues North Central running back Cameron Laney during the first half of the Eagles’ game against North Central (Ohio) Friday night.**

in regulation on a Joe Burt 1-yard TD run – his third of the night. Fremont drove to the North Central 4 in the game’s final two minutes before the drive stalled and North Central took over on downs to run out the clock. Fremont travels north to face Erie Mason (Mich.) next Friday night.

EN: Knights win back-and-forth game, host DeKalb next Friday

**FROM PAGE B1**  
Giving East Noble a taste of its own medicine, the Vikings kicker recovered his own onside kick on their ensuing kick-off. It proved to be a great decision, as Huntington North again worked their way up field, concluding in a three-yard touchdown run by Marcus Linker to put the Vikings up 20-14 with 4:34 until the break. The point-after attempt was no good. The Knights had one final chance to score until halftime, but the offensive line collapsed, with a false start followed by three straight sacks on

Brazel pushing them back to 4th and 30. Neither team was able to get the better of the other in the second half until their was 5:07 left in the third, when East Noble again fooled the Vikings, converting on a 4th and 5 with a fake punt on their own side of the field. That led to the Knights tying the game at 20 at the 3:08 mark on a 5-yard pass from Brazel to Alex Brennan, but they would be unable to take the lead as their extra point was blocked. That would be the score at the end of three.

The fourth quarter saw multiple momentum swings, as it looked like either side could run away with the game, but that proved to be untrue. Knights sophomore Logan Hatton picked off a Vikings pass with 9:46 remaining to take over at their own 36-yard line, but the Vikings would intercept Brazel just two plays later and return it to the Knights 15. That interception dearly cost the Knights, as Huntington North scored a passing touchdown with 7:08 to play, but as has happened twice before, the extra point would be no good, clanging off the upright.

CHARGERS: West Noble opens NECC Big Division play at Angola

**FROM PAGE B1**  
and led 7-0 with 6 minutes, 47 seconds left in the opening quarter. West Noble answered with an 11-play, 58-yard touchdown drive. Junior quarterback Drew Yates faked a handoff right and ran left 19

yards to paydirt at the 1:59 mark. Senior Diego Uribe kicked the extra point to tie it at 7. Then Uribe kicked the ensuing kickoff short and junior Jaylun Shaffer raced down the field to recover it. Four plays later, West Noble scored after a lengthy

Cougars fall to Fairfield

**BY MATT GETTS**  
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ALBION — In Fairfield lore, it might go down as The Drive. For Central Noble, it came down to the drive that wasn’t. The Falcons knocked off the Cougars, 20-7, Friday night in high school football, a game which was much closer than the final tally. Fairfield improved to 3-0 on the season. Class 2A Central Noble lost its third straight games to start the year — all against Class 3A competition. Fairfield sophomore Breckan Moran rushed 24 times for 144 yards and the game-clinching touchdown with just over a minute to play in the contest. Central Noble junior Devin Hiestand carried it 18 times for a team-best 65 yards. Junior Drew Pliett keyed the Cougar defense with an interception and a fumble recovery. Fairfield raced out to a quick 13-0 lead with 9:28 in the first half, but Central Noble stiffened defensively. The Cougars scored on a 22-yard pass from sophomore Brody Morgan to Pliett with 48 seconds left in the first half. Senior Jonah Hopf booted the extra point to make it 13-7. Central Noble drove into Fairfield territory on its first two drives in the second half, but came up empty. The Cougars really got on track on their next drive when a short Fairfield punt gave Central Noble the ball on the Faclons’ 33 with 2:46 to play in the third quarter. Hiestand rushed for three

yards to the 30. Following a rush for no gain, Hiestand again got the ball and powered his way for an 8-yard gain for a first down at the 22. Hiestand gained two yards on the next play. Morgan lost 1 on the next play, but he hit senior Landen Vice for a 10-yard gain and a first down at the 11 on the first play of the fourth quarter. First and 10 from the 11. The Cougars were unable to punch it in. Hiestand got two yards on two consecutive carries to set up a 3{sup}rd{/sup}-and-6 call from the Fairfield 7. Morgan dropped back to pass but it fell incomplete. On fourth down, Pliett ran a Jet sweep, but only picked up two yards, turning the ball over on downs at the Falcon 5. With 10:12 to play in the game, Fairfield then went on an epic 18-play, 95-yard drive, culminating with Moran’s 1-yard plunge to make it 20-7. The drive ate up almost nine minutes. In that drive, Fairfield converted on a 4{sup}th{/sup>-and-2 call from the CN 48, a 3{sup}rd{/sup>-and-2 play and a 3{sup}rd{/sup>-and-3 play. The Cougars ran through their timeouts as the game clock dwindled, and on the play of the game, Moran barreled his way into the endzone from the 1 with 1:15 to play. Central Noble threw an interception on its next play. Fairfield took a knee twice to end the contest. As a team, Fairfield rushed 44 times for 241 yards. The Cougars rushed the ball 37 times for 80 yards.

Football Roundup

**Lakers dominate PH for Milk Can**  
LAGRANGE — Lakeland jumped out to a 27-0 lead after one quarter and rolled to a 46-0 victory over LaGrange County rival Prairie Heights in a annual Milk Can game Friday night. The Lakers (1-2) led 40-0 at the half. The running clock was on in the second half. The Panthers fell to 1-2. Freshman Brayden Holbrook ran for a touchdown and threw three touchdown passes to Owen Troyer to lead Lakeland. Khamron Malaivanh had two touchdown runs and Deion Marshall also had a touchdown run. **‘Busco blanks Garrett**  
At Churubusco, the Eagles (2-1) held the Railroaders to 139 total yards, including minus-3 yards rushing. The Churubusco defensive line came up for a safety in the second quarter after punting the ball to the Garrett 1-yard line, then Wyatt Marks and Riley Buroff had touchdown runs in the third quarter. Marks ran the ball 23 times for 106 yards for the Eagles. Buroff had 63 yards rushing, 50 yards passing, and caught a pass for 15 yards. Garrett is 0-3. **Angola falls**  
In Chelsea, Michigan, Andre Tagliaferri returned a kickoff for a touchdown and a 54-yard scoring run with 7 minutes, 41 seconds left to draw the Hornets (1-2) within two to 22-20.

DEKALB: At East Noble next week

**FROM PAGE B1**  
was hit by a DeKalb player and coughed up the ball, but a New Haven teammate recovered the fumble four yards downfield. Later, Williams broke loose for what looked to be a 60-yard touchdown run. That play was negated by a holding penalty downfield, but the Bulldogs retained possession. Williams ran for 12 yards to the DeKalb one before Bates’ second touchdown of the half. A conversion pass fell incomplete. New Haven got the ball back late when DeKalb’s Dan Mahoney lost the ball at the end of a 17-yard catch, but Pettis intercepted a Williams pass just before halftime to keep the score at 12-0. That was of three turnovers produced by the Baron defense on the night. Later, Caden Blythe recovered a fumble. The Bulldogs scored twice in the final six minutes of the third quarter, adding a two-point conversion after the first score and kicking the extra point after the second to increase their lead to 27-0. DeKalb broke the shutout with 7:42 to play when Irk connected with Pettis for a 58-yard touchdown pass. Carter Neumann kicked the extra point to make it 27-7. The Barons (1-2 overall, 0-1 in the NE8), visit East Noble Friday.

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# Thunder football team grounds Ravens in opener

BY DAVID VANTRESS

ANGOLA — Most football coaches are happy to get the first regular season game in the books.

And if it goes into the books as a win, so much the better.

Trine University is off and running at 1-0 in 2022 after it turned in a dominating performance in front of a big home crowd at Fred Zollner Athletic Stadium, shutting out Anderson University 38-0.

The Thunder made it look easy, but also have some things to work on before their Week 2 game at Rose-Hulman next Saturday.

“I thought that first half was as well as we can play,” Trine head coach Troy Abbs said.

The Thunder sprinted out to a 24-0 halftime advantage and were able to substitute almost at will in the second half.

The Thunder turned the ball over three times in the first half on two interceptions and a muffed punt, or else the score could have been worse. However, the Ravens did very little with those mistakes.

Senior quarterbacks Alex Price and Brett Kaylor split time in the first half, and both contributed to the Thunder offensive onslaught as they built a big lead.

After dueling picks to open the game, Trine got on



DAVID VANTRESS

**Trine University quarterback Nicholas Christiano, left, runs for 11 yards Thursday night against Anderson University as running back Xaine Kirby (24) runs interference and receiver Connor Arthur blocks Ravens linebacker Deovante Curtis (14). The Thunder defeated the Ravens, 38-0, at Trine's Fred Zollner Athletic Stadium.**

the board first on a 12-yard touchdown run by Xaine Kirby with 9 minutes, 34 seconds left in the first. The first of five Anthony Hentz extra points made it 7-0.

The Thunder added 17 more points in the second stanza, including TD passes from Kaylor to Connor Arthur for 20 and 13 yards. Trine also added a Hentz 25-yard

field goal just before halftime.

The Thunder's second-half scoring came on 2 and 1 yards from sophomore quarterback Cole Alexander.

On the night, the Thunder amassed 416 yards in total offense, 231 through the air and 185 on the ground.

Kirby led the Thunder rushers with 10 carries for 62 yards. Price scrambled

for 54 yards on five carries.

Kaylor, meanwhile, was 12-of-22 passing for 143 yards and two touchdowns.

On the night, five Thunder quarterbacks saw action: Price, Kaylor, Alexander, junior Nicholas Christiano and sophomore Jimmy Gillette, who mopped up in the fourth quarter.

“They’ve all got different

skill sets, and they’re all really able to use their talents in an effective way,” Abbs said.

Kaylor said he knew from the game plan that he’d be seeing plenty of action.

“I was expecting to come in sometime in the first half,” Kaylor said. “When my number was called, I was ready.”

Defensively, the Thunder

limited the Ravens to 57 yards of total offense on 56 plays — just over an anemic 1 yard per play. That included minus-6 rushing yards, a new school record.

The opportunistic Trine defense forced four takeaways — three interceptions and a fumble.

Keysean Amison had two of the picks, both of which set up first-half scores.

“The offense had some turnovers and the defense had to go right back on the field. But we got the ball back and created more opportunities for our offense,” Amison said.

The Thunder will take on Rose-Hulman in Terre Haute for a 7 p.m. kickoff next Saturday.

## Thunder Bolts

Trine will have the weekend off after film study and light conditioning on Friday. Abbs said the team will practice Sunday night as it starts to get ready for Rose-Hulman... The penalty battle was especially one-sided, with Trine whistled just once for 10 yards. Anderson had 10 penalties for 70 yards, many for unsportsmanlike conduct, unnecessary roughness or other such infractions ... Ravens punter Mateo Jesch was one of the busiest guys on the field, with 10 kicks for a 29.9-yard average. ... Eight different Trine defenders combined on seven sacks.

# Doubleheader race weekend on tap at AMS

FROM STAFF REPORT

FREMONT — After two weeks of race programs were canceled due to inclement weather, Angola Motorsport Speedway was busy last Saturday night.

The feature race winners were Tommy Cook in the late models, Jason Timmerman in the modifieds, Zach Henderson in the street stocks and Ashley Chalfant in the front wheel drives.

The heat race winners in the late models were Randy Cook and Tony VanAllen. Tony Dager was second in the feature with Jeremy Wallen placing third.

The modified heat race winners were Russ Miller, Todd Gearhart and Al Berry. VanAllen was third in the feature, finishing behind the runner-up John Gattton Jr.

The heat race winners in the street stocks were Henderson and Lenny Logan. Then in the main, Scott Whetzel was second and

Ryan McIntyre placed third.

The heat race winners in the front wheel drives were Chris Howard, Warren Barrand and Tony Barcus. In the feature race, Derek Simon finished second with Chris Heintzelman third and Chip Heintzelman fourth.

AMS' Tribute Weekend begins today with the track's four weekly divisions in action. Then Tom Koenig will perform live music.

Sunday will be highlighted by 71-lap street stock feature in honor of the late Jeff Shelmadine and Blaine Miller.

There will also be the third race of the late model Triple Play with a 50-lap feature and the third race of the Modified Mixer with a 50-lap main. A special 30-lap feature will be held in the front wheel drives division.

Racing starts at 7 p.m. today and 6:15 p.m. on Sunday. For more information, go online to [raceangola.com](http://raceangola.com).

# Tigers' Meadows reveals mental health struggles

BY DANA GAURUDER

Associated Press

DETROIT (AP) — Detroit Tiger Austin Meadows revealed on Friday he has been dealing with mental health issues along with physical ailments and will not play again this season.

“This season has been an unfortunate struggle with a series of injuries and illness, from dealing with vertigo early on, then COVID, then bilateral tendinitis in my Achilles, and then having to go through the rehab process each time,” he posted on social media. “What I have told very few people is that I also have been struggling with my mental health in a way that has extended my time away from the game I love so much.”

Detroit manager A.J. Hinch has known of Meadows' mental health issues for

several weeks. Meadows addressed the subject with teammates on Friday.

“I’ve spent a lot of time with Austin in the last couple of weeks,” Hinch said. “We’ll offer him all the support we can, and we have been.”

Meadows has appeared in 36 games this season, batting .250 with no homers and 11 RBIs. He was acquired from Tampa Bay in a trade at the end of spring training to give the Tigers' lineup an offensive boost. Meadows had 27 home runs and 106 RBIs last season for the Rays.

“He’s going to continue to be around the team when we’re home and continue to work with the people behind the scenes,” Hinch said. “He’s on a great path. He surrounded by a lot of great people. He’s got a ton of support and his statement speaks for itself.”

## Prep Volleyball

### Hornets sweep West Noble

ANGOLA — Angola defeated West Noble 25-13, 25-7, 25-14 in a Northeast Corner Conference match on Thursday.

Morgan Gaerte had eight kills, four digs and a solo block for the Hornets (7-0, 2-0 NECC). Tyrah Stillman had six kills, four digs and two solo blocks. Mya Ball had six aces, five kills, four assists and a solo block.

Paige Franz had seven digs and five assists for Angola. Ava Harris had 13 assists and Lindsay Call had 11 assists.

### Eagles down Garrett

GARRETT — Fremont defeated Northeast Corner Conference rival Garrett for the first time in well over a decade Thursday night. The scores were 9-25, 25-23, 25-15, 25-18.

Addy Parr had eight kills, seven digs and five aces for the Eagles. Claire Foulk had 14 assists and six aces. Andrea Barry had eight digs, Milania Miller pitched in seven kills and Paige Baker had four blocks.

Kyana Martinez had 12 digs, 11 kills, three aces and two block assists for the Railroaders. Kinleigh Smith had 10 digs and seven kills. Stella Mix also had a2 digs, Rebecca Yarian had 16 assists, and Kelsey Bergman had three solo blocks and two block assists.

Fremont won the junior varsity match 25-19, 25-14.

### Cougars win at DeKalb

WATERLOO — Central Noble defeated a DeKalb team with a winning record in four sets on Thursday. The scores were 11-25, 25-20, 26-24, 25-18.

Bella Worman had 23 digs, 16 assists and three aces to lead the Cougars. Aunna Jackson had nine kills, and Kelsey Lutz had six blocks. Kyndal Pease and Kyleigh Egolf also had three aces each.

In other area action Thursday, Prairie Heights outlasted visiting Bethany Christian 25-17, 25-22, 17-25, 23-25, 17-15; and East Noble lost to visiting Northridge 25-13, 14-25, 25-12, 25-23.

## Prep Boys Soccer

### Chargers blank Lakers

LIGONIER — West Noble defeated Lakeland 4-0 in a Northeast Corner Conference match on Thursday.

Victor Rodriguez had three goals for the Chargers. Andy Macias led West Noble on defense.

Alex Liera had a goal and two assists for the Chargers, and David Mendoza added an assist.

### Warriors fall to Raiders

EMMA — Westview lost to Northridge 3-1 on Thursday.

Freshman Julius Esquivias had two goals for the Raiders.

Mohammed Aamer scored for the Warriors. Valentino Cevese made four saves in goal.

### Panthers lose at Bethany

WATERFORD MILLS —

## Local Sports Briefs

Lakewood Park Christian lost to Bethany Christian 5-2 on Thursday. Weston Roth and Avery MacFarlane scored for the Panthers.

## Prep Girls Golf

### Barons top Bellmont

AUBURN — DeKalb finished 6-1 in Northeast 8 Conference play with a 182-210 victory over Bellmont on Thursday.

Lillie Cone was medalist with a 35 to lead the Barons.

### Falcons top Busco, Garrett

CHURUBUSCO — Fairfield shot 190 at Eel River Thursday to win a three-team Northeast Corner Conference match. Churubusco was second with 199, and Garrett had 245.

## Prep Boys Tennis

### Chargers win at CN

ALBION — West Noble beat Central Noble 5-0 in a Northeast Corner Conference dual on Thursday.

The Chargers won the junior varsity dual 3-0. Matthew Trinklein and Gage Mitchell won singles matches for West Noble and Andrew Deel and Nolan Kelly won together in doubles.

In other area action Thursday, Westview defeated visiting Lakeland 5-0 and DeKalb lost 3-2 at home to Northeast 8 Conference rival Huntington North.

### West Noble 5, Central Noble 0

Singles: 1. Nate Shaw (WN) def. Carter Wilkinson 6-3, 6-3. 2. Nevin Phares (WN) def. Carter Meinkia 6-0, 6-0. 3. Luke Schermerhorn (WN) def. Reagan Yoder 6-0, 6-0. Doubles: 1. Miguel Mayorga-Isaac Mast (WN) def. Landyn Champion-Dylan Carnahan 5-7, 7-6 (7-3), 7-6 (7-3). 2. Konner Duesler-Erik Medina (WN) def. Ryne Keirn-Jackson Andrews (CN) 7-6 (7-1), 6-4.

### Fremont beat at Fairfield

BENTON — Fremont lost to Fairfield 5-0 on the Falcons' new courts in a Northeast Corner Conference dual Thursday.

The Falcons won the junior varsity dual 9-3. Ryan Baker and Charlie Senecal won two doubles matches for the Eagles, and Jake Hilvers won his singles match 8-4.

### Fairfield 5, Fremont 0

Singles: 1. Garrett Stoltzfus (FF) def. Brody Foulk 6-1, 6-2. 2. Cooper LeCount (FF) def. Colton Guthrie 6-1, 6-1. 3. Seth Yoder (FF) def. Jeremy Rode 6-4, 6-4.

Doubles: 1. Brandon Kauffman-Mick Moore (FF) def. Aiden Dornbush-Andrew McEntarfer 6-1, 6-3. 2. Chase Buckholz-Noah Mast (FF) def. Tyler Miller-Corbin Beeman 6-2, 7-5.

## College Soccer

### Trine women open with a win

FRANKLIN — Trine University's women's soccer team opened its season with a 2-0 win over Franklin Thursday night.

The Thunder controlled the play throughout, outshooting the Grizzlies 19-1. Trine goalkeeper Sophie Ascheemeier did not have to make a save to get the shutout.

Freshman Abby Robison scored her first collegiate goal late in the first half for the Thunder. Mia Augustino added an insurance goal almost 11 minutes into the second half on an assist from Lia Franzzone.

## Middle School Football

### DeKalb 8th grade team wins

WATERLOO — DeKalb Middle School's eighth grade football team defeated Central Catholic 38-12 on Wednesday.

Alex Phillips ran for three touchdowns for the Barons (2-0) and threw a 30-yard touchdown pass to Drake Hall.

Tayden Meyer also had a touchdown for DeKalb. Dawson Cleverly had three two-point conversion kicks, and Mathias Kohli had a two-point conversion kick.

Meyer and Alex Phillips combined for several tackles for loss to lead the Baron defense. Colston Newbauer had a sack, and Miles Brockhouse had a sack.

DeKalb plays at East Noble on Wednesday.

### Barons 7th prevails at Harding

FORT WAYNE — DeKalb Middle School's seventh grade football team forced three turnovers in a 26-13 victory at Paul Harding on Wednesday.

Henry Holbrook forced two fumbles for the Barons, and recovered and returned one of them for a touchdown.

Micah Yoder and Colin Hauptert both recovered fumbles for DeKalb, and Owen Schackow forced a fumble and scored a touchdown on offense.

Xavier Vice had two long touchdown runs for the Barons. Zaidan Zirkle made a two-point conversion kick.

DeKalb will play at East Noble this coming Wednesday.

## Middle School Volleyball

### DeKalb 8th graders beat Summit

DeKalb Middle School's eighth grade volleyball team defeated Summit 25-24, 25-19 on Thursday.

The Barons had strong serving by DeAnna Waldon, Lilly Jackson, Khloe Gillian and Aubrey Stuller. Jackson and Stuller also had two blocks each.

“This win was truly a whole team effort,” DeKalb coach Donnetta Betley said. “The ladies fought hard and never gave up.”

The Barons begin conference play on Tuesday at Norwell.

## Middle School Soccer

### West Noble boys best Lakers

The West Noble boys soccer team beat Lakeland 8-0 on Thursday.

## Miscellaneous

### Athletic trainer on Trine podcast

ANGOLA — U.S. Army athletic trainer Andrew Delagrange is on the newest episode of Trine University's Center for Sports Studies podcast.

Delagrange talks to host Brandon Podgorski about his day-to-day duties as an athletic trainer, the challenges of the profession and the rewards of helping athletes and soldiers perform at their best.

The podcast is available at [css.transistor.fm](https://css.transistor.fm) and on Spotify, iTunes, Google Play and Stitcher.



Area Events

TODAY  
PREP GIRLS GOLF

Churubusco, DeKalb and Westview at Carroll Invitational (Cobblestone), 8 a.m.  
**PREP CROSS COUNTRY**  
East Noble, Eastside, Fremont, Garrett and Lakewood Park at Manchester Invitational, 8 a.m.  
Angola, Churubusco, DeKalb, West Noble and Westview at Marion Invitational, 8:30 a.m.  
Lakeland at Caston Invitational, 9 a.m.

**COLLEGE MEN'S GOLF**

Trine at Lou Collins Invite, Battle Creek, Mich. (Bedford Valley), 9:30 a.m.

**COLLEGE WOMEN'S GOLF**

Trine at IU East Invitational, Richmond (Highland Lake), 1 p.m.

**PREP BOYS TENNIS**

Central Noble and Lakeland at West Noble Invitational, 9 a.m.  
Westview at Wawasee Tournament, 9 a.m.

**PREP VOLLEYBALL**

Eastside and Churubusco at Garrett Invitational, 9 a.m.  
Westview at East Noble, 10 a.m.

**COLLEGE CROSS COUNTRY**

Trine at Ohio Northern's Polar Bear Invitational, 10 a.m.

**PREP GIRLS SOCCER**

Lakeland at Elkhart Tournament, 10 a.m.  
Westview at Concord Tournament, 11 a.m.

**PREP BOYS SOCCER**

East Noble at Westview, noon

**COLLEGE WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL**

Trine at Lake Forest (Ill.) Tournament: vs. Lakeland (Wis.), noon; vs. Illinois Tech, 4 p.m.

**COLLEGE MEN'S SOCCER**

Otterbein (Ohio) at Trine (Fred Zollner Athletic Stadium), 1:30 p.m.

**COLLEGE MEN'S RUGBY**

Purdue at Trine (Fred Zollner Athletic Stadium), 5 p.m.

**MONDAY**

**COLLEGE SOCCER**

Men, Franklin at Trine, 1 p.m.  
Women, Trine at Centre (Ky.), 2 p.m.

Scoreboard

Major League Baseball Standings

**AMERICAN LEAGUE**

East Division	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	79	52	.603	—
Tampa Bay	72	57	.558	6
Toronto	70	59	.543	8
Baltimore	69	61	.531	9½
Boston	64	68	.485	15½

Central Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Cleveland	68	61	.527	—
Minnesota	67	62	.519	1
Chicago	65	66	.496	4
Kansas City	53	79	.402	16½
Detroit	50	81	.382	19

West Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Houston	84	47	.641	—
Seattle	73	58	.557	11
Texas	58	72	.446	25½
Los Angeles	57	74	.435	27
Oakland	49	83	.371	35½

**NATIONAL LEAGUE**

East Division	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	84	48	.636	—
Atlanta	81	51	.614	3
Philadelphia	73	58	.557	10½
Miami	55	75	.423	28
Washington	45	86	.344	38½

Central Division	W	L	Pct	GB
St. Louis	76	55	.580	—
Milwaukee	69	61	.531	6½
Chicago	56	75	.427	20
Cincinnati	51	78	.395	24
Pittsburgh	49	81	.377	26½

West Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Los Angeles	90	40	.692	—
San Diego	73	59	.553	18
Arizona	62	68	.477	28
San Francisco	61	68	.473	28½
Colorado	56	76	.424	35

**AMERICAN LEAGUE**

**Thursday's Games**  
Seattle 7, Detroit 0  
Chicago White Sox 7, Kansas City 1  
Washington 7, Oakland 5, 10 innings  
Baltimore 3, Cleveland 0  
Boston 9, Texas 8

**Friday's Games**  
Toronto at Pittsburgh, late  
Oakland at Baltimore, late  
Kansas City at Detroit, late  
N.Y. Yankees at Tampa Bay, late  
Seattle at Cleveland, late  
Texas at Boston, late  
Minnesota at Chicago White Sox, late  
Houston at L.A. Angels, late

**Saturday's Games**  
Texas (TBD) at Boston (Bello 0-4), 4:10 p.m.  
Kansas City (Heasley 2-7) at Detroit (Pineda 2-6), 6:10 p.m.  
N.Y. Yankees (Schmidt 5-3) at Tampa Bay (Springs 6-4), 6:10 p.m.  
Toronto (Stripling 6-4) at Pittsburgh (Contreras 4-4), 6:35 p.m.  
Oakland (TBD) at Baltimore (Voth 4-2), 7:05 p.m.  
Minnesota (Mahle 6-7) at Chicago White Sox (Cease 12-6), 7:15 p.m.  
Seattle (Ray 11-8) at Cleveland (Civale 2-6), 7:15 p.m.  
Houston (Garcia 11-8) at L.A. Angels (Ohtani 11-8), 9:07 p.m.

**Sunday's Games**  
Toronto at Pittsburgh, 12:05 p.m.  
Oakland at Baltimore, 1:35 p.m.  
Texas at Boston, 1:35 p.m.  
Kansas City at Detroit, 1:40 p.m.  
N.Y. Yankees at Tampa Bay, 1:40 p.m.  
Minnesota at Chicago White Sox, 2:10 p.m.  
Seattle at Cleveland, 2:40 p.m.  
Houston at L.A. Angels, 4:07 p.m.

**NATIONAL LEAGUE**

**Thursday's Games**  
N.Y. Mets 5, L.A. Dodgers 3  
Washington 7, Oakland 5, 10 innings  
Atlanta 3, Colorado 0  
Arizona 5, Milwaukee 0

**Friday's Games**  
Toronto at Pittsburgh, late  
Colorado at Cincinnati, late  
Washington at N.Y. Mets, late  
Miami at Atlanta, late  
Chicago Cubs at St. Louis, late  
Milwaukee at Arizona, late  
San Diego at L.A. Dodgers, late  
Philadelphia at San Francisco, late

**Saturday's Games**  
Philadelphia (Syndergaard 8-9) at San Francisco (Junis 4-4), 4:05 p.m.  
Toronto (Stripling 6-4) at Pittsburgh (Contreras 4-4), 6:35 p.m.  
Colorado (Marquez 7-10) at Cincinnati (Lodolo 3-5), 6:40 p.m.  
Washington (Corbin 5-17) at N.Y. Mets (Scherzer 9-4), 7:10 p.m.  
Chicago Cubs (Smyly 5-7) at St. Louis (Wainwright 9-9), 7:15 p.m.  
Miami (Cabrera 4-2) at Atlanta (Odorizzi 5-5), 7:20 p.m.  
Milwaukee (Burnes 9-6) at Arizona (Bumgarner 6-13), 8:10 p.m.  
San Diego (Manaea 7-7) at L.A. Dodgers (Urias 14-7), 9:10 p.m.

**Sunday's Games**  
Toronto at Pittsburgh, 12:05 p.m.  
Miami at Atlanta, 1:35 p.m.  
Colorado at Cincinnati, 1:40 p.m.  
Washington at N.Y. Mets, 1:40 p.m.  
Chicago Cubs at St. Louis, 2:15 p.m.  
Philadelphia at San Francisco, 4:05 p.m.

Milwaukee at Arizona, 4:10 p.m.  
San Diego at L.A. Dodgers, 7:08 p.m.

Major League Baseball Leaders

**AMERICAN LEAGUE**  
— BATTING—Arraz, Minnesota, .318; Bogaerts, Boston, .310; J.Abreu, Chicago, .308; N.Lowe, Texas, .303; Giménez, Cleveland, .302; Benintendi, New York, .300; Judge, New York, .296; Kirk, Toronto, .296; Alvarez, Houston, .294; Kwan, Cleveland, .293.  
— RUNS—Judge, New York, 104; Bregman, Houston, 80; Semien, Texas, 79; Alvarez, Houston, 78; Altuve, Houston, 76; Seager, Texas, 76; Ohtani, Los Angeles, 75; A.Garcia, Texas, 74; Guerrero Jr., Toronto, 74; LeMahieu, New York, 74.  
— RBI—Judge, New York, 113; J.Ramirez, Cleveland, 106; Tucker, Houston, 84; A.Garcia, Texas, 83; Ohtani, Los Angeles, 82; Alvarez, Houston, 80; Guerrero Jr., Toronto, 80; Bregman, Houston, 77; Suárez, Seattle, 76; Santander, Baltimore, 74.

— HITS—J.Abreu, Chicago, 152; Bogaerts, Boston, 144; N.Lowe, Texas, 144; Guerrero Jr., Toronto, 143; Rosario, Cleveland, 142; Arraz, Minnesota, 140; Judge, New York, 139; Verdugo, Boston, 139; Benintendi, New York, 138; J.Ramirez, Cleveland, 136.  
— DOUBLES—J.Ramirez, Cleveland, 39; J.Martinez, Boston, 36; Devers, Boston, 35; Bogaerts, Boston, 34; Bregman, Houston, 34; Gurniel, Houston, 34; Verdugo, Boston, 34; Bichette, Toronto, 32; Altuve, Houston, 31; Arozarena, Tampa Bay, 31; Y.Diaz, TB, 31.

— TRIPLES—Rosario, Cleveland, 7; Mateo, Baltimore, 6; Ohtani, Los Angeles, 6; Witt Jr., Kansas City, 6; Kwan, Cleveland, 5; A.Garcia, Texas, 4; Gordon, Minnesota, 4; R.Greene, Detroit, 4; Isbel, Kansas City, 4; J.Ramirez, Cleveland, 4; Semien, Texas, 4.  
— HOME RUNS—Judge, New York, 51; Alvarez, Houston, 31; Rizzo, New York, 30; Ohtani, Los Angeles, 30; Seager, Texas, 29; Trout, Los Angeles, 28; Buxton, Minnesota, 28; Guerrero Jr., Toronto, 27; J.Ramirez, Cleveland, 26; Devers, Boston, 25; Suárez, Seattle, 25.

— STOLEN BASES—Mullins, Baltimore, 29; Mateo, Baltimore, 28; Arozarena, Tampa Bay, 27; Witt Jr., Kansas City, 26; J.Rodriguez, Seattle, 23; A.Garcia, Texas, 22; Semien, Texas, 20; Tucker, Houston, 19; Merrifield, Toronto, 16.  
— PITCHING—Verlander, Houston, 16-3; F.Valdez, Houston, 14-4; Tallon, New York, 12-4; Uquidy, Houston, 12-5; Cease, Chicago, 12-6; Manoah, Toronto, 12-7; Gilbert, Seattle, 11-5; Quantrill, Cleveland, 11-5; McCannan, Tampa Bay, 11-5.  
— ERA—Verlander, Houston, 1.84; McCannan, Tampa Bay, 2.20; Cease, Chicago, 2.27; Manoah, Toronto, 2.60; F.Valdez, Houston, 2.63; Cortes, New York, 2.68; M.Pérez, Texas, 2.89; Bieber, Cleveland, 3.06; Gausman, Toronto, 3.14; McKenzie, Cleveland, 3.18.

— STRIKEOUTS—Cole, New York, 204; Cease, Chicago, 190; McCannan, Tampa Bay, 182; Ray, Seattle, 180; Ohtani, Los Angeles, 176; Bieber, Cleveland, 164; Gausman, Toronto, 164; Javier, Houston, 157.  
**NATIONAL LEAGUE**  
— BATTING—Goldschmidt, St. Louis, .332; Freeman, Los Angeles, .324; McNeil, New York, .315; Arenado, St. Louis, .307; M.Machado, San Diego, .306; T.Turner, Los Angeles, .306; Jlglesias, Colorado, .301; S.Marte, New York, .295; Lux, Los Angeles, .293.

— RUNS—Betts, Los Angeles, 101; Goldschmidt, St. Louis, 94; Freeman, Los Angeles, 93; Swanson, Atlanta, 85; Edman, St. Louis, 84; M.Machado, San Diego, 83; Yelich, Milwaukee, 83; T.Turner, Los Angeles, 82.  
— RBI—Goldschmidt, St. Louis, 105; Alonso, New York, 105; Arenado, St. Louis, 89; Olson, Atlanta, 87; Cron, Colorado, 86; Lindor, NYM, 86; Riley, Atlanta, 86; T.Turner, Los Ang., 86.  
— HITS—Freeman, Los Angeles, 165; T.Turner, Los Angeles, 162; Goldschmidt, St. Louis, 155; Swanson, Atlanta, 148; Riley, Atlanta, 147; M.Machado, San Diego, 143; Arenado, St. Louis, 142; Bohm, Philadelphia, 136; Lindor, New York, 136; S.Marte, New York, 134.

— DOUBLES—Freeman, Los Angeles, 43; Olson, Atlanta, 41; Arenado, St. Louis, 36; Riley, Atlanta, 36; Happ, Chicago, 35; Goldschmidt, St. Louis, 34; M.Machado, San Diego, 34; K.Marte, Arizona, 34; McNeil, New York, 34.  
— TRIPLES—Lux, Los Angeles, 7; S.Marte, New York, 5; Nimmo, New York, 5; Realmuto, Philadelphia, 5; 12 tied at 4.  
— HOME RUNS—Schwarber, Philadelphia, 36; Goldschmidt, St. Louis, 33; Riley, Atlanta, 33; Betts, Los Angeles, 32; Alonso, New York, 31; C.Walker, Arizona, 30; Arenado, St. Louis, 28; Tallez, Milwaukee, 27; Olson, Atlanta, 27.

— STOLEN BASES—Berti, Miami, 32; Edman, St. Louis, 26; Acuña Jr., Atlanta, 25; T.Turner, Los Angeles, 22; S.Marte, New York, 18; Realmuto, Philadelphia, 17; J.Rojas, Arizona, 17.  
— PITCHING—Wright, Atlanta, 17-5; Gon-solin, Los Angeles, 16-1; J.Urias, Los Angeles, 14-7; T.Anderson, Los Angeles, 13-3; Carrasco, New York, 13-5; Fried, Atlanta, 12-5; Alcántara, Miami, 12-6; Bassitt, New York, 12-7; Rodon, San Francisco, 12-7; Me.Kelly, Arizona, 11-5.  
— ERA—Alcántara, Miami, 2.13; J.Urias, Los Angeles, 2.32; Gallen, Arizona, 2.53; Fried, Atlanta, 2.56; T.Anderson, Los Angeles, 2.68; Burnes, Milwaukee, 2.84; Wright, Atlanta, 2.85; Webb, San Francisco, 2.89; Me.Kelly, Arizona, 2.97; Musgrove, San Diego, 3.01.  
— STRIKEOUTS—Burnes, Milwaukee, 195; Rodon, San Francisco, 191; Aa.Nola, Philadelphia, 190; Strider, Atlanta, 174; Morton, Atlanta, 168; Alcántara, Miami, 167; Darvish, San Diego, 153; Wright, Atlanta, 150; Musgrove, San Diego, 149; Scherzer, New York, 148; Wheeler, Philadelphia, 148.

# Herta tuning out F1 rumors ahead of IndyCar final stretch

BY JENNA FRYER

AP Auto Racing Writer

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP) — Colton Herta receives a buzz on his phone alerting him every time his name is linked to a Formula One seat next season with AlphaTauri.

The speculation is so rampant that Herta said Friday he’s stopped reading the reports. He’s also informed his father, who acts as his agent, not to brief him on any discussions and leave him alone to finish the final two races of the IndyCar season.

“There’s nothing I want to talk about right now. I just want to focus on these last two weekends and have a little bit of time to decompress and figure out what’s going during the offseason,” Herta told The Associated Press. “I told my Dad, he’s been handling all my management things, I told him ‘I don’t want to talk about it, I don’t want to deal with it, I just want to finish the season.’

“And then we’ll look at the options and see if I have any.”

The 22-year-old Californian is considered the top candidate to become the first American on the F1 grid since Alexander Rossi in 2015. Herta has a testing contract with McLaren and in July took part in a two-day test for the team at Portimao in Portugal.

He’s got nothing else lined up at this time and McLaren officially won the rights to F2 champion Oscar Piastri on Friday when F1’s contract review board ruled the Australian is free to leave Alpine. Piastri will be teammates with Lando Norris for McLaren next season and that officially closed one option for Herta.

Herta has one year remaining on his IndyCar contract with Andretti Autosport but team owner Michael Andretti has said he’d not hold his young driver back from an F1 opportunity. However, Andretti is trying to land his own F1 team to be built around Herta and was close last year to a deal to acquire Alfa Romeo Racing.

When that deal fell apart, Andretti shifted his focus toward asking F1 to expand its grid to an additional two Andretti Global entries for 22 cars among 11 teams. F1 CEO Stefano Domenicali has said there have been multiple inquiries from interested parties wanting to join the grid.

Now comes speculation that both AlphaTauri might be for sale, giving Andretti another shot at buying an existing team, and that Herta is being eyed for a seat. Pierre Gasly and Yuki Tsunoda currently drive for AlphaTauri, but Gasly’s name has been mentioned for multiple open seats on F1.

Herta, who has seven career IndyCar victories and heads into Sunday’s penultimate race of the season ranked a career-low 10th in the series standings, repeated Friday he’s content racing in the United States. He also said he wouldn’t take a seat in F1 just to become an F1 driver.

“It depends on a lot of things. I want to be happy

about where I am, where I am living, the team I am with. I just need to be comfortable,” Herta told The AP. “There’s a lot of different factors that go into making a decision of when you do switch teams and it’s nothing I’ve started delving into just yet.

“I wouldn’t just go there to be there. I would need to understand exactly what I was getting into, which I don’t right now. So we just have to wait and see what options really exist for me.”

Herta initially pursued European racing early in his career and moved to England alone as a teenager. But when his opportunities dried up he returned to the United States ahead of the 2017 Indy Lights season and won six races over two seasons.

It’s not been enough to earn him the required points for the license required to compete in F1, and although it has been floated that the FIA may examine his body of work and offer Herta an exemption, he said Friday he has no idea where any of that stands.

On The Air

TODAY  
PREP FOOTBALL

Garrett Coaches Corner, WAWK-FM 95.5 and 94.3, 8:30 a.m.

East Noble Coaches Corner, WAWK-FM 95.5 and 94.3, 11 a.m.

Central Noble Coaches Corner, WAWK-FM 95.5 and 94.3, 11:30 a.m.

**AUSTRALIAN RULES FOOTBALL**

AFL Premiership Qualifier: Western at Fremantle, Elimination Final, FS2, 6 a.m.

**MEN'S SOCCER**

SPL: Rangers at Celtic, CBSSN, 7:30 a.m.  
Premier League: Liverpool at Everton, USA, 7:30 a.m.  
Serie A: Juventus at Fiorentina, CBSSN, 9:30 a.m.  
Premier League: Leeds United at Brentford, USA, 10 a.m.  
Premier League: Manchester City at Aston Villa, NBC, 12:30 p.m.

**GOLF**

DP World Tour: The Made in Himmerland, Third Round, Himmerland Golf and Spa Resort, Himmerland, Denmark, Golf Channel, 7:30 a.m.

LPGA Tour: The Dana Open, Third Round, Highland Meadows Golf Club, Sylvania, Ohio, Golf Channel, 1 p.m.

Korn Ferry Tour: The Korn Ferry Tour Championship (Final 3), Third Round, Victoria National Golf Club, Newburgh, Ind., Golf Channel, 4 p.m.

**WOMEN'S IIHF HOCKEY**

IIHF World Championship Semifinals, Herning, Denmark, NHL Network, 8 a.m. and noon

**AUTO RACING**

Formula 1: Qualifying, Circuit Zandvoort, Zandvoort, Netherlands, ESPN2, 8:55 a.m.

NASCAR Cup Series: Qualifying, Playoffs — Round of 16, Darlington Raceway, Darlington, S.C., USA, 12:30 p.m.

NASCAR Xfinity Series: The Sport Clips Haircuts VFW Help A Hero 200, Darlington Raceway, Darlington, S.C., USA, 3 p.m.

**CYCLING**

UCI: The Tour of Spain, Stage 14, Montoro to Sierra de La Pandera, 99 miles, Spain, CNBC, 10 a.m.

**TENNIS**

ATP/WTA: The U.S. Open, Third Round, Flushing, N.Y., ESPN2, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.

**COLLEGE FOOTBALL**

Colorado St. at Michigan, ABC, noon  
Buffalo at Maryland, BTN, noon  
Delaware at Navy, CBSSN, noon  
NC State at East Carolina, ESPN, noon  
North Carolina at Appalachian St., ESPNU, noon  
S. Dakota St. at Iowa, FS1, noon  
Oregon vs. Georgia, Atlanta, ABC, 3:30 p.m.  
North Dakota at Nebraska, BTN, 3:30 p.m.  
Arizona at San Diego St., CBS, 3:30 p.m.  
Houston at UTSA, CBSSN, 3:30 p.m.  
Cincinnati at Arkansas, ESPN, 3:30 p.m.  
UTEP at Oklahoma, Fox, 3:30 p.m.  
Tulsa at Wyoming, FS1, 3:30 p.m.  
BYU at South Florida, ESPN, 4 p.m.  
Utah at Florida, ESPN, 7 p.m.  
Illinois St. at Wisconsin, FS1, 7 p.m.  
Notre Dame at Ohio St., ABC, 7:30 p.m.  
SMU at North Texas, CBSSN, 7:30 p.m.  
Memphis at Mississippi St., ESPNU, 7:30 p.m.  
Boise St. at Oregon St., ESPN, 10:30 p.m.  
Kent St. at Washington, FS1, 10:30 p.m.

**HORSE RACING**

NYRA: Saratoga, FS2, noon and 6 p.m.  
Breeders Cup Challenge Series: The Jockey Club Gold Cup, Saratoga Springs, N.Y., NBC, 4:30 p.m.

**MLB BASEBALL**

Philadelphia at San Francisco, MLB Network, 4 p.m.  
Kansas City at Detroit, WBET (1230 AM, 99.7 FM), 5:50 p.m.  
Colorado at Cincinnati, WLW-AM 700, 6:30 p.m.  
Seattle at Cleveland, WBNO-FM 100.9, 6:50 p.m.  
Minnesota at Chicago White Sox, Fox, 7 p.m.  
Chicago Cubs at St. Louis, WSCR-AM 670, 7 p.m.  
San Diego at LA Dodgers (Joined in Progress), MLB Network, 10 p.m.

**WOMEN'S SOCCER**

International Friendly: U.S. vs. Nigeria, Kansas City, Kan., Fox, 1:30 p.m.

**WOMEN'S COLLEGE VOLLEYBALL**

Mississippi at Nebraska, BTN, 8 p.m.

SUNDAY  
GOLF

DP World Tour: The Made in Himmerland, Final Round, Himmerland Golf and Spa Resort, Himmerland, Denmark, Golf Channel, 7:30 a.m.

LPGA Tour: The Dana Open, Final Round, Highland Meadows Golf Club, Sylvania, Ohio, Golf Channel, 1 p.m.

Korn Ferry Tour: The Korn Ferry Tour Championship (Final 3), Final Round, Victoria National Golf Club, Newburgh, Ind., Golf Channel, 4 p.m.

**WOMEN'S IIHF HOCKEY**

IIHF World Championship, Bronze-Medal Game, Herning, Denmark, NHL Network, 9 a.m.

IIHF World Championship, Gold-Medal Game, Herning, Denmark, NHL Network, 1:30 p.m.

**AUTO RACING**

Formula 1: The Dutch Grand Prix, Circuit Zandvoort, Zandvoort, Netherlands, ESPN, 8:55 a.m.

FIM Motocross: The MX2, Afyonkarahisar, Turkey, CBSSN, 9 a.m.

FIM Motocross: The MXGP, Afyonkarahisar, Turkey, CBSSN, 10 a.m.

NTT IndyCar Series: Grand Prix of Portland, Portland International Raceway, Portland, Ore., NBC, 3:30 p.m.

NHRA: Qualifying, Lucas Oil Indianapolis Raceway Park, Indianapolis, FS1, 5:30 p.m.

NASCAR Cup Series: The Cook Out Southern 500, Playoffs — Round of 16, Darlington Raceway, Darlington, S.C., USA, 6 p.m.

**MEN'S SOCCER**

Premier League: Leicester City at Brighton & Hove Albion, USA, 9 a.m.

Premier League: Arsenal at Manchester United, USA, 11:30 a.m.

MLS: Atlanta United FC at Portland, Fox, 5:30 p.m.

**CYCLING**

UCI: The Tour of Spain, Stage 15, Martos to Sierra Nevada, 92 miles, Spain, CNBC, 10 a.m.

**TENNIS**

ATP/WTA: The U.S. Open, Round of 16, Flushing, N.Y., ESPN, 11 a.m.; ESPN2, 7 p.m.

**MLB BASEBALL**

Toronto at Pittsburgh, Peacock, 12:05 p.m.  
Kansas City at Detroit, WBET (1230 AM, 99.7 FM), WCSR-FM 92.1, 1:20 p.m.  
NY Yankees at Tampa Bay, MLB Network, 1:30 p.m.  
Colorado at Cincinnati, WLW-AM 700, 1:30 p.m.  
Chicago Cubs at St. Louis, WSCR-AM 670,



## Endings, new beginnings in FW retail

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Several retailers closed sites last week and one announced it will be closing. **DeBrand Fine Chocolates** has cited ingredient costs and labor shortages for its decision to close one of its north-side Fort Wayne stores.

“Our priority has always been to make world-class chocolates and serve them in an elegant setting with outstanding customer service,” it announced on Facebook. “With the current challenges of ingredient and labor shortages and cost increases, including the expenses of operating multiple stores, we have made the difficult decision to consolidate our two north Fort Wayne locations into one.”

The Coldwater Road shop’s last day of operation was Aug. 24. It still has its Auburn Road and Jefferson Pointe stores in Fort Wayne and an Indianapolis location as well as shopping online at [www.debrand.com](http://www.debrand.com).

**Cathy Brand-Beere** started DeBrand in 1987.

**Sweets So Geek**, 6722 E. State Blvd., Fort Wayne, known for its Tardis- and droid-shaped confections and cakes and more, said in mid-August that its closing Oct. 31. It’s honoring all orders already on its books. Chad and Heather Seewald said on Facebook that the final movie night will be Sept. 10.

**Poptique** said last month through no fault of its own it was “being moved out of our Jefferson Pointe location.”

It was closed Aug. 29 to pack up its bags of flavored popcorn. While it wasn’t looking for another store, it hoped to add another location in the future. Right now, it has stores in downtown Fort Wayne at 912 S. Calhoun St., and in Columbia City at 120 W. Walker Way.

**Gary Hively** has been running the store solo since the death of his daughter, founder **Lindsey Hively**, who died in 2015. Lindsey had started Poptique in Columbia City. You’ll find lots of flavors, including some seasonal ones.

And last weekend was the last for **Pembroke Bakery & Cafe** after nearly 11 years in its current spot. It was closing Aug. 31.

**Steve Nagy and Angie Quinn** opened the restaurant inside the Auer Center for Arts and Culture to help those who are vegan or vegetarian or who have food allergies to find something good to eat.

However, Angie took a job in Michigan to be closer to her parents and in April they put the business up for sale.

The new owner, a longtime customer, is looking at a spot southwest and would keep Pembroke’s mission and staff, **Charlotte Tompkins of Xplor** said. Plus, the new potential site has greater access and parking with better visibility, she said. So you’ll find the same recipes, which should include the Mac N Cheez.

**NOLA Soul** has left **Pedal City**, but **John Snyder** this week was already looking at another place to serve his po’boys, blackened and fried shrimp, jambalaya, seafood tacos and more.

“It wasn’t a good fit,” Snyder said of the location, 1215 W. Main St, Fort Wayne. He’d had a soft opening there June 25 but announced Aug. 30 that he was no longer at Pedal City.

In the meantime, he has two part-timers and will continue catering.

### Fleet Feet opens second location

**Kevin Croy** and his daughter **Maggie Croy-Schuck** were busy last



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**Don Hall’s Original Drive-In, 1502 Bluffton Road, Fort Wayne, was being demolished Aug. 30.**

week during the soft opening of their second Fleet Feet Fort Wayne stores. Kevin’s wife, **Jeanice**, is also an owner and a bit of a silent partner.

I stopped in to the new location at Northbrook Shopping Center, 1549 West Dupont Road, to see how to find the right athletic shoes for my high arches. The store has a number of brands of shoes, including Altra, ASICS, Brooks, HOKA, Karhu, Mizuno, New Balance, Nike and Saucony, along with athletic wear, accessories and nutrients including GU.

“A lot of podiatrists like the HOKA because the toe box doesn’t bend,” Kevin said. “So if somebody’s had surgery or arthritis they don’t want that toe bending.”

I decided to let Kevin put me through the paces that any customer might experience to find the right shoe. This included a 3D analysis of my feet and walking on a pad to see the pressure points of my soles.

It turns out that, yes, I do have high arches. So much so, that the reading was off the charts. More importantly, Kevin explained that I could be wearing a shoe a half-size smaller than the 7½ I always buy as long as I go wide. My feet, like most people’s, have a slight difference between them, but I’ve been compensating in length for the girth around the top of my feet, he explained.

So he brought out a few different types of shoes and put on a Size 7 Brooks Glycerin 20 with nitrogen-infusion, which won’t melt in heat or crack in the cold, Kevin said. The shoe tongue wasn’t connected so it was a good fit around the “girth” of the top part of my foot. It was a good fit and I liked it better than the others he chose. So I got those for about \$150, along with a \$150 orthotic that can be mailed free to your or sent to the store for pickup.

“We get a lot of referrals from podiatrists,” Kevin said. “Most of the doctors do come into our store to get their shoes. So that reaffirms we know what we’re doing. All of our staff have to know the 20 bones of the foot. We have to go through a lot of training.”

The Croys and their daughter have another store in the Village at Coventry, 5661 Coventry Lane, which they opened about 10 years ago.

He also followed a podiatrist’s advice to carry sandals year-round, which are good for post-surgery patients.

The new store plans a grand opening in late September ahead of the Fort4Fitness fall festival events. The store is a sponsor of about 20 area races, including all the points races for the Fort Wayne Track Club and the Runners on Parade, Kevin said.

He hopes to put out tables and chairs so people who run and bike can take a rest. He noticed a stroller moms group, which the store will be putting out coffee and donuts for. “Again, more community outreach, which is what we’re all about.” The store will also do clinics on equipment and stretching.

Events for the grand opening include a pancake breakfast run Sept. 24, the Fleet Feet Pub Run on Sept. 28 and the Store-to-Store Key Relay Run starting at the current Fleet Feet Fort Wayne Southwest and ending at the new Fleet Feet Fort Wayne North.

### Bob’s Discount Furniture opening

I wrote before about **Bob’s Discount Furniture** coming to Fort Wayne, and I finally got a sneak peek of the space in the Shoppes at Glenbrook where Sears used to be.

That strip looks pretty busy now with **HomeGoods**, **Five Below**, the new **Boot Barn** and a **Verizon** store capping things off.

Bob’s Discount Furniture store manager **Stephen Morgan**, who’s moved from the Castleton store to Fort Wayne, showed me some of Bob’s big seller.

Well, I can tell it’s been a while since I bought furniture. The wireless phone charger in the sofa seems pretty handy.

The best value at Bob’s is its mattress. A queen-size mattress for \$1,600 might be \$3,500 for a name-brand similar mattress, Morgan said. Its **Bob-O-Pedic Twilight** has a gel that pulls away heat while you’re sleeping and can draw it back if you get chilly.

The cottage theme is still popular in dining room suits. Many dining room tables have risen in height to countertop height and Bob’s has created a laminated top so that customers can use them as a workspace, Morgan said.

And the “Mad Men” traditional peg-leg sofa is embodied in the Betty style.

The store, with its cafe with free drinks and ice cream, will have a grand opening at 9:30 a.m. Sept. 2.

### A piece of history – Don Hall’s Original Drive-In – gets torn down

It was the place for many south-side families to have a meal out. And where numerous teenagers of decades past would cruise.

On Aug. 30, **Don Hall’s Original Drive-In**, 1502 Bluffton Road, Fort Wayne, was knocked down by demolition equipment.

The “Original” in the name designed it was the first of the first of the Don Hall’s family restaurants in Allen County. Last December, Hall’s closed the 75-year-old restaurant, where teens would once drive

by to “buzz Hall’s.” The Hall family said the closure was decided “as part of a transition to support new endeavors, for new generations.”

Hall’s closed its Guesthouse Hotel & Restaurant conference center on Washington Center Road in 2020, during the COVID-19 pandemic, and its **Triangle Park Bar and Grille**. It sold the Guesthouse property but plans to renovate and reopen Triangle Park.

Hall’s has other restaurants in Fort Wayne and one in New Haven.

In May, the former Don Hall’s Catering building next door to the original restaurant was demolished.

The former restaurant is in the **Quimby Village** shopping center, which has gotten a revitalization in recent years, thanks to Chuck and Lisa Surack.

They have been behind the renovation of the **Clyde Theatre**, which brings in a number of national musical acts, and the creation of the **Crescendo Coffee & More** next door. They’ve also turned the former Lester’s Banquet Hall, behind the Hall’s restaurant, into the Quimby Hall event venue.

Asked if the space where the former restaurant is will be used for parking, **Bert Ehrmann** of Surack Enterprises said the company wasn’t commenting right now on what the land near the St. Marys River and across from Foster Park will be used for.

### Openings

Well, after all those closings, it’s good to see some openings. **Be Better Hospitality.com**, the developer behind **Penny Drip** barber shop and café plans to open **Blue Bottle**, **Dana’s** and **Night Train** at the former Columbia Street/Hideaway property on The Landing in downtown Fort Wayne.

### Happy birthday, Kilwins Fort Wayne

**Kilwins** in downtown Fort Wayne at 626 S. Harrison St. at **The Bradley Hotel**, is celebrating their 1-year anniversary this September.

**Paul and Renee Marinko**, owners, and the entire Kilwins team, want to thank Fort Wayne and the surrounding communities for their support will fun activities Sept. 11-14. Events include drawings for free fudge, caramel apples, ice cream, milkshakes, and hot chocolate for a year with one free treat a month for a year. It’ll have other deals and music on the patio featuring local artists, the evenings of Sept. 11, 13, and 14 starting with Coalition Barber Shop Quartet, then Jacob Dupre, jazz/RB keyboardist and vocalist, and the Todd Phillips Jazz Trio

## A nation in debt to its students

We, the people of the United States, are indebted to the millions of students who took on considerable monetary debt to support their dreams and our colleges and universities.



### EYE ON THE PIE

Morton Marcus

Our nation needs dreamers and risk takers. A young person emerging from the morass of secondary education, ill-equipped for studies requiring reading,

writing, and concentration, is faced with an array of choices.

a. Get a job and hope it is the bottom step of an escalator going up and not one at the bottom of a decayed ladder.

b. Go for training in an occupation that you will find interesting, remunerative, and will make your parents proud.

c. Go to college and learn how to think with tools from many disciplines. Then try to live a life that is interesting, elevating, and makes you proud.

These are difficult decisions for young people who generally get little useful guidance from their peers, parents, and counselors. These are youngsters ignorant of finance, to say nothing about collateralized tranches.

But the federal government and banks built a set of programs to encourage enrollment by reducing current outlays for training (which includes such jobs as cargo carriers and chiropractors) as well as for conventional colleges.

Some training programs failed their students by stealing their money. Most programs, however, failed theirs students by not clarifying the realities of the

world they were to enter. Now students are criticized if they chose studies that did not reward them handsomely.

No matter. The students were expected to pay back the loans and the interest accrued thereon. Meanwhile, many parents enjoyed cruises and more prestigious addresses, relieved of the burden of supporting their children’s education.

Of course, dear reader, you were not among those parents.

President Biden has said some or all of the loans need not be paid back. This has raised an outcry of anguish. It’s unfair!

It’s amoral! It’s inflationary! It doesn’t reduce the federal debt! It doesn’t address the high price of education!

Worst of all, we refuse to accept student debt reduction as a national act of contrition. We don’t want to tell a full generation that they and we took a ride on multiple fantasies.

We imagined we sent students to good grade and high schools where they learned to be informed citizens.

We imagined a rising economic tide, based on advancing technology, was one that would lift all boats.

We imagined education administrators and trustees were persons of good sense and humility.

We imagined a piece of paper represented a store of knowledge and/or skill.

Now we know we were wrong. Now, with this act of penance, we have forgiven part or all of student debt. Will those students now forgive the debt we owe them for their disappointed dreams, their foregone opportunities?

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## U.S. goods trade deficit falls to lowest level in 9 months

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The goods trade deficit contracted for the fourth straight month in July. The goods trade deficit shrank 9.7% to \$89.1 billion last month from \$98.6 billion in June, according to data from the U.S. Department of Commerce. Nominal goods exports fell 0.2% on the month while nominal goods imports fell 3.5%.

Industrial supplies (including petroleum and petroleum products) exports fell 2.3% over the month, consumer goods fell 3.4%, and automotive goods were up 6.3%. Food and beverage exports were down 8.1% and capital goods exports increased 4.4%. Nominal goods exports in July were up 22.9% from a year ago.

Imports of consumer goods fell 10.4% in July, food and beverage imports declined 5.3%, industrial supplies imports dropped 2.9% while automotive goods imports rose 5.8% on the month. Despite the decline in July, nominal goods imports in July were up 15.4% from a

year ago.

The trade deficit widened to record levels during the pandemic as the consumer-led economic recovery in the U.S. drove the global economic recovery. A shift in consumer spending patterns away from services toward durable goods drove strong imports while global supply-chain disruptions and a slower recovery in major U.S. trading partners weighed on exports. Real GDP declined in the second quarter of this year as growth in consumer spending and a narrower trade deficit was more than offset by declines in investment and a big drag from inventories.

Looking ahead, trade should be positive for growth in the third quarter. High inflation and increasing interest rates will continue to slow consumer demand, putting downward pressures on imports. Supply-chain problems appear to be easing; the price of shipping one 40-foot container from Shanghai to Los Angeles dropped this week to the lowest level since June 2021.



## Looking Back



### 90 years ago

• A new Dodge one and one-half ton capacity dump truck was purchased yesterday by the City of Kendallville from the Hilkert & Stonebraker agency. The truck will be placed in the city street department. At a recent meeting of the city council, action was taken to sell the team of horses, used on the streets, and replace the team with motor equipment.

### THE NEWS SUN

### 25 years ago

• Thousands of people flocked to Ligonier this weekend to celebrate Noble County's claim as the "Marshmallow Capital of the World" and to take part in the city's sixth annual Marshmallow Festival. "Marshmallows, Magic, Music and S'mores" was the theme for this year's event, which enjoyed perfect weather and large crowds.

### THE HERLAD REPUBLICAN

### 25 years ago

• Steuben County came one step closer to regulating where adult entertainment businesses can locate after action Wednesday by the Steuben County Plan Commission. Planners recommended the zoning ordinance be amended to only allow adult entertainment businesses be located in industrial areas in county jurisdiction.

## Letters

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## Our View

# If security truly is a need, build all of it

When planning started on building a new judicial center in Steuben County, the justifications were quite simple.

- The existing facility was lacking in space.
- The historic 1867-68 courthouse did not meet current accessibility standards.
- Safety was an issue.

Government has often had to make due with tight space. And this has been a universal problem not just in Steuben County, but in many locales across the region. For a time, part of Steuben County government was housed in commercial space on the Public Square, in a building that used to be home of a five and dime store. That was before the mid-1980s construction of what was called at the time the Steuben County Courthouse Annex.

People who use the judicial facilities in Steuben County are spread out over a couple of buildings. With the exception of the Sheriff's Office (for obvious reasons) all offices related to the judicial system will be under one roof when the new courthouse is built on the corner of South Martha and East South streets.

Accessibility is like a moving target. In 1981, the Steuben County Courthouse was renovated to divide the Circuit Court into two floors, creating two courts and adjoining offices. That also saw the addition of an elevator, which was needed to meet federal accessibility mandates of the day.

What was a modern courthouse in 1981 is no longer so, not just because of age. Jury space is not accessible to people who use wheelchairs, for example. That's probably the most glaring example of accessibility being an issue at the courthouse.

Then there's safety. This is an area where segregation is a good thing. Safety at the current facility has many downfalls. Detainees being transported to the courthouse share much of the same space as the public. They use the same entrance. They share the same restroom facilities. The list goes on.

When it comes to litigants in civil cases, there is little separation between the parties. Space for attorneys to meet with their clients prior to hearings is minimal.

The new court facilities are supposed to address all of the shortcomings of the current facility.

The judicial center that's in the process of being bid, financed and constructed still has a few moving targets, and a couple of them involve security.

On Monday, the Steuben County Board of Commissioners voted 2-1 to not include a couple important safety features, a sally port for secure ingress-egress of detainees and fencing.

The reason for not including the sally port and fencing was to keep the cost down. Out of a \$26.5 million project, the exclusion of the two items will reduce the cost by about \$700,000.

Mind you, the \$26.5 million is the price tag after commissioners worked diligently to reduce the initial cost estimate from \$28 million. We applaud the commissioners for their initial work. The reductions in cost were taken from areas that do not diminish the safety, accessibility or mission of the courthouse. Many of the cuts came in areas such as types of construction materials and décor.

The sally port is a tough call. Early on, Sheriff R.J. Robinson requested the sally port that will allow for the safe transportation of detainees into and out of the courthouse. Some of these people are violent and require extra security afforded by a sally port, which is a secured, controlled entry to a building, simply put.

The fencing will help ensure the safety of employees working in the judicial center. The fencing would have been aesthetically pleasing, or complementary to the building. At a time when public officials are enduring more and more threats to their safety, this seemed like a necessary piece of the project. (Reminder: We ended up with armed security and metal detectors at the entrance of the current courthouse after threats were made to a judge in 1994!)

The fencing is also backup security should a prisoner get loose.

As one county employee remarked sarcastically after Monday's vote, why should the commissioners care about the safety of their employees?

We believe they care but are just being short sighted.

Upon the insistence of Wil Howard, president of the Board of Commissioners, bids will still be taken on the sally port and perimeter fencing.

These are important safety features that need to be built now, before the costs rise after the fact. Construction a few years down the road in response to a safety problem or tragic event we hoped would not occur when the judicial center was being built is only going to cost more. Should someone lose a life or be injured due to prisoner gone wild or a shooting incident in an unsecured parking lot, the county would likely be found negligent in a civil suit for not having provided for the safety of the employees and public.

Let's get this building right from Day 1. Let's not cut corners when it comes to public safety.

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a late-night Wednesday filing responding to Trump's request to appoint a "special master" to review documents, the Justice Department:

- Revealed that it seized more than 100 unique classified documents – beyond what Trump's team initially turned over in January 2022 and then later in June;
- Argued that Trump's legal team intentionally misled investigators – by signing a letter stating that the documents turned over in June were



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part of a "diligent" effort to locate and produce "any and all documents" in question;

- And alleged that after further investigation, the government discovered new evidence that "records were likely concealed and removed from the Storage Room and that efforts were likely taken to obstruct the government's investigation."

What could possibly be at stake? Why should we be concerned about the careless handling of human intelligence by any U.S. official?

This was reported by the New York Times on Oct. 5, 2021: "Top American counterintelligence officials warned every C.I.A. station and base around the world last week about troubling numbers of informants recruited from other countries to spy for the United States being captured or killed, people familiar with the matter said. The

message, in an unusual top secret cable, said that the C.I.A.'s counterintelligence mission center had looked at dozens of cases in the last several years involving foreign informants who had been killed, arrested or most likely compromised. In recent years, adversarial intelligence services in countries such as Russia, China, Iran and Pakistan have been hunting down the C.I.A.'s sources and in some cases turning them into double agents."

On Sunday, U.S. Sen. Lindsey O. Graham, R-S.C., said on Fox News: "Most Republicans, including me, believe when it comes to Trump, there is no law. It's all about getting him. And I'll say this: If there's a prosecution of Donald Trump for mishandling classified information after the Clinton debacle ... there'll be riots in the streets."

All about "getting him?" How about the Russian FSB out to get American spies in the Kremlin?

Graham is the senator that has maintained the closest relationship with the former president, so this was a warning. Trump then posted the Fox News clip on his social media site. The last time Trump summoned his mob — on Jan. 6, 2021 ("Will be wild") — insurrectionists assaulted the U.S. Capitol. According to Insider.com, at least 896 people are now facing federal charges.

Also on Sunday, Trump sought to undermine FBI: "When are the great Agents, and others, in the FBI going to say 'We aren't going to take it anymore?'"

And at 1:46 a.m. Tuesday, an



## Letter

### Candidate believes in power of public education

To the Editor:

Who are you voting for? It's a question you will hear as we head into election season. The answer means much more than just a name. You may wonder, what does this candidate stand for and why are they running? Can I trust them with my vote?

If you are wondering this, I want to introduce myself and share with you what I stand for. This is why I'm running, and why you can trust me with your vote.

I am Jennifer Hornberger, and I am ready to serve our community on the East Noble School Board. All three of my children are enrolled in the East Noble School District. I sit on the PTO at Southside Elementary, and I attend school board meetings every other week.

I have provided social work services in our community since moving here in 2016. My goal is to help improve the health and lives of others, providing tools that our community offers to help bridge gaps in care.

I grew up in the mountains of North Carolina. I watched my neighbors come out and offer to help my dad work in the garden. I watched my mom give our neighbors canned food when they were in need. I learned early the impact that generosity and kindness could have to positively influence the lives of others in the spirit of community. Social work is my calling and I've devoted almost 30 years to helping people in Northeast Indiana and in Appalachia.

When I decided to run for East Noble School Board, it was because of my passion for public schools. When my family lived in Asheville, we intentionally enrolled our children in the closest school with the highest socioeconomic disparity. Why? Because we believe that district represents the real world. We don't want our children to grow up under any illusions about the struggle that others in the world face, and we know that they won't be helpful citizens if they are always shielded from this reality.

I believe in the power of public education. I remember when public schools in America were the prized model of publicly funded education. Our children now deserve the best beginnings we can afford them, from pre-k to graduation day. I believe in small towns with amazing schools, and I believe children are the heartbeat of our community.

On the school board, I want to focus on teacher retention, providing the support they need to continue in the careers they worked hard for.

I will support initiatives to keep our children safe, from bullying and gun violence. Who wants to be in a work or learning environment and fear for one's physical or emotional safety? I support a common-sense approach to this dilemma that schools struggle with every day.

I support initiatives that help improve our student's self-sufficiency. I believe that we have yet to tap into the opportunities that exist just outside our school doors. Gardening initiatives, for example, allow students to grow some of their own food. They can empower our future generations to look at their yards with potential that is much more than grass.

I will also be a voice at the table that is led by the heart of the students, staff and community I serve.

So, when you hear — who are you voting for — I hope you know the issues that matter to me when you see my name on the ballot, and what I stand for.

**Jennifer Hornberger**

**Candidate for East Noble School Board, Wayne Township**

# Trump's voice echoes, 'No one will be above the law'

MICHIGAN CITY — Three weeks ago, the FBI recovered hundreds of pages of top secret documents from Donald Trump's Mar-A-Lago resort, some from U.S. intelligence human sources. If you or I or David Petraeus or Sandy Berger had hoarded these documents, we would be facing federal felony charges, and, with a law signed by President Trump in 2018 — the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act — a sentence of up to five years.

"By signing this Act today ... I am ensuring that this lawful and essential intelligence program will continue to protect Americans for at least the next six years," President Trump said of the law that updated the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act of 1978. The revised law includes Section 1924 that makes it a felony crime to wrongfully possess top secret documents. "We cannot let our guard down in the face of foreign threats to our safety, our freedom, and our way of life," Trump said.

At an Aug. 18, 2016 campaign rally in Charlotte where supporters chanted "Lock her up!", candidate Trump said, "In my administration, I'm going to enforce all laws concerning the protection of classified information. No one will be above the law."

Mar-A-Lago is a resort that doubles as Trump's home. It has not been designated as a secure place to review top secret documents and it has almost certainly attracted the attention of adversarial foreign intelligence spies.

NBC News reported that in

unhinged Trump made this bizarre post: "The Presidential Election was BADLY & IRREPARABLY TAINTED by the FBI's FAKE description of the 'Laptop from Hell' to Facebook & the LameStream Media – & for MANY other reasons as well. Declare the rightful winner, or hold a new Election, NOW!"

We know from former attorney general Bill Barr and a group of eight conservative jurists — including former Sens. John Danforth and Gordon Smith, Republican lawyer Benjamin Ginsberg; former federal judges Thomas Griffith and J. Michael Luttig and former solicitor general Theodore Olson — that there was no widespread election fraud.

"We conclude that Donald Trump and his supporters had their day in court and failed to produce substantive evidence to make their case," the group wrote in a 72-page report that analyzed 64 court cases pursued by the 2020 Trump campaign.

All of this prompted Los Angeles Times reporter David Lazarus to tweet: "Correct me if I'm wrong, but Trump is now under investigation for tax fraud, election fraud, insurrection and violating the Espionage Act. And he's the Republican frontrunner for 2024."

Through the din of scandal are Trump's own words ... "No one will be above the law."

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# Femme fatale: Flowers un-flourish at East Gardens

If you live long enough, play your cards just right and find some blessings from above, you might be fortunate enough to have a life-giver in your world.

The beautiful wife is such a life-giver. There are people who tear down, the wife lifts everyone up.

She sees reasons to smile everywhere she goes. And when she shares that smile, well, you almost have to smile too.

The positive energy she brings to pretty much everything lifts the mood of every room she enters. And when she leaves the room? You can feel the absence of that positive energy like a cold chill.

If the story ended there, it would be a nice little tale (and too short for publication).

Unfortunately, the story doesn't end there. Not the whole story.

(Now would be a good time to get a box of Kleenex or grab some comfort food, 'cause it gets a little dark. I will pause here while you gird yourself.)

We just moved into our plush

estate aptly named the East Gardens last fall. So we have experienced our first spring and summer at our forever home.



MATT GETTS

I started innocently enough. In the late spring, the wife started to bring home planters with multi-colored flowers. A lot of them. Perhaps two or three a day for three weeks straight (that's how I remember it, but I am still suffering a little PTSD from what happened after.)

I would ask her to stop for some milk on the way home for work and instead she would bring home hanging baskets of petunias and azaleas.

Those beautiful flowers? Bright pinks, purples, red and violet? They decorated our front stoop, the corner of the driveway, the end of our little deck.

My life-giving wife — gasp — slaughtered them all.

Like Jeffery Dahmer coming off a 24-hour fast.

Oh, they'd look beautiful for a day or two. And then they would start to fade.

I watched her water the plants regularly. The ones that were supposed to be in shade were in shade, the ones requiring plenty of sun were placed appropriately.

After the color-fading phase in the killing process, the plants would start to droop. Then the petals would fall off and the pots were soon looking like a post-apocalyptic wasteland of dead vegetation.

I didn't really think about it, not at first. Plants die. What do I know of plant health? The only thing I am sure of is that plants don't taste nearly as good as meat.

A pattern developed, quite similar to the pattern developed by all your famous serial killers like Bundy and Gacy.

I would notice the planters in

the wilting stage, then in a day or so, the wasteland stage. The next day? A beautiful planter would have replaced the old.

Then the killing would begin anew.

It got so bad that at one point, a neighbor called the police and had them investigate reports of azalea abuse.

The local Master Gardeners chapter started to picket in front of our home.

The plastic baskets of wasteland began to line the driveway like so many caskets. We ran out of room to park out cars, so the beautiful, life-giving, plant-killing wife started to sneak them into our neighbors' trash bins to hide the evidence.

The local greenhouse requested a no-trespass order.

We would walk by the outside flowers at Miller's or Kroger's and the plants would literally start to shake.

People think the wife and I are "that couple" because we hold hands everywhere we go. We

are "that couple," but grasping her hand firmly and tugging her away from the flower stands also became the only way to keep her from upping the body count.

To her credit, the wife does feel bad about all the death.

My dad, the World's Greatest Fisherman, has a green thumb. I do not. The wife does not.

But she doesn't feel bad enough to stop the slaughter.

Two days ago, an unwitting floral display appeared on our dining room table. It has already started to wilt.

And it's plastic.

At least the flower season is almost over. I don't know how much life-giving the plant world can take.

Does anyone want to buy an empty plastic hanging basket?

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# Labor union shortage

Monday is Labor Day. Will you celebrate unions?

The media does. "Unions are cool again," reports CBS News. They suggest unionization is booming.

"Reporters" practically cheered when a Starbucks in Buffalo, New York, became the first Starbucks to unionize. "A big symbolic win for labor," The New York Times called it.

Since then, more than 180 Starbucks voted to unionize, and 300 filed for union elections.

Starbucks already offers better benefits than many companies: health benefits, free college tuition, maternity leave and more. Their minimum wage is \$17/hour. But activists want more.

Apple Store employees and Google workers are also starting unionization efforts.

In the first half of 2022, union election petitions increased by 57%.



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They have political support. President Joe Biden promised he'd be "the most pro-union president you've ever seen," and he probably has been. He supports the PRO Act, which would override state right-to-work laws and fine employers that fire workers for trying to unionize.

The Washington Post claims there is a "wave of labor activism sweeping the country."

But despite all political support and media hype, unionization is down.

Unionization did increase during the pandemic but fell as the pandemic waned. In 2021, 15.8 million workers were represented by a union, a decline of half a million since 2019.

There are many reasons.

The Janus Supreme Court decision in 2018 declared it unconstitutional to force government workers to pay union dues. Now 28 states no longer force any workers to pay union dues. That's a good thing. No one should be forced to join groups they don't want to join.

In 1973, when I first went to work for CBS, I was forced to join AFTRA, the American Federation of Television and Radio Artists. I didn't want to. I didn't want

to pay dues to a union that didn't appear to do much, but I had no choice.

At work, I saw how union rules routinely slowed work down — sometimes in ridiculous ways. I couldn't just press a button and watch a video. I had to find a union editor and ask him to press the button.

One reason Fox News grew faster than CBS, NBC and ABC's news operations is that non-union Fox is more flexible. They are able to try new things. They didn't have to obey all the stupid rules.

This is another reason why the number of union workers has declined. Union rules limit their employers' ability to change, adapt and grow.

Non-union Toyota and Honda outgrew unionized companies like General Motors. They hired more people, created more jobs. That was good for labor, just not unionized labor.

Unionization helps some. But it hurts more.

Some GM workers got higher pay and more time off. But lots of potential workers never got a chance. Toyota and Honda helped more people simply by growing faster.

Today activists claim unions built the middle class. Without unions, they say, there would be no weekend and no eight-hour day.

But that's not true.

Workers' lives improved in America mostly because of competition, not union rules. Competition is what does the most for workers.

In 1914, Henry Ford doubled his employees' wages to \$5 a day and cut their workday to eight hours. People claim he was forced to do it by union pressure. That's a myth. He did it because his company had high turnover. Raising wages helped him keep good workers.

Free market competition forces everyone to do better. What workers need is not a union's rigid rules, but competition.

Today there's lots of competition for workers. It's driven companies like Costco to offer a \$17-an-hour starting wage.

Unions help some, but a free market helps more.

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# Trump is on the ballot

Blake Masters, the Republican Senate candidate in Arizona, once called abortion "demonic" and a "human sacrifice." His website now says he favors "common-sense regulation" of the procedure. Masters also called the last election a "rotten mess" and said "America would be so much better off" with Donald Trump in the White House. That line is now completely gone from his platform.

As Labor Day approaches, Masters' desperate attempt to revamp his campaign profile reflects a critical change in the political landscape. Democrats are now playing offense, and the Republicans have been thrown on the defensive. A likely blowout has turned into a nail-biter.

"The long-predicted



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GOP 'wave' election may be crashing on an offshore reef, as abortion and Donald Trump energize Democrats," writes the Wall Street Journal's editorial board, which skews conservative.

Republicans still retain huge advantages. The president's party generally loses seats in midterm elections. Redrawn House districts favor the GOP in many states, and key Democrats have retired. While Biden's approval rating has crept upward, he remains mired in the low 40s. Gas prices have drifted downward, but inflation is still strangling American families, and fewer than 1 in 4 voters say the country is headed in the right direction.

But that is not the whole story. The election is no longer just a referendum on a sputtering presidency. It's now a choice — between calmness and chaos, between the extreme positions Masters once espoused and the "common-sense" approach he's so frantically trying to embrace. Trump is now on the ballot.

"This November's election will still be a reckoning for President Biden and the Democrats, given inflationary pressures and disapproval with the incumbent's job performance," sums up Dan Balz, The Washington Post's astute analyst. "But Republicans cannot escape the reality that Trump and his Make America Great Again, or MAGA, movement are also part of the reckoning that will take place."

Signs of that reckoning are multiplying. A referendum challenging abortion rights was crushed in the red state of Kansas. In four special elections for House seats this summer, Democratic candidates consistently outperformed Biden's 2020 pace.

When voters are asked who they want to control the next Congress, Democrats have moved from a small deficit to a tie with Republicans. Last March, Republicans were 17 points more likely to express a "high level of interest" in the next election, according to NBC. Now that level is equal; the "enthusiasm gap" has closed.

Enthusiasm has practical consequences,

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When voters are asked who they want to control the next Congress, Democrats have moved from a small deficit to a tie with Republicans.”

and one is the number of new voters registering as Democrats — especially women. Another result: Most Democrats are pummeling their GOP rivals when it comes to fundraising.

Why? Democrats have gotten a boost from legislation that could eventually limit the cost of prescription drugs and the impact of climate change. And Biden has turned feisty lately, vigorously denouncing Trumpism as "semi-fascism."

But two other reasons stand out, and the first is the abortion issue. Not only did the Supreme Court revoke a woman's constitutional right to manage her own health, several justices in the majority strongly hinted they could use the same reasoning to abrogate other rights, from access to contraception to interracial and same-sex marriages. Plus high-decibel voices in the GOP called for a national ban on abortion.

These messages that galvanized the hard-right wing of the party badly backfired, alarming more moderate women and crystalizing their concerns about what a return to Republican rule would really mean.

"Republicans are on the backfoot because they're talking about abortion as if Roe were still the law, when it was easy to favor a total ban because it didn't matter," wrote the Journal. "Now the policy stakes are real, and Republicans will have to make clear what specific abortion limits they favor and why."

The court's decision did not come in a vacuum. It came as Trump's past actions — and future threats — loom ever larger. Congressional hearings highlighted Trump's role in instigating the Jan. 6 insurrection and also amplified his personal intemperance and instability (remember the dishes he threw against the wall?). The FBI raid on his estate in Florida illuminated his ongoing legal troubles.

Trump himself continues to seize the spotlight — holding rallies, promoting candidates, launching broadsides on social media and teasing about his own future. The result has been to a gift to Democrats: a demon, a target to run against. A chance to change the question from "Do you favor Biden?" to "Do you fear Trump?"

The final answers won't be known until November. But Republicans are worried. Just ask Blake Masters.

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## When autumn leaves start to fall, will Wall Street follow?

By Stan Choe;  
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Welcome to the worst month of the year for Wall Street.

Since 1928, September has brought an average loss of 1.1% for the S&P 500.

Last year, the S&P 500 fell 4.8% in September for its first loss in eight months. At the time, worries were brewing about when the Federal Reserve would take its foot off the economic stimulus accelerator.

It's not always so. Two years earlier, a solid September gain helped to virtually reverse an August swoon. And in 2010, when the economy was climbing back from the Great Recession, September was the best month of the year for stocks.

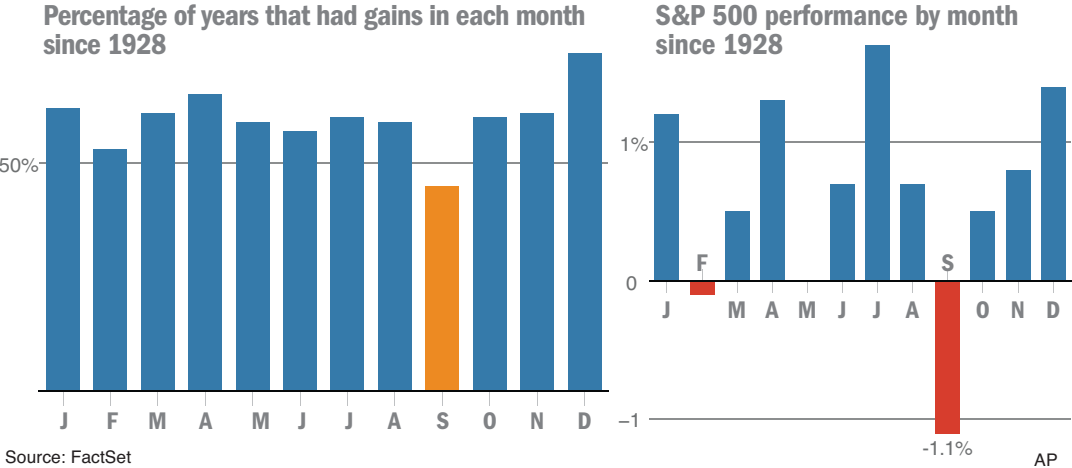


This year's September has plenty of big events circled on the calendar that could yield more big swings for a market that's already been beset by them. Chief among them is the Federal Reserve's meeting on interest-rate policy Sept. 20-21. It's almost certain to raise its benchmark short-term rate for the fifth time this year. The only question is by how much.

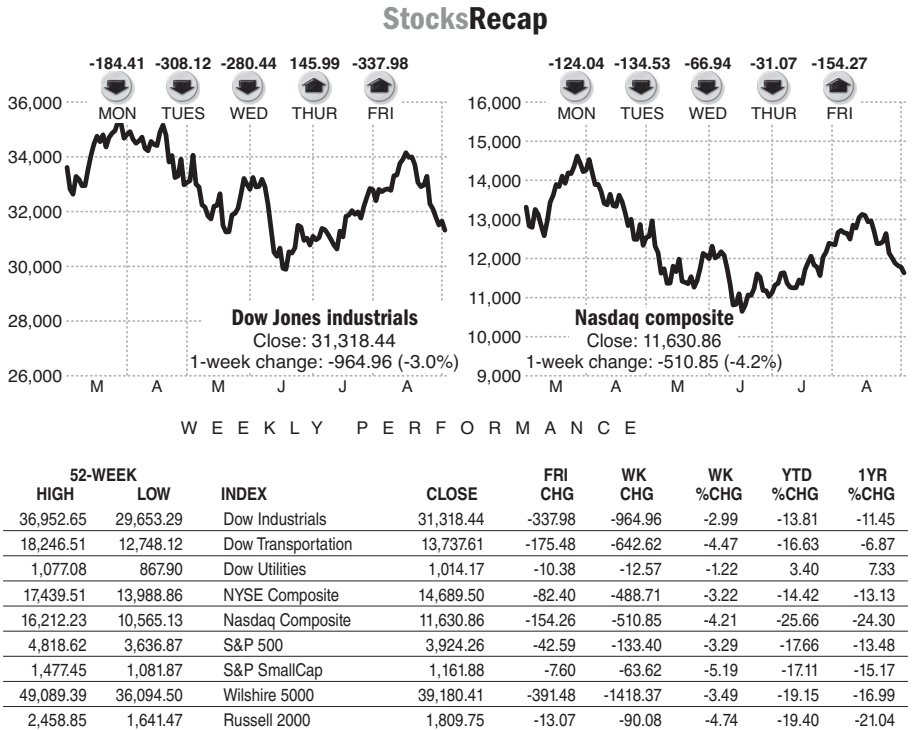
Several reports on the economy before that crucial meeting could alter the Fed's thinking ahead of that meeting, including August hiring data due Friday and a report on inflation due Sept. 13.

### The worst month of the year for Wall Street

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Amer Elec Power	AEP	80.22	80.22-105.48	105.48	101.09	-0.73	-0.7	▲	▼	13.6	15.4	20	3.12f
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WalMart Strs	WMT	117.27	117.27-160.77	160.77	133.00	1.40	1.1	▲	▲	-8.1	-9.0	29	2.24f
Wesbanco	WSBC	29.50	29.50-38.37	38.37	34.41	-0.15	-0.4	▲	▲	-1.7	4.6	12	1.36f



## Electric car sales

Electric car sales are gaining traction. Drivers worldwide bought 4.2 million in the first half of 2022, up 63% from a year earlier, according to Canalis.

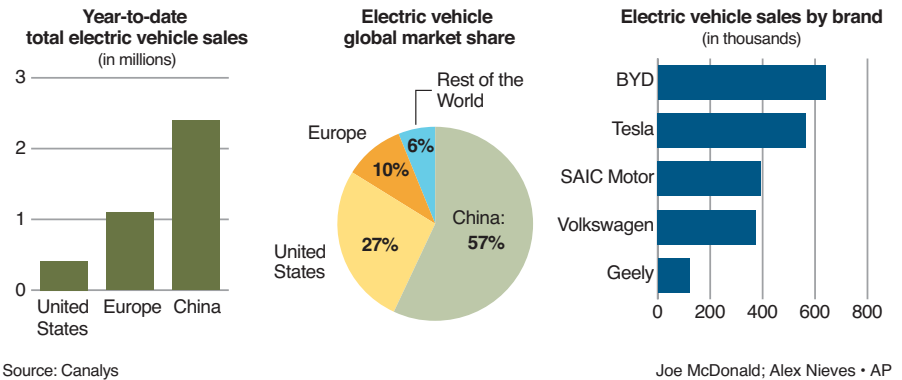
More than half those sales were made in China, where purchases more than doubled to 2.4 million, boosted by subsidies and official sales targets imposed on automakers. They accounted for 26% of sales in the global auto industry's biggest market.

Electric vehicles also are evolving into a mass market product in the United States, where sales rose 62%.

Their share of the U.S. market doubled to 6%. Europe accounted for 27% of the global market. Sales rose 9%.

China's BYD Auto edged out Tesla Ltd. as the top electric brand with a 15% global market share. China's SAIC was in third place and Volkswagen was No. 4.

Popular brands in the United States including Chevrolet, Ford and Toyota "sell very few EV models between them," said Chris Jones of Canalis in a report. "The sooner this changes the better, and the U.S. EV share will grow."



Source: Canalis

Joe McDonald; Alex Nieves • AP

## BUSINESS BRIEFS

### Stocks end lower for a third straight week

NEW YORK (AP) — Stocks gave up an early rally and closed lower Friday, marking their third losing week in a row and extending Wall Street's late-summer slump.

Major stock indexes initially climbed broadly following the government's latest job market report, which showed employers slowed their hiring in August. The report put traders in a buying mood, stoking cautious optimism that the Federal Reserve may not need to raise interest rates as aggressively in its ongoing bid to tame inflation.

But the market reversed course by mid-afternoon, shedding all its gains. That left the S&P 500 and Dow Jones Industrial Average 1.1% lower. The Nasdaq com-

posite fell 1.3%.

"The jobs report today was nice, but it was not enough to obviously sustain the rally," said Ross Mayfield, investment strategist at Baird.

"The bar to clear is 'does this change the trajectory of the Fed?'" And I don't know that this report is enough to say yes."

### Nissan pushing EVs due to U.S. tax credit

TOKYO (AP) — Nissan will more aggressively push electric vehicles to take advantage of a new U.S. law that gives up to \$7,500 in tax credits, the Japanese automaker said Friday.

President Joe Biden signed the landmark climate change and health care bill into law last month. The tax credit can be used to defray the cost of purchasing an electric vehicle that's made in the U.S.

The Nissan Leaf electric car is among the models that qualifies, but, under the law, the vehicles must contain a battery built in North America with minerals mined or recycled on the continent to be eligible.

Chief Sustainability Officer Joji Tagawa acknowledged the qualification process was complex, while stressing Nissan was eager to take advantage of the law to alleviate costs to the customer.

"We are in the process of making a thorough analysis at the moment," he told reporters in an online briefing, noting details of what Nissan might do were still undecided.

Tesla models, as well as the Ford F Series electric pickup, BMW X5 and the Jeep Wrangler plug-in hybrid are among the models that will be able to qualify for the tax credits.

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Faded lettering shows through on the north side upper-floor wall of the Christian Community Center at 112 S. Main St. The building was originally a hardware and farm implement store, then the A.J. Strauss Dried Goods store before becoming J.C. Penney Company for more than 60 years before shutting in the 1990s.

# Closeup Kendallville:

## Zooming in on downtown's unique features

BY STEVE GARBACZ

The devil's in the details right? Historic downtown Kendallville is not historic just because many of the buildings have been here 100-plus years. It's the features and character of those buildings that have persisted over that time that give the Main Street corridor its charm and appeal. Because, let's be honest, they just don't build 'em like this any more.

It's the little touches, ornamental features and decorative aspects that add no functional utility to the buildings, but simply give them a little more flair, a little something to look at. But nowadays, how often do you drive down Main Street and take notice of those little touches? Some have been lost to time, some are a little worse for wear, but as Kendallville continues on the path of historic

preservation and restoration, these are the kinds of things that may soon jump back to life. So what are you missing in your day-to-day? Well, we took out our long camera lens and took a leisurely stroll down Main Street, snapping closeups of some of the more interesting and unique architectural features downtown that you may not even realize are there.



The night deposit hatch still sits in the wall of the former bank building at 212 S. Main, which has been and remains vacant for nearly 15 years.



Decorative features are seen on the ornate second-floor facade above Jeny's Tacos and Kropp Insurance at 215-217 S. Main St.



Small decorative features are seen above the Home Sweet Home Floral shop at 209 S. Main St.

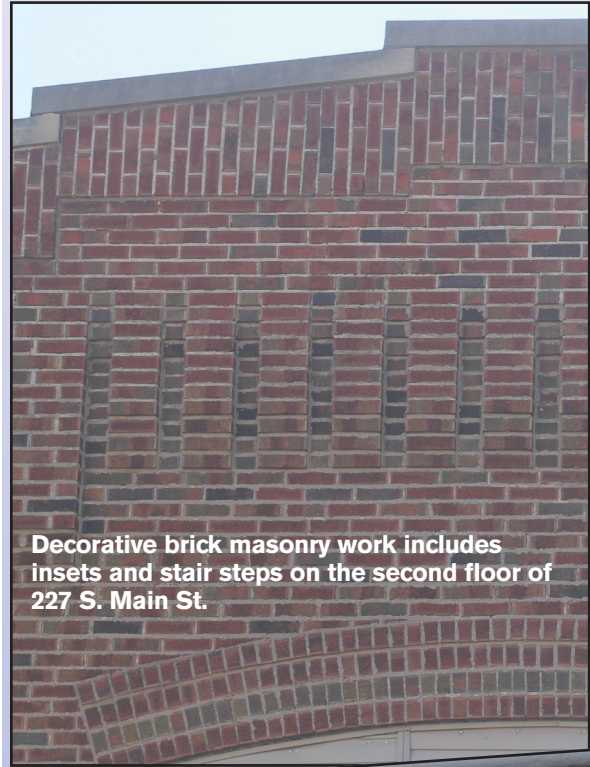


Decorative features top off rounded arch windows at 136 S. Main St., currently occupied by Word of Life Outreach Center.





The 1892 Diggins Block is noted above the former Kendallville Party Store and Scizzor Worx, now vacant, at 120 N. Main St.



Decorative brick masonry work includes insets and stair steps on the second floor of 227 S. Main St.



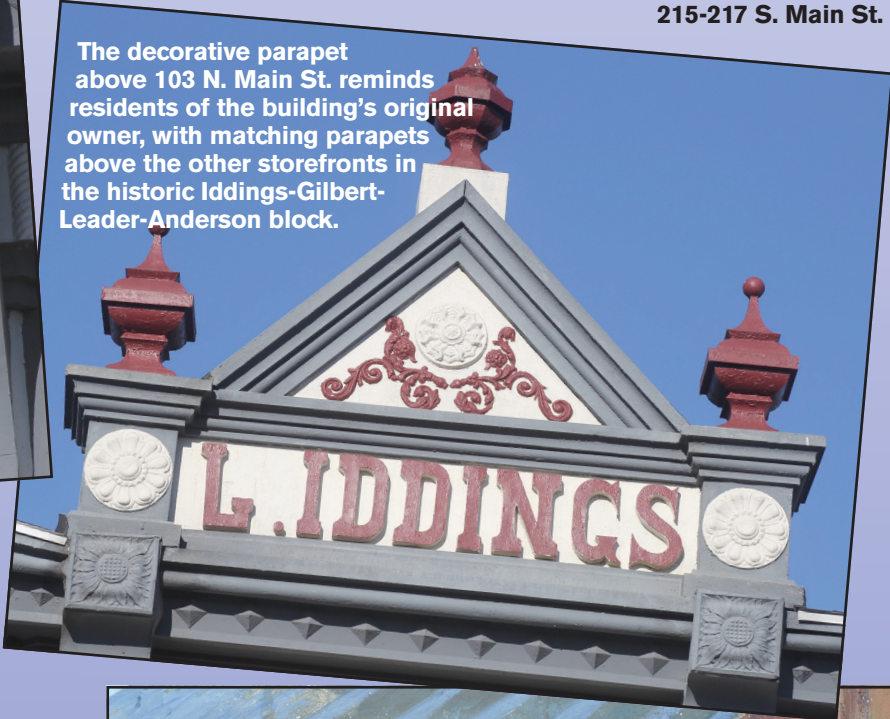
Yellow stars adorn the facade above the marquee at the historic Strand Theatre at 221 S. Main St. Although the theater is much older, dating back to its days as an opera house, the current iconic decor hearkens back to the mid-20th century.



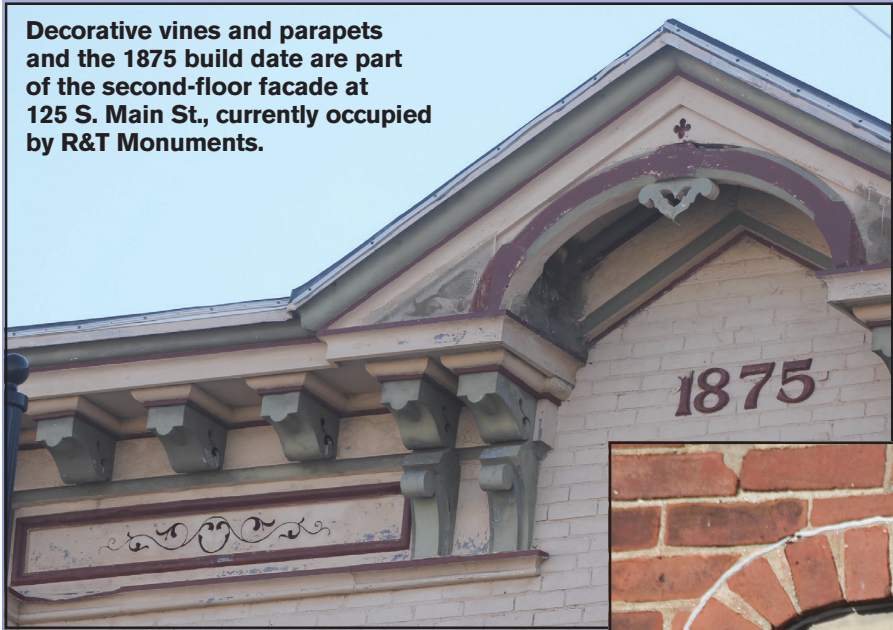
A face and elephant heads are part of the extremely decorative second-floor facade above Jeny's Tacos and Kropp Insurance at 215-217 S. Main St.



Decorative features are shown on the second floor of the L. Iddings building at 103 N. Main St., part of the historic Iddings-Gilbert-Leader-Anderson block north of Mitchell Street.



The decorative parapet above 103 N. Main St. reminds residents of the building's original owner, with matching parapets above the other storefronts in the historic Iddings-Gilbert-Leader-Anderson block.

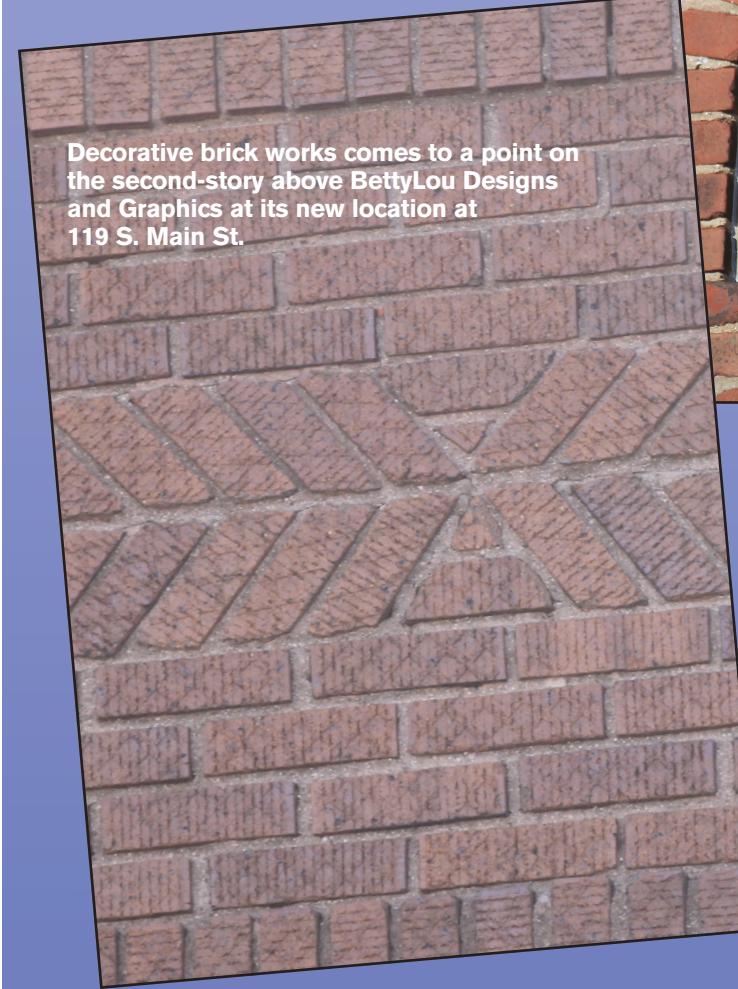


Decorative vines and parapets and the 1875 build date are part of the second-floor facade at 125 S. Main St., currently occupied by R&T Monuments.

A concrete inset above Hagerman Appliance at 126 S. Main St. indicating the building is part of the 1882 Bowen Block.



The engineer hangs out the window of the engine in this closeup of the mural on the north wall of the former Kendallville Party Store at 120 N. Main St.



Decorative brick works comes to a point on the second-story above BettyLou Designs and Graphics at its new location at 119 S. Main St.



Half of the "CITY HALL" sign at the roofline is missing at Kendallville City Hall, 234 S. Main St.

A decorative spiral sits attached to the north wall on Mitchell Street of the Kendallville Auto Value building at 101 S. Main St., as well as the faded "H" next to it, part of the north-side sign that once identified the building as the Kelly House hotel.





# Roots of Labor Day celebrate the importance of labor

When I was growing up in Cortland, a small town in Ohio, Labor Day weekend marked the end of summer and the beginning of school. It was a time to get in one last family trip. Sometimes relatives would visit us. Our garden was shutting down, which meant that my weeding responsibilities were coming to an end. However, the raking of leaves from the numerous trees where we lived, loomed over the horizon.

When I retired to Plymouth, Indiana, Labor Day weekend became synonymous with Blueberry Festival. Each year 300,000 or more people descend on our small town. This is when many non-profits make their money for the year. The festival is just a short 10 minute walk from my front door. From my back porch I can see about 50% of the fireworks on Sunday night. This year Diane and I are helping with the Blueberry Stomp.

What gets lost in all of the

celebrations, parties, and activities is the reason for Labor Day in the first place. Its roots go back to the 19th Century when the labor and trade union movements proposed a day to celebrate the importance of labor. It became an official federal holiday in 1894. The present day labor shortage is a reminder of the importance of labor to the American economy. It would be interesting to calculate how many people it takes each day for our lives to run smoothly.

The Book of Proverbs emphasizes the importance of work if a person is to be well rounded. “A slack hand causes poverty, but the hand of the diligent makes

rich (Proverbs 10:4).” “One who is slack in work is close kin to a vandal (Proverbs 18:9).” In all toil there is profit, but mere talk leads only to poverty (Proverbs 14:23).” “Those who till their land will have plenty of food, but those who follow worthless pursuits have no sense (Proverbs 12:11).”

One of the values of entry level jobs is teaching people to have a good work ethic. Many of these are filled with high school students or recent graduates. One of the marks of a good employee is showing up. A business, especially a small business, is dependent upon their employees showing up if they are to be successful. Hopefully, most would have learned this in school by being regular in attendance. The quotes from the Book of Proverbs emphasize the importance of showing up if one wants to be a success in life.

In the 9th chapter of 1 Corinthians, Paul talks about his

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The quotes from the Book of Proverbs emphasize the importance of showing up if one wants to be a success in life.”

rights as an apostle. One of these rights is to be paid. In part, he argues, “This is my defense to those who would examine me. Do we not have the right to our food and drink? Do we not have the right to be accompanied by a believing wife, as do the other apostles and the brothers of the Lord and Cephas? Or is it only

Barnabas and I who have no right to refrain from working for a living? Who at any time pays the expenses for doing military service? Who plants a vineyard and does not eat any of its fruit? Or who tends a flock and does not get any of its milk? (I Corinthians 9:3-7)”

Paul is saying that a worker should be paid fairly for what he or she does. This gets at the heart of the original purpose of Labor Day. In the 19th Century unions worked to ensure that workers had fair wages and good working conditions. One of the responsibilities of an employer is to provide an environment where the employees can thrive and prosper. This includes all those who make it possible for all of us to have a good Labor Day weekend.

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MUSINGS FROM THE HEARTLAND

David Hogsett

## Quake-hit Mexico church with iconic Virgin image gets rehab

BY MARÍA TERESA HERNÁNDEZ  
Associated Press

MEXICO CITY (AP) — Under a white tent on the street outside Our Lady of the Angels on a recent Sunday, the Rev. Adrián Vázquez led parishioners seated in pews and plastic chairs in celebrating 10 o'clock Mass, flanked by piles of rubble from the sanctuary left there by a deadly earthquake nearly five years ago.

To the left stood the still-broken church, with deep cracks in the walls, its half-collapsed dome supported by scaffolding and a leaning column. Behind the priest was a wax painting of the Virgin Mary, a replica of the one on the wall inside the building and all but out of sight for the faithful.

But Vázquez's excitement was so great that it couldn't even be hidden by his pandemic facemask as he delivered the good news: Just weeks before the anniversary of the Sept. 19, 2017, quake, work was finally resuming on restoration of the Catholic temple, which houses the treasured Virgin considered miraculous for having survived floods

and earthquakes.

He exhorted parishioners to support the church as the restoration progresses, saying, “The wait is not passive, and the temple is not going to be rebuilt on its own or only with the help of the government. How can we all help?”

Set in the working-class residential neighborhood of Guerrero and carrying one of Mary's titles, Our Lady of the Angels has a history dating to the late 16th century.

In 1580 a painting of the Assumption of the Virgin arrived in the area floating on floodwaters and ended up in the mud on the property of an Indigenous cacique, or chief, known as Izayoque, according to a book about the church written by the Rev. José Berruecos about a century ago. The artwork depicts the Catholic belief that Mary, mother of Jesus, ascended into heaven, body and soul.

“In the midst of the floods, with all the evil they caused,” Berruecos wrote, “against that background of darkness and desolation, the image of Our Lady of the Angels appears in full light as a rainbow in the midst of the storm.”

Izayoque was so taken by the image on the badly damaged canvas that he had a chapel built in the Virgin's honor with the painting reproduced on an adobe wall. The current sanctuary was finished some 200 years later, with the Virgin still gracing the oratory.

According to the National Institute of Anthropology and History, or INAH, Our Lady of the Angels is the second most important church in Mexico City after the internationally revered Basilica of Guadalupe, which is home to its own holy image of the Virgin and draws millions of pilgrims each year.



The Rev. Adrian Vazquez celebrates an outdoor Mass under a white tent outside the quake-damaged Our Lady of the Angels church, in the working-class Guerrero neighborhood of Mexico City, on Aug. 7. Pictured right is a wax painting of Our Lady of the Angels, a replica of the one on the wall inside the church, home to the revered image of the Virgin Mary, its history dating to the end of the 16th century.

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# One much greater is in charge of our lives

BY GLORIA YODER

Those who have bid farewell to life on Earth with your partner, know the hundreds of little “firsts” you bump into randomly throughout your days. It has been 4 ½ months since Daniel went to heaven, so I cannot speak out of the experience beyond that.

So many things I had never imagined were happening to me. Some are minor; some are stark, and others are flat-out grueling. I’ll never forget that first magazine that came with Daniel’s name on it, but there is no Daniel to read it. In my heart, I knew he had much better things. Yet, it still hurts every time I get rid of Busy Beaver magazines (an Amish/Mennonite advertising paper) and haven’t watched Daniel sit down and flip through it, remarking how people do all sorts of things to make money.

Daniel’s birthday is coming up on Sunday. We will miss not making his apricot pie and watching him eat it with homemade vanilla ice cream. The last time I had made some for him, Julia asked why he was so quiet while eating it. Smiling, I told her, “He’s enjoying it too much to

talk.” His grin proved my answer to be accurate.

With school starting, the men from our church go in three mornings a week to have devotions with the teachers and children. I loved going with Daniel, as I soaked in the thrill of watching him teach these innocent little hearts more about Jesus. Now what? I have no answers. Yes, I can go with other couples to church, but nothing will ever compare to my Daniel. I know God will bring blessings more remarkable than heartache, though I can’t wrap my aching brain around it right now.

Shopping was an entirely new dimension for me. The last time Daniel went shopping, he came home loaded with armloads of grocery bags. Besides the necessities, I had jotted on a list for him, he had bought several cans of orange juice for me, an array of fruits, special snacks, and the list goes on. I blinked in amazement and received it as a gift of love for all of us.

Now, as I make a list to go shopping by myself, I jot only what I have to

have; Daniel isn’t here to be my breadwinner anymore. I know I shouldn’t be too stingy, there’s never an actual shortage of money but still my mind went on. I pray and tell God about it.

A few weeks ago, I headed to Walmart with the four youngest. Stepping in the entryway, we shuffled to the side to the special carts for shopping with children. Since Joshua was sleeping, he was kept in the car seat in the main section of the cart, Hosanna was tickled to sit in the front, and the two 4-year-old boys sat side by side in the double seat. My mother heart overflowed.

We made our way up and down the aisles. As always, the children spied endless ideas of items to buy. Meanwhile, my mind kept going to several people for who I was inspired to buy gifts. God had lifted the heaviness from my heart regarding using money, so with a sense of relief, I picked out what I thought might be good gift items. The children were impressed to be along to buy things

for others and added their opinions along the way.

An hour and a half later, we made our way to the checkout counter, where I met a non-Amish lady who comes to our fall widow’s suppers. I stepped over to her and told her about my husband’s passing. We had a friendly little chat and were both on our way. As the children helped me pile our items on the conveyor belt, I started wondering if I was wise even to come to Walmart in the first place. “If I hadn’t come, I hadn’t spent this money,” I mulled, “but then I don’t want to go down that path of reasoning things out again.

Soon after the final item was scanned, the cashier told me she needed to come to the other side. I shuffled my oversized cart to the side as she stepped over and swiped another card. “This is strange,” I mused. Returning, she said, “That lady over there in the blue shirt just paid your bill.” I blinked. Could it be true? (I cry as I now think about it all again.)

It was the dear widow lady I had met minutes before. I thanked her from the bottom of my heart and asked God to bless her. I told the cashier lady, “This

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is a reminder to me of how God provides. I am learning how to do life as a widow with six little children.” In my heart, I knew God wanted to prove how he cares for us if only we trusted!

The next time I make a shopping list, I hope I will not fret for even a moment; I am not in charge of our lives, but One much greater than I! Now, in celebration of Daniel’s birthday, I want to share one of his favorite meals with you:

**Underground Ham Casserole**

- 4 cups chopped ham
- 4 tablespoons butter
- 1/2 cup onion
- 1 tablespoon Worcestershire Sauce
- 1 can mushroom soup
- 1 can cream of chicken

soup

- 1-2 cups Velveeta cheese (depends on preference)
- 3/4 cup milk
- 4 quarts mashed potatoes
- 2 cups sour cream
- Bacon browned and crumbled

**INSTRUCTIONS**

Combine ham, butter, onions, and Worcestershire sauce and sauté until onions are soft.

Put in baking dish and spread evenly.

Heat soups, cheese, and milk in a saucepan.

Pour over ham. Bake at 350 for 45 minutes to 1 hour.

Add sour cream to mashed potatoes.

Put potatoes on top of ham mixture.

Sprinkle bacon on top and bake 20 minutes longer.

Do not add salt. there is enough sodium in this dish.

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## Children seeing therapists may not be successful

In a 6-3 decision, the Killingly, Connecticut, school board recently said “no” to establishing a mental health center at its high school. I imagine most folks, upon hearing that, would be dismayed, maybe outraged. I say, “Right on!” to the Killingly school board.

Where is compelling evidence to the effect that the post-1960s proliferation of mental health services for children and teens has had a measurable positive effect? Since my grad school days, the per capita number of mental health professionals who specialize in working with kids has increased exponentially. Is child and teen mental health better than it was in, say, the 1950s, when the term “child therapy” had less credibility than “space invaders”? No, it is not. In fact, if one uses the child/teen suicide rate, adjusted for reporting error, the mental health of today’s kids is a whopping 10 times worse than it was back in the day, when my paralyzing shyness merited no adult concern whatever.

“You’ll outgrow it,” my mother said. That was the long and short of my therapy. Today, I’d be tested, diagnosed, counseled, and probably medicated. My mother was right, by the way. Today, I’m probably not shy enough, which no doubt qualifies for a diagnosis.

Having done the “parenting expert” thing since my early 30s, I have had enough parents to fill a Carnival cruise, share with me experiences they’ve had

with letting their kids see therapists. Over more than 40 years, I can count on one hand — okay, maybe two — the number of parents who have related success stories. Most have used terms like “disaster” and “train wreck,” describing emotional and behavioral problems that worsened considerably, once their kids began seeing therapists. Mind you, that is not scientific data, but consider that independent research into therapeutic outcomes does not compel much confidence in therapy either.

Most people don’t know that practice standards are seriously lacking in the mental health professions. Some mental health professionals are humanists, some are behaviorists, some are this, some are that, and so on. Unlike, say, dentists, the members of each branch practice a particular form of therapy, so all therapy is not equal.

When I was a journeyman psychologist working in community mental health, a colleague of mine gave crystal amulets to anxious children which they were to rub whenever they felt uneasy. His supervisors, all licensed psychologists, knew what he was doing and said nothing. Admittedly, that is an extreme example, but have you ever heard of a dentist telling a person with a toothache to rub a stone when he’s in pain?

The Killingly school board has gotten lots of flack for rejecting the proposal for a school-based mental health center. I say regardless of their



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reasons, they did the right thing. When and if the efficacy of child and teen therapy has been verified beyond a shadow of doubt (which I doubt is ever going to happen), taxpayer money should be used only for school-based services that have proven to work, not services that might work and then again, might make matters worse.

Why should the mental health professions be held to a lower standard than, say, dermatology? Come to think of it, maybe school-based treatment for acne would improve the mental health of high school students. Something to think about, at least.

**FAMILY PSYCHOLOGIST** John Rosemond answers parents’ questions at parent-guru.com.

## Husband and father tired of being ignored at home

**DEAR ABBY:** I have been with my wife for 25 years, married for 22 of them. I love her very much, but sometimes I feel it isn’t mutual. We have three children, all girls, ranging in age from early teens to mid-20s. My wife also has an older son from a previous marriage.

My complaint for years has been that I am the least important person in the world to her. The kids, work and friends always come first. I understand that kids have needs, but I should get some attention once in a while. We will be in the middle of a conversation, and if one of them walks into the room, texts or calls, she stops midsentence and totally ignores me. Sometimes I talk to her, and she doesn’t even hear me if they are in the room. She and the kids laugh and joke about it, but I don’t think it’s funny.

I have worked hard to support them, 60-hour weeks and weekends to make ends meet, and I feel like I’m an afterthought to all of them. I spoil them on birthdays, Mother’s Day and Christmas. One year not one of them remembered my birthday. Am I overreacting? — INVISIBLE MAN IN PENNSYLVANIA

**DEAR INVISIBLE:** What has been going on under your roof is no laughing matter. But your passivity may be partly responsible for it. You should have told your wife years ago how you felt, but it isn’t too late to do it now. Tell her you feel ignored and unappreciated by her and the children. Tell her you are unhappy, and if she wants the marriage to last, she will join you in marital counseling because you are tired of being low man on the totem pole. I don’t think doing that would be overreacting. In fact, I think it’s overdue.

**DEAR ABBY:** Our daughter and her cousin are the same age. Both are medical school graduates. Eight months ago, when this cousin got married at an in-person wedding, he was showered with gifts from the family. My daughter, in contrast, had a private



DEAR ABBY  
Jeanne Phillips

ceremony because of COVID concerns and sent a wedding announcement to the family. To the shock and amazement of my husband, my daughter and myself, not a single person in the family thought to send her a gift or even a card.

There’s no bad blood in the family. Everyone appears to love her. She is disappointed and devastated. Should I just get over this, or should I say something to the family? She and her husband live 2,000 miles away, and at this point, I can’t envision them making the effort to fly home and see the family ever again. — BAFFLED IN TEXAS

**DEAR BAFFLED:** I don’t think anyone intended to give your daughter short shrift. The rules of etiquette state that wedding gifts are required if someone is attending a wedding. While it would have been nice of these relatives to have sent a gift or at least a card, they were not required to. I see no reason why you shouldn’t inform these relatives that your daughter was deeply hurt that no one was inclined to send her and her husband so much as a congratulatory card.

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## Getting a tick out quickly is top priority

**HELLO, DEAR READERS,** and welcome to a bonus letters column. You’ve been keeping our mailboxes even fuller than usual, and we will continue to do our best to keep up.

- How to safely remove ticks has proven to be a very popular topic. We appreciate the array of approaches that are being shared. However, some of these, despite their firm place in tick lore, are discouraged. These include coating the visible body of the tick with nail polish or petroleum jelly, or using heat to try to get the tick to exit the skin. While it’s possible these may cause a tick to eventually detach, your goal is the immediate removal of the tick with the head and body intact. Repeated testing of a variety of approaches, including folk remedies, lands firmly in favor of pointy tweezers. These let you grab even the tiniest nymph close to the



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skin, then, with gentle and steady pressure, gradually and safely pull it free.

- Our tick-removal discussion continues thanks to a reader from the Ozarks in Arkansas who deals with bites on a regular basis. “Is there any danger in using tea tree oil to remove ticks?” he asks. “I put some on the sucker for a few seconds, and he backs out willingly.” Tea tree oil is generally safe when used topically. As we mentioned earlier, the goal with a tick bite is immediate removal of the intact tick. This is to

prevent the transmission of disease. If your approach with tea tree oil results in immediate and complete detachment, then you have achieved the goal. However, it’s crucial that you not wait for the tea tree oil to do its job. If the tick doesn’t move, please immediately switch to the pointy tweezer/gentle tug method.

- Due to the success of an international vaccination campaign, smallpox was considered eradicated in 1980. The disease vanished earlier than that in the United States, and in 1972, the vaccination campaign was discontinued. Now we are hearing from readers who did get the vaccine, some as long as 60 years ago, who want to know how long that immunity lasts. These questions have arisen due to the current spread of monkeypox, which is closely related to smallpox, but with milder symptoms.

Because smallpox has been gone for many decades, it’s not entirely clear how long vaccine immunity persists. A small study, which was published in the New England Journal of Medicine in 2002, surprised researchers by suggesting immunity from the smallpox vaccine lasts for 35 years — and perhaps longer. The thing to remember about monkeypox is that it spreads through close or intimate contact with the skin, bodily fluids or sores of an infected person. It is not transmitted through the air, like the flu or COVID-19.

Thank you, again, for staying in touch with us. We love hearing from you. Please remember that we cannot comment on medications, make a diagnosis or offer a second opinion. You can find previous columns in a searchable database at uexpress.com/health/ask-the-doctors.



# Tap dancing down memory lane includes ‘La Cucaracha’

As we are traveling this week to celebrate my 70th birthday with my children, I have not done my usual research for writing something that I consider informative.

Instead, I am including a story for fun.

Although I have told most of my stories many times as accurately as possible, over the years, they have all included some embellishments, and therefore, inaccuracies. So, do not expect the Gospel truth.

Here is the story:

During my time in the ER, the physicians had an office across the hall from one of the patient rooms. We would use that office to do some of our charting, or eat a meal, or just to escape the chaos of the Emergency Department for a little while.

One evening, I had run down to the cafeteria for some food and brought it back to the office to eat and work during supper when I heard a noise coming from the room across the hall that sounded like tap dancing.

So, I abandoned my supper and signed into the appropriate chart.

When I entered the room, I found an elderly female patient who had the grizzled appearance of a homeless person, even in a hospital gown.

With her was a man in multiple layers of tattered clothes who looked even more like someone

who had nowhere else to be.

After introducing myself, I learned that they were staying in a cheap local motel but had no permanent address. So, when she had been unable to get up after falling, she had come to the ER via ambulance, and he had brought along their worldly possessions in a couple of paper grocery bags.

It was then that the tap dancing began again with the man jumping around the room and stomping the floor.

He explained that he had brought her winter coat with him and had hung it on the back of the door. As the coat warmed up, cockroaches had started to drop out onto the floor. But he reassured me that he thought he had killed all of them before they escaped into the rest of the room or into the hall.

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Of course, he was explaining all of this while he was continuing to tap dance around the room, killing cockroaches as they scurried for cover.

I was not as confident as he was

that he was able to exterminate every last one.

So, after bagging up all their clothes and arranging to admit the patient for her broken hip, the room was sealed off and professionally fumigated with no further complications.

Social services were consulted to help the couple with their life situation and clothing issues.

From that day on, I thought of the room as the Tap Dance Room and sometimes hummed “La Cucaracha” to myself as I went to see subsequent patients in that room.

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Teachers launch a ball from a small parachute during a workshop helping teachers find a balance in their curriculum while coping with stress and burnout in the classroom, Aug. 2, in Concord, New Hampshire. School districts around the country are starting to invest in programs aimed at addressing the mental health of teachers. Faced with a shortage of educators and widespread discontentment with the job, districts are hiring more therapists, holding trainings on self-care and setting up systems to better respond to a teacher encountering anxiety and stress.

# School districts move to ease teacher stress, burnout

**BY MICHAEL CASEY**  
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CONCORD, N.H. (AP) — With Prince’s “Raspberry Beret” blaring in the background, about 20 New Hampshire educators grabbed wooden sticks and began pounding their tables to the beat.

Emily Daniels, who was leading a two-day workshop on burnout, encouraged the group including teachers, school counselors, occupational therapists and social workers to stand up inside a hotel conference room. Before long, the group was banging on walls and whatever else they could find. Laughter filled the air. A few started dancing.

“Rhythm making offers the body a different kind of predictability that you can do every single day,” said Daniels, a former school counselor who created The Regulated Classroom which trains teachers on how to manage their own nervous system and, in turn, reduce stress in the classroom.

The training session is part of a growing and, some would say long overdue, effort to address the strains on educators’ mental health.

Addressing the mental health challenges of students coming out of the pandemic has emerged as a priority for schools nationwide. Many districts, facing hiring challenges, see tending to the educators as a way to help them help students and to retain them, amid stressors that range from behavioral problems to fears of shootings.

School districts have provided increased mental health training for staff, classroom support as well as resources and systems aimed at identifying burned out teachers and getting instruc-

tors connected to help.

Karen Bowden-Gurley, a fifth grade teacher, said she attended the New Hampshire training because of teacher burnout, but she also feels student burnout.

“The demands on all of us were really high and we were trying to make up for lost time for the couple of years that they fell back on their curriculum. But we forgot that they haven’t been in school for a couple of years so they missed that social-emotional piece. We are dealing with that in the classroom.”

In a survey by the Rand Corporation, twice as many principals and teachers reported frequent job-related stress as other working adults. A study from a coalition of mental health organizations of New Orleans found educators working during the pandemic reported rates of emotional distress similar to health care workers — 36% screened positive for anxiety, 35% for depression and 19% for post-traumatic stress syndrome.

“It’s all pretty bad,” said Leigh McLean, the primary investigator at the Teacher Emotions, Characteristics, and Health Lab at the University of Delaware School of Education, who has found levels of depression, anxiety and emotional exhaustion among elementary school teachers that are 100% to 400% higher than before the pandemic.

She saw those issues increasing the most among early career teachers and teachers of color.

“So it seems like the patterns among teachers are mirroring inequities that we’re seeing in the general population with underrepresented groups being hit

the hardest, which is really unfortunate,” she said.

Some districts have or are planning to invest federal COVID-19 relief money in teacher mental health, seeing it as a way to also improve the classroom environment, boost retention and ultimately benefit the students themselves. Among the states singling out teacher mental health as priorities are Nebraska and Pennsylvania.

The Atlanta school district launched a service with Emory University using federal funds to provide mental health services. Dubbed Urgent Behavioral Health Response, it funds 11 clinicians from Emory who provide emotional and behavioral assistance during school hours for struggling school employees.

A Delaware district, meanwhile, hired two social and emotional learning coaches who work to address problems teachers are having in the classroom.

“If you can imagine a teacher has a classroom where students are engaged, they are helping each other and there is a positive supportive culture, their job satisfaction is likely to be higher,” Jon Cooper, the director of the Colonial School District’s health and wellness division. “They are less likely to leave the profession, and in turn, that supports their well being.”

Houston, which started building calming rooms where students can go to decompress, is hoping to do the same for teachers, according to Sean Ricks, the Houston Independent School District’s senior manager of crisis intervention, noting that he has seen a “significant rise in teachers that were in distress.”

# Watson case revives old fight for massage therapy industry

Michelle Krause grapples with the challenge of telling people she is a massage therapist

**BY TERESA M. WALKER**  
AP Pro Football Writer

CLEVELAND (AP) — Michelle Krause still grapples with the challenge of acknowledging she’s a massage therapist when she first meets someone, dreading their reaction or misguided comments even after 18 years in the profession.

“It makes you not want to share, so I didn’t,” says the 52-year-old Krause, a former firefighter who made the career change after suffering a neck injury on the job — and getting help in her recovery from massage therapy. “So I would tell people I did nutrition and finance, so that they would not want to talk to me about my work.”

Krause was among hundreds of therapists from across the country who gathered for the American Massage Therapy Association’s three-day national convention, which began Thursday. It was an opportunity to talk about a job made more difficult amid the pandemic, the 2021 attack on three Atlanta-area massage businesses in which eight people were killed and the lingering stain of NFL quarterback Deshaun Watson’s ongoing case that has perpetuated the sex worker stigma around the industry.

The latter is in their face each day of the conference, which is being held in Cleveland. Watson is now the quarterback for the Browns and his new workplace looms just a block from the convention center and the conference attendees’ hotel across the street.

They can avoid the reminder by taking another route to the convention center — walking underground.

Not that these professionals want to hide. They didn’t ask for any of this and they aren’t happy about it.

The convention was planned three years ago, well before the first report of the quarterback being accused of sexual misconduct with a massage therapist and Watson’s demand to be traded by the Houston Texans. The NFL issued Watson an 11-game suspension and \$5 million fine this month and says the case is now over.

But it’s far from over for this group of professionals and the AMTA, which believes the sanctions are not nearly harsh enough.

“It mind-boggles me that something like that can happen,” said Amber Rasmussen, a therapist of 21



Retired firefighter Michelle Krause poses at the American Massage Therapist Association national convention at the Huntington Convention Center in Cleveland, Ohio, Thursday.

years currently working in Rapid City, South Dakota.

Massage therapy as a licensed profession has a long history, dating to 1916 when Ohio became the first state to license operators. Therapists currently are regulated or certified by 45 states, with hundreds of hours needed to be licensed, and many more in continuing education to keep the certification. Massage therapy is now covered by Medicare Advantage programs and some insurance.

There are stories of massage therapists leaving the industry after the recent crises, though no definitive numbers are available indicating any mass exodus.

The approximately 2,000 therapists attending this year’s convention is similar to 2019, the last gathering after conferences in 2020 and 2021 were canceled due to the pandemic.

Michaele Colizza, the association’s national president, said more work remains to be done to educate the public about the important role massage therapy plays in health care, pain management and keeping athletes fit and pursuing their sports.

“AMTA strongly believes that any client who steps over the line to inappropriately touch should face the legal consequences,” Colizza said in a statement. “Additionally, irresponsible remarks made by lawyers or in the media coverage put professional, licensed massage therapists at risk by condoning inappropriate conduct in a massage environment.”

“We believe that massage is and always should be about health and well-being in a safe environment,” she said.

Michael Phelps was the keynote speaker Thursday. Krause recalled how everyone wanted to try

cupping as therapy after seeing the 23-time Olympic gold medalist use it during the 2016 Summer Games. Phelps, who won 28 medals overall, also gave credit to massage therapy, positive publicity for the industry.

But that was fleeting — the Atlanta killings by a white gunman who targeted Asian spa businesses and the Watson case have cast therapists in a different light.

“It’s really upsetting,” said Krause, who had to block a former fellow firefighter for his inappropriate joke on her business page. “It’s disrespectful.”

NFL players still are allowed to use their own massage therapists outside team headquarters. Part of Watson’s settlement restricts him to massage sessions with club-approved therapists for the rest of his career.

While there were no anti-Watson protests outside Cleveland’s Huntington Convention Center nor any mention of the Browns quarterback inside, there was an undercurrent that suggested he was an impetus to what some believe needs to be done going forward.

Conference topics were focused on education, ethics, vetting potential customers and setting boundaries. Therapists also talked about renewed diligence about where they work and how they do their jobs.

Mary Czech, of Whitmore Lake, Michigan, said for her, sadly, the latest controversy is not something new.

The college graduate is fully licensed in her home state and certified in oncology massage. She’s made sure during 20 years in the profession that she knows how to escape a massage room if a client acts inappropriately, down to the location of the closest phone and police department.



# In ‘Me Time,’ Wahlberg and Hart make some trouble

**BY LINDSEY BAHR**  
AP Film Writer

There is a montage in “Me Time,” the new Kevin Hart and Mark Wahlberg Netflix comedy, where Hart’s character Sonny gets a day to himself for the first time in a long time. For years, he’s devoted himself as a stay-at-home dad to his two kids (the very cute Che Tafari and Amentii Sledge). It’s a job he takes very, very seriously, making Instagram influencer-worthy lunches and managing the home while his wife Maya (Regina Hall) is working. She’s a successful architect, we’re told, but we’ll get to that later.

Sonny has a modest vision for his day off: He wants to golf. He wants to find an underground barbeque spot. And he wants to do a few other things in private. But nothing goes the way he hoped it would. Unfortunately, his underwhelming experience is similar to that of watching the film itself. “Me Time” somehow squanders a solid premise, a stacked cast and a seemingly unlimited budget. It didn’t need to be anything great in this movie comedy drought we seem to be in. But considering who was involved, it really should be better than it is.

“Me Time” was written and directed by John Hamburg, who also did “I Love You, Man” and “Along Came Polly,” and it is as fine a premise as any to pair a standard straight man with a wild and crazy friend from his youth. In this case that friend is Huck (Wahlberg). We meet them celebrating Huck’s 29th birthday. His wild activity that year is

BASE jumping, which provides a lively and promising start for the film that then comes to a complete halt. “Me Time” cuts to 15 years later and spends far too much time establishing Sonny’s home life instead of just getting him back with Huck as soon as possible.

As Huck, Wahlberg was clearly ready to go all out, including some nudity. He gets to be a high-rolling party fiend, which has its moments even though his character never really makes much sense. Hart, meanwhile, stays in his comfort zone as a slightly frazzled family man. It’s something he’s very good at, but also something we’ve seen many times before. Still, it’s nice to see both try a different comedy partner out instead of their go-to co-stars. And though the two actors seem to be having fun together, the film never really finds its lane, frenetically jumping from half-baked bit to bit, too many of which involve someone sticking something down their pants.

There’s always a bit of fantasy involved when it comes to the financial realities of characters in big Hollywood comedies. It is often used to signal a middle to upper middle-class life that is comfortable without being flashy. It is relatable and slightly aspirational and something that is just supposed to be background. Perhaps it’s just a sign of the times, when so many are struggling and housing in big cities like Los Angeles is more expensive than ever, but in “Me Time,” the wealth on display is downright distracting.

Huck’s costly lifestyle and



This image released by Netflix shows Kevin Hart, left, and Mark Wahlberg in “Me Time.”

elaborate Kardashian-like parties turn into a bit of a plot point when a loan shark (Jimmy O. Yang) comes after him for \$47,000 — which seems like a lot but also not enough for someone who shells out thousands of dollars to have a personal raw bar in the desert and a tour bus wrapped with pictures of himself. And then there’s the perplexing question of why Maya,

who her billionaire client (Luis Gerardo Méndez) says is “the best architect in the world,” lives in a cookie cutter Sherman Oaks home that looks like it’s been lifted out of a 1990s sitcom. Maya is just one of the very underwritten characters at play here, and Hall definitely deserved better.

These are all quibbles that would be beside the point if this

movie was consistently fun or funny, which is frustrating because you can see the possibilities here. “Me Time” just missed the mark.

“Me Time,” a Netflix release streaming Friday, is rated R by the Motion Picture Association for “brief drug use, some sexual material, language.” Running time: 104 minutes. One and a half stars out of four.

# ‘Honk for Jesus,’ is a megachurch mockumentary

**BY JAKE COYLE**  
AP Film Writer

Regina Hall and Sterling K. Brown give fully committed performances in “Honk for Jesus. Save Your Soul,” so why does the film lack faith in itself?

“Honk for Jesus,” Adamma Ebo’s directorial debut based on her own short film, is centered on a pair ripe for parody: Pastor Lee-Curtis Childs (Brown) and his loyal wife, Trinitie (Hall), leaders of an Atlanta-area Southern Baptist megachurch called Wander to Greater Paths. It takes about half a minute to realize Childs’ spiritual center is more designer label than Deuteronomy. Showing off their closets, Lee-Curtis gives thanks for being “blessed with some beautiful Prada.”



This image released by Focus Features shows Regina Hall, left, and Sterling K. Brown in “Honk for Jesus. Save Your Soul.”

After a quick montage of brighter days for Wander to Greater Paths, “Honk for Jesus” catches up with the pastor and his wife on the heels of a scandal that has emptied their congregation of 25,000. Their faces are still bright, though, as they welcome a documentary crew outside the church to chronicle their revival, leading up to an Easter reopening. When Lee-Curtis steps in chewing gum and Trinitie asks the camera-woman to edit around that, she gets no reply. “Oh, that’s right,” she says. “You’re the fly-on-the-wall type.”

The mockumentary has always been a dependable way to satirize not just a character or two but a subset of society. After what Christopher Guest did to the world of dog shows and Rob Reiner did to rock bands, Ebo and her producer sister, Adanne Ebo, have aimed at the rich realm of megachurches, taking inspiration from a real 2010 scandal at Georgia’s New Birth Missionary Baptist Church.

But the art of the mockumentary is a funny thing. It has to look

unrehearsed and seem real while, often, being meticulously planned. “Honk for Jesus,” though, only gestures at a mockumentary structure, and often simply abandons the premise. Some scenes are staged with a film crew hovering around, while others — like one of the couple in bed at night — are simply filmed like a movie, with no excuse for the camera’s presence.

There isn’t much that seems natural or lifelike in “Honk for Jesus,” including the church itself. Such a large congregation would have a large staff and more devoted parishioners — the kind of cast of characters that someone like Armando Iannucci would have a lot of fun weaving throughout the film. But “Honk for Jesus” has an empty, airless chamber piece quality, sticking largely to small scenes around the edges of the church that mostly trade on Lee-Curtis and Trinitie’s obvious hypocrisy.

But it’s not often a bad move to give actors like Hall and Brown lots of room to play, and they certainly bring passion to their performances. They aren’t given anywhere especially to go, though. Lee-Curtis’ closeted homosexuality is played more for laughs than for empathy.

The film’s keenest sense is how it draws nearer to Hall’s Trinitie, as her confidence in her husband steadily wavers. “Honk for Jesus” in the end doesn’t aim for anything like the madcap parody of, say, HBO’s riotous “The Righteous Gemstones,” but it may have been more successful if it took the approach of “The Eyes of Tammy Faye,” and kept its camera glued to the first lady of the church.

“Honk for Jesus. Save Your Soul,” a Focus Features release, is rated R by the Motion Picture Association of America for language and some sexual content. Running time: 102 minutes.

## Crossword

PREMIER CROSSWORD/ By Frank A. Longo						SHADY NUMBERS					
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1	Abolished	50	Prince hit sung by kings and queens?	95	Bazillions	5	Drive at 10 mph, say	38	Like a perfect world	82	Motel relative
10	Helical shape	57	Mo. #4	96	— accompli	6	Concerning bees	39	“Perry Mason” star	84	People in an embrace, e.g.
16	— Tzu (toy dog)	53	Many TikTok users	98	Scornful look	7	Toy with	44	Burr	85	Language’s letters
20	“General Hospital,” for one	54	Rotation stat	100	Podiatric problems	8	Suffix with south	45	Decide (to)	86	In a sullen way
21	Pre-euro Spanish currency	55	Cash cache, for short	102	John Cougar Mellencamp hit sung by electric eels?	9	Light pat	46	Curse” (1944 horror film)	87	Appearance
22	Joking Jay	56	Spanish article	108	Old Turkish bigwigs	10	Brief burst	47	Related to sight, touch, etc.	88	Blood type, informally
23	Marcel’s hit sung by members of an old German kingdom?	57	Mother bird	109	“Where — begin?”	11	Former NFL quarterback	48	— la la	89	Nitpick
		58	Garlicky sauce	110	Sewer rodent	12	Suffix with 104-Down	49	Mexican wife	90	Overhasty
		60	Cafe offerings	111	Overwhelm	13	Rock’s — Speedwagon	51	Forest abode	91	Painter Dix
		63	“— careful out there”	114	Luxury Swiss watch brand	14	— Z (total)	52	Quiet period	92	ETs’ ships
		66	Ancient Roman poet	115	Alannah Myles hit sung by roofers?	15	“Trading Places” director	53	Stitched edge	93	Altima maker
25	“Frozen” heroine	70	Beatles hit sung by small finches?	122	Move, in Realtor-speak	16	Icy precipitation	54	Scottish girls	101	“Glory of Love” singer
26	NBC hit since ’75	74	Cuts short	123	From above, as a photo	17	Beneficial companion, as a spouse	55	“Eww, a mouse!”	103	Seigny of “Big Love”
27	— Vegas Raiders	75	Puts a question to	124	Most upbeat	18	Ripe for the market	56	Gore and Roker	104	Perfect
28	Gallery stuff	76	Artifact	125	Eye affliction	19	Turns laryngitic	57	Fast internet svc.	105	In a majestic manner
29	Further down	77	Hunger may cause them	126	In an amiable way	20	Café au —	58	Yes, in Dijon	106	Nerd on “Family Matters”
31	Bing Crosby hit sung by a skeleton?	78	Syrup base	127	Chose by ballot	21	Lordly home	59	Second flagship U.K. TV network	107	Preserved
37	“One L” novelist Scott	80	Penpoint, e.g.	128	Chose by ballot	22	It may be balsamic	60	It may be balsamic	111	2004 Chevy debut
40	Munch on	83	Before, to	129	Chose by ballot	23	Weapon swung by a gaucho	61	Implant firmly	112	Part of NNW
41	Lift up	84	Oasis animal	130	Chose by ballot	24	Be dressed in	62	Arid areas	113	Suffix with major
42	Enzyme suffix	87	Rolling Stones hit sung by coffee lovers?	131	Chose by ballot	25	Lyre’s cousin	63	Shrill bark	116	Maui garland
43	And the like: Abbr.	88	Novelist Mario Vargas —	132	Chose by ballot	26	— Pet (1980s fad)	64	“Dragnet” star Jack	117	Bit of a circle
44	Sharif of film	89	Everything considered	133	Chose by ballot	27	Pueblo people	65	Galaxy and iPhone buys	118	Connect (to)
46	R.E.M. frontman Michael	90		134	Chose by ballot	28	Nothing, in France	66	Nome’s home	119	German cry
48	— Martin (British auto)	91		135	Chose by ballot	29	Stone patio	67	Ducks’ and Devils’ org.	120	— Guevara
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**Lawyer – 50th**

Tony and Judy (Hedrick) Lawyer of Garrett are celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary. They were married Sept. 2, 1972, in Royville. They have two children and their spouses, Stephanie Lawyer and Anthony Gage of New Palestine, and Jennifer Lawyer and James Alexander of Indianapolis. They also have two grandchildren.



**Chittenden – 50th**

Mike and Nancy (Sutton) Chittenden of Garrett are celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary. They were married Sept. 9, 1972, at Nine Mile United Methodist Church, Fort Wayne. Mr. Chittenden retired in 2016 from the Garrett Street Department. Mrs. Chittenden retired in 2020 from Tower Automotive in Auburn. The have three children and their spouses, Sonya and Mike McCray of Churubusco, Kristie and Bryan Dickman of Auburn, and Jake and Jamie Chittenden of Avilla. They also have eight grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.



**Triolo, Stegmann**

Emily Triolo and James Stegmann, both of New Haven, plan to marry Sept. 4 at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Fort Wayne. The bride-to-be is the daughter of Debbie and Jim Triolo Jr., of Chicago. She attended Loyola University, Chicago, and is the director of activities at Lutheran Life Villages. Her fiancé is the son of Brian and Chris Stegmann of Chicago. He attended Red Stone College and is the special service task coordinator at Vestas Wind Turbines.

### Tips for Labor Day getaways and more

**Labor Day marks the unofficial end of summer.** Even though summer officially ends a few weeks after Labor Day, a new school year begins for most students by Labor Day, and the lazy, hazy days spent on the beach give way to a new school year.

It's no wonder that so many people want to capture the last of the summer magic before it's gone for another year; Labor Day getaways help people hold on to summer just a little longer. Explore these tips to make Labor Day trips a bit more safe and convenient.

**Leave extra time**  
Roadways are bound to be busy with other Labor Day weekend travelers, particularly for those headed to seaside locales or campgrounds. One way to avoid some of the traffic is to depart from home in the wee hours of the morning or late at night. Leave plenty of time to get to your destination so you won't be tempted to speed or drive erratically. Utilize GPS and mobile phone mapping apps to identify routes that can help you avoid traffic.

**Be cautious of the weather**  
Extreme temperatures can be a concern even this late in the season. The American Red Cross urges travelers to remain hydrated by drinking plenty of fluids while en route to destinations or while engaging in Labor Day fun. Avoid strenuous exercise during the hottest part of the day. Strong storms can blow through in an instant, so keep track of weather alerts and find shelter if a thunderstorm approaches while on the beach or in other areas where lightning strikes occur more readily.

**Plan ahead**  
Labor Day vacationers number in the millions.

Hotels and motels will be in demand, driving up rates, and airfare prices could soar. Book early to secure the best prices available and to guarantee you have accommodations.

**Consider a bundled vacation**  
Package deals at destinations can save you a considerable amount of money. Fly.com allows users to search the site for destination-appropriate packages that can combine airfare with hotel and car rentals to save money.

**Look for lifeguards**  
If the plan is to swim in a lake, river or the ocean, select areas that have lifeguards available. Always swim sober and with a buddy. Even strong swimmers can be caught off guard by the power of water, which can include rip currents or rushing rapids.

**Watch alcohol intake**  
Never drink alcohol while operating a vehicle en route to and from Labor Day festivities. Have a designated driver available if need be. Also, vacationers must recognize that alcohol can contribute to dehydration. Choose non-alcoholic and decaffeinated beverages to stay hydrated in warm weather.

**Consider smaller airports**  
It may seem more convenient to utilize larger airport hubs for travel, but driving a little further to smaller, regional airports can help you save money on fares. Plus, these airports may be less crowded, helping to calm stress and make the overall trip a little easier.

Labor Day travel is about to heat up, and a few tips can make plans go more smoothly.

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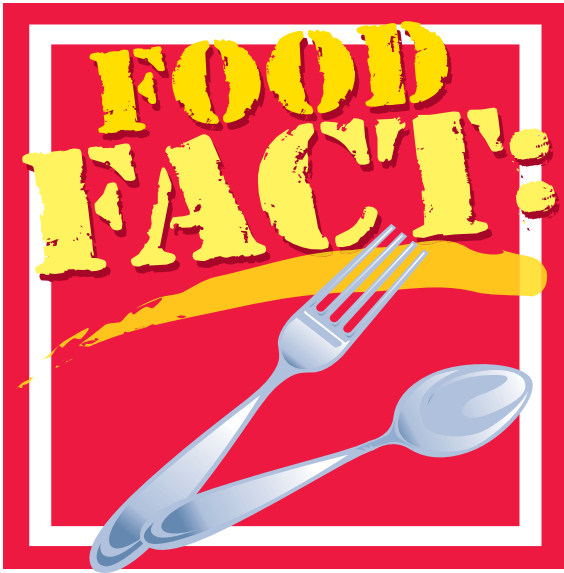
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- **1939:** GREAT BRITAIN AND FRANCE DECLARE WAR ON GERMANY DURING WORLD WAR II.
- **1976:** THE UNMANNED SPACECRAFT VIKING 2 LANDS ON MARS AND TAKES THE FIRST SURFACE PICTURES.



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ANSWER: FOOD-BORNE ILLNESS

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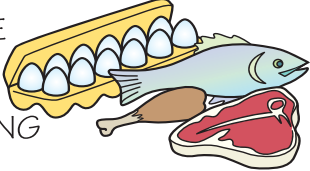
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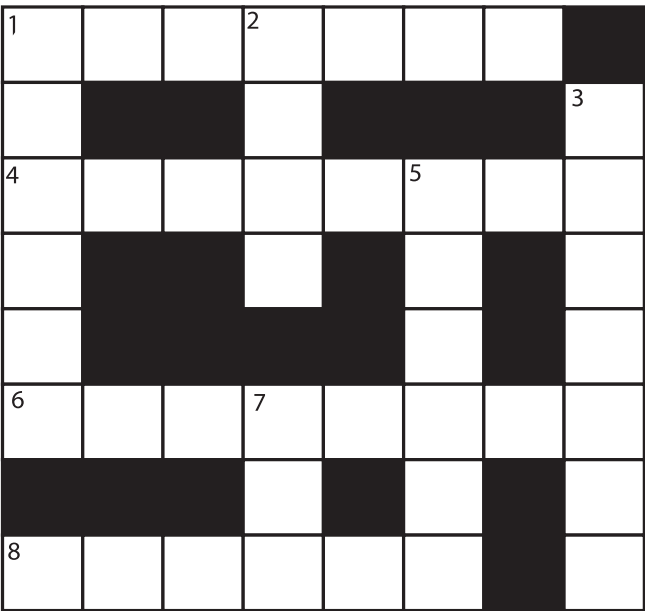
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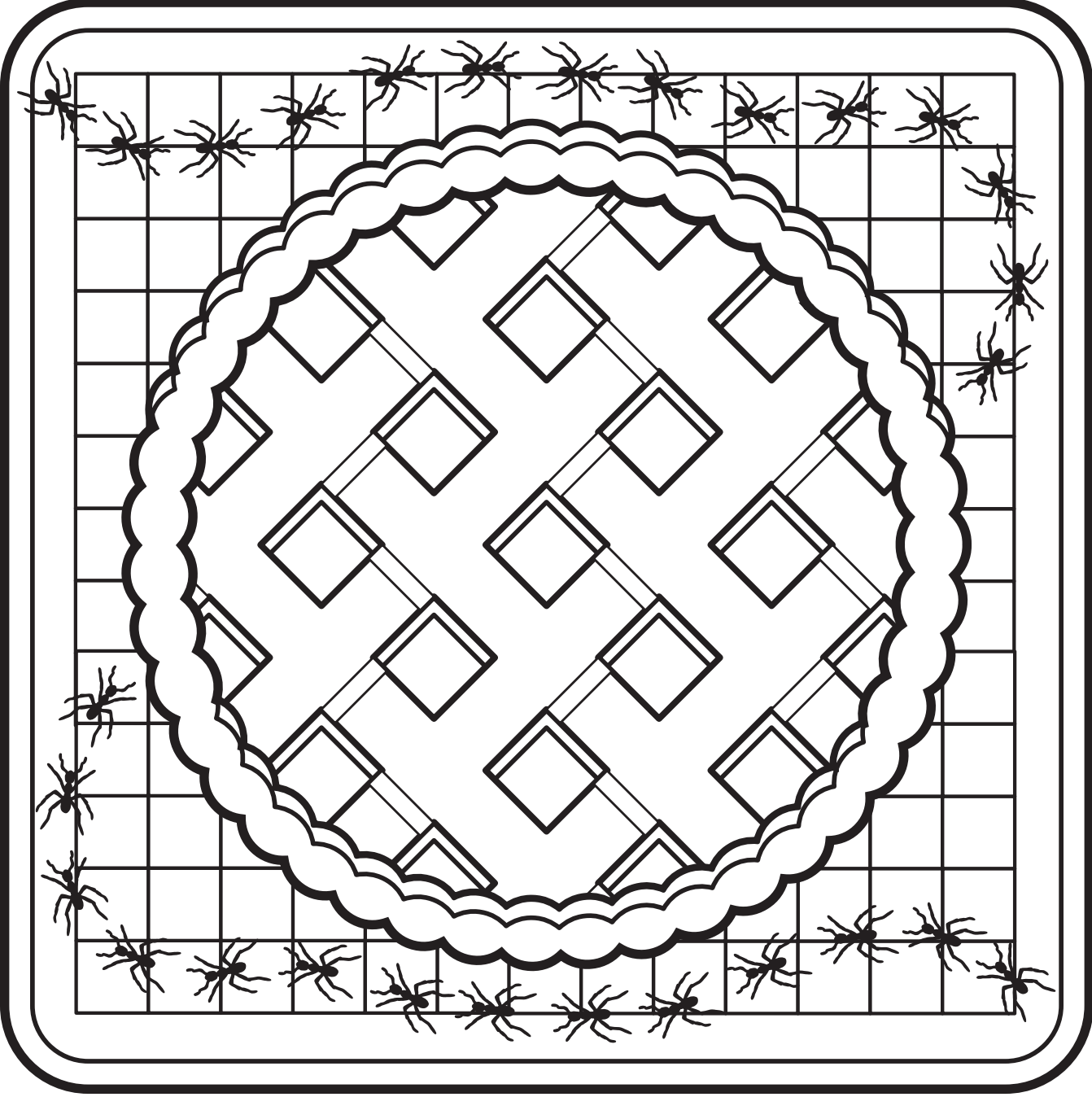
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MAYRA ROUBACH

This image provided by Maritza Capiro shows a modern laundry room. Laundry rooms are now often multi-use spaces. Have enough shelving, and keep it organized, not just for laundry products but all the stuff that goes with a multiuse room. A junk drawer is recommended.

# Laundry room? These days, it can be in any room

BY KIM COOK

Associated Press

Those who have an in-home clothes washer and dryer often take it for granted. But even in larger homes, we haven't had the convenience all that long.

Indoor plumbing and power made electric washers and tumble dryers possible, and by 1937 they appeared on the market. Most people plopped these appliances in rooms that already had plumbing — usually the kitchen. Soon, the basement became the laundry zone in many homes; the machines were noisy, so better to have them some distance from living spaces.

Larger homes and quieter appliances brought the laundry upstairs again for convenience. And now, with quiet, more compact and stylish machinery, laundries are in rooms throughout the home.

Pinterest recently reported “luxury laundry” as one of its most searched terms. Houzz's 2022 Houzz & Home survey said spending on laundry renovations was up by about a third in 2021 over previous years.

Sustainability concerns are also changing laundry spaces. Energy-saving features on the machinery are standard, and homeowners are asking for simple sinks for hand-washing garments, as well as racks and retractable clotheslines to air dry, designers say.

The spin on what's new in home laundry areas:

## SPACE SAVERS

Some major manufacturers now offer a washer/dryer combo unit that does everything in one machine, good news for apartment dwellers and others with limited space.

For separate machines, stackables tend to be more compact.

“In a kitchen, side-by-side (laundry) appliances can be hidden underneath countertops to make use of every inch. In a closet or bath, stacked machines conserve space,” says Pasadena, California, designer Jeanne Chung.

Other features might include ventless drying, offered by many brands.

## MAKING IT FUN

Laundry rooms no longer need to be hidden.

“They're another area to design and decorate, where people feel comfortable taking a risk with a bright, fun wallpaper,” says Abby Gruman of Abby Leigh Designs in New York City.

Hillary Stamm of HMS Interior Design in El Segundo, California, agrees: “This is a space you aren't in for hours (let's hope!) so have some fun. A textured tile or an intricate design with a splash of color can work wonders here.”

If your laundry room is in a separate spot that guests rarely see, there's an opportunity to really personalize it. Would you prefer a pristine oasis, with calming hues and accents, or an upbeat space with bright colors and lots of pattern?

“Wallpaper is my go-to,” says designer Maritza Capiro in Coral Gables, Florida. “It's cost-effective and creates visual impact. In a laundry room, I'll use a vinyl wallpaper; it's easy to clean, durable and flame-retardant.”

Peel-and-stick wallpaper tiles are another DIY-friendly option, perhaps in faux stone, decorative patterns or nature prints.

For one recent project, Capiro tied in materials from other rooms. “We selected marble subway tiles for the walls, as marble is in the bathrooms. Then we chose a durable white quartz countertop, which complements the tiles,” she says.

## LOCATION, LOCATION

“In most new construction, the laundry is on the master bedroom floor,” says Gruman.

“Another big trend is the double-stacked washer and dryer — two of each, next to each other. “Instead of one, people want two,” she says.

Capiro cites a client who is putting laundry rooms on both the first and second floors — one near the bedrooms and the other adjacent to the kitchen, with a big utility sink.

There are also stylish laundries

in garages.

“Selecting attractive cabinets, countertops and backsplashes elevates the look of the space,” Capiro says.

Natural light is a bonus. But functional lighting fixtures can add design oomph. A hands-free motion-sensor switch also might come in handy for those times when your arms are full of clothes.

## STORAGE AND MULTI-TASKING

Laundry rooms now are often multi-use spaces. Have enough shelving, and keep it organized. A junk drawer is recommended.

“Laundry rooms often double as linen and utility closets,” says Los Angeles designer Jessica Nicaastro. She integrates ironing boards and energy-saving drying racks vertically into cabinetry.

Also on clients' wish lists: plenty of counter space, storage, and zones for washing pets.

“I'm loving a laundry room that can double as a gift-wrapping center, or as a craft space,” Stamm says.

Capiro is working on a laundry room that doubles as a workout room. Along with space for a stationary bike, there'll be a TV and storage for holiday decorations.

## READY-MADE ROOM

It can be daunting to shop for all the storage elements you'll need if you're DIYing it. Some retailers offer component packages.

To name a few: MandiCasa's Drop system includes base, column and hanging cabinets, racks, deep drawers, vanities and other elements, including some specifically for laundry: drying rods and a drop-down folding table. The modular collection is made of sustainably produced, wood-grained melamine.

The Container Store's White Elfa Laundry Solution includes epoxy-coated steel, ventilated shelves, melamine shelves, closet rod, utility hooks and easy-glide drawers. And Pottery Barn's Aubrey Collection features open cabinetry, closet rails, rack and laundry cart.

# Builders Parade to be held in Steuben County

**Q:** Recently, I read about the Builders Parade in Steuben County, and was wanting to get some more information. Several times we have gone to Parades in the Fort Wayne area, and each time it was a single location that had new houses built. I never could really relate to them because they were so over the top expensive. It was always fun to see all the new stuff, but we never really came away with something that we could use. Is the Builders Parade in Steuben County the same group of builders? I'm looking for homes that are more within our reach, as we are planning to have a new home built as soon as this supply shortage on materials thing pans out a little.



**SQUARE CORNERS**

Jeff Deahl

**A:** Typically Parade of Homes has been put on by local builder's associations throughout Indiana, and they are intended to showcase local builders and contractors in their area.

Yes, the Builders Parade that is Sept. 9,10,11, is in Steuben County, and is a promotion of BANI or the Builders Association of Northeast Indiana, which is a membership of builders, contractors and suppliers of Steuben, LaGrange, and Noble counties in northeast Indiana. Usually, the parade is a scattered site, which simply means there are multiple locations that you need to tour to visit.

The parade times are from noon to 5 p.m., Thursday, Friday and Saturday, and the homes are beautiful. Yes, they are very nice and showcase unique and new ideas that can be adopted to your new home plans.

This year's parade has a feature stop by Four Seasons Design and Remodeling that is Stevens Chiropractic office reconstruction and renovation, that is only open on Saturday, Sept. 11. Several of the homes are on area lakes, Bob Buescher Homes has one on Lake George and JICI has one on Crooked Lake that are outstanding, with large kitchens and walk-in showers. Star Homes has a project on Hamilton Lake that is a duplex, that has a bonus space in the upper level, with a beautiful kitchen. Four Seasons also has a new home in Angola, that is unique because it is designed to be completely accessible and features aging-in-place features for anyone who is building or remodeling for then they get older.

Tickets for the parade are \$10 to visit all the homes. For information go to [www.buildneindiana.com](http://www.buildneindiana.com).

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JIM CHARLIER

This July 2018, image provided by Jim Charlier shows a colorfully-planted hell strip garden in Buffalo, New York.

# Turning a strip of no-man's land into garden, curb appeal

BY JESSICA DAMIANO

Associated Press

You know that boring strip of grass — or weeds — between the street and the sidewalk that technically belongs to your city or town but whose care ultimately falls to you?

It goes by many names: median, verge, tree belt, boulevard, parkway, utility strip, parking strip — and my favorite, the hell strip, which best describes the growing conditions there.

This slice of no-man's land is typically plagued by compacted soil, tree roots, exhaust fumes from passing cars, and “gifts” from neighborhood dogs. But with a little effort, the hell strip can become a heavenly garden addition that adds to your home's

curb appeal.

First things first: Before investing time and money into planting the strip, check local zoning regulations to ensure it's legal to do so. Your municipality's website will likely offer guidance or a phone number to call for information.

If you share the strip with a neighbor, have a conversation to make sure they're OK with your plan.

With the authorities and neighbors on board, give careful thought to plant selection. Opt for tough, low-maintenance, drought-tolerant plants, preferably native to your region, that will thrive in the likely hot, dry conditions of the strip. And be



# School lunch ideas for pint-size vegetarians

There’s no reason that packed lunches for school can’t be nourishing, delicious and kid-friendly

**BY KATIE WORKMAN**  
Associated Press

Do you have a vegetarian living in your home? Even a little one?

There are many kinds of vegetarianism, but many folks are reducing the amount of meat in their diets, or cutting it out altogether. And these choices are being made by kids, too.

So with the new school year, the question becomes: How can we pack lunches that are nourishing, protein-filled, meat-free and kid-friendly? Luckily, there are lots of choices.

### SANDWICHES

Let’s start with the sandwich, the mainstay of many lunch bags and boxes. Instead of traditional ham and turkey, explore the ever-growing number of vegan and vegetarian cold cut options out there.

Tofurky makes sliced, plant-based “turkey” in varieties like Oven-Roasted and Hickory Smoked. Lightlife makes sliced “turkey,” and also plant-based ham and bologna, so you can recreate some of the classic combos. Unreal Deli makes faux “corn’d beef.”

A perusal of the cheese offerings at your local market will open up a world of possibilities: Think mozzarella and sliced tomatoes with fresh basil or pesto, or brie with a fruit preserve. Perhaps cheddar, thinly sliced apples and honey mustard. My kids grew up on grilled cheese

sandwiches all melted up in the morning but eaten at room temperature during lunch, which have a charm all their own.

And if your kid is a vegan, there are so many vegan cheese options now, including Daiya and Kite Hill, two readily available brands.

Other sandwich and wrap ideas: hummus, chopped tomatoes and shredded lettuce in a pita; sauteed or baked tofu, tempeh, or seitan with the seasoning or sauce of your choice. (Think about barbecue sauce, Cajun seasoning, curry blends, and so on.) And there is always protein-packed PB&J (or PB&banana). Use sunflower butter or another alternative if your school is nut-free.

### SOUPS

You can pack a hearty soup into a thermos (there are SO many cute containers these days designed to keep foods hot or cold). Soups made with a vegetarian protein, like beans, are terrific.

Think about lentil soups, white bean soups, black bean soups. Make a batch of vegetarian chili over the weekend, or red or black beans and rice. You can pack that up and, if you’re feeling energetic, pack little containers of sour cream, shredded cheese or avocado to top the chili just before eating.

### AVOCADO

Speaking of avocado, this



KATIE WORKMAN

This 2015 image shows a vegetarian boxed school lunch with carrot sticks and fruit.

fruit (we all remember it is a fruit, right?) can become lunch in many guises. Guacamole with pita chips or whole grain tortilla chips is always a hit, or stuff a pita with sliced avocado, chopped tomatoes, shredded lettuce, bean sprouts, and Caesar or Greek dressing. Or, put a whole avocado into the lunch box and let your kid peel and smash it onto a piece of whole grain toast, topping it with anything from salsa to crumbled queso.

### EGGS

Let’s hear it for eggs, an amazing source of non-meat protein. Egg salad, hard boiled eggs, deviled eggs, frittatas. Plus there are a bunch of highly packable, egg-based meals and snacks on the market, such as

Nellie’s Sous Vide Egg Bites and Organic Farms’ Egg Bites with Cheddar and Chives.

### SALADS

Salads don’t have to feel flimsy or unsubstantial. Add some kale, chickpeas, sunflower or pumpkin seeds, and nuts if those are allowed at school. Beyond vegetable salads, think about grain-based ones built with quinoa, farro, bulgur wheat or millet.

Don’t forget about fruit salads, using the best of what’s in season.

And remember good old pasta salads, too. Whole grain or plant-based pasta adds extra nutrition and fiber.

### PREPARED FOODS

Check out the deli

counter for other vegetarian-prepared foods, like a cauliflower or broccoli salad or slaws. Vegetarian sushi is readily available, including at many supermarkets.

Look in the refrigerator and freezer aisles for other heat-and-eat vegetarian foods like Mexican tamales or Indian curries. You can cook them in the morning and pack them in a container designed to keep them warm, or perhaps it’s possible to reheat the food on site. Other packaged vegetarian foods like Aahana’s lentil and rice bowls, Maya Kaimal’s vegan chanas, and Kitchen & Love’s cauliflower- and grain-based bowls are also good to keep on hand for last-minute lunches.

Some of the plant-based meat products are fine to

eat at room temperature, so consider adding meatless chicken or other varieties to salads, rice bowls and so on. Check the labels to be sure.

### LEFTOVERS

Don’t forget to get creative with leftovers! Extra black beans can be made into a wrap with some shredded romaine, slivered bell peppers and crumbled queso. Last night’s rice can be made into a vegetarian stir fried rice. Roasted squash can become a pureed soup, and roasted eggplant can become a dip for pita. A leftover pasta dish might be perfect at room temp, or reheated.

Truly, there’s no reason why a vegetarian lunch shouldn’t hold as many possibilities as any other!

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## CURB: You are only limited by your taste and imagination

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sure to select plants suited for the amount of sunlight they’ll receive there.

It’s best to stick to perennials, which will anchor the soil and return year after year, and select plants with a range of bloom times so there will be multiple seasons of interest. In colder climates, small evergreen shrubs and spring bulbs will extend the season.

Avoid planting edibles, which could become tainted by car emissions, road salts and other pollutants. Also don’t plant large trees, which over time might interfere with overhead utility lines, and whose roots could

disrupt sidewalks. Thorny plants should be avoided, too.

Consider how high plants will be at maturity, especially if the strip is on a corner; blocking the view of drivers or pedestrians could create unsafe conditions. The width of plants matters, too: Avoid those that will grow to block the sidewalk.

As for design, you are limited only by your taste and imagination. Select styles and colors that complement your home, fence or other plants growing in your garden. Fill the entire bed with low, mounded plants and ground-covers or use low-growing

plants on the ends of the strip and taller ones in the center. Incorporate ornamental grasses or sow wildflower seeds.

To prepare the long-ignored strip, clear away grass and weeds, and turn the soil over. Mix in a generous helping of compost to improve drainage, water retention and soil nutrition. Then plant your selections, observing the spacing recommendations on their tags.

Consider installing a simple barrier, such as one made of stakes and twine, around the perimeter of the strip to protect it from trampling by passersby. And

keep the bed well weeded until plants fill in.

Even drought-tolerant plants will need to be watered regularly throughout their first growing season to ensure they develop a deep, vigorous root system. Going forward, they may require some additional watering, particularly during hot, dry spells. Proximity to a garden hose would be ideal, but because hell strips tend to be small, a few trips with a watering can may suffice.

With relatively little effort, your little hell strip garden will improve the view of — and from — your home. It might even increase its value.

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**This photo provided by Nissan shows the 2023 Nissan Leaf, a small electric hatchback with an EPA-estimated range of up to 215 miles.**



**This photo provided by General Motors shows the 2022 Chevrolet Bolt EV, a small electric hatchback with an EPA-estimated range of 259 miles.**

# Edmunds Compares: 2023 Nissan Leaf vs. 2023 Chevy Bolt EV

**BY MICHAEL CANTU**  
Edmunds

Shopper interest in electric vehicles, or EVs, is rising. According to data from the Pew Research Center in 2021, 40% of non-EV owners are very or somewhat likely to purchase an EV as their next vehicle. But many of the latest models are also pricey; a Rivian R1T pickup, for example, starts at more than \$70,000 and can easily cost more than \$90,000.

Thankfully, there are lower-priced EVs on the market, and two compelling picks are the Nissan Leaf and Chevrolet Bolt EV.

The Nissan Leaf is the pioneering EV for people wanting a low-price zero-emission ride. The 2023 model starts at \$28,895 including destination fees, and the Leaf Plus model with a longer driving range has a starting price tag of \$36,895.

Chevy has an eye toward value too. The Bolt EV used

to cost more than \$30,000, but for the 2023 model year, Chevrolet dropped the starting price to \$26,595. Even a more well-equipped the Bolt EV 2LT model tops out at around \$31,000.

Which one is the better buy? Edmunds car experts compared both EVs to find out.

### POWER, DRIVING RANGE AND CHARGING

Budget EVs used to be known for short driving ranges and little power, but that's not completely the case with these rivals. The short-range Leaf S produces 147 horsepower and has an EPA-estimated driving range of 149 miles. Those numbers are unremarkable, but the longer-range SV Plus model packs a more competitive 214-horsepower electric motor and a driving range of 212 miles. Edmunds also ran the Leaf Plus through its real-world range testing and managed to make it 237

miles on a full charge.

The Bolt EV only has one model to choose from, and it boasts 200 horsepower and an EPA-estimated range of 259 miles. It also went farther in Edmunds' real-world testing: 278 miles.

Both EVs can be charged at home or at a public DC-fast charging station. Charging times are similar at home, but when equipped with the larger battery, the Leaf will charge quicker at a fast-charging station. However, the Leaf has an CHAdeMO-style charge port, which may not be supported at all fast-charging stations.

Winner: Bolt EV

### TECHNOLOGY AND FEATURES

These budget-friendly EVs come surprisingly well equipped with tech and other features. Both Leaf models have a sizable 8-inch touchscreen and support Apple

CarPlay and Android Auto smartphone integration. The base Leaf S comes standard with several advanced driver aids and the SV Plus model adds the ProPilot Assist system, which combines adaptive cruise control and lane centering for easier highway driving. Leather seats or an upgraded audio system aren't offered.

The Bolt EV packs a larger 10.2-inch touchscreen with crisper-looking graphics. The Bolt EV's base 1LT trim comes with fewer driver aids, but the top 2LT trim costs about the same as the base Leaf S and adds more driver aids plus leather seats. It can also be optioned with adaptive cruise control and a Bose audio system for not much more.

Winner: Bolt EV

### DRIVING AND COMFORT

Both EVs are zippy around town and boast similar 0-60 mph acceleration. One-pedal driving,

which allows you to slow the vehicle down by lifting off the accelerator pedal, can be done in either EV. It can make driving easier and increase range.

In terms of comfort, the Leaf has more supportive front seats than the Bolt, and it offers a smoother ride. The Bolt EV's ride is still pretty comfortable, but unlike the Leaf, rough patches of road and potholes can create a choppy and busy ride. Without loud gasoline engines, you might think road and wind noise is prevalent, but both EVs do a great job keeping outside noise to a minimum.

Winner: Leaf

### PASSENGER AND CARGO SPACE

The Leaf and Bolt EV are plenty practical thanks to their hatchback body styles. The biggest difference is cargo space. Behind the rear seats, the Leaf's 23.6 cubic feet of cargo room beats the

Bolt EV's 16.6 cubic feet. Passenger room is similar. Head and shoulder room are almost identical in both the front and rear seats, but the Bolt EV offers more front and rear seat legroom. Ultimately, the superior pick here depends on what you need more of.

Winner: tie

### EDMUNDS SAYS:

With a starting price lower than the base short-range Leaf S and significantly less than the SV Plus model, the Bolt EV wins this comparison. Potential Bolt buyers may want to wait until 2023 when it will once again be eligible for an EV tax credit up to \$7,500 thanks to the Inflation Reduction Act. This makes the Bolt an even more affordable option. But it's not just about the price; the Bolt EV also wins out with its longer driving range and superior infotainment system.

# Swap common household devices to curb your carbon footprint

**BY FAMILY FEATURES**

In every room of your home, you'll likely find numerous devices, appliances and fixtures that rely on the electric grid for power. Collectively, they affect your carbon footprint more than you may realize. Converting to lower carbon alternatives can help you be a better steward for the environment while reducing your reliance on electricity.

"As a father, husband, home builder and real estate agent, I think it's important to make smart choices for a cleaner today and greener tomorrow," said Matt Blashaw, residential contractor, licensed real estate agent and host of HGTV's "Build it Forward." "We all want to be good stewards of the Earth. I want people to think beyond planting a tree or recycling. The time is right now to choose a diverse, low-carbon energy mix to power our homes and businesses."

Consider these environmentally friendly upgrades from Blashaw and the experts at the Propane Education & Research Council (PERC) to help decarbonize Earth:

### Smart Thermostats

Programmable thermostats and smart plugs don't conserve electricity on their own, but they help you become more aware of your energy consumption and adapt your usage to avoid waste. The introduction of programmable thermostats made it possible to adjust the temperature in your home when you're not there or when you are sleeping.

Some smart thermostats take those adjustments even further by learning your household habits and adjusting the temperature to accommodate your usage patterns. You can also make adjustments remotely, and some models allow you to control specific zones or rooms independently so you're only using the energy you really need. When combined with low-carbon, efficient HVAC units,

smart thermostats can help lessen the impact on the planet.

### Motion Sensors

Like programmable thermostats and smart plugs, motion sensors help manage your energy usage. Motion sensors ensure you're only drawing electricity to illuminate a space when it's in use or when the light quality falls below a certain threshold. You may be in the habit of turning on a switch when you enter a room whether you need the extra light or not. Relying on a sensor reduces the waste associated with that routine and helps ensure lights are turned off when they may otherwise be forgotten in an empty room.

### Appliances

You may be surprised to learn the difference it can make to swap appliances for a different energy source. According to PERC, propane appliances are more efficient and produce fewer greenhouse gases than electric appliances. For example, propane-powered clothes dryers generate up to 42% fewer greenhouse gas emissions compared to electric dryers. They also dry clothes faster than electric dryers, and the moist heat is gentler on fabrics and can even help relax wrinkles and static cling.

Similarly, propane-powered cooking ranges generate up to 15% fewer greenhouse gas emissions compared to electric ranges while also allowing for greater control of heat levels. In addition, their instant flame turnoff capabilities help them cool faster than electric stoves, which can remain dangerously hot after they have been turned off.

### Energy-Efficient Windows

Nearly one-third of energy loss in your home can be attributed to windows, especially if they're older or in poor condition. Even windows in good condition can be a source



**Use environmentally friendly upgrades in your home to help decarbonize the Earth.**

of energy loss if there's only one pane of glass or you have air leaks around the frame. Upgrading to double- or triple-pane windows can be costly but making more cost-efficient improvements like caulking and weatherstripping can reduce window-related energy loss. You can also rely on window treatments such as drapes or blinds, awnings or plant vegetation that provide shade to help manage how your windows contribute to your energy needs.

### Tankless Water Heaters

Traditional water heaters maintain a tank of heated water at all times. Heating and re-heating the same water over and over is inefficient and wasteful. Conversely, tankless water heaters warm water only when you need it, cutting your energy usage and saving you money. Because it heats water whenever you need it, you don't have to worry about running out of hot water. In addition, your water heater's

energy source can produce even greater savings. Switching from an electric storage water heater to a propane-fueled tankless water heater can prevent more than 1 ton of greenhouse gas emissions from entering the atmosphere each year, the same amount produced from driving a car more than 3,000 miles, according to PERC.

### Ceiling Fans

You may think of ceiling fans as design elements and comfort features, but they also play a role in your home's energy use. Moving air feels cooler than still air, so not only does the circulation keep the air feeling fresh, but you can also keep your room temperature higher and still feel cool and comfortable. Opting for a smart ceiling fan can help you maximize savings by scheduling the fan to align with your normal routines rather than wasting energy by circulating air when you're not using the room.

### Solar Panels

Harnessing the sun's energy is often viewed as the ultimate use of renewable energy, but it can be costly to install enough panels to adequately power an entire home. Many homeowners find success in offsetting their traditional energy consumption rather than replacing it completely. Implementing other measures, such as installing propane appliances or updating windows, can reduce the amount of energy needed from the solar panels, making it a more practical environmental option for your household.

"The more diverse America's energy mix is, the more reliable it is," Blashaw said. "Propane can work alongside renewable energy sources like on-site solar power to create a more efficient, clean and reliable energy mix for homes across the country and help accelerate decarbonization."

Find more low-carbon solutions for your home at Propane.com.



# Sheep symposium coming to Shipshewana

FROM STAFF REPORTS

SHIPSHEWANA – Purdue Agriculture’s Indiana Sheep and Wool Market Development Program is sponsoring, in part, the Indiana Sheep Association’s annual symposium Sept. 17 at Shipshewana Auction Restaurant at 345 Van Buren St.

The program features sheep professionals, educational sessions for producers and others in the

state’s sheep industry.

“We have put together a program covering key flock management, marketing and farm productivity,” said Larry Hopkins, ISA president. “Producers can also network and enjoy good food, camaraderie and an overall good time spent with fellow members of the industry.”

The event runs 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Session topics include:

- Keys to Profitable Sheep Production by Phil Berg of Pipestone, Minnesota West.
- Making the Most of Pastures by Keith Johnson, Purdue forage extension specialist.
- Selecting Flock Replacements by Phil Berg, Pipestone, Minnesota West.
- What’s the Market Look Like? by Doug Brooks, United Producers.

Over lunch, ISA will conduct a brief business meeting in which new officers will be elected and ISA awards presented, including Master Shepherd, Shepherd of the Year and Friend of ISA Awards. To find out more about these awards and how to nominate, visit the ISA website indianasheep.com/news.php.

To register, visit indianasheep.com. The attendance fee, which

includes breakfast and lunch, is \$25. Early registration must be postmarked by Sept. 8. To register after Sept. 8, RSVP to Emma O’Brien by calling or texting 317-607-5664.

For more information, registration and a full schedule for the Hoosier Sheep Symposium, visit [www.indianasheep.com](http://www.indianasheep.com).



Children attending the event pose in front of an Oliver Super 88 tractor on display at the DeKalb County Horsemen’s Association Museum.

## Raising funds for Hoosiers Feeding the Hungry

The DeKalb County Farm Bureau, Inc. raised \$175 for Hoosiers Feeding the Hungry during an event Sunday at the DeKalb County Horsemen’s Association Museum. The event, Made in DeKalb County: A Celebration of Agriculture highlights some of DeKalb County’s agriculture. Sarah Delbecq organizer of the event, said she believed the first-year event was a successful one, which she is looking to improve for next year.



Danielle Aldrich and Taylor Rowe show off fresh cut flowers on display at one of the booths.



Martha Ferguson (center) of Riverview Native Nursery in Specerville brought a wide variety of plants to the event.

## No stinging threat

Swarms of yellow and black flies are back



ELYSIA RODGERS

attracted to us by moisture and salts they get by lapping up our sweat. Sweat bees will sting if accidentally squished against our skin while

Last week at a field day, the hover flies were really noticeable for the first time this year.

Last year, several Purdue Extension entomologists wrote this article about these little pesky insects, but don’t worry, they don’t sting... they just hover all around you!

Recently we have received reports of swarms of hover flies (aka syrphid flies) around Indiana and wanted to take the opportunity to tell you a bit about this curious insect. Adult hover flies can sometimes be mistaken for bees or wasps, because they look a lot like them! Some people refer to hover flies as “sweat flies” or “sweat bees,” but these insects are actually quite different from bees.

Hover flies belong to the Order Diptera, or the true flies.

The swarms of flies that we have been hearing about belong to the genus Toxomerus, which feed on pollen rather than other soft-bodied insects, like aphids. Hover flies are typically lighter in color, have a characteristic abdomen-bobbing behavior, and cannot sting at all – in fact, they are harmless. Sweat bees, on the other hand, are typically dark or metallic in color, smaller than common bees and do have stingers. Both hover flies and sweat bees can be a minor nuisance. They are

they are feeding.

In corn fields and other flowering crops, you will likely find the larval form of this insect, a small, rather plain-looking maggot, feeding in leaf axils and other areas where pollen collects.

Be advised that the larvae are not pests, as they do not damage the crop. Rather, they are taking advantage of an abundance of pollen. This holds true for other flowering crops as well. As corn continues to mature at a more staggered rate than usual this year (a result of the wet spring and delayed/ sporadic planting), you may continue to see these insects. Just remember they are not pests and cannot sting you, they just might be a bit bothersome hovering around you in large numbers!

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## New website provides gardening solutions

**PURDUE UNIVERSITY**

WEST LAFAYETTE — Purdue Extension’s latest mobile website can help gardeners make sure they’re never again caught with their plants down.

The Purdue Plant Doctor website is a mobile-friendly one-stop shop where gardeners can navigate the bewildering maze of insect, disease and abiotic problems that affect the hundreds of landscape trees, shrubs and flowers used in Midwestern landscapes.

“Every year, homeowners invest millions of dollars in their landscaping materials, and due to insect diseases and sometimes a lack of experience, problems come up. This is a free, easily accessible way to identify and fix those problems,” said Janna Beckerman, a Purdue Extension plant disease specialist and content specialist for the website.

guides users through methods to treat their plants.

Today, many websites available to assist growers in plant health management are sponsored or developed by companies that produce gardening chemicals or products. Cliff Sadof, a Purdue Extension entomologist and content specialist for the website, said those apps tend to suggest particular products, whereas Purdue’s websites are focused on research-based treatment methods.

“We start with the least toxic approaches before we suggest using insecticides or fungicides,” Sadof said. “We want to teach people how to treat the underlying problems before turning to chemical solutions. We also have a section devoted to commonly found beneficials, so someone doesn’t mistakenly harm pollinators and other beneficial insects.”

Beckerman said the website was designed to appeal to the new growers that discovered their green thumb during the pandemic.

“We hope this website helps growers regardless of level improve their gardening experience,” she said. “For this reason, photos of each plant are included to guide growers through the diagnostic process.”

## Pecan farmers get caught in power vacuum on Texas border

**BY ACACIA CORONADO**

Associated Press

EAGLE PASS, Texas (AP) — A Texas pecan farm nearly the size of Disneyland has become entangled in a turf war between the Biden administration and Republican Gov. Greg Abbott over immigration enforcement on the southern border.

Hugo and Magali Urbina, who bought Heavenly Farms in April 2021, at first welcomed the state footing the bill for a new chain-link fence through their property earlier this year as part of Abbott’s multibillion-dollar crackdown on border crossings along the Rio Grande. But then, one day, they found the fence’s main gate unexpectedly locked.

The lock was put there, the couple says, by Texas authorities who have spent months arresting thousands of migrants on trespassing charges on private land. But the Urbinas didn’t want the lock and neither did the U.S. Border Patrol, which found it impeded with the agency’s own immigration enforcement and had it removed.

Now a single gate on the 1,200-mile Texas border has swung open a new dust-up over how to address near-record levels of migration on America’s southern doorstep, a fight the Urbinas say they

want no part of.

“Unbelievable,” Abbott lashed out on social media last month after the lock was removed. “While Texas secures the border, the federal government is enabling illegal immigration.”

The dispute is the latest example of how Texas’ unprecedented challenge to the federal government’s authority on the border has created a clash among agencies working at cross purposes.

The Border Patrol’s Del Rio sector, which includes Eagle Pass where most of the nearly 470-acre farm is located, is fast becoming the

busiest corridor for illegal crossings, with thousands passing each week onto the farm alone. The sector may soon surpass Texas’ Rio Grande Valley, which has been the focus for the last decade.

The Urbinas do not oppose Abbott’s massive border mission. But in the case of the lock, they say it went too far. They blamed what they see as a lack of single command in an area saturated with state troopers, Texas National Guard members, U.S. Border Patrol agents and local authorities, all of whom constantly cross paths and often work in tandem.



# A Savory Solution to Stretch Your Grocery Budget



Garlic-Rosemary Butter Roasted Chicken Thighs and Veggies with Mushroom Orzo Risotto

FAMILY FEATURES

In today's world, grocery shopping can seem more like a burden than an opportunity to gather supplies for your family's favorite meals. With prices of everyday ingredients fluctuating almost daily, it's important for many families to make their dollars go further at the store.

Easy ways to stretch your grocery budget, like using versatile ingredients, can make the checkout experience a little less impactful on your household's finances. Consider the benefits of mushrooms, which provide a delicious option to enhance flavor in favorite recipes while extending portions in an affordable way.

Save Money

Stretch your dollars by stretching your meals using a process called "The Blend." Blending finely chopped mushrooms with ground meat can extend portion sizes of your favorite meaty recipes and help your bottom line. Chop your favorite mushroom variety to match the consistency of ground meat, blend the chopped mushrooms and meat together then cook to complete the recipe. For burgers, use a blend of 25% finely chopped mushrooms and 75% ground meat. For tacos or chili, use 50% mushrooms and 50% meat or an even higher mushroom-to-meat ratio.

Savor the Flavor

The savory umami taste of mushrooms means a flavorful experience in blended recipes like burgers, where the chopped mushrooms help hold in the juiciness. Or, you can chop, quarter, slice or enjoy them whole in recipes like Garlic-Rosemary Butter Roasted Chicken Thighs and Veggies with Mushroom Orzo Risotto, Creamy Spinach, Mushroom and Lasagna Soup or Blended Pasta Sauce paired with your favorite pasta.

One Carton, Multiple Dishes

Thanks to mushrooms' versatility, you can buy one large carton of mushrooms to chop up then bulk up multiple dishes, from a morning omelet to hearty soups to blended burgers.

Serve Up Nutrition

Low-calorie, low-sodium, fat-free and cholesterol-free, mushrooms are nutrient rich and can play a starring role in a variety of meals. With an array of fresh varieties and nearly endless ways to prepare them, they can be your powerhouse from the produce department.

Find more recipe ideas and ways to make the most of your grocery store dollars at MushroomCouncil.com.

Garlic-Rosemary Butter Roasted Chicken Thighs and Veggies with Mushroom Orzo Risotto

Recipe courtesy of Emily Weeks, MS, RD, on behalf of the Mushroom Council  
Prep time: 20 minutes  
Cook time: 50 minutes  
Servings: 4

- Chicken:**
- 8 boneless, skinless chicken thighs
  - salt, to taste
  - pepper, to taste
  - 6 tablespoons unsalted butter
  - 16 ounces mushrooms, such as white button, crimini or portabella, quartered
  - 3 zucchinis, sliced in half moons
  - 3 large carrots, thinly sliced
  - 4 sprigs fresh rosemary, leaves removed and roughly chopped
  - 4 cloves garlic, minced

- Orzo:**
- 4 cups chicken or vegetable broth
  - 1 tablespoon unsalted butter
  - 1 tablespoon extra-virgin olive oil
  - 1 small yellow onion, diced
  - 2 garlic cloves, minced
  - 16 ounces mushrooms, such as white button, crimini or portabella, finely chopped
  - 1 cup uncooked orzo pasta

- 1/8 teaspoon black pepper
- 1/3 cup white wine
- 1/3 cup shredded Parmesan cheese

To make chicken: Preheat oven to 450 F.

Pat chicken dry. Season with salt and pepper, to taste. In large skillet over medium-high heat, melt butter. Sear chicken until brown on both sides, 4-5 minutes on each side.

In large bowl, toss mushrooms, zucchinis and carrots with rosemary and garlic.

On large baking sheet, spread vegetables. Nestle chicken into vegetables. Drizzle with butter and juices from pan. Bake 20 minutes until chicken is cooked through and vegetables are tender.

To make orzo: In small pot over medium-low heat, warm broth. Using skillet from chicken over medium heat, add butter and olive oil. Add onion, garlic and mushrooms. Cook, stirring occasionally, until onions soften, 3-4 minutes.

Add orzo and black pepper. Stir and cook orzo 2 minutes. Add white wine and cook until evaporated, about 1 minute.

Add broth to orzo, 2/3 cup at a time, stirring until liquid is absorbed. Repeat with remaining broth, waiting until last batch is absorbed before adding next. Remove from heat and stir in Parmesan.

Serve in individual bowls with chicken and roasted vegetables atop mushroom orzo risotto.



Blended Pasta Sauce

Blended Pasta Sauce

Recipe courtesy of the Mushroom Council

- 2 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil
- 1 medium yellow onion, finely chopped
- 3 garlic cloves, minced
- 1 pound mushrooms (such as white button, crimini or portabella), finely chopped
- 1 pound 80% lean ground beef

- 1 tablespoon Italian seasoning
- 1 teaspoon kosher salt
- 1 jar (24 ounces) marinara sauce
- cooked pasta
- salt, to taste
- pepper, to taste
- grated Parmesan cheese

In large pot over medium heat, add oil and cook onions, stirring occasionally, until just soft, about 3 minutes. Add garlic and cook 1 minute.

Add mushrooms and cook 5 minutes, or until mushrooms are soft and reduced in size.

Add ground beef, Italian seasoning and salt; cook until browned throughout, about 6 minutes, stirring and breaking up lumps. Skim off fat, leaving about 2 tablespoons. Stir in marinara sauce and reduce heat to low. Cook 10 minutes.

Serve over cooked pasta, season with salt and pepper, to taste, and top with grated Parmesan.



Creamy Spinach, Mushroom and Lasagna Soup

Creamy Spinach, Mushroom and Lasagna Soup

Recipe courtesy of Emily Weeks, MS, RD, on behalf of the Mushroom Council  
Prep time: 10 minutes  
Cook time: 30 minutes  
Servings: 4

- 1 tablespoon extra-virgin olive oil
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 medium onion, small diced
- 8 ounces mushrooms, such as white button, crimini or portabella, sliced
- 1 jar (24 ounces) marinara sauce
- 1 can (15 ounces) diced tomatoes
- 2 tablespoons tomato paste
- 2 teaspoons balsamic vinegar
- 1 teaspoon granulated sugar
- 1 tablespoon dried basil
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1 teaspoon oregano
- 1/2 teaspoon black pepper
- 1 bay leaf

- 3 cups vegetable broth
- 6 lasagna noodles, broken into pieces
- 1/2 cup heavy cream
- 5 ounces fresh baby spinach
- 1 cup whole milk ricotta
- 1/2 cup shredded mozzarella cheese, for topping

Heat large pot over medium heat. Add olive oil, garlic, onion and mushrooms. Cook, stirring occasionally, until onions and mushrooms soften, 4-5 minutes.

Add marinara, diced tomatoes, tomato paste, vinegar, sugar, basil, salt, oregano, pepper, bay leaf and broth. Bring to boil over high heat then reduce heat to low and simmer. Add lasagna noodles and cook, stirring often, until softened, about 15 minutes.

Remove from heat and remove bay leaf. Stir in heavy cream and spinach until wilted, 2-3 minutes.

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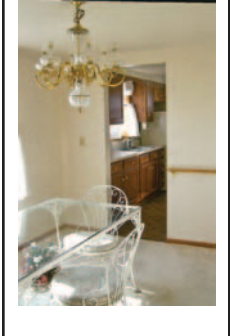
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TODAY'S CLUE: W s p n b e z

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