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Major damage



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A tree smashed the northwest corner of the home of Rhonda Link when it fell during storms early Saturday morning. Jay County Emergency Management Agency reported that as of Sunday it had assessed varying degrees of damage to 60 residences and businesses in Portland in addition to nine rural properties.

Falling trees landed on homes, smashed vehicles during severe wind storm early Saturday morning

By RAY COONEY

The Commercial Review
Trees on homes and cars. Power lines down. Outdoor furniture strewn all over. A storm that blew through Jay County early Saturday left a swath of damage in its wake, with the most severe reported this morning on the east side of Portland. "It's probably the worst since I've been here," said Portland Street Department superintendent Tom Leonhard, whose crews were working to clear fallen trees that were blocking streets. "East end's the worst," he added. "Race and Wal-

nut on the east end are the worst." There was also damage to properties in the northwest and southeast areas of the county. Jay County Emergency Management Agency reported that as of noon Sunday, it had assessed damage of varying degrees to 60 residences and businesses in Portland as well as nine rural properties. Portland Mayor John Boggs announced that residents could place tree debris near the curb for pickup beginning Monday. At 403 E. Arch St., one tree fell and hit the northeast corner of the home of Ryan and Kristen Davisson while another

came down and landed on their vehicles and garage on the south side of the property. "It started storming, but we were all in bed," said Kristen Davisson, the sound of chain saws roaring behind her as others worked to clear the massive fallen tree. "And it was between 3 and 3:30 in the morning, so we didn't hear no sirens or anything. ... You heard the wind gush. And then all of a sudden I heard a bunch of glass shattering, and then a big thump that shook the house. "It was a nightmare." Another tree had landed on the 709 W. Race St. home of Rhonda Link. See **Damage** page 2



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This truck parked on North Street, just east of Meridian Street, was one of a slew of vehicles that were damaged or destroyed by fallen trees in Saturday morning's storm.

Bomb at rally leaves 40 dead

Explosion occurred at Pakistan political event

By ZIA KHAN

dpa
Tribune News Service

ISLAMABAD — A bomb went off at the rally of an Islamic political party in north-western Pakistan on Sunday, killing at least 40 people and wounding many more, officials said.

The bomb exploded inside the packed venue of a rally organized by the Jamiat Ulama e Islam party in the restive region of Bajaur, an area once controlled by the Pakistani Taliban, a separate group from their Afghan counterparts.

"Around 150 injured people were taken to the hospital," local doctor Faisal Khan said, adding that the death toll had risen to at least 40.

Many injured people were in critical condition and were being airlifted to hospitals in the city of Peshawar, rescue department spokesman Bilal Faizi told dpa.

"We fear the death toll will increase," he added.

Ahead of national elections in Pakistan set for later this year, activists of the party had been gathering inside a walled compound for a workers' convention taking place near the Afghan border.

The president of the party, Maulana Fazalur Rehman, leads a governing alliance of several small parties and has survived at least three attacks by the Taliban in the past. He is considered a supporter of Taliban rule in neighboring Afghanistan.

Party spokesman Hafiz Hamdullah said a local leader was among the dead while two national MPs were wounded in the bombing that he condemned as "savagely."

988 is seeing increased usage

By IAN MUNRO

The Virginian-Pilot
Tribune News Service

The new national number for mental health emergencies — 988 — has been contacted five million times across the country since it was introduced a year ago July 9, according to national data.

Virginia has been expanding its ability to take these calls, according to the Virginia Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services.

Between May 2022 and May of this year, the department's five regional hubs fielded about 75,000 more calls than in previous years, said Bill Howard, director of crisis operations.

The department started working with call centers to divert mental health crisis calls in 2021. In Virginia, the call centers are where the "tapestry" of local, state and federal mental health services comes together,

he said. For example, the 988 line helps with response for the Marcus Alert — legislation enacted after a high school teacher was shot to death in Richmond during a mental health crisis in 2018. Virginia localities are trying to prepare such mental health crisis programs by July 2026. Virginia Beach was the first to have a pilot program in Hampton Roads.

Responses from call centers range across four levels from lowest risk to highest:

In January 2021, state call centers received 1,886 calls, 52% with an average answer time of 35 seconds. By May 2023, they fielded 5,671 calls with an average answer time of 20 seconds, according to data provided by the department.

"We view this as the entry point to the crisis system with someone to talk to, someone to respond and a place to go," Howard said.



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Fourth at Drums

Members of the Jay County High School Marching Patriots drumline perform Saturday night during the Drums at Winchester competition. JCHS scored 74.038 points to finish in fourth place behind defending Indiana State Fair champion Kokomo (79.725), Anderson (75.025) and Richmond (74.95). The Marching Patriots will hold their ice cream social from 6:30 to 8 p.m. tonight with their state fair preview show scheduled for 8:30 p.m.

Deaths

John Bihn, 76, Fort Recovery
Details on page 2.

Weather

Jay County had a high of 84 degrees Sunday. The low was 55.
Tonight's low will be around 60.
Skies will be partly cloudy Wednesday with a high in the lower 80s.
See page 2 for an extended outlook.

In review

United Way of Jay County and Second Harvest Food Bank will partner to host a free food tailgate from 10 a.m. to noon Wednesday at Jay County Fairgrounds.
Income verification is not required.

Coming up

Wednesday — Coverage of this week's Jay School Board meeting.

Thursday — Preview of the Indiana State Fair Band Day Contest.

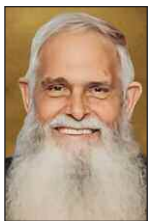


Obituaries

John Bihn

June 2, 1947-July 28, 2023
John J. Bihn, 76, of Fort Recovery, Ohio, passed away on Friday, July 28, 2023, at his home. He was born on June 2, 1947, in Celina, Ohio, to the late John H. and Cleopha (Fullenkamp) Bihn. In addition to his parents, John was also preceded in death by his wife, Marlene (Siefiring) Bihn, whom he married on Nov. 26, 1966, and who passed away on Feb. 23, 2007; his siblings, Leonard, Thomas, Edward and Susan Bihn; his brother-in-law, Dale Link; and his sister-in-law, Patricia Siefiring. John is survived by his children, Susan (Larry) Homan of Fort Recovery, Christopher

(Amy) Bihn of Fort Recovery, Lori (Andrew) Bruggeman of St. Henry, Ohio, Tina (Dan) Dirksen of Portland, Lynette (Doug) Hughes of Rockford, Ohio, Douglas (Kelli) Bihn of Fort Recovery, Shawn (Amy) Bihn of Degraff, Ohio, Carrie (Mitch) Petro of Portland, Charles (April) Bihn of Portland, Tamara (Justin) Huntsman of Fort Recovery, John (April) Bihn of Fort Recovery and Luke (Kaylee) Bihn of Salamonina; his 71 grandchildren; and 19 great grandchildren. John is also survived by his "adopted" son, Gildas (Virginie) Vasseur of France; his



Bihn

siblings, Linda (Don) Boeckman of Ansonia, Ohio, Jerry (Becky) Bihn of Fort Recovery and Ralph (Kathy) Bihn of Minster, Ohio; his sister-in-law, Jackie Bihn of Vandalia, Ohio; his In-Laws, Eugene Siefiring of New Weston, Ohio, Barbara Link of Portland, Ruth (Louis) Grisez of New Weston, and Cindy (Mark) Knapke of Fort Recovery; countless nieces and nephews; and five godchildren. John was a skilled tool and die maker, but he was so much more. He was an inventor, patent holder and farmer, and was the owner/operator of Teamwork Tooling. He has been called a wiseguy and storyteller. He was a devout Catholic and a member of Mary Help of Christians Catholic Church in Fort

Recovery. Most of all, he was caring, loving and loyal. He loved playing Santa Claus, and it was not uncommon for children to look, point or even come and sit on his lap and tell him their Christmas wishes. He treasured his visits with family and friends and enjoyed all the cards he received. A Mass of Christian Burial will take place at 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday, Aug. 2, 2023, at Mary Help of Christians Catholic Church, Fort Recovery, with Fathers Alexander Witt and Michael Kapolka concelebrating. Burial will follow in St. Mary's Cemetery. Guests may visit with John's family on Tuesday, Aug. 1, 2023, from 2 to 7 p.m. and again on Wednesday, from 9 to 10 a.m. at

Brockman Boeckman Funeral Home, Fort Recovery. Memorial contributions may be given to either Padre Pio Foundation, 463 Main St., Cromwell, CT 06416, or the Cancer Association of Mercer County, P.O. Box 624, Celina, OH 45822. Condolences may be shared with the family by visiting brockmanboeckmanfh.com.
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The Commercial Review publishes death notices for those with a connection to our coverage area free of charge. They include the name, city of residence, birth/death date and time/date/location of services. There is a charge for obituaries, which are accepted only from funeral homes or mortuary services.

CR almanac

Wednesday 8/2	Thursday 8/3	Friday 8/4	Saturday 8/5	Sunday 8/6
83/64	85/66	86/64	83/62	84/64
Mostly sunny skies Wednesday with a chance of rain at night.	There's a slight chance of showers and thunderstorms on Thursday.	Friday's forecast shows another slight chance of rain. Otherwise, mostly cloudy.	Mostly sunny with a small chance of showers and thunderstorms.	Another day of mostly sunny skies and the possibility of rain.

Lotteries

Powerball Estimated jackpot: \$74 million	59-67-70-72-76-80 Cash 5: 23-24-26-32-36 Estimated jackpot: \$125,000
Mega Millions Estimated jackpot: \$1.05 billion	Ohio Sunday Midday Pick 3: 6-9-7 Pick 4: 1-2-2-7 Pick 5: 8-8-3-8-1 Evening Pick 3: 7-8-8 Pick 4: 8-1-9-3 Pick 5: 9-4-7-5-2 Rolling Cash 5: 11-16-17-22-24 Estimated jackpot: \$202,000
Hoosier Sunday Midday Daily Three: 0-8-9 Daily Four: 1-7-9-6 Evening Daily Three: 6-3-3 Daily Four: 3-2-8-1 Quick Draw: 1-4-8-9-12-16-19-22-28-31-33-39-41-52-	

Markets

Cooper Farms Fort Recovery Corn.....5.35 Oct. corn4.90 Wheat5.72	Sept. beans12.86 Wheat 6.25
POET Biorefining Portland Corn.....5.85 Aug. corn5.85 Oct./Nov. corn4.95	Central States Montpelier Corn.....5.53 Late Aug. corn5.16 Beans.....13.96 Late Aug. beans13.76 Wheat6.20
The Andersons Richland Township Corn5.51 Sept. corn4.86 Beans13.95	Heartland St. Anthony Corn.....5.30 Oct. corn4.70 Beans13.86 Oct. beans13.81 Wheat6.07

Today in history

In 1589, Jacques Clement, a Jacobin friar, stabbed France's King Henry II. He died the next day after naming his ally Henry of Navarre as his successor.
In 1819, writer Herman Melville was born in New York City. He is best known for the novel "Moby Dick."
In 1972, The Jay County 4-H auction set a record as Penny Snyder's grand champion hog sold for \$1.47 per pound, breaking the previous record of \$1.05.
In 1993, Natalie Banta won the Miss Jay County Fair Queen Pageant at Jay County Fairgrounds.
In 1998, the Jay County High School Marching Patriots finished second in the Music In Motion band contest at Anderson. They scored 75.3 points to trail Franklin Central (79).
In 2013, the Portland Rockets fell 11-10 in 12 innings to Louisville Star Drywall in the opening round of the National Amateur Baseball Federation regional tournament in Louisville, Kentucky.
In 2022, Portland City Council approved a two-tiered sewer rate increase at a total of 33.6%. The increase was set to be split, with about half going into effect Jan. 1, 2023, and the remainder to follow on April 1.
—The CR

Citizen's calendar

Today
4 p.m. — Jay County Development Corporation, Community Resource Center, 118 S. Meridian St., Portland.
5:30 p.m. — Portland Park Board, council chambers, fire station, 120 N. Court St., Portland.
7 p.m. — Pennville Town Council, town hall, 105 N. Washington St.
7 p.m. — Salamonina Town Council, Schoolhouse Community Center.
Thursday
4 p.m. — Portland Board of Works, mayor's office, city hall, 321 N. Meridian St.

Damage ...

Continued from page 1
There were multiple trees down along High Street on the east side of the city.

"I felt my house shake," said Lori McIntosh of 603 E. High St., who in a Facebook post had said her neighborhood looked like a disaster zone. "Everything shook. It shook twice."

Neighbors Ron and Karin Somers then called to ask if she was OK, informing her that her house had damage to its roof and that a patio canopy had blown away along with outdoor furniture. (Her husband, Steve, a member of Portland Board of Works, was away camping for Swiss Days in Berne.) The roof damage resulted in water leaking into the house.

"It's just a lot of clean up," McIntosh said. "But we're fortunate because from what I've heard ... there's some people in town who got a lot worse. ... We're fortunate because everything that we had can be fixed."

She, Steve and their son Mark, a Berne resident, were already working on covering the hole in the roof before 9 a.m. Saturday.

A house owned by Terry and Michelle Storie at 933 E. High St. was surrounded by what was left of a tree that snapped off on the east side of the home, with part of it smashing a truck windshield. Multiple trees were uprooted east of Morton Street.

Damage to vehicles, including one that was parked on the street in front

'I've never seen so many vehicles getting crushed by storms like this one.'

—Bubba Swoveland, Portland Street Department

of the McIntosh home and several more just to the west, was a common sight in the city Saturday morning. Trees had also landed on vehicles on Pleasant Street, between High and Walnut streets, and on North Street, just east of Meridian Street.

"I've never seen so many vehicles getting crushed by storms like this one," said Bubba Swoveland of Portland Street Department.

The National Weather Service on Saturday morning reported that a line of thunderstorms had developed across Iowa late Friday and turned into a derecho — a widespread, long-lived wind storm that can produce destruction similar to that of a tornado — as it moved across central Indiana. Widespread wind damage was reported, with wind gusts of more than 70 miles per hour. Tornadoes were confirmed in Cass County, Indiana, and Defiance County, Ohio.

The east side of Portland was without electricity. Multiple streets, including High Street between Hayes and Munson Streets, were blocked because of downed trees.

A "Rave Support Alert" went out

regarding a severe thunderstorm watch for the area until 5 a.m. had gone out shortly after midnight.

Some residents received an emergency alert from the National Weather Service on their cell phones regarding a tornado warning about 3:45 a.m. (At that point, some damage had already been done.) Others said they did not receive any sort of alert about the severe storm.

Swoveland said he got his first call at 3:10 a.m.

Residents were asked to stay at home Saturday morning in order to allow city crews time to clear the streets and Indiana Michigan Power to fix downed power lines. (County road 100 South was also closed between county roads 100 East and 300 East because of a downed line.) An update from Indiana Michigan Power at 10 a.m. Saturday indicated that 17,000 customers in its service had lost power, with about half having been restored. By the evening, all but about 1,500 had been restored with the bulk of those still without power in the South Bend and Elkhart areas.

Felony arrests

Child solicitation

A Portland woman was arrested Wednesday for child solicitation.

Paige N. Curtis, 25, 509 E. Arch St., was preliminarily charged with a Level 4 felony.

She's being held on a \$10,000 bond in Jay County Jail.

Drunk driving

A Portland woman was arrested Saturday for drunk driving.

Peggy J. Roush, 52, 1237 N. U.S. 27, is charged in Jay Superior Court with operating a vehicle while intoxicated and operating a vehicle with a blood alcohol level of 0.15% or more, both Level 6 felonies.

She's being held on a \$3,000 bond in Jay County Jail.

Unlawful possession

Two Indiana residents were arrested Friday for unlawful possession of a syringe.

Bradley A. Gonzalez, 40, 2108 E. Indiana Ave., Muncie, is charged in Jay Superior Court with a Level 6 felony for the alleged crime. He's being held in Jay County Jail on a \$3,000 bond.

April L. Smith, 40, 5726 S. 200 West, Portland, is also charged in Jay Superior Court with a Level 6 felony for the alleged crime. She's being held on a \$3,000 bond in Jay County Jail.

Capsule Reports

Drove into ditch

A Bryant man's vehicle went into a ditch along county road 650 North about 9:14 p.m. Wednesday.

Michael B. Conrad, 39, told police he was driving north on the road just east of Indiana 1 when something came loose in his 2005 Chrysler Sebring, causing him to drive into a ditch and hit a fence.

His vehicle was towed, with damage estimated between \$2,500 and \$5,000.

SERVICES

Wednesday
Bihn, John: 10:30 a.m., Mary Help of Christians Catholic Church, 403 Sharpsburg Road, Fort Recovery.

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

Service listings provided by
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Couldn't ask for a better Saturday

By DIANA DOLECKI
Special to The Commercial Review
It began with a simple message from a friend. Jenny — her last name used to be Dattoli, now it's Rawlings — said she would be in the area Saturday and wanted to know if we wanted to get together to catch up.

As I See It



stein toss held on the public library lawn. Rocks of different weights and shapes were substituted for steins. They had different size rocks for different categories. The four categories were boys, girls, men and women. There was talk of adding a seniors category next year.

Steins might have been easier to toss than the

rocks. I think both of them came in dead last in their division. That was not the important part. The important part was that they tried. They didn't stand around and watch. They got in there and did their best. I was proud of both of them.

While they were waiting for the results, I noticed a lemonade truck across the street. It was as welcoming as an oasis in the desert. It was very hot outside and the icy lemonade was delicious.

We rejoined the crowd of people until we spotted some benches in the shade. We quickly claimed them.

Jen's hubby, Rich, went in search of a tenderloin. He quickly found one and brought it back to share with his wife.

There was a break in the conversation. We agreed to wrap up our visit before we melted. We parted with hugs and orders for all of us to drive safely. I am not usually a fan of air conditioning but it sure felt good after walking around in the direct sun for a few hours.

We discussed whether to stop at home or go to Muncie. There was a free concert that we wanted to go down to see. We also wanted to stop for supper. Once we weighed every-

thing we decided against stopping at home.

We decided to eat at a sit-down restaurant before heading to the show. For some reason we had two or three waiters. The food was good, as usual. Hubby ended up with three big glasses of iced tea. Each of the waiters checked on us frequently without being pests.

We got to the venue in plenty of time to choose our spots. The concert was held outside. Most people brought folding chairs. Once again, I was surprised that despite people being allowed to put their chairs anywhere they chose, the

chairs were in distinct rows. I don't know why this surprised me because it happens every time.

Lovesick Moan opened for Tommy Castro and the Painkillers. (Don't you love band names?) Both bands played good music. One of the things I like best about these concerts is that the music isn't so loud that it hurts.

The sun had set before it was time to head home. It had been a long but pleasant day. We got to see an old friend and meet her hubby before enjoying a delicious supper and ending the day with music. I couldn't ask for anything more.

Woman's friendships need rekindling

DEAR ABBY: I'm a woman in my late 40s, and since coming out of the isolation of the pandemic (the lockdown was strict where we live), I've had a hard time rekindling the friendships I valued before — with my two best girlfriends, in particular. We used to have the type of relationship in which we were very open. We told each other everything and had a lot of fun.

The last two years were really hard on me. I faced a series of serious health issues, as did my youngest kid, who almost

Dear Abby



died and had to be hospitalized in another city because the care centers here were overcrowded. A few months later, my older child had a mental health crisis that we now spend

a lot of time working through. Those challenges completely changed the way our house runs. They dominate my day-to-day life. The thing is, talking about all that feels too heavy. I don't want to be the friend who always brings down the room. On the other hand, when my friends find out everything that has been going on that I didn't tell them about, they're going to be angry that I've been hiding things from them, and it's going to damage our friendship. I don't have the capacity

to take on managing anyone else's feelings, while at the same time I wish I had more people to go out and have fun with. How can I be a good friend without sharing all the challenges? — NOT SHARING IN THE EAST

DEAR NOT SHARING: Now that the lockdowns are over and, for most people, life is returning to near-normal, get together face-to-face for a truth session with those friends. Tell them as much as you think they need

to know, and enjoy them as often as you can. If they can't lighten your load, widen your circle to include some women who can.

Do not feel you must manage their feelings or disclose all of your son's emotional difficulties. Make sure to devote some time listening to the challenges THEY may have faced over the last couple of years. True friends try to make the people they care about feel better, not worse.

Community Calendar

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

Tuesday

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

A BETTER LIFE - BRIANNA'S HOPE — A faith-based recovery group for substance abuse. Meal starts at 6 p.m. and the meeting is from 6:30 to 8 p.m. every Tuesday at the Nazarene Fellowship Building across from the Nazarene church, 249 E. Center St., Dunkirk. For more information, call Amanda Price at (765) 283-2107.

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

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

Wednesday

WEDNESDAY MORN- ING BREAKFAST CLUB — Will meet at 8 a.m. in the east room of Richards

Restaurant. All women are invited to attend. Includes activities and devotional time.

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

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

SINGLES AND SEPARATES SUPPORT GROUP — For anyone who's lost a loved one or has a spouse living in long-term care or suffering from an illness, the group will meet at 2 p.m. the first Wednesday of each month in the Arthur & Gloria Muselman Wellness Pavilion in Berne. For more information, call Sarah Conrad at (260) 589-4496.

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.

PORTLAND LIONS CLUB — Will meet the first Thursday of the month at Portland Lions Civic Center, 307 W. 100 North. The meal will be served at 6:30 p.m. and the meeting will begin at 7 p.m.

FORGET-ME-NOT — A support group for parents, friends and relatives who have lost a baby through miscarriage, birth or illness will meet from 7 to 9 p.m. at St. Vincent Randolph Hospital, Winchester, in community room 1. For more information, call Kimberly Sibery at (765) 964-6075 or Nikki Bosworth at (765) 584-6452.

Friday

DUNKIRK HISTORICAL SOCIETY — Is open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on the first and third Friday of each month in the former W.E. Gaunt Jewelry building, 113 S. Main St., Dunkirk.

SOFT SHOULDERS — A support group for anyone suffering from memory loss, will meet at 10:30 a.m. the first Friday of each month in the Fireplace Room at Edelweiss Place at Swiss Village in Berne. For more information, call (260) 589-3173.

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.

ROAD RIDERS FOR JESUS — Will meet at 10 a.m. on the first Saturday of each month in the West Walnut Church of Christ fellowship hall, 204 W. Walnut St., Portland. (Please enter from the door facing the alley on the north side of the building.) For more information, call (260) 726-8463.

DUNKIRK HISTORICAL SOCIETY — Is open from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on the first and third Saturday of each month in the former W.E. Gaunt Jewelry building, 113 S. Main St., Dunkirk.

MUSEUM OF THE SOLDIER — Is open from noon to 5 p.m. the first and third Saturday and Sunday of

the month. It is located at 510 E. Arch St., Portland. The website is museumofthesoldier.com.

Sunday

A BETTER LIFE - BRIANNA'S HOPE — A faith-based recovery group for all kinds of addictions, will meet from 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.

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

Level: Beginner

Saturday's Solution

6	9	2	8	5	3	1	7	4
4	5	1	2	9	7	6	8	3
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5	1	4	3	7	8	2	6	9
2	7	3	4	6	9	5	1	8
9	8	6	1	2	5	3	4	7
3	2	7	9	4	6	8	5	1
1	4	9	5	8	2	7	3	6
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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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Make education part of the battle

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If there ever was a time to sound the alarm about a national epidemic that has killed millions of Americans, it was 20 years ago when the second wave of opioid deaths spiked. But since little has been done on a national basis to prevent deaths from fentanyl, local communities and schools must step up.

Many lawmakers like to address the opioid crisis through sound bites that focus on law enforcement and treatment. Indeed, the FEND Off Fentanyl Act passed the U.S. Senate Thursday and will, among other things, finally declare the international trafficking of fen-

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tanyl a national emergency and allow the Treasury Department to utilize special measures to combat fentanyl-related money laundering.

But U.S. Sen. Maria Cantwell, D-Washington, and mothers like Gen Pehlivanian and Carol Schweigert understand the need for an education component as well to prevent the illicit use of opioids by those who have yet to

take the risk, and to prevent deaths of those who are currently using.

King County, Washington, recorded 1,004 deaths by overdose in 2022, 712 from fentanyl. The county is on track to break that record this year, with 647 overdose deaths as of July 25. And Washington had the biggest increase in the nation — more than 21% — in fatal overdoses reported between February 2022 and February 2023.

Cantwell has been ringing the alarm for years, and has launched a listening tour across the state to educate herself and others of the dangers of fentanyl and to seek solutions from public health officials, elected

officials and those intimately affected by the crisis. The latest tour stop was in Seattle last week.

Teens and young adults are two groups where education can surely help decrease the usage and deaths. Schweigert and Pehlivanian each lost their sons — both in their 20s — to fentanyl poisoning. In both deaths, the men took pills from acquaintances under the mistaken belief they were the painkiller Percocet. Both pills were laced with fentanyl.

"It needs to start much earlier than high school," Pehlivanian said of schools teaching about drug use. Both women have presented their stories at schools

and advocate for school districts to create more formal curricula centered on drug use.

The U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration launched the "One Pill Can Kill" presentation in 2021 and works to build more relationships with school districts each year.

Testing has shown that, of the more than 58 million pills the DEA confiscates each year, 4 out of 10 fentanyl-laced fake pills often made to look like OxyContin, Percocet or Xanax contain a potentially lethal dose.

There is much to be done to help save lives and grief when it comes to the opioid epidemic. Education provides a good chance at prevention.

Some districts will see losses

By NIKI KELLY

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Parents are getting a big win as their kids go back to school this year: no more textbook fees. But as the details unfold, school districts around the state are preparing for a shortfall between what the state is going to give them and what the actual costs are.

Lawmakers, pushed by GOP Gov. Eric Holcomb, did the right thing and eliminated those pesky fees, which sometimes cost parents hundreds of dollars per child.

Indiana was one of only seven states to charge the fees even though the state constitution requires a free public education. But there are questions about whether legislators set aside enough money to make up the costs.

Hamilton Heights School Corporation and Greenfield-Central's superintendents told Fox59 the money the schools will receive won't be enough to cover the full costs. And Community School Corporation of Southern Hancock County told the Daily Reporter it will have a shortfall of about \$800,000.

To start, this is about more than textbooks — it's about "curricular materials."

The Indiana Department of Education (DOE) defines that as "books; hardware that will be consumed, accessed, or used by a single student during a semester or school year; computer software; and digital content."

That includes one-to-one laptops or tablets given to students in some districts.

The general plan moving forward is this: schools in the coming weeks and months will send in their curricular costs to the Indiana Department of Education. Officials there will take the total and divide it by the number of students statewide. That will give an amount per student that will be multiplied by how many students each district has. Then, that amount will be given in one lump sum to individual school districts in December.

Lawmakers appropriated \$160 million for the initiative's inaugural year, based on an estimate of \$150 per student for the state's 1 million pupils.

But where did that \$150 number come from, and is it really enough?

State Budget Director Zac Jackson said the \$151.88 average was calculated using the Free and Reduced Lunch reimbursement claims submitted to DOE by school corpora-

Niki Kelly



tions for fiscal year 2022. Previously, the state would reimburse districts for curricular materials for just those students on free and reduced lunch: \$66.9 million in claims for a total of 440,491 students, averaging \$151.88 per student.

So that average was applied to all students to come up with the appropriation in the budget.

Jackson does acknowledge the average will likely be enough to cover some school districts' actual costs, but not all.

For instance, \$151 is clearly not enough to cover the cost of a laptop or tablet in one-to-one schools. And some high school students taking college-level dual credit courses will have more expensive textbooks.

"There probably are some growing pains with this," Jackson said.

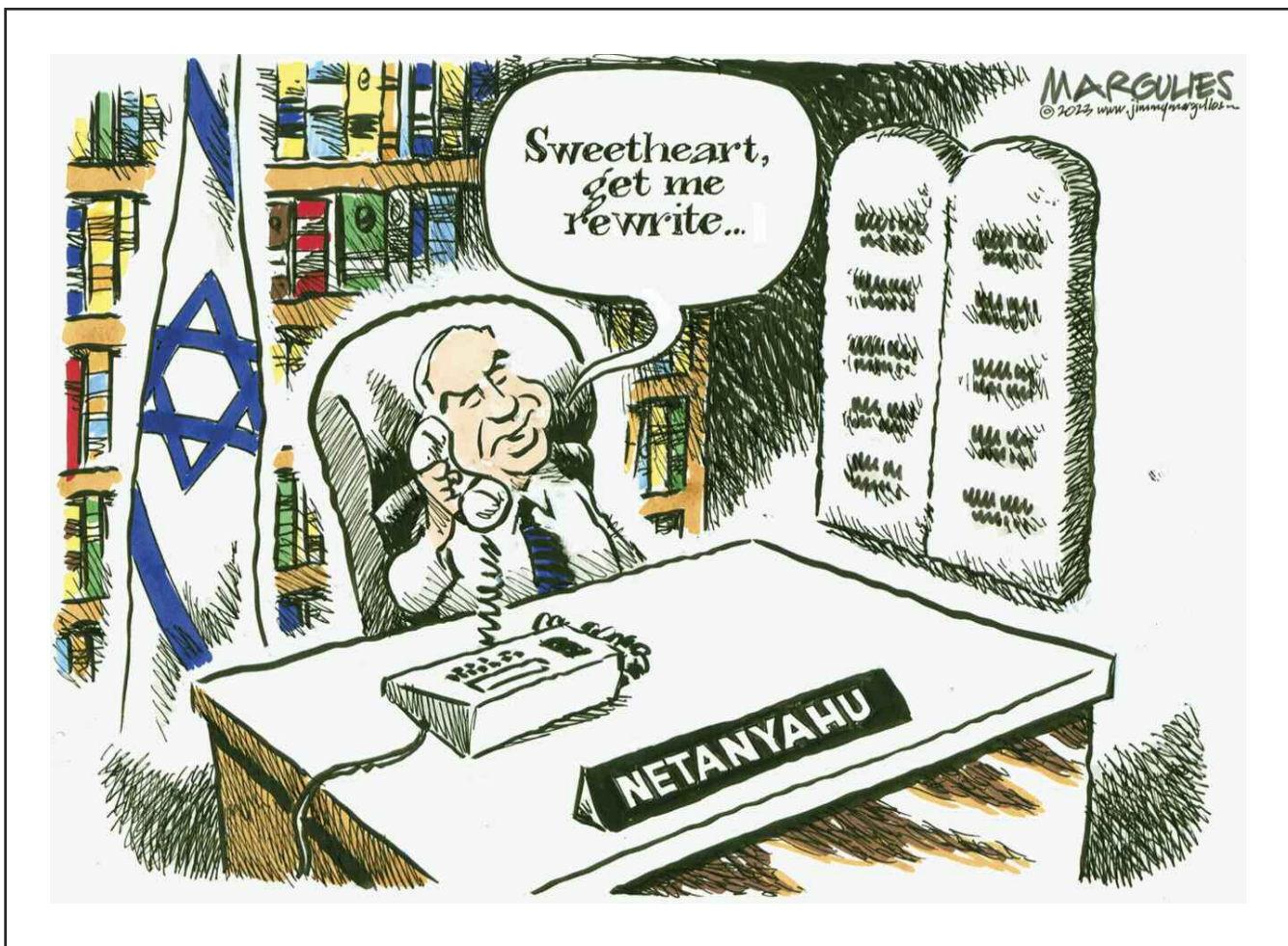
The law specifically says schools can't charge parents for curricular materials anymore, so districts will have to cover the remaining cost through their tuition support appropriations. Jackson and others note the legislature increased funding to schools in the most recent budget.

Various school officials have talked about being creative, including Business Director Mark Snyder at Southwest Allen County Schools. During a recent school board discussion, he said he anticipates a "significant loss in revenue. It doesn't mean we can't do something — it just means we're going to have to be creative."

A board member mentioned backlash the state might receive, but Snyder also reminded her that voters will be happy with annual savings of between \$150 and \$500.

Lawmakers made the right call in eliminating the fees. And I hope they do the same next year and supplement the funding if it is found that some districts are losing money that could otherwise go to teacher salaries and other necessary expenses.

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Support community news act

By DEAN RIDINGS

America's Newspapers

It's no secret that recent years have been tough on small businesses and on newspapers.

A bipartisan bill, the Community News & Small Business Support Act, that has been introduced in Congress would offer relief to both newspapers and local businesses.

For too many newspapers, help can't come soon enough. Economic challenges have resulted in too many communities seeing their local newspapers being forced to lay off staff, cut back on publication days or — worse yet — close. On average, two newspapers are closing each week. That hurts local businesses and residents in the long (and short) run. However, despite the challenges, what remains true is that local newspapers make a difference in their communities.

But, don't just take my word for it. Let's look at the numbers and why America's Newspapers has been pushing for the Community News & Small Business Support Act to be introduced.

A recent national study of 5,000 Americans over the age of 18 was conducted by the independent research firm Coda Ventures for America's Newspapers, and provides compelling evidence of the importance, relevance and vitality of today's newspapers in the American media landscape.

Readers told us that their local newspaper makes a difference. The study shows that 79% of Americans read/use local news "to stay informed" about their cities, counties and communities. They also said they rely on their local paper to feel connected to their community, to decide where they stand on local issues, to find places and things to do, to talk with people about things happening in the community, because they find it enjoyable/entertaining and to be a better citizen.

And, contrary to popular belief, readers across all age groups turn to

Dean Ridings



local newspapers and their digital products to stay informed about their communities.

Readers also told us they need more local news from their community paper. As one survey respondent in California said, "Our paper keeps getting smaller. I would like to see more news items, what's happening in town, what's new in politics, etc. And they need to be quicker to respond to breaking news."

All of that takes a committed, local staff — something the legislation introduced by Congresswoman Claudia Tenney (R-New York) and Congresswoman Suzan DelBene (D-Washington) will help to make happen.

So, what would this legislation mean to your local community?

Local businesses with fewer than 50 employees would receive a five-year non-refundable tax credit of up to \$5,000 in the first year and up to \$2,500 in the subsequent four years based on their spending level with local newspapers and local media.

Our study showed that six out of 10 American adults use newspaper advertising to help them decide what brands, products and local services to buy. Newspaper readers also are almost twice as likely to purchase products from a number of important advertising categories than non-newspaper readers, including: automobiles, trucks and SUVs; home furnishings; home improvement products and services; and home services like pest control, plumbing, heating, etc.

With this legislation, we expect to see more businesses being able to afford to advertise to consumers, which — in turn — helps communi-

ties thrive.

For local newspapers, a five-year refundable tax credit would help them hire more journalists to bring you more news! It's a win-win for local communities. Newspapers would receive a tax credit to be used for the compensation of journalists. The credit would cover 50% of journalists' compensation in the first year and 30% of compensation (up to \$50,000) in the subsequent four years. This tax credit would only be available to local community papers with fewer than 750 employees and, if they don't invest in their newsroom, they don't get the credit.

And these tax credits are only available to local newspapers. National newspaper outlets are not eligible.

The importance of local newspapers and local business is the reason Reps. Tenney and DelBene introduced the legislation. We are most grateful for their support.

We need your support, as well, to encourage legislators to enact this legislation. Please contact the offices of your senators and representatives in the U.S. Congress and encourage them to add their support to this legislation.

These tax credits aren't permanent; they will sunset in five years. But, these critical five years will allow the newspaper industry the time needed to address the challenges that it is facing from Big Tech, which often uses newspapers' content without compensation, as well as other technological and market challenges.

Visit usa.gov/elected-officials for the contact information for your legislators.

More local reporting means more access for hometown news that citizens like you rely on. And stronger newspapers mean stronger advertising vehicles for local businesses.

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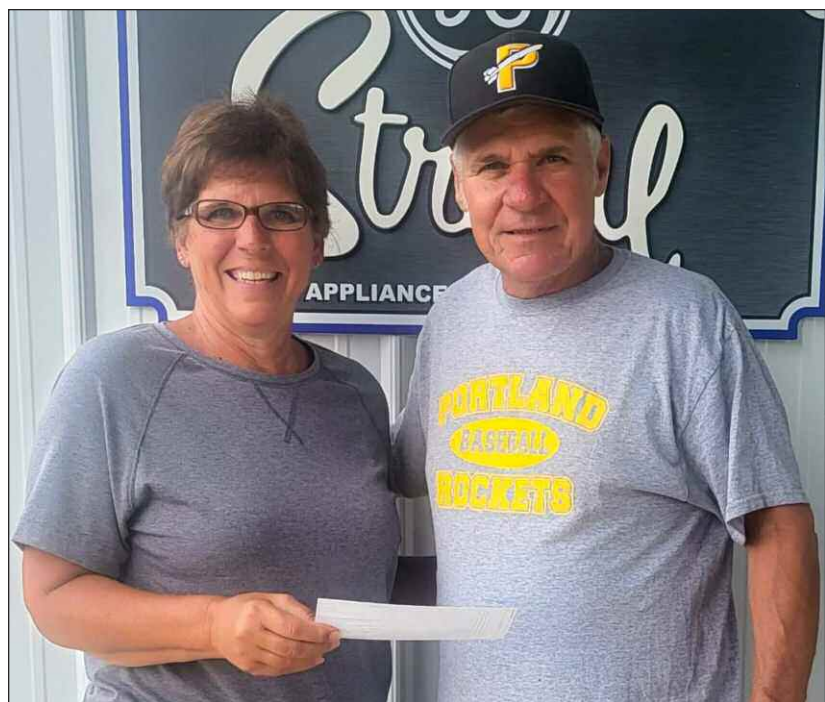


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Helping the Rockets

Strohl Appliance and Electronics of Portland recently donated \$1,000 to the Portland Rockets' project to construct new batting cages at Portland Memorial Park's Runkle-Miller Field.

NHTSA proposes cutting use by 50%

By RILEY BEGGIN
The Detroit News
Tribune News Service

WASHINGTON — The Biden administration plans to cut vehicle fuel consumption almost in half by 2035, according to new proposed Corporate Average Fuel Economy standards released Friday by the U.S. Department of Transportation's National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

The rules would once again increase fuel efficiency, pushing car companies to meet an estimated 58 mile per gallon average fuel economy by model year 2032. It would require automakers to improve fuel efficiency by

2% every year for cars and 4% per year for light trucks beginning in model year 2027.

The proposed standards also would increase fuel economy standards for heavy duty pickup trucks and work vans by 10% annually model years 2030 to 2035. Combined, NHTSA estimates that the country's total fleet fuel consumption would be cut by 48% by model year 2035.

Comparatively, a 2022 rulemaking bumped up the existing standard to 49 miles per gallon fleetwide by model year 2026, with 8% efficiency increases in model years 2024 and 2025 and a 10% increase in model year 2026.

Walmart announces new initiative

Walmart and PepsiCo last week announced that they will collaborate to invest \$120 million to support U.S. and Canadian farmers in improving soil health and water quality over a seven-year period.

The funding will go toward establishing and scaling financial, agronomic and social programs. The goal is to "enable and accelerate the adoption of regenerative agriculture practices" on more than 2 million acres in order to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

"This collaboration with PepsiCo is a great example of how we are prioritizing the expansion of regenerative agricultural practices among farmers across North America so that we can continue to make quality products affordable and accessible for customers," said Walmart senior vice president for sustainability Jane Ewing in a press release. "This collaboration aims to help elevate farmer livelihoods, engage them on how to more sustainably manage soil health, increase yields and create a model that others can mimic ..."

Business roundup

by centralizing and standardizing its supply chain.

"We knew we were seeing soaring pharmaceutical costs, and we know there has been a shortage of pharmaceutical drugs," IU Health vice president and chief pharmacy officer told Inside Indiana Business. "And we knew it was a problem that wasn't going away anytime soon."

Investment increases

Renewable energy firm Invenergy recently closed a \$1.5 billion revolving credit facility to support its projects.

The financing is an increase over the company's existing \$600 million in working capital. The closing follows an announcement in June that Blackstone Infrastructure Partners invested about \$1 billion for Invenergy's projects.

"This financing firmly advances our ability to execute on an industry-leading project portfolio at a time of historic growth for Invenergy," said Meghan Schultz, Invenergy executive vice president & chief financial officer, in a press release. "We thank our lender teams for their excellent service, continued confidence, and shared commitment to building a more sustainable world."

Invenergy is developing Skycrest Solar in northwest Jay County.

Initiative launches

Ardagh Glass Packaging – South Africa recently announced the money4glass initiative.

The effort has a goal of

improving effectiveness within the company's supply chain for recycled glass. It provides incentives to recyclers to provide glass to the company in South Africa.

"This technology will enable us to identify traders, better understand the footprint of cullet recycling activity in the country and monitor the volumes of cullet traded in the different regions," said Thomas Shaw, supply chain executive for Ardagh. "Importantly, it will also allow us to make glass recycling financially viable across the width and breadth of the country through the application of targeted incentives and to ensure that payments and incentives can quickly and efficiently reach all recyclers, but particularly the informal recyclers who are at the start of the recycling process."

Ardagh operates glass manufacturing facilities in Winchester and Dunkirk.

CEO to retire

O'Reilly Automotive's board of directors has selected Brad Beckham to become its new CEO in early 2024.

Beckham is currently the company's co-president along with Brent Kirby. He will take over for Greg Johnson, who will retire as O'Reilly's CEO effective Jan. 31. (Kirby will be promoted to president.)

"Greg has been a champion for O'Reilly's promote from within philosophy and our dedication to long-term succession planning, and he has done an exemplary job preparing both Brad Beckham and Brent Kirby for their new roles," said O'Reilly board executive chairman Greg Henslee. "Brad shares Greg's passion for O'Reilly. He is a highly respected member of our executive team whose considerable experience and significant industry knowledge make him excep-

tionally qualified to succeed Greg as CEO.

Accepting nominations

Indiana Chamber of Commerce is accepting nominations for the 2023 Jackson Lewis Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) Champion Award.

The award honors organizations that are making strides toward becoming more equitable workplaces. Nominees are evaluated on developing, promoting and executing diversity, equity and inclusion initiatives.

"Lifting up underrepresented groups and seeing them thrive in the modern economy benefits not only those individuals but makes Indiana a better place, which is why this is such an important thing to do," said chamber president and CEO Kevin Brinegar in a press release. "We want to see how Hoosier organizations across the state have used DEI to make a positive difference in their workplace – and beyond."

Nominations for the award can be submitted online at indianachamber.com/deiaward. The deadline is Aug. 21.

Awards earned

Muncie marketing and branding firm Intersection recently earned six Hermes Creative Awards in addition to three honorable mentions from the Association of Marketing and Communications Professionals.

Intersection earned platinum awards for its work on the Ball Brothers Foundation annual report and the Agape "Beyond the Barn" campaign book. It also won four gold awards.

The awards recognize "outstanding creative work within the advertising and marketing industry."

Forte is first

Forté Sports Medicine and

Orthopedics of Carmel recently became first in the state to use the Stryker Q Guidance System with Spine Guidance Software for navigation and guidance in surgery.

The system is designed to produce real-time, 3D models of a patient's spine to allow surgeons to perform with greater precision and efficiency. Dr. Stephen Ritter was the first to utilize the system at Forte.

"Spinal surgeries performed using Stryker's technology have the potential to be safer, faster and less invasive than other procedures," said Ritter in a press release. "Our patients can recover more quickly with fewer complications and less prolonged pain, reducing the need for pain medication and shortening hospital stays. In my experience, patients are often up and walking within 24 hours of surgery."

Brand expanding

Dollar General has announced that it is expanding its brand Clover Valley to include more than 100 new items.

The new offerings from Clover Valley will include sauces, condiments, entrees, sides and snacks. The brand currently offers about 600 items.

"We have made significant enhancements to our private brands in 2023, and we know how important these value offerings are for our customers," said Emily Taylor, executive vice president and chief merchandising officer at Dollar General, in a press release. "We believe these products will further differentiate Dollar General in the marketplace as we look to provide our customers with tremendous value on quality products."

Ribbon cutting set

Jay County Chamber of Commerce will host a ribbon cutting at 1:15 p.m. Aug. 8 for MeridianMD.

The ribbon cutting will be part of an open house that will run from 1 to 3 p.m. at the new facility at 406 W. Votaw St., Portland. MeridianMD will provide services including routine medical care, physicals, vaccinations and treatment of chronic medical conditions.

Facility open

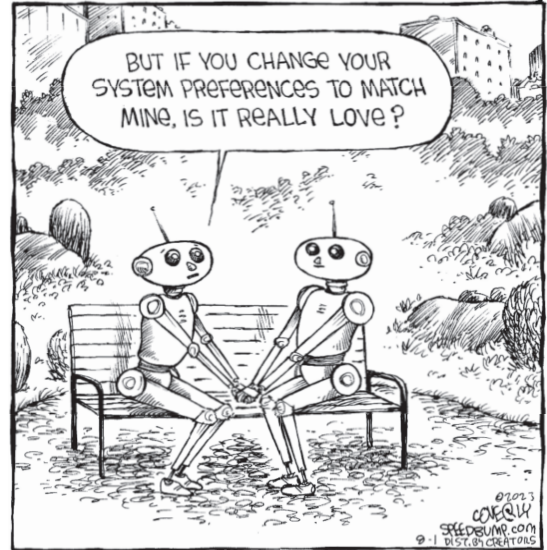
Indiana University Health has opened its new pharmacy hub and distribution center in Plainfield.

The 70,000-square-foot facility is targeted at reducing costs of pharmaceuticals to patients

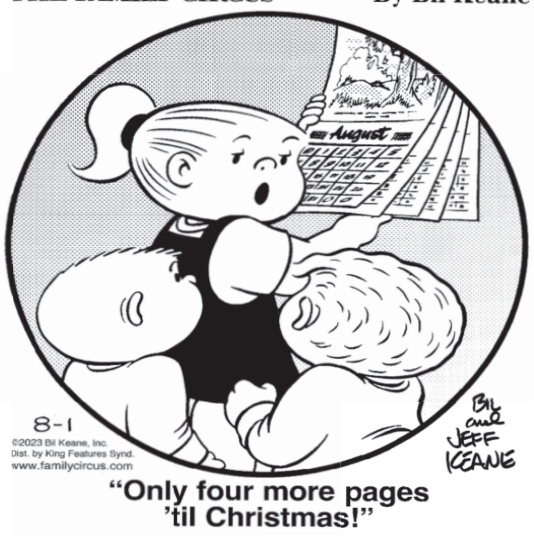
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Contract Bridge By Steve Becker

A misguided safety play

South dealer.
Both sides vulnerable.
NORTH
♠ Q 7 5 3
♥ 7 5 2
♦ 9 8 4
♣ 7 4 3

WEST
♠ 8 2
♥ Q 9 6
♦ Q J 10 7
♣ Q 10 5 2

EAST
♠ J 9 6
♥ K 8 4 3
♦ 6 3 2
♣ K 9 6

SOUTH
♠ A K 10 4
♥ A J 10
♦ A K 5
♣ A J 8

The bidding:
South West North East
3 NT Pass Pass Pass
Opening lead — queen of diamonds.

You can't play bridge by rote and expect to get the best results. General rules are certainly valuable in the play of many hands, but they can't serve nearly as well as independent thought.

Take this deal where South went astray. He won the diamond lead with the king and cashed the ace of spades. He then played a low spade to the queen to guard against the possibility that East might have started with four to the jack. In that case, South could lead another spade

from dummy and so trap the jack. But both defenders followed suit, and South's precautionary move proved to be unnecessary. Declarer next led a heart and finessed the jack, losing to the queen, and eventually finished down one after West returned the jack of diamonds. Thus, South scored only the eight tricks he had started with.

Declarer could have made the contract had he eschewed the safety play in spades. Instead, he should have cashed the A-K of spades and then led the ten to dummy's queen, retaining the four in his hand.

This would have allowed him to finesse the jack of hearts and later return to dummy by leading the spade four to the seven for a second heart finesse. When the second finesse succeeded, he would have had nine tricks.

Declarer's spade plays would have been correct had the contract depended solely on making four spade tricks rather than three. In the actual circumstances, however, a 3-2 spade division had to be assumed, since it was essential to lead hearts twice from dummy in order to score a second heart trick. There could be no advantage in trying to protect against a lie of the spades that would defeat the contract if it actually existed.

Tomorrow: More than meets the eye.
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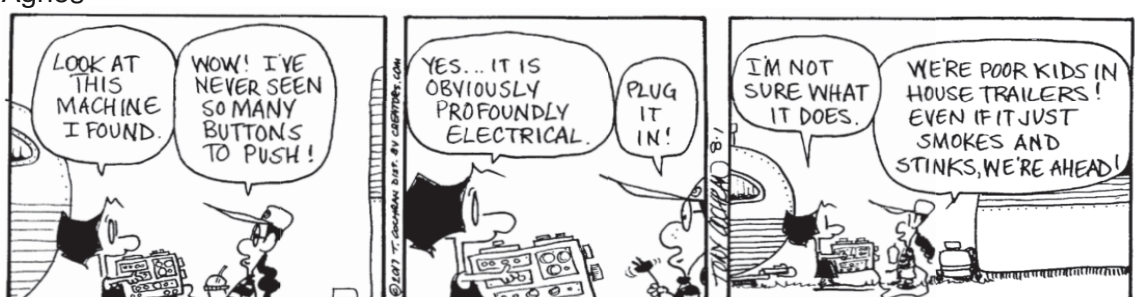
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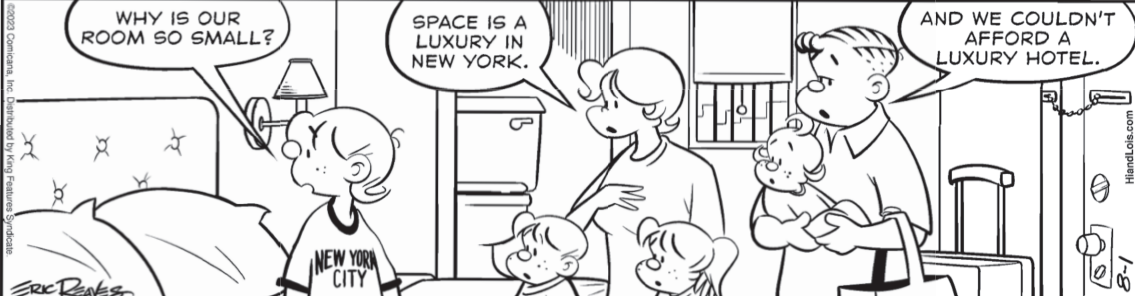
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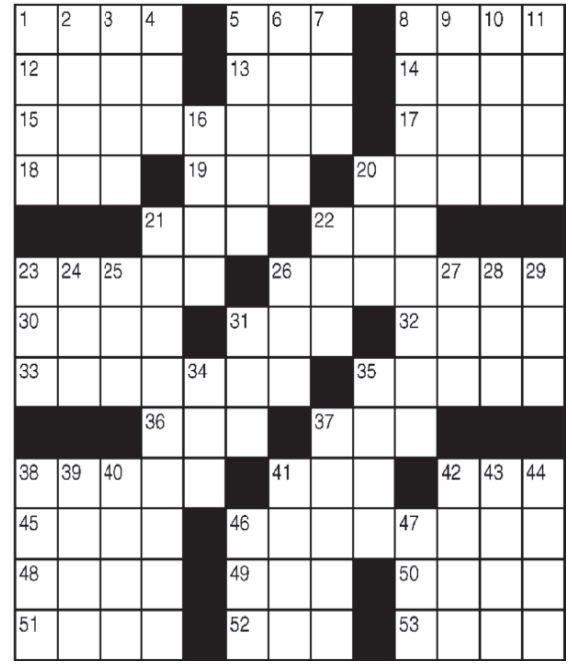
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Pulling through

Dave Armstrong of Wilmington, Ohio drives his super stock diesel tractor during the third session of the National Tractor Pullers Association competition at Ambassador Park in Fort Recovery on Saturday evening.

Rockets fall to Jackers

FORT WAYNE — The Rockets started to turn the ship around.

After a nine game skid, they picked up a pair of wins in pool play of the National Amateur Baseball Federation tournament.

The momentum shift wasn't enough to keep the Rockets going.

The Portland Rockets' season came to an end on Saturday as they fell to the Fort Wayne Jackers 8-4 in the opening round of bracket play for the NABF tournament.

Both teams got on the scoreboard early with a first-inning run. Isaac Bair of the Jackers and Joel Kennedy both hit singles to drive in a run.

Fort Wayne continued to chip away through the next three innings, scoring a run each to develop a lead. The Jackers had RBI-singles from Evan Vansumeren and Spencer McGee during the run. The final run came from a steal of home plate in the fourth inning by Tristen Sprunger.

The only run Portland was able to score during the three innings came on a single by catcher Gavin Gleason that got through the left half of the infield to allow Kennedy to score.

The Rockets were able to fight their way back from the two-run deficit by chipping away in the sixth and the seventh.

In the sixth inning, a pair of back-to-back doubles from Blake Caldwell and Ayden Lichtenstiger plated a run.

Kennedy then tied the

game up with a single in the seventh following a single and a stolen base by Dakota Durick.

Trouble on the mound bit the Rockets in the eighth, losing the lead and giving up three runs in the inning.

Nick Bailey was able to secure the first out by inducing a groundout from Sprunger. The next batter reached base on an error by Garrison Brege at short-stop.

Bailey walked the next two batters, forcing a run across home plate in the process. Bair then hit a sacrifice fly to left field to score another run before the Rockets made a change on the mound.

Peyton Smith hit the next batter to load the bases before another walk scored a third run in the inning.

Smith struck out the next batter to end the inning, but the damage was done, giving the Jackers a three-run lead.

Vansumeren hit another RBI-single to add an insurance run for the Jackers in the ninth, leading to the final score of 8-4.

Bailey suffered the loss after giving up three unearned runs.

Conner McLaughlin earned the victory for the Jackers, throwing 2 1/3 innings without giving up a run. Fort Wayne's pitchers combined to strike the Rockets out 10 times in the ballgame.

The Jackers would go on to win the regional, earning them a spot in the World Series in Battle Creek. The Livonia Firebirds were the runners-up.

Richardson takes first-team reps

By GEORGE BREMER

The Herald Bulletin (Anderson) Tribune News Service

WESTFIELD — There's never been any question about Anthony Richardson's physical talent.

The Indianapolis Colts quarterback is one of the most gifted athletes ever to step under center.

But the difference maker between the rookie starting Week 1 against the Jacksonville Jaguars and waiting longer for his official NFL debut likely will come down to intangibles.

Richardson's grasp on the playbook and command of the offense in the huddle and at the line of scrimmage will play nearly as big a role in his progression as his day-to-day performance.

The early returns have been encouraging.

"From where he was in OTAs to where he was today, calling plays in the huddle, the enthusiasm, the command of that huddle I thought was incredible," center Ryan Kelly said after Friday's training camp practice at Grand Park. "So to see him make those strides has been really awesome, and I'm looking forward to (continuing to work with him)."

Richardson took all of the first-team reps during the second session of training camp after veteran Gardner Minshew got all of the work with the first team Wednesday.

He responded with the play of camp so far — a 60-yard bomb to wide receiver Alec Pierce for a touchdown during 7-on-7 drills.

The quarterback extended the play by rolling to his left, then effortlessly threw back against his body for a long score that brought the crowd of 750 fans

inside the events center to a roar.

It also served as a reminder to the wide receivers never to give up any rep.

"When you've got a guy like Anthony that can get out of the pocket and make those plays, big plays, come-off-scramble plays, that's something we talk about in the meeting rooms," Colts head coach Shane Steichen said. "We work it in practice in little groups. And then when it comes up like it came up today, to create that big, explosive play to Alec was good to see."

The practice wasn't all sunshine and rainbows for the rookie.

He forced a short throw in the flat that was knocked down and likely should have been intercepted. And he handed off to Zack Moss on one RPO before turning the corner and seeing nothing but green grass ahead.

Richardson's body language said it all in that moment. He knew it was a missed opportunity for a big play.

But that's what training camp is for.

The 21-year-old is simply focusing on improving with each snap, and he admits the battle right now is far more mental than physical.

"I feel like it's mental for everybody but especially for me," Richardson said. "Just diving into the playbook day by day, just studying it every single day. I feel like we got most of the playbook installed already. But (it's) just repetition, going over it every day. Definitely 100% mental for me right now."

There's an abundance of information being thrown the rookie's way right now.

Every experience is a

new experience, and he's soaking in data from everyone and everything around him.


He's constantly asking questions of his coaches and teammates, trying to find out why a certain play worked in practice and how the defense might approach it the next time.

It's a coach's dream to have a player with immense talent and an equal hunger to improve.

The challenge is to make sure there's not too much on the rookie's plate at any given moment.

"It's a classic thing with a young player," offensive coordinator Jim Bob Cooter said. "Those guys are — you go from college to the NFL and you have a decent amount to learn just about how things work. How is training camp working? What's happening with the defense? What's going on? You're always excited as a coach to coach those guys, right? That's what we do. We want to give those guys a lot. We want to give those guys ways to get better."

"And we have really tried to make an emphasis of, we're going to set him up for success, give him every chance to learn and study and improve, but you have to be a little cognizant of — what is his workload? What is his physical workload? What is he doing in the weight room? What's the rest of his situation look like so you don't overwhelm a young guy with every single note you've ever learned in your coaching career. Sometimes there are young guys and you've got to teach the core of something and then build off of that. That's sort of what we have been trying to do."



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