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Pill OK'd for OTC

By **FIONA RUTHERFORD** and **MADISON MULLER**

Bloomberg News
Tribune News Service
Perrigo Co.'s Opill received U.S. clearance for over-the-counter use, making it the first daily oral birth-control product to be available without a prescription in the U.S.

The decision released Thursday by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration widens access to the drug by removing substantial barriers to obtaining oral contraception, such as inability to get a doctor's appointment.

Shares of Perrigo rose as much as 5.8% at the New York market open, the most intraday since May 10.

While Americans have had access to Opill with a prescription since 1973, reproductive rights advocates have long argued that oral contraception should be available over the counter, as is the case in more than 100 countries. The nonprescription version has the potential to allow women to get access to birth control without intervention from potential gatekeepers, like doctors and parents. However, the price of the drug may be an obstacle for some users.

Perrigo said earlier this year it is dedicated to making the drug affordable and is looking into creating a program that would allow some people to get the pill free of charge. In July, a spokesperson for Perrigo said that details of pricing would likely come in the coming months after approval for OTC use, as "the company needs to talk to retailers and build those plans out."

Safety profile

Walgreens Boots Alliance Inc, CVS Health Corp. and Rite Aid Corp. didn't immediately respond to emailed questions about whether the drugstore chains plan to carry Opill in their pharmacies.

Despite its strong safety profile, regulators have required a prescription for oral birth control so that doctors can screen patients with medical conditions that may be aggravated by hormones in the drugs. For example, one type of oral birth control contains the estrogen and progestin, hormones associated with side effects such as serious blood clots in certain populations.

Opill contains only progestin and research has shown it doesn't raise clotting risk. It isn't recommended for people with certain conditions like breast cancer or liver disease.

For six years, nonprofit Ibis Reproductive Health and HRA Pharma, a unit of Perrigo, collaborated on research needed to make a case for selling Opill without a prescription.

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2023 Jay County Fair



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Riding and guiding

It was a busy night on the midway Wednesday at the Jay County Fair, and the 4-H horse and pony show followed throughout the day Thursday. Pictured above, Margot Moore, 4, grins at her family Wednesday while riding the Funny Bunny on the midway. At right, Beau Shreeve leads his horse out of the arena Thursday after participating in the junior showmanship portion of the horse and pony show. For more photos from the fair, see page 5 and visit thecr.com.



Basford's goat put on Houdini act

By **ANDREW BALKO**

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Tuesday was a busy day at the Jay County Fair.

There was a pet parade, a magician and extra games for Kids' Day.

A couple of local

musicians held live performances at the Farmer's Building.

There was even a professional bull rider who recently graduated from Jay County High School that competed in a rodeo that packed the grandstand.

Not many knew about the escape artist that was at the fair Tuesday as well.

For fairgoers who decided to stop by the Show Arena that morning, they may have had the opportunity to see the great escape for

themselves when Justin the goat got loose and bolted for the gate.

While, for many, this was the first time they had witnessed one of Justin's antics, it is far from the first headache the goat has caused.

The 2023 Jay County

4-H Dairy Goat Show was nearing its end. Ty Paxton, Bretton Basford, Easton Siergrist, Joseph Kunk and Ava May all trotted their goats out to be judged in the Class 3 wether competition.

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Betty Haffner, right, giggles as Rose Snow tells a story during the Cincinnatus League's Jay County Hall of Fame induction ceremony Wednesday in the Farmer's Building during the Jay County Fair. Six senior citizens are selected annually by the group for their service to the community.

Cincinnatus honors six for their service

By **BAILEY CLINE**

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The Cincinnatus League celebrated six senior citizens Wednesday for their commitment to volunteerism and service during the Jay County Fair.

Those honored were Eric R. Rogers, Randy Miller, Betty Haffner, Tom Dunn, Oma Scruggs and Julia Schwomeyer.

Rose Snow explained social capital — "a set of shared values that allows individuals to work together in a group to enable them to achieve a common purpose" — is something all of Wednesday's honorees have in common.

"Each of these honored here today will tell you that they didn't set out to promote social capital," she said. "They didn't see what they were doing as anything special, but the fact is, they did (promote social capital). They saw a place where they could help and they stepped up."

Rogers grew up on a dairy farm in rural South Bend. An Indiana University graduate with a bachelor's degree in music piano performance, he worked with Indiana Arts Commission for about a year before settling down in Jay County in 1976.

"I figured out I would really like to go back to a rural community," he said.

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Deaths

Hubert Wayman Jr., 89, Portland
Details on page 2.

Weather

Jay County had a high temperature of 86 degrees Wednesday. The low was 68.

Tonight's forecast calls for a chance of showers with a low in the upper 60s. Expect partly cloudy skies with a 50% chance of rain Saturday and a high in the low 80s.

See page 2 for an extended outlook.

At the fair

Today

1 p.m. — Senior bingo in the Farmer's Building

3 p.m. — Back a 4-Her networking and investment drive in the Bob Schmit Memorial Exhibition Hall

5 p.m. — Memory Lane concert in the Farmer's Building

7 p.m. — Scotty McCreery concert at the grandstand

Saturday

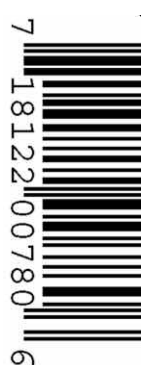
11 a.m. — FFA mud volleyball between the horse barns

11 a.m. — Small Business Show in the Women's Building

Noon — Rides open on the midway

6 p.m. — Pie eating contest in the Farmer's Building

5 p.m. — Demolition Derby at the grandstand



Honors ...

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 "I learned that there were three communities in Indiana that wanted to have an executive director as their first staffer, and one of them was in Portland."

He secured a grant for his first year with what is now Arts Place — at the time, the organization didn't have enough to sustain his salary — and he continued as executive director for more than 45 years. Arts Place now has centers in Portland, Hartford City and St. Marys, Ohio. Now retired, Rogers serves as president of Arts Connect and various other arts boards. He also served eight years on Jay School Board. He's a recipient of the Indiana Governor's Arts award, Jay County Chamber of Commerce Citizen of the Year award and Selina Roberts Ottum Award for Community Arts Leadership.

Miller, the Portland Rockets head coach and manager, is a 1972 graduate of Portland High School. He joined the Rockets after graduating and has been a part of the group ever since, taking the manager role in 2004. He coached the Rockets when they played at the National Amateur Baseball Federation World Series tournament in 2012 and 2017. A licensed Indiana High School Athletics Association umpire and referee for football, basketball and baseball, Miller was inducted into the National Semi-Pro Baseball Hall of Fame in 2011



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Pictured above are six senior citizens honored Wednesday at Jay County Fair. Front row, from left, are Betty Haffner, Julia Schwomeyer and Oma Scruggs. In the back row are Tom Dunn, Randy Miller and Eric Rogers.

and Indiana Sports Hall of Fame in 2022.

"Sixty-four years we've represented amateur baseball and semi-pro," said Miller. "Nobody gets paid, it's for the love of the game. We play wood bat baseball, and we dare to be a champion and take on the metropolitans."

A Jay County native, Haffner has been involved in community activities all her life. She's been a member of Jay County Hospital Auxiliary for eight years and currently serves as treasurer. For more than 20 years, Haffner has delivered

more than 100 eggs from Minnich Poultry. She served as president of the local bowling league for 35 years and coached junior league bowling. Haffner also drove a bus for Jay School Corporation for 26 years.

Snow pointed out Haffner also drives cancer patients to their treatments.

"Anytime you need a friend, Betty's there," Snow said. "She goes above and beyond, all the time."

Dunn served in the United States Air Force as a captain for two years. He learned about Jay County from a classmate

who lived in Decatur. A 1966 Indiana University School of Dentistry graduate, Dunn decided to set up his dentistry in Portland.

He practiced dentistry with his son, Tom Dunn II, until retiring in 2001. He served in a variety of roles for the community throughout the years, including on boards for Portland Chamber of Commerce, Jay School Corporation and Arts Place. Dunn helped give Jay Schools teachers access to dental insurance and initiated the fluoridation of the Portland municipal water supply to improve dental health for local children.

Scruggs moved to Jay County from Alabama in 1955. Her father worked for Miller Pipe Line, and they settled in Dunkirk, where she has remained ever since. Scruggs, a former Girl Scout, joined as a leader while her daughters were in the program and volunteered with the organization for about 25 years. An active member in her church, she's involved with Jodell's Closet Clothing Ministry and was a mentor for Kids Hope.

She previously served as a member and president of Dunkirk Park Board, a member of Glass Days committee and chairperson of the Dunkirk 4th of July parade and activities. A member of the Dunkirk Sesquicentennial Committee, Scruggs also created a book compiling the city's history from 1985 to 2003, which is

available at Jay County Historical Museum.

Born and raised in Jay County, Schwomeyer taught for 20 years in the local school system, with a dozen years in special education. She's an active member of her church, serving in a variety of roles including on the church choir. She assists with American Red Cross blood drives in Jay County and has been a member of Cincinnatus League for 19 years, serving as the chairperson of the philanthropic committee.

Schwomeyer also serves as president of the American Association of University Women and Portland Foundation Women's Giving Circle, and as moderator of Presbyterian Women.

"I worked with the Women's Giving Circle, and their mission is doing together what you can't do alone, and I think that epitomizes the volunteers in Jay County," she said. "We're very blessed ... to have all the volunteers that work in this community, and that's what makes it what it is."

Cincinnatus League has recognized more than 140 senior citizens since 1993.

For 35 years, the group has provided more than \$240,000 to Jay County civic and charitable organizations.

"Our main purpose is to better Jay County through works designed to strengthen and enrich the quality of life for families and the elderly," said Snow.

CR almanac

Saturday 7/15	Sunday 7/16	Monday 7/17	Tuesday 7/18	Wednesday 7/19
83/65	84/64	80/60	79/60	82/68
Saturday's forecast shows a 50% chance of showers and thunderstorms.	There's a chance of rain Sunday. Otherwise, sunny, with a high near 84.	Monday has a 50% chance of thunderstorms. The high may be 80.	Tuesday's forecast shows mostly sunny skies and a high of 80. Chance of rain.	Another chance of showers Wednesday under mostly cloudy skies.

Lotteries

Powerball 23-35-45-66-67 Power Ball: 20 Power Play: 3 Estimated jackpot: \$875 million	Daily Four: 1-6-9-1 Quick Draw: 2-3-4-12-13-18-29-30-35-39-44-47-53-57-60-66-70-74-75-77 Cash 5: 3-5-8-9-37 Estimated jackpot: \$564,000
Mega Millions Estimated jackpot: \$560 million	Ohio Wednesday Midday Pick 3: 3-4-3 Pick 4: 1-1-9-7 Pick 5: 9-9-4-0-4 Evening Pick 3: 3-1-8 Pick 4: 8-2-9-9 Pick 5: 3-2-1-7-0 Rolling Cash: 11-12-14-19-34 Estimated jackpot: \$100,000
Hoosier Wednesday Midday Daily Three: 1-2-0 Daily Four: 3-1-2-8 Quick Draw: 8-16-18-20-25-30-38-41-43-44-47-51-53-54-56-68-70-72-77-79 Evening Daily Three: 7-3-4	

Markets

Cooper Farms Fort Recovery Corn.....5.51 Oct. corn.....4.76 Wheat.....5.75	Aug. beans.....13.32 Wheat.....6.03
POET Biorefining Portland Corn.....5.85 Aug. corn.....5.50 Oct. corn.....4.82	Central States Montpelier Corn.....5.39 Late July corn.....5.33 Beans.....14.72 Late July beans.....14.62 Wheat.....6.03
The Andersons Richland Township Corn.....5.39 Aug. corn.....4.71 Beans.....14.72	Heartland St. Anthony Corn.....5.23 Aug. corn.....5.18 Beans.....14.41 Aug. beans.....14.31 Wheat.....5.89

Today in history

In 1968, Hank Aaron hit his 500th career home run. He would go on to break Babe Ruth's record of 714 home runs.
 In 2007, the Jay County 4-H livestock auction moved into the 4-H Building for the first time, bringing in an unofficial total of \$95,905. —The CR

Citizen's calendar

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.

Obituaries

Hubert Wayman Jr.

April 12, 1934-July 9, 2023
 Hubert Wayman Jr., age 89, a resident of Portland, passed away on Sunday, July 9, 2023, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne, Indiana. He was a former resident of Pennville. Hubert was born on April 12, 1934, in Albany, Indiana, the son of Hubert and Esther (Croyle) Wayman. He served in the National Guard and worked at Indiana Glass in Dunkirk, Indiana, for over 42 years. Hubert married Ida Rippy on Nov. 25, 1955.

Survivors include:
 His wife — Ida Wayman, Portland, Indiana
 Son — Rick Wayman (wife: Sheila), Dunkirk, Indiana
 Son — William "Bill" Wayman, Montpelier, Indiana
 Daughter — Joy Ruble, Pennville, Indiana
 Nine grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren
 Visitation will be held on Monday from 10 to 11 a.m. at



Wayman

Williamson-Spencer and Penrod Funeral home in Portland. Service will follow at the funeral home at 11 a.m. Burial will be at I.O.O.F Twin Hill Cemetery in Pennville, Indiana.

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.

Pill ...

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 Perrigo sought FDA approval for an over-the-counter version last summer after the Supreme Court overturned the landmark Roe v. Wade ruling, curbing access to abortion in some parts of the country.

Agencies had been directed to promote more access

Executive order

"This decision will mean people across the U.S. will have a new and easier way to access oral contraceptives, potentially transforming contraceptive access and reproductive health," Kelly Blanchard, President of Ibis Reproduc-

ive Health, which houses Free the Pill, said in a statement.

The White House didn't immediately respond to a request for comment. Last month, the Biden administration issued new rules to expand and protect the

availability contraception under federal programs. The executive order directed agencies to promote increased access to over-the-counter contraception, while also supporting improved access and affordability for people with both private insurance and government coverage through Medicaid and Medicare.

Perrigo's product has the "potential to radically transform women's access to contraception," Chief Executive Officer Patrick Lockwood-Taylor said in a statement announcing the approval.

SERVICES

Saturday
Ford, Roby: 11 a.m., Fellowship Baptist Church, 289 S. 200 West., Portland.

Monday
Wayma, Hubert: 11 a.m., Williamson-Spencer and Penrod Funeral Home, 208 N. Commerce St., Portland.

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Depression can vary

By RICK SOBEY
Boston Herald
Tribune News Service

A new study suggests that depression after traumatic brain injury may not be the same as depression related to other causes, according to researchers from Brigham and Women's Hospital.

The study of 273 people found that brain circuits associated with depression were different between people with traumatic brain injury (TBI) and those without TBI.

"Our findings help explain how the physical trauma to specific brain circuits can lead to development of depression," said study leader Shan Siddiqi, of the Brigham's Department of Psychiatry and Center for Brain Circuit Therapeutics.

"If we're right, it means that we should be treating depression after TBI like a distinct disease," Siddiqi added. "Many clinicians have suspected that this is a clinically distinct disorder with a

unique pattern of symptoms and unique treatment response, including poor response to conventional antidepressants — but until now, we didn't have clear physiological evidence to prove this."

The study included 273 adults with TBI, usually from sports injuries, military injuries, or car accidents. People in this group were compared to other groups who did not have a TBI or depression, people with depression without TBI, and people with post-traumatic stress disorder.

Study participants went through a resting-state functional connectivity MRI, a brain scan that looks at how oxygen is moving in the brain. These scans gave information about oxygenation in up to 200,000 points in the brain at about 1,000 different points in time — leading to about 200 million data points in each person.

Based on this information, a machine learning algorithm was

used to generate an individualized map of each person's brain.

The location of the brain circuit involved in depression was the same among people with TBI as people without TBI, but the nature of the abnormalities was different.

Connectivity in this circuit was decreased in depression without TBI and was increased in TBI-associated depression. This implies that TBI-associated depression may be a different disease process, leading the study authors to propose a new name: "TBI affective syndrome."

"I've always suspected it isn't the same as regular major depressive disorder or other mental health conditions that are not related to traumatic brain injury," said David Brody, a co-author of the study and a neurologist at Uniformed Services University. "There's still a lot we don't understand, but we're starting to make progress."

Colleges offer new master's program

Two colleges with local ties have partnered to make earning a master's degree more simple.

Ivy Tech Community College and Indiana Wesleyan University are collaborating to offer students an expedited pathway to the degree, eliminating the need for a bachelor's degree. The program includes receiving an associate's degree from Ivy Tech's Muncie-Henry County campus. Credits will transfer to Indiana Wesleyan University and allow students to bypass a bachelor's degree and instead jump into a master's degree program, according to a press release from the colleges.

The process can be completed in less than four years. It currently focuses on those pursuing degrees in business administration, information technol-

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ogy management and policy and organizational change management. For more information, visit ivytech.edu.

Summer day camp

Jay Community Center's summer day camp goes through Aug. 9.

Registration is open to children in kindergarten through seventh grade for the camp. Children attend from 7 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. daily. Initial registration costs \$30 per child, with early daily rates at \$13 per day.

For more information, visit the community center or call (260) 726-6477.

In-law appoints herself as person in charge

DEAR ABBY: I have a sister-in-law, "Helen," who has appointed herself as the final word on all family events. No other relative has any input into when, where, what, etc., regarding any family celebration. If it's not her way, it's the highway.

The biggest problem with Helen is she schedules everything on the date that fits her calendar without regard for anyone else's. An example: We once celebrated Christmas in February because that worked best for her. Another time, my wife and I scheduled a complicated vacation around my brother's birthday so we could be there to celebrate with him. Helen moved his birthday party right into the middle of our prepaid vacation.

More examples: Thanksgiv-

Dear Abby



ing is celebrated in early December, and other significant dates fall whenever she decides and are subject to change at the last moment at her whim. Complying with Helen's one-sided demands makes planning for everyone else a nightmare.

The control doesn't end there. It also includes the venue, menu and guest list. She even puts place cards on the table designating the seating arrangements. As with everything else, these are NOT

negotiable. If not complied with, the "offender" is subjected to a minimum of six months of silent treatment and ghosting. How does one deal with this? — CONTROLLED IN FLORIDA

DEAR CONTROLLED: One deals with this by discussing it with other family members to see if they feel the same as you do and are willing to face the consequences of Helen's extended silences, which, from my perspective, might be a relief. (Then pray she doesn't plan your funeral.)

DEAR ABBY: I'm a nurse who still works full time. Most of my peers are retired. Several of them I've started to avoid at all costs. Each time I talk to them, all they want to talk

about are their aches and pains, how sick they are and how mad they are at their kids, siblings or spouse. They aren't just annoyed. They're furious about any real or perceived slight.

I have thought about introducing them all to each other so they could have a group pity party. I have suggested consulting their doctors or trying psychotherapy. I'm just tired of it. I can't stand the negativity or their hypochondria. I feel guilty, but I now dread any phone call, text or invitation to get together. Please help. I don't want to hurt anyone, but I'm worn out. — POSITIVE PERSON IN THE SOUTH

DEAR POSITIVE PERSON: There comes a time, usually around the age of 50, when some folks begin pruning

their friend list. Bluntly put, this means weeding out sources of constant negativity. Because your former peers drag you down with their family dysfunction and "organ recitals," when they try to make contact, remind them that while they are retired and have free time, you still work and are strapped for it — which is why you can't be involved as often as they want you to be. Being unavailable isn't rude. Sometimes, it's self-defense.

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 www.DearAbby.com or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069.

Community Calendar

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

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.

Sunday
A BETTER LIFE - BRIANNA'S HOPE — A faith-based recovery group for all kinds of addictions, will meet from 6:30 to 8 p.m. each Sunday at The Rock Church, 1605 N. Meridian St., Portland.

Come early for a meal. For more information, call (260) 766-2006.

Monday
PORTLAND BREAKFAST OPTIMISTS — Will meet at 7 a.m. for breakfast at Richards Restaurant.

PING PONG — Will be played from 9 a.m. to noon each Monday at Jay Community Center.

EUCHRE — Will be played starting at 1 p.m. each Monday at West Jay 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.

PREGNANCY CARE CENTER — Free pregnancy testing with ongoing support during and after pregnancy. The center is located at 216 S. Meridian 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.

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

ALZHEIMER'S CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP — Will meet at 5:30 p.m. the third Tuesday of each month at Jay County Public Library community room. For more information, call Deb Tipton at (260) 729-2806 or Elasha Lennartz at (765) 729-4567.

FRIENDS OF JAY COUNTY LIBRARY — Will meet at 6 p.m. the third Tuesday of each month at the library.

A BETTER LIFE - BRIANNA'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.

Sudoku

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Level: Advanced

Thursday's Solution

9	6	1	3	4	2	7	8	5
8	5	2	9	7	6	1	3	4
3	7	4	1	8	5	2	6	9
2	9	7	4	5	3	8	1	6
6	3	5	7	1	8	4	9	2
4	1	8	6	2	9	5	7	3
5	4	6	8	3	1	9	2	7
7	8	3	2	9	4	6	5	1
1	2	9	5	6	7	3	4	8

The objective is to fill a nine-by-nine grid so that each column, each row, and each of the nine three-by-three boxes (also called blocks or regions) contains the digits from 1 to 9 only one time each.

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Monstrous energy

The Jay County Fair had another big day Wednesday as the grandstand was packed for Full Throttle Monster Trucks. The day also included the 4-H sheep show, multiple concerts in the Farmer's Building and plenty of food. And activities resumed with the 4-H horse and pony show Thursday morning. Pictured, clockwise from left, Nancy Franks bites into an ear of corn Wednesday while sitting at the bingo stand operated by American Legion Riders; Jay County's own Dalton VanSkyock drives Stomper in the wheelie competition Wednesday evening during the monster truck show at the grandstand; Breanna Faith, a singer from Indianapolis, performs Wednesday at the Farmer's Building; Madi Paxson, Ayden Spadlin, Tinley Walker and Carter Link display their animals to the judge during the sheep show Wednesday; and Veronica Dirksen, 11, washes a cow Thursday morning.



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Houdini ...

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As the judge was beginning to wrap up, disaster struck for Bretton. One of the links on the goat collar snapped, allowing Justin to scamper away from him.

At first, the goat moved to the northeast corner of the arena, where a few of the volunteers moved in to try to corner him. Despite being on a supplement to calm show animals, Justin was able to juke Bretton and got to the northwest corner, where he was able to escape through the open gate and bolt down the corridor to the hog barn.

"As soon as my collar snapped, you want to talk about a sinking feeling, I swear everything was slow," Bretton said. "Three openings in that gate and I knew he was gone. I didn't think anyone was going to catch him ..."

"First thing I thought was that I was going to see this goat walking through campers for the rest of the week. I was putting my money that no one was catching him."

Luckily for Bretton, his aunt, Kathy Siergrist, was able to corner Justin in the hog barn, catch him and get him back to the Show Arena.

The escape was preceded by another the previous night when Justin escaped from Bretton's mom, Jennifer, and future-brother-in-law, Clay Ebbinghouse, as they were taking him for a short stroll.

They were able to easily capture him, but that hasn't always been the case.

Back when the Basfords first got Justin, he set the tone from day No. 1 on how things were going to go.

As the other wether was being unloaded out of the popper (a metal enclosure for the tailgate of a truck), Justin was able to jump past Bretton's sister, Eden, kicking her in the head and escaping.

Justin made his way into the Basfords' pond, swimming to avoid being caught for nearly 45 minutes.

"From that and the time we first got him, we knew things were going to go downhill," Bretton said.

The athletic performance that Justin put on that day earned him the nickname "Gazelle."

Just two weeks later, Justin escaped again, jumping through the bars of two different gates to get out.

"It was like some really Houdini stuff," Eden said.

After escaping, Justin was loose for more than three days, running around the woods that surrounds the Basfords' land.

The incident even caused some animosity and the first large fight for Eden and Clay — they had recently gotten engaged.

"He's out there trying to catch it and I'm out there screaming at him with some very kind words about how he's done and how it's not going to work," Eden said.

Ultimately, Justin came back to the barn a few days later in perfect health, just looking a little hungry.

"I'm just surprised that he survived the wilderness ..." Eden said. "It was a good season of 'Survivor' at the Basford house."

Following the fair, Justin will be sold to a meat market. He will leave behind a legacy with the Basfords of being a unique and crazy goat, no matter how much effort they put into him.

"I've led him and led him and tried to make him a little bit better but there is no fixing Justin. He is simply crazy down to the bone," Bretton said. "I don't think I'm going to miss him."

Bretton Basford finishes showing Justin the goat after his escape Tuesday during the Jay County 4-H Meat Goat Show in the Show Arena at Jay County Fairgrounds.

SPEED BUMP Dave Coverly



THE FAMILY CIRCUS By Bil Keane

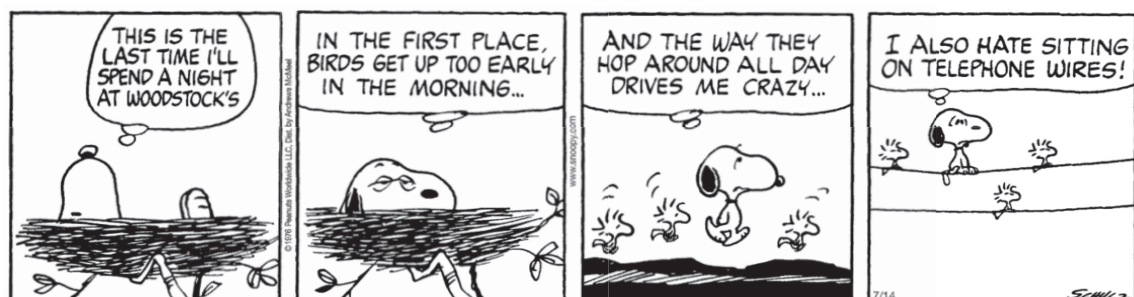


Contract Bridge By Steve Becker

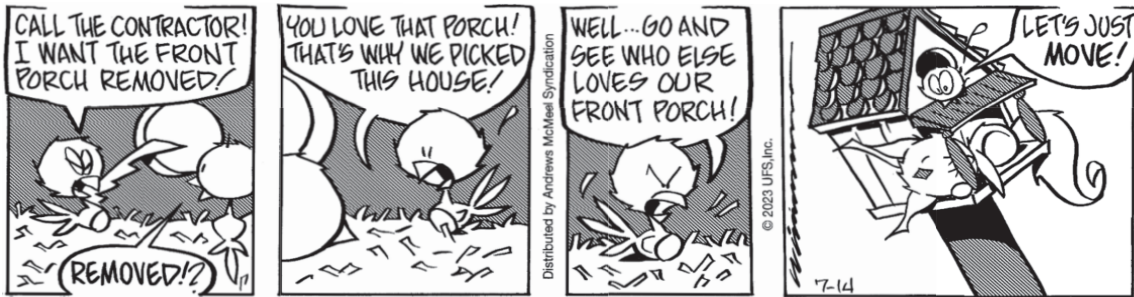
Bidding quiz

You are South, both sides vulnerable. The bidding has gone: North East South West 1 ♠ Dbie ? What would you bid with each of the following hands? 1. ♠ 752 ♥ K764 ♦ Q10873 ♣ 10 2. ♠ 83 ♥ K862 ♦ 763 ♣ Q954 3. ♠ KQ984 ♥ 73 ♦ 952 ♣ J86 4. ♠ AJ7 ♥ Q92 ♦ J843 ♣ A73 5. ♠ 832 ♥ 10 ♦ AQJ872 ♣ 964 6. ♠ 965 ♥ 85 ♦ AJ954 ♣ J72 7. ♠ Q953 ♥ J6 ♦ K743 ♣ QJ4 *** 1. Three hearts. The usual rules that govern responses to an opening bid are suspended when an opponent intervenes with a takeout double. The guiding principle is that most responses that would have been forcing without the double are not forcing after the double. Accordingly, the recommended three-heart bid — which for some would be game-forcing, and invitational for those who play limit raises becomes pre-emptive. Partner goes on to game only when he holds well above minimum strength. 2. Two hearts. This shows a weak hand with moderate trump support, but lacking the distributional features that a three-heart bid would imply. 3. One spade. This tells partner you have a five-card suit (or a very strong four-card suit) and that you lack the values for a redouble (see answer to No.4). A one-over-one bid after an opposing takeout double suggests a hand in the six- to nine-point range. 4. Redouble. A redouble shows 10 points or more in high cards and does not necessarily guarantee support for opener's suit. Usually, the opener passes at his next turn to allow the redoubler a chance to bid over whatever action the opponents have taken. The essential message of the redouble is that the opener's side has the balance of strength and must therefore either buy the contract or double the opponents for penalties. 5. Two diamonds. Similar to No.3. After a double, this indicates a strong suit and not much else, and is not forcing. Note that if East had not doubled, you would not have enough points to bid two diamonds (you would have had to bid one notrump instead). 6. Pass. This diamond suit is not good enough to bid on the two-level. If partner has a really good hand, he will indicate it at his next turn, and you can then take whatever action you feel is appropriate. 7. One notrump. In general, the one notrump bid over a double indicates seven to nine points and balanced distribution — exactly what you have. Concealing your values by passing could lead to a difficult bidding problem later on. Tomorrow: A sure-fire proposition.

Peanuts



Rose is Rose



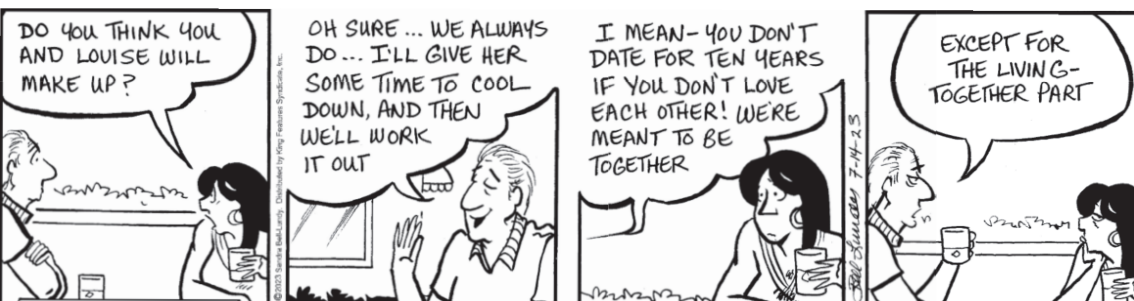
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Between Friends



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Snuffy Smith



Beetle Bailey



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CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

Crossword puzzle grid with clues and solutions. Clues include 'Scribble (down)', 'Grand tale', 'Wild guess', 'Oklahoma city', etc. Solutions include 'WEDS', 'ERIC WAR AONE', 'TIVO ETE LPGA', etc.

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Sports



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Portland Rockets' left fielder Dakota Durick prepares to field in their 7-3 loss against the Muncie Chiefs on Wednesday night at Runkle-Miller Field. The Rockets struggled to support a strong start from Sam Dunlavy as the Chiefs slowly chipped away.

Rockets' offense quieted

being rained out, the Rockets split the series with the Chiefs this season.

"The offense kind of just went stagnant," manager Randy Miller said. "I think we can do better. ... I just thought we could hit our way out of any trouble but that just didn't work today."

Over half of the Rockets' (15-11) baserunners reached in the first three innings.

Dakota Durick and Zach Tanner both reached base on errors. Joel Kennedy then attacked the first pitch that he sent over Gavin Lash's head in center field to score both runners.

Two batters drew walks in the second inning, but were left stranded.

Jared Holley led off the third inning with a single that got past Lash, allowing him to run around to third base. Tanner immediately blasted a double to center to push Holley home. Kennedy again reached base, this time on an error by Dax Dudley at third.

Gavin Noble pitched those first three innings before Gaise Winchester came in to pitch the fourth through ninth innings.

Winchester would only allow three more runners — only one was a hit coming from Crosby Heniser

— while fanning eight Rocket batters.

"We were just a little shaky on defense in that first inning but I thought after that we did a good job of keeping the ball in front of us and making plays," Chiefs manager Ken Zvokel said. "We had good pitching tonight so that helped."

Despite the poor offensive performance, the Rockets got some strong innings out of starting pitcher Sam Dunlavy and Tyler Reynolds.

The Chiefs were able to score off of Dunlavy in the first inning after Daniel Blevins reached base on an infield single and scored on Jackson Furnish's triple. After that, Dunlavy locked Muncie down, giving up three more hits in the next four innings without allowing a run to score.

"Everything was working," Dunlavy said. "I was hitting my spots and all my stuff was moving so I just felt good today."

Reynolds didn't get nearly as much work in, but came up huge to get the Rockets out of a jam.

In the top of the seventh, Peyton Smith had already given up the tying run and walked two batters before Miller gave the ball to Reynolds.

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JT looks to bounce back

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

INDIANAPOLIS — There are far more questions at the running back position this summer than anyone associated with the Indianapolis Colts could have expected a year ago.

Almost all of them center around all-pro Jonathan Taylor.

Last season, the 24-year-old faced true on-field adversity for the first time in his NFL career — if not his football life.

Injuries limited him to 11 games, he often failed to find his top form even when he was healthy enough to play and he got little assistance from a struggling offensive line and an ineffective passing game.

As a result, Taylor rushed for nearly 1,000 fewer yards than he accumulated during his record-shattering 2021 campaign.

After rewriting the Indianapolis history books with 1,811 rushing yards and 18 touchdowns during his second full season, Taylor managed just 861 yards and four scores in 2022.

The ankle injury that caused the majority of his issues has been corrected through offseason surgery, and the former Wisconsin star is confident he can bounce back this fall.

Against this backdrop plays out the Colts' most intriguing contract negotiation of the offseason.

Taylor has made it clear he wants to remain in Indianapolis, and general manager Chris Ballard has gone on record with his love for the running back. But talks for a new deal are complicated by more than Taylor's downturn last season.

Running backs have been devalued across the league, and teams that have signed players at that position to lucrative long-term deals have often released those players with

several years remaining on the contract.

Former Minnesota Vikings star Dalvin Cook remains on the free agent market after being released in June with two years remaining on a five-year, \$63 million deal. Likewise, former Dallas Cowboys star Ezekiel Elliott remains unsigned after being designated as a post-June 1 release in March with two years left on a six-year, \$90 million contract.

Saquon Barkley remains with the New York Giants but has declined to sign the franchise tender as he seeks long-term security after rushing for 4,249 yards and 29 touchdowns over five sometimes injury-affected NFL seasons.

Taylor will earn the highest base salary of his career — a little more than \$4.3 million — this season under the final year of his rookie contract after being selected in the second round in 2020.

The running back feels he's earned an extension because of his production on the field and his positive work in the community off the field. He's watched teammates like Ryan Kelly, Braden Smith, Shaquille Leonard and Quenton Nelson sign recent high-market extensions and wants to be next in line.

While all of this plays out behind the scenes, Taylor will learn a new offense during training camp. First-year head coach Shane Steichen is promising a high-octane passing attack and comes from a Philadelphia Eagles offense that featured a running game by committee.

The Eagles ranked fifth in the NFL in 2022 with 2,509 rushing yards, but the running game was split between running back Miles Sanders and quarterback Jalen Hurts.

See **Taylor** page 7

Dunlavy threw five strong innings, but offense can't get going to back up his performance

By **ANDREW BALKO**

The Commercial Review

The Rockets got off to a nice start against the Chiefs.

A trio of errors and a pair of extra-base-hits helped the Rockets to an early 3-1 lead.

All they needed to do was wait for a big offensive inning so they could put Muncie away.

They waited and waited for that inning, but it never came.

The lack of offense got to the Portland Rockets, as they fell to the Muncie Chiefs 7-3 on Wednesday at Runkle-Miller Field.

The two teams previously met June 27 when the Rockets walked away with a 7-4 victory. With Wednesday's loss and June 13

Yankees add sponsor patch

Fans frustrated after Yankees use advertisement

By **PETER SBLENDORIO**

New York Daily News
Tribune News Service

NEW YORK — The Yankees are adding a patch to their pinstripes.

Beginning July 21, the Yankees' home and away jerseys will feature a Starr Insurance patch on their left sleeves, marking the first time the team's famed uniform has incorporated such an advertisement.

The Yankees announced the move Wednesday by releasing images of Aaron Judge and Gerrit Cole in the new-look threads.

The news elicited a

strong reaction from Yankees fans, many of whom bemoaned baseball's most-valuable team tinkering with their classic look.

"Yes, you need even more money," Twitter user Gerry DeFilippo wrote. "The best revenue generating team in the league needs to put a small patch on their jersey to make just a little more money."

"I thought for sure y'all would hold out on this 'new' trend of advertising," tweeted Sandy Landvick. "Yankees uniforms are classy and timeless. Not anymore."

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