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Runner-up return



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Jay County High School cheerleaders, including seniors Karci Hopkins and Cash Hollowell (center), cheer and celebrate as they leave the mat Saturday during the Indiana State Fair cheerleading competition. Also pictured, from left, are Hina Ohba, Emmarie Barton and Moa Sakamoto. The Patriots, who had not competed at the state fair since 2015, finished second in the large varsity no music division behind North Central.

Jay County second at state fair

By RAY COONEY

The Commercial Review

INDIANAPOLIS — It had been eight years since the Patriots had competed at the state fair.

Plenty has changed since 2015. The result did not.

Jay County High School's cheerleading squad made its return Saturday to the Indiana

State Fair competition with a second-place finish.

"That was the best routine," said Patriot senior Cash Hollowell. The Patriots were also second in 2015 and have been in the top three in each of the last dozen state fair contests in which they have competed. "They put it all on the mat. They

can't go back and say, 'Oh, I wish I could have done this.' They tried their hardest. We put all our effort into this mat today.

"This is our first time back in a while. And then being (in second place) just feels so good."

Jay County's junior high squad finished in fourth place.

The JCHS varsity

squad was solidly in second place with 189.1 points out of the possible 240 in the large varsity no music division. They finished more than 10 points ahead of third-place Decatur Central (178.2) in the field of four while North Central of Indianapolis claimed first with 203.9.

"They did well," said

JCHS coach Lindsey Peterson. "I think they're happy with it. I really wasn't sure what to think until after we watched everyone (perform).

"I told them they should be happy with whatever the placement was, because they truly did make a lot of progress and they did well today."

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Millions OK'd for hushed auto facility

Few key details were released about the project on Friday

By CASEY SMITH

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Indiana's budget panel on Friday approved a \$120 million request from the state's economic development agency to close a deal on a hushed advanced manufacturing project, despite transparency concerns from some Democrats on the committee.

The Indiana Economic Development Corporation (IEDC) made the nine-figure ask to provide performance-based incentive funds for an automotive company planning to invest about \$3.2 billion in a new facility that — if finalized — could bring 1,400 new high-paying jobs for Hoosiers.

Those performance incentive grants will come out of a \$500 million IEDC "deal closing" fund, which was created by state lawmakers in the most recent budget.

When asked by members of the budget committee, Mark Wasky, senior vice president of community affairs for the IEDC, declined to share the name of the company.

He said only that the facility will be located north of Indianapolis, but not in the LEAP Innovation District in Lebanon — where Indiana plans to craft a "high-tech" corridor along I-65 in Boone County, roughly halfway between Indianapolis and Purdue University.

Wasky gave few details about the company, citing non-disclosure agreements and federal security laws.

"With this project in particular, there was an elevated level of concern about any information being released publicly prior to the company notifying their shareholders and having a public announcement," Wasky said.

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Trump says he can't get a fair trial in Washington, D.C.

By GREGORY KORTE

Bloomberg News
Tribune News Service

Former President Donald Trump attacked the nation's capital as a "filthy and crime-ridden embarrassment" as the leading Republican candidate in the 2024 race seeks to move his federal trial on conspiracy and obstruction charges to a more politically friendly venue.

"NO WAY I CAN GET A FAIR TRIAL, OR EVEN CLOSE TO A FAIR TRIAL, IN WASHINGTON, D.C.," Trump wrote in an all-caps post on Truth Social, his social media site. He called for a U.S. takeover of the city — which has limited home-rule powers under congressional supervision — a

move he said would be unpopular with potential jurors.

In a separate post, Trump said he will be asking for recusal of the judge on the case "on very powerful grounds," without citing any evidence. He said Judge Tanya Chutkan, who was appointed by former President Barack Obama, a Democrat, couldn't be fair.

Trump is accused in an indictment handed down last week in Washington of knowingly spreading lies about the 2020 election being rigged to undermine faith in the vote and remain in power. He's fighting separate criminal prosecutions in New York and Florida — and faces possible charges in Georgia —

all while pushing ahead with his presidential campaign.

Trump's broadsides came as his Tampa lawyer made the rounds of Sunday television news shows, contending that the former president's actions leading up to the attack on the Capitol on Jan. 6, 2021, were protected by First Amendment protections of free speech.

Attorney John Lauro said Trump would "absolutely" seek a change of venue. "We would like a diverse venue, a diverse jury that reflects the characteristics of the American people," he said on CBS' Face the Nation. "I think West Virginia would be an excellent venue to try this case."



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Prelim performance

Emma LeMaster of the Jay County High School Marching Patriots plays the piccolo in front of flute players Alexander Smith and Hannah Boggs during Friday's preliminaries at the Indiana State Fair.

Weather

The temperature in Jay County dropped Sunday, hovering between 68 and 72 degrees. Rain started at about 10 a.m. Monday with about a quarter of an inch falling by noon.

Tonight's low will be in the

lower 60s. Expect mostly sunny skies Wednesday morning followed by cloudier conditions with a 30% chance of showers. There is a 60% chance of rain Wednesday night. See page 2 for an extended outlook.

In review

Portland Board of Works will hold a special meeting at 4 p.m. today. The board's agenda includes the emergency replacement of a water main on Blaine Pike.

Coming up

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

Friday — Results from the Fort Recovery boys golf team in the Mercer County Meet.

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The unnamed company is in the “advanced technology automotive components sector.” Wasky said the IEDC plans to announce the project within the next year.

He noted that the company has already accepted the IEDC’s offer. To finalize the agreement, Wasky said the IEDC needs to have access to incentive funding.

The \$120 million approved Friday by the State Budget Committee will be distributed to the company over the next eight years. Incentive grants will be dependent on the company meeting benchmarks related to jobs, wages and performance, however.

If the deal does not go through, funding will revert back into the IEDC’s closing fund and be available for other projects, Wasky said.

The project will bring an additional \$3.2 billion to Indiana’s auto manufacturing industry — raising such investments as a whole to over \$9 billion, he added.

“By establishing impactful investment tools, Indiana has attracted unprecedented investment in future-focused industries, and has empowered the organization to pursue transformative investments like this that’ll benefit the state for years to come,” Wasky said.

This is the second time the IEDC has come before the budget committee with a large funding request since the General Assembly adjourned in April.

At its June meeting, the panel approved the IEDC’s request for \$122 million to acquire 1,000 acres of land in Boone County for a potential

\$50 billion semiconductor plant investment.

The budget committee also approved another IEDC’s requests for:

- \$35 million in performance-based grants for an electric vehicle battery manufacturing operation to be located in St. Joseph County

- \$20.2 million to acquire property in Boone County for roadway infrastructure in support of Eli Lilly’s planned expansion to the area

- \$16 million to acquire property in the LEAP District for a possible \$3.2 billion data center

- \$10 million in grants to General Motors’s investments in its Fort Wayne Assembly plant

Still, Democrats on the committee have been hesitant to move forward with IEDC’s “vague” requests.

“I understand ... you don’t want competitors in other

states to know what’s going on. But it’s taxpayer dollars,” said Rep. Greg Porter, D-Indianapolis. “I understand business, but I’m still very concerned about the transparency of what’s happening, particularly with some of the leadership within the state that allocates those dollars.”

Porter also expressed concerns about companies’ continued investment in Indiana years after the IEDC makes “a big splash” with a new project agreement.

“We need to understand, what is the real return on investment that we get from these companies that come here, and what did they really create here in the state of Indiana and for those local communities?” Porter asked on Friday.

Wasky assured that IEDC officials “continuously evaluate” the projects and the invest-

ments made with Indiana tax dollars.

He said the IEDC completes an annual “look back” on each active project to assess ongoing compliance and benchmark performance under their agreements.

Wasky emphasized that the quasi-government agency additionally undertakes “extensive” return on investment analyses to ensure that each company invests and creates new jobs, and to evaluate the “ripple effects” of projects on local economies.

At least one member of the State Budget Committee — Sen. Ryan Mishler, R-Mishawaka — signed a non-disclosure agreement so he could learn details behind the June request.

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CR almanac

Wednesday 8/9	Thursday 8/10	Friday 8/11	Saturday 8/12	Sunday 8/13
82/64	81/62	84/64	80/58	78/60
Wednesday's forecast shows mostly sunny skies with a chance of rain.	Thursday also has a chance of rain (30%) under mostly sunny skies.	Another day of mostly sunny skies with thunderstorms also possible.	Saturday has a 30% chance of thunderstorms. The high will be 80.	Mostly sunny on Sunday, when the high will reach the mid to upper 70s.

Lotteries

Powerball Estimated jackpot: \$145 million	57-59-61-66-68-73-74-77 Cash 5: 11-20-37-39-41 Estimated jackpot: \$223,500
Mega Millions Estimated jackpot: \$1.55 billion	Ohio Sunday Midday Pick 3: 3-1-9 Pick 4: 2-1-1-1 Pick 5: 6-3-3-8-0 Evening Pick 3: 6-5-1 Pick 4: 3-3-2-6 Pick 5: 6-7-9-9-5 Rolling Cash 5: 12-26-29-34-35 Estimated jackpot: \$174,000
Hoosier Sunday Midday Daily Three: 2-9-5 Daily Four: 4-5-7-9 Evening Daily Three: 9-1-4 Daily Four: 7-4-3-3 Quick Draw: 1-12-15-22-30-36-38-39-45-53-54-55-	

Markets

Cooper Farms Fort Recovery Corn.....5.46 Oct. corn4.76 Wheat5.81	Sept. beans12.57 Wheat 6.18
POET Biorefining Portland Corn.....5.63 Oct./Nov. corn4.81 Dec. corn4.91	Central States Montpelier Corn.....5.31 Late Aug. corn4.98 Beans13.42 Late Aug. beans13.32 Wheat6.14
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Today in history

In 1896, Marjorie Kinan Rawlings was born in Washington, D.C. A journalist, short story writer and novelist, Rawlings wrote “The Yearling” in 1938, securing her a Pulitzer Prize.

In 1955, Tokyo Telecommunications Engineering started selling transistor radios in Japan. About three years later, the company rebranded to its current name, Sony.

In 1974, president Richard Nixon announced his resignation from office. Nixon was being investigated for his role in the Watergate scandal, a political fiasco which included a break-in at the Democratic National Committee headquarters in the Watergate complex in Washington, D.C., and several cover-ups from White House employees and Nixon. About six weeks later, Nixon was pardoned by then-president Gerald Ford.

In 1990, the United States deployed troops to Saudi Arabia, starting Operation Desert Shield, an effort to defend the nation and later prepare to take back Kuwait from Iraq’s invasion.

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Citizen’s calendar

Today 3 p.m. — Jay County Personnel Committee, auditorium, courthouse, 120 N. Court St., Portland.	Board of Zoning Appeals, Community Resource Center, 118 S. Meridian St., Portland.
4 p.m. — Portland Board of Works, mayor’s office, city hall, 321 N. Meridian St.	Wednesday 8 a.m. — Upper Wabash River Basin Commission, Wells County Public Library, 200 W. Washington St., Bluffton.
5:30 p.m. — Portland	

U.S. turns up pressure

By TRACY WILKINSON

Los Angeles Times
Tribune News Service

When Niger was rattled by a coup in late July, it was just the latest West African nation to be challenged by mutinous militaries bent on unseating the existing government — what some have called a domino chain of armed takeovers in a sensitive part of the world where Russia-loyalist mercenaries are in ascendance.

But Niger, U.S. officials say, is different.

Niger’s president, Mohamed Bazoum, who is now being held captive by his former security detail, is a rare democratically elected leader who was inaugurated in 2021 in the country’s first peaceful transfer of power. His nation is the recipient of \$2 billion in U.S. and other Western aid annually. And more than 1,000 U.S. troops are stationed in Niger, where they train the Nigerien military to battle jihadist terrorist groups active in the area.

The Biden administration and European Union rushed to condemn the coup and have lamented the potential loss of their last reliable West African ally as international pressure continued to mount. Losing Niger could be seen as a victory for Russia, experts say.

Striking a harsh tone like the West, the Economic Community of West

African States, or ECOWAS, handed military coup leaders in Niger — led by presidential guard Gen. Abdourahmane Tchiani, who has declared himself head of state — a Sunday deadline to stand down and reinstate Bazoum to office. Though ECOWAS is attempting to broker negotiations, it has said it will use military force if Tchiani does not comply, threatening a wider conflict that would further devastate an impoverished region marred by violence.

U.S. officials do not think ECOWAS will use military force in the near future, nor will they commit to join in, but they have warned that Niger risks collapse as a nation if the attempted coup isn’t halted. And Russia’s notorious militia force, the Wagner Group, is poised to step into the void.

“Let me be very, very clear about this,” said U.S. Secretary of State Antony J. Blinken, who visited Niger in March and has been in regular telephone contact with Bazoum since the July 26 coup. “Our economic and security partnership with Niger — which is significant, hundreds of millions of dollars — depends on the continuation of the democratic governance and constitutional order that has been disrupted. That support is in clear jeopardy.”

Though Niger had, until now, remained a steadfast ally of Washington and the West, it has grown increasingly isolated, a lone island in a sea of countries ruled by military putschists backed by the Wagner Group, a vicious militia with ties to Russian President Vladimir Putin and led by Russian oligarch Yevgeny Prigozhin.

Niger sits in the middle of the Sahel, a thick belt of countries across the widest section of the African continent from Senegal on the Atlantic Ocean westward to Sudan and Eritrea on the Red Sea. U.S. officials say the Sahel has become home to branches of the Islamic State and Al Qaeda terrorist groups.

Nearly all of Niger’s neighboring governments have fallen to military coups in the last five years, while Islamist insurgent violence explodes on its borders with Mali and Burkina Faso, where the Wagner Group has deployed forces to offer protection to leaders while exploiting the countries’ mineral and other natural-resource wealth. To offer itself as an alternative, the Wagner Group has capitalized on anti-colonial sentiment targeting France and the U.S., American officials say. Prigozhin was quick to offer support for the Niger coup, although U.S. officials do not believe he instigated it.

Talks end without concrete progress

By ALEX NICHOLSON

Bloomberg News
Tribune News Service

A peace plan pitched by Ukraine and its allies to more than 40 countries this weekend in Saudi Arabia brought little in the way of concrete steps to stop the war or reverse Russia’s territorial gains.

The most tangible outcome from the Jeddah meetings was a plan to form working groups under various points of Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy’s 10-point “peace formula” — on areas including food supply and nuclear security — according to people familiar with the matter, who spoke on condition of anonymity because they’re not authorized to discuss the matter publicly.

While Zelenskyy’s Chief of Staff Andriy Yermak praised the consultations, representatives for China stuck to calls for a cease-fire as a precursor to peace talks — an approach that French delegates said was unacceptable because it would effectively freeze Russia’s gains in place.

“We have had very productive consultations about key principles on which just and strong peace has to be built,” Yermak said in com-

Zelenskyy presented 10-point ‘peace formula’

ments posted on the website of the presidential office. “There were different points of view, but all the attendees declared allegiance to U.N. principles, international law and respect to sovereignty and territorial integrity.”

Ukraine is seeking to build international support for its framework for potential peace talks and a lasting deal, prospects that so far seem remote as the war nears its 18th month. Kyiv and its backers in the U.S. and Europe hope the meetings will help get their messages across to major global players such as Brazil, South Africa, China and India, countering the narratives from Russia. Moscow wasn’t invited and denounced the gathering as a “hoax.”

Felony arrests

Probation violation

A Portland woman was arrested Friday for violating her probation.

Heather L. Sawyer, 40, 925 N. Franklin St., pleaded guilty in August 2022 to possession of methamphetamine, a Level 6 felony. She was sentenced to one year in Jay County

Jail with 305 days suspended and given two days credit for time served. A petition alleging she violated the conditions of her probation was filed in court June 13.

Sawyer is being held on a \$500 bond in Jay County Jail.

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Garden is in full swing in August

By DIANA DOLECKI

Special to The Commercial Review

I find it hard to believe that August is here already. I don't know why the days, weeks and months go by in an instant while the hours and minutes drag by. I am guessing that is one of those side effects of getting older that nobody talks about.

The garden is finally beginning to produce more than the occasional snow pea. I must have bought a different strain of cherry tomatoes than what I intended to buy. These seem to be a very dark, almost black variety. The one I tried was

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tasty so maybe it was a happy accident. Of course, I have already tossed the labels that came with the plants.

The regular tomatoes are a lovely shade of pale green and show no indication that they will someday turn red. I'm guessing that they will all ripen on the same day. The beans have slowed production. I cooked up a mess of them

the other day. I probably should have fixed them the day before. They weren't as fresh as I prefer them to be and I pitched a few of them. We have eaten the first cucumber of the season. It was delicious. I am convinced that there are a bunch of them waiting to reveal themselves after they get as big as footballs.

As I have said before, I am always surprised that I find gardening to be relaxing and enjoyable because it was the exact opposite when I was a kid. Perhaps the difference can be attributed to getting to choose when and where I garden as opposed

to being told what to do and when to do it.

The element of choice is a powerful thing. It can also be overwhelming. I have found that offering a choice of this or that is much more likely to get an answer than offering an endless supply of choices.

In years past I would be on the hunt for Mom's birthday present. Her birthday is at the end of the month. She usually wanted whatever discontinued item she had found in a magazine somewhere. I used to complain about it. What I wouldn't give to go shopping for her one more time.

Harvesting and shopping are two things that define August for me. For most of the town where I live, August also means endless yard sales. The Tri-State Antique Gas Engine and Tractor show comes at the end of the month. It draws people from all over the world. Old tractors and engines are only a part of the attraction. Almost everyone in town sets out their unwanted possessions in hopes that they can make a few dollars and declutter at the same time. Sometimes it works and sometimes it doesn't.

August is also when school starts back up for

many children these days. I suppose I am showing my age when I say that we never started school in August. The day after Labor Day was when we went back to school.

My mind is scattered these days. It bounces from tomatoes to school and the way things used to be. Then I wonder about the passage of time and go back to missing my mom. Thoughts are often incomplete. Nevertheless, I hope you find something of value in these words if only to find that you are not the only one who bought the wrong cherry tomatoes.

Motorcycle hobby worries mother of three

DEAR ABBY: My husband and I have three children, and I feel really lucky to be able to stay home with them. I appreciate how hard my husband works so that I can do this. Our kids are young, so we are in a somewhat tedious season of life, without a lot of rest. But it's just a season, and it's already going by so fast.

Recently, my husband became interested in motorcycles and bought a nice vintage one. I was fine with it because he rides it only in our neighborhood, and it isn't very fast. I understand he needs an outlet and I want him to have a hobby, but I wish it wasn't motorcycles.

He now wants to buy a "real" motorcycle he can ride on the highway. I think motorcycles are dangerous, and I would be absolutely devastated if anything happened to my husband. I shared my feelings with him, and he said he would hold off on buying another one right

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now. But he often watches videos of motorcycles, and I feel bad for squashing his dream. Am I overreacting about the danger? I just think it's irresponsible when we have a young family and so much at stake. Plus, I love him with all my heart. — SCARED OF SPEED IN NORTH CAROLINA

DEAR SCARED: I understand your concerns, and they are not unfounded. There are risks involved in motorcycling. However, there are motorcycle clubs for adults who love to ride, whose members wear appropriate clothing and helmets and ride as a group, which

lessens the risk. Regarding the risks faced by irresponsible motorcyclists, I will never forget the response I received from the director of an organ donation network years ago when I asked who he thought was the "ideal" organ donor. He didn't hesitate and replied, "A 19-year-old male on a motorcycle."

DEAR ABBY: My husband has a friend I'll call "Penny." They have known each other for decades and are very close. Penny is married to a wonderful man.

Recently, Penny got in touch with her high school prom date, "Gary," and they had lunch. Things got steamy, but they stopped before doing anything too physical. In need of counsel, Penny told my husband all the details. Now, out of the blue, we have received a birthday party invitation for Gary to be held at Penny's home. My husband and I feel uncomfortable meeting him for

the first time in this way because we are good friends with Penny's husband. Should we go to the party and play dumb, or send our regrets, as we have no desire to meet this man at all? — PARTY POOPER IN NEW ENGLAND

DEAR PARTY POOPER: No rule of etiquette decrees that you must accept every invitation you receive. If you would feel uncomfortable at the party, send your regrets.

DEAR ABBY: I've been seeing "Ronald" for a little more than a year. He's nine years older than I am, and we don't really have a lot in common. He has feelings for me, but I don't feel the same toward him. He has helped me out a lot financially, and doesn't expect me to pay him back.

The problem is, I have met someone else. "Jack" and I have so much in common. We knew a lot of the same people when we were younger. He rec-

ognized me after I showed him a picture from my younger days. We both have feelings for each other. He's a year younger than I am. I just don't know what to do. Please help. — MIXED-UP IN THE SOUTH

DEAR MIXED-UP: Be an adult. Summon the courage to tell Ronald that you have reconnected with someone you knew years ago, and you would like to pursue it. Explain that you are being upfront because you feel it wouldn't be fair or honest to keep him in the dark. Then thank him for his friendship and his help, and tell him you are grateful for the kindness and generosity he has shown you.

Dear Abby is written by Abigail Van Buren, also known as Jeanne Phillips, and was founded by her mother, Pauline Phillips. Contact Dear Abby at www.DearAbby.com or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069.

Community Calendar

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

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. Creagor Ave. in Portland. For more information, call (260) 766-9334.

Wednesday WEDNESDAY MORNING BREAKFAST CLUB — Will meet at 8 a.m. in the east room of Richards Restaurant. All women are invited to attend. Includes activities and devotional time.

PING PONG — Will be played from 11 a.m. to noon

on Wednesdays at West Jay Community Center.

BRYANT/NEW CORYDON SENIOR CITIZENS — Will meet at 11:30 a.m. Wednesday at the Bryant Community Center for a carry-in dinner. Meat is provided.

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

JAY COUNTY CIVIC THEATRE — Holds its regular meeting at 5:30 p.m. on the second Wednesday of each month in the boardroom at Arts Place, 131 E. Walnut St., Portland.

CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP — For caregivers of persons with Alzheimer's disease or related dementias, the group will meet at 6 p.m. the second Wednesday of each month at Blackford Community Hospital conference room, 410 Pilgrim Boulevard in Hartford City. For more information, call Joni Slentz or Lisa Garrett at (765) 348-1072 or (800) 272-3900.

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.

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. For more information, call Pastor Randy Davis at (765) 369-2085.

JAY COUNTY TRAILS CLUB — Will meet at 7 p.m. the second Thursday of each month at Jay Community Center.

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.

INDIANA UNIVERSITY HEALTH JAY HOSPITAL OSTOMY SUPPORT GROUP — Will meet at 6 p.m. the second Thursday of each month in Indiana University Health Jay Hospital Conference Room B. The group is for ostomy and intestinal diversion patients and their friends and family to offer mutual support and learn about the latest products and information.

Sudoku

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Level: Beginner

Saturday's Solution

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

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Speech rights mustn't be sacrificed

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Freedom of speech is a cornerstone of any free society.

Constitutional protections help shield Americans from governments that might otherwise be keen to curb the ability of dissidents to push back on the state (rightly or wrongly — it doesn't matter).

And a general culture of free speech has allowed for America to be a place where perspectives of all sorts can be heard, read and shared.

It's a freedom many Americans take for granted. But it

Guest Editorial

shouldn't be. Around the world, the ability to communicate what one thinks and believes can result in not just social sanction but the heavy hand of state punishment.

From the brutal controls of free speech in Communist China and North Korea to the

criminalization of real or perceived "hate speech" in much of the Western world, freedom of speech as Americans understand it is uniquely protected here.

Illiberal impulses to chip away at freedom of speech must be resisted. And among younger Americans in particular, there seems to be a lack of education about the value of free speech.

A recent poll from Newsweek that found that 44% of 25- to 34-year-olds believe that "referring to someone by the wrong gender pronoun (he/him,

she/her) should be a criminal offense."

By contrast, just 19% of Americans overall agree that "misgendering" should be a crime. As Reason Magazine's Elizabeth Nolan Brown correctly explains, "Calling people by their preferred pronouns is certainly the kind thing to do, just as it is to call people by their preferred name or honorific. Conversely, deliberately misgendering someone is a jerk move. But the purpose of criminal law isn't to punish people for being jerks, and it's a perverted society that

thinks everything offensive or bad must be criminalized."

That's right. It's one thing to dislike or disagree with certain speech, it's another to want to bring in the state to criminally punish those you disagree with simply for expressing their disagreement.

In a free society — and yes, America is still mostly a free society — disagreements should be subject to debate, even enthusiastic and contentious debate. But it's important for Americans to avoid succumbing to authoritarian fantasies of jailing those they don't agree with.

Teens have a strong compass

By JOYCE M. DAVIS
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Tribune News Service

Climate change is more important to high school and college students than many older Americans might think. It's not a political issue to them. It's science. It's their future. And they're worried about how it's impacting people around the world.

The high school and college students who participated in the summer enrichment program sponsored by The World Affairs Council of Harrisburg, Penn Live and The Patriot News come from top schools.

They put climate change among the top issues they see clouding their future. And they don't understand why so many adults don't take it more seriously and do something about it, now.

To be blunt, they don't understand why their parents and grandparents are putting their very survival at risk.

The students are so concerned about global warming, they decided to invite Don Brown, a world-acclaimed expert on the immorality of climate change, to speak at their International Young Leaders Conference & Career Fair at Harrisburg University. Students chose "The Value of a Life" as their conference theme.

Brown, who UNESCO awarded the Avicenna Prize, believes people in Western nations have a moral duty to change their lifestyles and stop wasting energy to help stop global warming. He says it's causing untold suffering in many of the poorest nations in the world. And he argues it's a moral imperative that we do more to stop it.

The moral issues at play at home and around the world have been a constant theme during the eight weeks these students delved into tough topics like human trafficking, political polarization, the threat of extremism and what to do about the kind of aggression that has turned Ukraine into a battleground.

If it happened there, they ask, could it happen here?

Many of the students even penned op-eds and letters to the editor for PennLive and The Patriot-News to express their opinions as well as their fears for the future. They know they're the world's next generation of lead-

Joyce M. Davis



This coming generation envisions a world where each life is valued, equally; where people respect each other ...

ers. And like each generation before them, they want to make this world a better place.

This coming generation envisions a world where each life is valued, equally; where people respect each other, and where despots like Putin can be stopped before they destroy a nation.

But they also care about suffering closer to home and they expect people in public office to do something about it. The students went to the state capitol to learn how laws are passed, to meet with legislator and to visit the governor's office. They were in awe.

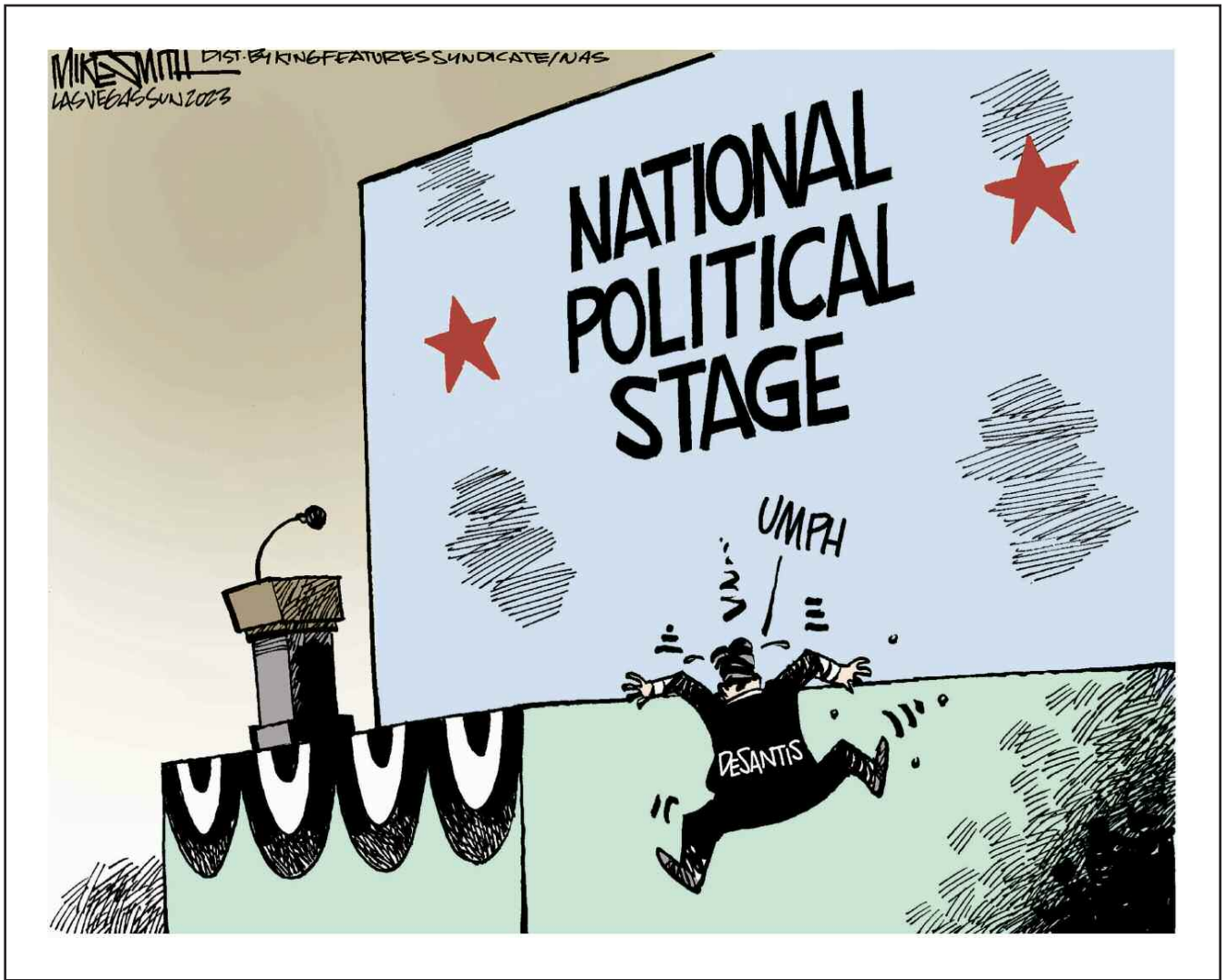
It's a summer these students will remember their entire lives. There's no doubt the people they met, the topics they debated, and the places they went this summer will help shape their futures.

The highlight of the entire summer just may have been the day they spent at MLK Government Center in Harrisburg. It's not every day a teenager gets to talk to Commissioner Thomas C. Carter, Fire Chief Brian Enterline and have lunch with Mayor Wanda Williams.

It's a credit to Mayor Williams and her team that they took time to answer the many questions these young people asked; to encourage their curiosity, and to challenge them to solve the problems that have befuddled the older generation.

No doubt, climate change will be at the top of their list.

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Crisis is from lack of constitution

By ELIZABETH SHACKELFORD

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Many Israelis believe the judicial overhaul just passed by the Knesset is the beginning of the end of the country's democracy. It's the first of several steps Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu is pursuing to consolidate power under his control.

But Israel has been at risk of this kind of power grab since its founding. As a parliamentary system with no law or body beyond the reach of a simple legislative majority, the Israeli state has few safeguards to prevent it. At its core, Israel's failure to adopt a constitution was the state's original sin.

The new law strips the country's Supreme Court of the power to overturn government action that the court finds "unreasonable." A survey in February revealed that 66% of Israelis opposed the move, and protests against it have continued for 29 weeks so far.

Following the Knesset vote, public protests only grew. Doctors walked out of work, and Israel's largest labor union is considering a nationwide general strike. Even Israel's military reservists are threatening not to show up for duty, which would be a blow to the country's national defense readiness.

The law's supporters claim it's necessary to stop unelected judges from overruling the will of the people as exercised by elected officials. That interpretation could sound democratic, particularly from an American perspective, considering our own unaccountable Supreme Court is undermining democracy these days.

But Israel's system is different, as are the consequences. In a parliamentary system, the power of the prime minister and legislature are linked, so neither acts as a check on the other. This makes the judiciary essential to maintaining checks and balances. Netanyahu's coalition, the most right-wing and religiously con-

Elizabeth Shackelford



servative in the country's history, is aiming to take out that check.

Absent judicial oversight, the only tool that could restrain Israel's ruling party would be a constitution, but Israel is one of only five countries that don't have one. A constitution defines the scope of government powers and acts as the highest law of the land — a legal document that cannot be overturned by a simple majority. It is meant to make the guardrails of governance greater than the power any single person or group can secure. A constitution is the difference between the rule of law and the rule of people.

It's no accident that Israel doesn't have one. From its beginning, Israel's champions have had two very different visions of the state. The primary sticking point was always whether Israel would guarantee equality for all or for some.

Leaders such as Menachem Begin, founder of the Likud party and Israel's prime minister from 1977 to 1983, claimed to support equal treatment of the Arab population but refused to bestow them rights equal to the state's Jewish population. He believed that would be anathema to the concept of a Jewish state.

Others, such as Shulamit Aloni, a former Israeli minister and member of the Knesset for nearly three decades, insisted the state needed a constitution that would guarantee equal rights for all. Aloni, one of Israel's most prominent civil rights advocates, pressed for a constitution including an equality clause. Begin and others pushed back fiercely on the very idea. Reconciling those different visions proved impossible, so

Israel simply didn't. But repeated efforts to instill equality in any legal form have failed, suggesting the de facto winner of this debate is inequality.

This is an obvious slight to the Arab population in the country, but Arab residents aren't the only ones who will ultimately pay the cost. Without a constitution enshrining equal rights for all, and with no other checks in place, it is far easier for a powerful minority to use the tools of the state to suppress the rights of other groups too. This is the reality in Israel today, as Netanyahu's extremist coalition is making clear.

A constitution is no panacea, as America's own long struggle to provide equal rights makes clear. And some countries, including the United Kingdom, have done fine without, thanks to a rigorous court system and other time-tested checks on power. But a constitution provides both a process and a product that can help build a more just and durable governmental structure and society. The process of creating and agreeing to a constitution is a difficult and time-consuming exercise. But it can force a reckoning with the hardest questions and spur public debate over the kind of society the public wants to be. It enhances transparency and accountability of every successive government to a legal framework bigger than they are.

If a constitution doesn't answer those questions, someone else will, and they can do so without that level of rigor, debate and consensus. Today's question is whether the judiciary can rein in unreasonable actions by the legislature, and Netanyahu's government has answered: No.

Whatever tomorrow's question is, the people of Israel don't want Netanyahu's coalition alone to have the power to answer it for them.

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Walmart held a ribbon-cutting ceremony Friday for its renovated Portland store. Changes to the facility include new registers with additional self-checkout lanes, a reorganized grocery department, renovated restrooms and updates to flooring, paint, signs and the parking lot.

Walmart celebrates renovations

Portland's largest retailer has a new look.

Walmart held a ribbon-cutting Friday for its renovated store at 950 W. Votaw St. along with the unveiling of a mural by artist Barbara DiLorenzo.

- Changes to the store include:
- A reorganized grocery department with expanded Hispanic food options
 - New registers with additional self-check-out lanes
 - Expanded pick-up with 31 spaces dedicated
 - Renovated restrooms
 - A room for nursing mothers
 - An expanded pet department
 - Updates to flooring, paint, signs and the parking lot.

There are also new "digital touchpoints" throughout the store.

"These updates will allow our associates to better serve our local customers," said manager Kellen Schott. In a press release. "Our Portland shoppers are our top priority and these improvements will go a long way in making shopping our store even easier."

The mural by DiLorenzo is inspired by antique gas engines and tractors, agriculture and the arch bridge on the south side of Portland's downtown area. It is part of the company's Community Mural Program.

During the ribbon-cutting celebration, Walmart made donations of \$2,500 to Secret Families of Jay County Christmas Charity, \$1,600 to Arts Place and \$750 to the Portland American Legion Riders.

Career day scheduled

Purdue Extension will host its

Business roundup

inaugural Jay County Career Fair on Sept. 7 at Jay County Junior-Senior High School.

Businesses are being invited to participate in the event that will run from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. in the school's auxiliary gym. Representatives will get to speak with students about their fields, share education advice and provide tips about local opportunities in their industries.

Those interested in taking part should contact Allison Keen at keen12@purdue.edu. For more information, call (260) 726-4707.

Ribbon cutting set

Jay County Chamber of Commerce is hosting a ribbon cutting at 1:15 p.m. today for Meridian-MD.

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. Meridian MD will provide services including routine medical care, physicals, vaccinations and treatment of chronic medical conditions.

The open house in Portland is one of several for Meridian this month as it is also opening facilities in Muncie, New Castle, Marion and Fort Wayne.

Classes scheduled

John Jay Center for Learn-

ing is continuing to offer ServSafe training.

The courses for those in the food-service industry are scheduled for Aug. 28, Sept. 25, Oct. 30 and Nov. 27. Each runs from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at John Jay, 101 S. Meridian St., Portland.

For more information, call (260) 729-5525.

Groundbreaking set

Adams Health Network will host a groundbreaking ceremony for The Cottages at Adams Woodcrest at 10:30 a.m. Monday at 1300 Mercer Ave., Decatur.

The Cottages at Adams Woodcrest will feature ranch-style floor plans with full kitchens, laundry facilities, fireplace, porch, attached two-car garage and emergency call systems. There will also be a new clubhouse for community and family events.

State joins settlement

The Indiana Secretary of State's Office announced last week that it has joined a multi-state settlement with Raymond James & Associates and Raymond James Financial Services.

The settlement requires the financial firms to pay at least \$8.2 million in refunds to clients and \$4.2 million in penalties and costs to the states.

The firms were accused of charging unreasonable commissions on trades.

"We are committed to ensuring large brokerage firms protect all investors regardless of how big or small the transac-

tion," said Indiana Secretary of State Diego Morales. "I am thankful for our team and how hard they work each day to protect the hard-earned money of all Hoosiers."

Training available

Indiana Chamber of Commerce will offer two safety courses in August.

The chamber will offer 10- and 30-hour Occupational Safety and Health Administration courses beginning Aug. 22. They will be held at the chamber of commerce conference center in Indianapolis.

Participants in the workshop can receive credits toward their Safety Compliance Specialist Certificate.

Other upcoming courses include Safety Leadership Principles on Sept. 21 and 22, Safety for Maintenance and Machine Operators on Oct. 4 and Forklift Safety: Train the trainer on Oct. 5.

For more information, email events@indianachamber.com or call (800) 824-6885.

Hospitals recognized

The American Heart Association recognized both IU Health Ball Memorial Hospital and Reid Health among the 40 Indiana Hospitals that participate in the American Heart Association's Get With The Guidelines.

The association recognizes hospitals that "consistently following up-to-date, research-based guidelines to ensure all patients have access to lifesaving care."

IU Health Ball in Muncie and Reid Health in Richmond were both recognized as Gold Plus, Target Type 2 Diabetes Honor Roll and Target Stroke Elite Honor Roll.

"Every 40 seconds, someone in America has a stroke or heart attack," said Dr. William Gill, a cardiologist on the American Heart Association's Indianapolis board of directors, in a press release. "Get With The Guidelines program helps ensure all patients can access high-quality care amid adversity."

Ardagh investing

Ardagh Group S.A. on Wednesday announced an investment of \$5 million Ardagh for Education program over 10 years in communities where its Brazilian facilities are located.

Ardagh, which operates glass manufacturing facilities in Dunkirk and Winchester, launched similar initiatives in the U.S. in 2021 and Germany in 2022. It will partner with the Brazilian Social Service for Industry to provide STEM education to teachers and students in primary and secondary schools.

"Ardagh for Education is at the core of our social sustainability strategy," said Paul Coulson, chairman of Ardagh Group, in a press release. "We recognise the critical role education, and access to education, plays in ensuring equal opportunities and in building successful, vibrant communities ..."

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Faith Faulkner of the Jay County High School cheerleading squad hits a pose Saturday during the competition at the Indiana State Fair.



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Jay County Junior High School's cheerleading squad, led by Brenna Ruble (front) cheers Saturday during their performance at the Indiana State Fair. The squad went on to finish in fourth place. Cheering along with Ruble, from left, are Audrey Hambrock, Emery Forthofer, Ashlynn Brunswick and Lexi Schoenlein.

Return ...

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Jay County's junior high squad scored 182 points for fourth out of six. It was ahead of Mount Vernon by 1.7 points and Daleville. Cascade won the championship with 207.4 ahead of Fall Creek (202.7) and Tri-West (199).

"It went really well," said junior high coach Brea McClain. "We met our three goals, which was to go out, have fun, work as a team, and smile."

Jay County's varsity scored the best across the

board for motions - technique/execution, getting 8.9, 8.6 and 8.4 out of a possible 10 on the score-sheets. The group also earned high marks from all three judges for crowd appeal/creativity/vocal cheer.

The Patriots made their return to the state fair for the first time since 2016 - the competition was canceled after several stops and starts because of rain and lightning. Peterson said the push to go back came from the younger cheerleaders, who had been to

the state fair in junior high.

"Last year was kind of rough for us," said sophomore Faith Faulkner, who was on the junior high squad that placed second in 2021. "And I feel like working over the summer for a competition just helps us achieve way more of our goals. And we got a lot better. We're a lot better right now than we were at the end of last season."

"It's been challenging, but it's been really good. We've gotten closer as a team and gotten better. I think we've gone further

than we thought we would."

Jay County's junior high squad scored mostly in the mid-to-high 7s in each category, but earned a 9.1 from one judge for crowd appeal/creativity/vocal cheer. That was the group's best category overall as it earned a 7.8 and a 7.4 from the other judges.

"They had a lot of energy today," said McClain. "We were working together ..."

"Everything stayed up and everything looked solid."

Brower's rabbit won best in show

Nevaeh Brower had the best rabbit in the bunch.

Brower showed the best in show July 8 during the Jay County 4-H rabbit show.

Her New Zealand white Intermediate doe also won for best of breed and best 6 Class. She was also the champion senior showman.

Other showmanship champions were Allison Tipton (novice), Andrew Suman (junior), Samuel Westgerdes (Intermediate) and Makinsey Murphy (master).

Other awards at the rabbit show were as follows:

Meat rabbits

- Meat pen
1. Nevaeh Brower
2. Lillian Welling
3. Samuel Westgerdes
4. Adam Alig

- Fryer - single
1. Nevaeh Brower
2. Samuel Westgerdes
3. Maggie Westgerdes
4. Lillian Welling
5. Eli Westgerdes
6. Adam Alig

- Roaster
1. Nevaeh Brower
2. Lillian Welling
3. Camden Buckland
4. Ramzey Huftel

- Stewer
1. Maggie Westgerdes
2. Nevaeh Brower
3. Samuel Westgerdes
4. Eli Westgerdes
5. Devin Clevenger
6. Trace Smith
7. Makinsey Murphy
8. Andrew Suman

- Rabbits**
Angora - English
Senior doe
1. Kaylyn Parker

- Californian
Intermediate doe
1. Lillian Welling

- Champagn D'Argent
Senior doe
1. Corey Emery
2. Corey Emery

- Chinchilla - Standard
Senior buck
1. Oakley Unverferth

- Dutch
Senior Buck
1. Katie Haffner
2. Dominic Steveson
3. Katie Haffner



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Nevaeh Brower had the best in show at the Jay County 4-H rabbit show on July 8 at the Jay County Fair.

- Senior doe
1. Jenna Bricker
2. Katie Haffner

- Flemish Giant
Senior buck
1. Andrew Suman
2. Bryce Clevenger

- Junior buck
1. Bryce Clevenger

- Junior doe
1. Bryce Clevenger
2. Bryce Clevenger

- Holland Lop
Senior buck
1. Gracie Redmond
2. Trace SMith
3. Eli Westgerdes

- Junior buck
1. Maggie Westgerdes
2. Halle Homan
3. Halle Homan

- Senior buck
1. Eli Westgerdes

- Senior doe
1. Maggie Westgerdes
2. Trace Smith

- Jersey Wooly
Senior buck
1. Keisha Adair

- Senior doe
1. Keisha Adair

- Lilac
Senior buck
1. Leah Steed

- Senior doe
1. Leah Steed

- Lionhead
Senior doe
1. Makinsey Murphy

- Senior buck
1. Makinsey Murphy

- Lop - French
Senior doe
1. Eli Westgerdes

- Senior buck
1. Eli Westgerdes

- Junior doe
1. Eli Westgerdes

- Lop - Mini
Senior doe
1. Jackie Tipton

- Junior doe
1. Payson Rickard

- Senior buck
1. Isaac Hawbaker

- Senior doe
1. Alexis Tipton
2. Jackie Tipton

- Junior doe
1. Milee Rickard
2. Emma Malyska

- Mini rex
Senior buck - self
1. Trace Smith

- Senior doe
1. Andrew Suman

- Senior buck - shaded
1. Dominic Steveson

- Senior buck - tan
1. Andrew Suman
2. Halle Homan

- Senior buck - AOV
1. Halle Homan, Dominic Steveson

- Senior buck - broken
1. Andrew Suman
2. Andrew Suman

- Mini satin
Senior buck
1. Keisha Adair

- Senior doe
1. Keisha Adair

- Netherland dwarf
Senior doe - self
1. Amara Parker

- Senior buck - self
1. Maggie Westgerdes

- Senior buck - tan
1. Eli Westgerdes
2. Eli Westgerdes
3. Maggie Westgerdes
4. Maggie Westgerdes

- Senior doe - tan
1. Maggie Westgerdes

- Senior buck - AOV
1. Eli Westgerdes
2. Alexis Tipton

- New Zealand
Senior doe - black
1. Makinsey Murphy

- Junior buck - black
1. Nevaeh Brower
2. Nevaeh Brower

- Senior doe - blue
1. Katie Haffner
2. Danielle Somers

- Senior buck - broken
1. Nevaeh Brower
2. Nevaeh Brower

- Senior doe - broken
1. Nevaeh Brower
2. Cayden Buckland
3. Nicholas Somers
4. Camden Buckland

- Junior buck - broke
1. Nevaeh Brower
2. Allison Tipton

- Junior doe - broken
1. Nevaeh Brower
2. Nevaeh Brower

- Senior buck - red
1. Adam Alig

- Senior doe - red
1. Adam Alig

- Senior buck - white
1. Nevaeh Brower
2. Danielle Somers
3. Cayden Buckland
4. Nicholas Somers

- Senior doe - white
1. Nevaeh Brower

- Intermediate buck - white
1. Lillian Welling

- Intermediate doe - white
1. Nevaeh Brower

- Junior doe - white
1. Nevaeh Brower
2. Nevaeh Brower

- Polish
Senior doe - blue
1. Dominic Steveson

- Junior buck - broken
1. Jenna Bricker

- Senior buck - chocolate
1. Dominic Steveson

- Junior buck - chocolate
1. Jenna Bricker
2. Bryce Rickard

- Rex
Junior doe - black
1. Andrew Suman

- Senior doe - broken
1. Joseph Kunk

- Junior buck - broken
1. Joseph Kunk

- Senior buck - castor
1. Andrew Suman

- Senior doe - castor
1. Joseph Kunk

- Junior doe - castor
1. Andrew Suman

- Senior doe - Lilac
1. Cheyenne Hall

- Senior buck - otter
1. Joseph Kunk

- Silver fox
Junior buck
1. Allison Tipton

- Junior doe
1. Allison Tipton
2. Allison Tipton

- Silver Marten
Senior doe
1. Devin Clevenger
2. Devin Clevenger

- Thrianta
Senior buck
1. Samuel Westgerdes
2. Samuel Westgerdes

- Senior doe
1. Samuel Westgerdes
2. Samuel Westgerdes

- Junior doe
1. Samuel Westgerdes

- Exhibition
1. Samuel Westgerdes



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Raven Dale showed both the grand champion feeder calf and grand champion steer on July 9 during the Jay County 4-H beef show. She was also the winner for advanced showmanship, moving on to compete in the large animal supreme showmanship competition.

Dale and Stout lead 4-H beef show

Raven Dale took home two banners at her last show.

Dale, a 10-year member, showed the grand champion beef feeder and grand champion market beef animals, and Kadilynn Stout showed the grand champion beef female at the Jay County 4-H Beef and Beef Feeder Show on July 9.

Named the advanced showman, Dale also showed the champion beef feeder steer and reserve grand champion beef female. Paisley Brunswick and Kaleb Curts were named junior and intermediate showman, respectively.

Additional results are as follows:

- Class 1**
Beef feeder heifer
1. Ryler Johnson
2. Mason Johnson
3. Hannah Johnson

- Champion:** Ryler Johnson
Reserve champion: Mason Johnson

- Beef feeder steer**
Reserve champion: Joe Hemmelgarn

- Class 2**
1. Raven Dale
2. Maria Hemmelgarn
3. Maria Hemmelgarn
4. Paityn Chapman

- Class 3**
1. Joe Hemmelgarn
2. Joe Hemmelgarn
3. Maria Hemmelgarn

- Class 4**
American British white park heifers - junior calf
1. Ella Stockton
2. Elijah Stockton

- Class 5**
American British white park heifers - spring yearling
1. Ella Stockton

- Class 6**
American British white park heifers - junior yearling
1. Elijah Stockton

- Champion:** Ella Stockton
Reserve champion: Ella Stockton

- Class 7**
Angus - winter calf
1. Tinley Walker

- Class 8**
Angus - early summer yearling
1. Kadilynn Stout

- Class 9**
Angus - spring yearling
1. Kaleb Curts

- Champion:** Kadilynn Stout
Reserve champion: Kaleb Curts

- Class 10**
Chianina junior yearling
1. Raven Dale

- Class 11**
Hereford - early summer yearling
1. Ivy Alt

- Class 12**
Hereford - spring yearling
1. Kaleb Curts
2. Kenady Lyons

- Class 13**
Hereford - junior yearling
1. Kaleb Curts
2. Lillian Johnson

- Champion:** Kaleb Curts
Reserve champion: Lillian Johnson



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During the Jay County 4-H beef show on July 9, Kadilynn Stout showed the grand champion beef female.

- Class 14**
Limousin - junior yearling
1. Levi Russell

- Class 15**
Maintainer - spring yearling
1. Elizabeth Brunswick

- Class 16**
Maintainer - junior yearling
1. Raven Dale

- Champion:** Elizabeth Brunswick
Reserve champion: Raven Dale

- Class 17**
Red angus - early summer yearling
1. Londyn Lyons

- Class 18**
Red poll - senior yearling
1. Elizabeth Brunswick

- Class 19**
Shorthorn - senior yearling
1. Ashlynn Brunswick

- Class 20**
Shorthorn plus - junior calf
1. Paisley Brunswick

- Class 21**
Sim solution - early summer yearling
1. Raven Dale

- Class 22**
Commercial
1. Kadilynn Stout
2. Bentley Brunswick

- Champion:** Kadilynn Stout
Reserve champion: Bentley Brunswick

- Class 23**
Steers - aberdeen angus
1. Nicholas Laux

- Steers - charolais**
1. Levi Russell

- Steers - chianina**
1. Raven Dale
2. Milee Rickard

- Champion:** Raven Dale
Reserve champion: Milee Rickard

- Class 26**
Hereford
1. Kaleb Curts
2. Emery Forthofer

- Class 27**
Hereford
1. Paisley Fugiett
2. Cole Forthofer
3. Boston Lyons

- Champion:** Paisley Fugiett
Reserve champion: Kaleb Curts

- Class 28**
Shorthorn
1. Ashlynn Brunswick

- Class 29**
Crossbred
1. Kinley Brunson
2. Jenna Bricker

- Class 30**
Crossbred
1. Carter Fugiett
2. Maria Hemmelgarn
3. Maria Laux
4. Maria Hemmelgarn
5. Joseph Hemmelgarn

- Champion:** Carter Fugiett
Reserve champion: Maria Hemmelgarn

- Beef feeder heifer**
Champion: Ryler Johnson
Reserve champion: Mason Johnson

- Beef feeder steer**
Reserve champion: Joe Hemmelgarn

- Overall Beef feeder**
Reserve champion: Joe Hemmelgarn

- Beef female**
3. Elizabeth Brunswick
4. Raven Dale
5. Kadilynn Stout

- Market beef**
Reserve grand champion: Carter Fugiett
3. Paisley Fugiett
4. Levi Russell
5. Milee Rickard

- Rate of gain feeder**
Champion: Maria Hemmelgarn
Reserve grand champion: Joe Hemmelgarn

- Rate of gain steer**
Champion: Cole Forthofer
Reserve grand champion: Emery Forthofer

Dues, Zimmerman lead dairy beef show

Sam Dues climbed back to the top. Melana Zimmerman closed out her career with a victory.

Dues had the grand champion dairy beef feeder while Zimmerman exhibited the grand champion dairy beef steer July 10 during the Jay County 4-H dairy beef and feeder show.

It was the second win in three years for Dues, who had the grand champion dairy beef feeder in 2021 before his brother Max topped him for the title last year. Zimmerman earned her win in her final year of 4-H.

Benton Langenkamp and Eli Dirksen showed the reserve grand champions, respectively.

Dirksen won the advanced showmanship competition and went on to take the large animal supreme showmanship title.

Camden Buckland was first for junior showmanship, with Joseph Kunk winning senior showmanship.

Other results are as follows:

Dairy beef feeders

- Light weight**
Class 1
1. Camden Buckland
2. Alivya Schwieterman
3. Alyssa Schwieterman

- Class 2**
1. Alivya Schwieterman
2. Alyvia Muhlenkamp
3. Joseph Kunk
4. Maria Hemmelgarn
5. Alyssa Schwieterman

- Class 3**
1. Sam Dues
2. Khloe Homan
3. Maria Hemmelgarn
4. Gabe Muhlenkamp
5. Joseph Hemmelgarn

- Champion:** Sam Dues
Reserve champion: Camden Buckland

- Medium weight**
Class 1
1. Benton Langenkamp
2. Isaac Homan
3. Kinze Homan

4. Max Dues
5. Khloe Homan
6. Gabi Miller

- Class 2**
1. Owen Muhlenkamp
2. Sam Dues
3. William Muhlenkamp
4. Molly Muhlenkamp
5. William Muhlenkamp
6. Charlotte Muhlenkamp

- Class 3**
1. Benton Langenkamp
2. Jordyn Hutzler
3. Cole Steed
4. Joseph Kunk
5. Gabe Muhlenkamp
6. Halle Homan

- Champion:** Benton Langenkamp

- Reserve champion:** Owen Muhlenkamp

- Heavy weight**
Class 1
1. Halle Homan
2. Gabi Miller
3. Camden Buckland
4. Isaac Homan
5. Max Dues

- Class 2**
1. Henry Dirksen
2. Jordyn Hutzler
3. Kaylee Zimmerman
4. Cole Steed
5. Kaylee Zimmerman
6. Charlotte Muhlenkamp

- Class 3**
1. Carter May
2. Carter May

3. Veronica Dirksen
4. Eli Dirksen
5. Melana Zimmerman
6. Simon Dirksen

- Champion:** Henry Dirksen
Reserve champion: Jordyn Hutzler

Dairy beef steers

- Light weight**
1. Isaac Homan
2. Molly Muhlenkamp
3. Maria Hemmelgarn
4. Keighan Minor

- Medium weight**
Class 1
1. Drew Muhlenkamp
2. Joseph Kunk
3. Owen Muhlenkamp
4. Joseph Hemmelgarn

- Class 2**
1. Isaac Homan
2. Joseph Kunk
3. Alyvia Muhlenkamp
4. Benton Langenkamp

- Class 3**
1. Melana Zimmerman
2. Kaylee Zimmerman
3. Jordyn Hutzler

- Champion:** Melana Zimmerman
Reserve champion: Kaylee Zimmerman

- Heavy weight**
1. Eli Dirksen
2. Benton Langenkamp
3. Simon Dirksen
4. Jordyn Hutzler



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Sam Dues (left) and Melana Zimmerman (right) showed the grand champion dairy beef feeder and grand champion dairy beef steer respectively on July 10 during the show at the Jay County Fair.

Leonard ... U.S. knocked out of World Cup by Sweden

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On Saturday, he talked about how big a hurdle getting back to contact was for his progression.

"I would still say fear — just being able to contact for the first time in a long time, not knowing what result was going to come," Leonard said of the build-up to his first full-team work in pads. "It feels good. It feels amazing, and I'm just happy to be out there."

There's still work to be done before the Sept. 10 regular-season opener against the Jacksonville Jaguars at Lucas Oil Stadium. But Saturday was another big step forward.

"It's more reps," Leonard said. "I think that's what it is now, and just continue to get reps, continue to get better in individual (drills) and just making sure I understand and get back at it."

By KEVIN BAXTER

Los Angeles Times
Tribune News Service

MELBOURNE, Australia — The end, like so much of this World Cup for the women's national team, came cloaked in doubt and confusion.

U.S. goalkeeper Alyssa Naeher saved Lina Hurtig's shot in the seventh round of Sunday's tiebreaking shootout. She had batted the ball away, she was lying in front of the goal, how could it be otherwise?

The Americans celebrated and the Swedes mourned as referee Stephanie Frappart tugged at her earpiece. A voice in her head was telling her a video replay showed the ball had crossed the line. By the narrowest of margins, Sweden was going on to the quarterfinals, and the U.S. was going home.

"By like a millimeter or something," Naeher said. "It's

tough to have your World Cup end by a millimeter."

But if the World Cup ended there for the U.S., that's not where it was lost.

It was lost when the U.S. failed to score in its final 238 minutes, the team's longest-ever drought in a World Cup. It was lost when the U.S. failed to beat the Netherlands or Portugal, in two games it could have won. It was lost when a national team that had long played with joy, creativity and confidence became uncertain, predictable and indecisive.

As a result, the U.S. is out of the tournament short of the semifinals for the first time, an unfitting end for veterans Alex Morgan, Kelley O'Hara and Megan Rapinoe, who had gone to three straight World Cup finals.

"We want to be successful, be able to uphold the legacy that this team deserves," Morgan

said. "And we failed at that."

Morgan watched the shootout from the sidelines, having been subbed out of the game in the first of two 15-minute extra periods. Rapinoe and O'Hara, meanwhile, were two of the three Americans who missed their penalties, Rapinoe sending hers well over the crossbar and O'Hara bouncing a soft try off the right post.

For Rapinoe, 38, who has already announced her retirement, the errant shot will be her last touch for the U.S. in a Hall of Fame career that included more than 200 appearances, 63 goals and the Golden Ball in the last World Cup, where she won her second title. Rapinoe, who doesn't like to show when she's been wounded, tried to make light of the irony. But the tears in her eyes were testament to how much it hurt.

"There's some dark humor,"

she said, her voice beginning to crack. "I mean, missing a f— penalty at the end of this game?"

For the Americans, this game never should have come down to a penalty. They put in their best performance of the tournament, outshooting Sweden 22-9 and putting 11 of those shots on target, 10 more than the Swedes. But as has been the case throughout the tournament, they couldn't finish and the game ended scoreless — though Swedish goalkeeper Zecira Musovic contributed to that, making a number of ridiculous saves.

"We didn't put anything in the back of the net. I didn't put anything the back of the net," said Morgan, who had 16 shots in the tournament and put three of those on goal Sunday, but failed to score. "As a forward you're judged, deservingly, on goals. And there was none for me."

Sports on tap

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1 p.m. — Little League World Series (ESPN)
6:30 p.m. — MLB: Miami Marlins vs. Cincinnati Reds (Bally Ohio)
7 p.m. — WNBA: Los Angeles Sparks vs. Indiana Fever (Bally Indiana)

11 a.m. — Little League World Series (ESPN)
6:30 p.m. — MLB: Miami Marlins vs. Cincinnati Reds (Bally Indiana)

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250 PUBLIC NOTICE

Public Notice

Pennville Town Ordinance Number 2023-ORDINANCE REGULATING ANIMALS AND REPEALING ORDINANCE NUMBER 17 (INCLUDING ALL AMENDMENTS)

WHEREAS, the Council for the Town of Pennville, Indiana did adopt Ordinance Number 17 on July 7, 1908 and amended such on March 1, 1969 regulating animals within the Town;

WHEREAS, the Council for the Town of Pennville believes that Ordinance Number 17 and the Amendment should be repealed and replaced;

WHEREAS, there exist conditions in the Town of Pennville that make the regulation animals reasonable for conditions of public safety.

Now, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF PENNVILLE, INDIANA AS FOLLOWS:

A. DEFINITIONS

For the purposes of this Ordinance, the following definitions shall apply unless the context clearly indicates or requires a different meaning. Abandonment means the voluntary relinquishment of possession of the owner with the intention of terminating his or her ownership but without vesting it in any other person. Animal means all members of the canine, feline, rodent or reptile families. Also, any animal domestic, domesticated or wild, the keeping or harboring of which might violate any section hereof.

At Large means off the premises of the owner while not under the control of the owner or another person by leash, cord, chain or other device of actual physical restraint or under control of the owner or another person who has the ability to control the animal by voice command.

Nuisance means a condition which arises by an animal emitting noises consistently so as to disturb the peace and quiet of the neighborhood, or who consistently or at intervals, chases bicycles, automobiles or pedestrians on the streets and sidewalks of the Town, or any other condition created by an animal which would destroy or deface shrubbery, gardens, lawns or flowers, or which might result in the general discomfort of citizens in the community where such animal is harbored.

Owner means any person or persons or entity owning, keeping or harboring an animal.

Vicious Animal means any animal that without one provocation has been known to have scratched or bitten a human being, inflicting a personal injury or who promiscuously attacks other animals.

B. ANIMALS AT LARGE

It shall be unlawful for any person being the owner of or having immediate custody of any animal whether taxed or untaxed, licensed or unlicensed, to suffer or permit such animal to run at large within the town limits.

C. ANIMALS TN HEAT

All owners shall confine within a building or secure enclosure any animal when in heat or rutting; and it shall be unlawful for any owner to remove such animal from such building or enclosure at any time so as to permit contact with another animal except for controlled breeding purposes.

D. VICIOUS AND NUISANCE ANIMALS

It shall be unlawful for any person to harbor or keep within the Town any animal covered by this Ordinance that is vicious or the creates a nuisance.

E. ABANDONMENT OF ANIMALS

It shall be unlawful for any owner of any animal to abandon the same within the corporate limits of the Town.

F. COMPLAINTS; PROCEDURE FOR HANDLING

Any persons complaining to the Town Marshall and/or the Jay County Humane Society of an animal violating any section or sections of this Ordinance shall be required to sign a complaint form provided by said departments and available at the Town Hall, describing said animal, the violation, the location of said violation, and make known to said responding department, the owner of said animal if known by the complainant.

G. ISSUANCE OF WARNING

One such completely filed complaint shall be sufficient cause for the Town Marshall to issue a warning to the owner or to have the animal stated in the complaint impounded in the best interest of the public safety.

It shall be the duty of the Town Marshall to enforce the provisions of this Ordinance and at its discretion to impound all animals not conforming to this Ordinance. Any dangerous, fierce or vicious animal found at large that cannot be safely taken up or impounded may be destroyed by any person authorized to impound the same as provided herein.

I. IMPOUNDMENT FEES

Such impounded animals shall be redeemed by the owner within ten (10) days by payment of any impoundment fees set forth by the Jay County Humane Society. If the impounded animal is not redeemed by the owner within ten (10) days, the Jay County Humane Society shall have the option of adopting out or destroying the impounded animal(s). Furthermore, the Jay County Humane Society shall have the right to have an impounded animal inoculated against rabies, spade or neutered at the owner's expense.

J. INTERFERENCE UNLAWFUL

It shall be unlawful for any person to hinder or interfere with any person authorized to perform any duty described in this Ordinance.

K. PENALTY

Any person violating any of the provisions of this Ordinance, or any person failing to have an animal inoculated against rabies shall be fined an amount not exceeding \$50 per violation. Any person violating any provision of this Ordinance shall also be responsible for paying all costs and expenses assessed by the Town Marshall or the Jay County Humane Society for capturing, harboring or impounding the animal. Each animal shall constitute a separate violation for the purposes of this penalty.

L. EFFECTIVE DATE

This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon passage by the Town Council and publication, as required by law. Adopted by the Council of the Town of Pennville this 1st day of August, 2023.

Alicia Corwin, Brandy Manns, Josh Miller
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Sports

Leonard takes reps in full pads

By GEORGE BREMER
The Herald Bulletin (Anderson) Tribune News Service
WESTFIELD — Shaquille Leonard burst onto the field Saturday evening inside the Grand Park Events Center roaring with his helmet in one hand and his chest puffed out, ready for a fight.

It was a very good day for the Indianapolis Colts' three-time All-Pro linebacker. For the first time this summer, Leonard was cleared for some full contact.

He took his first snaps in 11-on-11 drills in full pads as his return from back surgery continues to ramp up, and he's beginning to feel a little more like "The Maniac" of old.

"I'm starting to see somebody that resembles the guy that I used to know," Leonard said of watching practice tape during training camp the past two weeks. "Now I'm building more confidence. I'm shooting through gaps, getting in windows, stuff like that. That's what I want to see on film, and that's what I'm happy to see right now."

With Jonathan Taylor's ongoing contract drama and rookie quarterback Anthony Richardson's development dominating so many headlines, Leonard's comeback has flown a bit under the radar this summer.

He opened training camp on the practice field for the first time since 2020, and the Colts are counting on him to be

an integral veteran presence for a young defense.

Leonard said in the spring the hardest part of watching himself on film last season — when he played just 74 snaps before undergoing a second surgery to correct a nerve issue in his back — was not recognizing the player wearing his No. 53 jersey. The burst and energy he became known for during his first four NFL seasons was missing, and Indianapolis suffered without it.

It's still early August — and Leonard has yet to be cleared for full practice without restrictions — but all the checkpoints so far have been positive.

His return to the first-team defensive huddle in full pads was the next step in his progression, and his presence could be felt on the field.

"His energy and his effort and just the leadership he brings to the team — he's a big-time leader for us and excited to have him back out there," Colts head coach Shane Steichen said. "I know he's excited to be out there, too."

Leonard is a big proponent of the team's "Kicking the Stigma" campaign to normalize speaking about mental health challenges, and he's often an open book when it comes to his emotional state in connection to the game.

Last week, he admitted to feeling nervous before reporting for camp and getting back onto the practice field.

See **Leonard** page 9



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On the line

AJ Myers (23) meets Grant Wendel at the one-yard line during the Jay County High School football red-blue scrimmage Friday evening. Myers flipped over Wendel for the score.

Colts sign Kenyan Drake

By BRIAN WACKER
Baltimore Sun Tribune News Service

Former Ravens running back Kenyan Drake has a new home.

The 29-year-old free agent signed with the Indianapolis Colts, the team announced on Saturday.

The move comes in the wake of Colts starting running back Jonathan Taylor reportedly asking to be traded after team owner Jim Irsay said he would not be extending the contract of the 24-year-old, who is in the final year of his rookie deal.

Taylor, like Ravens running back J.K. Dobbins, is currently on the physically unable to perform list and is essentially holding out over discontent with his contract situation. Taylor's backup Zack Moss, meanwhile, broke his arm earlier this week and is expected to be out around six weeks.

Drake brings plenty of experience to the Colts.

Last season, he played in all 17 games for the Ravens, starting five of them as Dobbins and Gus

Edwards worked their way back from season-ending injuries from the year before. He rushed for 482 yards and four touchdowns, which included a season-high 119 yards and a touchdown on 10 carries in a Week 6 loss against the New York Giants.

Drake has also played for the Miami Dolphins, Arizona Cardinals and Las Vegas Raiders, with his best year coming in 2020 with Arizona when he rushed for 955 yards and 10 touchdowns.

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