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New JEMS director named

Gerlach hired to take over post from Nuckols

By BAILEY CLINE
The Commercial Review

Jay Emergency Medical Service has a new director. Jay County Commissioners agreed to hire Kyle Gerlach during a brief meeting Monday.

Gerlach, 44, has worked with Jay Emergency Medical Service for more than four years as a paramedic. He's taking over the position from Larry Nuckols, who resigned June 25 and shifted to a paramedic role at Heartland Ambulance Services. (Nuckols is still working for Jay County on a part-time basis.)

Jay Emergency Medical Service has three director positions, with Gary Barnett and John McFarland serving in the other two roles.

A resident of Coldwater, Ohio, Gerlach has worked in EMS roles full-time for about 18 years. He served as director of Mercer County Emergency Medical Service for two years and as operations manager for Spirit Medical Transport in Greenville, Ohio, for about a dozen years.

Gerlach earned his paramedic license from Rhodes State College in Lima, Ohio. He also has a bachelor's degree in education from Ohio Northern University of Ada, Ohio. Prior to his time in emergency services, he worked as a middle school and high school English teacher in Versailles, Ohio, for about three years.

"I just have always been fascinated by medicine and helping people, it was something I wanted to pursue," he said. "That led to management roles where I was still able to do patient care, but also lead people, and it's just taken off since then."

Gerlach will handle scheduling, supply orders and billing issues for the department. Commissioner Chad Aker said after reviewing the job candidates, Gerlach stood out as the clear choice.

"We felt that Kyle fit what we were looking for perfectly," said Aker.

Barnett recommended commissioners hire Gerlach effective Monday. (His first full day on the job is today.)

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2023 Jay County Fair



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Fair contests

After a soft opening on Friday night, the Jay County Fair took off in full force over the weekend beginning with the baby contest in the Farmer's Building on Saturday morning and the 4-H dog show in the afternoon. Pictured above, Kove Cramer reacts alongside his mom Kennedy Norris during the baby contest for those 12 to 18 months old. At left, 6-year-old Ezra Alt guides her dog, Wrangler, through the agility course at the dog show Saturday. The fair continues today with the 4-H small animal supreme showmanship competition at 4 p.m. in the Show Arena and 3 Bar J Rodeo at 7 p.m. at the grandstand. For more photos, see page 6.

FFA is getting a new home

By BAILEY CLINE
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Jay County FFA is getting a new building at the fairgrounds.

Foundation work has been completed for the space located next to the East Arena. (It's located where the Classics tent — it has been moved to Floral Hall this year — had been traditionally set up.) Plans are to relocate a barn used for harness racing and repurpose it into a building for

FFA members at Jay County Fairgrounds. The Robert and Joyce Lyons FFA Pavilion will be completed sometime this fall.

FFA's current structure on the fairgrounds is a red pavilion located next to the Farmer's Building, along with a nearby silo. The space is used annually for a petting zoo at the fair. (Next year it will likely become a spot for additional seating.)

At 30 feet by 50 feet, the new

barn will serve as a larger, central location for FFA members to operate out of while on the fairgrounds. Jay County Junior-Senior High School ag teacher and FFA advisor Katie Loy said the new barn will give FFA members more space to host activities during fair and serve as a gathering place throughout the year. It'll also have more storage capabilities.

"I think I'm just excited for the

opportunities," said Loy. "Everything's always changing, and so I think that this opens the door for some new changes and some better things to hopefully come for us."

In 2021, Jay County Fair Association applied for a \$180,000 grant through Indiana Standard-bred Association to remodel one of the harness racing barns on the east side of the fairgrounds. See FFA page 6

Hill announces bid for GOP nomination

By WHITNEY DOWNARD
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Former embattled Indiana Attorney General Curtis Hill joins the growing list of politicians running to succeed term-limited Gov. Eric Holcomb in 2024.

Hill touted his experience as a prosecutor and said the "government institution" needed a

revival and someone to "hold lawmakers and government bureaucrats accountable."

"Hoosiers are hungry for a proven conservative leader with the courage to stand up for the traditional values upon which our Republic was built. Our campaign will emphasize a positive vision for Indiana, restoring faith in our institu-

tions, protecting our children, investing in our law enforcement, prioritizing the rebuilding of our economy and placing the needs of Hoosiers above the manipulation of Washington, D.C.," Hill said in a release.

He announced his run on Fox News Digital.

The Indiana Supreme Court suspended Hill's law license for 30 days

after finding he committed criminal battery when he groped four women, including a legislator, during a party at an Indianapolis bar in 2018. The court's disciplinary commission recommended revoking his license for two years.

Hill maintains he did nothing wrong but Attorney General Todd Rokita defeated him in a GOP

convention fight when Hill ran for re-election.

He joins U.S. Sen. Mike Braun, Lt. Gov. Suzanne Crouch, Fort Wayne businessman Eric Doden and Jamie Reitenour in the race for the Republican nomination. Frontrunners Braun, Crouch and Doden all have deep pockets, setting the stage for a potentially expensive campaign.

Hill previously filed to fill a vacancy in the 2nd Congressional District after the unexpected death of Rep. Jackie Walorski, though delegates selected Rudy Yakym as Walorski's successor.

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Deaths

Jeffrey Pugh, 64, Fort Recovery

Karyn Gilly, 72, Bluffton

Peggy Atkinson, 51, Portland

Details on page 2.

Weather

Jay County had a high temperature of 77 degrees Sunday. The low was 59.

Tonight's forecast calls for a low in the mid 60s with a slight chance of showers. There is a 50% chance of rain Wednesday with a high in the lower 80s.

See page 2 for an extended outlook.

At the fair

Tuesday

Noon — Rides open for Kids' Day

4 p.m. — 4-H small animal supreme showmanship in the Show Arena

6:30 p.m. — My Yellow Rickshaw concert in the Farmer's Building

7 p.m. — 3 Bar J Rodeo at the grandstand

Wednesday

9 a.m. — 4-H dairy show in the Show Arena

3 p.m. — Cincinnatus League Senior Citizen Recognition in the Farmer's Building

4:30 p.m. — 4-H sheep show in the Show Arena

7 p.m. — Full Throttle Monster Trucks at the grandstand



New state archives building is coming

By CASEY SMITH
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Construction of a new Indiana archives building is slated to begin this summer after a yearslong search for a new site to house the state's vast collection of historical records.

The \$102 million building will be located on a narrow strip of land near the Statehouse in downtown Indianapolis, just west of the Senate Avenue Parking Garage on the Central Canal.

In June, the State Budget Committee gave final approval

to begin work on the 5-story, 133,000-square foot building.

State officials — including Gov. Eric Holcomb — have maintained that the new building will provide proper storage, maintenance and restoration services for archival documents.

The state archives collection has executive, legislative and judicial records dating back to Indiana's territorial government of the 1790s, including the 1816 and 1851 state constitutions. That collection has been stored in a warehouse on the east side of Indianapolis that lacks museum-quality climate controls

since being moved from the basement of the state library building during a 2001 renovation.

The move was meant to be temporary, given that the location is not equipped for long-term preservation of some of the state's most important documents.

Matt Kent, chief financial officer at the Indiana Department of Administration, told the budget committee that the new facility will help "ensure the Indiana Archives has the adequate space they need to complete their agency mission." The

building will also "establish a safer environment for the archival records, and also make those records much easier to access for visitors," he said.

Kent said the new facility will include office space for state archives staff, as well as areas for processing and imaging state records using new technology, climate controlled storage for archive documents, and flexible space for meetings and events.

An underground tunnel connecting the new building to others around the state government campus is additionally planned.

The design and programming phases of the project are already completed.

Now, with funds approved, Kent said groundwork can begin in August at the site — currently an undeveloped plot of land. One lane each on Ohio and New York streets will be closed to facilitate construction.

Vertical construction on the new archives building is expected to start in Spring 2024, Kent said, and the facility will be ready for occupancy in late 2025 or early 2026.

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CR almanac

Wednesday 7/12	Thursday 7/13	Friday 7/14	Saturday 7/15	Sunday 7/16
82/65	83/65	84/66	81/64	84/64
There's a 50% chance of thunderstorms Wednesday with a high near 82.	Thursday's forecast shows a 50% chance of showers and thunderstorms.	Friday also has a chance of rain (40%), with a high in the low to mid 80s.	Another 50% chance of storms on Saturday, with highs in the 80s.	Sunday's weather looks to be mostly sunny with rain possible as well.

Lotteries

Powerball Estimated jackpot: \$675 million	43-45-50-54-60-68-72 Cash 5: 4-20-23-29-32 Estimated jackpot: \$488,500
Mega Millions Estimated jackpot: \$480 million	Ohio Sunday Midday Pick 3: 3-2-4 Pick 4: 2-2-6-2 Pick 5: 0-2-0-1-7 Evening Pick 3: 2-7-3 Pick 4: 7-4-7-4 Pick 5: 4-0-3-1-0 Rolling Cash 5: 2-8-17-23-32 Estimated jackpot: \$305,000
Hoosier Sunday Midday Daily Three: 6-1-5 Daily Four: 0-9-9-2 Evening Daily Three: 7-7-0 Daily Four: 8-0-1-7 Quick Draw: 5-6-8-10-12-14-17-19-23-24-27-28-39	

Markets

Cooper Farms Fort Recovery Corn.....5.50 Oct. corn4.80 Wheat5.83	Aug. beans.....13.20 Wheat 6.10
POET Biorefining Portland Corn.....5.78 Aug. corn5.53 Oct./Nov. corn4.85	Central States Montpelier Corn.....5.40 Late July corn5.28 Beans14.53 Late July beans.....14.48 Wheat6.09
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Today in history

In 1274, Robert the Bruce was born Robert VIII de Bruce in Cardross, Dumbartonshire, Scotland. He was king of Scotland from 1306 to 1329 and was the leader who freed his country from English rule.

In 1767, John Quincy Adams was born in Braintree (now Quincy), Massachusetts. He was the sixth president of the United States, following in the footsteps of his father John Adams, the second president of the United States.

In 1804, Vice President Aaron Burr fatally shot former U.S. Secretary of the Treasury Alexander Hamilton in a duel in Weehawken, New Jersey. Hamilton died the next day.

In 1914, Babe Ruth placed in his first Major League Baseball game for the Boston Red Sox.

Ruth was sold to the New York Yankees in 1920 and finished his career as the all-time home run leader.

In 1920, Civil War veteran Jacob Rief of Lawrenceburg died a few hours after he was struck by an automobile near the Main Street crossing of G. R. & I. Railroad in Portland. The driver of the vehicle left the scene of the collision.

In 1960, "To Kill a Mockingbird" by Harper Lee was published.

In 2013, Portland Board of Works approved \$53,700 to upgrade computers at the city's wastewater treatment plant.

In 2022, Jay County Emergency Management Agency director John Hankins submitted a two-week notice of resignation to Jay County Commissioners. He had served in the role for less than two months.

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Citizen's calendar

Today
7 p.m. — Pennville Town Council, town hall, 105 N. Washington St.

Monday
5 p.m. — Jay School Corporation, General Shanks, 414 E. Floral Ave., Portland.

5:30 p.m. — Portland City Council, council chambers, fire station, 1616 N. Franklin St.

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 Main St.

Obituaries

Jeffrey Pugh

Nov. 15, 1958-July 7, 2023
Jeffrey A. Pugh, 64, of Fort Recovery, Ohio, passed away, after an extended battle of cancer, on Friday, July 7, 2023, at Joint Township Hospital in St. Marys, Ohio.

He was born on Nov. 15, 1958, in Lima, Ohio, to the late Morton Pugh and Wanda (Rhine) Ickes.

Jeff is survived by his wife of 22 years, Virginia "Ginny" (Acheson) Pugh, whom he married on July 2, 2001; his son, Mitchell Pugh of Fort Recovery; his bonus children, Zachary (Erin) Timmerman of Portland, Indiana, and Abigail (fiancé: Tommy Hawkins) Timmerman of Oak Harbor, Washington; his siblings, Morton (Susan) Pugh of Fort Recovery, Annette Pugh of Fort Wayne, Indiana, and Julie Ickes of Orlando, Florida; his father-in-law and mother-in-law, Butch and Marilyn Acheson of Portland; his in-laws, Rod (Lori) Acheson of Fort Recovery, Mike (Jenny) Acheson of Fort Recovery and Lynn (Randy) Bey of Columbus, Ohio; and numerous nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents, Jeff is preceded in death by his second father, John Ickes.

Jeff was a 1977 graduate of Fort Recovery High School. Jeff was a lifelong grain farmer and took great pride in his farming operation. He also worked in the parts department at Hull Brothers for many years. He enjoyed the outdoors, especially going fishing and trapping. Jeff also loved playing ping pong and spending time with his family.

A celebration of Jeff's life will take place at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, July 12, 2023, at the Fort Recovery Church of the Nazarene, with Pastor Quentin Elsea officiating. Burial will follow in Spring Hill Cemetery, Fort Recovery.

Guests may visit with Jeff's family on Tuesday, July 11, 2023, from 3 to 7 p.m. at Brockman Boeckman Funeral Home, Fort Recovery, and again on

Wednesday, from 10 to 11 a.m. at the Nazarene Church.

Memorial contributions may be given to the Cancer Association of Mercer County, P.O. Box 624, Celina, OH 45822, or Grand Lake Hospice, 200 St. Clair St., St. Marys, OH 45885.

Condolences may be shared with the family by visiting brockman-boeckmanfh.com.

Karyn Gilly

March 8, 1951-July 6, 2023
Karyn Jo Gilly, 72 of Bluffton, passed away on Thursday afternoon, July 6, 2023, at her residence in Bluffton, surrounded by her family.

Karyn was born on March 8, 1951, in Muncie to Charles Foltz and Bonnie (Deaton) Roehrborn. She graduated from Muncie Southside High School in 1969. She received her associate's degree in Business from Ivy Tech and her bachelor's degree in Business from Indiana Tech.

Karyn served as the manager of patient accounts at Jay County Hospital for several years and was the director of patient accounts at Bluffton Regional Medical Center from 1998 to 2013. She was most recently working at the City of Bluffton clerk-treasurer's office. She was active in the Optimist Club in both Portland and Bluffton and served as the lieutenant governor of the Indiana North District Optimist. Karyn was an active member of the First Baptist Church in Bluffton.

On Dec. 5, 1969, in Jay County, Indiana, Karyn and Larry A. Gilly were married. They celebrated 51 years of marriage prior to his death in 2020. The couple lived in Portland until 2000, when they moved to Bluffton.

Survivors include a son, Matt (Hollie) Gilly of Bluffton; two daughters, Tonya (Matthew) Claycomb of Pennville and Mindi (Lance) Sprunger of Berne; nine grandchildren, Shelby (Joe) Kipfer of Bluffton, Tyler Claycomb of Conroe, Texas, Noah Claycomb of Hickory, North Carolina, Lathan Luginbill of Berne, Makenna (fiancé: Trace Bauer) Luginbill of

Decatur, Kit Sprunger of Berne, Aidan (fiancé: Megan Flesher) Gilly of Bluffton, and Micah Gilly and Hallie Gilly, both of Bluffton; along with two great-granddaughters, Arianna Jo and Clara Lynn Kipfer, both of Bluffton. She is also survived by her siblings, Charles "Chuck" (Nancy) Foltz of Hendersonville, North Carolina, Carl (Vicky) Foltz of Fort Wayne, Christopher Foltz of Poneto, Mark (Angie) Foltz of Topeka, Kansas, and Susan (Kevin) Maheffey of Lake Lure, North Carolina; a stepsister, Connie Lynn Goodwin of Muncie; and a sister-in-law, Faye (John) Horn of Fuquay Varina, North Carolina; along with several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 51 years, Larry; parents; her stepmother, Johnnie Marcum; and a sister, Kathie Cook.

Visitation will be held from 3 to 7 p.m. on Wednesday, July 12, 2023, at the Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home in Bluffton. An Optimist service will be held at the conclusion of calling hours on Wednesday.

A funeral service will take place at 10:30 a.m. on Thursday, July 13, 2023, at the funeral home with calling for one hour prior to the service and Pastor Les Cantrell officiating.

Burial will follow at I.O.O.F. Cemetery in Pennville.

Memorials can be made in Karyn's memory to the Bluffton Optimist Club.

Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the care of the Lemler family of Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home in Bluffton.

Friends can send condolences to the family at thomarich.com.

Peggy Atkinson, Portland, July 21, 1971-July 8, 2023. Services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Williamson-Spencer and Penrod Funeral Home in Portland.

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There is a charge for obituaries, which are accepted only from funeral homes or mortuary services.

Named ...

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Barnett noted Gerlach's experience in emergency services administration.

"I expect the transition to be flawless," said Barnett.

In related business, commissioners approved shifting Jay Emergency Medical Service bank account access from Nuckols to Gerlach. They also rescinded Nuckols' power of attorney and granted it to Gerlach.

"I'm looking forward to working with all the employees, getting input from them," said Gerlach. "There's been great leadership, but new ideas can always help continue moving things in the right direction."

SERVICES

Wednesday

Atkinson, Peggy: 11 a.m., Williamson-Spencer and Penrod Funeral Home, 208 N. Commerce St., Portland.

Pugh, Jeff: 11 a.m., Fort Recovery Church of the Nazarene.

Thursday

Gilly, Karyn: 10:30 a.m., Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home, 308 W. Washington St., Bluffton.

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Recognize hard work going into fair

By DIANA DOLECKI

Special to The Commercial Review
It's fair week.

There are rides to ride, games to play and animals to show. More than all that, there are people to talk to. It seems that half of the town along with people from the surrounding areas are on the fairgrounds at any given time. Friends and neighbors search for familiar names on the entries for everything from quilts to chickens.

I like going to the fair. A long time ago I attended the Eaton, Ohio, fair with a group of kids. We zeroed in on one of the games and went home

As I See It



with a pocket full of trinkets. What I remember most is not the trinkets we won or the rides we went on. No, what I remember most is that was the first time I had held hands with a boy in public.

Kenny Rader and I "sort of" liked each other. This was no budding romance, rather it was a minor step in growing up. I wouldn't

recognize him if he knocked on my door.

One year we went to the Greenville Fair. My girl friend and I liked a ride called the Tilt-A-Whirl. The only problem was that we were the only two on the ride. Either we were too light for the ride or the operator made it too fast. We came out of our seats and had a death grip on the safety bar.

As a result of holding on for dear life, I couldn't grab my glasses when they flew off. When the ride was finally over, the two of us searched for my glasses. Do you have any idea how futile it was to try to search for a pair of

glasses when I couldn't see well?

We never found them. At that time my brothers were little. They liked going on the big slide. I had to go with them to make sure they were safe. That meant climbing up that endless expanse of steps, holding on to their tiny hands while being almost blind. It added a whole extra dimension to the adventure.

Those days are over. I haven't been on a ride in years. I have traded in my glasses for contacts. They aren't impossible to lose but so far they have stayed on my eyes where they belong.

Life happened. There were decades where I didn't know nor care when or where the local county fair was held. When we moved here the county fair was once again a good way to pass a summer day. I enjoy walking through the barns. I have always loved the smell of fresh hay. I may be weird but I also like the smell of cows and horses. I am not fond of the pigs but their owners keep them clean and their natural perfume isn't noticeable.

In addition to the rides and animals, there have been a series of concerts at the local fair. We have attended several of them

and have never been disappointed. We haven't gone for a few years because they have been featuring more current groups. We are getting older and don't recognize the performers.

For many farm kids, going to the fair and showing their animals is a part of growing up. The local fair is a safe place for young people to experience a bit of freedom and responsibility.

Even if the fair is not something you care for, it is important to recognize the hard work that goes into making the event enjoyable and safe for all involved.

Intimacy changes after new baby's birth

DEAR ABBY: Ever since about my eighth month of pregnancy until now, six months postpartum, it seems like my husband is disgusted by me. He rarely initiates intimacy, doesn't kiss or hug me and barely touches me. I am still about 30 pounds heavier than pre-pregnancy.

When I ask him about his feelings for me, he says he loves me and I'm just being crazy, but I know I'm not. It sometimes feels like I am his babysitter and housekeeper. I know he is stressed because I stopped working, but it just seems as if he's always angry with me, and I don't know why. — NEW MOM IN THE EAST

DEAR NEW MOM: You have described how circumstances have changed for you since the birth of your baby. What you may not be taking into account is how reality may have changed for your husband. He may be stressed because he is now the sole wage earner and is overwhelmed by his responsibilities as a new father. Your instinct that something is different could be chalked up to that. Communication is so important between couples

Dear Abby



that it might be in your interests to suggest the two of you facilitate it with the help of a marriage and family therapist.

DEAR ABBY: I'm having a tough time with people who video chat and play videos on their cellphones. It's always at a volume you can hear from 30 feet away, and it happens when I'm dining at a bar or sitting in a restaurant, etc. It's distracting, intrusive and really annoying. It's as if this behavior is now acceptable, when it's not — at least to me.

Any suggestions on confronting this behavior, or is it really my issue to deal with? If I could toss their phones into the ice machine at the bar, I would. — GROUCH IN NEW JERSEY

DEAR GROUCH: In a restaurant, if the sound of someone's cellphone video is intru-

sive, ask the host to move you to a quieter table. If it happens in a bar, it may be because the more crowded the place is, the louder it becomes — so either move to a quieter area or find a quieter venue. While I agree that many people spend more time on their cellphones than communicating directly with the people around them, you can't change them and neither can I. So learn to tolerate it or, if it becomes too much for you, leave.

DEAR ABBY: My husband sneezes really loud and it's kind of embarrassing. What should I do about this? I told him he should see a doctor because it happens a lot. — MARRIED TO A NOISEMAKER

DEAR MARRIED: People sneeze for various reasons, not all of them allergy-related. Your husband should discuss it with his doctor because the solution could be something simple. If he's unwilling, then earplugs might be the simplest solution — for you — if you can grab them when he starts going "Aaaaa ..." before the "choo" escapes.

DEAR ABBY: I am a woman who has been with my spouse for 22 years, married for eight. During all that time, she has yet to set boundaries with her birth family. While we rarely argue, when we do, it's usually over a request for money or some kind of infringement made by her relatives. I'm powerless to get ahead of their requests because I find out only after the fact that money was loaned or space in my garage is being used to store their stuff, etc.

We started our relationship in therapy because of this situation and, 22 years in, we're still in the same place. We hardly talk anymore, and I'm deeply saddened. I don't know what the next steps should be. Any feedback would be greatly appreciated. — STUCK IN ARIZONA

DEAR STUCK: Sometimes progress is two steps forward and one step back. In your case, you and your spouse need to take one step back. Consult another therapist for help negotiating a solution to your wife's lack of boundaries and her habit of making financial and other commitments to her relatives without first clearing them with you.

DEAR ABBY: I recently started a relationship with "Chase," a man I've known for a year. We don't have time to see each other during the week. I have two jobs; he has one. He works Monday through Saturday. He's also in a sports league that gets together for practice and games on Sundays. The problem is, every weekend for the past six weeks he's said he'd try to come see me, but by the end of the weekend, something always happened, so he didn't. To be brutally honest, I've seen "friends with benefits" guys every week for years more often than I've seen Chase.

I don't like having to wait this long to see him, so I recently suggested going back to being just friends. What's the point in being in a relationship with someone I rarely see? I don't think I should continue waiting. Do you agree? — IMPATIENT IN NEW JERSEY

DEAR IMPATIENT: If Chase was truly motivated to see you, he would make the time. You have my permission to quit waiting for him. And, as you move forward, ASSUME that you have been "just friends" from the time he stopped showing up when you were available.

Community Calendar

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

Today

JAY COUNTY PASTORS AND CHAPLAINS — Meet at 11:30 a.m. on the second Tuesday of each month in the chapel at Indiana University Health Jay Hospital.

BRYANT COMMUNITY CENTER EUCHRE — Will be played at 1 p.m. each Tuesday. The public is welcome.

A BETTER LIFE — BRANNA'S HOPE — A faith-based recovery group for substance abuse. Meal starts at 6 p.m. and the meeting is from 6:30 to 8

p.m. every Tuesday at the Nazarene Fellowship Building across from the Nazarene church, 249 E. Center St., Dunkirk. For more information, call Amanda Price at (765) 283-2107.

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS — Will meet at 7 p.m. at Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church, 218 E. High St., Portland. For more information, call (567) 279-8352 or (260) 729-7000.

NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS — Will meet at 7 p.m. each Tuesday at Church of God of Prophecy, 797 N. Creagor Ave. in Portland. For more information, call (260) 766-9334.

Wednesday

WEDNESDAY MORN-

ING BREAKFAST CLUB — Will meet at 8 a.m. in the east room of Richards Restaurant. All women are invited to attend. Includes activities and devotional time.

PING PONG — Will be played from 11 a.m. to noon on Wednesdays at West Jay Community Center.

BRYANT/NEW CORYDON SENIOR CITIZENS — Will meet at 11:30 a.m. Wednesday at the Bryant Community Center for a carry-in dinner. Meat is provided.

PORTLAND ROTARY CLUB — Will meet at noon each Wednesday in the cafe at John Jay Center for Learning, 101 S. Meridian St., Portland.

JAY COUNTY CIVIC THEATRE — Holds its regular meeting at 5:30 p.m. on the second Wednesday of each month in the boardroom at Arts Place, 131 E. Walnut St., Portland.

CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP — For caregivers of persons with Alzheimer's disease or related dementias, the group will meet at 6 p.m. the second Wednesday of each month at Blackford Community Hospital conference room, 410 Pilgrim Boulevard in Hartford City. For more information, call Joni Slentz or Lisa Garrett at (765) 348-1072 or (800) 272-3900.

AL-ANON FAMILY GROUP — New Beginnings, a support group for friends and families of alcoholics, will meet at 6:30 p.m. each Wednesday in the Zion Lutheran Church, 218 E. High St., Portland. For more information, call (260) 726-8229.

A BETTER LIFE — BRANNA'S HOPE — A faith-based recovery group for all kinds of addictions, will meet from 6:30 to 8 p.m. each Wednesday at Redkey United Methodist Church, 122 W. Main St. For more information, call Pastor Randy Davis at (765) 369-2085.

Sudoku

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7		9			4	5	1	6
9				3				
	4		7	6	8		9	
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		7		5				4
			3	8	6			
			4			6	5	8

Level: Beginner

Saturday's Solution

6	7	9	5	2	1	8	4	3
1	8	4	7	6	3	5	9	2
2	5	3	9	8	4	6	7	1
3	2	5	1	7	9	4	6	8
4	6	7	3	5	8	2	1	9
8	9	1	6	4	2	7	3	5
5	3	2	4	1	7	9	8	6
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Reader critical of lack of \$ support

To the editor:
Hello Jay County and pickleball enthusiasts.
For the last several years, local pickleball players have hoped for outdoor courts to be constructed in Portland.

With the explosion in growth of pickleball nationwide, we would read of large cities building courts 10 at a time to meet the demand. Just recently, the small town of Albany provided their residents with two new courts.

These cities had the foresight to recognize the growing trend and plan ahead. The initiative was taken by the city leaders. It

Letters to the Editor

just took Portland a little longer. But it had to be done at the grass roots level.

Public courts for use by the public, you would think would be funded by public funds. Not in Jay County.

I was able to get the Portland Park Board to agree on a site that met the criteria of room for

two courts, parking and restrooms. The understanding was that no funds were available for the construction of pickleball courts.

With the help of private donations, enough money was raised to pay for the construction of the playing surface. This was phase 1 of the project and only included the playing surface.

Phrase 2 was to include nets, posts to hold nets, fencing, court paint, benches and shade structures. In addition, a sidewalk would be built from parking lot to the courts.

So as you can see, there is work still to be done.

To keep the momentum going, it was suggested I contact the Jay County Commissioners for funding. So I contacted my commissioner for recommendations. He advised me to fill out a "funding request," available at the auditor's office, and if there was any additional information needed, I would be contacted.

I picked up the form, and learned it would not be accepted, if not typed. Having not seen a typewriter in 10 years. I called neighbors and library. Nobody had one.

I contacted the auditor's office for an electronic form. I got that filled out and submitted with

price listed for pickleball nets and posts. I was requesting \$1,660 dollars. Posts were needed so they could be installed as playing surface was being constructed.

I think the commissioners dropped the ball on this request. The request was tabled.

The nets and posts have expected life span of 30 plus years, with potential of being use seven days a week, by comparison to some of the recent fireworks funding granted, which, on July 5, you might say, "those went up in smoke."

Steve Craig
Portland

Kelce proves he's above hate

The Kansas City Star
Tribune News Service

We commend Kansas City Chiefs tight end Travis Kelce. His recent choice to appear in a new ad for Bud Light could not have been an easy decision.

Or maybe it was. Per NFL rules, Kelce was prohibited from drinking the beer in the commercial, but the 15-second spot, "Backyard Grunts with Travis Kelce," is Bud Light's attempt to market the beer to sports fans.

Wokeness killed the brand, critics contend. We don't agree.

We found nothing wrong with Bud Light's decision to give transgender woman and social media influencer Dylan Mulvaney a few cans of beer to feature in a single social media post. Others did.

Parent company Anheuser-Busch InBev, a company whose roots are in Missouri, took a hit. And conservatives rejoiced.

Tying his reputation to a brand that has been the target of a widespread boycott takes courage, a character trait Kelce often exhibits on the field.

In Kansas City, we learned some time ago Kelce was fearless: Over the course of his 10-year, record-setting career in the NFL, we've seen him run over hapless defenders with regularity. Kelce is never one to shy away from contact.

Away from the gridiron, Kelce is a superstar-in-waiting. He starred in a reality television show. He is featured in the July/August issue of Vanity Fair magazine. Earlier this year, he hosted a Saturday Night Live episode. "I think he killed it," SNL creator and executive producer Lorne Michaels told Vanity Fair.

And let's not forget Kelce's active involvement in the Operation Breakthrough Ignition Lab, a co-working space for teens to explore careers in STEM located near East 31st Street and Troost Avenue in Kansas City.

Are we surprised Kelce popped up in a 15-second YouTube commercial for Bud Light? We shouldn't be. Kelce recently signed with talent agency CAA. His future prospects away from the field appear bright.

Kelce has done nothing but been a class act since he was drafted out of Cincinnati in the third round of the NFL draft a decade ago. As a Chief, much like teammate and quarterback Patrick

Guest Editorial

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Mahomes, Kelce has kept mostly clear of legal problems and controversy.

He would make a great pitch person for any company, including one embroiled in a culture war with right-wing types.

We would be naive to think Kelce won't take some heat for the new ad. But he has no reason to hang his head.

In the immediate aftermath of Mulvaney's April 1 post, Missouri Sen. Josh Hawley seemed to cheer on Bud Light's dwindling sales.

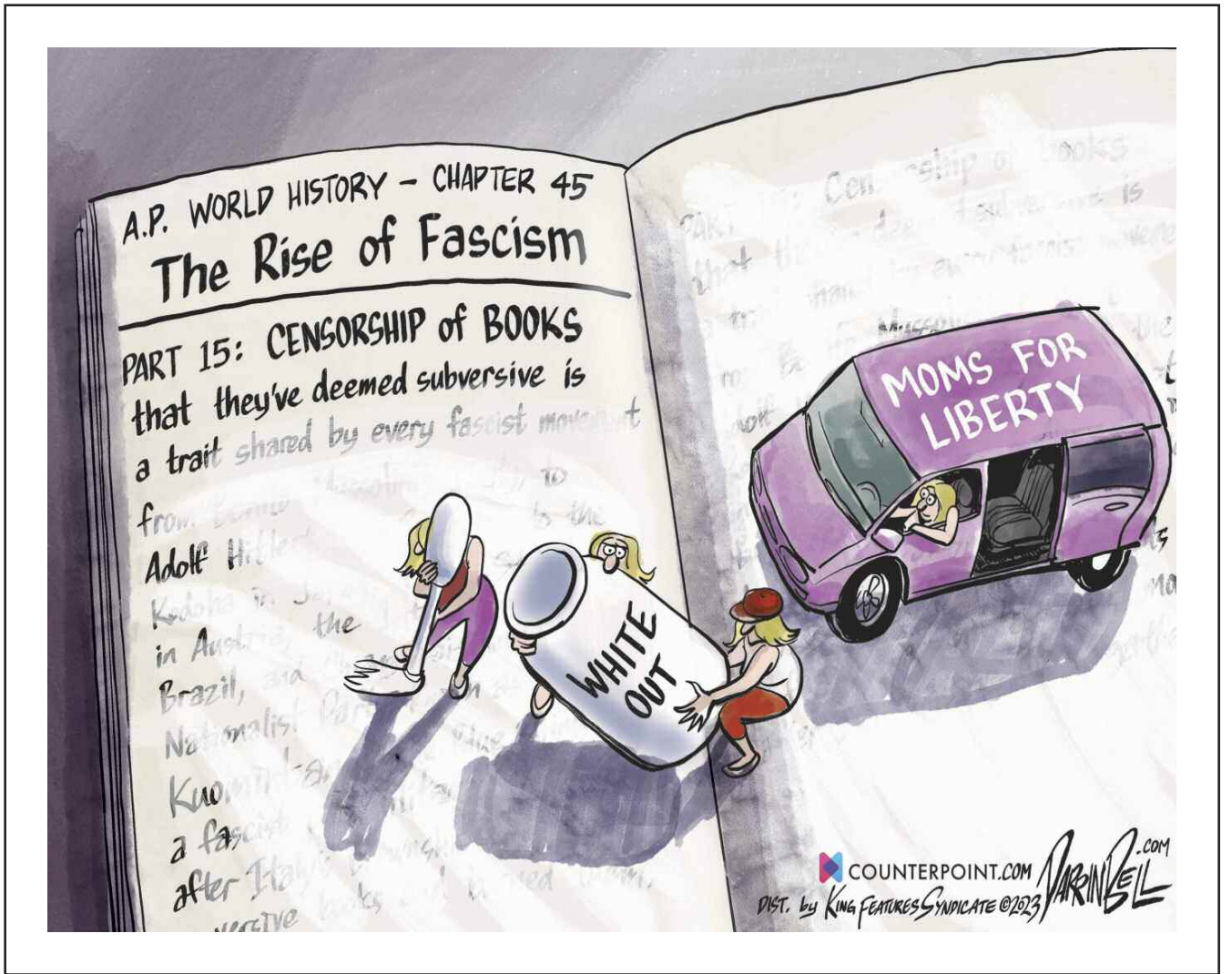
"Woke globalists are ruining a great company," Hawley wrote on Twitter in April. "Thanks, InBev."

And let's not forget the antics of Nick Schroer, the residency-challenged state senator from St. Charles County.

In April, on the grass in front of the Missouri State Capitol, Schroer used a baseball bat to smash a can of Bud Light. The act was immature and performative. But also disrespectful to employees of a company that has provided middle-class opportunities to Missourian workers for generations.

Hawley, Schroer and others like them aren't the statesmen they claim to be. In months, InBev's value has tanked by billions, financial analysts have said. Layoffs, resignations and reorganization have followed.

No one should root for that. And football fans of all ages everywhere should join Kelce in lifting an American brand out of a senseless controversy started by an act of inclusiveness.



Politics moved to courtroom

By NIKI KELLY
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To cover government and politics these days you almost need a law degree. That's because virtually every controversial issue ends up in court.

It wasn't this way when I first arrived at the Indiana Statehouse in 1999. The House and Senate margins were closer and passing significant legislation required compromise.

But Republicans have had supermajorities in the House and Senate for more than a decade now. And while most of the legislation is still bipartisan, the big bills — the ones that have the biggest impact and scope — are one-sided.

There is little moderation anywhere in the Indiana system right now. And that leads to anger, distrust and, of course, lawsuits.

Consider the cases we are following right now:

- Abortion ban — not one, but two, legal challenges filed by the American Civil Liberties Union of Indiana. The legal basis is different in each lawsuit with the Indiana Supreme Court upholding the law in one case and the other under a limited injunction.

- Transgender health care ban for minors — An injunction has also been issued in this case, though it's a partial one, based on Senate Enrolled Act 480 passed in April. It would have banned all gender-affirming care for minors, from surgery to hormone therapy and puberty blockers.

- Sports ban for transgender female athletes — This case initially went to court and received an injunction related to one specific student. But that student later moved out of Indiana and the case was dismissed.

- Human sexuality law — a lawsuit has been filed challenging Senate Enrolled Act 1608, which limits when teachers can discuss human sexuality.

Niki Kelly



from public media and attacks on his reputation.

Litigious society

The penchant to file suit is everywhere in society, not just in state affairs. But each suit costs taxpayers either in fees to defend it or push it through. Mediation is hopeless in most of these situations.

For years, the ACLU of Indiana challenged clearly unconstitutional abortion restrictions, winning over and over again. Now that Dobbs overturned Roe v. Wade, those rulings are heading the other way in favor of the state.

Legislators never talk about the cost of these cases — though they openly acknowledge the legal challenges they invite — and don't seem to care despite their fiscal conservative nature.

Now laws impacting transgender Hoosiers have been added to the mix.

One way to avoid these highly-divisive issues is to let the people decide directly. Indiana doesn't generally use ballot questions to determine policy but Indiana Supreme Court Justice Christopher Goff encouraged Indiana lawmakers to do just that in a concurring opinion on abortion.

"In my view, there is a reasonable likelihood that (Indiana's Constitution)'s guarantee of 'liberty' includes a qualified right to bodily autonomy, one which the General Assembly must accord some weight in the legislative balance," he wrote. "More importantly, I believe that the abortion question is fundamentally a matter of constitutional dimension that should be decided directly by the sovereign people of Indiana."

It would certainly cost taxpayers less than these lengthy court battles.

Kelly has covered the Indiana Statehouse since 1999.

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Bank makes list of top 100

A local business was recently named among the top agriculture banks in the nation.

American Bankers Association recently placed First Bank of Berne on its Top 100 Farm Lender List.

First Bank of Berne came in 67th on the American Bankers Association's list. It is based on farm loan volume.

"It is an honor to be recognized as one of the nation's leading Ag lenders for the third year in a row," said First Bank of Berne agribusiness banking manager Rick Gentis in a press release. "I am proud of our team and the knowledge, experience, and expertise they offer our customers. Their service and commitment are paramount to the continued growth and success of our area."

The bank has been involved in agriculture lending since its opening in 1891 and also offers farm financial consulting and crop insurance.

The American Bankers Association is based in Washington, D.C., and serves as a trade association for community and regional banks, savings associations, mutual savings banks and trust companies.

LIFT meeting set

The next meeting of LIFT Jay (Leading Inspiring Females Together) is scheduled for 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. July 25.

The meeting will include the program "Building Alignment Through Your Mission" with Karen Lloyd.

The event will cost \$18 for members and \$23 for non-members, which includes a meal. Jay County Chamber of Commerce is also looking for vendors and sponsors for the event.

For more information, contact the chamber at tabby@jay-countychamber.com or (260) 726-4481.

Offering classes

John Jay Center for Learning is continuing to offer ServSafe classes.

Classes are scheduled for July 24 and Aug. 28. They are open to all food service employees and cover best practices for minimizing the risk of food-borne illness.

For more information, call (260) 729-5525.

Ardagh awarded

Ardagh Glass Packaging - North America's facility in Houston earned ENERGY STAR plant certification last week.

The ENERGY STAR certification goes to plants that are within the top 25% of similar facilities nationwide for energy efficiency.

"Ardagh Glass Packaging is honored for our Houston facility to earn its first ENERGY

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STAR plant certification," said Alex Winters, chief sustainability officer at Ardagh, in a press release. "Thanks to the dedicated Ardagh employees for their commitment to energy efficiency initiatives, making Ardagh an environmental leader in the packaging industry."

Ardagh's facilities in Dunkirk and Winchester are among the company's 11 sites that have received ENERGY STAR ratings since 2010.

Buying again

Samvardhana Motherson International is buying a Japanese firm.

The business publication Deal Street Asia reported last week that Samvardhana Motherson International will buy a majority stake in Yachiyo Industry's four-wheeler business from Honda.

Samvardhana Motherson International, which owns MSSL Wiring in Portland, will buy an 81% stake in the firm, Deal Street Asia reported. The deal is valued at \$128.4 million.

Yachiyo makes automobile parts including sunroofs and fuel tanks.

"The close proximity to Honda Motor plants across the globe provides an opportunity to offer existing products of Motherson to Honda Motor globally," Samvardhana Motherson International said in a press release.

The purchase will require approval from the Reserve Bank of India as well as officials in China, Brazil and the United States.

Lilly climbs to No. 1

The most valuable healthcare company in the world now resides in Indiana.

Bloomberg reported last week that, based on market value, Eli Lilly of Indianapolis has jumped ahead of UnitedHealth Group as the biggest healthcare company in the world.

The company has shown consistent gains over the last four months, adding more than \$94 billion to its value this year. Meanwhile, UnitedHealth Group has seen its value fall 11% this year.

Lilly's "success in obesity and to a lesser extent Alzheimer's disease is driving this," Evan Seigerman, an analyst at BMO Capital Markets, told Bloomberg. "They not only have the drugs, they also have the ability to successfully commercialize and launch them."



Tribune News Service/Sun Sentinel/Joe Cavaretta

JetBlue Airways won't appeal a federal court's ruling that struck down a long-term partnership with Fort Worth-based American Airlines, instead focusing attention on a proposed merger with budget carrier Spirit Airlines.

JetBlue will not appeal

By ALEXANDRA SKORES

The Dallas Morning News
Tribune News Service

DALLAS — JetBlue Airways won't appeal a federal court's ruling that struck down a long-term partnership with Fort Worth-based American Airlines, instead focusing attention on a proposed merger with budget carrier Spirit Airlines.

In May, a federal judge agreed with government regulators that the Northeast Alliance between JetBlue and American violated antitrust law by reducing competition and leading to fare hikes. JetBlue told American Wednesday that it is "terminating the Northeast Alliance Agreement," according to a government filing. JetBlue released a statement reiterating that it strongly opposes the court's ruling, but won't take further action.

"Despite our deep conviction in the procompetitive benefits of the NEA, after much consideration, JetBlue has made the difficult decision not to appeal the court's determination that the NEA cannot continue as currently crafted, and has instead initiated the termination of the NEA, beginning a wind down process that will take place over the coming months," JetBlue said in the filing.

American is still holding strong on its plans to appeal the ruling.

"We, of course, respect JetBlue's decision to focus on its other antitrust and regulatory challenges," American's statement read. "At the same time, JetBlue's decision and reasoning confirm our belief that the NEA has been highly pro-competitive and that an erroneous judicial decision disregarding the NEA's consumer benefits has led to an anticompetitive outcome. American will therefore move forward with an appeal."

JetBlue said it is refocusing on the proposed merger with budget carrier Spirit, a combination that was threatened by the ruling over the Northeast Alliance. JetBlue said the alliance with Spirit would "transform the competitive landscape."

At this point, it's unclear what will happen with the deal with Spirit.

"With that, the DOJ should reconsider and support our plan to bring a national low-fare competitor to the Big Four; the flying public deserves better than the status quo," JetBlue's statement said. "The DOJ itself has acknowledged the benefits of JetBlue's disruptive impact on the industry, and we are open to

working with the DOJ to address any remaining concerns they have."

The NEA ruling gave government antitrust enforcers a major win and struck a blow to the American-JetBlue alliance covering flights across the northeastern U.S.

American CEO Robert Isom testified in October that the carrier was hindered in markets like New York and Boston because of the head start that Delta Air Lines and others had as blockbuster mergers shrunk the industry over the last two decades.

Customers will not be immediately impacted by the ruling over the NEA, JetBlue's statement reiterated. American also said it will work with JetBlue to ensure mutual customers do not experience any disruptions.

"We will continue to work through the legal process to achieve a wind down plan that protects consumers, and look forward to presenting our view to the court in the coming weeks," JetBlue's statement read. "The DOJ's proposal is too onerous and overreaching, ignoring arguments the DOJ itself presented at trial about the benefits of similar aspects of other domestic carrier partnerships."

India now No. 1 for investing

Hindustan Times (New Delhi)

Tribune News Service

India has overtaken China to become the most attractive emerging market for investing, a study by Invesco Global Sovereign Asset Management stated.

The report included views from 142 chief investment officers, heads of asset classes along with senior portfolio strategists from 85 sovereign

wealth funds and 57 central banks. According to a development sovereign based in Middle East, India is now a 'better story' when it comes to business and political stability because of the fast growing demography, good regulation initiatives, friendly environment for sovereign investors among others.

The report said that India is among countries including Mex-

ico and Brazil which benefit from increased foreign corporate investment aimed at domestic and international demand.

The report added that several emerging markets witnessing an increase in perceived fixed-income attractiveness, including Brazil were expected to overcome inflation and eventually stop tightening and start easing monetary policy.

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2023 Jay County Fair



Contests, concerts, cuddles

Saturday, Sunday and Monday at the Jay County Fair included 4-H livestock contests, straw racing, The Cold Hearts in concert and some love for animals. Pictured clockwise from top: Tyler Armstrong keeps his eyes on the judge while showing during the 4-H swine show Monday in the Show Arena at Jay County Fairgrounds; Korbin Weubker takes hold of a bale of hay to toss from the truck during the straw races Sunday at the grandstand as he was joined by teammates Leo, Charlie and Hayden Weubker; Portland native Andy Frantz (right) and Jarod Stillwell of The Cold Hearts perform Sunday evening at the Farmer's Building; second grader Cole Clevenger hugs his silver marten rabbit before judging at the rabbit show Saturday; and Maria Hemmelgarn helps out Steven Ault as he takes part in the mini division of the 4-H beef and beef feeder show Sunday in the Show Arena.



FFA ...

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A representative from the organization visiting for a race suggested the fair board instead build a new barn, and removal of the old structure was included as part of the grant through Indiana Standardbred Association. From there, an idea hatched to repurpose the old barn into a space for FFA.

Building a foundation for the barn at its new location cost about \$30,000. Jay County FFA secured a matching grant from The Portland Founda-

tion for the project in 2022, which supplied about half of the cost. Longtime fair board member and retired FFA advisor Bob Lyons and wife Joyce Lyons — Loy's grandparents — agreed to put up the rest of the funds. (Prior to the harness racing barn idea, Bob Lyons had originally offered to donate an old barn from his property for FFA, but it wasn't in great condition, according to Loy.)

"The foundation said they'd go half on the slab if they could raise the money, so I vol-

unteered to raise the money," said Bob Lyons.

Lyons explained that the FFA's petting zoo had been originally located on the north side of the fairgrounds before moving to its current pavilion. He believes coming change will enhance the Farmer's Building acts and performances while giving the petting zoo its own spotlight.

"My humble opinion is the best place on the fairground is where people come and go, and that walkway gets a lot of traffic," he said. "So, they're

going to be, I hope, they're going to be as accessible as they have been."

Although traditionally FFA has hosted a petting zoo at the fair, Loy pointed out the organization has been asked to do petting zoos at a variety of different events in the area. She noted several of the animals they have at the petting zoo, such as goats, are already on display in the other barns.

With a larger space, she said, the group could shift its current petting zoo design

next year to a more interactive and educational setup, such as the one displayed annually at Indiana State Fair.

"I think what we're going to do is, kids are going to come up with ideas that they would like to see different educational and interactive things for people to go through and learn more specific about Jay County agriculture, Indiana agriculture and agriculture in general," she said. "So we're hoping that that can be more of an educational, self-led experience."



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Lantern display

More than 1,000 lanterns lit up the night at the Cleveland Metroparks Zoo's Asian Lantern Festival on opening night Friday. A giant peacock greets visitors as they arrive at the zoo.

Felony arrests

Unlawful possession

Four people were arrested recently for unlawful possession of a syringe.

Lyndsay M. Krise, 29, 1207 South Wall, Muncie, was arrested Sunday and preliminarily charged with a Level 6 felony, along with a Class C misdemeanor for possession of paraphernalia. She's being held on a \$4,000 bond in Jay County Jail.

Jeremy L. Slater, 41, 2107 E. 18th St., Muncie, was arrested Sunday and preliminarily charged with a Level 6 felony, along with a Class C misdemeanor for possession of paraphernalia. He's being held in Jay County Jail on a \$4,000 bond.

Bradley A. Gonzalez, 40, 2108 E. Indiana Ave., Muncie, was arrested Friday and preliminarily charged with a Level 6 felony, and a Class C misdemeanor for possession of paraphernalia. He's being held on a \$4,500 bond in Jay County Jail.

April L. Smith, 40, 5726 S. 200 West, Portland, was arrested Friday and preliminarily charged with a Level 6 felony, as well as a Class C misdemeanor for possession of paraphernalia. She's being held in Jay County Jail on a \$4,500 bond.

Confinement

An Ohio resident was arrested Saturday for confinement.

John Landers, 62, 1520 Orange Road, Ashland, was preliminarily charged with a Level 6 felony, and a Class A misdemeanor for domestic battery.

He's being held on a \$4,000 bond in Jay County Jail.

Capsule Reports

Rear crash

A Montpelier man crashed his truck into the back of a Bryant man's truck at the intersection of Indiana 67 and county road 250 East about 5:06 p.m. Friday.

Carl L. Dennis, 73, Montpelier, was driving his 2011 Chevrolet Silverado west on Indiana 67 behind 76-year-old Carl E. Morehous of Bryant. Dennis told police he didn't notice More-

hous stopping — Morehous was turning onto county road 250 East — and Dennis struck the back of Morehous' truck, causing disabling damage to the vehicle.

Morehous and his passenger, 81-year-old Carolyn Morehous of Bryant, complained of head pain. His vehicle was towed, with damage estimated between \$2,500 and \$5,000.

Archives ...

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The new project is coming to fruition eight years after former Republican Gov. Mike Pence failed to finance the proposal as part of the state's bicentennial celebration.

Pence's contested plan to pay for construction by leasing out state-owned cellphone towers through

a public-private partnership was scrapped by Holcomb, Pence's successor, shortly after taking office in 2017.

State archivists and researchers have since spent years advocating for the new facility.

But settling on a site for the new archives building has been complicated. Previous site

considerations included other plots in downtown Indianapolis and the site that was formerly home to the Indiana Women's Prison.

Authorization for a new state archives building was included in the 2021 Indiana budget. An appropriation to cash-fund the construction was included in the latest

two-year budget earlier this year.

State Budget Committee chairman Sen. Ryan Mishler, R-Mishawaka, expressed discontent in June about state spending on the new archive.

"Just for the record, I think we're going way overboard on an archives building. But I think I'm the only one who feels

that way, so I'm outnumbered," Mishler said.

Also critical was Rep. Ed Delaney, D-Indianapolis, who said that — rather than cash-funding the building — the state could have used its highest-possible "AAA" credit rating to borrow \$30 million to \$40 million years ago at lower interest rates and completed

the project for fewer dollars overall.

"That's why we're over the top," Delaney said about the inflated spending costs.

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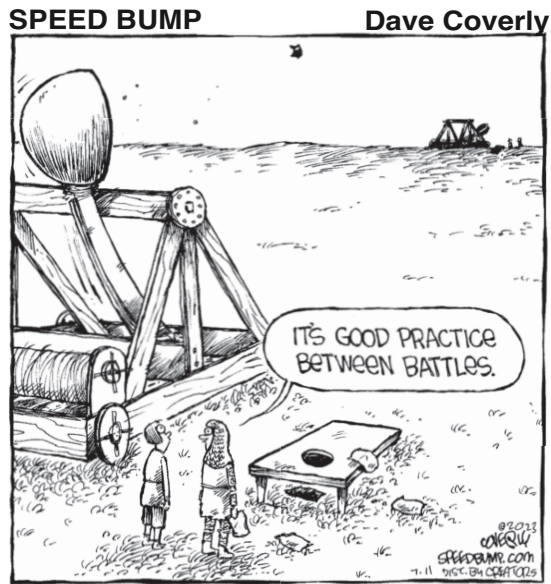
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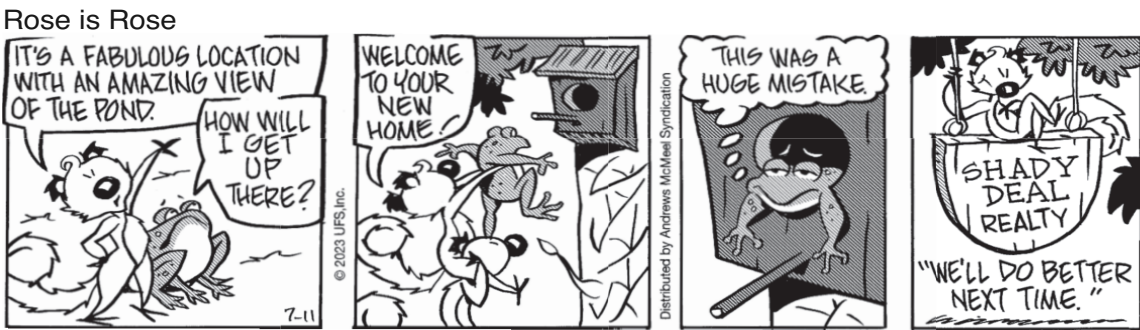
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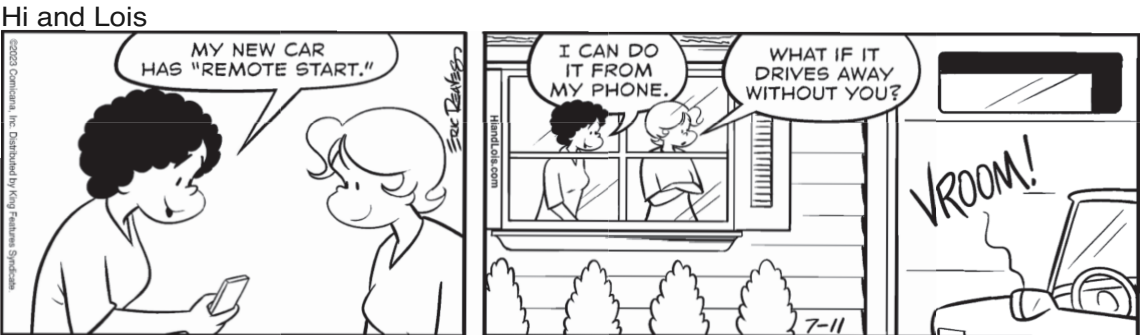
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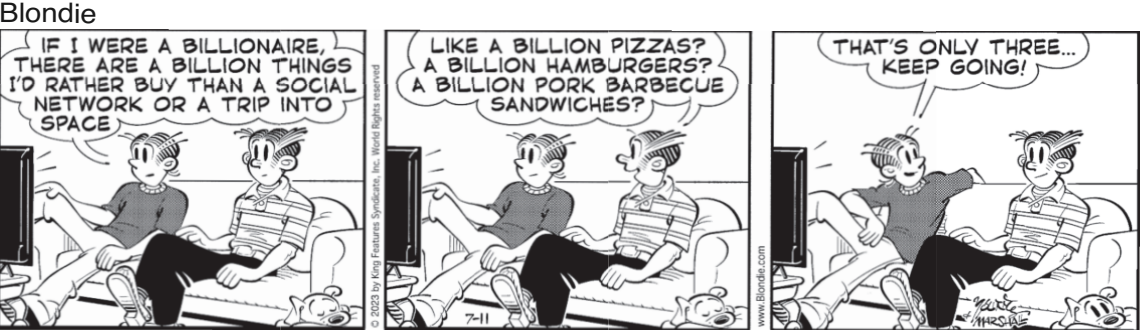
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Contract Bridge By Steve Becker

A matter of good judgment

East-West vulnerable.
NORTH
 ♠ 8 5 2
 ♥ J 10 5
 ♦ A Q 5
 ♣ A J 6 3

WEST
 ♠ K Q 10 6 4
 ♥ K 7 3
 ♦ J 6 4
 ♣ 7 2

EAST
 ♠ 9 3
 ♥ 9 8 4 2
 ♦ 9 8 7 3
 ♣ K 9 4

SOUTH
 ♠ A J 7
 ♥ A Q 6
 ♦ K 10 2
 ♣ Q 10 8 5

The bidding:
 East South West North
 Pass 1 NT Pass 3 NT
 Opening lead — king of spades.

When you are declarer, there is no simple rule that tells you when to win a trick or when to refuse it; rather, it is a matter of exercising good judgment in the particular circumstances you face.

Consider this deal where West leads the king of spades against your three-notrump contract. You could take the king with the ace and then start thinking of how best to try to make nine tricks, but that would in effect be putting the cart before the horse.

Winning the first trick would place you in a position where if

East later gained the lead and returned a spade through your J-7, you could lose the contract.

To prevent this from happening, you should let West hold the first trick. This effectively stops him from leading another spade, and for the moment takes the heat off the suit.

Let's assume West, after seeing East's discouraging three on the trick, switches to a club, which is the best he can do. The temptation to finesse at this point might be very strong, but, under the circumstances, it would be wrong to yield to that temptation.

The reason is that you could lose the finesse to East, who would then return a spade through your A-J. If and when you later attempted a heart finesse for your ninth trick, you could go down.

Instead, you should put up the ace of clubs at trick two and lead the jack of hearts from dummy. You are in no danger if the finesse loses to West, since he cannot harm you with any return, and you are then sure to make the contract.

Thus, if he takes the heart and leads a club, your worries are over, because this gives you nine tricks, while with any other return, the contract is equally certain. Judging precisely when and when not to hold up is the key to a successful resolution.

7-11 CRYPTOQUIP

Tomorrow: Card-reading plus.
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 Today's Cryptoquip Clue: Z equals P

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS

1 Witty ones
 5 Goat's plaint
 8 "Lion King" villain
 12 Perry's creator
 13 Last (Abbr.)
 14 "Trust Exercise" author Susan
 15 Starring role
 16 African evergreen tree
 18 Cantina servings
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 22 Use a ray gun
 23 Taxi costs
 26 Orchestral gongs
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 31 Pear-shaped fruit
 32 Neither mate
 33 Interferes (with)

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1 Raised ridge
 2 Vicinity
 3 Giltz partner
 4 Tranquil
 5 Toned down
 6 "Sad to say ..."
 7 \$ dispenser
 8 Text of a film
 9 Stylish
 10 Top-notch
 11 Disen-cumbers
 17 Cain's dad
 19 Vegas opener
 22 Abrupt turn
 23 In shape

24 Red — beet
25 Spinning stat
26 McCourt memoir
27 Busy insect
28 Skier Tommy
29 Fourth-yr. students
31 Saute
34 Stir-fry veggie
35 Super-model Benitez
36 Monk's title
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45 Some August babies
46 Grecian vessels
48 Feathery neckpiece

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Yesterday's answer 7-11

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Dues goes airborne

Gavin Dues flies over the finish line on his four-wheeler during the four-wheeler bracket competition as part of the auto cross on Saturday at the Grandstand during the Jay County Fair. Dues took down Gage Penrod and Isaac Homan before falling to champion James Brunswick in the semifinal race.

Battle ...

Continued from page 10 Richardson's pocket awareness was top notch at Florida, and he at times flashed a next-level ability to read defenses that combined with his physical gifts for some unprecedented plays.

But with just 13 collegiate starts under his belt, Richardson also was prone to lapses and missed opportunities on seemingly routine plays.

Indianapolis must decide whether it wants the quarterback to work through those challenges on the field or if he'd be better served by watching Minshew operate the offense from the sideline.

The three preseason games and joint practices with the Chicago Bears and Philadelphia this summer will give the Colts the needed data to make a final call.

Sports on tap

Local schedule

Wednesday
Portland Rockets vs. Muncie Chiefs - 7 p.m.p.m.

TV sports

Tuesday
8 a.m. — Tennis: Wimbledon (ESPN)
6 p.m. — NBA Summer League: Brooklyn Nets vs. Milwaukee Bucks (ESPN2)
8 p.m. — MLB: All-Star Game (FOX)
8 p.m. — NBA Summer League: Phoenix Suns vs. New Orleans Pelicans (ESPN2)
8 p.m. — NBA Summer League: Chicago Bulls vs. Sacramento Kings (ESPN2)

Wednesday

8 a.m. — Tennis: Wimbledon (ESPN)
4 p.m. — NBA Summer League: Minnesota Timberwolves vs. Atlanta Hawks (ESPN2)
6 p.m. — NBA Summer League: Toronto Raptors vs. Detroit Pistons (ESPN2)
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Local notes

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5K circuit continues July 22
The next race in the Jay County 5K Circuit is scheduled for July 22.
The Bonus 5K is scheduled for 8 a.m. July 22. The race will be at the IU Health Jay trail.
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For more information, visit runjay-county.com.

Chamber outing scheduled
Jay County Chamber of Commerce will hold its golf outing July 21.
The event will begin with registration at 9 a.m., followed by a shotgun start at 10 a.m.
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Swiss Days race set
Registration is open for the 50th annual Swiss Days Race.
The event is scheduled for July 29 with a 5K at 8:15 a.m. and a 1-mile race for children 11 and younger at 9:15 a.m.
Awards will be presented to the top 10 in each age group and there will be refreshments for all participants.
To register, search for "Swiss Days Race" at runsignup.com.

Flag football registration open
Registration for Jay Community Center's Boomer Fall Flag Football is now open.
The league is for children ages 3 through 12. Games will be played on Saturdays from Aug. 26 through Oct. 7 at Jay County Recreation Complex, 5363 W. 450 South, Portland.
Registration is \$30 for those who sign up by July 31. For more information, visit jaycc.org.

Soccer sign-ups available now
Registration for Jay Community Center's Boomer Fall Soccer league is now open.
The league is for children ages 3 through 14. Games will be played on Saturdays from Aug. 26 through Oct. 7 at Jay County Recreation Complex, 5363 W. 450 South, Portland.
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All persons who have claims against this estate, whether or not now due, must file the claim in the office of the Clerk of this Court within three (3) months from the date of the first publication of this notice, or within nine (9) months after the decedent's death, whichever is earlier, or the claims will be forever barred. Dated this 7/5/2023

Jon Eads CLERK OF THE JAY CIRCUIT COURT COLDREN, FRANTZ & SPRUNGER Attorneys at Law 940 N. Meridian St. Portland, IN 47371 260-726-4220 CR 7-11,18-2023- HSPAXLP

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Department of Natural Resources Division of Oil & Gas Attn: Technical Section 402 W Washington St RM 293 Indianapolis, IN 46204-2748 CR 7-11-2023- HSPAXLP

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NOTICE TO BIDDERS Notice is hereby given that the City of Portland, Board of Public Works and Safety, will receive sealed bids beginning July 11th until 4:00 p.m. on August 9th, 2023 at City Hall located at 321 North Meridian Street, Portland, Indiana 47371.

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Any questions contact: Mike Weitzel @ 260-726-1034 or mweitzel@thecityofportland.net Bids will be opened by the Board of Public Works and Safety on August 10 @ 4:00 at City Hall, 321 North Meridian Street, Portland, Indiana. The City reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

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Sports

Indians' state hopes spoiled by Cavaliers

FORT RECOVERY — The Indians were one win away from making the state tournament.

All that stood in their way was the Cavaliers. Coldwater had already beaten the Indians three times this summer. Once in the regular season and twice in the sectional tournament. Fort Recovery could not change their luck in the district tournament.

The Fort Recovery ACME baseball team came up short against Coldwater's ACME team losing 1-0 in the first game and 13-3 in the second on Sunday.

The sole run in the first game came in the bottom of the second inning. Brady Lefeld hit a sacrifice fly to right field that allowed Kenny Bailey to tag up from third base.

Local roundup

Alex Dues shut the Cavaliers down the rest of the game, but didn't receive any run support to suffer the loss.

Both teams scored three runs in the first inning of game two. The Indians (12-5) couldn't keep up as Coldwater put up two more in the third before exploding for six runs in the fourth.

Alex Gaerke suffered the loss after giving up eight runs on four hits in 1 1/2 innings.

Tobe had the team's only RBI

while Caden Grisez was the only player with multiple hits.

Rockets split with Blues

FORT WAYNE — The Portland Rockets split a pair of games against the Fort Wayne Blues on Saturday. The Rockets held off the Blues for a 7-6 victory in game one before falling 14-11 at Carrington Field in the second.

After going down 3-0, Noah Collins jump started the Rockets' offense with a two-RBI single in the fourth inning. They would take the lead in the fifth on Blake Caldwell's single and a passed ball.

Back-to-back-to-back doubles by Caldwell, Peyton Smith and Gavin Gleason scored three runs in the top of the eighth. It was what Portland (15-10) needed as

the Blues were able to score two runs but came up short of the tie. Garrison Brege earned the win while Sam Dunlavy got the save.

Despite scoring ten runs over the first three innings, the Rockets couldn't silence the Blues' offense, giving up a trio of four-run innings to fall 14-11.

Eleven hits powered the three innings, including four doubles.

Smith suffered the loss, giving up two runs in the sixth inning without recording an out. Joel Kennedy led the Rockets with two RBIs while Ayden Lichtenstiger had a team-high three hits.

JC season tickets

Jay County Junior-Senior High School will begin selling season tickets for the 2023-24 season on Monday, July 17. Tickets will be

available for purchase Monday from 8:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. and 1 p.m. until 7 p.m. After Monday, tickets may be purchased during the school's office hours from 7:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

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Boys basketball and football season passes will cost \$50 and \$25 respectively.



The Commercial Review/Ray Cooney

Derby air

Nate Markle's No. 01 car gets lifted off the ground in a collision Saturday evening during a demolition derby in front of the grandstand during the Jay County Fair. On Saturday, the fair will close with another demolition derby, the start time for which is now set at 5 p.m.

Colts have QB battle

By **GEORGE BREMER**
The Herald Bulletin (Anderson)
Tribune News Service

INDIANAPOLIS — The clear focus throughout the summer will center on the quarterback position for the Indianapolis Colts.

And much of that attention will be directed toward rookie Anthony Richardson. The fourth overall pick's obvious physical talent provides plenty of reason for optimism in the future, and his lack of experience gives cause for an equal measure of patience in the present.

Before he can begin to compare himself in franchise annals to fellow first-round picks Peyton Manning and Andrew Luck, Richardson must first win the most important battle of training camp against veteran Gardner Minshew II.

Minshew, a 27-year-old former Washington State standout, has made just four starts over the past two seasons. But he spent those years with new Indianapolis head coach Shane Steichen as his offensive coordinator on the Philadelphia Eagles.

Minshew has the best understanding of Steichen's scheme of anyone on the roster and by far the most experience at quarterback.

He started 20 games in two seasons for the Jacksonville Jaguars after being drafted in the sixth round in 2019, and he has 32 appearances over four seasons for his career.

Sam Ehlinger, the third quarterback on the roster, has three starts and seven appearances over two seasons with the Colts. But the 24-year-old out of Texas finds himself as the longest tenured quarterback on the roster for the second straight season.

That provides stark evidence of the carousel Indianapolis has ridden under center since Luck's sudden retirement prior to the 2019 season.

The Colts have used six different starters in the four seasons since Luck's departure and either Richardson or Minshew should become the seventh ...

The Colts have used six different starters in the four seasons since Luck's departure, and either Richardson or Minshew should become the seventh when the regular season begins Sept. 10 at Lucas Oil Stadium against the Jaguars.

The battle could come down to several factors.

First and foremost — even in a season with modest expectations following a 4-12-1 collapse in 2022 and a complete makeover of the offensive coaching staff — the player who gives the team the best chance to win will have a leg up.

Conventional wisdom suggests that will be Minshew.

He went 6-6 for Jacksonville as a rookie emergency starter in 2019 after expensive free agent addition Nick Foles was lost to injury during the season opener. Minshew's raw numbers were impressive. He completed 60.6% of his passes for 3,271 yards with 21 touchdowns and six interceptions.

Indianapolis would gladly take a replication of those results from Richardson this fall.

But Minshew failed to sustain that level of play.

He stated just eight games (winning one) for Jacksonville in 2020 and was traded to the Eagles the following August after the Jaguars selected Trevor Lawrence with the No. 1 overall pick.

In Philadelphia, he helped guide the early career of Jalen Hurts — who led the team to the Super Bowl in just his second full season as a starter last year.

There are many parallels being drawn between Hurts and Richardson because of their dual threat abilities and the fact they'll play in the same offensive system.

But there aren't any real comparisons to Richardson in the NFL's history.

He set the Scouting Combine ablaze in February with his explosive running and leaping ability, and despite the inconsistency in his game the most reliable element of his arsenal is the deep ball.

If Indianapolis decides to develop the rookie on the field from the start, Richardson figures to produce more than his fair share of explosive plays. Even in the brief glimpses the media got of the 21-year-old this spring, it was abundantly evident his strong arm and knack for deep ball placement could stress defenses this fall.

Richardson also is a home-run threat with his legs, giving the Colts a chance to join the modern offensive template of forcing defenses to account for all 11 players on offense.

The question is whether Richardson can be consistent enough to move the chains on a regular basis. His footwork needs improvement, which would aid his ability to consistently complete passes on crossing and timing patterns.

See **Battle** page 9

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