

U.S. is exploring new base near Gaza

Temporary site would be able to house 10,000

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The U.S. military is exploring whether to build a temporary base capable of housing 10,000 people near Gaza, according to an internal contracting document, as the U.S. pushes for a stabilization force to monitor a ceasefire between Israel and Hamas.

The Navy is seeking a cost estimate from a list of pre-qualified companies for “a temporary, self-sustaining military base of operations capable of supporting 10,000 personnel and providing 10,000 square feet of office space for a period of 12 months,” according to a Request for Information seen by Bloomberg News.

The Request for Information identifies the potential site as “near Gaza, Israel.” It was sent to eligible contractors on Oct. 31, according to two people familiar with the matter who asked not to be named discussing private deliberations. Responses were due Nov. 3.

The U.S. has been seeking international support for a proposal to send foreign troops to Gaza to help secure the fragile truce between Israel and Hamas that was signed last month. Those troops, dubbed the International Stabilization Force, would work with Israel and Egypt to secure the territory and enable rebuilding efforts after more than two years of war between Israel and Hamas.

A U.S. official, who also asked not to be identified discussing the matter, said the request represents an early planning step for a potential base in southern Israel for the stabilization force.

In one place



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Family Resource Center of Jay County opened in July, coordinating family oriented services such as food assistance and parent programs in a central hub. Its location at 827 W. High St., Portland, also houses Jay County Early Learning Center.

Resource Center acts as local hub

By BAILEY CLINE
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Family services are available in Jay County.

They’re now accessible from a local hub.

Family Resource Center of Jay County opened in July at 827 W. High St., Portland. Located in the same building as Jay County Early Learning Center — formerly Judge Haynes Elementary School — the facility offers community services and opportunities for families.

The center serves as the 10th of its kind in Indiana. The team consists of representatives from Firefly Children & Family Alliance, Purdue Extension

Office of Jay County, IU Health Healthy Beginnings and Indiana Department of Child Services of Jay County.

“These are all just groups and agencies that have already been getting together in these meetings and these groups to see what we can better do for families in the community,” said Firefly Children & Family Alliance prevention director Tashia Weaver, who also oversees programs in six other counties.

A brick-and-mortar location for services gives local families a place to connect with a liaison regarding their needs, such as food assistance programs or parent training services.

Ashley Drees, health and human sciences educator with Purdue Extension of Jay County, talked about the importance of providing concrete resources, such as when the facility offered car seats to families in September.

“Having what we refer to as concrete resources and community support and social connections, that helps put community members into contact with the things they need to take care of their families, because not everybody can afford, you know, a winter coat or new shoes or a car seat when their kid grows out of it,” she said.

Utilizing a grant from the Fed-

eral Children’s Bureau in 2020, Indiana University School of Social Work and Firefly Children & Family Alliance piloted four Strengthening Indiana Family Resource Centers, with the first two established in Delaware and Grant counties. Indiana Department of Child Services added that model for resource centers to the state’s prevention service standards and funded five additional centers across the state.

Weaver said a resource center has been in the works for Jay County for about three years.

“The Portland Foundation asked us all to come to the table to start,” said Weaver.

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Volcanic craft

Three-year-old Grayson Nusbaumer and mother Chloe Nusbaumer of Portland make a paper volcano during Jay County Public Library’s interactive dinosaur experience last week.

Benchmark effort

By PETER BLANCHARD
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For \$40, Anderson York will build you a bench and leave it at a location of your choosing.

Over the past six weeks, more than a dozen of York’s benches, which are made of treated pine wood and arrive unpainted, have been popping up across the city — at bus stops, public parks and school playgrounds.

And while it’s technically illegal to place a bench in a public space without a permit, Indy’s so-called “bench mench” (as it’s spelled on his Instagram account) isn’t worried about the consequences.

A quote York attributes to himself, written on the back of one of his benches, defines his philosophy: Do more good for the world without permission.

“There are too many places where we can’t just exist for free and sit and talk to somebody,” York said.

Thus far, York said he

Indianapolis man is making sure there are places to sit and chat

hasn’t received any citations, and to his knowledge, none of his benches have been removed or stolen.

The Indianapolis Department of Business and Neighborhood Services, the city agency in charge of licensing and permitting, did not respond to Mirror Indy’s request for comment.

Lisa Soard, IndyGo’s director of communications, said the transit agency is aware of York’s benches.

IndyGo has an exemption to the city’s rules about benches in the city right-of-way, Soard said.

“We don’t need a permit,

but anyone else should get an encroachment license to place a bench (or anything) in the public right-of-way,” Soard told Mirror Indy via email.

Soard said IndyGo has a legal obligation to ensure its more than 2,300 fixed-route bus stops are compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act.

She declined to answer a question asking if York would be cited or the benches would be removed.

Doer of good deeds

York, 34, has built a reputation for himself as a community advocate.

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Deaths

Mary Ann Rigby, 78, Bryant
Barbara Hudson-White, 85, Fremont, Ohio
John Steen, 69, Portland
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Weather

The high temperature was 37 degrees Tuesday in Jay County. The low was 23.
Tonight’s forecast calls for a low in the mid 30s. Expect mostly sunny skies Friday with a high in the upper 50s.
See page 2 for an extended outlook.

In review

PAST Recovery Services will host its second annual Masquerade Ball from 6 to 11 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 15, in the Bubb Building at Jay County Fairgrounds.
The event will include dinner, dancing, a silent auction and recovery spotlights. Tickets are \$20 per person or \$35 per couple.

Coming up

Friday — Details from this week’s Jay County Council meeting.

Saturday — Results from the FRHS football regional semifinal against Marion Local.

Tuesday — Coverage of the JCHS girls basketball game at Hamilton Heights.



Obituaries

Mary Rigby
Aug. 23, 1947-Nov. 11, 2025
Mary Ann Rigby, age 78, of Bryant got to meet our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ on Nov. 11, 2025, in Swiss Village in Berne.

She was born in Portland on Aug. 23, 1947, the daughter of Jesse and Mary (Stem) Steveson. She was the youngest of 12 children. She graduated from Portland High School in 1965 and married her husband Terry Rigby on April 10, 1976.

Mary Ann worked for Jay County REMC for 20 years, then retired from Jay School Corporation as a teacher's assistant. She was a member of Union Chapel Church and enjoyed scrapbooking and making cards.

Surviving is her husband Terry; daughter Jennifer DeHoff of Portland; son Joshua Rigby (wife: Becki) of Portland;



Rigby

stepson Matthew Rigby of Huntsville, Alabama; brother Tom Steveson (wife: Linda) of Gaston; nine grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by nine brothers; one sister; and son-in-law Mark DeHoff.

Funeral services will be Tuesday, Nov. 18, at 10 a.m. in the Baird-Freeman Funeral Home with Pastor Paul Van Cise presiding. Burial will follow in the Gravel Hill Cemetery. Visitation will be Monday from 3 to 7 p.m.

Memorials can be made to Union Chapel Church.

Condolences may be expressed at bairdfreeman.com.

Barbara Hudson-White
Feb. 4, 1940-Nov. 10, 2025
Barbara Ann Hudson-White, 85, of Fremont, Ohio, passed away on Monday, Nov. 10, at Elmwood Assisted Living in Fremont.

She was born on Feb. 4, 1940, to the late Paul and Ruth (John-

son) Starlin in Franklin.

Barbara attended Jay County High School, graduating in 1958.

In her own words, “Barbara Starlin Hudson White has always been an artist.” From a young age, Barbara showed an interest in drawing and painting, a talent she shared with her mother.

Throughout her life, Barbara shared her art with the communities she surrounded herself with. From teaching art classes with her mother; to her first exhibit in the Hoosier Salon in Indianapolis, to selling her painted clothing in boutiques around Toledo, she surely made her mark. Later in her career, Barbara excelled in art restoration. Her expertise helped to revive multiple projects for the Hayes Presidential Center in Fremont, Ohio, a portrait in the Sandusky County Courthouse,



Hudson-White

as well as many other public artworks and numerous private clients.

On Feb. 14, 1995, she married Michael White in Barbados and have shared over 30 years of love and memories together.

Left to cherish her memory are her husband, Michael; daughters Renee D. (Jeffrey) East and Andrea L. (Dan) O'Brien; grandchildren Aubrey and Conor East, and Jade and Keeley O'Brien; and siblings, Steve (Deena) Starlin, Paula Norris and Randy (Carol) Starlin; sister-in-law Gedda Starlin; as well as several nieces and nephews.

Barbara is preceded in death by her son, Phillip Scott Hudson; parents Paul and Ruth; and brother Larry Starlin.

Visitation for Barbara will be held on Friday, Nov. 14, from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. at the Herman-Karlovetz Funeral Home & Crematory, Fremont. A memorial service will be held on Saturday, Nov. 15, beginning at 10:30 a.m. at Grace Community

Church, Fremont. A private graveside ceremony will be held at a later date.

Donations in Barbara's name may be made to the American Cancer Society or to Heartland Hospice.

Herman-Karlovetz Funeral Home & Crematory, Fremont, is honored to be assisting the Hudson-White family during this difficult time.

John Robert Steen, Portland, died Sept. 27. A memorial service will be held at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 14, at Williamson-Spencer and Penrod Funeral Home in Portland.

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The Commercial Review publishes death notices for those with a connection to our coverage area free of charge. They include the name, city of residence, birth/death date and time/date/location of services.
There is a charge for obituaries, which are accepted only from funeral homes or mortuary services.

CR almanac				
Friday 11/14	Saturday 11/15	Sunday 11/16	Monday 11/17	Tuesday 11/18
61/48	68/41	49/30	48/33	45/32
Mostly sunny skies are expected Friday when the high will be around 61 degrees.	Saturday's forecast shows cloudy skies with a low in the lower 40s at night.	Mostly sunny on Sunday when the low may dip at night around 30 degrees.	Mostly sunny, with the high reaching around 48 degrees.	Tuesday looks to be chilly with the weather hitting the mid 40s.

Lotteries	
Powerball Estimated jackpot: \$512 million	Daily Three: 9-6-4 Daily Four: 5-8-9-3 Quick Draw: 2-4-5-9-10-16-24-27-29-30-36-37-46-50-51-55-57-58-60-69
Mega Millions 10-13-40-42-46 Mega Ball: 1 Estimated jackpot: \$965 million	Ohio Tuesday MIDDAY Pick 3: 4-3-7 Pick 4: 4-8-3-3 Pick 5: 2-2-6-6-9 Evening Pick 3: 3-6-3 Pick 4: 5-9-7-6 Pick 5: 2-8-0-3-8 Rolling Cash: 3-7-18-19-36 Estimated jackpot: \$140,000
Hoosier Tuesday MIDDAY Daily Three: 4-6-9 Daily Four: 9-1-1-6 Quick Draw: 2-6-13-15-20-26-28-30-33-35-36-38-39-53-55-65-70-74-75-80 Evening	

Markets	
Cooper Farms Fort Recovery Corn.....4.48 Dec. corn4.54 Jan. corn4.55	Dec. beans11.19 Wheat 4.90
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Today in history	
In 1775, American troops under General Richard Montgomery captured Montreal. Weeks later, the British took Quebec, leading American forces to retreat to New York. In 1940, Disney's animated film "Fantasia" premiered at Broadway Theatre in New York. The work, which features Leopold Stokowski and The Philadelphia Orches-	tra, combines animated images with classical music. In 2015, a series of terrorist attacks occurred in Paris, targeting the Stade de France and the Bataclan theater. Islamic State of Iraq and Syria (ISIS) later took responsibility for the attacks, which claimed the lives of approximately 130 people. — The CR

Citizen's calendar	
Today 6 p.m. — Jay County Plan Commission, Community Resource Center, 118 S. Meridian St., Portland.	Committee, council chambers, fire station, 1616 N. Meridian St.
Monday 5 p.m. — Jay School Board, General Shanks, 414 E. Floral Ave., Portland.	5:30 p.m. — Portland City Council, council chambers, fire station, 1616 N. Meridian St., Portland.
5 p.m. — Portland Economic Development Income Tax Advisory	6:30 p.m. — Fort Recovery School Board, community room, high school, 400 E. Butler St.
	7:30 p.m. — Fort Recovery Village Council, village hall, 201 S. Main St.

Anderson York, known online as the 'Indy Bench Mench,' places a bench at Benjamin Harrison School 2 on Nov. 5 in Indianapolis. York has been building the benches for six weeks. He charges \$40 per bench. His goal is to build and place benches in spaces where few to no benches exist, and to create seating areas so people can watch their kids, wait for the bus or strike up a conversation.



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He earned the nickname “the mayor of 46th Street” for picking up trash and donating food items in the neighborhood he’s lived in for the past four years.

“Anderson is a good guy with a strong love for his community and has always done his part to make it a better place to live,” said John Christian, owner of GoldLeaf Savory & Sweet in South Broad Ripple.

The manager of a sales team who also drives commercial trucks part-time, York seems to have made a hobby out of doing good deeds.

In January, when a winter storm dumped about 8 inches of snow and residential streets went unplowed, York grabbed his shovel and started clearing driveways, attracting coverage from a local TV station.

And he was recently named the chair of the newly formed SoBro Neighborhood Alliance.

“I just like doing good things. It makes my brain a lot quieter,” York said. “There’s a lot of garbage things happening in this world, and I can shovel snow or build a bench or pick up trash, and it makes me feel okay.”

In fact, York was bothered enough by the state of the world that he chose

to ditch his smartphone in favor of a flip phone.

“I’ve freed myself from the system. There’s no endless scrolling,” he said.

He still has his smartphone, but he says he only uses it to take pictures or videos.

“I post an Instagram photo and then move on with my life,” he said.

What does the law say?

City code states that a person wishing to erect a structure or feature in the public right-of-way, such as a bus stop, must have a permit to do so.

In 2018, the city removed benches at more than 50 bus stops after neighbors complained they were placed there illegally by advertising companies. The owners of the benches were not cited “because city code does not really allow for citations for this,” a spokesperson for the Department of Business and Neighborhood Services said at the time.

York said he hasn’t gotten any flak so far. In fact, he said he’s gotten subtle winks and nods from city employees that no one is all that bothered by his guerrilla benches.

The \$40 price tag for a bench cov-

ers the cost of the lumber and screws plus shipping the product, which York delivers himself.

Some of York’s friends have suggested that he charge for labor, but he’s not interested in being an entrepreneur.

“I don’t want this to be a job. This is supposed to just be a fun thing. I’m not trying to make this my career path,” York said. “This is just fun and whimsical. Eventually this will stop, and I’ll find the next good thing to do.”

Jeffery Tompkins, an Indy-based urban planner who has published articles about his frustration with the city’s zoning system, said York is doing a job that city leaders have failed to do.

“We’ve built a civic ecosystem where lawyers outnumber builders, where the goal of leadership is to avoid getting sued rather than to make better places,” Tompkins told Mirror Indy. “Regulation, once meant to safeguard the public, now suffocates it.”

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“I think it was, ‘How can we better support our families?’”

Around the same time, Prevent Child Abuse Indiana started piloting prevention framework in Jay County. Its mission statement: “A community that provides opportunity supports thriving families.” Weaver explained she and others aimed to put that mission into action.

Weaver and Indiana Department of Child Services of Jay County director Justin Littman applied for funding to create a resource center but had no success. Drees recalled how conversations continued circling around funding.

“(I said) listen, we’re already showing up, we’re already doing the work, why don’t we just get this thing running on a volunteer basis?” she said.

The Portland Foundation offered office space in the north wing of the former Judge Haynes Elementary School, which doubles as Jay County Early Learning Center. Although state dollars hadn’t been allocated for the project, local organizations decided to charge forward.

Family Resource Center of Jay County opened this

summer. In the first two months, Weaver said, the facility saw more than 100 individuals stop in for services.

“We filled it up quick,” Weaver said, recalling her efforts in opening resource centers in Grant and Delaware counties. “We’ve seen more families coming here from day one than I saw in the start dates of those.”

Indiana Department of Child Services later allocated a small amount of funding to hire a paid staffer. Several local agency partners also offer their help on a volunteer basis, including Drees, who serves as co-coordinator.

“A lot of my work naturally aligns with the goal of the Family Resource Center,” she said. “So, connecting partners to the Family Resource Center, getting partners to be physically present in our Family Resource Center and, you know, delivering their services to the community in an accessible space.”

In September, the Family Resource Center offered a community baby shower every Tuesday. Families were invited to stop in to celebrate their infants

while the facility also offered classes on safe sleep and car safety.

On Tuesday, the Family Resource Center will offer holiday meal kits, snacks and crafts from 1 to 5 p.m., along with child care navigator and Healthy Beginnings support.

Family Resource Center of Jay County’s hours are limited, with the facility mainly open from 1 to 5 p.m. Tuesdays. For more information about hours and programming, visit the facility’s Facebook page or call (260) 729-2848.

Weaver and Drees shared hopes to see resource center efforts become more mobile, allowing representatives to travel across the county for programming and services.

Drees said the goal is to make the facility stigma-free and accessible. Ultimately, the goal is to help propel families toward a sustainable and self-reliant model.

“Anyone can come in, we don’t do any kind of income checks or questioning, just, ‘What do you need? What brings you in today? How can we help you?’ And just getting them in connection with what they need to keep their family safe.”

SERVICES	
Friday, Nov. 14 Knapke , Carol: 10:30 a.m., St. Peter Catholic Church, 1477 Philothea Road, Fort Recovery. Madden , Virginia: 7 p.m., Baird-Freeman Funeral Home, 221 N. Meridian St., Portland. Steen , John: 8 p.m., Williamson-Spencer and Penrod Funeral Home, 208 N. Commerce St., Portland.	
Saturday, Nov. 15 Hudson-White , Barbara: 10:30 a.m., Grace Community Church, 900 Smith Road, Fremont.	
Tuesday, Nov. 18 Rigby , Mary: 10 a.m., Baird-Freeman Funeral Home, 221 N. Meridian St., Portland.	
Saturday, Nov. 22 Bowen , Luetta: 11 a.m., Asbury United Methodist Church, 204 E.Arch St., Portland.	
Saturday, Nov. 29 Moore , Stephen: 2 p.m., Redkey Church of the Nazarene, 801 W. High St., Redkey.	
Service listings provided by PROGRESSIVE DEL TORO OFFICE PRODUCTS 120 N. Meridian St. Portland, Indiana 47371 (260) 726-9201 progressiveofficeproducts.com	

Arts Place to host benefit

This year's holiday benefit is nearly here. Jay County Campus of Arts Place will host its annual holiday benefit auction Nov. 21. Doors open at 5:30 p.m., with the auction to follow at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are on sale for \$10 and may be purchased online at myartsplace.org or by visiting Arts Place. For more questions, contact Shawnda Roussey at Arts Place at (260) 726-4809 or jcc@myartsplace.org.

Free photography
The library is offering free professional photos next week. Families are invited to

Taking Note

sign up for the event at Jay County Public Library from 4 to 7 p.m. today. Families may select a 15-minute time slot and choose from three different backdrops. Digital downloads will be available following photo sessions via email. Space is limited, and registration is required. Self-serve photo props and backgrounds will be available in the children's section

of the library from 4 p.m. Thursday through 1 p.m. Saturday during the library's regular hours.

Lunch and learn series
Seniors have the opportunity to learn more about home brew next month. Josh Gibson, a Jay County High School teacher and beekeeper, will present "Buzz, Brew and Bloom Crafting" during John Jay Center for Learning's Lunch and Learn series Dec. 4. The event starts with lunch at 11:30 a.m. with Gibson's presentation to follow. Reservations are \$5 for seniors 55 years old and older.

Sibling wants access to terminally ill brother

DEAR ABBY: My brother has ALS and lives in another state. He has a wife and children. His wife has decided that when family visits from out of state, they need to stay in a hotel instead of their house because she does not have the capacity to host. I understand that it is stressful to have houseguests while also being a caregiver for someone with a terminal illness. However, when I come to visit, it is to spend time with my brother and help him with eating, bathing, getting dressed, etc. That typically happens in the mornings and at night, when visitors are expected to be at a hotel. Out-of-state visitors could also help with cooking, cleaning and anything else that needs to be done. We don't expect to be catered to. Paying for airfare, dog-sitters and a hotel each time I visit is a financial barrier. My brother is dying, and it feels like family is not actually welcome to visit or help him. Am I out of line for thinking my sister-in-law should get over herself and allow family to stay at the house in order to be with my brother? Is there even a good way to broach the subject with her? — DEFLATED IN CALIFORNIA

DEAR DEFLATED: I am sorry for your pain, but I do think you are out of line. While I admire your willingness to sacrifice to help your brother and sister-in-law through this difficult period, you all would be better served if you told them you are willing to do anything they need IF ASKED. Be willing to stay at the hotel if that will be easier for them. In other words, let them outline the parameters of what is needed.

DEAR ABBY: My husband is a good man. He is also an alcoholic in recovery. We recently moved back to where his family

Dear Abby



lives. He now wants us to spend time with a half-sister who has said terrible things about him behind his back and acts sickeningly sweet to both of us. I haven't told my husband because I don't want his feelings to be hurt, but I also don't want to spend time with anyone who doesn't respect him. I have tried dropping hints like, "I don't think she respects you very much," but he gets angry. He says he doesn't care and that he spent time with my family, so now it's my turn to spend it with his. The rest of his family loves him. They are kind and want to see us, but the half-sister is cruel. Her husband is also obnoxious and comments constantly about how much he paid for this or that, why it's the best, etc. He's not my kind of person either, but it's harmless and not mean. The visits are uncomfortable because I know what she has said. What should I do? — HESITATING OUT WEST

DEAR HESITATING: What you should do is what you should have done in the first place. Tell your husband what his half-sister said behind his back, which is WHY you want to have as little contact with her as possible. After that, the decision is his.

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Dear Abby is written by Abigail Van Buren, also known as Jeanne Phillips, and was founded by her mother, Pauline Phillips. Contact Dear Abby at DearAbby.com or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069.

FRMS announces honor roll

Fort Recovery Middle School recently released its first nine weeks honor roll. Sixth graders on the list with all A's were Emily Andrews, Lydia Gaerke, Elise Heitkamp, Ava Luster, Cooper Reinhard, Alexander Roessner, Kinley Schoenlein, Lindsey Siefring, Levi Steinbrunner, Vance Tobe and Leo Walter. Sixth graders making the honor roll with all A's and B's were Olivia Bihn, Emily Brackman, Victoria Bruns, Eva Brunswick, Reagan Dues, Ty Evers, Brooks Fullenkamp, Gabriel Fullenkamp, Grady Gaerke, Elijah Grieshop, Kacen Hein, Miranda Hemmelgarn, Tate Kahlig, Asher Kaiser, Kate Knapke, Liam Luster, Mia Luster, Nora Muhlenkamp, Marissa Overman, Miles Overman, Benjamin Rehmert, Blake Rehmert, Alba Roessner, Corbyn Schmitz, Nora Schoen, Marcus Staugler, Brinley Steinbrunner, Aria Ward, Kendall Wehrkamp, Chase Wen-

del, Lincoln Wendel, Rigley Wendel, Leah Willmann, Wyatt Willmann and Brooklyn Wuebker. Seventh graders making the list with all A's were Rozlyn Diller, Tyce Dilworth, Heidi Dues, Kayla Dues, Leonard Faller, Addison Fortkamp, Rachel Fortkamp, Hailey Grisez, Conner Homan, Walker Link, Anna Niekamp, Violet Roessner, Garrett Siefring, Kaitlyn Stammen, Tyler Steinbrunner, Peyton Weitzel, Zoey Wendel and Georgia Wuebker. Seventh graders on the honor roll with A's and B's Rhett Albers, Lillian Alig, Boston Bird, Rachel Boeckman, Ziva Brown, Aaron Brunswick, Kelly Casillas-Sanchez, Easton Diller, Calan Fortkamp, Wade Gaerke, Mitchell Geier, LaMicheal Heitkamp, Wesley Heitkamp, Blake Homan, Lane Homan, Maverick Huelkamp, Ellee Kremer, Hannah Link, Brandon Martinez, Emma Pearson, Addison Schoenlein, Adaley Shuttleworth, Kolten Timmerman, Xavier Tobin, Hai-

ley Wenning, Marcus Wenning, Natalie Wenning, Riley White, Evan Willmann, Lucas Winner and Rihanna Wuebker. Eighth graders making the honor roll with all A's were Kyle Andrews, Molly Boeckman, Lauren Hart, Alex Heitkamp, Mason Jutte, Ryan Jutte, Owen Lamm, Camden LeFevre, Quinn McCain, Katelyn Siefring, Aubrey Stammen, Makayla Wehrkamp, Aubrey Wendel, Kenzie Wendel, Julia Westgerdes and Mya Will. Eighth graders on the list with A's and B's were Mason Alig, Jacob Bergman, Alexandra Bihn, John Bihn, Willow Blossom, Lukas Brackman, Carly Fortkamp, Skylee Grafmiller, Brayden Grisez, Mason Grisez, Kendall Grube, Miley Hardwick, Jesse Homan, Victoria Jutte, Eli Kremer, Aubrey Post, Jordy Ranly, Addalyn Roessner, Aysen Roessner, Rayla Staugler, Koby Timmerman, Madelyn Timmerman, Rielle Wendel and Gavin Willmann.

Community Calendar

Notices will appear in Community Calendar as space is available. To submit an item, email news@thecr.com.

Today
SMART RECOVERY — A group for those struggling with addiction that focuses on motivation, coping with cravings, managing thoughts, feelings and behavior, and living a balanced life meets at 11 a.m. each Thursday in the IU Health Jay Outpatient Behavioral Health Center, Entrance C, 510 W. Votaw St., Portland.

JAY COUNTY TRAILS CLUB — Will meet at 6 p.m. the second Thursday of each month at Jay Community Center.

CELEBRATE RECOVERY — A 12-step Christian recovery program meets at 10 a.m. and 6:30

p.m. each Thursday at A Second Chance At Life Ministries, 228 S. Meridian St. in Portland. For more information, call Brenda Eads at (260) 726-9625 or Dave Keen at (260) 251-8792.

Friday
PAST RECOVERY SERVICES — Peer Addiction Support Team recovery support group meets at 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. each Friday at the Jay County Drug Prevention Coalition office at 100 N. Meridian St., Portland. To learn more information, please call (260) 251-3259.

Saturday
ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS — Will meet at 10 a.m. at Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church, 218 E. High St., Portland. For more information, call

(260) 251-3336 or (260) 729-7000.

DUNKIRK HISTORICAL MUSEUM — Is open from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on the third Friday and Saturday of each month at Webster Depot, 132 W. Railroad St.

MUSEUM OF THE SOLDIER — Is open from noon to 5 p.m. the first and third Saturday and Sunday of the month. It is located at 510 E. Arch St., Portland. The website is museumofthesoldier.com.

Sunday
A BETTER LIFE – BRIANNA'S HOPE — A faith-based recovery group for all kinds of addictions, will meet from 5 to 6:30 p.m. each Sunday at Fellowship Baptist Church, 289 S. 200 West, Portland. Come early for a meal. For more information, call (260) 766-2006.

Community Center, 125 Hoover St., Dunkirk.

TAKE OFF POUNDS SENSIBLY (TOPS) — Will meet for weigh-in at 4:30 p.m., with the meeting at 5 p.m., at Trinity United Methodist Church, 323 S. Meridian St., Portland. New members welcome. For more information, call (260) 726-5924.

THE LIFE CENTER — Free pregnancy testing with ongoing support during and after pregnancy, as well as help with the needs of the family. The center is located at 1209 S. Shank St., Portland. Hours are 1 to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. For more information or to schedule an appointment, call (260) 726-8636. Walk-ins accepted.

BREAD OF LIFE COMMUNITY FAMILY MEAL — Will be served from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. at Asbury United Methodist Church, 204 E. Arch St. in Portland. Everyone is welcome.

NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS — Will meet at 6:30 p.m. each Monday at A Second Chance At Life Ministries, 228 S. Meridian St. in Portland. For more information, call Brenda Eads at (260) 726-9625 or Dave Keen at (260) 251-8792.

Sudoku

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Level: Intermediate

Wednesday's Solution

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Cut off checks during shutdowns

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A chorus of voices from across the political spectrum demands that members of Congress forfeit their pay during the current government shutdown, which enters its sixth week. This makes eminent sense as a means of disincentivizing political dysfunction. But perhaps the punishment should go further.

Sen. Lindsey Graham, Republican from South Carolina, has introduced a constitutional amendment to mandate that members of the House and Senate not be compensated during federal government closures. Routine legislation won't suffice

Guest Editorial

because Article 1, Section 6 of the Constitution stipulates that senators and representatives "shall" receive payment for services, without denoting any exceptions.

"Not only should members of Congress not get paid during shutdowns," Sen. Graham said in a statement, "but the forfeited salaries should be used to pay down the federal debt. Under

this amendment, congressional salaries would be sent back to the U.S. Treasury to make payments on our debt. Shutdowns are foolish exercises — this constitutional amendment would force Congress to start acting responsibly."

Hear, hear. But many members of Congress — both senators and House members — won't feel any pain from going without a paycheck for a few weeks. They earn \$174,000 a year, not including benefits — congressional leaders make a bit more. Few of these elected representatives were impoverished before they descended upon the Beltway. In addition, plenty of congressional office-

holders — including those in Nevada's delegation — have either refused their checks during the current stalemate or donated their compensation to charity.

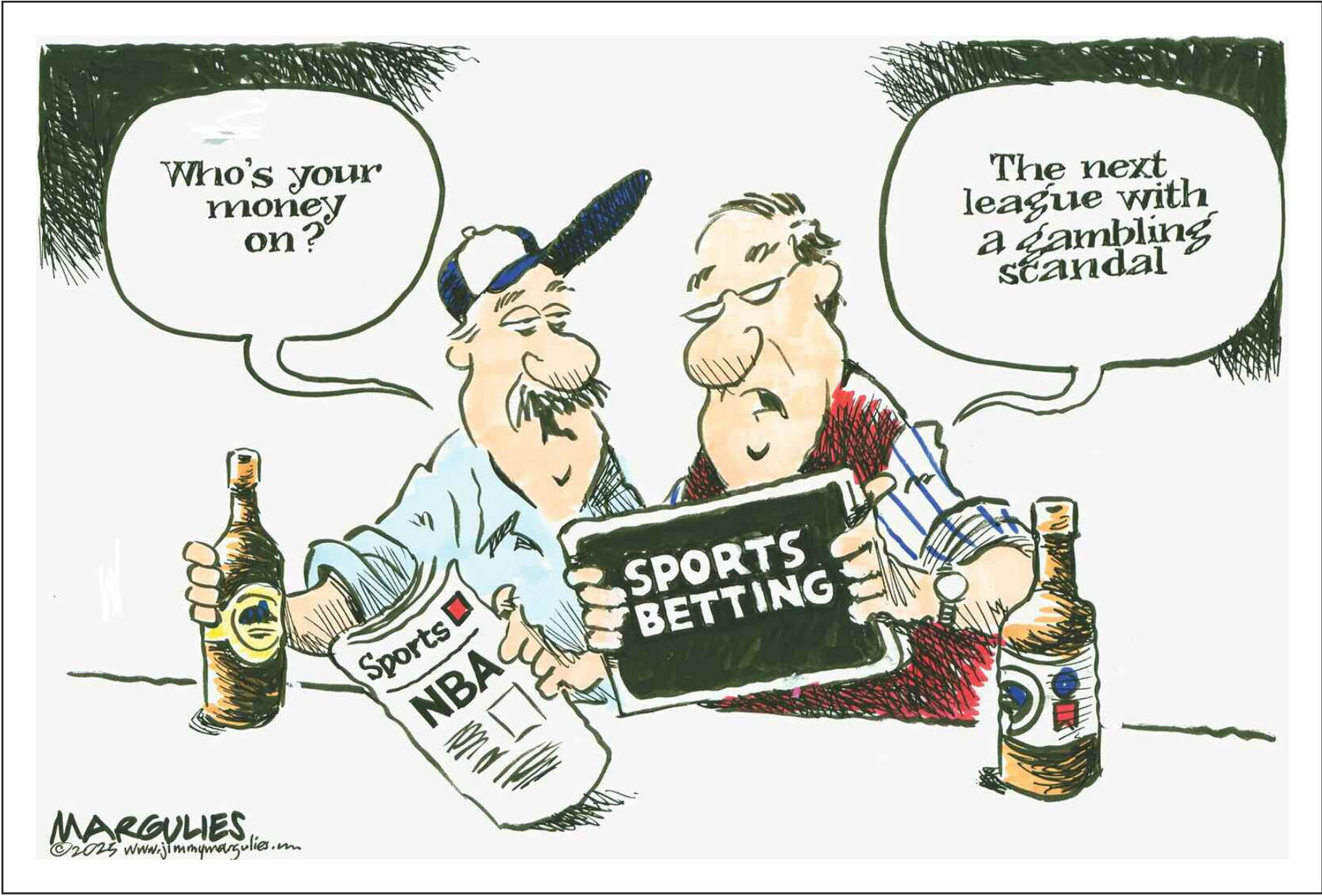
This is wise, from both a practical and political standpoint. But Sen. Graham's amendment might be more effective if it imposed even more severe punishment.

His proposal would codify the sentiment of millions of Americans who understand that they wouldn't be paid for failing miserably at their jobs of representing their constituents. And who would vote against it? A constitutional amendment must be passed by two-thirds majorities

in both legislative chambers and then must be approved by lawmakers in three-quarters of the states. It's time consuming, to be sure, but this cause is worth the effort.

Yet the proposed amendment would be a stronger disincentive if it docked representatives and senators three — even six — months pay following the end of any shutdown in addition to the compensation lost during the impasse. Who would vote against that, either?

These political dances have become all too common in our hyper-politicized times. Sen. Graham's amendment, properly enhanced or not, should be pushed forward without delay.



Give thanks by honoring Constitution

By MICHAEL J. HICKS

Following Veterans Day, I am reminded that the hardships of military service provided me with the most valuable lessons of civics.

In the days after driving off the battlefields of Iraq, I faced a personal epiphany about the fragility of civilization and the value of our republic. I wish every American understood what I saw — it would change our politics and bring us closer to the hopeful words of Abraham Lincoln's first inaugural address, "we are not enemies, but friends."

I went to war at 28, an old soldier, having spent a decade preparing for it. I was a single infantry captain in the division specially trained for desert warfare. I was happy to go to war.

Soldiering is supposed to be hard, and late summer in the Saudi Desert certainly was. During that long stretch from August to January, I was surprised by the enemy's idiocy. To this day, I remain shocked that Saddam Hussein didn't leave Kuwait and keep the oil fields in the north. That is the first lesson: Tyrants — unconstrained by legislatures, courts or voters — do crazy, damaging things.

But, it was direct combat and its aftermath that really opened my eyes to the need to hold civilization tightly.

In the days before Desert

Michael J. Hicks



Storm launched, I watched an entire Saudi city evacuate on a two-lane road. Cars piled with belongings moved slowly around the clock for two days. The haggard looks of children staring through dust-covered windows haunt me.

That second lesson was that the failure of a tyrannical government reaches far beyond the battlefield.

From the start of Desert Storm on Jan. 17, 1991, until I returned to Saudi Arabia in March, I didn't change clothes and ate only two or three hot meals. Letters and news of the world stopped coming as we endured the early, and largely unreported, fights on the border with Iraq.

These weeks included possible chemical attacks that set off our alarms, forcing us to don gas masks for long periods. It's best not to dwell too much on how we determined it was finally safe for everyone to unmask.

The lesson: Nothing an imaginative mind can conjure matches the reality of a failed nation and the horror it unleashes.

Then we attacked. The ground war — 100 hours of constant movement — remains sketchy in my mind. I slept no more than two or three hours each night. Riding behind the lead armored battalions, we moved so fast that each battlefield was still full of Iraqi soldiers, living and dead. Most were still armed but wisely chose not to continue the fight against us. The living stared blankly at us, no doubt having their own epiphany about their civilization and its many failures.

On the last night of the war, we drove down a highway outside Basra, directly behind the lead tank battalion. The dead clustered along the roadside, spilling onto the highway and under overpasses. They hung across burning tanks, trucks and personnel carriers. The smoke from these fires hung low in deep layered blankets, fueled by the corpses of the enemy.

We were far too tired to retch at the smell, yet the real lessons of the failure of tyranny were still ahead of us.

After the ceasefire, civilians and deserters descended upon us. Our medic delivered a baby in the midst of this filth. Throngs of enemy soldiers walked toward survival — most eagerly, some unwisely still trying to fight.

Civilians — families weeping — walked or drove through our lines. We fed them and

offered water, yet surely filled them with the deepest fear. I shudder to think on their plight. Imagine your family car stopped by heavily armed men in chemical suits, then being questioned by an officer (me) so covered in filth that days later he was forced to burn all his clothing before being allowed into a field shower.

This lesson: Liberty is a gift — traveling without harassment from armed men, living openly in a free society, expecting decency and tolerance.

I served in other places, too. I was in Germany when the Berlin Wall came down. I served in peacekeeping missions along the Egypt-Israel border, and I served along the border of North Korea. In all these places, something we take for granted was missing.

Our Republic endures because we expect much of citizens and give them much in return. Our founders made clear that, to survive, we had to do the hardest of things. We had to leave behind us the failings of our past civilizations — mostly European — and make something new, unlike anything before it.

Here we judge you not on who your father was, but on what your sons and daughters might become. Our founders made clear that freedom was for all of us, not just those of

us who spoke the same language or worshipped at the same church. And, quite wisely, they acknowledged that these freedoms were beyond the dictate of government — they were gifted by the Creator.

Believing these truths is among the hardest of human tasks; living them is even harder. We learn most by outlining our points of failure.

If you hate Jews, Muslims or Presbyterians, you fail this test of American civilization. If you deny the inherent human dignity of transgender people, you fail the test of our Constitution. If you call yourself a Christian Nationalist, you are neither Christian nor American in the truest sense.

There can be no such thing as a Heritage American — we left that behind us.

I cherish my military service for many reasons, chief among them this: It taught me that the highest calling of an American is attending to citizenship. The greatest thanks you can give a veteran is not for their service, but by honoring the Constitution we fought for.

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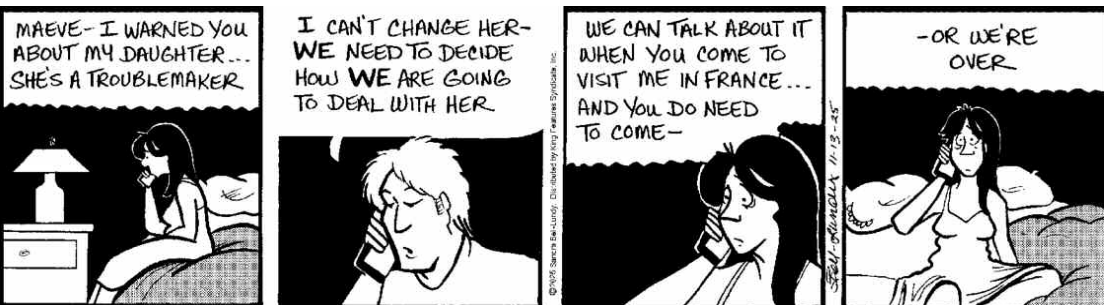
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A problem of logistics

East dealer.
Both sides vulnerable.
NORTH
♦ A K
♥ 10 9 2
♦ 9 6 4
♣ J 9 7 6 3
WEST
♥ J 6
♦ Q 8 6 4
♠ K Q 10 5
♣ 10 8 5
EAST
♥ 9 4
♦ K 7 3
♠ A J 8 7 2
♣ A Q 4
SOUTH
♦ Q 10 8 7 5 3 2
♥ A J 5
♦ 3
♣ K 2

The bidding:
East 1♦ South 1♠ West 2♦ North 2♠
3♦ 4♠
Opening lead — king of diamonds.
Finding the solution to an entry problem is often the critical factor in the play of a hand.
Consider this case where the defense starts off with two rounds of diamonds. South ruffs and would like to take two heart finesses, as well as lead a club toward his king. But since he has only two entries to dummy to attempt these three plays, South

has a logistical problem to solve.
The best way to proceed is to lead a trump to the king at trick three and return a low heart, finessing the jack after East follows low.
West wins with the queen and can do no better than return a diamond. South ruffs, crosses to dummy with a trump and leads the ten of hearts, finessing again after East plays low.
This is declarer's second lead from dummy, and when the finesse succeeds, he discontinues hearts and leads a club to the king. Since East, as expected, has the ace, South accomplishes his mission, losing only a heart, a diamond and a club.
Note that if East covers the ten of hearts with the king on the second round of the suit, South can then return to dummy's nine to make the critical club lead toward the king.
Note also that if South starts playing the hearts by leading the ten from dummy, instead of the deuce, he later runs into a dead end. The next time he gets to dummy with a trump, he can lead a heart or club — but he can't do both, and as a result, he will finish down one.

Tomorrow: Bidding quiz.
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DB YK JDBBDRO JPG MPOU

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Today's Cryptoquip Clue: O equals G

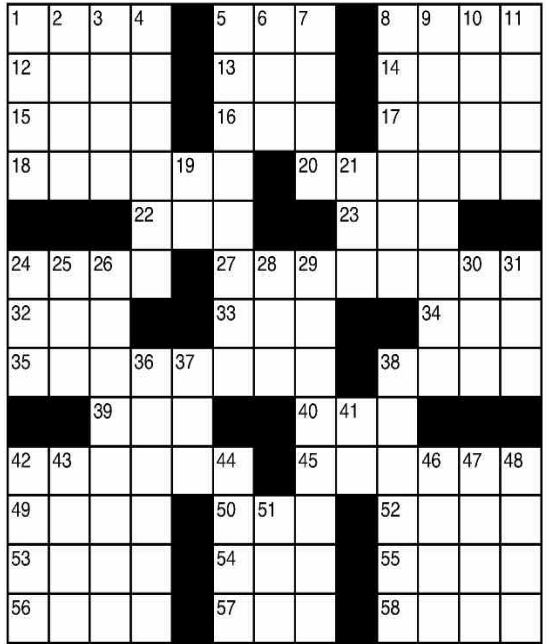
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| ACROSS | 40 Horror star | 57 Deity | 21 Rock producer |
| 1 Verifiable | Chaney | 58 Chimney buildup | Brian |
| 5 Sailor | | | |
| 8 Mellows | 42 Mystery writers' awards | 24 Remit | |
| 12 Rwandan people | 45 Garden figurines | 25 Fed. health law | |
| 13 "Let You Love Me" singer | 49 Novelist Rita | 26 "Impres-sive!" | |
| 14 Sushi wrapper | 50 One of the five W's | 28 Suffix with peace | |
| 15 Sharif of "Funny Girl" | 52 Cash drawer | 29 Light-hearted | |
| 16 Drs. that deliver | 53 H.S. lab class | 30 Away from WSW | |
| 17 Forum wear | 54 Texter's "As I see it" | 31 Banned pesticide | |
| 18 Support | 55 Wry | 36 Puny | |
| 20 Not often | 56 Bombeck | 37 Eg. and once | |
| 22 Furry foot | 56 Tennis champ | 38 \$100 bills | |
| 23 Prefix with natal | 56 Murray | 41 Atop | |
| 24 Macad-amize | | 42 "The Wire" actor | |
| 27 Notified | | 43 Slay | |
| 32 Tennis feat | | 44 Big gulp | |
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Box score

South Side Archers
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Girls varsity summary

South Side (0-2)				
	FG-FGA	FT-FTA	PTS	
BryDch-Wil	3-15	0-0	6	
BriDch-Wil	1-9	3-6	5	
Newsome	1-7	0-2	3	
SMante	0-5	1-2	1	
NMante	0-1	1-2	1	
Shepard	0-1	0-0	0	
Carter	0-0	0-0	0	
Shetler	0-0	0-0	0	
Eubanks	0-0	0-0	0	
Johnson	0-0	0-2	0	
Robinson	0-1	0-0	0	
Totals	5-39	5-14	16	
	.128	.357		
Def. Rebound percentage: .560				

Jay County (1-0)				
	FG-FGA	FT-FTA	PTS	
KSchwtrmn	5-10	7-9	17	
HSchwtrmn	5-9	1-4	14	
Newton	3-6	1-1	7	
Brunswick	2-5	2-2	6	
Peters	2-4	0-0	4	
Lekue Mgro	2-4	0-0	4	
Dirksen	1-2	0-0	3	
Schemenaur	1-2	1-2	3	
ASchwtrmn	1-3	0-0	2	
Kaigler	1-1	0-0	2	
May	0-1	0-0	0	
McAbee	0-0	0-0	0	
Totals	23-47	12-18	62	
	.489	.667		
Def. Rebound percentage: .621				

Score by quarters:				
S. Side	8	1	3	5 — 16
Jay Co.	22	17	14	9 — 62

3-point shooting: South Side 1-13 (Newsome 1-7, Bri. Diedrich Williams 0-2, Bry. Diedrich Williams 0-2, S. Mante 0-1, Shepard 0-1). Jay County 4-8 (H. Schwieterman 3-4, Dirksen 1-1, K. Schwieterman 0-1, Newton 0-1, A. Schwieterman 0-1).

Rebounds: South Side 25 (Shetler 6, Bry. Diedrich Williams 4, Newsome 3, S. Mante 3, Shepard 2, Bri. Diedrich Williams 2, Eubanks 2, Robinson 2). Jay County 29 (K. Schwieterman 6, Newton 4, H. Schwieterman 4, Peters 4, Brunswick 3, Lekue Magro 3, A. Schwieterman 3, May 1, Kaigler 1).

Blocks: South Side 1. Jay County 3.

Turnovers: South Side 22. Jay County 13.



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Jay County point guard Hallie Schwieterman elevates for a shot over South Side's Bri'Tanya Diedrich-Williams in Tuesday's 62-16 victory. Schwieterman scored 14 points and went 3-of-4 from deep.

Squared ...

Continued from page 8
Karsyn Schwieterman wasn't the only young Patriot to find success on Tuesday. The team's other four freshmen — Charlotte Peters, Claudia Dirksen, Kendall Schemenaur and Alivya Schwieterman — also each recorded their first varsity basket. In total, freshmen accounted for 29 of the Patriots' 62 points.

"They just don't over-think things," McIntire said of the freshman class. "They just go out, they play, they don't worry about who's scoring, who's rebounding. They just want to play, they play well together, they jell well together. They're definitely a fun group, and they've got a bright future ahead of them."

It wasn't just the youngsters who excelled for Jay County, either. Ten different Patriots made at least one field goal in the rout.

"That's just a tribute to these kids," McIntire said. "They're good kids and they want to do well as a team, and that's good early in the season to be bonded like that and be willing to share the basketball." Though the opening-

Seven Patriots scored their first varsity basket in 46-point win

night victory marked the fifth straight year that Jay County (1-0) has beaten the Archers (0-2) to start their season, the lopsided triumph could still be a sign of better fortunes after the Patriots finished 10-13 last year, their first losing season in over a decade. Tuesday's 46-point bludgeoning was a greater margin of victory than Jay County achieved in any of its victories a season ago.

"Our hustle this year is just insane," Hallie Schwieterman said. "Everybody wants to be out on the court, everybody wants to go for a ball, everybody's diving on the floor for a ball. It doesn't matter, every single 50-50 ball is ours, and I love that about this team, and I think that's what's going to win us big games."

Star ...

Continued from page 8
Gardner's stunning trade and their reaction to it set off a surreal week of emotions, memories, and overnight deliveries that will stay with them for the rest of their lives.

The moment has been well documented: T.J. Vilardi, a Wall Township resident and long-time Jets season-ticket holder, recorded himself breaking the news to his young sons, Trey, 9, and Bryce, 7.

Trey took the news of the day with some obvious trepidation, but managed to remain calm. Bryce? Not so much. He immediately broke down in tears with a dash of anger – a moment that was both heartbreaking and relatable for anyone who has cheered for the Jets over the years.

The video quickly gained traction on social media – Vilardi's original video on X has more than 6.5 million views. It has been shared on other platforms millions of times over – with Gardner commenting on it and sharing it on his Instagram account before he even arrived in Indianapolis on the night of the trade.

Here's how it came together: And why these brothers will

remember it for the rest of their lives.

T.J. Vilardi found it hard to comprehend that the video reached Gardner. He wasn't even sure if it was a good idea to tell the kids about the big moves their favorite team had made, including sending star defensive tackle Quinnen Williams to Dallas.

"We had to get them doing homework and then out the door to soccer practice," Vilardi said. "And I was like, 'I don't know if we should tell them because they're going to have a meltdown, and I don't know if I want to deal with that.'"

But Vilardi's wife pointed out that the reaction would be far worse if they found out from their friends. He decided to tell them and pulled out his phone so he could document the moment for his group text with the fellow season-ticket holders from his section at MetLife Stadium.

"I was like, 'Let me just record it because I want to send this to my buddies that have been texting me all day about this,'" Vilardi said. "I thought they'd get a kick out of it."

But the reaction surprised even Vilardi in the moment. He expected his older son to have the bigger

freakout because he's a more passionate fan. To say Trey is a huge Jets fan is an understatement. He's in the exclusive club of Olu Fashanu jersey wearers – a feat made even more impressive considering he had to ask for a custom order because the Jets' store doesn't carry that one in kids' sizes. But instead of getting upset at the news, Trey seemed interested in learning more about the details. His questions continued long after the camera went off.

For Bryce, it was all over once he heard Gardner was gone. That's because in 2023, Bryce attended training camp in Florham Park and got to spend a few minutes chatting with Gardner as he signed autographs – including his jersey – at the end of a practice.

"And since that day, he like fell in love with him as his favorite player," T.J. Vilardi said. "He always asks about him and always looks for him whenever he's on the field."

And that's why it hit so hard when he got the news.

Vilardi sent the reaction along to his friends in the group text and figured that was that, but within minutes, his friends started urging him to share it on

social media. He wasn't sure about that.

"My son was having an epic meltdown," Vilardi said. "And I know people are going to be like, 'Why are you posting your kid crying?' So I wasn't sure if I should post it."

But after talking it over with his wife, Vilardi decided it was worth sharing because he knew other Jets fans might be dealing with similar feelings. He posted it and tagged some of the accounts he follows.

"And then I put my phone down," Vilardi said. "And when I picked it back up maybe 15-20 minutes later, it had 250,000 views and I was getting flooded with requests, like 'Can we share this on our platform?'"

It only got crazier over the next 24 hours. By night, Gardner had weighed in on the moment, wondering why Vilardi hadn't waited until the morning to tell his children – clearly advice from someone who doesn't have children.

There was an early morning television interview on "Good Morning America" the day after the trade. The signed Colts jerseys from Gardner that showed up the day after the trade for both boys. A call from the Jets inviting

his sons to come to a game later this season and spend some time on the field before kickoff. And countless deliveries from sports apparel companies offering everything from oversized Jets hats to posters to hang in their rooms.

Bryce said the most memorable part was being recognized out in public the day after the video went viral. And he especially appreciated that Gardner wrote a personalized message on each of the signed jerseys.

"I really, really liked that," Bryce said.

And it kept going even this week – on Monday, the brothers received a package from the Jets with signed jerseys from Breece Hall and Garrett Wilson. Much has been made about Bryce's initial reaction when he seemed to swear off his Jets fandom. But he says he's still a Jets fan, just a Jets fan who now gets to watch the Colts and also cheer for his favorite player: Trey, whose die-hard Jets fan status was never in doubt, now has even more to love about his favorite team.

"It was great that the Jets did this," Vilardi said. "They went above and beyond to help keep the boys in the green and white."

Sports on tap

Local schedule

Today
Jay County — Girls wrestling vs. Muncie Central/Richmond – 6 p.m.; Junior high boys basketball scrimmage vs. Fort Recovery – 5:30 p.m.
Fort Recovery — Girls basketball scrimmage at Lehman Catholic – 6 p.m.; Middle school boys basketball scrimmage at Jay County – 5:30 p.m.
Friday
Fort Recovery — Football regional semifinal at Marion Local – 7 p.m.

TV schedule

Today
6 p.m. — College basketball: Pittsburgh at West Virginia (FS1)
6:30 p.m. — College basketball: San Jose State at Michigan State (BTN)
7 p.m. — College basketball: Purdue at Alabama (ESPN2)
7 p.m. — NHL hockey: Anaheim Ducks at Detroit Red Wings (FOX)
7:30 p.m. — College football: Troy at Old Dominion (ESPN)
Friday
6 p.m. — College wrestling: Penn State at Oklahoma (BTN)
7 p.m. — NHRA: In-N-Out Burger NHRA Finals (FS1)
7:30 p.m. — College football: Clemson at Louisville (ESPN)
8 p.m. — College basketball: Xavier at Iowa (FS1)

8:15 p.m. — NFL football: New York Jets at New England Patriots (FOX)

8 p.m. — NHL: Philadelphia Flyers at St. Louis Blues (FDSN Indiana)

9 p.m. — College football: Minnesota at Oregon (FOX)

9 p.m. — College basketball: Michigan at TCU (ESPN2)

11 p.m. — College basketball: Gonzaga at Arizona State (ESPN2)

County will host a golf tournament at 10 a.m. on Nov. 15 at Portland Golf Club on Nov. 15.

Entering a team costs \$260, or a business can sponsor a hole for \$50.

Registration begins at 9 a.m. with a shotgun start to follow. Lunch will be provided.

For more information contact Don Hall by emailing don@gowithevolve.com or calling (765) 744-2247.

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Schwieterman squared

Sisters power Jay County to dominant win over South Side

By Ethan Oskroba
The Commercial Review

One Schwieterman was hard enough for Jay County's rivals to stop.

Now, the Patriots have two.

Sisters Hallie and Karsyn Schwieterman combined for 31 points as the Jay County High School girls basketball team unleashed a 62-16 steamrolling of the visiting South Side Archers in Tuesday night's season opener.

"I was very pleased," said Jay County coach Sherri McIntire. "I felt like we had lots of people contribute, whether they were scoring, or making a good pass, or getting a defensive stop or even a rebound. And Fort Wayne South's a team that always brings a lot of athleticism and physicality, and I think at the end of the day, we can say we were better basketball players than them."

Perhaps no player was better on Tuesday than Karsyn Schwieterman, who poured in a game-high 17 points in her high school debut. The freshman did her best work early in the game, running the offense and scor-

ing 13 points in a 25-0 Jay County run that stretched a six-point first-quarter edge into a 39-8 lead moments before halftime.

"We played really good together as a team," Karsyn Schwieterman said. "I feel like we've been working hard in practice, and now, obviously, it showed. ... My coaches and my teammates, they helped me have confidence."

Karsyn Schwieterman's scoring spree came after Hallie Schwieterman, the Patriots' leading scorer in each of the last two seasons, was forced to the bench after picking up a pair of early fouls. The elder Schwieterman, who finished the game with 14 points including 3-for-4 from beyond the arc, was happy to share the spotlight with her younger sibling.

"I couldn't be more proud," Hallie Schwieterman said. "She's put so much work in, and it shows on the court, and even just her attitude, everything is amazing, and I couldn't ask any more from a sister, and I'm so proud of her, and I can't wait to see what else she does."

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Karsyn Schwieterman of the Jay County High School girls basketball team drives to the basket during the Patriots' 62-16 win over the South Side Archers on Tuesday. Schwieterman's 17 points in her varsity debut made her one of 10 Patriots to score in the opening night victory.



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Jay opened over weekend

NOBLESVILLE — The season just got started and the Patriots already have on state cut and 13 divisional cuts.

Hayden Guggenbiller led the way for the Jay County Winter Swim team during the Noblesville IceBreaker meet over the weekend.

Guggenbiller secured the only state cut for Jay County in the 50-yard backstroke and was the high point winner for the 8-and-younger age group.

Guggenbiller earned her state cut on Saturday, while six more swimmers made divisional cuts. Those six were Isla Kaiser (200 breaststroke), Roz Diller (200 breaststroke), Carson Westerges (200 breaststroke), Kynlee Homan (100 freestyle), Emme Theurer (100 breaststroke) and Brea Steiner (50 butterfly).

Theurer also made divisional cuts on Friday (200 individual medley) and Sunday (50 freestyle and 50 breaststroke).

Lydia Hoevel had the other Friday divisional cut in the 200 freestyle, while Bree Bergman (200 individual medley), Riley Clifton (50 freestyle) and Maddie Theurer (100 backstroke) each made the cut on Sunday.

Jay County also had the swimmers set career bests in 85 events.

Colts new star gave back to young Jets fans

By ANDY VASQUEZ
nj.com
Tribune News Service

It has been a whirlwind week for Jets fans everywhere, many of whom are still struggling to wrap their minds around the blockbuster trade that sent cornerback Sauce Gardner to the Colts eight days ago.

But for two New Jersey kids who love the Jets, the last week has been about much more than adjusting to life without their favorite player.

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