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## Brown charged for Drumm's death

*Portland man allegedly left the scene and was intoxicated*

By BAILEY CLINE

The Commercial Review  
A Portland man has been charged with drunk driving resulting in death.

Michael L. Brown, 27, was arrested and charged Thursday in Jay Superior Court with a Level 3 felony for leaving the scene of an accident, a Level 4 felony for causing a death when operating a vehicle with a blood alcohol level of 0.08% or more and a Level 5 felony for driving with a suspended license. He's charged with drunk driving resulting in the death of 18-year-old Devon R. Drumm.

Brown was driving a 2013 Kia Forte around 5:44 p.m. June 4 when he lost control of the vehicle, causing it to go off the north side of county road 700 South, according to a Jay County Sheriff's Office report. The car rolled, hit a tree on the passenger side and stopped in a ditch.

Brown was ejected from the car and suffered a head wound. Drumm was trapped in the car and later pronounced dead at the scene. He was a member of the Jay County High School Class of 2023 that graduated just hours before his death.

Brown is being held on a \$55,000 bond in Jay County Jail.

In Indiana, a Level 3 felony has a sentence between three and 16 years, with an advisory sentence of nine years. A Level 4 felony has a sentence between 12 and two years with an advisory sentence of six years and a Level 5 felony has a sentence between one and six years.

## Surging to third



The Commercial Review/Ray Cooney

Gabe Pinkerton of Jay County High School plays the snare drum during the Marching Patriots' preliminary performance Friday at the Indiana State Fair. JCHS earned the Class 3A caption award for percussion for the third time in the last four state fair competitions.

## Marching Patriots make big jump in the finals, percussion wins Class 3A caption award again

By RAY COONEY

The Commercial Review

The Marching Patriots were sixth in preliminaries.

They had finished behind Anderson and Richmond on the final weekend before the state fair. They had traded off with Centerville, falling behind the Blue Regiment one night before beating them the next.

On the big track, though, under the night lights, their performance came shining through.

The Jay County High School Marching Patriots surged all the way up to third place in the finals at the Indiana State Fair competition Friday, closing out a thrilling Band Day during which they won the Class 3A percussion caption award.

"We're really pleased," said JCHS band director Chuck Roesch, whose band was coming off of a seventh-place finish in 2022. "The kids are ecstatic.

"It's fun watching them get jittery every time they announce another name and it's not yours. That's one of the jobs I get as a director ... That was really special."

The climb to third place was as close as close could be, as Jay County deadlocked with Roesch's former school — Centerville — for the No. 3 score at 85.925 points. The tiebreaker in such situations is general effect, with the Marching Patri-

ots' score of 35 lifting them to third place as the Blue Regiment scored 34.1.

JCHS ended up trailing only Kokomo, which scored 90.725 to close out an undefeated summer by repeating as the state fair champion, and Muncie Central at 89.725. (Kokomo's win came as it took three of the other four caption awards — auxiliary, visuals and general effect.)

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## Cheer preview

Jay County Junior High School cheerleaders finish their preview show Friday evening at East Jay Elementary School. The team, along with the varsity squad, perform at the Indiana State Fair today. The junior high squad is scheduled to begin at 9:51 a.m., with the Jay County High School varsity squad members set to take the mat at 10:58 a.m. For another picture of the preview show, see page 2.

### Deaths

**Billy Lee, 79, Berne**  
Details on page 2.

### Weather

The high temperature Friday reached 88 degrees.  
There's a slight chance of thunderstorms Saturday evening, with rain also possible Sunday.  
Monday's forecast shows a 60% chance of rain.  
See page 2 for an extended outlook.

### In review

The Fort Recovery Friends of the Arts free summer concert series will close out its 2023 season at 7 p.m. Sunday with a performance by The Blue Leaves at Van Trees Park's Hein Amphitheatre. The four-member concert band from Dayton, Ohio, performs music from the 1960s, '70s and '80s.

### Coming up

**Tuesday** — Results from today's Indiana State Fair cheerleading competition.

**Wednesday** — Coverage of next week's Portland City Council meeting.



Retrospect

# Orr visited the rain forest in Costa Rica

Thirty years ago this week, a Jay County High School teacher had returned from a two-week trip to Costa Rica.

The Aug. 7, 1993, edition of The Commercial Review featured a story about Dan Orr's trip and what he had learned with a group of 22 other Indiana teachers.

"It was just overwhelming," said Orr, a biology and environmental science teacher at JCHS. "You could stay for years and years and decades and decades and still feel like you don't know too awfully much."

"It was like going on a safari, but not taking a gun, taking a camera instead."

He made the trip through a

program sponsored by the Indianapolis Zoo and IUPUI.

It started with a three-hour boat ride to Tortuguero, a small village on Costa Rica's Caribbean coast less than 30 miles from the border with Nicaragua. It was a breeding ground for the endangered green-back turtle. Guides, who were the only ones with flashlights, led tours down the beach in an effort to spot the reptiles.

"So there we were, a group of adults holding hands and following along in the dark," Orr said. "It was kind of a stumble and a bumble process because there was a lot of driftwood."

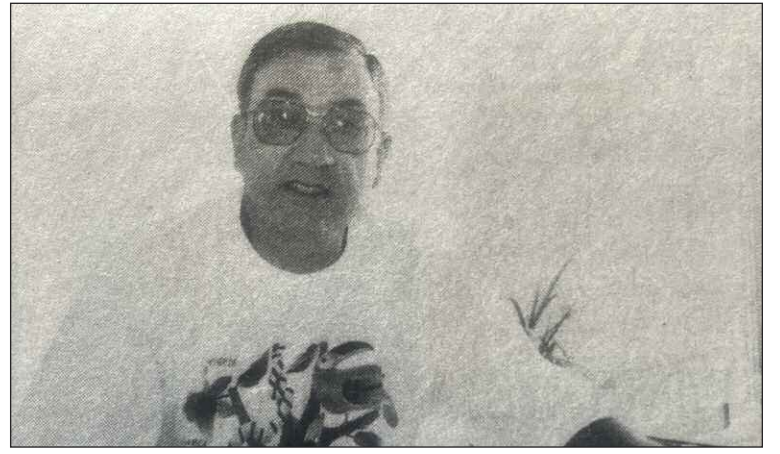
But they finally saw a tur-

tle come to shore to lay its eggs.

His journey also involved experiencing the near-constant rainfall — "We were continually wet," he said — and learning in depth about the relationships between plants and animals such as the sloth and certain types of algae.

His take-away from the trip was that the rain forests need to be protected.

"It's important to try to do all we can to preserve the vital aspects of our total global ecosystems," he said. "And the more we cut away at the rain forest, the greater the impact will be on global warming, and on biodiversity."



The Commercial Review/Jan Donathan Mayfield

Dan Orr wears a souvenir t-shirt from his 1993 visit to Costa Rica. He was one of 23 Indiana teachers who had toured the country's rain forests.

## CR almanac

Sunday 8/6	Monday 8/7	Tuesday 8/8	Wednesday 8/9	Thursday 8/10
<b>85/66</b>	<b>77/61</b>	<b>81/61</b>	<b>82/64</b>	<b>82/60</b>
Sunday's forecast shows thunderstorms with an 80% chance at night.	There's a 60% chance of thunderstorms Monday with up to a quarter of inch expected.	Mostly sunny with a high near 81 degrees.	Sunny skies are in the forecast for Wednesday with a chance of rain late.	There's a 50% chance of showers Thursday with partly sunny skies.

## Lotteries

<b>Hoosier</b> Midday Daily Three: 7-5-2 Daily Four: 0-8-4-7 Quick Draw: 8-9-16-20-30-39 29-33-35-36-41-42-47-51-57-60-65-68-76-77-78-79	Pick 3: 7-0-2 Pick 4: 3-0-9-4 Pick 5: 1-4-2-2-4 Rolling Cash 5: 6-7-23-30-39 Jackpot: \$140,000
<b>Ohio</b> Midday Pick 3: 9-7-0 Pick 4: 5-3-8-5 Pick 5: 7-9-8-6-5 Evening	<b>Powerball</b> Estimated jackpot: \$124 million <b>Mega Millions</b> Estimated jackpot: \$1.35 billion

## Markets

<b>Cooper Farms Fort Recovery</b> Corn.....5.47 Oct. corn .....4.77 Wheat .....5.53	Sept. beans .....12.83 Wheat .....5.95
<b>POET Biorefining Portland</b> Corn.....5.64 Sept. corn .....4.82 Oct. corn .....4.92	<b>Central States Montpelier</b> Corn.....5.32 Late Aug. corn .....4.99 Beans.....13.78 Late Aug. beans .....13.68 Wheat .....5.88
<b>The Andersons Richland Township</b> Corn .....5.34 Sept. corn .....4.72 Beans .....13.78	<b>Heartland St. Anthony</b> Corn.....5.19 Oct. corn .....4.57 Beans.....13.78 Oct. beans .....12.88 Wheat .....5.78

## Today in history

In 910, King Edward and Earl Aethelred led forces that defeated the last major Viking army to raid England in the Battle of Tettenhall.

In 1100, Henry I was crowned king of England.

In 1858, Julia Archibald Holmes became the first woman to reach the summit of Pikes Peak, climbing with her husband and two others.

In 1914, the first electric traffic light — it featured red and green lights — was installed in Cleveland.

In 1972, Jay Circuit Court Judge Keith Fraser issued a temporary restraining order for United Telephone Company against Local 1321 of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers. In its filing, the company claimed that the union had been threatening unlawful acts.

In 2022, the Jay County High School Marching Patriots finished in seventh place at the Indiana State Fair Band Day Contest with their show "A Bright Idea."

—The CR

## Citizen's calendar

<b>Monday</b> 5:30 p.m. — Portland City Council, council chambers, fire station, 1616 N. Franklin St., Portland. 7:30 p.m. — Fort Recovery Village Council, village hall, 201 S. Main St.	Portland. 4 p.m. — Portland Board of Works, mayor's office, city hall, 321 N. Meridian St. 5:30 p.m. — Portland Board of Zoning Appeals, Community Resource Center, 118 S. Meridian St., Portland.
<b>Tuesday</b> 3 p.m. — Jay County Personnel Committee, auditorium, courthouse, 120 N. Court St.,	<b>Thursday</b> 1 p.m. — Salamonina Town Council special session, Schoolhouse Community Center.



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## Patriot pride

Dakota Blalock of the Jay County High School cheerleading squad raises her arms as a flyer in a stunt group Friday during the preview show at East Jay Elementary.

## Obituaries

### Billy Lee

July 29, 1944-Aug. 2, 2023

Billy Joe Lee, 79, of Berne, Indiana, passed away Wednesday afternoon, Aug. 2, 2023, at Adams Memorial Hospital, after battling with Parkinson's.

He was born on July 29, 1944, the son of Dudley and Lalah (Ross) Lee in Delight, Arkansas. Joe was united in marriage to Darlene Sue Pyle on June 29, 1968.

Joe served his country in the United States Army, being stationed in Germany for three years.

He attended Grace Bible Church in Berne, Indiana.

Joe was employed at Home Dairy and CTS in Berne, Indiana.

In his free time, Joe enjoyed golfing and sports.

He is survived by his wife, Darlene Sue Lee of Berne, Indiana; sister, Gladys Pennington of

Geneva, Indiana; and brother, Glen Lee of Portland, Indiana. He will be missed greatly by his house cat, Scottee.

Joe was preceded in death by a daughter, Kimberly Jo Lee, in November 1973; and brothers and sisters in Arkansas and Texas.

Private burial has taken place at M.R.E. Cemetery with military honors.

Preferred memorials can be given to Grace Bible Church or the Parkinson's Foundation.

Arrangements are being handled by Zwick & Jahn Funeral Home, Yager-Kirchhofer Chapel of Berne, Indiana.

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The Commercial Review publishes death notices for those with a connection to our coverage area free of charge. There is a charge for obituaries, which are accepted only from funeral homes or mortuary services.

## Capsule Reports

### Agreement approved

Jay County Commissioners approved an updated agreement with Jay School Corporation for its school resource officer during a brief meeting Friday morning. Commissioner Chad Aker noted the county chose not to automatically renew the agreement annually with Jay Schools for its officer, who is employed through Jay County Sheriff's Department.

County attorney Wes Schemenaur pointed out a few minor changes in the agreement, including compensation and wording.

Jay School Board approved the agreement Wednesday. Commissioners Brian

McGalliard and Aker, absent Rex Journey, approved the contract.

### SERVICES

Friday  
Iiff, Chad: 11 a.m., First Church of the Nazarene, 920 S. Shank St., Portland.

Saturday  
Wood, James: 10:30 a.m., Fort Recovery Church of the Nazarene, 401 E. Boundary St., Fort Recovery.

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## 50th anniversary



Kevin and Joyce Brinkerhoff - 1973

### Kevin and Joyce Brinkerhoff

The Brinkerhoffs celebrated 50 years of marriage Thursday. Kevin and Joyce Brinkerhoff wed Aug. 3, 1973, in Norfolk, Virginia.

They are retired from Elkhart Products Corporation. The Brinkerhoffs have six children, Kimberly Robbins of Ridgeville, Dawn and Todd Mock of Portland, Lisa Harter of Portland, Dean Masonbrink of Portland and Patricia Brinkerhoff. They also have nine grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

They plan to celebrate in the fall with a trip to Virginia.



Joyce and Kevin Brinkerhoff - 2023

## Kids stunned by secret life

DEAR ABBY: My brother and I recently found out my father, who has been married for more than 30 years, is having sexual relations with other men. This man accused my brother of being gay (he's not), claims to be religious and sleeps next to my mother every night. I am not sure how to approach this because, honestly, I'm still in shock. My brother is furious.

We found a secret email address of Dad's along with messages to men he has been meeting. Some of them describe him bringing men over while our mother is at work. He tells us he is going to a store, to visit a friend in the hospital, etc., but we found out that he's really been sneaking around with other men.

Our mother doesn't know any of this, and it was an accident that my brother and I found out. (We were ridding his computer of a virus.) Should I say something to my father? How do I approach it? How do I forgive him for accusing my brother of being gay when it's him all along? Should I say something to my mother? How do I get my brother to stop being so angry at him?

I feel like I could go on forever with a million questions, but more than anything, I'm heartbroken, confused and angry. Our communi-

Dear Abby



ing" next to your mother, she needs to be checked for STDs — just as she would if her husband were sleeping with other women. Give your father a deadline by which he has to come clean with her (if she doesn't already know), or YOU WILL. Then follow through.

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DEAR ABBY: I was recently married, and I didn't invite several of my cousins, some of whom are quite dramatic. While I care about them, we aren't close, and I rarely hear from them. I don't regard a wedding as an excuse for a family reunion, so I chose to invite friends who are like family and who have demonstrated they wanted to be a part of my life. I'm now getting backlash from those who were not invited. Was it wrong to invite only the people I knew were genuinely happy for me and my new husband? — NEW BRIDE IN TEXAS

DEAR BRIDE: If inviting emotionally distant relatives would have meant you couldn't invite close friends, you did the right thing. However, if you think the cousins who were excluded were distant before, you will likely find they may not only be distant but also absent in the future. Everything has a price.

ty and culture frown upon gays. I have nothing against the LGBTQ community because my generation is different and I have some close friends who are gay, although I don't tell my father because he says he thinks it's "disgusting." I am not sure how to approach this. Please help! — HOLDING DAD'S SECRET

DEAR HOLDING: If attitudes were less judgmental, I am sure many more LGBTQ individuals would be more open about it. From your description of your father and the community you live in, he must be filled with disgust and self-hatred. It's not your job to assuage your brother's anger at the father who projected shame of his own sexual orientation onto his straight son. I do think you should have a conversation with your father about what you discovered, and the sooner, the better. If your father has been doing more than "sleep-

## Community Calendar

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

### Saturday

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS — Will meet at 10 a.m. at Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church, 218 E. High St., Portland. For more information, call (260) 251-3336 or (260) 729-7000.

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 infor-

mation, 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.

DIABETES SUPPORT GROUP — Meets at 3 p.m. on the second Monday of each month at Mercer Health in Coldwater, Ohio.

JAY COUNTY DRUG PREVENTION COALITION — Will meet at 3:30 p.m. the second Monday of each month at Portland Fire Department, 1616 N. Franklin St. For more information, call (260) 251-3259.

TAKE OFF POUNDS SENSIBLY (TOPS) — Will meet for weigh-in at 4:30 p.m., with the meeting at 5 p.m., at Trinity United Methodist Church, 323 S. Meridian St., Portland. New members welcome. For more information, call (260) 726-5924.

PREGNANCY CARE CENTER — Free pregnancy testing with ongoing support during and after pregnancy. The center is located at 216 S. Meridian St., Portland. Hours are 1 to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. For more information or to schedule an appointment, call (260) 726-8636. Walk-ins accepted.

BREAD OF LIFE COMMUNITY FAMILY MEAL — Will be served from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. at Asbury United Methodist Church, 204 E. Arch St. in Portland. Everyone is welcome.

PORTLAND EVENING OPTIMIST CLUB — Will

meet at 6 p.m. the first and third Monday of each month at Richards Restaurant.

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.

REDISCOVERING JOY — The support group of widows and widowers meets at 6:30 p.m. on the second Monday of each month at R & R Fabrications, 601 E. Washington St., St. Henry, Ohio. For more information, email rediscoveringjoy@yahoo.com.

### Tuesday

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

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

A BETTER LIFE - 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. Creager Ave. in Portland. For more information, call (260) 766-9334.



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Level: Advanced

### Friday's Solution

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

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.

# We could learn from the Canadians

**Bloomberg Opinion**  
Tribune News Service

America's prosperity depends on attracting foreign talent. Yet due to a dysfunctional immigration system, millions of workers face insurmountable hurdles to gaining permanent residence. It was always a risk that other governments would take the opportunity to lure skilled workers away from the U.S. Now it's happening, thanks to a somewhat unlikely rival: Canada.

Last month, the Canadian government introduced a new work permit targeting U.S.-based knowledge workers. Foreigners living in the U.S. on H-1B visas — typically professionals with skills in STEM fields — are eligible for a three-year work permit allowing them to work for any employer in Canada. Spouses of visa

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holders are free to pursue employment — unlike in the U.S., which restricts their ability to work.

Canada said it would accept up to 10,000 applications from interested H-1B visa holders in the program's first year. It got that many in less than 48 hours. The government's already received requests from Canadian tech companies asking that the program be doubled.

This talent-poaching scheme is a model of creative policymak-

ing, and should be causing alarm in Washington. Once the world's most desirable destination for science and engineering talent, the U.S. is now losing tens of thousands of foreigners each year to Canada, Australia and others. It's easy to see why. In theory, workers on employer-sponsored H-1B visas can stay in the U.S. for up to six years, then apply for permanent residence. Yet nonsensical rules, bureaucratic paralysis and caps on the numbers of green cards issued to citizens of any single country mean the wait can last decades. Some Indian workers with advanced degrees face estimated queues of more than 150 years. (The posthumous green card would be a characteristically American innovation.)

In Canada, the process takes a little as six months.

Meanwhile, workers and their families in the U.S. are at the mercy of the technology industry's shifting labor demands. The U.S. requires that H-1B visa holders who lose their jobs find another employer to hire and sponsor them within 60 days or face deportation. At least 50,000 have had their visas revoked since last fall, when giants like Amazon and Meta started shedding staff amid a slump in tech stocks. Facing this uncertainty, even H-1B workers who've kept their jobs are taking up Canada's offer to move there instead.

The U.S. will pay for this abject policy failure. H-1B workers hand over at least \$85 billion a year in federal and state income taxes, support Social Security and Medicare through

payroll taxes, and generate tens of billions more in consumer spending. Far from replacing native-born workers, each H-1B visa holder in the U.S. creates roughly two new jobs, by enabling companies to invest in domestic expansion rather than send positions overseas. If scientists and engineers keep leaving, many of their would-be employers will follow — eroding U.S. productivity, reducing economic growth, and lowering living standards.

President Joe Biden should call on Congress to admit more immigrants with the skills businesses need and grant them permanent residence more readily once they're here. Canada is teaching the U.S. a useful lesson. It's to be hoped Washington is paying attention.

## Invest in the kids who need it most

By **KASSIDY JACOBS**  
OtherWords

When I was born into poverty, the deck was stacked against me in all aspects of life — from educational opportunities and health care to the future earnings I could expect. Now I've graduated from college and I'm poised to start my first post-college job.

What made the difference? Hard work, yes — but also public investment. Public programs helped keep me fed, healthy, and learning as I grew up. Kids growing up today deserve the same chance.

SNAP benefits allowed me to eat breakfast before school, eat dinner after work, and ensured that food would not be added to my list of anxieties. Programs like Free and Reduced Meals made sure I got lunch at school, too.

Medicaid allowed me to be a healthy student. It covered visits to my dentist, who identified two tooth infections before they spread to my brain. It made sure I could see my doctor, who diagnosed me with asthma so I could get treatment and play sports with other kids.

Funding for Advanced Placement exams at my low-income Title I school helped me prepare for college. And with my family's income falling far short of tuition costs, the Pell Grant program allowed me to pursue a college education — and escape generational poverty.

Without this help, I wouldn't have become the first person in my father's family to graduate high school — nor the first person in my entire family to graduate college. Our safety net is still frayed and underfunded, and escaping poverty is still the exception. But my story shows what's possible when we're given equitable resources and opportunities to succeed.

One new policy could make even greater strides towards equity — if it can overcome fierce opposition from conservative lawmakers.

Rep. Rosa DeLauro (D-CT) has introduced legislation that would increase the Child Tax Credit (CTC) to \$3,000 for children ages 6-17 and to \$3,600 for children under 5. DeLauro's proposal would deliver installments of that credit monthly (rather than once a year at tax time) and make it fully refundable so the lowest income families are eligible for the full value.

This proposal is similar

**Kassidy Jacobs**



to the pandemic expansion of the CTC, which reduced child poverty nearly by half in the short time it was active.

The Brookings Institution uncovered that the credit was particularly effective in conservative, high poverty states such as West Virginia, Oklahoma, and Alabama. But when conservative lawmakers let it expire at the end of 2021, the expanded CTC expired and sent 3.7 million children into poverty.

According to the Institute on Taxation and Economic Policy, expanding the CTC again would benefit more than 60 million children, especially those with the lowest incomes.

The CTC also has powerful implications for racial justice. The Center for Budget and Policy Priorities found that roughly half of Black children, 40 percent of Indigenous children, 40 percent of Latinx children, 17 percent of white children, and 15 percent of Asian children get less than the full credit — or no credit at all. Expanding it would narrow racial economic divides while benefiting kids of every race.

Opponents of the CTC argue that it will discourage parents from working. However, most studies predict that 99 percent of working parents will continue to work. The tangible benefits to children living in poverty outweigh these hypothetical, unproven complaints.

We've seen that expanding the Child Tax Credit works. So choosing not to will harm children's development and widen the educational disparities we already see in this country based on race and class. In an already uneven playing field, programs like this have the opportunity to give low-income students a chance to succeed.

To give more kids a chance to escape poverty, we need to invest in the kids who need it the most. Now we have another chance to get it right.

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## Strive for centrist solutions

By **DAVE ANDERSON**  
The Fulcrum  
Tribune News Service

Philosophers and psychologists refer to the "paradox of happiness," which says that if you pursue happiness directly you will probably not be successful. You are more likely to find happiness if you pursue it indirectly.

There is a lot to unpack here, but the concept makes a lot of sense. If you are too driven to achieve a goal, you may lack the conditions needed for the goal to be achieved. These conditions include the right emotions, attitudes, and plans. Thus, if you are too driven to be happy, you will probably be very anxious and prone to disappointment as you run into obstacles in your quest for happiness.

An analogy can be made to the goal an increasing number of American citizens and political theorists and pundits have for America to overcome polarization and become more centrist. Perhaps the most well-known organization seeking centrist is No Labels. They have recently published a handbook of centrist goals, and they have an insurance policy of running (though not funding) a centrist ticket of a Democrat and Republican for president and vice-president if their research shows that "the right environmental conditions exist" for such a ticket to win.

The paradox of centrist takes a different approach. First, the paradox of the centrist camp believes that changing the American political system will take many years, certainly five to 10. It is probably a generational goal; nevertheless, it must be started somewhere.

Second, the paradox of the centrist camp says that we should not push for a centrist political party because this will paint a target on the back of the centrist point of

**Dave Anderson**



view. If you attack the Democrats and Republicans head on, you are riding your bicycle into two trucks. We need an indirect approach to advancing centrist goals, be they moderate centrist goals or more ambitious new centrist goals. By using an indirect approach it will be more difficult for the two major parties to undermine the approach. Indeed, it may be hard to tell which actions are part of the approach itself, and thus it may be hard to trip up these actions.

Third, the paradox of the centrist camp believes that the goal of bipartisanship must be replaced with tri-partisanship. The goal of getting Democrats and Republicans in Washington to work together and pass major bipartisan legislation is not realistic in the current political environment. Seeking tripartisan solutions is a better mid-range and long-range goal, recognizing that seeking bipartisanship now cannot be avoided.

It is important to remember that the budget can be passed via reconciliation and does not require much if any bipartisanship so long as there are 51 votes in the Senate (not 60) and a majority in the House. The 117th Congress had Democratic majorities and reconciliation worked. Time will tell how the divided 118th Congress addresses the challenge to pass a budget and the 13 appropriation bills.

In order to get to tripartisanship we need enough independents in the House and the Senate to create a

third force in American politics, but these independents do not all need to come from the standpoint of political centrism. To the contrary, they can come from all ideological perspectives, from libertarian to green and including moderate centrists and ambitious centrists that try to transcend mainstream politics and arrive at creative solutions to problems.

Charles Wheelan, professor of economics at Dartmouth College, argued in *The Centrist Manifesto* that a centrist political party needed to elect five to six independents in the U.S. Senate as part of a leverage strategy, what he called "The Fulcrum Strategy." This approach failed in 2018. It was too direct. The paradox of centrist teaches us to be indirect. Better to just elect independents and let them exert leverage against the two major parties.

We of course need structural changes to the political system, notably ranked choice voting and open primaries. But the key is to work indirectly towards centrist solutions, which includes ambitious new centrist solutions and not only split the difference between centrist solutions. How five to six independents can be elected to the U.S. Senate — there are three now — is a huge question. But pursuing that goal is more likely to get us to moderate or ambitious centrist legislation in Washington than somehow compelling the Democrats and Republicans in Washington today to arrive at bipartisan, centrist solutions to our policy challenges in the areas of immigration, guns, racial relations, energy, LGBTQ rights, the environment, and family policy.

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## 2023 Indiana State Fair Band Day



Keira Corwin (right) laughs alongside fellow front ensemble percussionist Trenton Franks while warming up for the preliminary round of the Indiana State Fair Band Day competition. The front ensemble added some visuals into their performance for the state fair. JCHS won the Class 3A percussion caption award for the fourth time in the last decade. It had also won in 2015, 2019 and 2021.



Senior Audrey Hummer of the Marching Patriots' color guard keeps her eye on her flag during a toss as part of Jay County's performance Friday afternoon.

## Third ...

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The group that had been tightly packed for most of the summer remained so, with Anderson (85.525) and Richmond (85.475) both less than half a point behind Jay County and Centerville. Winchester was seventh at 81.075.

The percussion caption award was the third in the last four Indiana State Fair competitions for the Marching Patriots. They also won in 2019 and 2021. (The 2020 show was called off because of the coronavirus pandemic.)

"It still gives me chills to even think about it," said percussion instructor Mitch Snyder, whose group also won the caption in 2015. "It's such a difficult thing. It's so difficult."

Centerville was the Class 2A champion, winning caption awards for music, visuals and general effect. Randolph Southern took the Class 1A title as it won all of the captions with the exception of percussion (Monroe Central).

The Marching Patriots' victorious percussion group is made up of the front ensemble — Megan Faller, Keira Corwin, Elijah Howell, Annie Spencer, Rhoe Brown, Charley Bye, Trenton Franks, Sabrina Jones and Silas Schmidt — instructed by Christian Ford, and Snyder's marching group of snares, bass drums and quads — Destiny McManus, Gabe Pinkerton, Erin Aker, MacKenzie Weesner, Nathan Lothridge, Gavin Young, Dominic Steveson, Jase Walter, Reece Leavell, Austin Jellison and Jacey Smith.

Drum major Mackenzie Brown specifically pointed out the front ensemble when considering what went well about the band's afternoon performance.

"A lot of visual things looked really good," she said. "Our pit (front ensemble) looked really good when they did their visual moves."

Those visual moves — new twists



Caleb Garringer performs alongside his fellow mellophones Saturday at the Indiana State Fair.

that Franks had hinted at during an interview following the band's preview show Tuesday — involved rotating positions while waving arms and showing some expressive personality in the process.

Leavell said the preliminary performance started off a bit shaky for him and his fellow percussionists. But they bounced back at the end, performing what he said was "by far" their best closer.

"Everything just lined up," he said. "The notes were clean. The louds were loud, the quiet were quiet. It's what we had been working toward all year."

Snyder attributed the caption award to growth.

"I measure the year on the growth from start to finish," he said. "And our warm-up today, I told them, was just a true testament to how far we came. Seven weeks ago, there's no way we could have done that."

Roesch felt the Marching Patriots' afternoon performance was "electric." He called it their best of the summer.

Brown said she agreed with that assessment, but clearly thought they were capable of more.

"We felt pretty good," she said. "It was a really good run for us."

Roesch also felt his group could take another step. He challenged them to do so.

He talked to them about poise and professionalism, about limiting distractions, about locking in.

"They were confident and they were focused in," said Roesch. "But they weren't uptight. They were loose. And that's a great spot to be in."

"I thought they did a really great job of just handling the long day. I just can't speak enough about the effort from these kids for the entire summer."

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At left, Jay County High School band director Chuck Roesch gets the Marching Patriots' attention during warm-up prior to the preliminary performance. Above, saxophone players Dougie Cox (foreground) and Audrey Muhlenkamp (background) march side-by-side during the afternoon show.

# Hollowell shows top halter again

Cash Hollowell added another purple banner to her collection. Hollowell showed the grand champion halter horse last month during the 4-H horse and pony show July 13 at the Jay County Fair.

She had a strong day overall, showing the champion in the western senior class. She also won for advanced showmanship, advancing to the supreme showmanship competition.

Kamzy Johnson was the reserve showmanship champion. Other awards were as follows:

**Halter**

- Western Senior  
1. Cash Hollowell  
2. Lucynda Mace  
3. Addison Denney  
4. Alivia Toney

- Junior  
2. Beau Shreeve  
3. Scarlett Hatzell  
4. Alivia Toney

- Ranch Senior  
1. Emily Manor  
2. Joseph Kunk  
3. Alivia Toney  
4. Lucynda Mace  
5. Mary Jane Valentine

- Junior  
1. Easton Johnson  
2. Beau Shreeve  
3. Lillian Welling  
4. Ivy Alt  
5. Scarlett Hatzell

- English Senior  
1. Alivia Toney

- Junior  
1. Scarlett Hatzell

- Showmanship**  
First year  
1. Scarlett Hatzell  
2. Lillian Welling  
3. Brylie Thompson

- Junior  
1. Kamzy Johnson  
2. Easton Johnson  
3. Beau Shreeve  
4. Ivy Alt

- Intermediate  
1. Lucynda Mace  
2. Mary Jane Valentine

- Senior  
1. Cash Hollowell  
2. Alivia Toney

- Pleasure**  
Western walk trot Senior  
1. Lucynda Mace

- Junior  
1. Scarlett Hatzell  
2. Brylie Thompson  
3. Beau Shreeve

- Western pleasure Senior  
1. Addison Denney

- Junior  
1. Kamzy Johnson

- Ranch Walk-trot Junior  
1. Easton Johnson  
2. Beau Shreeve  
3. Ivy Alt

- Ranch pleasure Senior  
1. Mary Jane Valentine  
3. Lucynda Mace

- Junior  
1. Kamzy Johnson  
2. Lillian Welling  
3. Scarlett Hatzell

- Horsemanship Senior  
1. Alivia Toney  
2. Emily Manor  
3. Mary Jane Valentine

- Junior  
1. Brylie Thompson  
2. Scarlett Hatzell

- Bareback pleasure Senior  
1. Mary Jane Valentine  
2. Alivia Toney

**Contesting**

- Trail Senior  
1. Alivia Toney  
2. Emily Manor  
3. Mary Jane Valentine  
4. Ivy Alt

- Junior  
1. Scarlett Hatzell  
2. Beau Shreeve  
3. Brylie Thompson  
4. Ivy Alt  
5. Lillian Welling

- Pole bending Senior  
1. Mary Jane Valentine  
2. Alivia Toney  
3. Lucynda Mace  
4. Emily Manor

- Junior  
1. Colton Hay  
2. Kamzy Johnson  
3. Brylie Thompson  
4. Ramzey Huftel  
5. Easton Johnson  
6. Ivy Alt

- Flag race Senior  
1. Lucynda Mace

- Junior  
1. Colton Hay  
2. Brylie Thompson  
3. Ivy Alt  
4. Beau Shreeve  
5. Scarlett Hatzell

- Barrel racing Senior  
1. Mary Jan Valentine  
2. Addison Denney  
3. Lucynda Mace  
4. Emily Manor  
5. Alivia Toney



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Cash Hollowell showed the grand champion halter horse and won the advanced showmanship competition in the 4-H horse and pony show July 13 at the Jay County Fair.

- Junior  
1. Colton Hay  
2. Ramzey Huftel  
3. Brylie Thompson  
4. Easton Johnson  
5. Scarlett Hatzell  
6. Beau Shreeve  
7. Ivy Alt  
8. Lillian Welling

- Down and back Senior  
1. Mary Jane Valentine  
2. Addison Denney  
3. Emily Manor  
4. Lucynda Mace  
5. Alivia Toney

- Junior  
1. Colton Hay  
2. Brylie Thompson  
3. Kamzy Johnson  
4. Easton Johnson  
5. Beau Shreeve  
6. Ivy Alt  
8. Scarlett Hatzell

- Speed and action Senior  
1. Alivia Toney  
2. Emily Manor  
3. Mary Jane Valentine

- Junior  
1. Colton Hay  
2. Easton Johnson  
3. Brylie Thompson  
4. Beau Shreeve  
5. Ramzey Huftel  
6. Scarlett Hatzell

- Key hole Senior  
1. Mary Jane Valentine  
2. Alivia Toney  
3. Addison Denney  
4. Emily Manor

- Junior  
1. Colton Hay  
3. Kamzy Johnson  
4. Beau Shreeve  
5. Lillian Welling  
6. Scarlett Hatzell  
7. Ramzey Huftel  
8. Brylie Thompson

- Egg and spoon Senior  
1. Addison Denney  
2. Emily Manor  
3. Alivia Toney  
4. Mary Jane Valentine

- Junior  
1. Scarlett Hatzell  
2. Brylie Thompson  
3. Kamzy Johnson  
4. Easton Johnson  
5. Beau Shreeve  
6. Lillian Welling

- Ribbon race Senior  
1. Mary Jane Valentine  
2. Alivia Toney

- Junior  
1. Ramzey Huftel  
2. Scarlett Hatzell  
3. Beau Shreeve  
4. Lillian Welling

- Three-leg race Senior  
1. Emily Manor  
2. Tyler Manor  
3. Mary Jane Valentine

- Junior  
1. Easton Johnson  
2. Kamzy Johnson  
3. Scarlett Hatzell  
5. Ivy Alt  
6. Brylie Thompson  
7. Beau Shreeve

# Kunk, Siegrist show top dairy goats

A 10-year 4-H member went out with a bang this year.

Joseph Kunk showed the grand champion dairy doe and took home a variety of other champion titles while Easton Siegrist showed the grand champion dairy wether during the Jay County 4-H Dairy Goat Show on July 11.

The master showman, Kunk also showed the champion senior doe, champion dry yearling, champion mother-daughter doe, grand champion dry goat and grand champion milking doe.

Siegrist's goat secured the grand champion title as well as the champion ribbon for wethers weighing 81 to 96 pounds.

Benton Langenkamp was named junior and intermediate showman, and Chloe Byrum was the senior showmanship winner.

Other results were as follows:

- Does**  
Reserve grand champion: Rachel Heitkamp

- Junior doe  
Champion: Ava May  
Reserve champion: Katie Haffner  
3. Katie Haffner  
4. Alexis Tipton

- Senior doe  
Reserve champion: Benton Langenkamp  
3. Joseph Kunk  
4. Ava May



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During the Jay County 4-H dairy goat show July 11, Joseph Kunk (left) showed the grand champion dairy doe while Easton Siegrist (right) had the grand champion dairy wether.

- Dry yearling Reserve champion: Chloe Byrum  
3. Chloe Byrum  
4. Joseph Kunk  
5. Ava May  
6. Allie Westfall

- Dry goat Reserve champion: Chloe Byrum

- Milking doe Reserve grand champion: Rachel Heitkamp

- Milking yearling Champion: Katie Haffner

- 2-4 year milking doe Champion: Joseph Kunk

- Reserve champion: Rachel Heitkamp  
3. Ava May  
4. Joseph Kunk

- Over 4 milking doe Champion: Joseph Kunk

- Reserve champion: Joseph Kunk

- Speed milking contest Champion: Ava May

- Milk production Champion: Ava May

- Rate of gain Champion: Ava May  
Reserve champion: Makinsey Murphy

- Herdsman award Makinsey Murphy

- Wether**  
Reserve grand champion: Ava May

- Less than 50 pounds Champion: Ty Paxson  
Reserve champion: Madi Paxson

3. Brenton Langenkamp  
4. Kinley Brunson

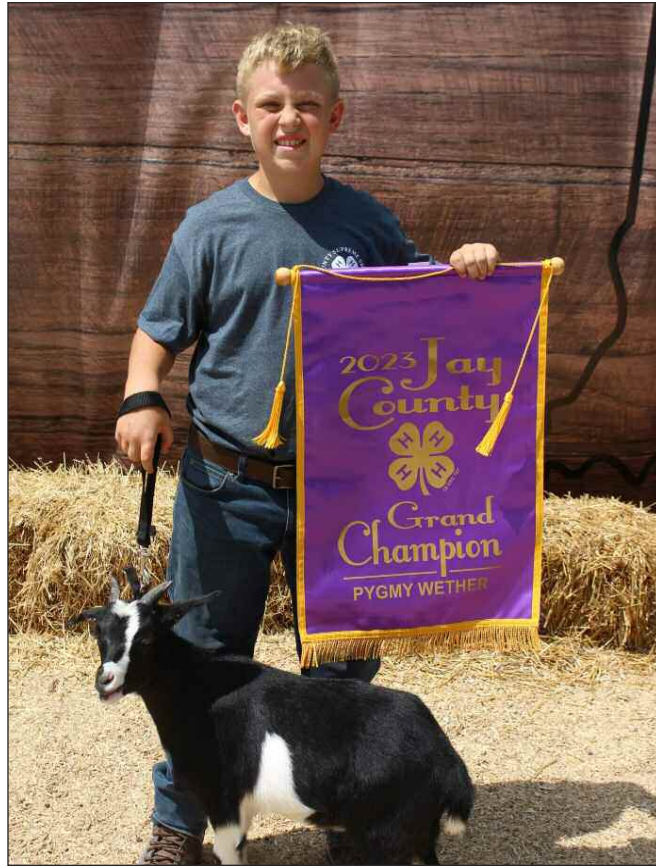
- 50 to 76 pounds Champion: Katie Haffner

- Reserve champion: Ava May

3. Katie Haffner  
4. Makinsey Murphy  
5. Allie Westfall  
6. Rachel Heitkamp

- 81 to 96 pounds Champion: Easton Siegrist  
Reserve champion: Ava May

3. Joseph Kunk  
4. Bretton Basford  
5. Ty Paxson



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Jay County 4-H held its meat and pygmy goat show July 11. Pictured above, Kaylee Zimmerman (left) showed the grand champion pygmy doe while Tuck Hemmelgarn had the grand champion pygmy wether and Max McClain showed the grand champion meat goat wether.

## Basford, Zimmermans lead meat goat show

The Zimmerman sisters finished their last year strong.

Bretton Basford continued his winning streak.

Kaylee and Melana Zimmerman secured two grand champion titles in the Jay County 4-H Pygmy Goat Show, and Basford took home three banners at the Jay County 4-H Meat Goat Show on July 11.

The advanced showmanship winner, Basford also won with the grand champion and reserve grand champion does and the grand champion buck.

Kaylee Zimmerman showed the grand champion and reserve grand champion pygmy doe, and Melana Zimmerman showed the grand champion buck. Tuck Hemmelgarn took home a win for the grand champion pygmy wether and was named the advanced showman.

Also during the meat goat show, Levi Garringer had the grand champion market doe, and Max McClain showed the grand champion wether.

Other results were as follows:

### Pygmy goats

Junior pygmy doe  
Champion: Kaylee Zimmerman  
Reserve champion: Melana Zimmerman  
3. Sawyer Hemmelgarn  
4. Tuck Hemmelgarn  
5. Finn Hemmelgarn  
6. Finn Hemmelgarn  
7. Kinley Brunson

Yearling doe  
Grand champion: Kaylee Zimmerman  
Reserve champion: Kelsey Muhlenkamp

Senior doe  
Champion: Melana Zimmerman  
Reserve champion: Kelsey Muhlenkamp

Buck  
Reserve grand champion: Keisha Adair

Wether  
Reserve grand champion: Sawyer Hemmelgarn

Showmanship  
Beginner: Tuck Hemmelgarn  
Intermediate: Tuck Hemmelgarn

**Meat goats**  
Junior doe  
Champion: Bretton Basford  
Reserve champion: Mabrey McIntire

0-3 month  
1. Rylieann Clark

3-6 month  
Class 1  
1. Mabrey McIntire  
2. Madison Clark  
3. Emalyn Clark  
4. Caleb Dollar  
5. Benton Langenkamp

Class 2  
1. Ella Stockton  
2. Seth Degler  
3. Seth Degler  
4. Elly Byrum  
5. Fredrick Lingo  
6. Bryce Clevenger

6-9 months  
1. Bretton Basford  
2. Easton Siegrist  
3. Bryce Clevenger

Yearling doe  
Reserve champion: Lina Lingo

12-16 months  
1. Bretton Basford  
2. Jackie Tipton

16-20 months  
Class 1  
1. Lina Lingo  
2. Maisey Keller  
3. Gillian Keller  
4. Cayden Buckland  
5. Danielle Somers  
6. Camden Buckland

Class 2  
1. Seth Degler  
2. Fredrick Lingo  
3. Emalynn Clark  
4. Alex Huntsman  
5. Jenna Bricker  
6. Nicholas Somers

Senior doe  
Reserve champion: Cameron Clark

24 to 36 months  
1. Bretton Basford  
2. Madison Clark

36 months and older  
1. Cameron Clark  
2. Ella Stockton  
3. Rylieann Clark

Buck  
Reserve grand champion: Anna Fisher  
3. Alex Huntsman  
4. Lauren Fisher  
5. Fredrick Lingo  
6. Cienna Muhlenkamp  
7. Caden Muhlenkamp  
8. Caleb Dollar

Market does  
Reserve grand champion: Max McClain

Light weight market doe  
Champion: Stanley Muhlenkamp

Reserve champion: Brooklyn Byrum  
3. Benjamin Fisher  
4. Nicholas Somers  
Medium weight market doe  
Champion: Levi Garringer  
Reserve champion: Maisey Keller  
3. Madeline Benirschke  
4. Benton Langenkamp  
5. Lauren Fisher  
6. Gillian Keller  
7. Anna Fisher  
8. Elijah Stockton

Heavy weight market doe  
Grand champion: Max McClain  
Reserve grand champion: Elijah Stockton  
3. Andrew Muhlenkamp  
4. Fredrick Lingo  
5. Ella Stockton  
6. Isabelle Byrum

Wethers  
Reserve grand champion: Stanley Muhlenkamp

Light weight wether  
Champion: Brooklyn Byrum  
Reserve champion: Emalynn Clark  
3. Rylieann Clark  
4. Levi Russell  
5. Danielle Somers  
6. Cameron Clark  
7. Camden Buckland  
8. Cayden Buckland

Medium weight wether  
Champion: Kohen McIntire  
Reserve champion: Andre Muhlenkamp

Class 1  
1. Andrew Muhlenkamp  
2. Elly Byrum  
3. Macey Dehoff  
4. Georgia Hall  
5. Keighan Minor

Class 2  
1. Kohen McIntire  
2. Isabelle Byrum  
3. Madison Clark  
4. Justin Dehoff  
5. Isaac Dues

Heavy weight wether  
Champion: Stanley Muhlenkamp  
Reserve champion: Max McClain

Class 1  
1. Stanley Muhlenkamp  
2. Levi Garringer  
3. Ayva Pitman  
4. Fredrick Lingo  
5. Bryce Clevenger  
6. Madeline Benirschke  
7. Bryce Clevenger  
8. Ayva Pitman  
9. Jax McClain  
10. Caleb Dollar

Class 2  
1. Max McClain  
2. Madi Paxson  
3. Jordyn Hutzler  
4. Lina Lingo  
5. Ella Stockton  
6. Elijah Stockton  
7. Ella Stockton  
8. Alex Huntsman

Showmanship  
Beginner: Jax McClain  
Junior: Levi Garringer  
Intermediate: Fredrick Lingo  
Senior: Mabrey McIntire  
Advanced: Bretton Basford



During the Jay County 4-H meat goat show on July 11, Levi Garringer (left) showed the grand champion market doe. During the pygmy goat show, twins Kaylee and Melana Zimmerman had the grand champion mother-daughter pair.

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8-5 CRYPTOQUIP

VTMU CPQMKPJE HPWYMC X
HWMVNPWUZ WU X GIJMFE
KGWMR QXUUMG, ZTXZ WC
ZTM PNWUWPU PR ZTM YIGZ.

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: IF YOU HAVE SAMPLED FRUITY, ALCOHOL-LACED DRINKS AT PARTIES, YOU'VE TAKEN SOME HARD PUNCHES.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: Z equals T

Trivial Review

(Answers are printed below, upside down.)

State of the band

- 1) What city's three schools have won a combined 15 Indiana State Fair band championships?
2) The Beatles have sold the most albums all-time. What band is second on the list?

(2) The Eagles
(1) Anderson

8-7 CRYPTOQUIP

DW EUT ZBCB XU ZRXIM
BHBCE HRALDCB WDKA BHBC
LCUFTIBF, ZUTKF EUT MRHB

R LBCWBIX FCRI CBIUCF?
Saturday's Cryptoquip: WHEN SOMEBODY VOICES A VIEWPOINT IN A RUDELY BRIEF MANNER, THAT IS THE OPINION OF THE CURT.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: B equals E

CRYPTO FUN
Solve the code to discover words related to the dog days of summer. Each number corresponds to a letter. (Hint: 11 = M)

WORD SCRAMBLE
Rearrange the letters to spell something pertaining to dog days of summer.
DCLOEO

Guess Who?
I am an actress born in Malaysia on August 6, 1962. I was a beauty pageant winner prior to becoming an actress. I've been in a James Bond movie and recently won a Best Actress Oscar for a role in a 2022 film.

kids' corner
HEALTH FACT: HEALTH PROFESSIONALS RECOMMEND GETTING ONE OF THESE AT LEAST ONCE A YEAR, UNLESS THERE ARE ISSUES PRESENT.

How they SAY that in...
ENGLISH: Blind
SPANISH: Ciego
ITALIAN: Cieco
FRENCH: Aveugle
GERMAN: Blind

Math Blocks
Fill in the missing blocks with numbers between 0-10. The numbers in each row add up to the totals on the right. The numbers in each column add up to the totals on the bottom.

THIS DAY IN... HISTORY
1914: BELGIUM AND THE BRITISH EMPIRE DECLARE WAR ON GERMANY DURING WORLD WAR 1.
1977: PRESIDENT JIMMY CARTER SIGNS LEGISLATION CREATING THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY.
2007: NASA LAUNCHES ITS PHOENIX SPACECRAFT.

New word
CORRECTIVE
something that fixes a problem

DOG DAYS WORD SEARCH
Find the words hidden vertically, horizontally, diagonally, and backwards.
WORDS: AIR CONDITIONER, AUGUST, BASEBALL, BEACH, BOATING, CAMP, CANOE, CLOUDS, DIVING, FANS, GARDENING, HEAT, HOT, HUMID, ICE CREAM, INDOORS, MUGGY, OCEAN, POPSICLE, SHADE, SUMMER, TEMPERATURE, THUNDERSTORM, VACATION

Get Scrambled
Unscramble the words to determine the phrase.
FEPRCET SNOIIV
Answer: Perfect vision

Did You Know?
THE MOST WIDELY USED EYE CHARTS TODAY ARE CALLED SNELLEN CHARTS. THEY ARE NAMED AFTER A 19TH CENTURY DUTCH OPHTHALMOLOGIST.

GET THE PICTURE?
Can you guess what the bigger picture is?

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS 40 Monumental clamps
42 Simile part
64 Platter
46 Indy circuits
50 Plotting groups
52 Excuses
54 Fairway shots
55 Rain cloud
56 Its capital is Ottawa
57 Tooth-paste holders

DOWN 1 Beach, Fla.
2 Hostels
3 Pricey
Solution time: 26 mins.
C C S S T O W S T U B
O A K C O R A A U R A
D R I V E W A Y U G L Y
A L P I N E W I N
B E L A N A C I N
P A G E S O R K A D A
A I L S W A D P R E P
I D A M A T T A P A S
R A M S A Y R A D
P A L E L D E S T
P E R U A L L E Y W A Y
O V E R Y E A S E L K
D A D S S T Y E R T E

Yesterday's answer 8-5
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11
12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31 32 33 34 35 36 37 38 39 40 41 42 43 44 45 46 47 48 49 50 51 52 53 54 55 56 57

Contract Bridge By Steve Becker

That extra little twist
South dealer. North-South vulnerable.
NORTH: 10 8 7, Q 7 2, K 10 7 4 2, Q 2
WEST: 9, 10 6 5 4 3, J 9 6 5, 8 7 4
EAST: Q 6 5 3 2, A 9 8, A Q 8 3, 10
SOUTH: A K J 4, K, J, A K J 9 6 5 3
The bidding: South 2, West Pass, North 2, East Pass; South 3, West Pass, North 3, East Pass; South 3, West Pass, North 3 NT, East Pass; South 5, West Pass, North 6, East Pass.
Opening lead — nine of spades.
There are all kinds of feats you can perform as a declarer if you work hard enough at it. Today's hand may represent only a minor triumph, but, even so, it has a neat twist.
West led his singleton spade, declarer covering the nine with dummy's ten. East could have made life easy for South by playing the queen — but he didn't.
South led a low diamond from

Contract Bridge By Steve Becker

Famous Hand
South dealer. North-South vulnerable.
NORTH: A 7 5, Q 6 5, 7, A K J 6 5 4
WEST: 6, K J 8, A K 10 9 8, 10 9 7 2
EAST: 10 4 3 2, A 9 7 2, 5 4 3, Q 8
SOUTH: K Q J 9 8, 10 4 3, Q J 6 2, 3
The bidding: South 2, West Pass, North 2, East Pass; South 2, West Pass, North 4, East Pass.
Opening lead — king of diamonds.
This deal occurred in the 1977 world championship match between the United States and Argentina. At the first table, with Bobby Wolff and Bob Hamman North-South for the U.S., the bidding went as shown. An opening one-club bid by Wolff would have promised at least 17 high-card points, so he opened two clubs, indicating six or more clubs and 12 to 16 high-card points.
The Argentine West led the king of diamonds and shifted to a club. Hamman cashed the A-K of clubs, discarding a heart, and when the

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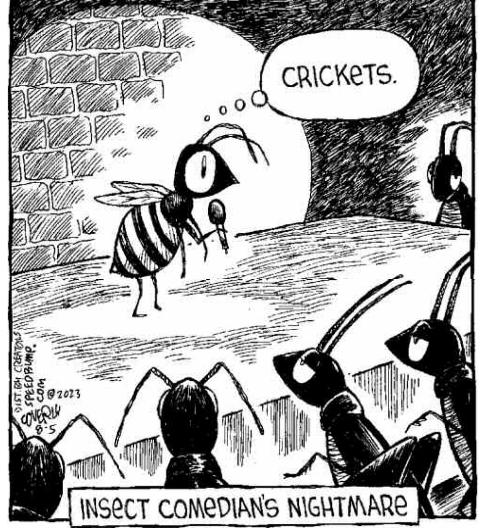
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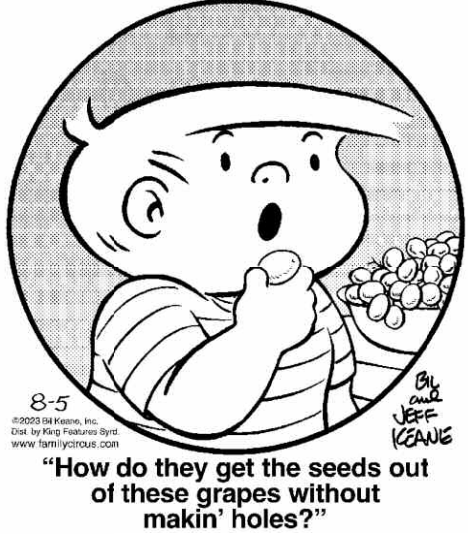
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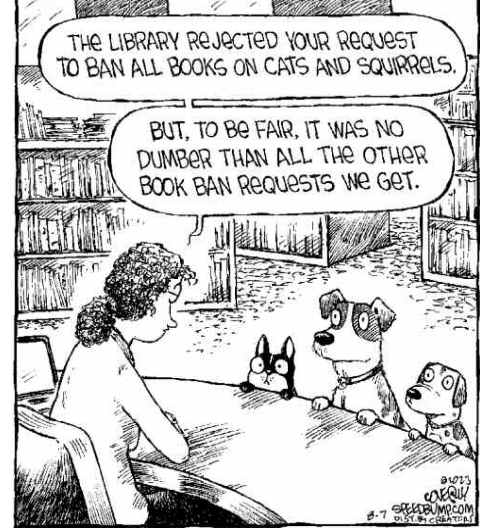
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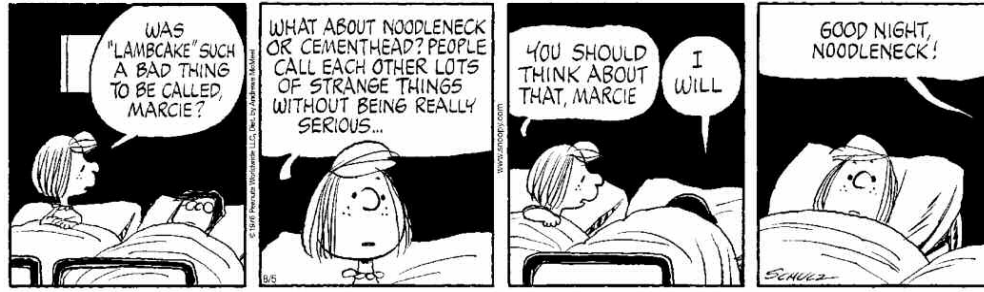
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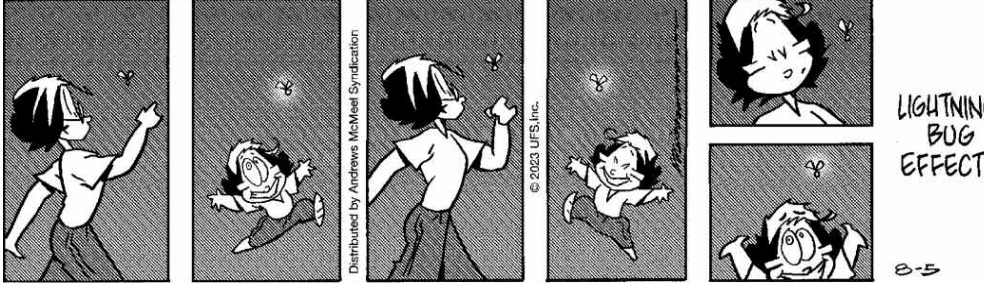
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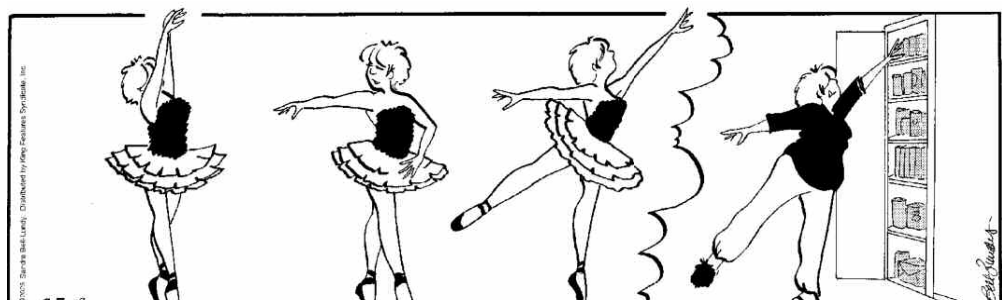
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# Facility ...

Continued from page 12  
The original plan called for the organization to build the facility new. After receiving quotes on the cost for such a project, the club pivoted to purchasing a building off of county road 500 west that roughly fit the dimensions of the original plan.

"It's a little smaller than what we'd like, but this fits our needs and it checked off a lot of things in our box," Farr said. "It was a lot cheaper as well."

Jay County Baseball Club is in the process of purchasing the building, and will close on Sept. 3 with the cost of the building coming out to \$575,000. It has already raised the funds for a down payment but have launched the fundraising campaign to help pay for the cost of the rest of the building and the renovations inside.

Most of the plans for the interior have stayed the same as the original plan with an office space (30 feet by 40 feet), a golf simulator, a classroom area for teams and a main room (60 feet by 90 feet) with turf and six batting cages. The biggest difference is the addition of an area for arm care that includes a plyometric training wall, arm bands and weights in the middle section of the building

that includes the classroom and golf simulator.

The club also still plans to have hit tracking technology such as Rapsodo and Hit Trax technology for real-time analysis to aid in player development.

After going through closing on Sept. 3, the club will gain access to the building on Jan. 1 because of the structure of the lease with the current owner. Once it gets access to the building, it hopes to quickly install turf and netting for the cages, which could be in less than a week once they have funds.

The total cost of technology, equipment and labor to outfit the building comes out to about \$320,000.

The club has set a goal to fundraise \$900,000 by the end of the year to help with costs of the building and turning it into an outdoor-sports facility. It has already raised enough money for a down payment on the building.

To donate, supporters can look at the campaign by going to [bit.ly/ClubhouseFundraiser](https://bit.ly/ClubhouseFundraiser) or check out Jay County Baseball Club's Facebook page. For more information, email [jcbaseballclub@gmail.com](mailto:jcbaseballclub@gmail.com).



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## Sophia scores

Sophia Sprunger shoots a goal during the JCHS girls soccer practice Friday morning. The Patriots' first game is set for Aug. 14 vs. Richmond.

# Sports on tap

### Local schedule

**Monday**  
Jay County — Girls golf tri-meet at Woodlan — 4:30 p.m.  
Fort Recovery — Girls golf vs. Tri-Village — 9 a.m.

**Tuesday**  
Fort Recovery — Boys golf Mercer County Match at Celina Lynx — 9 a.m.; Girls golf at South Adams — 4:30 p.m.

### TV sports

**Today**  
1 a.m. — Women's World Cup: Spain vs. Switzerland (FS1)

4 a.m. — Women's World Cup: Norway vs. Japan (FS1)  
12 p.m. — NFL: 2023 Pro Football Hall of Fame Enshrinement Ceremony (ESPN)  
12:30 p.m. — NASCAR Cup Series: FireKeepers Casino 400 (USA)  
1 p.m. — Basketball: BIG3 (CBS)  
3:30 p.m. — NASCAR Xfinity Series: Cabo Wabo 250 (NBC)  
4 p.m. — MLB: Washington Nationals vs. Cincinnati Reds (Bally Indiana)  
6 p.m. — PGA Tour: Wyndham Championship (CBS)  
6 p.m. — UFC: UFC Fight Night (ESPN)  
6:30 p.m. — UFC: Cody Durden vs. Jake Hadley (ESPN)  
10 p.m. — Women's World Cup: South Africa vs. Netherlands (FOX)

11:30 p.m. — UFC: Cory Sandhagen vs. Rob Font (ESPN)

**Sunday**  
5 a.m. — Women's World Cup: United States vs. Sweden (FOX)  
11 a.m. — SportsCar Championship: Road America (USA)  
12 p.m. — IndyCar: Grand Prix of Nashville (USA)  
1:30 p.m. — MLB: Washington Nationals vs. Cincinnati Reds (Bally Indiana)  
3 p.m. — NASCAR Cup Series: FireKeepers Casino 400 (USA)  
3 p.m. — PGA Tour: Wyndham Championship (CBS)  
3 p.m. — WNBA: Los Vegas Aces at New York Liberty (ABC)

7 p.m. — MLB: Los Angeles Dodgers vs. San Diego Padres (ESPN)

**Monday**  
3:30 a.m. — Women's World Cup: Nigeria vs. England (FS1)  
6:30 a.m. — Women's World Cup: Denmark vs. Australia (FS1)  
9 a.m. — Little League World Series (ESPN)  
11 a.m. — Little League World Series (ESPN)  
1 p.m. — Little League World Series (ESPN)  
3 p.m. — Little League World Series (ESPN)  
6:30 p.m. — MLB: Miami Marlins vs. Cincinnati Reds (Bally Indiana)

**Tuesday**  
4 a.m. — Women's World Cup: Jamaica vs. Colombia (FS1)

7 a.m. — Women's World Cup: Morocco vs. France (FS1)  
6:30 p.m. — MLB: Miami Marlins vs. Cincinnati Reds (Bally Ohio)  
7 p.m. — WNBA: Los Angeles Sparks vs. Indiana Fever (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](https://on.IN.gov/reservedhunt). The deadline is Aug. 6.



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## Baseball Club ready to fund new facility

### Jay County Baseball Club begins crowdfunding on Zeffy for new building

By **ANDREW BALKO**  
The Commercial Review

Plans have shifted some. Progress is being made. Now the fundraiser is live.

Jay County Baseball Club is moving along with the process to create an outdoor-sports facility for Jay County and it has launched a fundraiser through the crowdfunding platform Zeffy to help achieve its goal.

The club announced plans in early April to build the new facility because of the growing demand for youth sports in the community and a lack of places to practice and individuals to develop their skills.

"We are doing it because we see it as a need," said club board member Brady Johnson.

"We've got the West Jay Community Center and the Jay Community Center and neither one of those facilities are geared for non-hardwood sports," board member Kyle Teeter added.

Club president Todd Farr said the facility is planned to be more than just for the club team, but rather would be more community based for those who live in or near Jay County. The plan is to offer memberships and the ability to rent the space out for local recreational teams to practice.

While the prices of memberships and renting the facility are not set as of now, the board of directors is comparing price ranges of similar facilities further away to try and set a price point. So far, board mem-

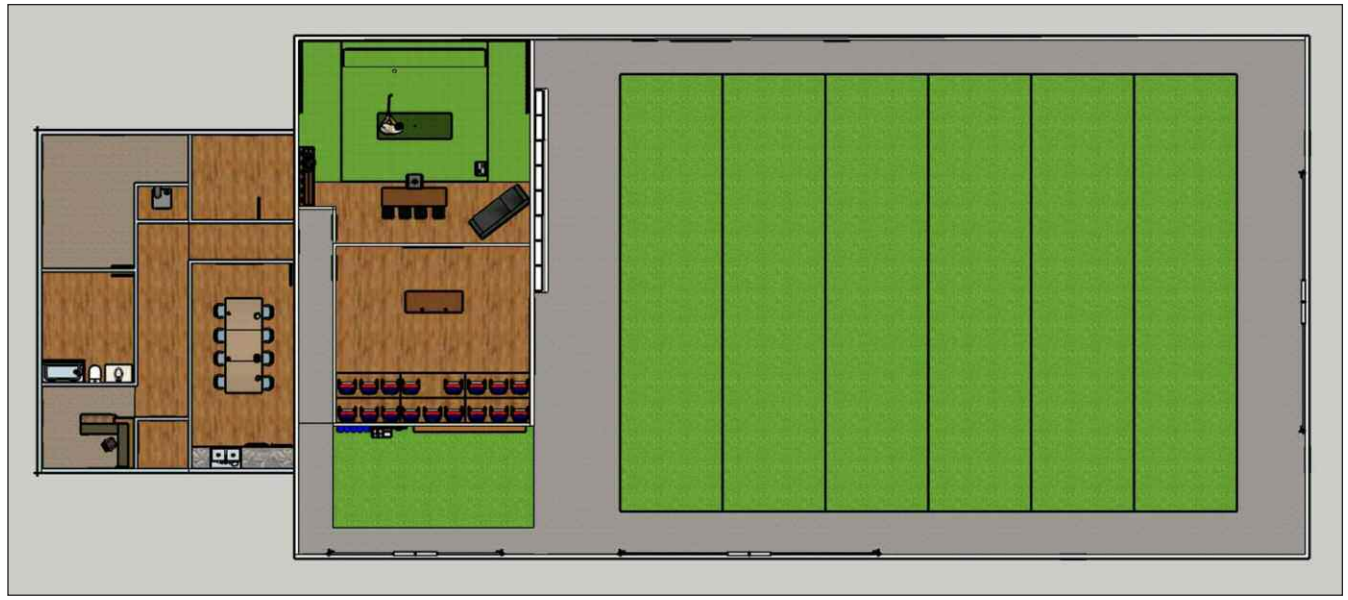


Photo provided

Pictured is the updated layout to Jay County Baseball Club's outdoor-sports facility, The Clubhouse. At left there is office space leading into the middle section with a golf simulator, classroom and arm care area, and at right is the main part of the facility with six batting cages with turf and nets.

bers believe they will be significantly lower than what other facilities charge and are also experimenting with various discounts.

"A lot of our price points

and everything is going to be determined by how we fundraise," Teeter said. "If we can fundraise and get the community involved and raise the money and

have this paid for, then we're not looking to make any money on this.

"We just want to provide something for kids in the community. So the more we

can raise, the more the community gets behind what we're doing and with this building, the cheaper that stuff gets."

See **Facility** page 11

## Oregon, Washington to join Big Ten

By **J. BRADY MCCOLLOUGH**  
Los Angeles Times  
Tribune News Service

LOS ANGELES — It looks like USC and UCLA will have Pac-12 brethren joining them in the Big Ten after all.

Multiple outlets reported Friday morning that Oregon and Washington are expected to join the Big Ten, bringing the conference membership to 18 schools for the 2024-25 academic year.

Yahoo Sports reported that Oregon and Washington told

### Ducks and Huskies doom PAC-12 as they follow UCLA and USC to Big Ten

the Pac-12 of the impending move in a meeting that was supposed to be Commissioner George Kliavkoff's last chance to convince his members to stay together after the exits of USC

and UCLA last summer and Colorado last week.

Kliavkoff reportedly presented his schools with the details of a potential media rights agreement with Apple on Tues-

day. The deal would put Pac-12 games mostly on the streaming service and offer minimal linear cable and broadcast options. For schools in western time zones, that have already struggled with exposure during the past decade, that idea apparently did not sit well.

Oregon and Washington are expected to be followed out the door by Arizona, which has reportedly been approved for Big 12 membership. The pressure would then be on Arizona State and Utah to go with the

Wildcats to the suddenly resurgent league.

It's less clear what will happen to Stanford, California, Washington State and Oregon State. Unless the Pac-12 survives by finding expansion partners or entices the Mountain West with a merger, the remaining members would become the first major conference schools in the realignment era to actually lose their conference home.

Even if the Pac-12 does still exist, it certainly won't feel like a power conference any longer.



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