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Community Day set for Saturday

Inaugural event will include school supplies, kids activities

By RAY COONEY

The Commercial Review

Jay County Fair Board is always looking for new events to add.

Over the past several years, new offerings have included the holiday light display and the corn maze.

Another is coming Saturday.

Jay County Fair Board will host Jay Community Day from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday at Jay County Fairgrounds.

The idea for the event came from Melissa Elliott, who was hired this year as the new fairgrounds office

manager.

"When I got hired ... we talked about bringing more events out to the fairgrounds for the community," Elliott said. "We have such a good facility to have community events. That kind of got the ball rolling."

She thought about possibilities, with a focus on options that would be helpful to members of the Jay County community. That brought the idea for an event to help families get ready for the school year. (The first day of classes for Jay School Corporation is Aug. 10.)

Elliott consulted with the fair board, which gave her the go-ahead to run with it.

"She came up with idea to have a community event that allows people to get together and bring the community together as a whole," said Dillon Muhlenkamp, fair board secretary. "She really spearheaded that."

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Unemployment rate dips to 3.3%

By RAY COONEY

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Most counties in Indiana saw significant increases to their unemployment rates in May.

While the state rate went up in June, unemployment ticked down locally.

Indiana Department of Workforce Development estimates released this week show Jay County had an unemployment rate of 3.3% in June.

The rate was down slightly — 0.1 percentage points — from May. That was good enough to put the county in a tie for the 37th-lowest rate among Indiana's 92 counties.

The unemployment rate in June 2022 was 2.9%.

Jay County's unemployment rate has now been 4% or below for three full years. (It had spiked to 19.9% in April 2020 at the height of the coronavirus pandemic shutdowns.)

Unemployment trends were a mixed bag in the region and statewide last month, as four area counties — Adams, Blackford, Jay and Randolph — saw their rates go down while Delaware County had an increase of 0.3 percentage points and Wells County saw no change. Indiana's rate went up 0.2 percentage points to 3.7%.

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Muraling Medler

Zach Medler puts some finishing touches on the R in the word Portland this morning while working on his mural on the north side of Community Resource Center in Portland. The City of Portland in April received a \$10,000 grant from Indiana Destination Development Corporation for the mural as part of more than \$400,000 in funding awarded for IN Indiana Public Art Activation projects. It is the second Portland mural for Medler, a Geneva native and former Arts Place employee, as he also painted the Portland Rotary Club mural on the south side of the J&P Plating Building.

State fair starts Friday

By MARISSA MEADOR

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From deep-fried corn to heightened public safety rules, here's all Hoosiers need to know about this year's Indiana State Fair. The fair begins Friday and goes through Aug. 20, although it will be closed on Mondays and Tuesdays.

Last year more than 837,000 people attended the event.

New rules

This year, a new public safety rule will prohibit minors from entering the fair after 6 p.m. unless they are accompanied by a parent, guardian or chaperone older than 21.

Adults can only chaperone up to six individuals and have to stay at the fair with the minors the entire time they are there.

Fairgoers can only bring bags that are 9 inches by 10 inches by 12 inches or smaller and cannot bring weapons.

Hoosier Hysteria

This year's theme will be all about basketball, which has a rich history in Indiana. In fact, the inventor of basketball himself, Dr. James Naismith, said basketball truly took off once it spread to Indiana despite first originating in Massachusetts. He said Indiana remains the "center of the sport."

Fried corn, new rules and basketball highlight event that runs through Aug. 20

According to a state fair press release, basketball was well-received in Indiana because it was an affordable and convenient way for the children of farmers to play a sport in the 1800s since the playing season was based around planting and harvest season.

Basketball-theme activities at the fair will range from educational exhibits to Hoopfest — an amusement park that will feature basketball clinics and full-blown tournaments. Other activities include "Space Ham: An Augmented Reality Experience," a display of Gene Hackman's car from the iconic basketball movie Hoosiers and a Chuck Taylor exhibit.

Fun and food

While many of the fair's favorite elements remain, Hoosiers can look forward to several new activities and unique treats.

In signature Indiana fashion,

the fair will be serving several corn-themed snacks, including deep fried corn on a stick topped with mayonnaise and parmesan cheese and a cup of corn, nacho cheese and Flaming Hot Cheetos.

The fair will have no shortage of sweets either. This year, adults will be able to enjoy a Gimme S'more Bourbon Shake while their kids can enjoy a chocolatey spin on a classic with the Nutelaphant Ear.

Among new activities happening this year is the fair's first cornhole tournament, which will take place July 29 at 1 p.m. at the Purdue Extension Building for a \$2,000 prize.

But cornhole is far from the only competition at the fair. On the east end of the Hoosier Lottery Grandstand, fairgoers will be able to watch pigs race for an Oreo cookie every Friday through Sunday at varying times.

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Southside salute

Jay County High School drum major Mackenzie Brown salutes Saturday after the Marching Patriots were announced in third place in the Muncie Spirit of Sound contest at Southside Middle School. JCHS will be back in action Friday at the Anderson Tartan Tournament of Bands.

Deaths

James Hudson, 85, Muncie
Debra Brown, 64, Cicero
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Weather

Jay County had a high temperature of 82 degrees Tuesday. The low was 61.

Tonight's forecast calls for a low in the mid 70s. Expect sunny skies Friday with a high in the 90s and heat index values up to 101. There is a slight chance of rain.

See page 2 for an extended outlook.

In review

The Jay County High School Marching Patriots will compete Friday in the Anderson Tartan Tournament of Bands. The Bagpipes and Drums preshow begins at 6:20 p.m., with competition at 6:30 p.m. The Marching Patriots will take the field to perform at 7:15 p.m.

Coming up

Friday — Results from the Portland Rockets in the NABF regional tournament.

Saturday — Coverage of Friday's Portland Redevelopment Commission meeting.



Obituaries

James Hudson

Oct. 2, 1937-July 24, 2023
James R. Hudson, age 85, of Muncie passed away on Monday, July 24, 2023, in Albany Healthcare and Rehabilitation. He was born in Portland on Oct. 2, 1937, the son of William and Ruby (Dodd) Hudson. He was married Sept. 20, 2000, to Marcia Revis and she passed away in April 2023. James had worked for Naas Foods and was co-owner of Tomato Products Inc. He held a Pilgrim Degree in the Moose Lodge, was a member of Masonic Lodge, Scottish Rite, Shrine and Portland Elks Lodge, and was president of Mid American Food Processors Association. Jim was a 1956 Portland High



Hudson

School graduate and enjoyed fishing. Surviving are two sons, Mark Hudson (wife: Joan) of Sellersburg, Indiana, and Mitch Hudson of Portland; one daughter, Melissa Griffis (husband: Doug) of Avilla, Indiana; one brother, Jay Hudson of New Mexico; three sisters, Deanna Gillespie (husband: Don) of Portland, Leora Engle (husband: John) of Portland and Nancy Hudson of Berne; six grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by brothers Phillip and William Hudson. Funeral services will be Friday, July 28, 2023, at noon in the Baird-Freeman Funeral Home with Paul Strouse presiding. Entombment will be in Elm Ridge Cemetery in Muncie. Visitation will be Friday from 10 a.m. to noon. Memorials can be made to

William and Ruby Hudson Endowment Fund or Moosehaven. Condolences may be expressed at bairdfreeman.com. **Debra Brown**
March 3, 1959-July 16, 2023
Debra Diana Brown, age 64, of Cicero passed away July 16. Debra was born in Muncie on March 3, 1959, to Robert "Bob" and Shelia (Slentz) Brown. Debra was a member of the second graduating class of Jay County High School in 1977. She held several positions throughout her professional career but was currently working for Farrar Electrical as the office manager. Even though Debra battled



Brown

medical issues throughout her life, she would never let them affect her spirit, especially when it came to cooking. She thoroughly enjoyed being in the kitchen and cooking up a meal for her and Jacob. She was an avid fan of Barry Manilow. Her family was the most important thing in Debra's life. She loved her son and the surrounding family. Family gatherings were always special to her. She will be missed by many. Debra is survived by her son, Jacob Brown of Cicero; mother, Shelia Brown of Zionsville; sister, Julie (Stu) Brown-Kuchel of Cody, Wyoming; brother, Bob (Gail) Brown of Zionsville; and nieces and nephews. Debra was preceded in death by her father, Robert "Bob" Brown. Visitation for Debra will be from 3 to 6 p.m. Sunday at Hart-

ley Funeral Home, 209 W. Jackson St., Cicero. The funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Monday at Hartley Funeral Home, Cicero, with Stephen Warner officiating. A burial will follow at Crown Land Cemetery in Noblesville. Memorial contributions may be made to American Diabetes Association. Condolences may be expressed at hartleyfuneralhomes.com. **.....**
The Commercial Review publishes death notices for those with a connection to our coverage area free of charge. They include the name, city of residence, birth/death date and time/date/location of services. There is a charge for obituaries, which are accepted only from funeral homes or mortuary services.

CR almanac

Friday 7/28	Saturday 7/29	Sunday 7/30	Monday 7/31	Tuesday 8/1
93/72	86/64	81/59	84/65	85/65
Friday's forecast shows a slight chance of rain with the high in the low to mid 90s.	Mostly sunny skies Saturday. There's also a chance of rain throughout the day.	Sunday looks to be sunny with a high in the low 80s.	Mostly sunny Monday. The high will be in the low to mid 80s.	There's a slight chance of showers Monday under mostly sunny skies.

Lotteries

Powerball Estimated jackpot: \$41 billion	Evening Daily Three: 1-1-2 Daily Four: 4-0-7-1 Quick Draw: 2-7-11-15-18-28-33-34-37-39-41-43-45-48-52-55-59-69-71-75
Mega Millions 3-5-6-44-61 Mega Ball: 25 Megaplier: 4 Estimated jackpot: \$910 million	Ohio Tuesday Midday Pick 3: 2-2-4 Pick 4: 1-2-3-0 Pick 5: 9-7-3-0-7 Evening Pick 3: 7-6-5 Pick 4: 6-1-8-4 Pick 5: 7-7-0-5-9 Rolling Cash: 14-16-23-25-28
Hoosier Tuesday Midday Daily Three: 7-9-5 Daily Four: 7-7-2-5 Quick Draw: 1-2-12-18-20-21-24-25-28-33-34-35-38-44-53-55-58-66-73-74	

Markets

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Today in history

In 1214, French King Philip II's forces defeated an international group led by Holy Roman Emperor Otto IV in the Battle of Bouvines.
In 1768, French assassin Charlotte Corday was born in Saint-Saturnin near Sées, Normandy, France. She stabbed French revolutionary Jean-Paul Marat during an interview on July 13, 1793, and was executed for the crime less than a week later.
In 1830, the July Revolution started in France. It led to King Charles X abdicating the throne, with King Louis-Philippe coming to power.
In 2005, Jay County Hospital CEO Joe Johnston explained to Jay County Hospital Board that a renovation project for the second floor of the facility had grown in scope to include new intensive care rooms and a new nurses' station. Other planned changes were expansion of the pharmacy and remodeling patient rooms.
In 2012, Queen Elizabeth II opened the Summer Olympics in London, marking the third time the city hosted the event.
In 2021, Indiana Arts Commission announced a \$12,446 grant to Arts Place for its Arts in the Parks, MusicWorks, ArtWorks and the annual performances series.
—The CR

Citizen's calendar

Friday 8 a.m. — Portland Redevelopment Commission, Community Resource Center, 118 S. Meridian St., Portland. 9 a.m. — Portland Redevelopment Commission executive ses-	sion, Community Resource Center, 118 S. Meridian St., Portland.
Monday 5 p.m. — Jay School Corporation, General Shanks, 414 E. Floral Ave., Portland.	

Fair ...

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For a more calming experience, fairgoers can see parakeets at the Department of Natural Resources Building from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. daily or visit Illuminate, a free light show happening during the first two weeks of the fair.
Save money
Hoosiers are nothing if not frugal, so many will be happy to see that the fair doesn't have to be expensive. Individuals can still purchase \$11 advance tickets by July 27 and \$25 wristbands by July 30. After that, ticket prices will be \$14 and wristbands will be \$40. Wristbands allow unlimited access to midway rides that day of the fair and are valid only on Wednesdays, Fridays and the last Sunday of the fair. Certain days of the fair also offer discounted admission. August 2 is BMW Discount Day, which means people can access a voucher to get admission for only \$7. August 3, 10 and 17 will be \$3 Thursdays, including \$3 admission, midway rides and food



Indiana State Fair

Indiana's rich basketball history is this year's state fair theme. The fair kicks off Friday and runs through Aug. 20. options. On August 9, people can get free admission to the fair with a copy of the IndyStar. Finally, AAA cardholders will be able to receive free admission August 16 and military and first responders, along with their fami-

lies, will receive free admission August 18. **.....**
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Rate ...

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Gibson County again was best on the list, this time tying with Daviess County for the lowest unemployment rate in the state at 2.6%. Dubois and Boone counties followed at 2.8%, with Wells, Adams,

Area rates are as follows:
•Adams County: 2.9%, down 0.1 percentage points, tied for fifth-lowest
•Blackford County: 4.3%, down 0.2 percentage points, tied for seventh-highest
•Delaware County: 4.5%, up 0.3 percentage points, fourth-highest
•Jay County: 3.3%, down 0.1 percentage points, tied for 37th-lowest
•Randolph County: 3.2%, down 0.3 percentage points, tied for 29th-lowest
•Wells County: 2.9%, no change, tied for fifth-lowest

Community ...

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"We really wanted to be able to provide a place to give back to the community and we want the fairgrounds to be seen as a place for community events." Elliott brought a variety of local organizations and businesses in as partners, including Jay County Chamber of Commerce, Jay County Visitors & Tourism Bureau, IU Health Jay, Meridian Services, Jay County Drug Prevention Coalition, Dunkirk Eagles, Portland Elks and

Jay County Public Library. Participants will be set up in the Bubp Building at the fairgrounds, giving away school supplies — that includes more than 300 backpacks that have been donated — and providing activities for children in attendance. There will also be free haircuts for children. "It's been amazing how much support we've actually gotten," said Elliott. Heroes 4 Higher will bring Batman and his Batmobile to the event, the drug prevention coalition will have its mobile escape room, the library bookmobile will be open and a bounce house is being sponsored by the Friends of the Library. Jay County Health Department will be on site offering immunizations that are required for school. There will also be popcorn, cotton candy and other refreshments. "It's just going to be an event where kids can come and have a good time and get ready for school," said Elliott.

Felony arrests

Drunk driving
A Portland man was arrested Monday for drunk driving. Brian M. Ferner, 33, 1085 N. 600 East, was preliminarily charged with a Level 6 felony for operating a vehicle while intoxicated. He's being held on a \$4,500 bond in Jay County Jail.
Drug possession
A Portland man was arrested Tuesday for possession of methamphetamine. Dillion W. Stolz, 32, 5211 N. 350 East, was preliminarily charged with a Level 6 felony, as well as a Class A misdemeanor for possession of paraphernalia. He was released on a \$5,000 bond from Jay County Jail.

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THURS, July 27TH

BUFFALO WINGS-N-RINGS in Portland @ 7:00 PM

SERVICES

Friday
Miller, Anna: 11 a.m., Walker & Glancy Funeral Home, 109 W. Windsor St., Montpelier.
Hudson, James: noon, Baird-Freeman Funeral Home, 221 N. Meridian St., Portland.

Monday
Brown, Debra: 10 a.m., Hartley Funeral Home, 209 W. Jackson St., Cicero.

Aug. 4
Stevens, Mark: 11 a.m., Highland Cemetery, Great Falls, Montana.

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Fundraising effort would benefit soldiers

By JEFF GAMMAGE

The Philadelphia Inquirer
Tribune News Service

So here's the plan: Raise \$8,000 to buy the truck, a big, used 2000 Ford F250 diesel, and ship it 4,300 miles across the world from South Jersey to Europe.

From there — maybe Poland or Germany — contacts at the nonprofit Amicus Ukraine will get the truck to Ukraine, then deliver it to Ukrainian military units. They'll outfit the vehicle and drive it into the front lines, using its strength to haul equipment, evacuate the wounded, and fight the Russians.

Simple, right? OK, admits Roman Strakovsky, a Mount Airy data analyst and co-founder of Philly Stands With Ukraine, maybe the whole thing sounds a little far-fetched.

To send an old vehicle that far. To pay to ship 5,600 pounds of truck over-

seas — not exactly like mailing a box of socks.

But, he said, Ukrainian forces desperately need trucks. And the scarcities and demands of war actually make it more logical and economical to buy here and send there, rather than try to find the right truck among expensive, picked-over stock in Europe.

"My wife thinks I'm a little bit crazy," said Strakovsky, who volunteers for Kyiv-based Amicus Ukraine.

Friends have gently suggested the same, but "once you get into the specifics, and explain why it's necessary, and the logistics, they get it."

This particular Ford, a white, four-wheel drive super-duty crew cab Lariat, waits at Brothers Auto Center, a used-car dealership in Clayton, located just south of Glassboro in Gloucester County.

So far the on-line fundraising effort has brought in about \$1,700 of the \$8,000 cost. That breaks down to roughly \$6,500 for the truck and another \$1,500 or so to ship it.

It marks another big effort by a Philadelphia-area Ukrainian American community that has stepped forward to help compatriots at home. Local Ukrainian American churches, charities, and organizations have sent millions of dollars worth of goods and supplies.

At one point the sisters of St. Basil in Jenkintown had boxes stacked high overhead, filled with sleeping bags, medicines, clothing, walkers, wheelchairs, ramen noodles, granola bars, and more.

The Philadelphia region is home to one of the nation's largest Ukrainian American communities,

some 70,000 people who are immigrants or hold ancestry.

Since Russia invaded Ukraine in February 2022, the United States and other Western allies have delivered billions of dollars in weapons. Ukraine has defended itself, not only with its military, but with everything it can find.

That's included turning passenger trucks and SUVs into war vehicles, mounted with gunnery systems.

Amicus Ukraine has imported nearly 100 trucks, SUVs, buses, station wagons, and ambulances, which are used to move everything from humanitarian supplies to people to ammunition.

Director Vitalii Naumenko said in a phone call from Kyiv that trucks are the vehicles most in demand, needed for their pulling power and durabil-

ity on roads that are often damaged.

Ukrainian fighting units always ask for more trucks, he said.

Naumenko is a former high-ranking Ukraine customs official who has used his contacts in the Baltic region to import vehicles, often ones that have been confiscated by authorities in Lithuania.

That country, the first to declare full independence from the Soviet Union after the fall of the Berlin Wall, has been sympathetic to Ukraine as it navigates its own tense relationship with Moscow.

Unfortunately, Naumenko said, trucks have become hard to find in Europe. And when located they tend to be priced excessively.

Strakovsky said that's where he comes in, living in America, the land of the pick-up. After hearing

about the need for trucks, he started looking at advertisements and evaluating possibilities.

This Ford is a 2000 model, with just under 300,000 miles on the odometer.

A new one can easily cost more than \$50,000. But there's little point spending that amount of money.

Naumenko said trucks-turned-combat-vehicles have short lifespans, because they immediately become targets of Russian forces.

"They'll shoot at anything that moves," he said.

Beside the military use, Naumenko said, the delivery of trucks holds important meaning for Ukrainian troops.

"They know they're not alone in this," he said. "That people aren't standing aside, but stepping up and helping, especially in the U.S."

Neighbor becomes intruder in couple's home

DEAR ABBY: My boyfriend, "Pete," and I have been together four years. During the pandemic, he moved to my hometown, and we live together. Last year, he befriended a man who lives across the street. This neighbor had been a civil-service employee but took early retirement and is undergoing treatment for PTSD.

Originally, I was happy for Pete's new friendship in a new city, but the friendship has turned into a daily bromance. They spend two to six hours in Pete's man cave, drinking, smoking and playing bar games. When I join in, the neighbor interrupts me and railroads the conversation. He insults me and is hypocritical about everything from my appearance to the meals I prepare.



Dear Abby

I defend myself to this man, but Pete remains silent despite my pleas for support. (Pete says he "hates confrontation.") An example: When Pete didn't quickly answer his texts or calls, the neighbor would come to our house, peer through our windows, yell and bang on the door. It took Pete six months to tell him to stop doing that. He also eavesdrops on our private conversations, and I will open a door and find him just standing there.

Because of all this, I'm hav-

ing intimacy issues. I never know when this guy will show up and what he will see or hear. I'm angry at Pete for not doing anything to resolve this. I'm no longer happy in my own home. I think this man feels threatened by me, like he wants Pete all to himself, and I don't know what to do. Please help. — STRESSED IN TEXAS

DEAR STRESSED: Your neighbor doesn't feel threatened by you. You feel threatened by him, and with good reason. He's trying to commandeer your boyfriend, and it's affecting your relationship. The man also appears to be unstable. Normal people do not act the way he does. His fixation on Pete is unhealthy. If your submissive partner cannot recognize that on his own,

INSIST on some sessions with a licensed psychotherapist who can explain to him exactly what the two of you are dealing with.

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DEAR ABBY: Is it rude to move the front passenger seat in a car if you are only going to be in it for a short time? My fiancé and I have been together nine years. I don't own a car, so he takes me everywhere, and I have the passenger seat adjusted perfectly.

When his 17-year-old daughter, who is only in the car once a month or so, gets in his car, the first thing she does is move the passenger seat. We are about the same height and weight, and I see no need for her to do it when she's in the car for only 20 minutes or so.

My fiancé refuses to ask her

to leave the seat where it is, but I feel she's being disrespectful and that he should say something to her about it. Please help. This is causing a lot of arguments and hurt feelings. — AGGRAVATED PASSENGER

DEAR AGGRAVATED: I'll try. If you value the relationship you have with your fiancé of NINE YEARS, stop sniping at his daughter and adjust the seat to its original position ONCE A MONTH when you enter the car. This isn't a competition over who he prefers, so stop trying to turn it into one.

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

Community Calendar

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

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 - BRI-

ANNA'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. 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.

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.

Sudoku

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Level: Intermediate

Wednesday's Solution

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

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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Take the initiative to protect assets

By MORTON J. MARCUS

Americans recognize three major sectors of society: the private sector (businesses and households), the public sector (governments) and the not-for-profit or philanthropic sector (churches and numerous well-intentioned groups).

Each segment of each sector believes it acts in the public interest. Businesses believe they are satisfying consumer wants and desires. Households uphold the sanctity of the home. Governments express the will of the people. Not-for-profits act in accord with moral principles.

These beliefs are nowhere expressed better than in zoning or land use disputes. Currently, there are two such cases in Marion County:

On the northwest side, a \$500

Morton J. Marcus



million project would encompass commercial, retail and residential components. It's big and oppressive to nearby homeowners who see their aboral setting and domestic tranquility tragically disturbed.

Closer to downtown Indianapolis, a not-for-profit youth center wants to expand its program and its footprint by building on an adjacent acre of mature park land. The center is morally upright in supporting

its program expansion. The neighbors, who treasure this bit of publicly accessible green space, are justifiably outraged.

The northwest side projects two private sector components against each other and a city commission will decide which party wins. Based on the history of this commission, betting favors the business over the homeowners.

The youth center is a different story. Here there is a public aspect that this commission should take into account. Diagonally across the street from the small park is a wasteland on which sits an abandoned grocery and a parking lot used to rent U-Haul trucks.

Because not-for-profit agencies are given exclusion from certain income, sales and prop-

erty taxes, they have an obligation to act in the public interest.

What they do, however, is mostly without government oversight, just like private business. There's a bit of regulation here or there on worker safety and rights, honesty in weights and measures, harmlessness of product, and environmentally responsible action.

Not-for-profits are very often funded by other not-for-profits. What public audit confirms the receiving organization is acting in the public interest? Annual reports are produced with accounting firms validating procedures, but no routine external audit exists for the activities supported by or undertaken by not-for-profits.

In this case, we have a valuable asset and a deplorable lia-

bility. It makes sense to retain and preserve that asset and make every effort to turn that liability into another productive asset.

The commission that gives permission and the philanthropic organizations that give funds would act in the public interest if they take a broader look at the center's project and insist on retention of the asset (the park) and redevelopment of the nearby liability.

In addition, the neighbors concerned about the park might buy it or get a foundation to buy it. That means people who care would have to do more than agonize.

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For diversity, focus on outreach

The Seattle Times
Tribune News Service

Almost every student who applies to Washington's colleges and universities is likely to find a spot.

Even the state's two most selective schools — the University of Washington in Seattle and Whitman College in Walla Walla — admit nearly half of all applicants. So, with the majority of K-12 students children of color, it's perplexing that many of Washington's campuses are overwhelmingly white.

The Western Washington University student body is 68% white. At Washington State University in Pullman, it's 59%.

And while the UW's Seattle campus is more diverse overall, only 8% of its undergraduates are Latino, though students of Hispanic background comprise 25% of the state's K-12 population.

The push to diversify colleges is not merely an academic exercise. Because educational attainment is closely linked to a student's future occupation, and often their quality of life, the question of who gets a degree has lasting impact.

And it's receiving renewed scrutiny in the wake of a recent U.S. Supreme Court decision banning affirmative action based on race.

Washington, however, had already prohibited the practice.

The results, 25 years after that voter initiative took effect, show that creating diversity on campus is neither happenstance nor automatic. The UW's Seattle campus received a "D" from the national advocacy group Education Trust for its enrollment of Black students in 2017, compared with the number of Black 18-to-24-year-olds in the state. With Latino students, it got an "F."

(The university's Tacoma and Bothell campuses are somewhat more diverse.)

Still, with the UW's Seattle flagship admitting 48% of all applicants, the crux of the issue lies less with screening at the admissions office than outreach and recruitment. That is, which students are encouraged to apply.

The quandary around creating campuses that

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feel welcoming to diverse populations is hardly unique to Washington. Across the country at the University of Richmond in Virginia, former president Ronald Crutcher, who is Black, is ambivalent about affirmative action.

Once, he considered it essential. But over the years, Crutcher noticed that it created problems of its own — not least, saddling students of color with the question of whether they were truly qualified to be there.

So, rather than giving applicants points for their racial background, Crutcher — like many other educators — urges schools to seek out young people in low-income neighborhoods, or students who may be the first generation in their families to go to college, or others who have confronted significant barriers.

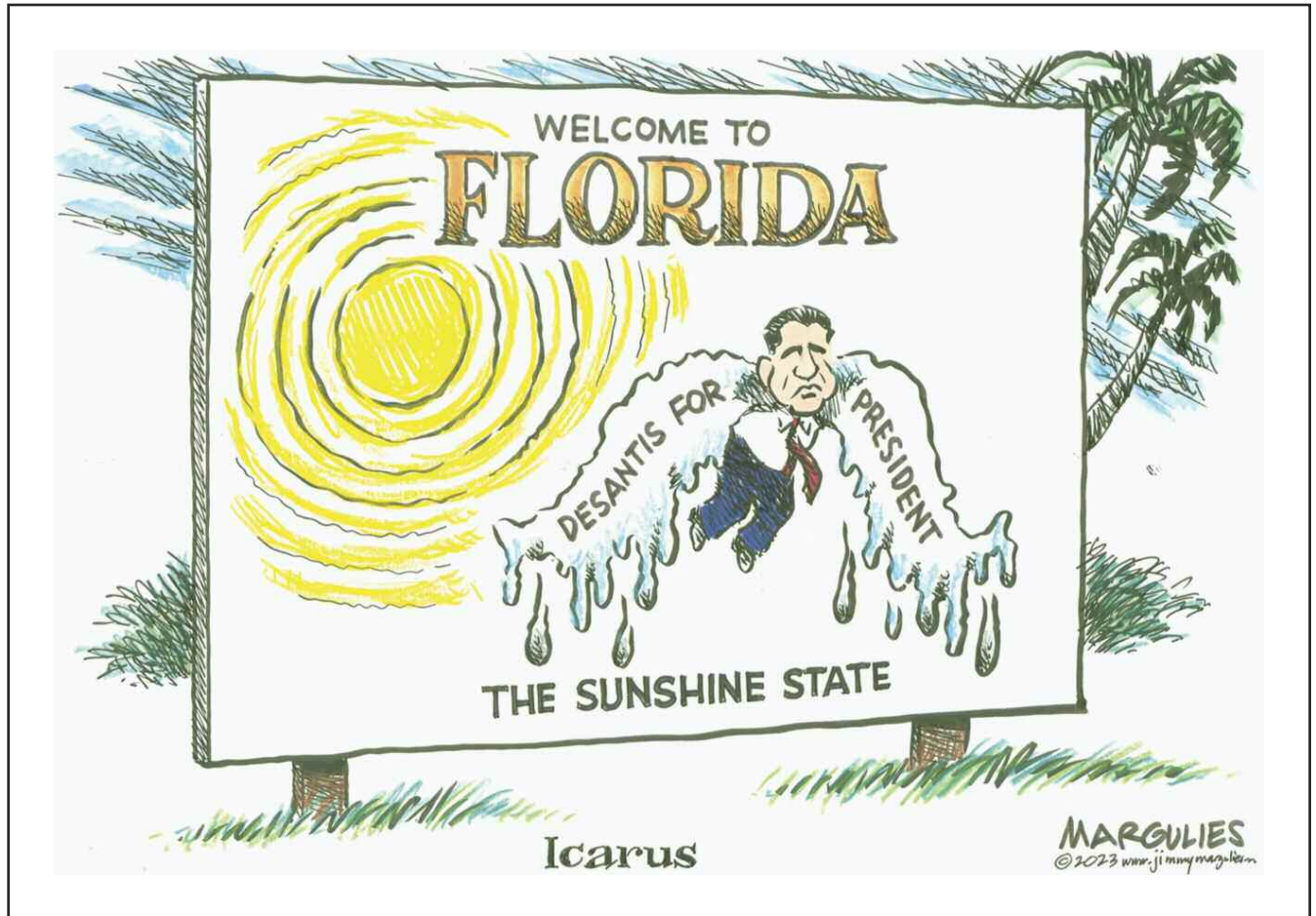
There are many ways to achieve similar ends: Texas, California and Florida offer automatic college admission to students who finish 12th grade at the top of their class — regardless of whether their high schools are considered rigorous or not, in affluent areas or poor.

Doing away with legacy admissions — the tradition of offering spots to the relatives of alumni — is yet another way to level the playing field.

But the rubber meets the road at recruitment. That doesn't mean sending students a flyer in the mail when they're in the 11th grade. It means starting in middle school and sustaining the connection.

The state's College Bound Scholarship aims to do exactly that by identifying income-eligible students as early as seventh or eighth grade and guaranteeing them financial aid if they graduate high school with at least a 2.0 GPA.

That program demonstrates Washington's intention and commitment to making a college education accessible for all.



If you didn't get sick, thank your genes

By LISA JARVIS
Bloomberg Opinion
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Even as COVID has faded into the background for most of the public, our curiosity about the virus's idiosyncrasies hasn't waned. Why does one member of a household suffer a hacking cough but another not even a sniffle? Why does long COVID afflict some and not others? A cluster of new studies suggests some of the answers lie in our genes. What scientists are learning could help them develop better vaccines in the future — either for new variants of COVID-19 or entirely new forms of SARS.

Mild cases or asymptomatic infections have been relatively unstudied. Scientists' focus on the sickest patients wasn't just because of the urgency to save lives, but because it's simply easier to study people in a controlled setting like a hospital. Collecting DNA, sequencing it and then tracking healthy people out in the community is an impossibly tall order.

A team of researchers, led by the University of California, San Francisco's Jill Hollenbach, found a clever way of getting around that problem by tapping into a group of people who had already given up their DNA: bone marrow donors. The team invited donors to participate in an ongoing project at UCSF called the COVID-19 Citizen Science Study. Hollenbach's team recruited nearly 30,000 volunteers to download an app and, when they eventually tested positive for the virus, complete a questionnaire about their symptoms.

Although they've been collecting data from that cohort for years now, this study was limited to the time before people were vaccinated so the results could be cleanly interpreted, Hollenbach says. They were looking for differences in a group of genes called HLA (short for human leukocyte antigen) that carry the recipes for proteins that help our immune cells distinguish between our own

biological detritus and unwelcome invaders. The proteins show little pieces of viruses to our T-cells, which take this as an invitation to attack. Because T-cells have a long memory, they swoop in again fast the next time a similar virus invades.

The researchers found that people who carried one copy of a version of a gene called HLA-B*15:01 were more than twice as likely to remain asymptomatic after being infected with COVID. And people who inherited two copies of the gene (one from each parent) were eight times more likely to never suffer symptoms.

Hollenbach's team found that this particular flavor of HLA is very good at recognizing garden variety coronaviruses, and the T-cells exposed to those were later very good at detecting important bits of SARS-CoV-2. In other words, people with this variant who also had, say, a common cold "have this kind of superpower" of managing their COVID infection to the point where they don't have symptoms, she explains.

"I think their findings are very exciting," says Jean-Laurent Casanova, a Rockefeller University scientist who studies the relationship between our genes and susceptibility to infectious diseases. "It suggests that T-cells are involved in the early phase of SARS-CoV-2 infection, and that a strong T-cell response can blunt infection and prevent clinical manifestations."

Another study, yet to be peer reviewed, offers genetic ties to the other end of the spectrum: when people suffer lingering symptoms. Researchers compared about 6,500

people with a long COVID diagnosis to nearly one million people without. People were 1.6 times more likely to develop long COVID if they had a variant in a gene called FOXP4. That same gene is also known to be a culprit in lung cancer and severe COVID.

While these studies help explain the wide range of responses to the virus, many questions remain unanswered. For example, why were some people not just asymptotically infected, but never infected? Casanova is interested in, say, that "health care worker without a mask in 2020 that has repeatedly tested negative, negative, negative. They're seemingly resistant to infection and we think there's a genetic basis for that." His lab is currently analyzing some 2,000 genomes among that group to try to fish out the gene responsible.

Scientists would also like to understand if there are genes involved in other, rarer situations, like the people whose infections cause brain swelling, or others that get a form of heart inflammation called myocarditis after getting the mRNA vaccines.

Like all science, understanding the genetic link to susceptibility is just pulling on the first thread. So much other work needs to be done to unravel the rest. Hollenbach's findings about asymptomatic COVID, for example, should prompt more exploration into alternate approaches to vaccination. The existing vaccines all try to prevent infection altogether; but there could be merit in focusing on vaccines designed to take advantage of that memory T-cell response that seems to work so well for people with the right genetics. "Maybe you get infected, but manage it so quickly and effectively that you don't experience illness," she says.

It is important to keep unraveling these mysteries. They teach us about better ways to address this virus, which we know is here to stay, and also contribute to the broader understanding of how genes shape the immune response.

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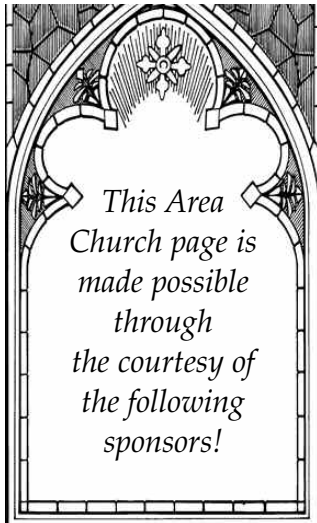
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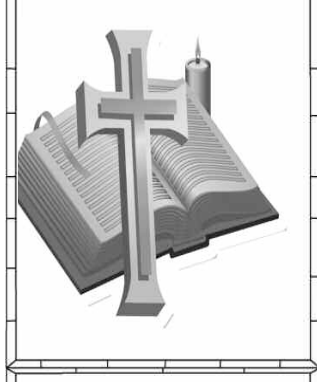


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asburyministries.org

Bellefontain United Methodist
440 S. 600 East
Gordon Jackson
Services: 9 a.m.

Bethel United Methodist
Indiana 167, 4 miles north of Dunkirk
Scott McClain
Services: 10:45 a.m.

Bluff Point Friends
80 E. 650 South
Services: 10 a.m.
Sunday school: 9:30 a.m.

Boundary St. Paul
Corner of Treaty Line Road and county road 300 East
Ava Gannon
(260) 726-2373
Services: 9:30 a.m.

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Paul VanCise
(260) 997-6231
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bryantwesleyanchurch.com

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301 N. Main St., Dunkirk
Susan Durovey-Antrim
(765) 499-0368
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susan.duroveyantrim@in.unc.org

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105 S. Elm St., Fort Recovery
Quentin Elsea
(419) 733-1469
christchapelr.com

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1209 S. Shank St., Portland
Bob Graham
(260) 726-7777
Services: 10:20 a.m., 6:30 p.m.

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Services: 10:30 a.m.
Sunday school: 9:30 a.m.

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797 N. Creagor Ave., Portland
Nanette Weesner
(260) 766-9334
Services: 10 a.m., 6 p.m.
nanybell@yahoo.com

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Floral and Chicago avenues, Portland
Kevin McClung
(260) 729-7295
Services: 10 a.m.

Church of the Living God
South Broad Street, Dunkirk
Services: 7 p.m., 7 p.m. Friday

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450 South, 1 mile west of U.S. 27
Billy Stanton
(260) 251-2403
Services: 10:30 a.m., 6 p.m.

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211 E. Main St., Portland
Wayne Ward
(260) 726-7714
Services: 10 a.m.

Cornerstone Church of Pennville
190 W. Main St., Pennville
Gary Newton
(765) 669-1070
Services: 10:30 a.m.

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226 E. Center St., Dunkirk
Tom Fett
(765) 768-6199
Services: 10:30 a.m., 6 p.m.

Evangelical Methodist
930 W. Main St., Portland
Steve Arnold
(260) 251-0970
Services: 10:20 a.m., 6 p.m.

Fairview United Methodist/Jay County
2875 E. 200 South
Gordon Jackson
Lay leader: Beth Stephen
(260) 726-9184
Services: 10:15 a.m.

Faith Community
9560 W. 200 South, Dunkirk
Joe Schmit
(260) 251-5254
Services: 10 a.m.

Family Worship Center
200 E. Elder St., Portland
Ronald Willis
(260) 726-4844
Services: 11 a.m., 6:30 p.m. Wednesday
thefamilyworshipcenter.org

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289 S. 200 West
Hugh Kelly
(260) 726-8873
Services: 9 a.m., 11 a.m.
Sunday school: 10 a.m.
pastorkelly@fbc-portland.com

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(765) 768-7157
Services: 10:40 a.m., 5 p.m.

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(419) 375-2860
Services: 10:30 a.m.
fccftrecovery.org

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341 S. Meridian St., Redkey
Everett Bilbrey Jr.
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12369 W. 600 South, Dunkirk
Sunday school: 10 a.m.
Services: 10:50 a.m., 6 p.m., 6 p.m. Wednesday

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(260) 726-8462
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firstpcportland.org

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401 E. Boundary St., Fort Recovery
Revs. Brad and Kate Ratliff
(419) 375-4680
Services: 10:30 a.m.
frnaz@frontier.com

Fort Recovery United Methodist
309 E. Boundary St., Fort Recovery
Rev. David Porath
(419) 678-2071
Services: 9 a.m.

Full Gospel Lighthouse Tabernacle
468 E. Washington St., Dunkirk
Robert Thomas
(765) 348-4620
Services: 6:30 p.m., 6:30 p.m. Thursday

Geneva First United Methodist
100 W. Line St., Geneva
Barry McCune
(260) 368-7655
Services: 9:30 a.m.

Geneva Nazarene
225 Decatur St., Geneva
(260) 525-8609
Services: 10 a.m., 6 p.m.
Sunday school: 9 a.m.
Prayer meeting: 6 p.m. Wednesday

Gilead Church
County road 650 North, one-quarter mile east of Balbec
Services: 10:30 a.m.

Hickory Grove Church of the Brethren
Indiana 1 and Indiana 26
Earl Doll
(260) 731-4477
Services: 10:30 a.m.

High Street United Methodist
435 High St., Geneva
Rev. Joseph Hampton
(260) 368-7233
Services: 9 a.m.

Holy Trinity Catholic
7321 E. Indiana 67, Bryant
Fr. Peter Logsdon
Fr. Martin Sandhage
Services: 8:30 a.m., 4:30 p.m. Saturday

Hopewell of Life Ministries
County road 200 South, 2 miles east of Indiana 1
Rev. Ruth Funk
(260) 251-8581
Services: 10:30 a.m., 6 p.m.

Immaculate Conception Catholic
506 E. Walnut St., Portland
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Fr. Martin Sandhage
(260) 726-7055
Services: 5:30 p.m. Saturday, 10:30 a.m. Sunday

Kingsley Full Gospel
4030 S. 700 East, Dunkirk
Stuart Phillips
Services: 9:30 a.m. and 6 p.m., 7 p.m. Wednesday

Mary Help of Christians
403 Sharpsburg Road, Fort Recovery
Rev. Alexander Witt
(419) 375-4153
Services: 4:30 p.m. Saturday, 9 a.m.

Mount Tabor United Methodist
216 W. Pleasant St., Dunkirk
John Retter
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Services: 9 a.m.

Mount Zion United Methodist
County roads 600 East and 200 North
Rev. Darrell Borders
(260) 726-4786
Services: 9 a.m.

New Beginnings Holiness Church of Blaine
4017 W. 200 South
Randy Smith
(260) 251-2406
Services: 10 a.m., 6 p.m.
nbholiness.com

New Covenant Fellowship
1238 W. 450 South
Chuck Myers
(260) 251-0063
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New Life Ministries
415 S. Helen St., Portland
Dr. Kay Fairchild
(260) 755-6354
Services: 4 p.m.
drkayfairchild.com

New Mt. Pleasant United Methodist
5905 S. Como Road
Neil Butcher
(765) 499-7838
Services: 9 a.m.

Noble Congregational Christian
1964 N. 800 East
Aaron Huey
Services: 10:30 a.m.

Oak Grove United Methodist
829 S. Indiana 1
Neil Butcher
(765) 760-9085
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Pleasant Hill
9945 N. 800 East, Union City
Bruce Bryan
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mypleasanthillchurch.org

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(260) 202-9732
Services: 10 a.m.
Sunday school: 9 a.m.

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Rev. Josh Canfield
(765) 584-7045
Services: 10:30 a.m.

Redeemer Lutheran
Malin and Elm streets, Bryant
Father Dan Layden
(260) 997-6787
Services: 9:30 a.m.

Redkey Faith Ministries
9811 W. Indiana 67, south-west of Redkey
Rev. Craig and Robin Cotherman
(765) 369-2920
Services: 10 a.m.
RedkeyFaith.org

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Union and Malin streets
Jeff Hammers
(765) 468-6172
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Sunday school: 9:30 a.m.

Redkey United Methodist
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Lori McIntosh
(765) 369-2085
Services: 10:30 a.m.

Redkey Church of the Nazarene
801 W. High St.
Chuck Hollandbeck
(765) 369-2676
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matt@therockjc.org

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(260) 335-2017
Services: 9 a.m.

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Mike Eads (260) 703-0733
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1689 St. Joe Road, Fort Recovery
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Rev. Kevin Hurley
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Rev. Alexander Witt
Services: 11 a.m. Sunday

St. Peter Catholic
1477 Philothea Road, Fort Recovery
Rev. Alexander Witt
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Services: 11 a.m. and 2 p.m., 7 p.m. Wednesday
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churchatwestchester.org

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(419) 375-4498
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pastorrobino@gmail.com

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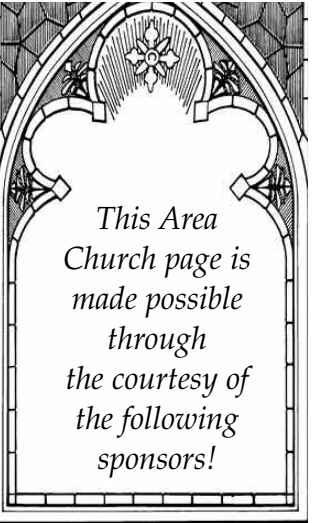
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Union Chapel Church of the Nazarene
County road 900 North (Jay-Wells county line)
Fred Stevens
Services: 10:30 a.m., 6 p.m.

Walnut Corner
County roads 200 North and 500 West
Steve Rogers
(260) 251-1113
Services: 10:30 a.m.
Sunday school: 9:30 a.m.

West Walnut Church of Christ
204 W. Walnut St., Portland
Gil Alicea
(260) 726-4691
Services: 10 a.m.
westwalnutchurchof-christ.org

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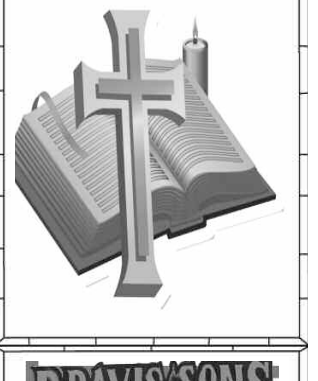
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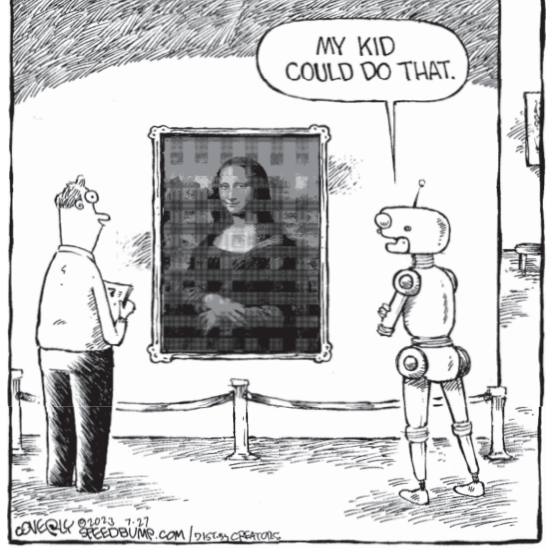
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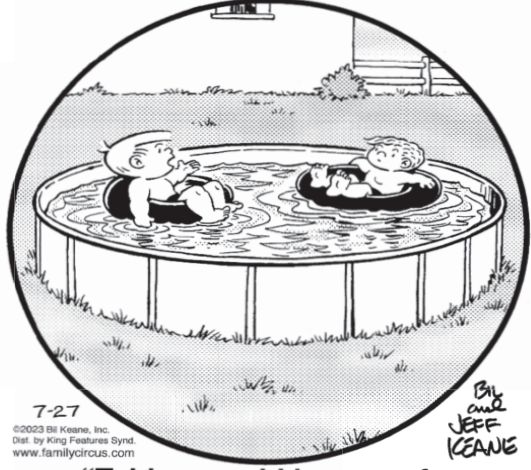


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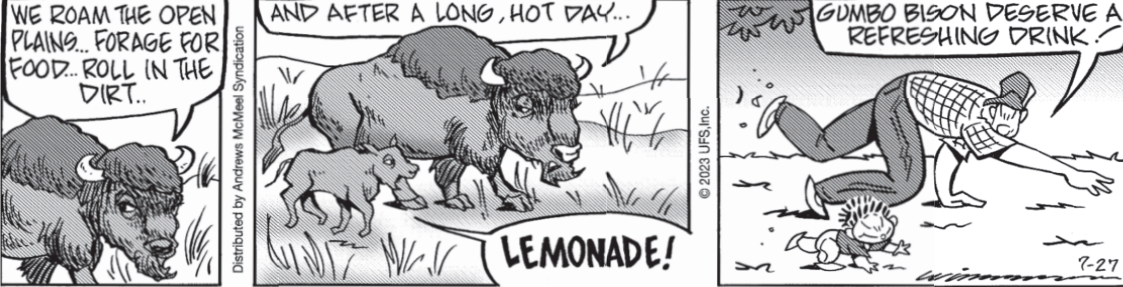
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Beetle Bailey



Everyone errs in bridge; the game is too complicated for anyone to expect to always play perfectly. The correct philosophical approach on those occasions when you err is to try to determine afterward why you made the mistake in the hope that you will learn how to avoid repeating it in the future. Assume you're in six spades and West leads the queen of clubs. You ruff in dummy, cash the K-Q of

trump, and play the A-K-4 of diamonds, ruffing the four. You next ruff the club king in dummy, trump the ten of diamonds, re-enter dummy with a trump and lead a low heart, on which East plays the eight. It doesn't matter what you do now; you eventually lose two heart tricks and go down one. When you later review the sequence of plays, you suddenly realize that making the slam was as easy as pie. All you had to do to virtually guarantee the contract was to discard a heart from dummy on West's opening club lead! East would win with the ace, but sooner or later, you would discard another heart from dummy on the club king and in that way assure the slam regardless of the location of the heart king. While it is true that many readers would make the slam on this line of play, this column is addressed to those who might not have made it. If you are one of those, you should ask yourself why and then file away the answer for future use. In that way, misfortune can be turned into a learning experience, and a potential future error of the same type may be averted.

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CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

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Freshman Brooklynn Zimmerman chips onto the 18th green at Portland Golf Club during the Jay County High School girls golf team's practice Tuesday morning. Zimmerman is one of the Patriots' four first-year golfers, also including freshman Brooklyn Bright and sophomores Jamie Davis and Whitney McIntire.

Full ...

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While the freshman hasn't played competitive golf before, she has played softball for nine years, and Buckner believes her experience with that sport will help provide power to her golf swing.

"She's already very athletic," Buckner said. "She has proven to, to demonstrate excellent golf skills already from what I've seen."

Sophomores Jamie Davis and Whitney McIntire and freshmen Brooklynn Zimmerman will fight for the final two spots in the lineup, and who earns those positions is subject to change for any given match. Whoever has the best average scores from matches and practices will get the call.

The Patriots will open their season Tuesday when they travel to the Belmont Invitational. Their next event will be an invitational as well before a quad-match at Woodlan. They will then get to stay home for three

JCHS girls golf

Date	Opponent	Time
Tuesday, Aug. 1	Bellmont Invitational	8 a.m.
Wednesday, Aug. 2	S. Adams Invitational	9 a.m.
Monday, Aug. 7	Four-team at Woodlan	4:30 p.m.
Thursday, Aug. 10	Muncie Central	4:30 p.m.
Monday, Aug. 14	Anderson	5 p.m.
Monday, Aug. 21	Mon. Cent./Bluffton	4:30 p.m.
Tuesday, Aug. 22	S. Adams/Adams Cen.	4:30 p.m.
Tuesday, Aug. 29	Winch./Fort Recovery	4:30 p.m.
Tuesday, Sept. 5	Wes-Del/Yorktown	4:30 p.m.
Thursday, Sept. 7	Delta	5 p.m.
Saturday, Sept. 10	ACAC at Celina Lynx	9 a.m.
Tuesday, Sept. 13	Southern Wells	4:30 p.m.
Home matches in bold		

matches before a stretch of four on the road. Their season will close out with the ACAC Tournament and postseason play, split by a home match against Southern Wells.

The team's primary goal remains the same as last season, for each individual to work hard and improve. Buckner said a successful season is directly related to the team's improvement and attitude.

"Big differences this

year, everyone has come out, they are excited about playing golf," Buckner said. "They want to improve..."

"It's not won or lost. Golf is a life sport, if they feel like they've accomplished something, they've learned something and they're happy with the result after spending an entire season with (assistant coach Cindy) Denney and myself then I consider that a successful season."



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Out ...

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Harbaugh and Michigan received an NCAA Notice of Allegations on Jan. 5 that spelled out alleged Level II violations during a 2021 COVID recruiting dead period and, more significantly, a Level I allegation, the most severe, against Harbaugh for lying to and misleading NCAA investigators. A source had told The News earlier in January that Harbaugh would not admit on or off the

record that he had lied to the NCAA.

Current offensive coordinator Sherrone Moore, who coaches the offensive line, and tight ends coach Grant Newsome, also are expected to receive sanctions, according to a source, but it is unclear how severe those may be. Mike McDonald, who spent one season (2021) as Michigan defensive coordinator and is now defensive coordinator with the Baltimore Ravens, also

will be sanctioned. A holdup in contract discussions between Michigan and Harbaugh regarding a long-term deal has been attributed to the NCAA issues. Harbaugh, about to begin his ninth season at Michigan, has gone 74-25 and revived a program that had gone a combined 46-44 the previous seven seasons.

Harbaugh led the Wolverines to a 25-3 record the last two seasons with back-to-back

Big Ten championships, the first at Michigan since 2004, and appearances in the College Football Playoff semifinals in 2021 and 2022. Both times, Michigan has failed to advance to the national title game, the most recent disappointment, a 51-45 loss to TCU on New Year's Eve to finish the 2022 season 13-1 and ranked No. 3 nationally in the final AP and Coaches polls.

This has been among

the offseason issues for Harbaugh and Michigan football. Most recently, Glenn "Shemy" Schembechler, the son of the late former Michigan football coach Bo Schembechler, resigned three days after he announced on social media he had been hired as assistant director of Michigan football recruiting. Schembechler's Twitter timeline had a number of posts and "likes" of multiple offensive and insensitive posts, includ-

ing several suggesting slavery and Jim Crow were a positive force to strengthen Black individuals and families.

In February, Matt Weiss, who had been co-offensive coordinator and quarterback coach, was fired after the UM Police Department opened an investigation into alleged computer crimes at Schembechler Hall, the football building. The investigation remains ongoing.

Sports on tap

Local schedule

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

Friday
Portland Rockets vs. Detroit Aces in National Amateur Baseball Federation regional at Carrington Field (Fort Wayne) - 11 a.m.
Portland Rockets vs. Fort Wayne Blues in National Amateur Baseball Federation regional at Carrington Field (Fort Wayne) - 6 p.m.

TV sports

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. América (FS1)

Friday
4:30 a.m. — Women's World Cup: Denmark vs. England (FS1)
7 a.m. — Women's World Cup: Haiti vs. China PR (FS1)
7:30 a.m. — Formula 1: Belgian Grand Prix (ESPN2)
4 p.m. — Boxing: Caribe Royale Boxing (CBSN)
5 p.m. — NASCAR Xfinity Series: Henry 180, Qualifying (USA)
5 p.m. — NASCAR Xfinity Series (USA)
10 p.m. — MLB: Cincinnati Reds at Los Angeles Dodgers (Bally Indiana)

Local notes

Hunt applications open
The Indiana Department of Natural Resources is accepting applications for reserved hunts. Applications can be made for dove, deer, squirrel, teal and goose hunts. Hunters will be selected through a random drawing. To apply, visit on.IN.gov/reservedhunt. The deadline is Aug. 6.

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.
Patriots Passes and Senior Patriot Passes that provide admission to all high school and junior high events will be available. They cost \$105 and \$60 respectively.
Also available are super tickets. High school adult super tickets cost \$80, junior high super tickets come out to \$60 and senior super tickets are \$45.
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Boys basketball and football season passes will cost \$50 and \$25 respectively.
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PUBLIC AUCTION SATURDAY, August 5, 2023

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
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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.

Ann Kesler Loy Auction AC#31600027 Auctioneers Gary Loy AU01031608 Travis Theurer AU11200131

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.

90 SALE CALENDAR

TRUCK - GOLF CART - MOBILITY CART - TOOLS

2003 Ford F150 XLT Triton Extended Cab truck with V8, cloth seats and 128,715 miles; Club Car gas golf cart with windshield and top, Campbell Hausfeld 1900 PSI electric power washer.

AUCTIONEERS NOTE: Larry recently passed away and he was an avid auction attendee and collector. This is the second auction of Larry's collection. Please note that this is only a partial list of the many items to be sold.

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PUBLIC AUCTION SATURDAY, July 29, 2023

TIME 10:00 A.M.
LOCATED: 211 Belgian Lane, Bryant, IN

REAL ESTATE
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Sports

Three Colts put on PUP list

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

INDIANAPOLIS — The Jonathan Taylor saga took an unexpected turn Tuesday when the Indianapolis Colts announced the running back will open training camp on the physically unable to perform list.

Taylor missed all of the spring workouts while rehabbing from ankle surgery, after a sprained ankle limited him to 11 games last season. But he had been expected to be ready for the start of training camp.

The Colts can activate Taylor from the PUP list at any time before the start of the regular season.

Speaking with reporters Tuesday afternoon, Indianapolis general manager Chris Ballard noted defensive end Tyquan Lewis (knee) and rookie tight end Will Mallory (foot) would be placed on PUP and other players were still finishing the check-in process.

“There could be a couple guys that won’t practice early, but I need to get (those names),” Ballard said. “I need to get the physical reports back before I give you complete information on that.”

Taylor has been the subject of much interest throughout the spring and early summer as he seeks a contract extension. The bottom has fallen out of the running back market across the NFL, and Taylor indicated in June he wants a fair deal that reflects his value to the franchise and the community.

Ballard side-stepped direct questions about ongoing contract negotiations but reiterated the team’s strong opinion of the 24-year-old running back.

“The (running back) market is what the market is, but saying that — like I’ve always told you — you pay good players,” Ballard said. “You pay the guys that are gonna help you win, regardless of position. We think very highly of Jonathan. Unfortunately, we didn’t have a great season as a team, and he’s coming off the injury.”

“But Jonathan’s a great player, and he’s a great person. So I think that’ll play out over time and work out the way it should either way.”

Taylor set a single-season franchise record with 1,811 rushing yards in 2021 and tied a single-season franchise record with 18 rushing touchdowns that season.

But — like the offense in general — he could never find his footing in 2022.

Limited to a career-low 11 games by the injury, Taylor rushed for 861 yards and four scores while averaging 4.5 yards per carry — one full yard below his average in 2021.

He’s scheduled to make \$4.304 million this season under the final year of his rookie contract and can become a free agent in March.

The landscape around the league for running backs, however, is bleak.

Saquon Barkley agreed to a one-year deal worth \$11 million Monday after being hit with the franchise tag by the New York Giants, and Josh Jacobs reportedly is considering a holdout instead of signing the franchise tag with the Las Vegas Raiders.

Meanwhile, former Pro Bowlers Dalvin Cook and Ezekiel Elliott remain on the free agent market after being released with two years remaining on their deals.



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Jay County freshman Brooklyn Bright tees off on the 18th hole at Portland Golf Club during the girls golf team’s practice Tuesday morning. The Patriots open their season Aug. 1 at the Belmont Invitational. (A team photo will be published in the fall sports special section that runs Aug. 15.)

Full squad ready to go

By **ANDREW BALKO**
The Commercial Review

Around this time last year, first-year head coach Marvin Buckner was just trying to find enough girls to be able to compete as a team.

Buckner has not faced the same problem this year, with six girls coming out for the 2023 season.

Now it is time for the Jay County High School girls golf team to get ready for a new season with two returning players and four fresh faces.

Rosealynne Smith — Jay County’s No. 1 golfer — and Stacy Fomina both graduated from the 2022 squad while Ellie Klarer moved away. That leaves junior Maddy Snow and sophomore Meah Devoe as the only players to return from the team that finished 1-17 in dual meets, seventh in the Allen County Athletic Conference Tournament and ninth in sectional but saw steady improvement throughout the season.

“Even though we didn’t win a match, we placed second or third a time or two and the girls were pleased they were happy, which as a team made everyone happy,” Buckner said. “So we feel like it was a successful season, even though we weren’t able to put Ws in the win column.”

Buckner will look to Snow and Devoe to be leaders this season to try and help the new golfers get their feet under them and turn some of that fortune around.

“They’ve already demonstrated their leadership capabilities by accepting

the girls helping them,” Buckner said.

He expects Snow to be his No. 1 golfer, citing some of the success she had last season when she won a ribbon at the Belmont Invitational and made the first team All-ACAC with the fourth lowest score.

Devoe will likely be the Patriots’ No. 2 golfer throughout the season. Buckner has already noticed improvements in her driving distance and contact with the ball from last season to the early practices this year.

The expectations are not lost on Snow and Devoe, as they have joked about needing to make sure they are ready to pick up each other’s slack.

“There’s already some talking and laughing and the camaraderie,” Buckner said, noting leadership from Snow and Devoe.

They have also played a role in teaching some of the new players to help prepare them for the season.

“I’m nervous, but also, I feel like I can help other girls understand how to play more,” said Devoe, who first picked up a set of clubs last season. “I like helping them. And they’re actually doing really good. I feel like better than I did when I first started.”

Jay County will have four new players — two freshmen and two sophomores — competing for the first time this season.

One newcomer that Buckner said that as of right now, he is hoping that will be able to step up quickly is Brooklyn Bright.

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Harbaugh out for four games

By **ANGELIQUE S. CHENGELIS**

The Detroit News
Tribune News Service

Michigan football coach Jim Harbaugh likely will be suspended four games this season, as he and the NCAA continue working toward a negotiated resolution after the NCAA alleged he lied to and mislead investigators for penalties stemming from rules violations in 2021 during a COVID recruiting dead period.

The negotiation resolution has not yet been finalized. The suspension is expected to apply for game days only, according to a source. In 2018, then-Ohio State coach Urban Meyer was suspended three games and was able to coach practice but not games.

“We are continuing to work cooperatively with the NCAA staff on an enforcement matter,” Tom Mars, Harbaugh’s attorney, said in a text to The Detroit News on Tuesday. “At this time, we are not allowed to comment on possible

penalties or other aspects of the matter.”

Big Ten media days begin Wednesday and Harbaugh is scheduled to speak to the media on Thursday.

“Michigan is unable to comment since this is an ongoing case,” Michigan football spokesman Dave Ablauf said Tuesday.

Michigan, the two-time defending Big Ten champion, opens the season with four games at home, beginning with East Carolina, then UNLV, Bowling Green and the Big Ten opener against Rutgers on Sept. 23. It is unclear if Harbaugh would be suspended during the game-week preparations or game-day only, and who will be the interim coach for the games Harbaugh would miss.

“We are continuing to work cooperatively with the NCAA staff on an enforcement matter,” Michigan athletic director Warde Manuel said in a statement. “At this time, we cannot comment further on any aspect of the matter.”

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