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Museum set to highlight history, culture

Tribal citizens will lead 'Beyond the Battlefield' presentation

By BAILEY CLINE

The Commercial Review
FORT RECOVERY — The museum is highlighting the history and culture of a few Native American tribes this weekend.

"Beyond the Battlefield: Interpreting St. Clair's Defeat through the Eyes of Tribal Citizens," a free Fort Recovery State Museum event featuring members of the Shawnee, Miami and Wyandotte tribes, will be held Saturday and Sunday at Fort Recovery State Museum and the surrounding area.

Museum director Kim Rammel noted the museum was awarded a \$5,000 grant from Ohio Humanities in the spring to put on the event.

"We thought it would be a good approach," said Rammel.

The event focuses on three of the tribes involved in St. Clair's Defeat, a battle on Nov. 4, 1791, in which U.S. Gen. Arthur St. Clair and his army were defeated by Native Americans.

Five tribal citizens — they are members of the Eastern Shawnee, Wyandotte or Miami tribes — will be sharing their nation's relationship to the battle with 18th-century garb accurate to their tribe, significant items that tie into family, tribal identity, political roles and conflict, and book lists, maps and other sources visitors may take home. Tribal interpreters will set up along the walking trail next to the museum from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday for visitors to ask questions or have discussions.

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Welcome back

Kindergartener Trisha Alig hugs teacher Autumn Brown as she arrives Thursday at East Elementary School in Portland. Thursday marked the first day of school for the 2023-24 year for Jay School Corporation.

Lawmakers weigh childcare deserts

By CASEY SMITH
Indiana Capital Chronicle
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Rising concerns over a lack of affordable and accessible child care in Indiana bubbled up at the Statehouse Wednesday, prompting calls for new statewide policies that would make it easier for additional care providers to open — without breaking the bank for families.

A legislative panel made up mostly of Hoosier lawmakers heard more than four hours of public testimony from state officials, child care

providers and business leaders who all shared a similar message: Indiana needs a more comprehensive system for child care, especially if the state wants to bolster its workforce.

To make that happen, those who testified said the General Assembly should expand eligibility for government-funded vouchers, rethink regulations for child care center licensing, and better incentivize businesses to make care options available to employees.

"I'm flabbergasted by the interest and importance of child-

care," said Republican Sen. Ed Charbonneau, who chairs the Interim Study Committee on Public Health, Behavioral Health, and Human Services. "I think we all know this is an issue. It's an issue in all capital letters. It is the foundation of so many things that we have going on in the state of Indiana, and it's one of the building blocks. ... We've got to have it — we've got to have it for economic development."

Charbonneau, of Valparaiso, emphasized that child care is an "infrastructure issue," and said

his goal is for the committee to "come up with some significant decisions on how we're going to change things."

Wednesday's meeting was the first of three for the summer study committee. The next gatherings are expected in September and October.

Some 763 licensed child care centers are open across the state, according to Indiana's Family and Social Services Administration (FSSA). The state has issued licenses to another 2,144 home care providers.

See **Child care** page 5



Photo provided

New communication boards have been installed at Hudson Family Park in Portland. Liz and Baxter Holdcroft spearheaded the effort as 5-year-old son Beau (pictured) has childhood apraxia of speech, a rare disorder in which children have trouble controlling their lips, jaws and tongues when speaking.

Communication help

By RAY COONEY

The Commercial Review
Beau Holdcroft is an outgoing child.

When he goes to local parks, he wants to play with the children who are there. They want to play with him.

He sometimes struggles, though, to communicate what he wants to do or where he needs to go.

Holdcroft's parents recently took a step to help their son, and others who have challenges with communication, by installing new communication boards at the playground at Hudson Family Park.

"We want to help him, but we also want to help other kids and other parents," said Liz Holdcroft, Beau's mom. "You don't know what everybody is going through until they share it."

As she and her husband Baxter worked with their son, they learned about other children in the com-

New boards installed at Hudson Family Park

munity with similar situations. "We want to help get them in the right direction."

Beau was approaching 2 years old when his parents began realizing he was behind his peers in terms of speech and communication. It was during the height of the coronavirus pandemic, which made in-person speech therapy difficult, so he started working first with a developmental therapist and then started speech therapy through First Steps when it was available. (First Steps is a state program that helps children who

have developmental delays or disabilities from birth to age 3.)

When he aged out of First Steps, he started speech therapy through Jay School Corporation and the Ball State University Speech-Language Clinic. At home, they also started working on sign language.

Beau's doctor and therapists agreed his challenges were likely being caused by childhood apraxia of speech, a rare disorder in which children have trouble controlling their lips, jaws and tongues when speaking.

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Deaths

Nedra Hough, 85, Bryant
Nedra Spade, 90, Portland
Marvin Muhlenkamp, 78, Bryant
Lennie Binegar, 68, Hartford City
Details on page 2.

Weather

Jay County had a high temperature of 79 degrees. Wednesday. The low was 61. Tonight's low will be 60, and there is a 50% chance of rain. Expect partly cloudy skies with a chance of showers and storms Saturday followed by mostly cloudy skies Sunday. See page 2 for an extended outlook.

In review

Jay County Solid Waste Management District will have recycling trailers available Saturday. Trailers will be open from 9 a.m. to noon in the shopping center at 220 Lincoln St., Portland, and Dunkirk City Park.

Coming up

Saturday — Photos from tonight's Fort Recovery High School football scrimmage.

Tuesday — Coverage of Monday's Jay County Commissioners meeting.



Obituaries

Nedra Hough

Nedra "Kay" Hough, 85, Bryant, died Wednesday at Adams Memorial Hospital. Arrangements are pending at Downing & Glancy Funeral Home, Geneva.

Fredia Spade

Dec. 17, 1932-Aug. 8, 2023 Fredia M. Spade, age 90, former Bryant resident passed away on Tuesday, Aug. 8, 2023, in Persimmon Ridge Healthcare in Portland. She was born in

Roanoke, Indiana on Dec. 17, 1932, the daughter of James and Mary (Farris) Nelson. She was married to James Spade and he passed away in 2015. She was retired from CTS in Berne, was a 1950 Bryant High School graduate and loved spending time with her family. Surviving are three sons, Terry Billington (wife: Christi-



Spade

na) of Portland, Steve Billington (wife: Becky) of Bryant and Jeff Billington (wife: Carole) of Bryant; one daughter, Debbie Esby (husband: Kenneth) of Fremont, Indiana; four sisters, Betty Missicano of Portland, Florence Mosier of Geneva, Roberta Rhoades of Kentucky and Della Brown of Georgia; eight grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren. Funeral services will be Saturday, Aug. 12, 2023, at 2 p.m. in the Baird-Freeman Funeral Home with Pastor Trace

Howard presiding. Visitation will be Saturday from noon to 2 p.m. Memorials can be made to the Jay County Humane Society. Condolences may be expressed at bairdfreeman.com.

Marvin H. "Butzy" Muhlenkamp, Bryant, Dec. 28, 1944-Aug. 8, 2023. Services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at Holy Trinity Church, 7321 E. Indiana 67, Bryant.

Lennie L. Binegar, Hartford City, who worked in Portland, April 28,

1955-Aug. 9, 2023. A gathering will be held at 4 p.m. Saturday at Walker & Glancy Funeral Home, 109 W. Windsor St., Montpelier.

The Commercial Review publishes death notices for those with a connection to our coverage area free of charge. They include the name, city of residence, birth/death date and time/date/location of services. There is a charge for obituaries, which are accepted only from funeral homes or mortuary services.

CR almanac

Saturday 8/12	Sunday 8/13	Monday 8/14	Tuesday 8/15	Wednesday 8/16
83/62	83/63	77/59	76/56	79/62
Saturday has a 40% chance of showers. The high will be 83.	Sunny on Sunday, when the high will reach the mid to lower 80s.	There's a 50% chance of showers or thunderstorms. The high will be around 77.	Mostly sunny skies are in the forecast for Tuesday with a high of 76 degrees.	Sunny skies are expected Wednesday when the high will be 79 degrees.

Lotteries

Powerball 10-15-21-67-69 Power Ball: 3 Power Play: 2 Estimated jackpot: \$194 million	Daily Four: 7-1-4-3 Quick Draw: 3-6-8-13-17-27-32-39-41-42-48-49-55-56-59-60-69-70-75-76 Cash 5: 4-5-14-28-40 Estimated jackpot: \$272,000
Mega Millions Estimated jackpot: \$20 million	Ohio Wednesday Midday Pick 3: 5-8-9 Pick 4: 5-1-8-2 Pick 5: 8-5-3-1-6 Evening Pick 3: 6-9-2 Pick 4: 2-4-5-4 Pick 5: 7-4-9-2-8 Rolling Cash: 3-6-14-16-36 Estimated jackpot: \$110,000
Hoosier Wednesday Midday Daily Three: 6-1-0 Daily Four: 5-0-4-4 Quick Draw: 4-5-6-9-11-13-15-18-19-33-34-41-42-48-50-52-56-59-67-72	

Markets

Cooper Farms Fort Recovery Corn.....5.52 Oct. corn4.77 Wheat6.01	Aug. beans.....12.74 Wheat5.81
POET Biorefining Portland Corn.....5.64 Sept. corn5.34 Mid Sept. corn5.14	Central States Montpelier Corn.....5.32 Late Aug. corn4.99 Beans13.59 Late Aug. beans13.54 Wheat5.92
The Andersons Richland Township Corn5.34 Aug. corn4.71 Beans13.64	Heartland St. Anthony Corn.....5.19 Oct. corn4.56 Beans13.63 Oct. beans12.73 Wheat5.86

Today in history

In 1911, Duke Paoa Kahinu Mokee Hulikohola Kahanamoku broke the 100-yard freestyle world record by 4.6 seconds during an AAU swim meet. Officials doubted the record set by Kahanamoku — he used a combination of an Australian crawl and a flutter kick — and did not recognize it until years later. In 1929, Babe Ruth hit his 500th career home run. He became the first to reach that milestone. In 1972, a demolition derby was the featured entertainment in front of the grand stand during the 100th Jay County Fair. In 1984, Carl Lewis joined Alvin Kraenzlein and Jesse Owens as the third athlete to win four gold medals at a single Olympics. In 1992, the Mall of America opened in Bloomington, Minnesota. In 1994, the Major League Baseball Players Association started a strike that led to the cancellation of the World Series. In 2014, comedian and actor Robin Williams died. His death was ruled a suicide. He starred in the TV show "Mork and Mindy" and the movie "Good Will Hunting." In 2021, 20-year-old Shelby N. Hiestand of rural Portland was found guilty of the January 2020 murder of Shea Briar, 31, Portland. A Jay Circuit Court jury needed less than three hours to reach its verdict. —The CR

Citizen's calendar

Monday
9 a.m. — Jay County Commissioners, auditorium, courthouse, 120 N. Court St., Portland.
11:15 a.m. — Jay County Commissioners executive session, auditorium, courthouse, 120 N. Court St., Portland.
3:45 p.m. — Jay County Election Board, voting room, courthouse, 120 N. Court St., Portland.
4 p.m. — Jay County Public Library Board of Trustees, library, 315 N. Ship St.
6 p.m. — Dunkirk Board of Works, city building, 131 S. Main St.
6:30 p.m. — Fort Recovery School Board, community room, high school, 400 E. Butler St.
7 p.m. — Dunkirk City Council, city building, 131 S. Main St.

Highlight ...

Continued from page 1 They'll also have games and other hands-on activities available, including traditional tribal games, such as stickball and hoop and stick.

Talon Silverhorn, a member of the Eastern Shawnee tribe, has been a history interpreter since 2007. The cultural programs manager at Ohio Department of Natural Resources, Silverhorn oversees Native American historical content in Ohio's parks and has been involved in creating a new cultural interpretive center in Greene County. He worked with Rammel to plan the event, and he's one of the tribal citizens sharing their culture's history at the museum this weekend.

"We want to show people what the community life was like, we want to show people what family relations are like, we want to answer questions about our government and everything that makes us tick historically and today so we can draw a line of continuity between the period of St. Clair's defeat to where we are now in Oklahoma," he said.

Around the turn of the 19th century, between 1790 and 1812, there was a large number of Shawnee people heading into and flowing out of Ohio, explained Silverhorn. "There's a very split opinion on what is the best thing to do to sur-

vive," he said, noting Shawnee populations living in Missouri, Indiana, Canada and Ohio. "Something like St. Clair's defeat that became such a galvanizing event that you know, really, I think, drew more and more supporters for this cause of staying in the homeland, reclaiming part of our homeland, and reestablishing our connection with the British prior to the United States, I think it gave hope to some people that may have been on the fence."

As the title suggests, this weekend's festivities reach beyond the battlefield. Silverhorn's goal is to focus more on other historical context around the time of the battle.

"The military history of the site is what most people are aware of and sort of interpret and place value on," said Silverhorn. "We want to show people something a little bit different which is the entire reason these warriors are fighting is to preserve the community that's behind them. They're not fighting for their own individual glory or fame or their place in history ... All that they were thinking about, in my mind, (are) were the people that they loved and the homeland that sustained those people."

Tribal interpreters will be available from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday inside the museum, with panel pre-

sentations set for 10 a.m., 12:30 p.m. and 2 p.m. in the community room.

Ball State University archeologists will also give 45-minute battlefield tours both days at various times and the museum will be open free of charge.

This weekend's activities also act as a precursor to the traveling exhibit "St. Clair's Defeat Revisited: A New View of the Conflict" coming to the museum from October to December. According to a press release from the museum, it shares the history of the battle's context and aftermath in respect to the nine tribal nations who defeated the United States military.

"I just hope we have a big turnout," said Rammel. "I think there's just a lot of really good information. These guys are so knowledgeable and they're just going to be so interesting to talk to."

Rammel explained that the history surrounding the battle and that time period is often taught to Americans from one perspective.

"Their ancestors were at the battle," she said, referencing the five tribe members visiting this weekend. "A different perspective like that, it rounds out the historical content we have."

For more information, visit fortrecoverymuseum.com or the museum's Facebook page.

Help ...

Continued from page 1 The symptoms are usually noticed between the ages of 18 months and 2 years old, according to The Mayo Clinic.

"They know what they want to say, it's just that their brain is having trouble communicating with their mouth how to make their movements," said Liz, a special education teacher for Blackford County Schools.

"It doesn't affect intelligence or anything developmentally," added Baxter, "it's just your brain and your mouth don't work together."

Speech therapy has made a difference — "His speech has really come a long way with all the therapy," Baxter said. "He's made huge leaps." — but there are still challenges, especially when he is in unfamiliar environments or around new people.

To help in the playground setting, Liz visited Portland Park Board's April meeting to request permission to add a communication board at Hudson Family Park. Such

boards have pictures of various actions, locations or phrases — among them are words like "bathroom," "thirsty" and "sit" — that those who are struggling to verbalize thoughts can point to instead. (Portland Fire Department last summer received similar boards through an Autism Society of America grant and private donations to help communicate in emergency situations.)

Park board members approved the request, only asking that the boards be made available in Spanish as well as English.

Shalee Myron, a Pennington resident and speech language pathologist for Blackford County Schools, designed the boards and Liz asked colleagues and students to review them. Display Craft of Portland created the boards and Kids Purpose Project, a Portland non-profit organization "seeking to make a difference in the lives of suffering children," funded the project that came in at just under \$500.

The communication boards were installed last month.

Now the Holdcrofts would like to work toward adding communication boards in the city's other parks.

Beau's struggles with speech have been a challenge, both for him and his parents. But after the initial worry and concern for their child, the focus for Liz and Baxter changed.

"You see the differences and it's discouraging," Liz said. "And it's frustrating. You go through that phase, and I think everybody does. But then it kind of hit a point where we were like, 'OK, we can sit around and be sad about it, or we can get him everything that he needs and we can help other kids.' That's where we're at now.

"Going through that other stuff, it was hard, but it got us finally to this place where ... we want to help him, help others and just raise awareness too."

SERVICES

Today
Leonhard, Robert: 1 p.m., Williamson-Spencer and Penrod Funeral Home, 208 N. Commerce St., Portland.

Saturday
Muhlenkamp, Marvin: 10 a.m., Holy Trinity Church, 7321 E. Indiana 67, Bryant.
Spade, Fredia: 2 p.m., Baird-Freeman Funeral Home, 221 N. Meridian St., Portland.

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To wed Aug. 26

Clare Dirksen and Nathan Langenkamp

Clare Dirksen and Nathan Langenkamp are getting married.

The couple will wed Aug. 26 at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Portland.

Clare Dirksen, the daughter of Dan and Tina Dirksen of rural Portland, graduated from Purdue University with bachelor's degrees in food science and animal sciences. She works as a food safety chemist at Cargill.

Nathan Langenkamp, the son of Chris and Diane Langenkamp of St. Henry, Ohio, graduated from Rhodes State College with an associate's degree in manufacturing engineering technology. He is a livestock and grain farmer.



Clare Dirksen and Nathan Langenkamp

Marriage licenses

Christopher W. Long, 27, Bryant, and Stacy N. Mowery, 41, Bryant
Megan E. Grieshop, 25, Maria Stein, Ohio, and Braden P. Muhlenkamp, 25, Portland
Morgan S. Mumby, 24, Portland, and Jacob D. Reynolds, 26, Portland

Aaron M. Brenner, 33, Portland, and Catelynn R. Fairchild, 28, Portland
Eric K. Huey, 54, Dunkirk, and Kristy L. Miller, 45, Hartford City
Trevor G. Homan, 28, Portland, and Menausha L. VanSkyock, 25, Portland

Joshua L. Stewart, 43, Portland, and Sammy L. Thomas Jr., 35, Portland
Avery M. Moore, 23, Portland, and Kasandra K. Workman, 28, Portland

Friends' comments leave unpleasant memory

DEAR ABBY: How do I deal with guests and friends who make unfortunate comments about personal belongings in my home? For example, I have a favorite print of a woman seated at a table. A friend commented, "Oh, we used to call her Mrs. Potato Head." About my beautiful handwoven table runner depicting sliced fruit, a guest said, "Oh, those look like women's private parts!" I also display a beautiful statue of the three Graces, which I inherited from my beloved mother. Another friend piped up, "Oh, the three lesbians!" They have stolen the joy I had about the pieces. I can no longer look at these treasures without being reminded of those stupid, thoughtless remarks, and so I had to get rid of them. What do I do if this happens again, or

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how do I prevent it? — PROUD OF POSSESSIONS IN MAINE
DEAR PROUD: No one should feel forced to get rid of objects they love because someone makes a thoughtless remark. If you get rid of anything, consider divesting yourself of the individuals who made those comments (probably in a failed attempt to be witty). If you do, you will have fewer acquaintances you need to muzzle.
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DEAR ABBY: My husband and I have been raising our 5-year-old grandson, "Kent," since he was a baby. His mom, my daughter, was in his life but decided to leave him with us for six months, after which we hired a lawyer to gain custody of him. His mom has been absent from his life for two years. There's no relationship between them at all. Kent now calls me "Mom," and I don't know if it is a good idea that he calls me that. He has a mother but doesn't remember her at all. He has no idea that I'm not his birth mom. What should I do? — ONLY MOM HE KNOWS
DEAR ONLY MOM: Of course Kent calls you "Mom." It is the role you have fulfilled since he was an infant. Do you have photos of your daughter around

the house, or family albums? If you don't, consider displaying one or going through the family album with your grandson and explaining who is who in the pictures. If he starts asking questions as he gets older, explain in an age-appropriate manner that your daughter felt he would be better off under your care. Then introduce more information as needed, which would be better than hitting him with the whole story all at once.
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DEAR ABBY: I am a divorcee with two kids in college. I work as an aide. My boyfriend, a mechanic, has an auto shop. He charges me every time I take in my car (which is 14 years old) to be fixed or have an oil change. Friends at work are

telling me he shouldn't charge me. I am confused. What do you think? — HAS TO PAY IN NEW YORK

DEAR HAS TO PAY: I'm glad you asked. When you take your car in for an oil change or repairs, you should reimburse your boyfriend for the oil and the parts. Because of your close personal relationship, a loving boyfriend might choose to give you a break on the labor, but that's up to him — and it's up to you whether he remains your boyfriend!
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Dear Abby is written by Abigail Van Buren, also known as Jeanne Phillips, and was founded by her mother, Pauline Phillips. Contact Dear Abby at www.DearAbby.com or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069.

Community Calendar

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

Lutheran Church, 218 E. High St., Portland. For more information, call (260) 251-3336 or (260) 729-7000.

Sunday

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

Saturday

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS — Will meet at 10 a.m. at Zion Evangelical

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.

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.

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

NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS — Will meet at 6:30 p.m. each Monday at A Second Chance At Life Ministries, 228 S. Meridian St. in Portland. For more information, call Brenda Eads at (260) 726-9625 or Dave Keen at (260) 251-8792.

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

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

ALZHEIMER'S CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP — Will meet at 5:30 p.m. the third Tuesday of each month at Jay County Public Library community room. For more information, call Deb Tipton at (260) 729-2806 or Elasha Lennartz at (765) 729-4567.

FRIENDS OF JAY COUNTY LIBRARY — Will meet at 6 p.m. the third Tuesday of each month at the library.

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.

Grammy nominees playing in Muncie

The Po' Ramblin' Boys are coming to Muncie.

The Grammy nominees will be performing a free outdoor concert at 7 p.m. Saturday at Canan Commons in downtown Muncie. The concert is a part of the 2023 Muncie Three Trails music series.

The Po' Ramblin' Boys bluegrass tunes earned them the title of Emerging Artist of the Year at the 2018 International Bluegrass Music Association Awards (IBMA).

"Next Train South" and "Hickory, Walnut and Pine," two of their songs from their Rounder Records album "Toil, Tears and Trouble," were nominated for the IBMA's Song of the Year award. "Next Train South" also took the same award from Society for the Preservation of Bluegrass Music of America in 2020. The album was also nominated for a Grammy for Best Bluegrass Album.

More information about the event may be found at munciethreetrails.com.

Auction items

Fort Recovery's One-of-a-Kind Auction is looking for items.

The annual auction will be held at Fort Recovery Elementary/Middle School on Oct. 22. This

Taking Note

year's theme is "'Tis the Season to Sparkle!" Committee members encourage anyone who has a "one of a kind" item, or an item that is special or interesting, to donate it to the auction.

Donations may be handled by texting or calling chairman Mary Diller at (419) 852-3374 or Nancy Knapke at (419) 852-6110. Items may be dropped off at Be You Boutique. Profits from the auction are used to maintain Fort Recovery's historic sites.

Lilly applications

The 2024 Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship application is available in Jay County.

The program is open to Jay County residents who are graduating high school in 2024, pursuing a full-time bachelor's course at an Indiana institution in fall 2024 and have a minimum 3.5 GPA. Applications are due by 5 p.m. Sept. 1.

To apply, visit portland-foundation.org. For more information, contact Jessica Cook at (260) 726-4260.

Sudoku

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Level: Advanced

Thursday's Solution

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



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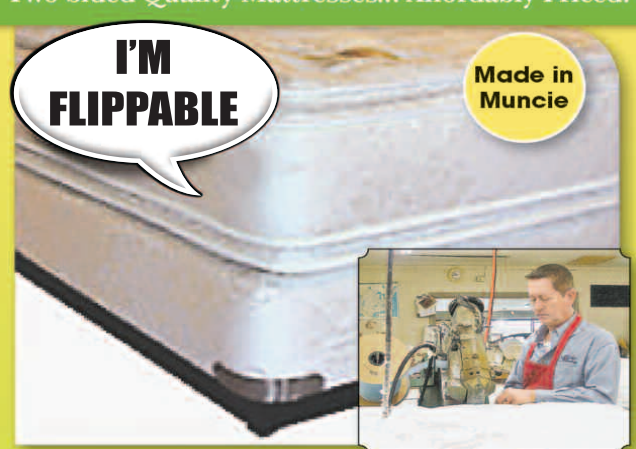
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House toying with shutdown again

The Herald Bulletin (Anderson)
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If you ask U.S. Rep. Bob Good, the deadline coming up at the end of September is no big deal.

"We should not fear a government shutdown," the Virginia Republican said at an event outside the Capitol last month. "Most of the American people won't even miss it if the government is shut down temporarily."

In an interview with National Public Radio, Florida Republican Mario Diaz-Balart, a senior member of the House Appropriations Committee, had an entirely different take.

"It's not an option," he said of a possible shutdown. "All that does is take leverage away from Republicans."

Such disagreements help to

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illustrate the tightrope walk facing House Speaker Kevin McCarthy as he seeks to move any sort of legislation through the closely divided House without reaching out to Democrats, a move that could well cost him the Republican support he needs to hang onto the speaker's chair.

Complicating things further, the House and Senate are now in recess, and lawmakers aren't due back until Sept. 12, 18 days before the end of the fiscal year.

This whole thing should have

been resolved with the deal McCarthy and President Joe Biden struck to avoid a credit default in early June. That agreement, which would reduce the federal deficit by \$1.5 trillion over 10 years, called for keeping non-defense spending flat for fiscal year 2024 and holding the increase to 1% for fiscal 2025.

But pressure from fiscal conservatives has McCarthy backing away from that compromise. He's now calling for appropriations below the agreed-upon limits.

And the fight isn't limited to spending.

Indiana's own Jim Banks, now running for a seat in the U.S. Senate, chairs an "Anti-Woke" Caucus made up of about two dozen Republicans. In a statement issued last

month, Banks said the goal of his caucus is "to defund woke-ness in every federal agency."

And then there's the effort by some abortion opponents to use the budget as a weapon to block the Biden administration in its attempts to preserve a woman's right to choose.

All of this comes in contrast to the Senate, where Appropriations Chairwoman Patty Murray, a Democrat from the state of Washington, has been working hand in hand with Susan Collins of Maine, the committee's ranking Republican.

"We are determined to continue working together in a bipartisan manner to craft serious funding bills that can be signed into law," the two said in a joint statement issued in June. "Keeping the Senate appropria-

tions process moving full steam ahead and in a bipartisan way is critical."

So far, all 12 of the Senate appropriations bills have moved through committee with near unanimous support, and with none of the culture war-driven riders tacked on in the House.

The frustration with all of this isn't limited to those outside the beltway.

Just ahead of the recess, Michigan Republican John James introduced the Put Your Money Where Your Mouth Is Act. The measure provides that in the event of a government shutdown, lawmakers would stop getting paid.

There's no chance it'll pass, of course, but it's a nice thought.

Students need tech education

By MARCUS BRIGHT
Miami Herald
Tribune News Service

In today's technology-driven world, it is imperative that our education system keeps pace with students' evolving needs. But in South Florida, we are falling short in one crucial area — providing comprehensive computer science education in middle and high schools.

With the region's burgeoning tech economy and the looming challenges of rising inflation and housing prices, must make a priority equipping our youth with the necessary skills to excel in the digital age. There is a pressing need to implement and scale up high-quality computer-science programs, ensuring that every student has an opportunity to thrive.

Our school systems are grappling with significant disparities in the availability, quality and delivery of computer-science programming in schools. Many schools lack access to even basic computer-science courses, leaving countless students without the foundational knowledge required to compete in the job market. This not only hinders their future economic opportunities but also perpetuates social and economic disparities in our community.

Rapid advancements in technology have transformed the job market, with a growing demand for skilled workers in the tech industry. To ensure that our students are prepared to participate meaningfully in the area's tech economy, it is imperative that we introduce high-quality computer-science courses into every middle and high school curriculum. They will equip students with the essential coding, problem-solving and critical-thinking skills needed to thrive in a digitally-driven workforce.

The implementation and scaling up of computer-science programs must be treated as a top priority if we are serious about bridging the skills gap. By incorporating robust and comprehensive computer-science education at an early stage, we can level the playing field and provide equal opportunities for all students. Moreover, these programs can help bridge the digital divide by encouraging underrepresented groups, including

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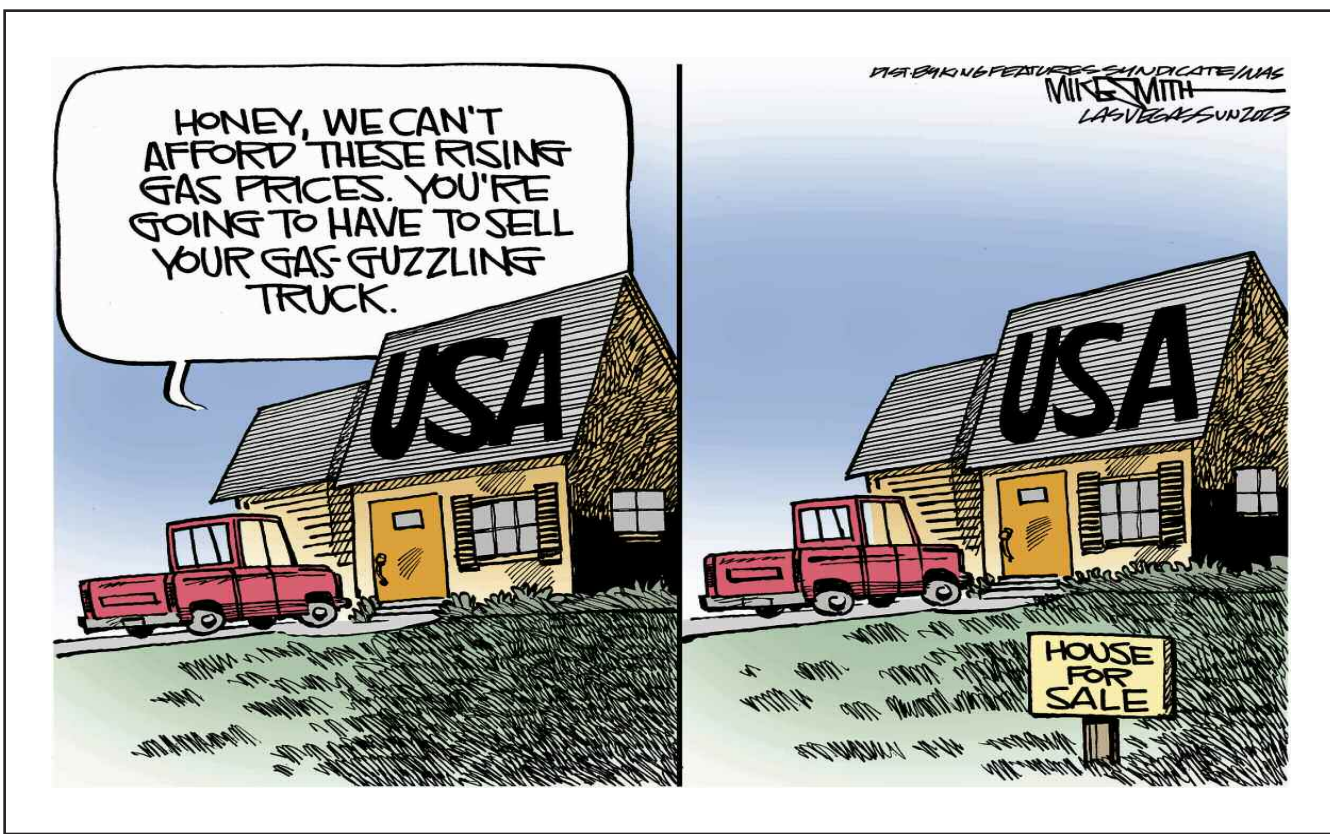
women and minorities, to pursue careers in the tech industry.

As the tech revolution evolves at an unprecedented pace, South Florida cannot afford to let its youth fall further behind. We must act swiftly and decisively to implement high-quality computer science courses in every middle and high school, offering students tools they need to succeed in increasingly an competitive global marketplace. By doing so, we will empower the next generation to thrive in the face of rising inflation, exploding housing prices and a rapidly changing job market.

The urgent need for high-quality computer-science courses in Miami-Dade County is clear. Bridging the inequality gap, preparing students for the tech economy and closing the skills gap all are compelling reasons to prioritize and scale up these programs without delay.

By investing in comprehensive computer-science education, we can ensure that every student has the opportunity to gain the skills needed for economic viability and success. It is time to act to secure a brighter future for South Florida's youth.

Bright is the author of "Brighter Ways Forward: Reflections on Sports, Tech, and Socioeconomic Mobility."



Conditions have gotten worse

By CHRISTINE LEDBETTER
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Tribune News Service

Perhaps this is the summer that finally renders climate change real.

Flooding and soaring temperatures across the nation have made global warming indisputable. The problem, as always, is how to reach political consensus on an action plan. Republicans want to plant a "trillion" trees; Democrats want to limit carbon emissions.

If the nation's response to the Midwest's Great Flood of 1993 is any indication, we will remain paralyzed by apathy and conflicting agendas.

Thirty years ago this summer, one of America's worst floods caused more than 1,000 levees to fail, \$15 billion in damage and 50 deaths while leaving more than 70,000 homeless.

Fifth-generation farmer Jim Reed of Hull in western Illinois lost 700 acres of crops that summer. He had no federal crop insurance. "I had farmed for 37 years and didn't think I'd ever need it. But the river just kept coming. It never gave up," he said in an interview.

He carries insurance now. Since then, flooding has increased with greater frequency on the Upper Mississippi River. Downstate Illinois witnessed perilous flooding in 2008 and 2019.

"With all these floods, you may ask yourself what has been done to maintain our region's level of flood protection during this time? Amazingly, almost nothing," Mike Klingner, chair of the Upper Mississippi, Illinois & Missouri Rivers Association, said in a statement.

To combat that stasis, Klingner and the association's executive director, Tim Maiers, met with congressional staff members in Washington last month seeking support for a bill that addresses climate change's impact on rivers. The legislation, aimed for 2024, asks the Army Corps of Engineers to update flood frequency levels and streamline approval processes allowing water districts to upgrade and maintain their levees based on the new data.

"Weather has changed; we're get-

Christine Ledbetter



ting more water; our levees are less safe than when originally built in the '50s," Maiers said.

Individual drainage districts feel hamstrung by red tape and a lengthy approval process required by the Army Corps to get permission to improve the levees, said Louis Goodwin, superintendent of the Sny Island Levee Drainage District, which oversees 54 miles of levees in Adams, Pike and Calhoun counties.

Meanwhile scientists and environmentalists recommend less reliance on levees and flood walls and more investment in green infrastructure such as floodplain conservation. The problem is the levees constrict the river, and that containment causes increased water and flood levels, said Jonathan Remo, a geoscientist and expert on river science at Southern Illinois University.

There's also the issue of fairness. If one district builds a higher levee, that water will flow downstream to another community.

"More levees, more wing dams, more rain and more snowmelt equals a torrent of water making its way from Minnesota southward to Illinois and beyond. With natural floodplains blocked, the water is funneled farther south, spilling out where it finds openings — often in the unprotected territory or where the levees have not been raised as high as the other side," the Tribune reported in 2019.

Almost everyone agrees there needs to be better government coordination. An ad hoc approach to flood management has clearly proved ineffective.

"The rubber is meeting the road. Something's got to give," SIU's Remo said.

Study after study, beginning with the one President Bill Clinton

ordered in 1993, have stated there needs to be an overarching vision of floodplain management, an understanding of fragile ecosystems on the Upper Mississippi River Basin and cooperation among federal, state and local agencies.

That has not happened. Tension and conflict among government, environmental agencies and drainage districts has only increased.

Meanwhile, the Mississippi River ranks among America's 10 most endangered rivers, according to a 2022 report by the environmental group American Rivers. Development, pollution, lost floodplains and climate change contribute to making the river less stable and more prone to flooding.

"There's no easy or quick fix. So much ground and land that used to be farmland is now asphalt. Timber has been cleared. The flooding just gets here so much faster," said Tom Dunker of Hull, who was assistant lock master in Quincy, Illinois, in 1993.

Back then, cornstalks were hanging on power lines, Reed recalled.

Despite losing his soybean and corn crops that summer, he considers himself lucky. Unlike many others in the area, "My bed never got wet," the farmer said. But navigating the months of flooding was "like reading a book with a damn poor ending."

In the end, the effort to contain North America's longest river may be fruitless. Climate change solutions can't wait another 30 years. Without a holistic plan of what is needed to prevent catastrophic flooding, the Mighty Mississippi will rear its rage again, and again.

Mark Twain, who navigated the river as a steamboat pilot before the Civil War, called it a "lawless stream."

"The Mississippi River will always have its own way; no engineering skill can persuade it to do otherwise," he wrote.

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Felony arrests

Dealing meth

A Portland man was arrested Thursday for dealing methamphetamine.

Todd W. Clark, 39, 1147 North U.S. 27, was preliminarily charged with a Level 2 felony.

He's being held on a \$40,000 bond in Jay County Jail.

Drug possession

Two Portland residents were arrested recently for drug possession.

Bo L. Wine, 45, 1147 N. U.S. 27, Portland, was arrested Wednesday and preliminarily charged with a Level 6 felony for possession of methamphetamine, a Class A misdemeanor for possession of marijuana and a Class C misdemeanor for possession of paraphernalia. He's being held on a \$4,500 bond in Jay County Jail.

Paige N. Curtis, 25, 509 E. Arch St., Portland, was arrested Tuesday and charged in Jay Cir-

cuit Court with a Level 6 felony for maintaining a common nuisance, a Class B misdemeanor for possession of marijuana and a Class C misdemeanor for possession of paraphernalia. She's being held in Jay County Jail on a total of \$26,500 in bonds.

Theft

A Portland man was arrested Tuesday for theft.
Travis J. Guntle, 23, 310 E.

Elder St., was preliminarily charged with a Level 6 felony for theft and a Class B misdemeanor for criminal mischief.

He's being held on a \$4,000 bond in Jay County Jail.

Failed to appear

Two local residents were arrested Tuesday for failing to appear in court.

Dillion W. Stolz, 32, 5211 N. 350 East, Portland, is charged in Jay Superior Court with a Level 6

felony for possession of methamphetamine, a Level 6 felony for maintaining a common nuisance, a Class B misdemeanor for possession of marijuana and a Class C misdemeanor for possession of paraphernalia.

Seth Chaffins, 38, is charged in Jay Superior Court with a Level 6 felony for nonsupport of a dependent child.

They're both being held without bond in Jay County Jail.



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Max McClain (left) and Tyler Armstrong (right) showed the grand champion barrow and grand champion gilt, respectively, on July 10 during the Jay County Fair. Armstrong also won the advanced showmanship competition.

McClain, Armstrong show top hogs

Max McClain and Tyler Armstrong topped the 4-H Swine Show on July 10.

McClain had the grand champion barrow and Armstrong showed the grand champion gilt.

The advanced showman, Armstrong also had the reserve champion hampshire breeding gilt, champion chester white barrow and reserve champion hereford barrow.

McClain showed the champion duroc breeding gilt and champion duroc barrow.

Elizabeth Brunswick took home intermediate and senior showman titles, and Brantley Towell was named junior showman.

Other results were as followed:

Breeding gilts

Berkshire
Champion: Melana Zimmerman

Reserve champion: Mitchel Brunswick

- 3. Joseph Kunk
- 4. Kaylee Zimmerman
- 5. Danielle May
- 6. Natalie May
- 7. Jacob Weitzel

Chester white
Champion: Madi Paxson
Reserve champion: Grant Linville

Duroc
Reserve champion: Elizabeth Brunswick

- 3. Bailey Towell
- 4. Chloe Muhlenkamp
- 5. Georgia Hall
- 6. Jace Vance
- 7. Keighan Minor
- 8. Keegan Cavanaugh
- 9. Gabe Pinkerton
- 10. Hunter Zimmerman

Hampshire
Champion: Kaylee Zimmerman

- 3. Melana Zimmerman
- 4. Grant Linville
- 5. Londyn Lyons

Hereford
Champion: Caleb Dollar
Reserve champion: Grant Linville

- 3. Katlin Schoenlein
- 4. Jade Westgerdes

Poland
Champion: Kayla Jetmore
Reserve champion: Mitchel Brunswick

- 3. Jace Vance
- 4. Gabe Pinkerton
- 5. Boston Lyons
- 6. Hunter Zimmerman

- Spots
Class 1
1. Tyler Armstrong
- 2. Wyatt Twigg
- 3. Madi Paxson
- 4. Carson Westgerdes
- 5. Kenady Lyons

- Class 2
1. Gage Sims
- 2. Kamzy Johnson
- 3. Laci McGinnis
- 4. Emmett Betz
- 5. Emmett Betz
- 6. Gabe Pinkerton

Champion: Tyler Armstrong
Reserve champion: Wyatt Twigg

- Tamworth
Champion: Ivan Brunswick
Reserve champion: Katlin Schoenlein
- 3. Ayva Pitman
- 4. Brady Jetmore
- 5. Grant Linville
- 6. Paityn Chapman
- 7. Hunter Scholle

Yorkshire
Champion: Abby Johnson
Reserve champion: Brantley Towell

- 3. Ivan Brunswick

- 4. Carley Buckland
- 5. Caleb Dollar
- 6. Laci McGinnis

- Crossbred
Class 1
1. Abby Johnson
- 2. Mitchel Brunswick
- 3. Jax McClain
- 4. Gracie Wilburn
- 5. Jade Westgerdes
- 6. Madi Paxson
- 7. Alaina Rodgers
- 8. Melana Zimmerman
- 9. Bailey Towell

- Class 2
1. Abby Johnson
- 2. Max McClain
- 3. Madi Paxson
- 4. Gage Sims
- 5. Ayva Pitman
- 6. Kaylee Zimmerman
- 7. Katlin Schoenlein
- 8. Hunter Scholle

Champion: Abby Johnson
Reserve champion: Abby Johnson

Barrows

- Berkshire
Class 1
1. Kaylee Zimmerman
- 2. Austin Schoenlein
- 3. Corbin Lothridge
- 4. Bryce Clevenger
- 5. Gillian Keller
- 6. Kenady Lyons

- Class 2
1. Riley Clifton
- 2. Melana Zimmerman
- 3. Kyler Morehous
- 4. Elizabeth Brunswick
- 5. Jacob Weitzel

Champion: Riley Clifton
Reserve champion: Melana Zimmerman

Chester white
Reserve champion: Madi Paxson

- Duroc
Class 1
1. Carson Westgerdes
- 2. Bailey Towell
- 3. Tyler Armstrong
- 4. Gabe Pinkerton
- 5. Caleb Dollar

- Class 2
1. Max McClain
- 2. Elizabeth Brunswick
- 3. Gracie Wilburn
- 4. Alaina Rodgers
- 5. Kamzy Johnson
- 6. Kyler Morehous
- 7. Whitney McIntire

Reserve champion: Elizabeth Brunswick

- Hampshire
Champion: Levi Garringer
Reserve champion: Kaylee Zimmerman
- 3. Melana Zimmerman
- 4. Grant Clifton
- 5. Bryce Clevenger
- 6. Lilly Lothridge

- Hereford
Champion: Abby Johnson
- 3. Levi Russell
- 4. Jaylee Twigg
- 5. Ayva Pitman
- 6. Caleb Dollar

Landrace
Champion: Levi Garringer

- Poland
Champion: Easton Johnson
Reserve champion: Elizabeth Brunswick
- 3. Jaylee Twigg
- 4. Gabe Pinkerton
- 5. Ayva Pitman
- 6. Brooklyn Zimmerman
- 7. Londyn Lyons
- 8. Gillian Keller

- Spots
Class 1
1. Jade Westgerdes
- 2. Gabe Pinkerton
- 3. Boston Lyons
- 4. Kyler Morehous

- 5. Paityn Chapman
- 6. Emmett Betz
- 7. Laci McGinnis
- 8. Keagen Minor

- Class 2
1. Gracie Wilburn
- 2. Gage Sims
- 3. Wyatt Twigg
- 4. Emmett Betz
- 5. Brooklyn Zimmerman

Champion: Jade Westgerdes
Reserve champion: Gracie Wilburn

- Tamworth
Champion: Ayva Pitman
Reserve champion: Brady Jetmore
- 3. Ivan Brunswick
- 4. Caleb Dollar
- 5. Kayla Jetmore

- Yorkshire
Champion: Gage Sims
Reserve champion: Abby Johnson
- 3. Caleb Dollar
- 4. Levi Russell
- 5. Laci McGinnis

- Crossbred
Class 1
1. Jackson Bonifas
- 2. Levi Russell
- 3. Austin Schoenlein
- 4. Laci McGinnis
- 5. Cheyenne Hall
- 6. Hunter Scholle
- 7. Jaylee Twigg

- Class 2
1. Jax McClain
- 2. Mitchel Brunswick
- 3. Gage Penrod
- 4. Tyler Armstrong
- 5. Carley Buckland
- 6. Riley Clifton
- 7. Brantley Towell
- 8. Grant Clifton
- 9. Gage Penrod

Champion: Jax McClain
Reserve champion: Mitchel Brunswick

Child care ...

Continued from page 1
More than 700 unlicensed child care ministries are additionally registered in Indiana. Those providers — which some who testified Wednesday said can be more affordable — do not require licensing if they:

- Do not receive regular compensation (including those that are paid by the hour instead of a set amount each week)
- Care only for children who are related to them
- Care for fewer than six children, not including their own children

who might be at their home

•Serve migrant children
Indiana also does not require a license for churches or ministries that operate child care programs, although they must pass safety inspections.

Even so, as of 2015, state law sets higher standards for unlicensed child care programs in Indiana that accept federal vouchers.

Any unlicensed program or registered ministry that accepts Child Care Development Fund (CCDF) vouchers must

meet certain standards relating to safety, daily activities, nutrition, group size and continuing education for providers.

The federal program helps low-income parents pay for child care so that they can work or attend school.

Courtney Penn, with FSSA's Office of Early Childhood and Out-of-School Learning, applauded lawmakers for expanding CCDF eligibility to families with a monthly income up to 150% of the federal poverty level — which equals around

\$45,000 in annual income for a family of four. The increase from 127% of federal poverty was enacted earlier this year and took effect July 1.

Families can stay in the program until their income hits 185%. Children under 13 qualify for care, as do children up to age 18 who have documented special needs.

Penn also pointed to Indiana's On My Way Pre-K program, which awards vouchers to four year olds from low-income families so they can access high-quality educational pro-

grams the year before they begin kindergarten.

But Penn and others said those current programs aren't doing enough, and that "child care deserts" persist across Indiana.

Rural communities are particularly in need of additional care options, said Erin Emerson, president and CEO of the Perry County Development Corporation. She also serves as volunteer board president for the only licensed child care center in the county of about 19,000.

"The system is broken

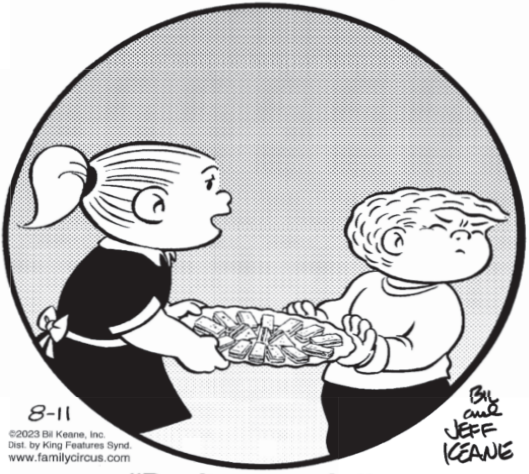
from every single angle. It does not work for providers. It does not work for parents, and clearly, employers are struggling to find a workforce," Emerson said.

"There are also a lot of people who are working part time — not in the field that they have training for — because they don't have access to childcare, and they want to do more to provide more for their family and to be active in the workforce. They simply don't have the critical infrastructure that will allow them to do that."

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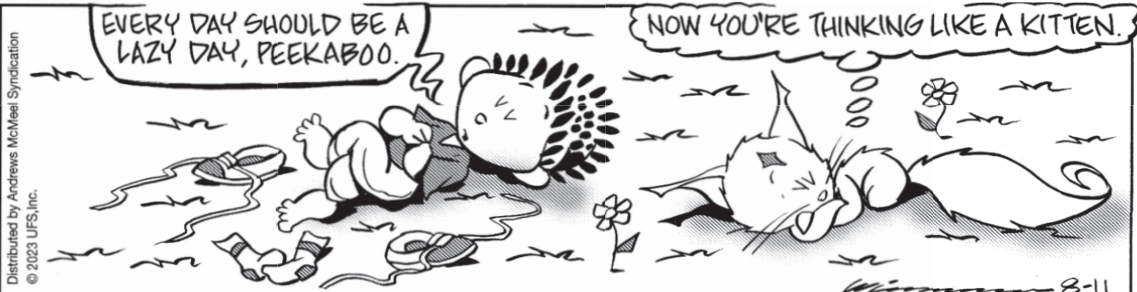
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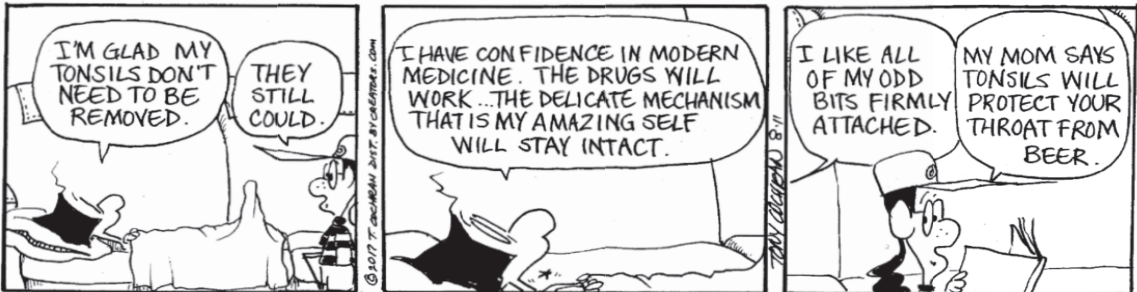
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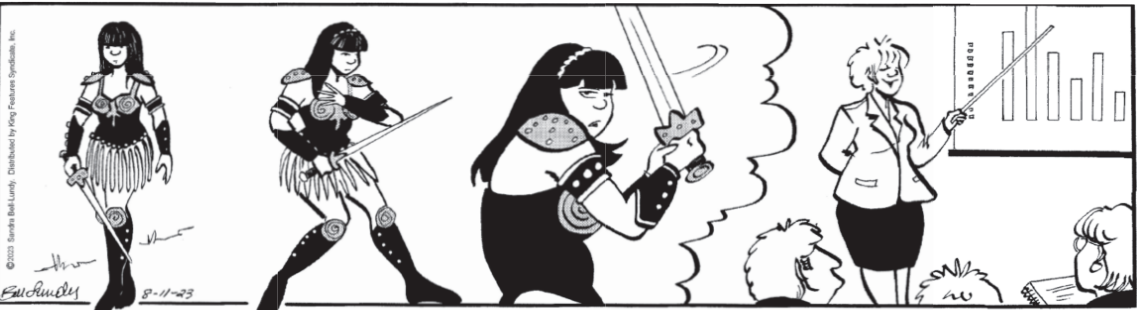
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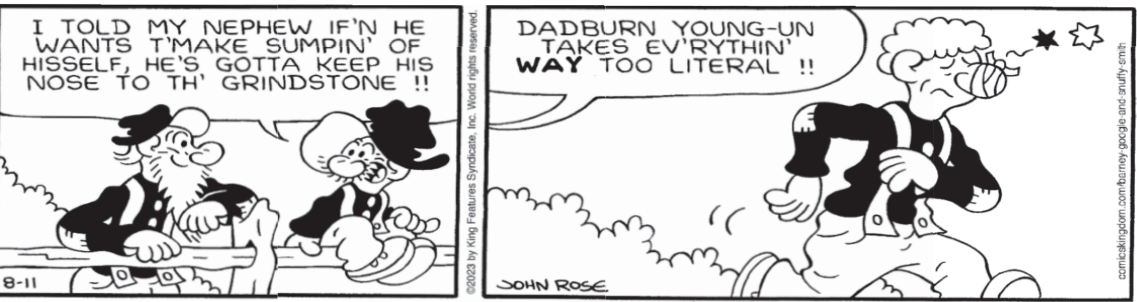
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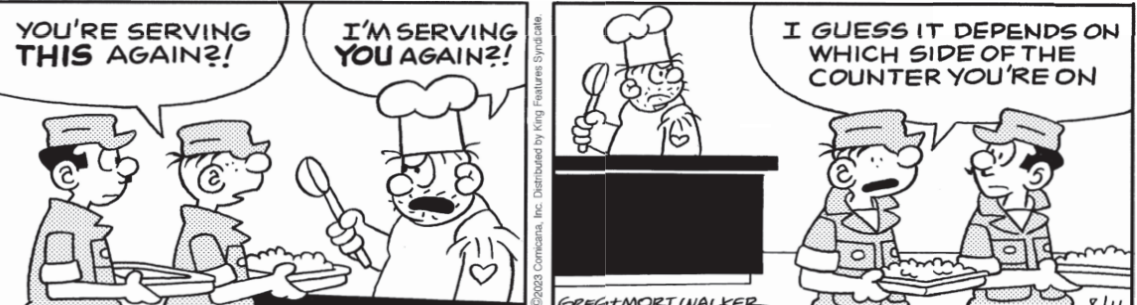
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Snuffy Smith



Beetle Bailey



Contract Bridge By Steve Becker

Bidding quiz

1. The bidding has gone:
Partner You
Pass 1♦
2♦
What would you bid now with:
♠AK763♥J5♦J2♣K1073

2. You are South, and the bidding has gone:
West North East South
1♦ Dble Pass 1♠
2♦ 3♠ Pass ?
What would you bid now with:
♠J843♥74♦953♣A862

3. You are South, and the bidding has gone:
West North East South
Pass Pass 1♦ 2♣
Pass 2♥ Pass ?
What would you bid now with:
♠74♥962♦AK7♣AKQ87

1. Pass. The best way of deciding what to do is to apply, in reverse, the general rule that an opening bid facing an opening bid equals game. Here you barely have the values for an opening bid, and partner, who passed initially, is known to hold less than 13 points. It is thus highly unlikely that your side can make a game. The only question remaining, therefore, is where your best partscore contract lies. Partner's two-diamond response (not forcing because he passed originally) promises 10 or more points and a good suit. It also denies support for spades. With no good reason to think that a better contract than two diamonds is available, you should pass while you still have a chance for a plus score.

2. Four spades. This isn't much of a hand, but its actual value depends much more on what you hear than on what you see. Partner is virtually guaranteeing nine tricks with spades as trump and is asking you to carry on to game if you have anything at all to contribute. So, although his three-spade bid is not forcing, you should happily bid four on the basis of your J-8-4-3 of spades and ace of clubs. Partner might have either of these hands:
♠KQ1072♥AK5♦8♣KQ94
♠AK92♥KQJ85♦A7♣K5
and you would want to be in game opposite both.

3. Four hearts. Despite partner's initial pass, you should have a reasonably good chance for game. True, you have only three small hearts, but that should not deter you, since partner is sure to have at least five very good ones for his two-heart bid. He might have any of these hands:
♠J6♥KQJ87♦QJ4♣932
♠A92♥Q1087543♦8♣J4
♠83♥AQJ54♦Q963♣53
and you belong in four hearts with each of them.

Tomorrow: On the beam.
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Yesterday's Cryptoquip: WHAT MIGHT YOU CALL SOMEBODY WHO IS BIG ON SELLING GOODS TO CUSTOMERS? RETAIL-ORIENTED.
Today's Cryptoquip Clue: B equals W

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

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8 Watchful one
12 "- -Tiki"
13 Undraped
14 Prefix with conference
15 Grammy-nominated No. 1 single by 50 Cent
17 James of "The Godfather"
18 Harvest
19 Nemo's creator
20 Drivers with handles
22 Slightly
24 Sax range
25 Train units with bars
29 Favorite
30 Moscow money
31 PBS supporter
32 Where to do laps in a pool

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35 Tranquil
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41 Skin care brand
42 Cocktail mixer
46 Skip
47 Highly rated
48 Fish-fowl link
49 Drill datum
50 Low voice
51 911 responder
1 Auto racer Mario
4 Early Peruvians
5 Robert of "I Spy"
6 College URL
7 Cotillion celeb
8 Long list's shortener (Abb.)
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10 Flair
11 Russo of "The Intern"
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O's fans just want to talk about their team

By HAYES GARDNER

Baltimore Sun
Tribune News Service

BALTIMORE — Kevin Tehansky and his siblings walked into Camden Yards on Tuesday night wearing matching orange and white shirts and a sign in support of Orioles slugger Anthony Santander. Inspired by the popular Bird Bath section in left field, they created a sign counting Santander's home runs. During the second inning, however, they had another idea.



Baltimore Sun/Tribune News Service/Kevin Richardson

Brothers Kevin, holding the sign, Tom and Scott Tehansky and sister Dana brought an Anthony Santander home run sign to the game and later wrote with a Sharpie a "Free Kevin Brown" sign on the back.

"We got here and we're like, you know what, we have two sides to this thing. Let's use the other side for a cause," said Tehansky, who is from Carroll County.

Equipped with a Sharpie (which they brought to mark on their sign, should Santander have homered), they flipped the white sign over and wrote in black marker: Free Kevin Brown.

Between innings, they held it up. And in the seventh inning, they were among the announced crowd of 24,761 who chanted "Free Kevin Brown!" loud enough to be heard on the broadcast.

Those three words became an overnight slogan in support of Orioles broadcaster Kevin Brown, who was pulled from his regular spot as the Mid-Atlantic Sports Network's play-by-play announcer for Orioles games after stating facts about the team's struggles in recent years. Immediately, fans rallied to support Brown, who has been part of the broadcast crew since 2019.

"I just thought it was ridiculous," Tehansky said.

The Orioles remain the American League's best team and the darling of this baseball season. They hosted the Houston Astros, the defending World Series champions, Tuesday in a three-game

series that serves as a potential postseason preview.

Orioles fans eagerly discussed the series. Their beloved Baltimore ballclub — despite a slight payroll and young roster — has been surging and unaffected even when facing veteran, star-laden teams.

In fact, they haven't been swept in 75 straight series, the longest MLB streak in more than 75 years.

But that isn't why the team made national news this week, nor why a Twitter clip of a broadcast has been watched 40 million times since Monday. Instead, it's been Brown's removal from the air that has drawn attention, while outraged

broadcasters and slack-jawed fans have decried the decision.

"We're doing great," Scott Pendleton, a fan from Bowie, said of the Orioles' season. "This is the best year in years and now, you throw a little water on that."

As World Series champions, the Astros visited the White House this week and manager Dusty Baker half-joked that their visit to Oriole Park marks "probably the biggest series that Baltimore has had in a while."

The Orioles have had plenty of important sets this year, but Baker's point remains relevant: Orioles baseball is demanding eyeballs right now, more so than it has in years. Even with a dis-

appointing, ninth-inning loss Tuesday, Baltimore (70-43) is on pace to win 100 games for the first time since 1980.

Stephen Boon is an England native and still lives there, but he married into Orioles fandom in 2014 and is enough of a supporter that he clarifies his last name's spelling as, "not like the Yankees manager." Visiting Maryland for a few weeks this summer, he recently attended an Orioles game and was wearing a Matt Wieters T-shirt jersey while pumping gas in Pasadena on Tuesday.

He said he was "concerned about an organization" that thinks saying something that is "just objectively true"

warrants being removed from the air.

The Orioles, whose lease at Camden Yards expires Dec. 31, also remain in protracted lease negotiations with the state. The stadium would be set to receive at least \$600 million in publicly funded improvements once a long-term lease is signed, but no deal has been made, which has drawn the ire of multiple public officials.

"It's just unfortunate. We've got this great season happening. Why can't we all enjoy it? Nobody's talking about this matchup," Pendleton said of the Astros' series, "they're all talking about the lease and Kevin Brown."

Of course, this Orioles'

season has left fans with plenty to talk about. For Tehansky, it's watching the rebuild come to fruition, perhaps "a year ahead of schedule." For Pendleton, it's the resurgence of Gunnar Henderson who, after a dismal start, has looked the part of the American League Rookie of the Year.

For one Japanese family of four in attendance Tuesday — the Tabuchis — it's Shintaro Fujinami, the Orioles reliever who used to play for Japan's Hanshin Tigers, their hometown team before they moved to California three years ago. While on a road trip to seven MLB parks, they stopped by Camden Yards and held up Fujinami's Tigers jersey for him to see from the bullpen.

And for Susan Magdar, it was Adley Rutschman's memorable, switch-hitting showing in the Home Run Derby with his father pitching to him.

She watched that with her kids, who look up to the current players as she did to Cal Ripken Jr. and others. "We were in awe the entire time," she said.

In regard to Brown's absence from the MASN broadcast, which is expected to end Friday, Pendleton said he hopes to hear an explanation from the team soon. Nevertheless, he's happy to see the Orioles atop the American League East and to see Baltimore buzzing.

"The team's good. They're exciting to watch. They look like they're having a good time. I'll tell you, when the Orioles are doing well, you can really feel it in Baltimore," he said before Tuesday's game.

Minutes later, Orioles first baseman Ryan Mountcastle gave the Orioles a first-inning lead by belting a 472-foot home run, the team's longest of the year. The whole stadium roared.

Sports on tap

Local schedule

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Jay County — Football scrimmage at Richmond — 7 p.m.
Fort Recovery — Boys golf vs. Botkins at Shelby Oaks Course — p.m.; Football scrimmage vs. Indian Lake — 7 p.m.

Saturday
Jay County — Boys tennis Trojan Kickoff Duals at New Castle — 9 a.m.

TV sports

Today
3:30 a.m. — Women's World Cup: Sweden vs. Japan (FOX)
6 a.m. — PGA Tour: Women's British Open (USA)
7 p.m. — NFL preseason game
7 p.m. — MLB: Cincinnati Reds at Pittsburgh

Pirates (Bally Indiana)
8 p.m. — WNBA: Chicago Sky at New York Liberty (ION)
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3 a.m. — Women's World Cup: France vs. Australia (FOX)
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12:30 p.m. — Premier League: Aston Villa vs. Newcastle United (NBC)
1 p.m. — NFL: Indianapolis Colts at Buffalo Bills (CBS)
2 p.m. — IndyCar: Gallagher Grand Prix (USA)
3 p.m. — PGA Tour: FedEx St. Jude Championship (CBS)
3:30 p.m. — La Liga: Real Madrid vs. Athletic

Club (ABC)
4 p.m. — NFL: New York Jets at Carolina Panthers (CBS)
4 p.m. — UFC: UFC Fight Night (ESPN)
5 p.m. — NFL: Jacksonville Jaguars at Dallas Cowboys (FOX)
5:30 p.m. — NASCAR Xfinity Series: Pennzoil 150 (USA)
6 p.m. — High School Basketball: Under Armour Elite (ESPN U)
7 p.m. — NFL: Philadelphia Eagles at Baltimore Ravens (ABC)
7 p.m. — MLB: Cincinnati Reds at Pittsburgh Pirates (Bally Indiana)
7 p.m. — MLB: Milwaukee Brewers at Chicago White Sox (FOX)
7 p.m. — Top Rank Boxing: Emanuel Navarrete vs. Oscar Valdez (ESPN)
9:30 p.m. — MLB: Baltimore Orioles at Seattle Mariners (FS1)
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Sports

Lorenzen tosses no-hitter

By **SCOTT LAUBER**
The Philadelphia Inquirer
Tribune News Service

PHILADELPHIA — After seven years and nearly 3,000 plate appearances in the minor leagues, Weston Wilson finally took his first at-bat in the majors Wednesday night and hit a home run.

Surely, nothing could top that, right? Right?

Oh, but there was Michael Lorenzen, in his first start at home for the Phillies after being acquired at the trade deadline, standing atop the mound with his arms raised as Dominic Smith's fly ball landed in center fielder Johan Rojas' glove for a 7-0 victory over the Nationals and a 124-pitch no-hitter.

Phillies players streamed out of the dugout to meet Lorenzen in the middle of the field. He had never thrown as many pitches in a game. But then he had never pitched so brilliantly, either.

It was the 14th no-hitter in Phillies history and the first since Cole Hamels' no-no on July 25, 2015, at Wrigley Field in Chicago. It was the second no-hitter thrown by a Phillies pitcher at Citizens Bank Park. The other: Roy Halladay's unforgettable gem in Game 1 of the Division Series on Oct. 6, 2010, against the Reds.

Lorenzen finished the seventh inning at 100 pitches, seven shy of his career-high. He finished the eighth at 111 pitches. Dylan Covey was loosening in the bullpen, but manager Rob Thomson wasn't removing Lorenzen from this game.

No chance. Lane Thomas began the ninth inning by hitting a grounder to third that was gobbled up by Alec Bohm. Joey Meneses followed with a strikeout. Smith worked the count full, but instead of drawing the Nationals' fifth walk, he hit a medium-depth fly ball to Rojas.

Rojas covered center field like a tarp, as usual. Nick Castellanos, who homered twice to stake the Phillies to their big lead, made a few big catches in right field.

Rodolfo Castro, filling in at second base in place of resting Bryson Stott, went to his forehand to snatch C.J. Abrams' chopper to end the eighth inning.

And then there was Wilson. He homered, drew two walks, stole a base, and scored three runs. He made a tough catch along the wall in foul territory in left field in the first inning. His family sat in the crowd. His father sobbed.

The Phillies gave up touted infield prospect Hao-Yu Lee to get Lorenzen from the Tigers. He was billed as rotation insurance, pitching depth in case one of the Phillies top five starters gets injured down the stretch.

But Lorenzen is also in the midst of his best season, with a 3.23 ERA. And within this career year, he's pitching better than ever. He notched a 1.14 ERA in his last four starts for Detroit, then gave up two runs in eight innings of his Phillies debut last week in Miami.

Lorenzen topped it all in his first start at Citizens Bank Park, where 30,406 paying customers were on their feet for most of the ninth inning.

Phillies players partied on the field, snapping pictures and trading hugs in a scene reminiscent of a series-clinching win in the playoffs last year.



The Commercial Review/Andrew Balko

For bogey

Ella Westgerdes watches her ball teeter the edge of the seventh before it fell in the cup during the Fort Recovery High School girls golf 10-stroke loss to South Adams at Wabash Valley Golf Course on Tuesday. Westgerdes finished the hole with a bogey en route to the Indians' third-best score of 57.

FRHS take 3rd at first invite

CELINA, Ohio — Olivia Knapke had the low score in the Indians' first dual meet of the year. She found the same magic in their first invitational.

Everyone else stayed under 123 to take care of business.

A team-low 108 from Knapke helped lead the Fort Recovery High School girls golf team to a third-place finish in the Gary Broering Invite at Mercer County Elks Golf Club Wednesday morning.

The Indians shot 452 during the match to earn them third behind champion Celina with 410 and second-place Fort Loramie with 413. Fort Recovery narrowly earned their spot by only one stroke as St. Henry had a 453. Rounding out the field was Marion Local with 487 while New Bremen and Wapakoneta didn't have enough golfers to compete as a team.

Knapke's 108 tied St. Henry's Ava Watercutter

for seventh in the match. The top five golfers placed with Celina's Maddie Fleck earning match medalist shooting 81.

Celina's Sara Tester and Wapakoneta's Natalie Hefner tied for fifth with 102.

Eva Kahlig had the second best score for the Indians shooting only two strokes over Knapke for a 110.

The outing was an improvement after Kahlig struggled in Fort Recovery's dual meet against South Adams on Tuesday.

The Indians' third-best score came from junior Emma Will. After shooting a 60 on the front nine, she picked things up on the back where she shot a 54 to earn a total of 114.

Marissa Schoen's 54 on the front nine helped her to a score of 120 to round out the Indian's team score.

Both Brynn Stammen and Ella Westgerdes shot 122 in the match, not contributing to the final.

Dream weekend for race fans

Indianapolis Motor Speedway hosts Brickyard Weekend

By **AARON KIRCHOFF**
Greensburg Daily News, Ind.
Tribune News Service

With its upcoming Brickyard Weekend, the Indianapolis Motor Speedway has certainly created a race fan's "Dream Weekend." Looking at this weekend's action-packed schedule of varied motor sports events planned for the IMS Road Course at the famous World Center of Speed, there's something for everyone to experience and enjoy.

Whether your favorite racing venue is IndyCar open wheel or NASCAR Stock Car competition, the Brickyard Weekend has plenty to satisfy every race fan's need for speed.

The 2023 Brickyard Weekend of racing action kicks off at 8 a.m. Friday with practice and qualifying for the 2023 Gallagher NTT IndyCar Grand Prix. The dramatic qualifying for Saturday's 85-lap Gallagher IndyCar Grand Prix runs from 12:30 to 2 p.m., followed by a 4 to 4:30 p.m. final practice session for the IndyCar stars.

Friday's racing action concludes with the Indy NXT Race from 4:50 to 5:50 p.m. This developmental

NXT racing series for upcoming open wheel racers (formerly Indy Lights) gives younger drivers the chance to showcase their talents on the IMS Road Course, and often produces some of the most exciting and competitive racing.

Saturday's Brickyard Weekend schedule is definitely action-packed with the IMS gates opening at 7 a.m., NASCAR Xfinity Practice at 9:35 a.m. and qualifying at 10:05 a.m.

The start of the NASCAR Cup Series take the road course at 11:35 a.m. for practice followed by the critical and thrilling Cup Series qualifying session at 12:35 p.m. At 2 p.m. the annual IndyCar NTT Series Gallagher Grand Prix takes the green flag for 85 action-filled and dramatic laps around the 14-turn IMS Road Course.

Wrapping up Saturday's action-packed day of racing, the NASCAR Xfinity Series stars fire up their Mustang GTs, Camaros and Toyotas at 5:30 p.m. for the competitive annual Pennzoil 150 (62 laps).

Completing the Brickyard Weekend's racing action, the NASCAR Cup Series stars take the green flag at 2:30 p.m. for the Verizon 200 at the Brickyard. With free parking (Lot 7), children 12 and under free admission, and general admission at \$30 to \$40 daily combined with the always awesome racing action of IndyCar and NASCAR, the Brickyard Weekend is certainly a race fan's Dream Weekend.

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