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Boom splash

Isaiah Rogers gets soaked after a festival-goer hits the target on a dunk tank at Redkey Gas Boom Days on Saturday. The festival held Saturday and Sunday featured a parade, food, various performers, a cornhole tournament and vendors.

Commissioners approve a new improvement plan

Priorities include broadband highway headquarters

By BAILEY CLINE
The Commercial Review

The county has a capital improvement plan.

Jay County Commissioners approved a new two-year plan Monday.

Commissioners have been looking into developing a new plan for the county for months. In February, commissioners rescinded the five-year economic development income tax (EDIT) capital improvement plan, which was put together by Jay County Development Corporation and previously approved by county officials in 2020.

The plan approved Monday doesn't specifically relate to how EDIT funds are distributed.

Commissioner president Chad Aker pointed out that commissioners have looked at capital improvement plans from other counties.

"Basically your capital improvement plan is going

to be your list of projects that you eventually want to start checking off," said Aker.

The plan approved Monday lists seven projects the county would like to work toward completing. They include: creating an initial loop for broadband, or approximately 233 miles of fiber internet, for \$10 million with Mainstream Fiber (the county's match would be \$2 million); adding a new garage extension to Jay County Highway Department for \$2.2 million; building a new facility for Jay County Solid Waste Management District for \$1.6 million; constructing a public safety building for use by Jay Emergency Medical Service, Jay County Health Department and Jay County Coroner's Office for \$3 million; planning development of the 68 acres owned by the county within western Portland city limits along Indiana 67 for \$200,000; purchasing new body cameras for law enforcement for \$102,000; and investing in new radios for Jay Emergency Medical Service and Jay County Sheriff's Office for \$475,000.

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Fire deadliest in 105 years

By SHIYIN CHEN
Bloomberg News
Tribune News Service

The death toll from fast-moving wildfires in Maui rose to 93, making them the deadliest in the U.S. in more than 100 years, as concerns grew about the effectiveness of the island's emergency alarm system.

The number of fatalities is expected to climb further as authorities continue search and rescue efforts, Hawaii Governor Josh Green said at a news briefing Saturday. Just 3% of the area has been searched, officials said, adding they are bringing in 12 more

cadaver dogs to help with the effort. On Sunday, officials said it's still unclear when residents may return to the area.

"This is the largest natural disaster we've ever experienced," Green said. "It's also going to be a natural disaster that takes an incredible amount of time to recover from."

The death toll makes the wildfire the deadliest since 1918, when 453 people were killed in Minnesota and Wisconsin by the Cloquet & Moose Lake Fires, according to the National Fire Protection Association.

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Niger junta vows to prosecute president

By KATARINA HOIJE
Bloomberg News
Tribune News Service

Niger's self-declared military leadership vowed to prosecute deposed President Mohamed Bazoum, even as it said it's prepared to reopen talks with a West African regional economic bloc that has demanded the junta cede power.

The coup leaders plan to charge Bazoum with "high treason and undermining the internal and external security of Niger," Agence France-Presse reported, citing a statement read out by Colonel-Major Amadou Abdramane on national TV. The soldiers' treatment of Bazoum, including withholding food and water, has become a sticking point in relations with Niger's neighbors and the international community that have grown increasingly tense since a July 26 coup.

The 15-nation Economic Community of West African States last week activated its standby force as it considers military intervention to force the junta to

relinquish power. It's also imposed sanctions including freezing the nation's assets at the regional central bank and banning commercial flights — measures Prime Minister Ali Mahamane Lamine Zeine described as "inhumane, exceptional and unacceptable."

"We're open to a dialog that can lead to the lifting of sanctions," Zeine told state TV Tele Sahel after a visit by a mediation mission of religious leaders from Nigeria.

Niger's junta refused to see an earlier Ecowas mediation mission. Coup leaders told U.S. Under Secretary of State Victoria Nuland, who visited Niger last week, that they would kill deposed Bazoum, a close Western ally, if there was any regional military intervention to restore his rule, the Associated Press reported, citing two unidentified Western officials. The junta declined Nuland's request to see Bazoum, 63.

The bloc will continue to pursue a diplomatic solution to the crisis.



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Eyeing an arrow

A boy looks at arrows displayed by a member of the Eastern Shawnee tribe during Fort Recovery State Museum's "Beyond the Battlefield: Interpreting St. Clair's Defeat through the Eyes of Tribal Citizens" event Saturday. Members of the Shawnee, Miami and Wyandotte tribes set up stations in the museum and surrounding area to share their tribe's culture and history relating to the 1791 battle in Fort Recovery.

Deaths

Jerry Vore, 72, rural Portland
Rex Ehrhart, 69, rural Portland
Details on page 2.

Weather

Jay County had a high temperature of 81 degrees Sunday. The low was 61.

Tonight's low will dip into the mid 50s with winds gusting up to 20 miles per hour. Expect sunny skies Wednesday with a high in the upper 70s.

See page 2 for an extended outlook.

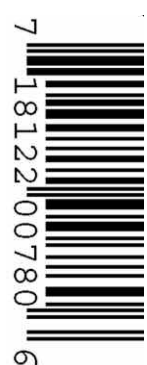
In review

Our fall sports preview special sections come out this week. The Fort Recovery High School preview is in today's newspaper, with the Jay County High School preview to follow Wednesday.

Coming up

Wednesday — Results from the JCHS girls soccer team's season opener.

Friday — Coverage of this week's Portland Board of Aviation meeting.



Obituaries

Jerry Vore

Jan. 4, 1951-Aug. 7, 2023
Jerry Vore, age 72, of rural Portland passed away Monday, Aug. 7, 2023, at his residence.

He was born in Decatur, Indiana, on Jan. 4, 1951, the son of LeRoy and Mildred Myrle (Stevens) Vore. Jerry was self-employed selling cars and owning houses, and he also had worked for International Harvester. He attended Cornerstone Baptist Church, attended Berne French Schools and worked on old cars.

Surviving are his son Troy Vore (wife: Sherry) of Portland; two brothers, Joe Vore (wife:

Barbara) of Berne and Jay Vore (wife: Geezy) of Syracuse; one sister, Janet Wagner of Florida; and two grandsons, Dustin and Kelsey Vore.

Funeral services will be Wednesday, Aug. 16, 2023, at 11 a.m. in the Baird-Freeman Funeral Home with Pastor Wayne Ward presiding. Burial will follow in the Center Cemetery. Visitation will be Wednesday from 9 to 11 a.m.

Memorials can be made to the choice of the donor.



Vore

Condolences may be expressed at bairdfreeman.com.

Rex Ehrhart

May 19, 1954-Aug. 11, 2023

Rex Ehrhart, age 69, of rural Portland passed away on Friday, Aug. 11, 2023, in IU Health Ball Memorial Hospital in Muncie.

He was born in Portland on May 19, 1954, the son of Earl Dale and Marjorie (Stevenson) Ehrhart. He was married on Aug. 6, 1977, to Brenda Whitacre who survives. Rex was retired from Teledyne Portland Forge and was a 1972 Portland High School graduate. He was a member of the VFW in

Fort Recovery and was owner of Ehrhart Guns and Accessories. Rex raced motocross and enjoyed skeet and trap shooting, hunting and fishing.

Surviving are his wife Brenda; two sons, Nathan Ehrhart (wife: Missy) of Bluffton and Nick Ehrhart (wife: Amanda) of Portland; sister Kay Hughes of Plainfield; and four grandchildren Olivia, Zeke, Sophia and Owen.

Visitation will be Wednesday Aug. 16, 2023, from 4 to 7 p.m. in



Ehrhart

the Baird-Freeman Funeral Home. Private services and burial will be in the Salamonia Cemetery.

Memorials can be made to the choice of the donor.

Condolences may be expressed at bairdfreeman.com.

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CR almanac

Wednesday 8/16	Thursday 8/17	Friday 8/18	Saturday 8/19	Sunday 8/20
77/58	80/57	79/58	85/63	89/65
Sunny skies are expected Wednesday with a high of 77 degrees.	There's a 30% chance of showers and thunderstorms after 2 p.m. Otherwise, sunny.	Sunny skies are expected Friday with a high of 79 degrees. Otherwise, clear.	Saturday's forecast is sunny with a high of 85 degrees. Mostly clear late.	Another day of sunny skies is expected Sunday, when the high will be 88.

Lotteries

Powerball Estimated jackpot: \$215 million	61-65-69-71-72-78-79 Cash 5: 15-23-35-40-41 Estimated jackpot: \$75,000
Mega Millions Estimated jackpot: \$36 million	Ohio Sunday Midday Pick 3: 7-7-2 Pick 4: 0-1-8-9 Pick 5: 2-5-8-3-7 Evening Pick 3: 4-9-4 Pick 4: 2-8-1-6 Pick 5: 4-4-3-3-0 Rolling Cash 5: 20-26-27-28-30
Hoosier Sunday Midday Daily Three: 7-7-3 Daily Four: 5-5-8-3 Evening Daily Three: 2-8-5 Daily Four: 8-1-9-1 Quick Draw: 3-6-13-14-17-24-26-27-34-38-41-44-46-	27-28-30 Estimated jackpot: \$130,000

Markets

Cooper Farms Fort Recovery Corn.....5.46 Oct. corn4.66 Wheat5.76	Sept. beans12.82 Wheat 5.56
POET Biorefining Portland Corn.....5.54 Sept. corn5.24 Mid Sept. corn.....5.04	Central States Montpelier Corn.....5.22 Late Aug. corn4.89 Beans13.67 Late Aug. beans13.62 Wheat5.61
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Today in history

In 1483, Pope Sixtus IV consecrated the Sistine Chapel.

In 1790, John Carroll became the first bishop of the Roman Catholic Church in the United States. He was consecrated a bishop at Lulworth Castle in England before returning home to Baltimore.

In 1860, First Lady Florence Harding was born Florence Kling in Marion, Ohio. She was an outspoken supporter of women's suffrage and cast her first ballot in a presidential race for her husband.

In 1939, the MGM musical "The Wizard of Oz" opened at the Grauman's Chinese Theater in Hollywood.

In 1944, Allied forces landed in southern France in Operation Dragoon during World War II.

In 1945, in a pre-recorded radio address, Japan's Emperor Hirohito announced that his country had accepted terms of surrender for ending World War II.

In 1947, India gained its independence after some 200 years of British rule.

In 1965, the Beatles played to a crowd of more than 55,000 at New York's Shea Stadium.

In 1969, the Woodstock Music and Art Fair opened in upstate New York.

In 1971, President Richard Nixon announced a 90-day freeze on wages, prices and rents.

—The CR

Citizen's calendar

Wednesday 4 p.m. — Portland Board of Aviation, airport, 661 W. 100 North. 6 p.m. — Jay County Council, auditorium, courthouse, 120 N. Court St., Portland.	cabin, 200 S. Mooney St. 6 p.m. — Jay County Board of Zoning Appeals, Community Resource Center, 118 S. Meridian St., Portland.
Thursday 6 p.m. — Redkey Town Council, park	Monday 5 p.m. — Jay School Board, General Shanks, 414 E. Floral Ave., Portland.

Plan ...

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(Jay County Sheriff Ray Newton explained earlier in the meeting the radios are expected to cost anywhere from \$600,000 to \$900,000.)

The plan also suggests possible funding sources, such as grants or economic development dollars from solar and wind farms, for each project.

Aker pointed out the plan is a living document that is expected to be added to and modified over time. Commissioners will be reaching out to Jay County municipalities to learn about other projects that could be included in the plan, he added.

Commissioner Brian McGalliard pointed out each project on the list isn't guaranteed to be completed, noting that factor depends on funding and grants available.

Indiana code states "a county, city, or town that fails to adopt a capital improvement plan may not receive (1) its fractional amount of the additional revenue to be allocated for economic development purposes ... for the year or years in which the unit does not have a plan ... a unit fails to adopt a plan for a period of three (3)

years, the balance in the separate account shall be distributed to the other units in the county in the same manner that other additional revenue allocated for economic development purposes is distributed."

The EDIT plan rescinded in February included a broad list of projects or services for Jay County overall as well as lists relating to each municipality. According to the document, public hearings were held on the matter in each "district" or municipality to gather information for each individual capital improvement plan.

Aker suggested commissioners revisit the plan every two years in order for rotating commissioners and council members to give their input.

In related business, commissioners also approved a contract with Jay County Development Corporation for the remainder of 2023. County officials and the organization's board of directors have been discussing the matter for nearly a year.

The contract spells out services Jay County Development Corporation is expected to provide, including

being a point of contact for businesses interested in locating in Jay County, recruiting new business, meeting with existing businesses to ensure their needs are being met, serving as a liaison for Jay County municipalities for grants, providing resources to the county's grant writer, assisting businesses with tax abatements and other economic development activities. The organization is also required to report to county commissioners and county council on at least a quarterly basis and provide written reports at board and executive committee meetings.

Per the contract, a commissioner and a Jay County Council member will serve on the board and its executive committee. Commissioners agreed to remove McGalliard from the board and instead have Aker as their representative.

They also approved a \$41,127.49 claim from Jay County Development Corporation for the second half of its 2023 budget, noting they did not include the amount allocated for a community development coordinator because the position will not be filled.

Fire ...

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Losses are estimated to be approaching \$6 billion, after roughly 2,200 structures were destroyed in West Maui across the 2,170 acres burned by the blaze.

Hawaii lawmakers are responding to rising worry over what prevented alarm systems from alerting people in Lahaina.

"Sadly, tragically, in this situation, those sirens, likely did not go off," U.S. Representative Jill Tokuda, a Hawaii Democrat, said Sunday on CBS's Face the Nation. "The warning signals that were

on cell phones, we had no cell coverage or electricity in some of these areas."

U.S. Senator Mazie Hirono said the focus remains on the need for rescues and locating bodies. "We're going to need to provide a lot of support," the Hawaii Democrat said.

Efforts to identify the dead were complicated by the ferocity of the blaze, which melted metal and razed Lahaina, once the capital of the Hawaiian Kingdom.

One of three power transmission lines has been restored, providing 3,700 customers with power, Green said.

Felony courts

Unlawful possession

Two Indiana residents were sentenced to serve time after pleading guilty in Jay Circuit Court to unlawful possession of a syringe, a Level 6 felony.

Randy W. Morrical, 41, 768 W. Seventh St., Portland, was sentenced to one year in Indiana Department of Corrections and given credit for time served. Morrical was assessed \$189 in court costs.

Zachary G. Morgan, 40, 8733 W. County Road 500 North, Farmland, was sentenced to two years in Jay County Jail with one year suspended and given credit for time served. Morgan was assessed \$185 in court costs. As part of his plea agreement, the following charges were dismissed: a Level 3 felony for dealing in methamphetamine, a Level 6 felony for possession of a narcotic drug, a Class A misdemeanor for possession of a controlled substance, a Class B misdemeanor for possession of marijuana and a Class C misdemeanor for possession of paraphernalia.

Drunk driving

A Fort Wayne man was sentenced to jail after pleading guilty in Jay Superior Court to operating a vehicle while intoxicated and obstruction of justice, both Level 6 felonies.

Noah L. Busche, 22, 10335 Valentine Road, Fort Wayne, was sentenced to 545 days in Jay County Jail with all but 180 days suspended and given 174 days credit for time served. He was fined \$25, assessed \$185 in court costs and ordered to pay a \$200 alcohol and drug countermeasures fee. Busche was ordered to submit to an evaluation within 30 days of his sentencing for substance abuse counseling. He was placed on probation for one year.

As part of his plea agreement, a Level 6 felony for resisting law enforcement, a Class A misdemeanor for driving with a suspended license and a Class B misdemeanor for possession of marijuana were dismissed.

SERVICES

Wednesday
Vore, Jerry: 11 a.m., Baird-Freeman Funeral Home, 221 N. Meridian St., Portland.

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Slugs invade columnist's backyard

By DIANA DOLECKI

Special to The Commercial Review
I probably should save this column for October as it has a definite ick factor.

We got home from a free concert late Saturday evening. Most of the audience was what I refer to as old hippies. Grey and white were the predominant hair colors. Good music and pleasant weather made it an enjoyable evening.

There were a couple of people who got up to dance to the music. The most entertaining one was the kid who looked to be in his very early teens. His long black hair swished from side to side as he and a friend danced.

As I See It



The other dancers were almost all children. The littlest appeared to be about a year old and tried numerous times to escape from the adults who ran after her.

When we got home we discovered creatures climbing the outside of the house. It wasn't Spider-Man. Two of the three were intertwined. The other one tried to blend in with the siding on the

house. As it was brown and the house is white, it didn't work.

They were slugs. Icky, slimy slugs. And the two intertwined ones? They were engaging in some outdoor hanky panky. Right out there in front of God and everybody.

My normal response to those creatures is to grab the salt shaker and apply a generous coat of salt on them. It seemed cruel to do that when they were in each other's embrace. So I gave them a reprieve until the next day.

Thankfully they had sense enough to disappear. I have always been told that I should sprinkle

diatomaceous earth around plants to deter slugs. Diatomaceous earth is made from diatoms. What is a diatom? They are teensy critters that are surprisingly beautiful.

I once took a class called "Plants and their allies." Normal people would think that has something to do with which plants grow well with others or maybe how to keep bunnies from nibbling on exotic plants.

Nope. We spent the entire time studying algae. Yeah, that slimy green stuff that makes you scrub the birdbath more often than you would

like. We also spent a couple of days talking about diatoms. Then when the instructor showed pictures of the creatures we found out that they were beautiful. As an aside, we were advised that sprinkling diatomaceous earth around hostas would discourage slugs. So much for plants and their allies.

If you visit the local aisle of death at any store that sells pesticides and such, there are many products advertising a solution that will deter slugs and other creatures. I prefer not to use those products because any product that ends with the letters c-i-d-e is designed to kill. You

are more than welcome to apply them to your own plants, just not to mine.

Apparently slugs also like beer as there are several slug traps that use beer to attract the slippery critters. Neither of us drink and I have no intention of buying beer for garden pests.

Slugs have some natural enemies other than women with salt shakers. Lightning bugs, toads, birds and even chipmunks find them to be tasty treats.

I am hoping that the appearance of the house-climbing slugs was an anomaly and not an omen of things to come.

Husband's loss of interest hurts his wife

DEAR ABBY: My husband and I have been married 10 years. When we tried to have kids for the first time, we discovered I have polycystic ovary syndrome. We quit trying when the doctor visits became more than we could afford. We tried again after my husband saw a movie that moved him emotionally. Nothing came from that, so we stopped trying again.

I always assumed we'd give it

Dear Abby



a go one last time, but now my husband says he doesn't want a kid right now and may never want one. He did say that if we

wound up pregnant, he'd be fine with it. He also said he'd be terrified at first, but he'd settle into emergency mode and handle it.

Abby, I don't know what to do. I most likely won't get pregnant without a fertility specialist, but my husband made it clear he's not into trying to have a baby. He'd only be fine with a baby if it "just happened."

What do I do? — EMPTY

ARMS IN TEXAS

DEAR EMPTY ARMS: Your husband doesn't sound like a man who is yearning for fatherhood. Quite the opposite. The likelihood of your "just happening" to become pregnant is nil without medical intervention. There is no compromise here.

If the two of you are going to be able to stay together, you should be talking about

this with a licensed counselor so you can discuss whether options other than you conceiving a baby are acceptable.

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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, California,

Community Calendar

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

Tuesday

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

ALZHEIMER'S CARE-GIVER 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 - BRANNA'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.

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

AL-ANON FAMILY GROUP — New Beginnings, a support group for friends and families of alcoholics, will meet at 6:30 p.m. each Wednesday in the Zion Lutheran Church, 218 E. High St., Portland. For more information, call (260) 726-8229.

A BETTER LIFE - BRANNA'S HOPE — A faith-based recovery group for all kinds of addictions, will meet from 6:30 to 8

p.m. each Wednesday at Redkey United Methodist Church, 122 W. Main St. Come early for a meal. For more information, call Pastor Randy Davis at (765) 369-2085.

Thursday

STITCH AND CHATTER QUILT CLUB — Meets from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on the third Thursday of each month at Jay Community Center. Show and teal is at 1 p.m. The club is open to all ages and is for anyone who wants to sew. Bring unfinished projects and a sewing machine. For more information, call Nan Weesner (260) 766-9334.

CELEBRATE RECOVERY — A 12-step Christian recovery program meets at 10 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. each Thursday at A Second Chance At Life Ministries, 228 S. Meridian St. in Portland. For more information, call Brenda Eads at (260) 726-9625 or Dave Keen at (260) 251-8792.

EN AVANT CLUB — Meets at 1 p.m. on the third Thursday of each month.

ORGAN TRANSPLANT SUPPORT GROUP — Will meet at 3 p.m. on the third Thursday of each month in the IU Health Blackford main conference room.

JAY COUNTY HUMANE SOCIETY — Will meet at 5:30 p.m. the third Thursday of each month at Jay County Public Library. The public is welcome.

MISSISSINEWA CHAPTER OF THE NATIONAL SOCIETY OF THE DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION — Will meet Thursday, Aug. 17, at 6:30 p.m. at the Jay County Historical Society. Kathy Selman will provide the meeting program. To ask questions, please call Regent Selman at (260) 251-1694 or Susan Sommers at (260) 726-2678.

PORTLAND LIONS CLUB — Will meet at 6:30 p.m. the third Thursday of the month at Portland Lions Civic Center, 307 W. 100 North.

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

Friday
DUNKIRK HISTORI-

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

Saturday

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

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

MUSEUM OF THE SOLDIER — Is open from noon to 5 p.m. the first and third Saturday and Sunday of the month. It is located at 510 E. Arch St., Portland. The website is musemofthesoldier.com.

Sunday

A BETTER LIFE - BRANNA'S HOPE — A faith-based recovery group for all kinds of addictions, will meet from 6:30 to 8 p.m. each Sunday at The Rock Church, 1605 N. Meridian St., Portland. Come early for a meal. For more information, call (260) 766-2006.

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Level: Beginner

Saturday's Solution

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

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Dishonest press is the real threat

To the editor:
Having a liberal local paper is a little irritating, but I have to respond when an op-ed uses fake news as an excuse to attack people critical of fake news.

The author begins by saying freedom of the press is vital to our democracy. No one can disagree with that statement.

However, in the piece headlined "Founders knew the value of a free press," the author tells us that "hostility to the media runs counter to the nation's founding principles and if unchecked will make for a less-informed public and a government run amok."

The problem is that fake news has already given us a less-informed public and a government run amok. A less-informed public is one that only hears one side of the story and a government is run amok when it has a

Letters to the Editor

two-tiered criminal justice system where Republicans are prosecuted and Democrats get a pass.

The writer tells us that "by and large, the work being done by American reporters is honest in intention and fair in approach."

It is easy to see how liberal reporters can feel this way when most of their own exposure to the news comes from biased news sources like the Associated Press that routinely builds up the Democratic Party line while barely mentioning the opposing

view or not mentioning it at all. A perfect example would be last week's article from the Philadelphia Inquirer, distributed by the Tribune News Service, on the Hunter Biden plea deal falling through. The story forgot to mention the actual reason the deal was killed. The judge made them admit that Hunter was still under investigation for more crimes and that buried in the document was immunity from any additional charges. The judge refused to allow the immunity and Biden backed out of his sweetheart deal with his dad's Department of Justice.

It was almost humorous to read that "when mistakes are made they are promptly and prominently corrected." Would that include the three-year long Donald Trump Russia collusion hoax or the two years it took the major media to admit that the

Biden laptop was legitimate?

The writer asks what the founders would think of politicians who baselessly attack the press. You can easily Google the answer: Jefferson was very vocal when President John Adams passed the Alien and Sedition Acts that made it a crime for journalists to criticize the president.

It is actually ironic that our current president played a big part in creating the fake news media. In the 1970s and '80s, Biden and other Democrats were all over the Sunday morning talk shows lying about gun control. They got away with the lies because their lies were not fact-checked or questioned.

The final piece of the puzzle came in 1993. Biden and other gun haters were everywhere calling for a ban on assault weapons. While they talked about banning semi-automatic rifles, all four

major networks showed video of people shooting machine guns. The bill passed because people thought they were banning machine guns. And now the media knew they could actually participate in creating lies and get away with it. Fake news was born.

Now the Twitter files have shown that the FBI, DOJ, Dr. Anthony Fauci and the Biden administration were colluding with big tech and the media to censor the truth. In fact, on July 4 a federal judge issued an order limiting how the Biden administration could interact with social media. It was an order that was barely covered.

Censorship and a dishonest national press are the real threats to our republic.

Stephen Erwin
Portland

First-time offenders deserve 2nd chance

The Dallas Morning News
Tribune News Service

American society continues to struggle with the question of how to fairly and compassionately deal with people addicted to drugs. Even though this is a complicated area of public policy, it's reassuring to see Republicans and Democrats in Congress looking for spots of consensus that can improve outcomes for low-level, nonviolent offenders who enter the federal criminal justice system.

Under current law, a person found guilty of a federal charge of simple drug possession — meaning a small quantity for personal use, and not for dealing — can request probation if this is the person's first and only drug offense. After the person successfully completes probation, a federal judge can dismiss the case. The arrest and disposition would still show up in a public records search. However, the law does allow people younger than 21 to get the criminal record expunged.

U.S. Sen. John Cornyn, R-Texas, U.S. Rep. Nathaniel Moran, R-Tyler, and a group of Democrats and Republicans from across the country want to get rid of the age cap. They're co-sponsoring legislation named after a former New York district attorney, the Kenneth P. Thompson Begin Again Act, to narrowly amend federal law to remove the age limit for first-time drug offenders to expunge records.

That's appropriate. A criminal record, even a low-level drug possession charge, can hamper people's ability to land a job, secure an apartment or obtain public aid. It's important for offenders to accept responsibility for their actions, but having doors shut in their faces because of a single, relatively small mistake can destabilize lives and drive people away from recovery and back toward crime. First-time drug possession offenders deserve a second chance even if they aren't minors or young adults.

The offense wouldn't show up in public background checks anymore. The U.S. Department of Justice retains a confidential record of the case, only for the purpose of determining whether a person would qualify for an expungement in a future proceeding.

Getting rid of the age

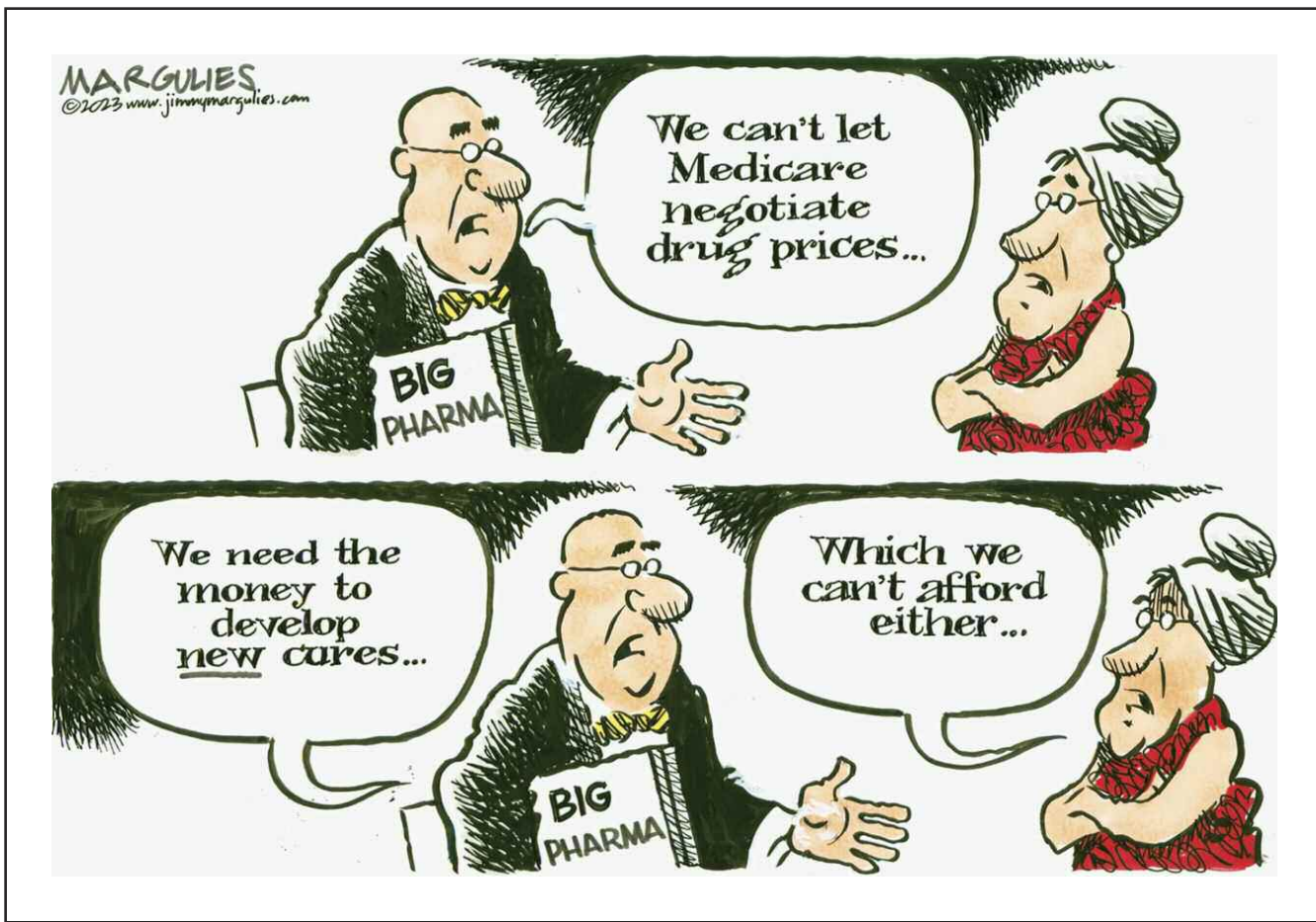
Guest Editorial

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cap for this second chance is so popular that organizations all over the ideological spectrum support it, from the NAACP to the Conservative Political Action Coalition. So do the National District Attorneys Association and the National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers.

Americans should tread carefully when it comes to proposals to decriminalize drug use. A seemingly well-intentioned effort in Oregon to only fine people caught with small amounts of illegal drugs has backfired in Portland, where drug use has burst into the open, according to recent reporting by The New York Times. Overdose numbers are climbing while businesses and residents worry about disorder and aggression from chronic drug users.

The Kenneth P. Thompson Begin Again Act doesn't overstep. Beneficiaries would still face consequences, in the form of probation, while having barriers to their rehabilitation removed. It's a small policy change that can transform lives. We hope Congress will recognize this and act.



Chili shouldn't be limited

By MICHAEL LEPPERT

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There is something that has been bothering me more as I have gotten older. No, it's not typical old man stuff like electric scooters on the sidewalks, or those mobile bass machines disguised as cars that vibrate everything within fifty yards of them. And I no longer keep a lawn that gives me a chance to yell at the neighborhood kids to get the hell off of it.

This one is important, and come to find out, it matters to plenty of people.

About five years ago, during an innocent what-are-we-having-for-dinner conversation with my wife, I became aware of the most disturbing thing. She believes chili — the food, the American staple — has a season. What? Does that mean there is an off-season? Come to find out, in my house, after being married for several years, the apparent ridiculous answer to that ridiculous question is "yes."

Since becoming aware of her oppressive perspective, I have noticed a tension, an unexplainable sadness in the household every year. It begins in mid-spring and lasts until September. Until she confessed to covertly enforcing a season I didn't know existed, I couldn't identify the problem.

It is a disagreement that is immune to my renowned Aristotelian talent of persuasiveness.

So, I decided to take my plight to the streets. Surely, I could find people to back me up here. I asked the question, "Is there a chili season?" on a couple of the social platforms, and the answers surprised me.

My anecdotal results show that about two-thirds of my network believe that chili does have a season. Within this disturbing majority, none see the season starting before September or later than October. Some

Michael Leppert



connect their first pot of the season to cool weather while others connect it to football season in some way.

It's hard to be angry about the beginning of something good. But to these chili-season devotees, it's the end of the happy period that starts to make them sound, well, like unreasonable dolts.

One friend reported that her season ends "once she starts hearing the Sandhill cranes overhead."

That belongs in the Farmers' Almanac, and as much as I disagree, it is way better than the third of responders who believe chili is for the fall only. Only? I can't help but describe people in this category as enemies of freedom.

My own niece, a woman of otherwise impeccable taste and a pillar of her community in Nashville, Tennessee believes in a season, but argues limiting chili makes it more special, comparing it to her favorite spiced pumpkin latté. I give her points for not being mean about it.

I had one married couple answer separately, were passionately on opposite sides, and seemingly haven't had "the talk" with each other yet. Yikes.

But chili talk is fascinating and unique in many other ways. When I asked a few thousand people if chili had a season, half of them immediately went off into rants about how their chili was the best. Some of them offered their resumes of chili cook-off victories, even though I didn't ask.

One responder says she only eats her own chili. Period. She eats no

other. I can't decide what I think about that, but since she's with me on eating it year-round, I'm going to endorse her here.

After reading more than a few recipes, I could no longer avoid the other obvious debate question: what makes that pot of wonderfulness "chili" in the first place? Is it beans? Is it tomato based? Does adding noodles break a rule?

Oh my. This is like asking the proverbial chicken or the egg question, and then also asking what church the chicken goes to. I've had this talk many times during controversies at chili cookoffs, never getting anywhere near an agreed-upon resolution.

Chili's passions are what has led our culture to compete at it. And while I think food contests are conceptually dumb, a room full of different chili should rank above Disney as the happiest place on earth.

In the coming weeks, kitchens across America will return to life with what I think is our most important food. I'm glad this annual darkness, known as the off season, is nearing its end.

However, it is important to report to my year-round chili lovers that the people who believe that chili is a seasonal food walk among us. They are hard to identify, impossible really, but wherever you go, they are near.

I am one of seven kids, and both of my parents were great cooks, particularly at making large pots of hot food. The pot they used was the "chili pot."

The year-round crowd has room for you. Join us now. You'll thank me later.

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Ribbon cutting

Jay County Chamber of Commerce hosted a ribbon-cutting ceremony last week for the new Meridian MD Family Medical Care facility at 406 W. Votaw St., Portland. The facility is offering routine medical care, behavioral healthcare services, vaccinations and other services. It is one of several new Meridian sites opening this month, joining locations in Muncie, New Castle, Marion and Fort Wayne.

I&M proposes increase, upgrades

Indiana Michigan Power last week submitted its Powering Our Future program plans, including a rate increase, to the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission.

I&M is asking for a 6.8% rate increase, which it says would generate \$116.4 million annually. If approved, the new rates would be phased in over two years.

The Powering Our Future program plans call for:

- Replacing old equipment, trimming tries and installing new technology to improve service reliability
- Providing more bill payment options
- Utilizing technology to shorten customer service call times, allow better access to account information and improve communication
- Starting the process of evaluating the future of Cook Nuclear Plant, for which licenses expire in the mid-2030s
- Seeking federal grants

"I&M understands that our customers are feeling the effects of inflation and higher costs of goods and services," said Steve Baker, I&M president and chief operating officer, in a press release. "We have carefully reviewed the plans that are necessary for us to improve reliability of service and deliver a better customer experience. The Powering our Future plan is critical for I&M to continue to meet our customers' expectations."

Career day scheduled

Purdue Extension will host its inaugural Jay County Career Fair on Sept. 7 at Jay County Junior-Senior High School. Businesses are being invited to

Business roundup

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.

Classes scheduled

John Jay Center for Learning 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.

Collecting supplies

First Financial Bank is holding a cleaning supplies drive at its 112 N. Meridian St. location in Portland.

The bank will accept unopened and unexpired cleaning supplies at all of its locations from Aug. 21 through Sept. 1. Donations will be delivered to local organizations to help community members in need.

"First Financial has always recognized the importance that

housing plays on our overall well-being, and we are excited to be working collaboratively with our communities to ensure that after our neighbors get into their dream home, they can keep it just as beautiful as it was on move-in day," said Roddell McCullough, chief corporate responsibility officer for First Financial Bank, in a press release.

New GM hired

Ghyslain Chocolatier of Union City has hired Pablo Rodriguez as its general manager of operations and pastry chef.

Rodriguez, a Puerto Rican national, most recently served as an executive pastry chef at the Setai Hotel in Miami Beach, Florida. He studied international baking and pastry at Instituto de Banca y Comercio, Puerto Rico.

"We are delighted to welcome Pablo to the Ghyslain Chocolatier family," said Ghyslain Maurais, founder of Ghyslain Chocolatier, in a press release. "His culinary journey, marked by achievements and recognition, aligns perfectly with our mission to provide our customers with delightful indulgences. We are confident that under Pablo's guidance, our team of culinary artisans will continue to create memorable experiences for our cherished patrons."

Rodriguez has also worked at Rosen Hotels and Resort in Orlando. He was a contestant on Food Network's "Holiday Wars" season four.

Teaming up

McDonald's of Greater Indi-

ana and Southwest Michigan is teaming up with the Indianapolis Colts to offer a buy one, get one free deal.

For every game (including pre-season) in which the Colts make a field goal, customers will be eligible to buy one Big Mac and get one free the next day via the McDonald's mobile app.

McDonald's will also be offering a Colts Bundle Box, which will include two Big Macs, a 20-piece order of McNuggets and two medium fries. The blue Colts box will be available beginning Aug. 22.

Suit filed

Indianapolis drugmaker Eli Lilly is facing a lawsuit from another firm.

Nektar Therapeutics last week sued Eli Lilly, accusing the company of undermining prospects for a drug they were developing together to treat autoimmune diseases, Reuters reported. They had been in partnership to develop and commercialize the drug — rezpegaldesleukin — since 2017. The deal was terminated earlier this year, with Nektar regaining all rights to the drug.

Eli Lilly is being accused of breach of contract, negligent misrepresentation, unfair competition and other issues via the complaint filed in federal court in San Francisco.

Cutting publications

An Indiana newspaper chain announced last week that it will be reducing its days of publication in order to put more focus on its digital product.

AIM Media Indiana announced that its daily newspa-

pers in the state — The Daily Journal (Franklin), The Republic (Columbus), The Daily Reporter (Greenfield) and The Tribune (Seymour) — will be changing their print publication schedules beginning next month. The Daily Journal will cut Mondays from its print publication schedule, dropping from six days to five. The other three papers will reduce to printing just twice a week on Wednesday and Saturday. E-editions will also be available only on those days.

The company said content will not be cut because of the changes, but rather would be available on the website daily.

AIM Media Midwest announced similar changes to its five Ohio newspapers earlier this year.

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.

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THE SUPREME COURT, JUVENILE DIVISION

THE FAMILY CIRCUS By Bil Keane

I've got sand in my shoes!

Contract Bridge By Steve Becker

It's not a guessing game

East dealer. North-South vulnerable.

NORTH
 ♠ J 10 9 5
 ♥ K 9 5
 ♦ Q J 2
 ♣ K 10 3

WEST
 ♠ 8 4
 ♥ Q J 10 8 4
 ♦ A 9 5
 ♣ 8 6 2

EAST
 ♠ A 7 6 3
 ♥ 6 2
 ♦ 8 7 4
 ♣ Q 9 5 4

SOUTH
 ♠ K Q 2
 ♥ A 7 3
 ♦ K 10 6 3
 ♣ A J 7

The bidding:
 East South West North
 Pass 1 NT Pass 3 NT
 Opening lead — queen of hearts.

Assume you're declarer at three notrump and West leads the queen of hearts. How would you proceed to give yourself the best chance for the contract?

When the deal was played, declarer took the queen of hearts with the ace and led the spade king at trick two. East won with the ace and returned a heart, establishing three heart tricks for West. Eventually, West gained the lead with the ace of diamonds, and declarer went down one.

As the cards lie, had South led diamonds instead of spades first, he would have made the contract with an overtrick. In that case West's only entry card would have been dislodged before he was established, and that we have spelled success instead of failure for declarer.

It might therefore seem that making the contract depends on straightforward guess, but actually South can eliminate the need for any guesswork by allowing West to lead hearts. If he leads the king, it then makes no difference whether declarer attacks spades diamonds first after West continues with a heart at trick two.

Either East will win the trick, be unable to continue hearts, West will win the trick and, in process, lose the entry to his hand. Indeed, the only way declarer can fail to get home safely adopting this line of play is if West started with five or six hearts — both missing aces.

The purpose of the holdup play trick one is to try to interfere with enemy communications. It costs declarer the contract to concede the first heart to West, and doing so, South eliminates the need for a crystal ball at trick two.

Peanuts

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IS THERE ANYTHING THAT YOU THINK MIGHT HELP CUT DOWN THE VIOLENCE?

SMACK!

MORE KISSING!

Rose is Rose

TODAY COULD BE THE DAY, ABBY!

IS THERE ANYTHING THAT YOU THINK MIGHT HELP CUT DOWN THE VIOLENCE?

SMACK!

MORE KISSING!

Agnes

WHAT WILL OUR COMPANY DO?

TROUT... IT'S CALLED "TWO GIRLS AND A HAMMER." WHAT WOULD YOU GUESS WE DO?

WE HAMMER STUFF?

NOT 'WE'... YOU... I AM THE BOSS.

WHY DON'T WE BOTH HAMMER?

IT'S NOT CALLED "TWO GIRLS AND SOME HAMMERS."

Hi and Lois

I TEND TO SNACK WHEN I GET STRESSED.

I'VE LOST FIVE POUNDS SINCE I STOPPED WATCHING THE NEWS!

Between Friends

"THE AUTHENTIC VOICE OF THE MID-AGED WOMAN" — by Kim Matthews

HOW DO YOU DEFINE AUTHENTICITY WITHIN A PIGEON-HOLED CATEGORY?

Blondie

BOSS, I'VE BEEN THINKING I'D LIKE TO HAVE A LESS GENERIC JOB TITLE THAN OFFICE MANAGER.

WHAT DO YOU HAVE IN MIND, BUMSTEAD?

I DON'T KNOW... SOMETHING THAT SUITS MY PARTICULAR OFFICE SKILLS, I GUESS.

OH, THAT'S EASY.

GUESS WHO WAS PROMOTED TO "EXECUTIVE BREAK-ROOM MONITOR-IN-CHIEF" FOR THE AFTERNOON!

Snuffy Smith

NOT SHORE I LIKE TH' WAY YA REARRANGED TH' FURNITURE, MAW !!

I FEEL LIKE I'M A PSYCHIATRIST AND I SHOULD BE ASKIN' YA HOW YA FEEL !!

Beetle Bailey

HUP, TWO, THREE, FOUR...

BYE, SIX, SEVEN, EIGHT

CRYPTOQUIP

8-15

Q M R T A Z / H O P Z A Q Q Q P Z A M Q H R E

Q G N B S E N F A R H G H M Z - O B P P M R T

Q H S N R H R E O H S S M P " P G A

I H Z I Z H Q G N F . "

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: IF SOMEBODY FAILS MISERABLY AT REDUCING THEIR GAS AND ELECTRIC BILLS, THAT'S UTILITY FUTILITY.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: Q equals S

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS

1 Wild party nations

5 United nations

9 Enervate

12 Dayton's state

13 Count counter-part

14 "Exodus" hero

15 California city

17 Set afire

18 Picnic interlopers

19 Asia's — Peninsula

21 Viola bow application

24 Mimic

25 Lab gel

26 Barbecue serving

30 Under the weather

31 Dons

32 Journalist Tarbell

33 "Can I lend a hand?"

35 Biblical land

36 Lost traction

37 Skating jumps

38 Bacon unit

40 Sediment

42 CBS logo

43 Japanese bar food

48 Smart-phone download

49 Part of A.D.

50 Desertlike

51 "Mayday!"

52 Trace of smoke

53 Author Bellow

DOWN

1 Derek and Diddley

2 "Caught ya!"

3 Go astray

4 Empty talk

5 Ernie's pal

6 Cam-bodia neighbor

7 Choice words?

8 Makes a racket

9 First American woman in space

10 Met melody

11 Compassion

16 New England cape

20 Mimic spoiler

21 Picnic

22 Leer at

23 Account execs

24 Kvetch

26 Burpee

27 Crony

28 Fan fave

29 Loud noises

31 Two-person cutter

34 Roman 551

35 Additional items

37 Boxing legend

38 Salty waters

39 Glitch in print

40 Taxpayer IDs

41 Denny's rival

44 Half of bi-

45 Singer Rita

46 Lucy of "Kill Bill"

47 "Bad" cholesterol

Solution time: 22 mins.

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 SOURPUSS TARP
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 H M O L E A D E R
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 T A N S N A I L T H E
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 A S S N O O S P E D

Yesterday's answer 8-15

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Big Ten looks at Vegas

By MICK AKERS
Las Vegas Review-Journal
Tribune News Service

LAS VEGAS — Big Ten and Las Vegas officials are in discussions about hosting the power conference's championship football game at Allegiant Stadium.

Las Vegas Convention and Visitors Authority President and CEO Steve Hill said those talks are in the early stages.

"The Big 10 has asked us to submit proposals," Hill said in a text message to the Las Vegas Review-Journal. "I'm sure they have asked a number of cities. We are certainly interested, will put our best foot forward and know there is no better place for their football championship."

The Big Ten wasn't available for comment.

Big Ten's football championship game has been held at Lucas Oil Stadium in Indianapolis since its inception in 2011. The conference's contract with the home of the Indianapolis Colts expires after the 2024 game.

Allegiant Stadium has hosted the Pac-12 Conference's football championship each of the past two years and will again this winter. With the Pac-12 scheduled to lose all but four of its member schools next year, it would appear that event is on its way out of Las Vegas.



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Reach for your goal

Reece Guggenbiller reaches the ball over the goal line to score a touchdown during the Fort Recovery High School football team's scrimmage against Indian Lake on Friday.

FIBA ...

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Knicks forward Josh Hart rested Team USA's first game and has played sparing minutes in each of the last two on the outside of Kerr's regular rotation.

Slovenia will assuredly play better when Doncic returns to the lineup, but it's Team Canada's roster littered with NBA

players that could be the USA's toughest challenge. Canada's team is headlined by another Knicks star — R.J. Barrett, who shot 13-of-14 in Canada's win over Greece.

Other notable players on Team Canada are Oklahoma City Thunder superstar Shai Gilgeous-Alexander, ex-Memphis Grizzlies forward and cur-

rent Houston Rocket Dillon Brooks, Dallas Mavericks big man Dwight Powell, and Thunder guard Lugentz Dort.

THREE-HEADED MONSTER

For the third game in a row, Team USA head coach Steve Kerr has gone to the three-guard lineup of Brunson, Pacers All-

Star Tyrese Haliburton and Edwards, the Timberwolves superstar making strides on the defensive end during this FIBA stretch.

Haliburton logged 12 assists, Brunson finished with a game-high 21 points and Edwards starred in a featured role on both ends of the floor.

Sports on tap

Local schedule

Today
Jay County — Boys tennis vs. Alexandria — 5 p.m.; Boys soccer at Muncie Central — 5 p.m.; Volleyball at Madison-Grant — 6 p.m.; JV boys soccer at Muncie Central — 6:30 p.m.
Fort Recovery — Girls golf vs. Arcanum at Beechwood — 9 a.m.; Middle School volleyball scrimmage vs. St. Henry — 6 p.m.

TV sports

Today
4 a.m. — Women's World Cup: Sweden vs. Spain (FOX)
6:30 p.m. — MLB: Cleveland Guardians at Cincinnati Reds (Bally Indiana)

Wednesday

6 a.m. — Women's World Cup: England vs. Australia (FOX)
9 a.m. — USL: Championship: Rio

Grande Valley vs. San Antonio (FOX)
1 p.m. — Little League World Series (ESPN)
6:30 p.m. — MLB: Cleveland Guardians at Cincinnati Reds (Bally Indiana)

Local notes

Adams Memorial Hospital 5K
The Worthman Fitness Center and the Diabetes Education Team of Adams Memorial Hospital will host the "Catch

Your Breath ... while you Dash for Diabetes 5K Run/Walk" on Sept. 9 in cooperation with Adams County Parks and Recreation.

Pre-registration is open for \$20 through Friday, Sept 1 at which point the entry fee will be raised to \$25.

Participants may also sign up at 8:30 a.m. on Sept. 9 at the Adams Memorial Hospital under the Cancer Institute terrace.

For more visit adamscounty5kchallenge.com or contact Macy Jauregui at (206) 724-2145 ext. 11036.

JC season tickets

Season tickets are available for the 2023-24 Jay County high school season. Tickets may be purchased during the school's office hours from 7:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Patriots Passes and Senior Patriot Passes that provide admission to all high school and junior high events will be

available. They cost \$105 and \$60 respectively.

Also available are super tickets. High school adult super tickets cost \$80, junior high super tickets come out to \$60 and senior super tickets are \$45.

A pre-paid sports pass that is good for 12 regular season events may be purchased for \$50 as well.

Boys basketball and football season passes will cost \$50 and \$25 respectively.

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Bryant Town Council.
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This matter has been scheduled for hearing before Bryant Town Council on the 21st day of August, 2023 at 6:00 pm at the Town Hall located at 107 E. Main St. Bryant, Indiana. Any person may appear at the hearing and object to the proposed vacation of said alley as provided by law.

John Hilty
Bryant VFD President
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HELP WANTED CITY OF PORTLAND Position: Waste Water Department - Distribution Service Person The City of Portland is accepting applications for the position of Waste Water Department Distribution and Maintenance Person. Minimum job requirements are high school diploma or its equivalent. A CDL B license or greater or able to obtain such license in a reasonable amount of time. Application and job description are available in the Clerk Treasurer's Office at City Hall, 321 N. Meridian Street, Portland, Indiana 47371, 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM Friday, August 11 thru Friday, August 18, 2023. No applications will be accepted after 4:00 p.m. on Friday, August 18, 2023. The City of Portland is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

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Notice is hereby given to taxpayers of JAY COUNTY SCHOOL CORPORATION, Jay County, Indiana that the proper officers of Jay School Corporation will conduct a public hearing on the year 2024 budget. Following this meeting, any ten or more taxpayers may object to a budget, tax rate, or tax levy by filing an objection petition with the proper officers of Jay School Corporation not more than seven days after the hearing. The objection petition must identify the provisions of the budget, tax rate, or tax levy to which taxpayers object. If a petition is filed, Jay School Corporation shall adopt with the budget a finding concerning the objections in the petition and testimony presented. Following the aforementioned hearing, the proper officers of Jay School Corporation will meet to adopt the following budget:

Public Hearing Date:	Monday, August 21, 2023	Adoption Meeting Date:	Monday, September 18, 2023		
Public Hearing Time:	5:00 PM	Adoption Meeting Time:	5:00 PM		
Public Hearing Location:	414 Floral Ave. Portland, IN 47371	Adoption Meeting Location:	414 Floral Ave. Portland, IN 47371		
Estimated Civil Max Levy	\$0				
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Est. Fire Territory Max Levy	\$0				
Est. School Operations Max Levy	\$7,937,077				
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Fund Name	Budget Estimate	Maximum Funds to be Raised (including appeals and levies exempt from maximum levy limitations)	Excessive Levy Appeals	Current Tax Levy	Levy Percentage Difference (Col. 3/ Col.5)
0061-RAINY DAY	\$1,000,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	
0180-DEBT SERVICE	\$5,854,152	\$6,190,000	\$0	\$5,414,648	14.32%
0186-SCHOOL					
PENSION DEBT	\$893,902	\$925,000	\$0	\$808,665	14.39%
3101-EDUCATION	\$21,980,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	
3300-OPERATIONS	\$11,000,000	\$7,937,000	\$0	\$6,818,852	16.40%
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Jay Co. falls in Trojan Kickoff

Abraham Dirksen picks up a pair of wins, Eli Dirksen and Homan lose in two-hour long matches

NEW CASTLE — Abraham Dirksen started the season on a good note.

The rest of the Patriots cannot say the same.

Abraham Dirksen picked up the only pair of wins for the Jay County High School boys tennis team on Saturday when they fell to Connersville and New Castle 4-1 in the Trojan Kickoff Duals.

Abraham Dirksen picked up a pair of wins for the Patriots in the No. 1 singles position. Kolton DeBoard from Connersville took two sets and a tiebreaker to defeat. He took the first 6-3, lost the second 1-6 before winning the 10-point tiebreaker 10-6.

Abraham Dirksen powered through New Castle's Leo Underwood with a quick 6-4, 6-2 victory.

Against Connersville, the No. 2 singles Eli Dirksen and No. 3 singles Isaac Miller couldn't pull through. They lost 6-2, 6-4 and 6-3, 6-1 to Clayton Roszell and Anthony Struewing respectively.

Despite the early losses, they refused to lay down in the second match of the day. Both players'

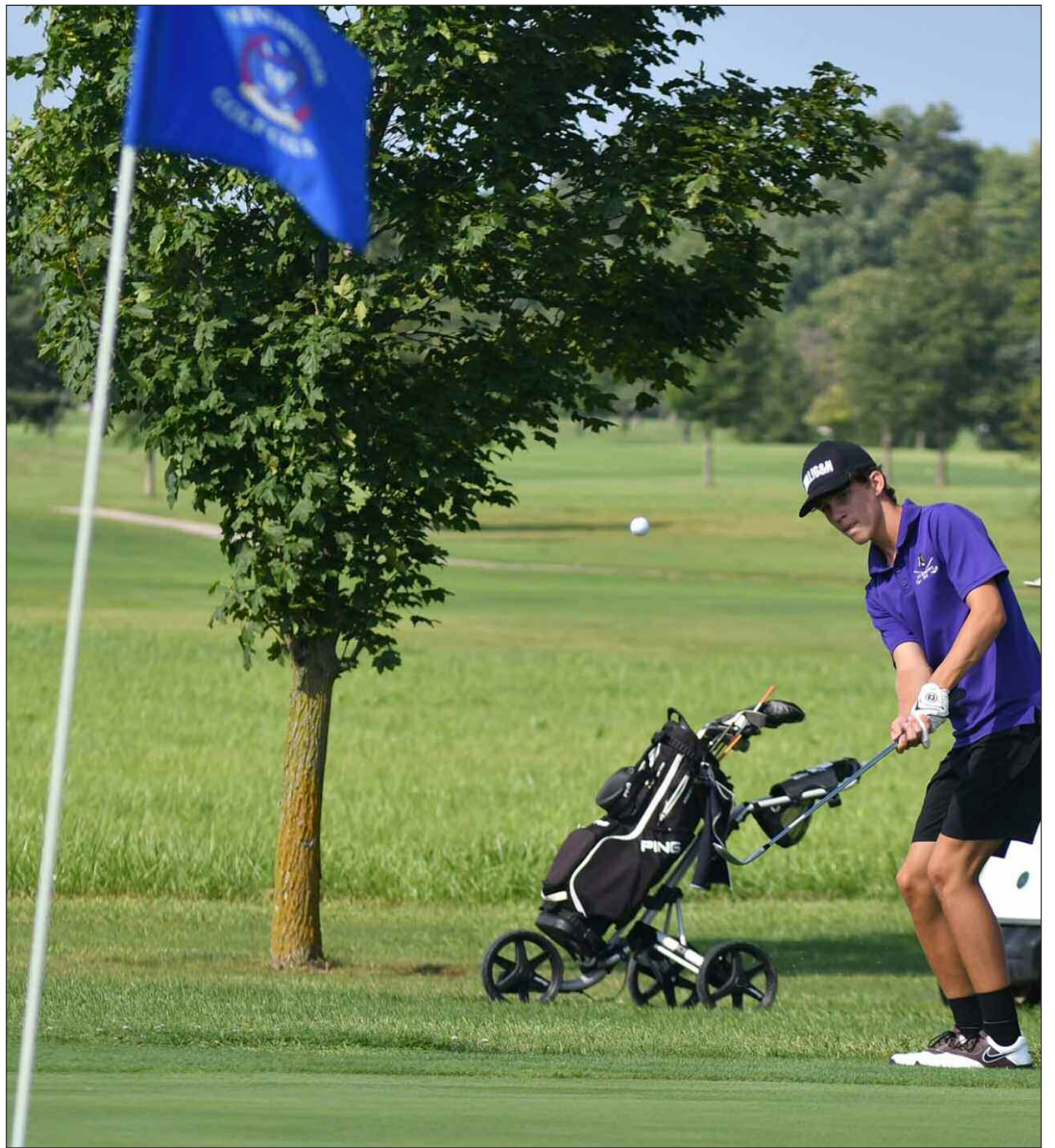
matches lasted two hours before ultimately falling to their opponents from the Trojans.

Eli Dirksen dropped the first set 6-4. He led his opponent 5-1 in the second set, but couldn't hold on as a tiebreaker was forced, ending in a 7-6 (7-3) loss.

Miller's match against the No. 3 singles Trojan had three tiebreakers before the defeat. He won the first tiebreaker to take the first set 7-6. He couldn't repeat in the second set, falling 7-6 before losing the 10-point tiebreaking third set 10-6.

Neither doubles duo were able to pick up a win for the Patriots either. No. 1 doubles pair Sam Myers and Gage Sims fell 6-2, 7-5 to Kaidin Brock and Tyler Caudill of Connersville and 6-4, 6-2 to Vincent Farris and Jake Jenkins of New Castle.

In the No. 2 doubles, Liam Garringer and Luke Muhlenkamp fell 6-2, 6-4 against Maddox Rees and Parker Thumb. In the second the Trojans' duo of Caden Blackford and Austin Nunez topped the Patriots 6-0, 6-1.




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Chip on

Reece LeFevre chips onto the green of hole No. 4 of the Pony course at Winchester Golf Club during the Fort Recovery High School boys golf's match against Mississinawa Valley on Thursday. LeFevre parred the hole (as well as five others) en route to 41 strokes for second-best on the team. The Indians lost the match by only three strokes.

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Tribe golfers can't take down Botkins

SIDNEY, Ohio — The Indians had another solid performance, but once again, it wasn't enough to get over the hump and pull out the victory.

The Fort Recovery High School boys golf team fell to Botkins on Friday by a score of 164-171 at Shelby Oaks Golf Course.

The Indians (0-2) had a new leader in the match with Reece LeFevre earning the team-low of 41. LeFevre bogeyed the first four holes before rattling

off four pars on the final five.

Match medalist went to J.J. Meyer of Botkins with 35 strokes. Meyer was the only golfer to break 40, lifting the Trojans to the win.

Keegan Muhlenkamp also had four pars in the match, three of his coming on the first four holes. A double-bogey on hole No. 7 is what put him behind LeFevre with a 42.

Nate Jutte and Eli Lennartz both shot 44s to round out the Indians'

score. Lennartz shot for par on the second, sixth, seventh and ninth holes. Jutte didn't shoot for par on any holes, but he put up two birdies on the sixth and ninth.

Matthew Romer and Colson Post's scores did not factor into the team's final. Romer parred holes No. 2 and 4 en route to a 46. Post shot a 52 in his first varsity appearance of the year, taking the spot that Alex Dues previously held.

U.S. beats Spain in FIBA showcase

By KRISTIAN WINFIELD
 New York Daily News
 Tribune News Service

And now all eyes are on Team Canada.

Now that the Team USA men's national basketball team has easily disposed of the FIBA's No. 1 rated Spain team with a 98-88 victory in exhibition play on Sunday, the only question remaining is exactly which country's basketball team has a fighting chance against these clear-cut juggernauts.

Spain was Team USA's toughest test after blowout victories over Puerto Rico and the Luka Doncic-less Slovenian national team. Despite several ugly stretches of play featuring uncharacteristic turnovers and allowed baskets at the rim, the Americans handled the Spaniards in Madrid with two more Showcase exhibition games before FIBA World Cup play officially begins on Aug. 27.

And while Anthony Edwards is the stand-alone most talented player on Team USA's roster, it was Knicks point guard

and starting USA floor general Jalen Brunson whose play swung the game in America's favor.

The Spanish national team suffered a huge blow when longtime floor general and Cleveland Cavaliers backup point guard Ricky Rubio withdrew from both World Cup play and the Cavaliers season citing mental health issues. Against a less experienced Spanish starting point guard, Brunson attacked all night, tallying a game-high 21 points.

The Knicks guard scored 16 in the first half alone and rounded-out his performance with 5 assists and 4 rebounds.

Team USA took a 55-45 lead into the half, courtesy of Brunson's explosive scoring, but shortly thereafter coughed up the advantage. Spain took a 68-64 lead in the third quarter, thanks primarily to sloppy play from the Americans.

Team USA, however, responded with timely baskets from Nets stars Mikal Bridges and Cam Johnson. Johnson made all three of his attempts from down-

town and hit a top-of-the-key beam to end a 9-0 Spain run. Bridges got into early foul trouble and was whistled for an unsportsmanlike foul three minutes into the first quarter. He sat until midway through the second then found his way into the game, finishing with 10 points after hitting a huge catch-and-shoot three to give the USA an 81-77 lead.

Former Knicks big man Willy Hernangomez and his brother and former Denver Nuggets forward Juancho Hernangomez started in the front court for Spain, and former Portland Trail Blazers forward Rudy Fernandez gave the Spanish team a spark off the bench. The Hernangomez brother did damage in the paint against a Team USA roster whose starting lineup lacks size at the three and four with Bridges and Brandon Ingram.

The former NBA players combined for 24 points, with the bigger center Willy Hernangomez tallying 13 points.