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County to look at phone service option

Level365 connects phones, computers through app

By BAILEY CLINE

The Commercial Review

County officials are considering a change in phone service for county departments.

Jay County Commissioners OK'd Aaron Shaff of Level365 to do an analysis on the county's system during a meeting Monday.

Level365 started as a private company out of Indianapolis in 2009. It offers unified communications, or a cloud program, to connect office phones, computers and cell phones through a common app. It services eight Indiana counties, including Benton, Howard and Miami counties. Shaff highlighted a few of the company's features, which include call forwarding and a voicemail-to-email option.

Answering a question from Jay County prosecutor Wes Schemenaur, Shaff confirmed the company could offer on-site training.

He requested permission to evaluate the county's current system in order to accommodate its needs. Jay County currently pays about \$600 a month for phone and internet services and utilizes Allstar Communications and Community Fiber Solutions. Shaff confirmed once started, the new program could begin operating within 30 days.

Commissioners gave Shaff the OK to do an analysis of the county's current system.

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Considering carts



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Dunkirk City Council discussed golf cart rules Monday, with Christy Curts saying she's seen carts being illegally driven on Indiana 167 — state law does not allow golf carts on state or U.S. highways — while others expressed concern about children younger than 16 being behind the wheel. (A driver's license is required to operate a golf cart on a city street.) Council members then discussed the possibility of adding a golf cart registration fee via city ordinance.

Dunkirk City Council discusses golf cart regulations, plans to consider possibility of adding registration fee

By RAY COONEY

The Commercial Review

DUNKIRK — A reminder was issued regarding existing golf cart rules.

The city will also consider a registration system for the vehicles.

Dunkirk City Council discussed golf carts and their use on city streets

during its meeting Monday.

Council member Christy Curts brought up the golf cart issue, noting that she's seen several driving on Main Street (Indiana 167). State law prohibits the use of golf carts on state highways.

She said she feels a reminder needs to be

issued to residents and that existing laws regarding golf carts need to be enforced. She also noted that Albany has a golf cart registration fee and wondered out loud if Dunkirk should pursue a similar policy.

Other council members expressed concern about golf carts being driven by

children younger than 16. (A driver's license is required to operate a golf cart on a city street.)

City attorney Wes Schemenaur told council a majority of municipalities, including Portland and Redkey, require registering golf carts annually. (Portland approved its golf cart registration

rules last year, eventually settling on a \$10 fee.) He added that such a policy allows the city to confirm who owns a golf cart, to ensure that the vehicles are insured and properly equipped to be on the street and to remind drivers of the rules regarding golf carts.

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UPS, union reach a deal

By KELLY YAMANOCHI

The Atlanta Journal-Constitution
Tribune News Service

Sandy Springs-based UPS and the International Brotherhood of Teamsters have reached a deal on a new labor contract to avert a massive strike.

The two sides announced the tentative agreement for a new five-year contract Monday, just a week before the union's strike deadline.

The Teamsters union said the new contract deal comes with higher wages, more full-time jobs and workplace protections.

"Rank-and-file UPS Teamsters sacrificed everything to get this country through a pandemic and enabled UPS to reap record-setting profits," said Teamsters General President Sean O'Brien said in a written statement. "UPS has put \$30 billion in new money on the table as a direct result of these negotiations."

UPS CEO Carol Tomé issued a statement saying "Together we reached a win-win-win agreement on the issues that are important to Teamsters leadership, our employees and to UPS and our customers."

"This agreement continues to reward UPS's full- and part-time employees with industry-leading pay and benefits while retaining the flexibility we need to stay competitive, serve our

customers and keep our business strong," Tomé said.

The Teamsters labor contract extends through July 31, and the union had threatened to strike Aug. 1 if it did not have a new contract agreement by that time.

Teamsters General Secretary-Treasurer Fred Zuckerman said in a written statement that UPS "came dangerously close" to a strike, "but we kept firm on our demands."

The Teamsters have more than 340,000 members at UPS, making it the largest private collective bargaining agreement in North America. A strike would have crippled shipping across the country, affect millions of deliveries a day and damage UPS's reputation with customers.

The next step is for the union's 176 local leaders to meet July 31 to review the tentative agreement. If the recommend it for a ratification vote, UPS rank-and-file members will vote on the deal Aug. 3 through 22.

New five-year agreement avoids strike before deadline

O'Brien has worked to maintain unity among members on the UPS negotiations, after years past in which the Teamsters had divided into factions.

The Teamsters union had previously announced tentative agreements on a number of terms during negotiations that started in April, including equipping new trucks with air conditioning, ending a two-tier pay system, stopping required overtime on a day they aren't scheduled to work and establishing Martin Luther King Jr. Day as a full holiday.

Last month, the union's members voted to authorize a strike in the event that negotiations fail to reach an agreement. Union leaders then ratcheted up pressure in the negotiations, pushing for faster progress in the talks.

UPS has been losing some business to competitors, including FedEx, as customers worried about how they would move their goods if there is a strike.



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Directors chat

Former Jay County High School band director Kelly Smeltzer chats with his successor Chuck Roesch on Saturday night prior to the Marching Patriots taking the field for the Muncie Spirit of Sound contest at Southside Middle School. Smeltzer was volunteering at the event, keeping time and leading bands on and off the field.

Deaths

Cathy Ellingwood, 67, Redkey
Anna Miller, 83, Poneto
Details on page 2.

Weather

Jay County had a high temperature of 84 degrees Monday. The low was 64.

There is a 50% chance of showers and thunderstorms tonight with a low in the lower 70s and winds gusting to 30 miles per hour. Skies will be mostly sunny Thursday with a high in the lower 90s. See page 2 for an extended outlook.

In review

Portland Redevelopment Commission has scheduled an executive session for Friday morning. It will begin 10 minutes following the conclusion of its regular meeting, which begins at 8 a.m. at Community Resource Center, 118 S. Meridian St., Portland.

Coming up

Thursday — A look at the local unemployment numbers released this week.

Saturday — Photos from the Anderson Tartan Tournament of Bands.



Carts ...

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Schemenaur noted that he compiled information regarding golf cart ordinances in surrounding municipalities when Portland City Council was considering the issue. (He also serves as Portland's city attorney.) He agreed to send that information to Redkey Town Council members to allow them to study their options prior to the next council meeting.

Also Monday, Dunkirk Mayor Jack Robbins reported that work on a flood mitigation project is expected to begin soon.

He said the work will begin with sewer lines on 2nd, Palace and Broad streets as well as Rick Drive. The major part of the \$1 million project involves creating detention basins east of Broad Street near Moore Avenue and west of 3rd Street near the southern city limits.

As part of that discussion, Bivens suggested council consider an amendment to it city ordinance to address repairing streets when they are cut for utility work. He said he has looked at other communities that have requirements for completely repaving a street if multiple cuts are made within a single block.

The idea is in response to gas line replacements that have been completed this year with more expected in 2024.

Council asked Schemenaur to look into the issue.

In other business, council:

•Received a copy of the ordinance to increase water and sewage rates by 3%. Schemenaur said plans are to hold the public hearing on the ordinance at the Aug. 14 meeting. If approved, the increases will go into effect Jan. 1.

•Heard the following from the mayor:

—The installation of the new sidewalk from West Jay Elementary School to Dunkirk City Park along Highland Avenue is expected to be complete by Saturday. As of Monday evening, only the stretch along the north side of the park was left to be poured.

—Two businesses — Fat Cat Tattoo and a jiu-jitsu studio — have opened in the former Westlawn Elementary School building. Owner Steve Schwieterman is talking with several other business owners about the possibility of moving to the facility.

—The city's board of works awarded a \$4,919.15 contract to Steven Gillette to replace the roof over the office area of the sewage department because of a leak. The police depart-

ment's roof also has a leak, with Robbins noting he is working on getting quotes to fix it.

—Rock and Kathy Fuqua have purchased the former pet store at 128 S. Main St., adjacent to the police department, with plans to renovate the building in hopes of attracting a business to the downtown area. •Heard a request from Kathy Miskinis to vacate an alley between her two properties at 350 W. Pleasant St. and 349 W. Washington St. City officials agreed to look at the alley and start the necessary process for consideration of vacating it.

•Agreed to allow the use of the park and its concession stand for the Spencer Calvert softball tournament on Sept. 16. (The park was also reserved for Sept. 23 as a rain-out date.)

•Approved the payment of claims totaling \$188,202.16.

Obituaries

Cathy J. Ellingwood, Redkey, March 19, 1956-July 22, 2023. Services were held Tuesday at MJS Mortuaries – Redkey Chapel.

Anna C. Miller, Poneto, the mother of area residents, Dec. 30, 1939-July 23, 2023. Services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Walker & Glancy Funeral Home, 109 W. Windsor St., Montpelier.

The Commercial Review publishes death notices for those with a connection to our coverage area free of charge. They include the name, city of residence, birth/death date and time/date/location of services.

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

CR almanac

Thursday 7/27	Friday 7/28	Saturday 7/29	Sunday 7/30	Monday 7/31
92/72	94/73	90/65	83/61	83/64
Thursday looks to be mostly sunny and hot, with a high of nearly 92 degrees.	Friday's forecast shows a slight chance of rain with the high in the low to mid 90s.	Mostly sunny skies Saturday with a chance of rain throughout the day.	Sunday looks to be mostly sunny with a chance of showers.	Monday will be in the low to mid 80s.

Lotteries

Powerball
Monday
3-4-12-28-49
Power Ball: 25
Power Play: 2
Estimated jackpot: \$41 billion

Daily Four: 1-7-1-0
Quick Draw: 1-3-7-23-25-27-28-43-48-54-56-59-60-61-62-70-73-74-75-76
Cash 5: 12-22-23-30-35
Estimated jackpot: \$95,000

Mega Millions
Estimated jackpot: \$820 million

Ohio
Monday
Midday
Pick 3: 3-1-7
Pick 4: 8-5-1-9
Pick 5: 8-8-6-4-2
Evening
Pick 3: 6-8-6
Pick 4: 3-7-7-7
Pick 5: 1-7-9-8-0
Rolling Cash: 20-24-32-33-39
Estimated jackpot: \$110,000

Hoosier
Monday
Midday
Daily Three: 9-2-1
Daily Four: 8-2-7-8
Quick Draw: 5-10-12-13-14-19-23-25-29-31-36-38-40-41-43-59-60-62-71-72
Evening
Daily Three: 3-4-0

Markets

Cooper Farms Fort Recovery
Corn.....6.13
Oct. corn5.43
Wheat6.66

Central States Montpelier
Corn.....6.07
Aug. corn6.00
Beans14.98
Aug. beans14.93
Wheat7.14

POET Biorefining Portland
Corn.....6.40
Aug. corn6.15
Oct. corn5.48

Heartland St. Anthony
Corn.....5.90
Aug. corn5.85
Beans14.87
Aug. beans14.87
Wheat7.06

The Andersons Richland Township
Corn6.05
Aug. corn6.05
Beans14.87

Today in history

In 1788, New York ratified the U.S. Constitution. It became the 11th of the original 13 colonies to join the union.

In 1847, Joseph Roberts declared Liberia an independent republic. It was established by the American Colonization Society in 1821 on land acquired for freed U.S. slaves.

In 2005, Jay School Board named Mike Crull as the new principal of West Jay Middle School. Cruss had been named Indiana Geography Teacher of the

Year in 2002 and was a finalist for Indiana Teacher of the Year in 2003-04.

In 2021, Dunkirk City Council approved an application for an Indiana Department of Transportation Community Crossings grant to pave all of Broad, Johnson and 5th streets and parts of Ohio, Shatto and High streets.

In 2022, 13-year-old Daryll E. Bledsoe Jr. drowned in a rural Pennington pond when he tried to retrieve a lure while fishing.

—The CR

Citizen's calendar

Today
6 p.m. — Dunkirk Park Board, city building, 131 S. Main St.

Friday
8 a.m. — Portland Redevelopment Com-

mission, Community Resource Center, 118 S. Meridian St., Portland.
9 a.m. — Portland Redevelopment Commission executive session, Community Resource Center, 118 S. Meridian St., Portland.

County ...

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Commissioners also opened and took under advisement quotes from companies to work with commissioners on creating a plan for the 68 acres the county agreed to purchase in February. County officials bought the land, which is located along Indiana 67 on the western edge of Portland, with about \$1.1 million in American Rescue Plan Act dollars. Plans for the property have included a space to build infrastructure for new housing as well as a multi-faceted public safety building.

Aker noted commissioners would review their options and select a company at the next meeting.

Commissioners learned about a recent gas leak inside the wall at Jay Emergency Medical Service's Dunkirk base, which shares a building with Dunkirk Fire Department. Jay Emergency Medical Service director Gary Barnett noted the leak was fixed immediately.

Barnett also shared June's monthly expenses and income, which came to \$194,815.18 and \$91,562.75, respectively. Barnett pointed out employees were paid

Quotes opened for proposals for land along Indiana 67

three times in June and a long-time staff member retired.

He noted one of the ambulances will be remounted soon. The work, estimated at about \$180,000, will take about 90 days to complete once started.

Commissioners approved adding Kyle Gerlach, a new Jay Emergency Medical Service director, to the county credit card.

In other business, commissioners Rex Journey, Chad Aker and Brian McGalliard:

•Approved claims, including a quarterly \$13,750 claim for Jay County Humane Society to provide animal control — commissioners

Proposal seeks expansion

By **MATTHEW GRIFFIN**

Bloomberg News
Tribune News Service

The White House proposed a set of rules on Tuesday to improve insurance coverage for mental-health conditions, part of a broader plan to fight rising rates of anxiety, depression and other ailments.

The rules would make it harder for insurers to skirt a federal law that requires them to offer the same type of coverage for mental-health issues as for physical ones. The proposals would also expand the reach of the law to state and local government health plans, a change that the White House estimates would affect about 90,000 workers.

Mental-health disorder rates spiked worldwide during the Covid-19 pandemic, according to the World Health Organ-

ization, and a recent survey found that an "unprecedented" wave of psychological and substance-abuse issues was overwhelming U.S. cities. Yet a 2021 study showed fewer than half of U.S. adults with a mental illness got treatment, which the White House partly blamed on poor insurance coverage.

"No one should have to drain their savings or go into debt to get help for themselves or their loved ones," Neera Tanden, White House domestic-policy adviser, said on a call with reporters.

The proposals clarify requirements under the Mental Health Parity and Addiction Equity Act, a law passed in 2008 and amended in 2020. They call for insurers to study the outcomes of their coverage rules to ensure people have equal access to mental and physical health benefits.

SERVICES

Friday

Miller, Anna: 11 a.m., Walker & Glancy Funeral Home, 109 W. Windsor St., Montpelier.

Aug. 4

Stevenson, Mark: 11 a.m., Highland Cemetery, Great Falls, Montana.

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Extreme heat leads to fires

By **EAMON AKIL FARHAT**

and **PAUL TUGWELL**

Bloomberg News
Tribune News Service

Wildfires are raging across Greece after about 19,000 people were evacuated from the island of Rhodes over the weekend, while record temperatures are forecast for Sardinia.

Over the past 24 hours,

162 fires were reported across Greece amid high winds and extreme heat. Another 2,466 tourists and residents were evacuated in northern Corfu last night, including 59 rescued from a beach by the coast guard. A further evacuation order was issued for parts of Rhodes on Monday.

EXPLORE

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- Want to Know More about the Catholic faith?
- Just Curious or Interested in this topic?

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Nominate a Purdue staff member

Purdue University is accepting nominations for the 2023 Frederick L. Hovde Award of Excellence, an award given annually to a member of Purdue's staff who has displayed outstanding educational service to rural Indiana.

Taking Note

Nominees may serve any college, school, division or unit in any facul-

ty or staff position. The recipient will receive \$800 and a plaque. The award, which has been given annually since

1972, is sponsored by Indiana Farm Bureau Inc., in appreciation of Purdue's seventh president, Hovde.

Nominations are due by noon Sept. 1 and should be submitted via email at agdean@purdue.edu.

Free concert

An award-winning

blues group will be performing in Muncie this weekend.

Tommy Castro and The Painkillers will play beginning at 7 p.m. Saturday at Canan Commons in downtown Muncie.

Castro, a guitarist, vocalist and songwriter, has released 16 albums over his career. His songs vary, ranging from soul

to rock and roll. In 2022, Castro and his group, The Painkillers, won the Blues Music Awards for Album of the Year, Band of the Year and for the third time the B.B. King Entertainer of the Year. The Painkillers have been playing together for more than seven years.

Castro's performance in Muncie is a part of the

2023 Muncie Three Trails Music Series, a nonprofit partnership between Muncie Downtown Development Partnership, Muncie Arts and Culture Council, and Rick Zeigler, series founder and organizer.

Complete information about the Three Trails series can be found at munciethreetrails.com.

Woman asks Abby to forward her message

DEAR ABBY: There is a man, "Gus," I am completely, madly in love with. The issue is, he likes to drink — a lot. The only thing he wants to do when he's not sleeping or working is drink. His health is rapidly deteriorating, and he lost his license for 10 years because of drinking and driving.

Last weekend, he picked me up and we went to the gas station. When we got there, he was so drunk he couldn't even pull up to the pump but just parked in the middle. When I told him he was too drunk to be driving, he drove off and left me standing at the gas station and hasn't spoken to me since. I guess that's how he decided to end our relationship.

He needs to get help, and that's why I'm writing you. He

Dear Abby



reads your column every single day and never, ever misses it. I love him. He is my He-Man and the best man I have ever met when he's not drinking.

I'm asking you to please let him know he will always have my heart, that my love for him is unconditional and endless, and I will be praying for him. Please urge him to get the help he needs before it is too late. Thank you for helping him. I'm sure it will make a differ-

ence. — HIS GIRL IN MISSOURI

DEAR 'GIRL': I am sorry you are hurting, but if you step back, you may accept that as ugly a way as your boyfriend chose to end your relationship, it may have been a lifesaving favor to you.

Nowhere in your letter did you say that he (as wonderful as he may be when sober) has tried to overcome his addiction to alcohol. Until he recognizes how dangerous his behavior is and decides to do something about it, nothing will change, and your community is unsafe with this drunk behind the wheel. He may need rehab or Alcoholics Anonymous, but until he recognizes it and reaches out for help, his behavior won't

change. You, however, might benefit from attending Al-Anon meetings (al-anon.org/info). If you do, you will meet others who are also involved with alcoholics. It's obvious to me that you need all the emotional support you can get, and you can find it there.

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DEAR ABBY: My boyfriend of six years left me five months ago for another woman. We were engaged to be married later this year. After he left, I discovered that for the last two years he had been seeing this woman behind my back. It was devastating. We are expecting quadruplets in about four months, and he all of a sudden abandoned me and our babies. It has been a big shock.

Am I normal for feeling devas-

tated, angry, mad and hateful all at the same time? And is it normal for me to want my ex to give me the closure I and his babies deserve so that I can move on with my life alone? What advice do you have for me? — SUFFERING IN IOWA

DEAR SUFFERING: You have my deepest sympathy. Your feelings are normal, and you have good reason for your anger and outrage. Your next "step" should be into the office of an attorney who will help ensure that the boyfriend who abandoned you will support his four babies into adulthood. Because you are linked to him for the next 18 years, you cannot have total closure, but this would be a giant leap in the right direction.

Community Calendar

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

Wednesday

WEDNESDAY MORNING 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.

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

EUCHRE CLUB — Will meet at 2 p.m. the fourth Wednesday of each month at Chalet Village Health and Rehabilitation in the North Lounge.

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 - BRIANNA'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. Come early for a meal. For more information, call Pastor Randy Davis at (765) 369-2085.

Thursday

CELEBRATE RECOVERY — A 12-step Christian recovery program meets at 10 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. each Thursday at A Second Chance At Life Ministries, 228 S. Meridian St. in Portland. For more information, call Brenda Eads at (260) 726-9625 or Dave Keen at (260) 251-8792.

LAWYERS IN LIBRARIES — Free and confidential consultations with a lawyer are available from 10 a.m. to noon at Jay County Public Library, 315 N. Ship St., Portland. Consulting is available on topics including divorce, custody, guardianship, tenant-landlord issues, bankruptcy, debt collection, estates and immigration. Those interested in participating should sign up in advance at the library, 315 N. Ship St., Portland, or by calling (260) 726-7890.

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.

PORTLAND EVENING OPTIMIST CLUB — Will meet at 6 p.m. the first and third Monday of each month at Richards Restaurant.

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.

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.

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

Level: Intermediate

Tuesday's Solution

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

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Banking career wasn't meant to be

Editor's note: This column is being reprinted from July 25, 2018. Banking was just one of the pursuits Jack attempted, having never planned to be a newspaper man in his hometown. But a four-plus-decade career proved it was the best fit.

By JACK RONALD
The News and Sun

You always remember your summer jobs.

The best ones. The worst ones. The craziest ones.

There's something about the short duration, along with your own youth, that makes them memorable.

One summer gig sticks in my memory, maybe because I just wasn't suited for it.

The summer of 1967 I worked at what was then Peoples Bank. Since that time, it has been Union Bank and MainSource Bank and now is part of First Financial Bank. (If I've missed one of the

Back in the Saddle



names, forgive me. It has been hard to keep track.)

Peoples had been founded by my great-grandfather, and my dad was on the board of directors at the time. So at times I felt I was auditioning for a career in the banking business.

I failed the audition, but at any rate, they decided to give me a taste of everything that summer.

I was stationed in the last teller cage, based upon the assumption that I would have less customer contact there and would be less likely to screw things up.

Every morning, it was my

chore to go down to the basement and open the night deposit safe, bring the deposits up and record them. On that, I did OK.

On other chores, not so much. Bank president Haynes Starbuck hated to see tellers idle, so he always added extra tasks to be handled between customers.

One Friday afternoon I was handed a couple of Bob Cratchitt-sized ledgers that looked as if they dated from Ebenezer Scrooge. I was told to balance the accounts, and I worked mightily at it for hours.

But no matter how hard I tried or how many times I tried, I couldn't get the books to balance.

Haynes would walk by now and then, seeing the endless spool of adding machine tape accumulating around me, and shake his head.

I never did get the things balanced. At the end of a long and humiliating day, the books were

picked up by Haynes, who solved my math and calculator errors within a matter of a few minutes.

I think he knew at that point that I wasn't suited for life as a banker.

But if he had any doubt it came later that summer when I helped repossess a burned out GTO.

I'm sure I've written about this before. (At my age, I've written about just about everything before.)

The short version is that the late great Ron Culy and I set out to repo a Pontiac GTO — a very hot car back in 1967 — that was in the possession of a guy who lived between Portland and Dunkirk.

We caught up with him in the parking lot of Indiana Glass Co., where he was trying to get hired. Ron — with regrets and some courtesy and sympathy — took possession of the car.

I took the former owner back

to the mobile home he was living in and waited for Ron to show up. He never did.

The car caught fire on its way out of Dunkirk and burned to a crisp before any firemen could make it to the scene.

The good news, Ron kept telling me on the way back to the bank, was that it was covered by the bank's insurance. Looking back, I think he was talking to himself more than to me.

After all, he was the one who had to go in and tell Haynes what had happened.

As for me, though I tried a few months working part-time at a bank in Richmond, my financial career never came together.

Sometimes, though, I have to wonder what might have happened if I'd been able to get those books to balance and that GTO had stayed intact.

Maybe there was a career in there somewhere after all.

Supreme Court got this one right

By KIM DODSON
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There are many conversations taking place about recent rulings by the Supreme Court of the United States (SCOTUS) and how those decisions impact the lives of millions of people. But in a surprising vote, not predicted by many legal experts, the nation's highest court ruled in favor of Medicaid recipients in a case involving Indiana's own Health and Hospital Corporation of Marion County (HHC).

The decision brought a monumental win to vulnerable people throughout the country and solidified the principle that a private right of action is critical for people who rely on safety net programs, including Medicaid.

First, a little background. On Nov. 8, 2022, HHC v. Talevski was heard by the U.S. Supreme Court. A ruling in favor of HHC would have stripped away the legal rights and protections of vulnerable citizens, including those who rely on Medicaid services. HHC operates 78 nursing homes throughout the state of Indiana. They appealed the decision of a lower court regarding the lawsuit brought by the family of a former HHC nursing home resident, Gorgi Talevski.

The stunner was that HHC didn't just ask the U.S. Supreme Court to reconsider whether Talevski's family can bring a lawsuit, they argued that no one should be able to challenge civil rights violations from providers of safety net programs, period!

This from a public entity, receiving millions in state and federal funds, whose mission is to "promote and protect the health of everyone in the community and provide healthcare to those who are underserved." This, from an organization that states their values include community, leadership, excellence, accountability and respect. I find this appalling.

Can you imagine service providers not being held accountable for the quality of care they provide in their facilities and people having no retribution when they have been abused, neglected or exploited? The implications of this case would have reached far beyond Talevski's case and HHC's nursing homes.

Safety net programs — including Medicaid, the

Kim Dodson



Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, the Children's Health Insurance Program, and Temporary Assistance to Needy Families — have been a lifeline for millions. A negative ruling would have left them without any legal recourse if they faced mistreatment, abuse or have benefits illegally taken away or denied. This happens more often than you think.

Private lawsuits filed by recipients of these critical programs have been one of the only ways people can have their right to services enforced. This decision ensures that services providers can be held accountable, which has a direct impact on the quality of services and supports millions rely on.

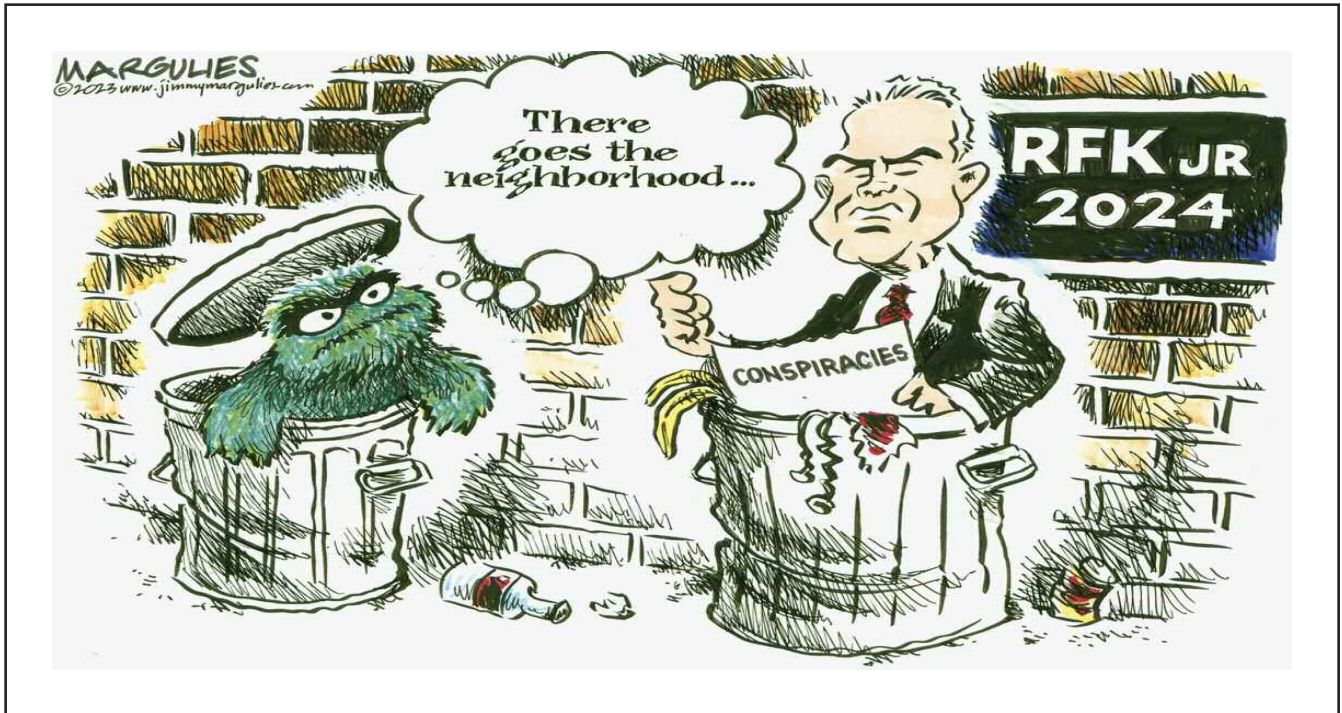
We need providers, policymakers, and community leaders to embrace this decision and recognize the pivotal role safety net programs play in promoting health equity, community integration, and the well-being of people throughout the country.

I will admit that I have become a realist rather than an optimist. I chalk that up to a lifetime of having high expectations followed by disappointment. I prepare for the worst and create a Plan B and Plan C. I was prepared for the worst in this case and was ready to band together with advocates to protect the rights of those receiving safety net services.

I am very thankful that SCOTUS got this decision right. I hope that HHC learned a valuable lesson and decides going forward to not only provide the best of care to those who entrust them with their lives, but also take this time to reflect on their vision and mission. We need providers who seek transparency and accountability, not less oversight. HHC must and should do better.

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Hoping has not helped climate

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One of the most demoralizing things about the world's response to the climate crisis is the fossil fuel industry's continued success in blocking the pollution-cutting actions that are in the interest of all of humanity.

The solution to our predicament couldn't be clearer: We need to stop burning fossil fuels and pumping pollution into the atmosphere. So much needless human suffering and ecological destruction could be avoided if oil, coal and gas companies saw the existential threat their business model poses and moved quickly to transition into selling safer, less expensive and more reliable renewable energy.

Too many powerful people in government, business and civic organizations have clung to the fantasy that some of the most powerful and destructive companies in history would eventually face reality and transform on their own initiative into clean and sustainable operations.

But the last year has shown they are committed to profiting from pollution. While major oil companies post record profits, they are retreating on their climate pledges, lobbying to reverse climate policies and trying to derail the switch to electric vehicles. In California, the industry is spending tens of millions in an attempt to overturn health protections against drilling near homes and schools while misinforming the public about the high gas prices and their huge windfalls.

It should be obvious by now that fossil fuel companies have no real plans to change in response to the climate crisis. And that the only way forward is without them.

Some high-profile environmental leaders have come to a similar conclusion recently, among them influential climate negotiator Christiana Figueres, under whose tenure as executive secretary of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change the landmark 2015 Paris agreement was developed. She wrote in Al Jazeera earlier this

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month that after years of holding out hope that oil and gas companies would wake up and participate in the decarbonization of the economy, their actions over the last 12 months have changed her mind.

Former Vice President Al Gore, a longtime champion for climate action, has also been speaking with refreshing frankness about fossil fuel industry obstruction, decrying "anti-climate plotting" by companies that refuse to disclose their emissions or commit to phasing them out while they successfully push government policies to slow down the transition to clean energy.

It's a little late for powerful voices from older generations to come to the realization that fossil fuel companies aren't operating in good faith and will fight climate action until the bitter end. But it's welcome nonetheless, and there's clear generational shift in that direction that offers some hope. Polling last year by the Pew Research Center found that while most Americans are reluctant to ditch fossil fuels, younger adults are much more supportive of phasing out oil, gas and coal entirely.

As much as renewable energy like wind and solar has grown globally, we still get more than 80% of our energy from burning fossil fuels. Global greenhouse gas emissions have rebounded, climbing to new all-time highs after a brief downturn during the COVID-19 pandemic. The amount of heat-trapping carbon dioxide in the atmosphere continues its unrelenting rise, and is now 50% higher than in pre-industrial times.

The more we experience the horrors of climate-fueled extremes, from destructive storms and wildfires to deadly and debilitating smoke and heat waves, the clearer it ought to be that we cannot trust in the same actors whose dangerous,

unhealthy and unsustainable products are responsible for more than a century of unabated dumping of greenhouse gas pollution into the atmosphere.

It would be delusional to expect the trajectory to change without a fundamental shift in our economic system, including moving on from the companies that profit from the continued extraction and burning of hydrocarbons.

If only it were that easy, right? But politicians, who are often financially beholden to these planet-wrecking industries, have wasted decades with denial, delay tactics or outright hostility to anything more than incremental steps.

It's alarming to see the extent to which fossil fuel industries have captured institutions responsible for slowing climate change. This year's United Nations climate summit in Dubai is being hosted by an oil executive, which is like the climate equivalent of letting arms dealers hold peace talks. Instead of propping up and legitimizing fossil fuel companies, we ought to be stigmatizing them as morally repugnant for continuing to add fuel to a house that's on fire.

That's one reason California lawmakers need to pass legislation to divest California's two big pension funds, CalPERS and CalSTRS, from the biggest fossil fuel companies. The bill is dead for this year, but it may be revived in 2024.

The pension funds' leaders oppose the bill, arguing that it's better to stay invested in companies such as Exxon Mobil, Chevron and Shell because it allows them to use their power as shareholders to push them to be more environmentally responsible. But there's little evidence that strategy has delivered results.

Remaining frenemies with fossil fuel companies in the naive hope they will see the light on climate change is a losing proposition for humanity. It's good that more people are starting to recognize that, though it will take political leadership to kick the recalcitrant fossil fuel industry to the curb and build a sustainable economy right now.

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Public Notice

NOTICE OF REAL PROPERTY TAX SALE
Jay County Indiana
Beginning 10:00 AM Local Time,
September 7, 2023
Commissioners Room
Jay County

Pursuant to the laws of the Indiana General Assembly, notice is hereby given that the following described property is listed for sale for delinquent taxes and/or special assessments. The county auditor and county treasurer will apply on or after 08/21/2023 for a court judgment against the tracts or real property for an amount that is not less than the amount set out below and for an order to sell the tracts or real property at public auction to the highest bidder, subject to the right of redemption. Any defense to the application for judgment must be filed with the Jay County Superior Court and served on the county auditor and treasurer before 08/21/2023. The court will set a date for a hearing at least seven (7) days before the advertised date of sale and the court will determine any defenses to the application for judgment at the hearing. The county auditor and the county treasurer are entitled to receive all pleadings, motions, petitions, and other filings related to the defense to the application for judgment.

Such sale will be held on 09/07/2023 at the Commissioners Room and that sale will continue until all tracts and real property have been offered for sale. At the discretion of local officials, the tax sale may switch to an online format. If those measures are taking place, the public auction will be conducted as an electronic sale under IC 6-1.1-24-2 (b) 10 at www.zeusauction.com commencing on the same date/time listed above. All location updates will be posted at www.sriservices.com prior to the tax sale.

Property will not be sold for an amount which is less than the sum of:

- (A) the delinquent taxes and special assessments on each tract or item of real property; and
(B) the taxes and special assessments on the real property that are due and payable in the year of the sale, whether or not they are delinquent; and
(C) all penalties due on the delinquencies; and
(D) an amount prescribed by the county auditor that equals the sum of:
(1) twenty-five dollars (\$25) for postage and publication costs; and
(2) any other costs incurred by the county that are directly attributable to the tax sale; and
(E) any unpaid costs due under IC 6-1.1-24-2(c) from a prior tax sale.

No property listed below shall be sold if, at any time before the sale, the Total Amount for Judgment is paid in full. If the real property is sold in the tax sale, the amount required to redeem such property will be 110% of the minimum bid for which the tract or real property was offered at the time of sale, if redeemed not more than six (6) months after the date of sale, or 115% of the minimum bid for which the tract or real property was offered at the time of sale, if redeemed more than six (6) months after the date of sale, plus the amount by which the purchase price exceeds the minimum bid on the real property plus five percent (5%) per annum interest on the amount by which the purchase price exceeds the minimum bid on the property. All taxes and special assessments upon the property paid by the purchaser subsequent to the sale, plus five percent (5%) per annum interest on those taxes and special assessments, will also be required to be paid to redeem such property.

In addition, IC 6-1.1-25-2 (e) states the total amount required for redemption may include the following costs incurred and paid by the purchaser or the purchaser's assignee or the county before redemption: (1) The attorney's fees and cost of giving notice under IC 6-1.1-25-4.5; (2) The costs of title search or examining and update the abstract of title for the tract or item of real property. The period of redemption shall expire on Monday, September 09, 2024 for certificates sold in the tax sale. For certificates struck to the county, the period of redemption may expire Sunday, January 07, 2024.

If the tract or item of real property is sold for an amount more than the minimum bid and the

property is not redeemed, the owner of record of the property who is divested of ownership at the time the tax deed is issued may have a right to the tax sale surplus. The Auditor and Treasurer specifically reserve the right to withhold from the sale any parcel which has been listed in error, or which otherwise becomes ineligible for sale either prior to 09/07/2023 or during the duration of the sale.

This notice of real property tax sale, and the tax sale itself are undertaken and will be conducted pursuant to the requirements of the laws of the State of Indiana which regulate the sale of land for delinquent taxes, pursuant to I.C. 6-1.1-24-1 et seq.

The County does not warrant the accuracy of the street address or common description of the property, and a misstatement in the key number or street address does not invalidate an otherwise valid sale.

Minimum bid amounts are prescribed by law and are subject to change prior to the auction date.

Pursuant to IC 6-1.1-24-3(e), property descriptions may be omitted for properties appearing on the certified list in consecutive years. A complete property list may be obtained at www.sriservices.com or in an alternative form upon request.

Registration For Bidding On the Tax Sale:

If you are interested in bidding on the tax sale for an Indiana county, you may register online at https://sriservices.com/. This registration is good for all counties that SRI services. You need to register only once for all counties. Make sure to bring the completed form with you to each sale. This will speed up the registration process for you the morning of the sale. If you do not have access to a computer with internet service you may register the morning of the sale.

Please arrive the morning of the tax sale at least 30 minutes before the beginning time to be assured you will receive your bid number before the start of the sale.

Please bring your registration form and W9 form with you the morning of the tax sale. You will be able to print these forms from the registration web site.

Pursuant to IC 6-1.1-24-5.1 a business entity that seeks to register to bid at the Jay County Tax Sale must provide a Certificate of Existence or Foreign Registration Statement in accordance with IC 5-23 from the Secretary of State to the Jay County Treasurer.

Dated: 07/26/2023

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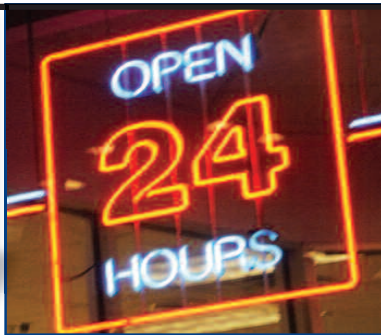
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Total Properties: 123
I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true list of lots and land returned delinquent for the nonpayment of taxes and special assessments for the time periods set forth, also subsequent delinquent taxes, current taxes and costs due thereon and the same are chargeable with the amount of tax, etc., with which they are charged on said list.
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Emily Franks, Auditor, Jay County Indiana.

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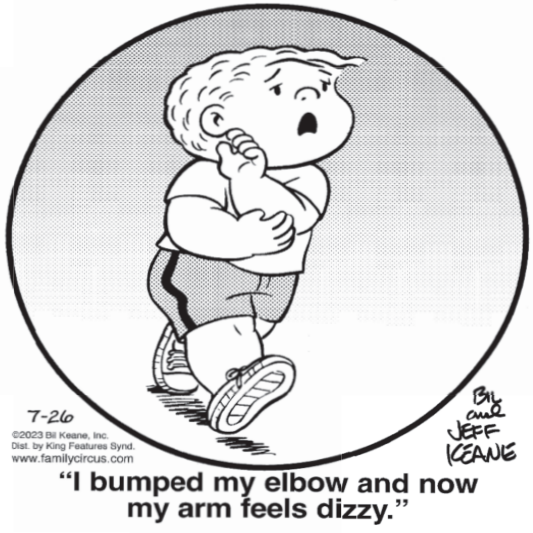


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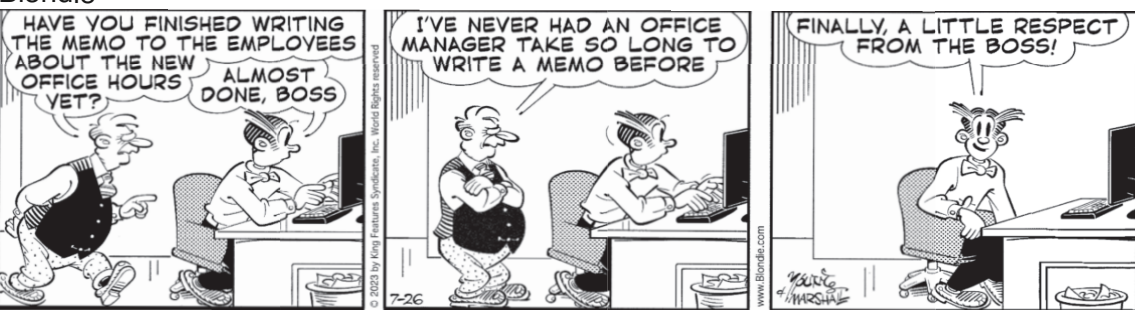
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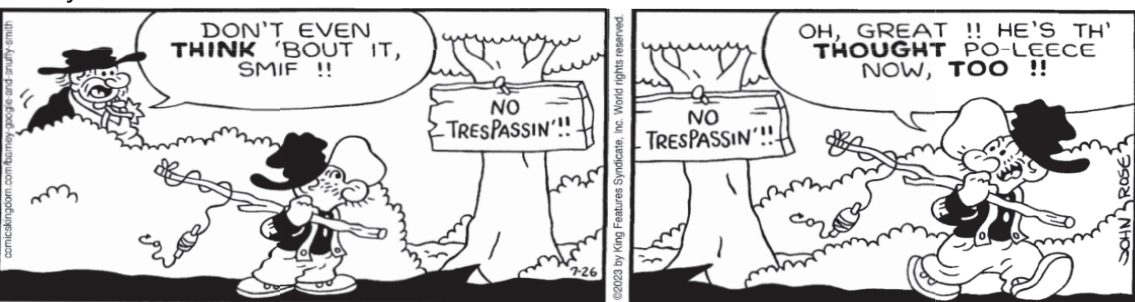
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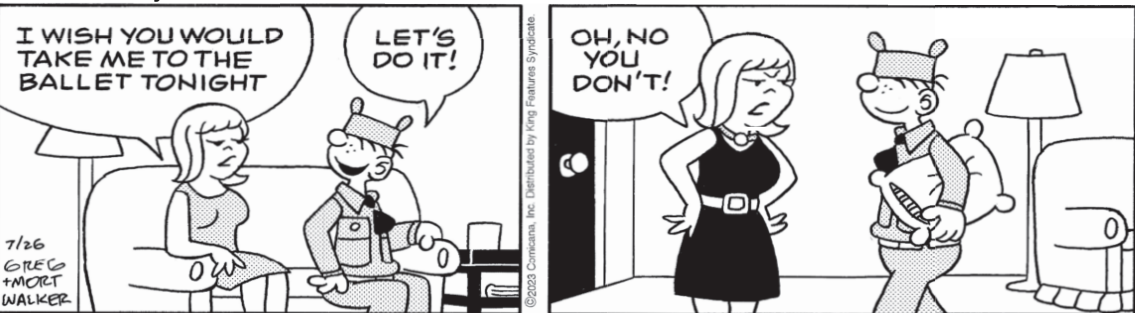
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Contract Bridge By Steve Becker

The rationale of good defense

North dealer.
North-South vulnerable.
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♠ J 7 5
♥ A Q J
♦ Q 4
♣ K J 10 6 3

WEST
♠ Q 10 6
♥ 10 4
♦ A K J 10 6 3
♣ 9 2

EAST
♠ 8 4 3 2
♥ K 9 2
♦ 7 5
♣ 8 7 5 4

SOUTH
♠ A K 9
♥ 8 7 6 5 3
♦ 9 8 2
♣ A Q

The bidding:
North East South West
1♣ Pass 1♥ 2♦
2♥ Pass 4♥

Opening lead—king of diamonds.
Assume you're defending against a suit contract and have the A-10-x of trump. Declarer, on your right, holds the K-Q-J-x-x. In the normal course of events, you'd expect to get only one trump trick, since your ten would eventually fall under one of declarer's honors.

But if one of declarer's honors had to be used prematurely for some purpose other than drawing trump—for example, to overruff your partner's nine of trump—your ten would become an addi-

tional trump trick.
The opportunity to promote a trump trick for yourself, or for your partner, occurs far more often than is generally realized. For a good illustration, consider this deal where South gets to four hearts on the bidding shown.

West leads the K-A and another diamond after East plays the 7-5 to indicate a doubleton. Declarer ruffs with dummy's jack, and if East overruffs with the king, South has no trouble making the contract. He wins the spade return, cashes the A-Q of trump and disposes of his spade loser on dummy's clubs.

But if East, instead of overruffing the jack at trick three, discards a spade or a club, declarer sooner or later loses two trump tricks and goes down one. East's nine of trump becomes the straw that breaks the camel's back.

There is no good reason for East to overruff the jack of trump; his king is a sure trick that cannot get away. On top of that, there is a persuasive reason for East to discard at trick three since it is possible for his partner to have the singleton or doubleton ten of trump.

East thus has absolutely nothing to lose by discarding and might even gain a trick by not overruffing, and he should act accordingly.

Tomorrow: The introspective approach.
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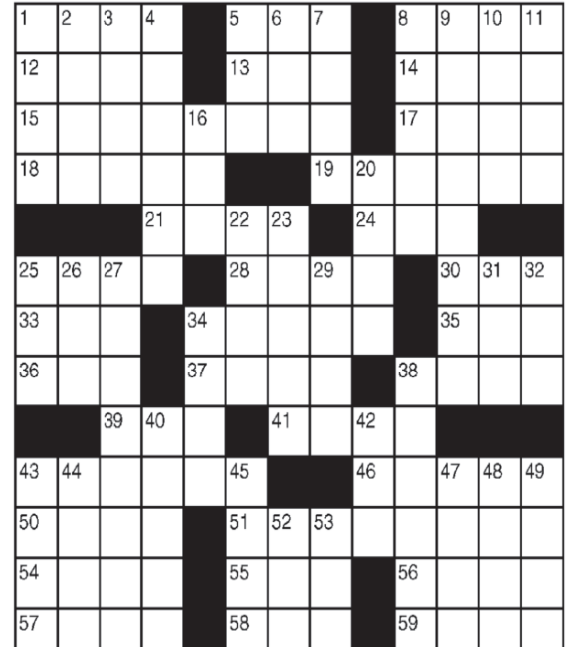
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| 8 Tater | 50 Edict | 5 In the past | 27 Vacationer's mailing |
| 12 Prefix meaning "all" | 51 Online essay, say | 6 Guitar great | 29 Dealer's foe |
| 13 "Gosh!" | 54 Scarce beach filler | 7 Greek cheese | 31 Yucatan "Bravo!" |
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During the race's third and final stage, Larson gambled on pit strategy. Pitting on Lap 120, the No. 5 car took two tires and fuel. Mired back around 16th place, Larson waited for the drivers ahead of him to pit. On Lap 144, Larson's patience paid off when he claimed the lead again.

"We got spun early and the car wasn't the same after that," Larson said. "(The team) played the strategy really well to get us up there."

Larson was in command of the top spot when Alex Bowman spun out on Lap 150. With seven laps to go, Larson led the field to green on the restart, with Denny Ham-

lin in second place. The Joe Gibbs Racing driver followed Larson's pit strategy and also got two tires.

With the race at stake, the battle for the lead turned fierce. Hamlin drifted up the track and ran Larson into the wall in Turn 1. Larson fell back to fourth.

Larson wasn't happy with Hamlin. After Justin Haley hit the wall and brought out the 10th caution, Larson pulled up alongside Hamlin and hit his door, showing his displeasure with the driver of the No. 11 Toyota.

When the race went back to green, Larson restarted third. But the driver dropped like a rock through the field, unable to maintain his earlier pace.

Hamlin went on to win the race, his seventh at Pocono and a track record. After leading twice for 24 laps, Larson finished a disappointing 20th, far from the glory of Victory Lane.

"First off, just really proud of my team. They did get us in position to race for a win," Larson said.

The hard racing with Hamlin prevented Larson from getting his third win of the season. Larson said he was angry.

"I've been cost a lot of good finishes by him throughout my career," Larson said.

Larson and Hamlin are friends off the track. However, Larson said Sunday's incident would

cause him to race Hamlin differently.

"At this point I think I have to," Larson said. "... I've never had to apologize to him about anything, anything I've done on the race-track. I can count four or five times where he's had to reach out to me, 'Oh, man, I'm sorry I put you in a bad spot there.' Eventually, like he says, you have to start racing people a certain way to get the respect back.

"I haven't done that to Denny, so I don't think I deserve to be run into before I ever got to the wall," Larson said. "So, just it is what it is."

Hamlin felt differently. "He's ran me off a bunch of

road courses and called me and said sorry. I said, 'I'm going to stand my ground next time,'" Hamlin said.

He felt he raced Larson with respect.

"If I'm going to give anyone the respect, it's Kyle Larson just because I respect him as a race car driver, and I think he's probably the best," Hamlin said. "Certainly he's got my respect. But, damn, I mean, we're all racing for a win. I guarantee you, roles reversed, it goes the same way."

After Pocono, Larson is tied with Kevin Harvick for seventh place in the Cup Series points standings, 110 points behind leader Martin Truex Jr.

Sports on tap

Local schedule

Thursday
Portland Rockets vs. Livonia Firebirds in National Amateur Baseball Federation regional at Carrington Field (Fort Wayne) — 5:30 p.m.

TV sports

Today
1 a.m. — Women's World Cup: Costa Rica vs. Japan (FS1)
3:30 a.m. — Women's World Cup: Zambia vs. Spain (FS1)
8 a.m. — Women's World Cup: Ireland vs. Canada (FS1)

2 p.m. — MLB: Cincinnati Reds at Milwaukee Brewers (Bally Indiana)
7 p.m. — MLB: Atlanta Braves at Boston Red Sox (ESPN)
9 p.m. — Women's World Cup: Netherlands vs. United States (FOX)

Thursday
3:30 a.m. — Women's World Cup: Vietnam vs. Portugal (FS1)
6 a.m. — Women's World Cup: Nigeria vs. Australia (FS1)
8 p.m. — Women's World Cup: South Africa vs. Argentina (FS1)
9 p.m. — Motorsports: Motor Mile Speedway (ESPN)

10 p.m. — Leagues Cup: St. Louis City vs. America (FS1)

Local notes

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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.
Registration is \$60 for those who sign up by July 31. For more information, visit jaycc.org.

JC season tickets
Season tickets are available for the 2023-24 Jay County high school season. Tickets may be purchased during the school's office hours from 7:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

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TIME 10:00 A.M.
LOCATED: 9660 W 300 S Dunkirk, IN
Open House Sunday, July 23rd from 1-3 pm or for private showing contact the auctioneers.

REAL ESTATE
40 acre farm located in section 35 Knox township, Jay County Indiana. Offered in two tracts and entirety. Tract 1- 2/3 bedroom home containing 1988 sq ft. 80'x44ft pole barn, utility shed nicely situated on 2.1 acres. Tract 2- 38 acres with 27 acres tillable balance being wooded, frontage on county rd 300 S. **VEHICLES-FARM EQUIPMENT-SHOP TOOLS-MISC.**
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PUBLIC AUCTION
Located at 333 Blaine Pike (former DAV Building), Portland, IN
Friday Afternoon
JULY 28, 2023 AT 5:00 P.M.

HOUSEHOLD GOODS - OLD & COLLECTORS ITEMS - TOOLS
Leather reclining sofa with matching chair, less than 1 year old; Celebrity Pride mobility cart; Go-Go mobility cart; refrigerator/freezer; Maytag washer; GE dryer; Whirlpool refrigerator; 90+ LONGBERGER BASKETS; Pfaltzkraft dishes; pottery pieces; Black & Decker jig saw; aluminum step ladder; metal Biohazard bins; yard tools; metal cabinets; Craftsman soldering gun; glue gun; saws; hammers; and many other items not listed.

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90 SALE CALENDAR

PUBLIC AUCTION
Located: Farmers Building/Women's Building at the Jay County Fairgrounds, 806 E Votaw Street, Portland IN
Saturday Morning
JULY 29, 2023
9:30 A.M.

OLD & COLLECTORS ITEMS - HOUSEHOLD GOODS
Pony surry with both wheels and sleigh rails; steamer trunk; marble top dresser with mirror; Fenton; Pink Depression; Honey Bee dishes; oil lamps; Redkey souvenir glasses; 2 metal swings; patio tables; cement lawn jockey; cement donkey; and many other items not listed.

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Public Notice

STATE OF INDIANA
COUNTY OF JAY
IN THE JAY CIRCUIT COURT
CASE NO. 38C01-2306-MI-13
IN RE THE NAME CHANGE OF MINOR:
Kynleigh Maine Folkerth, Name of Minor
Autumn Lea Shepherd, Petitioner
NOTICE OF PETITION FOR CHANGE OF NAME
Notice is hereby given that Petitioner, Autumn Lea Shepherd, as a self-represented litigant, filed a Verified Petition for Change of Name on June 20, 2023 to change the name of Kynleigh Maine Folkerth to Kynleigh Maine Shepherd. The Petition is scheduled for hearing in the Jay Circuit Court on August 24, 2023 at 2:00 pm. Which is more than thirty (30) days after the third notice of publication. Any person has the right to appear at the hearing and to file written objections on or before the hearing date.
Date: June 20, 2023
Jon Eads
Clerk, Jay Circuit Court
CR 7-12.19.26-2023- HSPAXLP

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90 SALE CALENDAR

PUBLIC AUCTION SATURDAY, July 29, 2023
TIME 10:00 A.M.
LOCATED: 211 Belgian Lane, Bryant, IN
REAL ESTATE

1.43 Acres located in the town of Bryant.
Bearcreek Township. With 30'x40' and 18'x34' pole buildings. 14'x21' utility shed. With access off of Belgian Lane.
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BOATS - TRAILERS - ANTIQUES - MISC.
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2 hay wagon running gears. Cycle bar motor. David Bradley garden tractor. IH rear weights. IH fast hitch. Tractor seat. Pot belly stoves. Feed cart. Vise. 5 gallon milk can.

Lard press. Rocking chairs. School desks. Indian Buses. Large lot of 2x4 and other lumber. Several items not mentioned.
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IN THE JAY SUPERIOR COURT,
Small Claims Division
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38D01-2307-EV-000024
MADISON VALENTINE (Plaintiff)
V.
CHRISTOPHER HUNT (Defendant)
TO: CHRISTOPHER HUNT
CHRISTOPHER HUNT is notified that a Verified Civil Complaint for Breach of Lease, Eviction, and Damages was filed in the office of the Clerk of the Jay Superior Court, Jay County Courthouse, 120 N. Court St., #11, Portland, IN 47371. The Complaint alleges that CHRISTOPHER HUNT has breached the lease between parties by failure to pay rent. Plaintiff is represented by Gina M. Eisenhut, 105 N. Main St., Bluffton, IN 46714. CHRISTOPHER HUNT must respond within thirty (30) days after the last notice date of this publication to file a responsive pleading upon the Plaintiff; otherwise, upon application by the Plaintiff a judgment by default can be entered against you for the entire demand of the Plaintiff. CHRISTOPHER HUNT shall appear at the Jay Superior Court, in person or by counsel, for an eviction hearing on September 11, 2023, at 11:00 a.m. Dated: July 11, 2023.
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Sports



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Through defenders

Emmitt Reynolds dribbles a ball upfield during the Jay County High School boys soccer team's practice on Monday. Members of the varsity and junior varsity scrimmaged each other along the southwest side of the high school to begin the practice.

Larson's rebound cut short

By REBECCA KIVAK
The Times-Tribune (Pennsylvania)
Tribune News Service

LONG POND — Kyle Larson had a topsy-turvy day Sunday at Pocono Raceway.

The Hendrick Motorsports driver bounced back after an early calamity, putting himself in position to win his first NASCAR Cup Series race at the track. But an aggressive battle with Denny Hamlin marked the end of Larson's good fortune, leaving him frustrated.

Larson started third in Sunday's HighPoint.com 400. During the race's second stage, the driver of the No. 5 Chevrolet was running second on Lap 47 when Christopher Bell ran into the back of him. The Hendrick Motorsports driver spun out in Turn 1, bringing out the day's fifth caution.

The spin set back Larson, who was consistently running in the top five. However, the 2021 Cup Series champion was undeterred, working his way through the field.

Taking advantage of green flag pit stops, Larson piloted his way into the top 10 by Lap 80.

After leader Ty Gibbs pitted two laps later, Larson took the lead for the first time. When a spinning Bell brought out the caution on Lap 93, Larson drove on fumes to hang on and win the stage.

The stage victory marked a remarkable rebound for Larson, and the No. 5 team wasn't done yet.

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Lions host free agent QB for a visit

By JUSTIN ROGERS

The Detroit News
Tribune News Service

ALLEN PARK, Mich. — In the spirit of competition, the Detroit Lions continue to explore ways to improve their roster at all positions, including quarterback. On Monday, the Lions continued to look closely at veteran Teddy Bridgewater, hosting him for a visit at the team's facility, according to the league's official transaction wire.

This isn't the first time the sides have been connected. In April, ESPN reported the Lions had extended a contract offer to the 2014 first-round draft pick who started five games as an injury replacement for Tua Tagovailoa in Miami last season.

Bridgewater, who began his career in Minnesota, spent four years with the Vikings before stops in New Orleans, Carolina, Denver and Miami. In eight seasons, he's made 65 starts, he's

completed 66.4% of his passes for 75 touchdowns and 47 interceptions, for a 90.5 passer rating. He missed the entire 2016 season after suffering a gruesome non-contact injury during an offseason practice that nearly ended his career.

Jared Goff is firmly entrenched as Detroit's starter and he's backed up by Nate Sudfeld, who joined the team just ahead of the start of the 2022 season. With a year of experience

with the franchise under his belt, Sudfeld has looked like an adequate backup option for the Lions.

"We like Nate," Lions coach Dan Campbell said Monday morning. "...That's the starting point," Campbell said. "And now we get him another year here, we're in camp, let's see where he goes. I thought by the end of spring, he was doing some really good things, so we're excited to have him back."

Hendricks enjoying his time with the Cubs

By MEGHAN MONTEMURRO

Chicago Tribune
Tribune News Service

Kyle Hendricks tends to keep his focus on a day-to-day level.

His mantra helps center his attention on what he can control: his methodical five-day routine and each pitch he must execute over the course of a start. Life experiences and age also put things in perspective.

There are times Hendricks, 33 and now in his 10th major-league season, tries to take things in and appreciate the moment. That especially was true May 25 at Wrigley Field when Hendricks made his season debut. The uncertainty surrounding Hendricks' capsular tear in his right shoulder last year ended his season in early July and required nearly 11 months for him to get back into a big-league game.

"You start to smell the roses, like they say, just a little bit more," Hendricks told the Tribune. "I looked around, really soaked it in. You're just so grateful for what you're able to do on a day-in and day-out basis. Obviously you're in the moment and in the competition of doing your work, but for sure as I've gotten a little older, there's been more times where I've sat back and looked at how grateful I am for how everything's worked out."

"When you're young, you're just trying to get to the next day. I won't fully stop and look back until it's all over. But there's obviously more and more of that the further you go on in your career."

Hendricks has given the Cubs exactly what they needed through 11 outings this season, six of which have been quality starts. Being able to perform pain-free is a stark contrast to what he experienced trying to pitch through his shoulder injury leading up to his final season start July 5, 2022. Every time he went through his pre-inning warmup, the first five to 10 throws were "just hell."

"You don't really don't notice how hurt you are or how bad it feels, you're almost trying to talk yourself through it and you don't want to admit how bad it is maybe," Hendricks said. "You can move your arm, the ball is going to come out, but the amount of pain and the stuff that you're compensating — now when you feel healthy again it really illuminates just really how bad you did feel."

Hendricks didn't publicly let on to how compromised he was as he tried pitching through his shoulder problem last season. His inconsistencies, posting a 4.80 ERA in 16 starts, raised questions about the direction of his career. Hendricks maintained belief in himself through the struggles and, with a smile, noted playing the underdog role has been the story of his career.

"When you're hurt and you're not feeling great and then you're having to answer for everything you're doing — it's part of it, you've got to do what you've got to do — but deep down you just know you don't have everything you should have and really how much tougher that makes it," Hendricks said. "The margin for error in this game is so small. The confidence obviously comes back when you come back and you're feeling healthy and you're doing the things you know you can do, proving it to yourself again, really, I mean, it helps the confidence soar and with the confidence then starts coming in the results."

"I'm having so much fun again."

The roster churn over the last three years has left

Hendricks as the last player in the clubhouse from the 2016 World Series title team, the link from what the last core accomplished to what this group wants to achieve. Hendricks doesn't often think about his last-man-standing status, predominantly when he's asked about the topic, but his status as the longest-tenured Cub does sometimes cross his mind. It can be hard not to when a majority of his teammates were acquired in the last two years.

"To still be a consistent force here, it just again adds to the luck of it all and how grateful I am for the opportunity they've given me," Hendricks said. "So I try and do the best I can to take advantage of that opportunity, to take the ball every fifth day and be the pitcher, number one, because that's what's kept the ability for me to stay here."

Hendricks' short- and long-term future in Chicago is murky. The Cubs (48-51) are taking a three-game winning streak into Tuesday's opener of the City Series and are in trade deadline limbo. They are trending toward becoming buyers ahead of the Aug. 1 deadline and must take care of business in their next six games against the White Sox and Cardinals.

Hendricks' yearslong relationship with president of baseball operations Jed Hoyer can be an asset at a time like this.

"There's so much mutual respect back and forth between the two of us, and I think we both know each other's personality," said Hendricks, who has a team option for 2024. "He knows I'm going to go about my business and not expect much, really my agent takes care of the conversations and that's how I really respect it to go and he does too."



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