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Crossland sentenced to life

By BAILEY CLINE
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Chelsea Crossland, the Portland woman who was found guilty in July of killing her 5-year-old son, has been sentenced to imprisonment for life without parole. Jay Circuit Court Judge Brian Hutchison formally sentenced Crossland during a hearing Thursday.

Crossland was found guilty July 19 by a Jay Circuit Court jury of murder and neglect of a dependent resulting in death. The jury also recommended imprisonment for life without parole.

Chief public defender Brandon Murphy asked the court to

Judge makes jury's recommendation official

consider giving Crossland the advisory sentence of 55 years for murder.

"I understand I'm bound by the jury," said Hutchison. "Even if I'm not ... I think life without parole is a very appropriate sentence."

Per Indiana statute, "if the

jury reaches a sentencing recommendation, the court shall sentence the defendant accordingly." (There's an exception for if a jury isn't able to agree on a sentence recommendation.)

Hutchison noted the severity of the case. Details presented

during the jury trial indicated Chelsea Crossland starved and beat her son, Christian, over the course of 74 days. An autopsy showed Christian suffered from dehydration, malnourishment and blunt force trauma to the head and mouth.

"There are people out there who hope you get the (same treatment as Christian)," said Hutchison. "I would rather the scales fall from your eyes and you live the remainder of your years in horror ..."

But, he added, nothing about her demeanor regarding the case gave him reason to believe she would feel remorse.

Christina Easton took the

witness stand that morning to share a few words with the court. She referenced family and others seated in the courtroom who had come in support of Christian. Easton thanked the prosecution and police for pursuing justice for Christian.

"We just wanted to say how much (we loved him) ... and how big of a hole it's going to be in our family (without him)," she said.

According to information presented in the case last month, the Easton family cared for Christian for a few years in New Castle. He was placed back in Chelsea Crossland's home in January 2022.

The manual man



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Tim Meister sells antique tractor manuals each year at the Tri-State Antique Engine and Tractor Show. The Meisters have amassed roughly 20,000 manuals and tractor literature since Tim's father, Jim, started their collection almost 30 years ago.

'Paper dealer' from Bucyrus, Ohio, prefers to make sales in person at Tri-State show

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Attendees at the Tri-State Antique Engine and Tractor Show are often in the market for tractors, engines and corresponding parts.

They may also be looking for information on which parts to use and how to attach them.

That's where "paper dealers" like Tim Meister come in.

Meister, 67, offers tractor manuals and sales literature for visitors to the Tri-State Antique Engine and Tractor Show, which continues through Saturday at Jay County Fairgrounds. He's been a regular attendee for about 27 years.

Meister's collection includes some 20,000 original manuals, brochures, encyclopedias and other literature regarding tractors and trucks. He's got a little of every brand, including books for Ford, Case, John Deere and International models. His oldest material dates back to 1890 — they're John Deere pocket ledgers — with the majority of his items dating between the 1920s and to the early '70s.

A resident of Bucyrus, Ohio, he and his wife, Nancy, bring a wide selection of his stock to the show every year.

"We handle original (books)," said Meister. "Some stuff is rare and you can't find it anymore."

He noted their two-story house is chock full of the collection his father Jim started nearly 30 years ago.

Tim Meister took over the business when his father's health began to decline. (Jim Meister died nearly six years ago after suffering a heart attack at a show in West Liberty, Ohio. He had been at the Portland show less than a week before his death.)

"Anybody that knew my dad would say, you know, he passed away doing what he loved to do," Tim Meister said.

He's often asked why someone should purchase a manual when they could search up the information online. He admitted technology has changed the market over the years, but said there's still a need for paper or hard-copy manuals.



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Meister's stock includes material from as early as 1890. Most of his collection, though, dates from original printing in the 1920s through early '70s. Pictured above are several rows of manuals, including those for John Deere models.

Part of it comes down to completing collections.

"They want to have a book to match their tractor or piece of equipment," said Meister.

It may be they're replacing an old copy.

"They'll come up and say,

'Mice chewed my book up. I need a new book because I need to know how to set my combine,'" he said. "They want it for the information so they have it to pass down with the tractor."

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Council makes budget changes

Funding for Country Living survives narrow vote

By BAILEY CLINE
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More changes have been made to Jay County's budget for next year.

Talk has also resumed about the lifespan of Jay County Country Living.

On a 4-3 vote, Jay County Council decided not to cut Jay County Country Living's budget in half Wednesday after discussion about the facility's future.

Council also made a few adjustments to its proposed 2024 budget during a special meeting Wednesday, including removing \$313,500 from Jay County Commissioners' budget and giving the Jay County treasurer and the treasurer's first deputy a 2% raise instead of a 6% raise.

Also, council members agreed to move forward with adjusting local income tax rate allocation categories, adding an emergency medical service rate of 0.15% and reducing the certified shares rate to 1.25%. The change is a new option as of 2022 for county fiscal bodies. County auditor Emily Franks suggested the change, noting a hit to Jay Emergency Medical Service's budget this year.

Council member Harold Towell asked about Jay County Country Living's 2024 budget, which totals about \$450,900. Looking at the \$30,000 allocated for the director's position, Towell asked about former director Melissa Blankley. (She formally resigned in June but is still serving in the role on a part-time basis. Franks noted that Blankley plans to continue helping through the end of the year until a replacement is found.)

Council member Matt Minnich prompted council to again consider the facility's future. He said it had losses of \$125,000 in 2018, \$225,000 in 2019, \$260,000 in 2020 and nearly \$300,000 in 2021 and 2022. The current year could have losses of \$240,000, he added.

"I think at the end of the day, there's no way it will ever pencil out," he said.

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Weather

Jay County had a high temperature of 88 degrees Wednesday. The low was 68.

Tonight's low will be in the upper 60s. Expect mostly sunny

sky Saturday with highs in the low 80s. Temperatures Sunday will top out in the 70s.

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 — Results from tonight's JCHS football game at Huntington North.

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



Council ...

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Towell pointed out council's role to act as the governing fiscal body.
Minnich referenced Adams County's residential facility, which recently closed its doors. He suggested council create a plan for phasing it out, with Towell suggesting a five-month closing notice.
"There has to be a plan," said council president Jeanne Houchins.
"Yeah, and right now we have no plan," responded Towell. "We've had no plan the last few years. Just keep throwing money out there is not a plan."
Council member Cindy Bracy said there are no other assisted living facilities in Jay County she's aware of that accept Residential Care Assistance Program funding. She noted profit from the farm ground surrounding Jay County Country Living, with Minnich pointing out the facility's residents used to self-sufficiently farm and raise livestock and poultry on the land.
Bracy expressed interest in having a board of directors oversee the facility.

"The commissioners don't want to do that," said Towell. "Look at what our commissioners' track record has been this year and last year. It's to eliminate voices and (have) control by three people."
Bracy suggested having a board that would consider the facility's options. Grants could help pay for Jay County Country Living if they're available, she added.
Houchins suggested the county could leave the budget as is for 2024 and put together a timeline to close the facility, pointing out the process would include forming a committee. Towell emphasized the need to take swifter action on the facility's budget. He suggested cutting Jay County Country Living's budget in half for 2024.
Council member Randy May voiced opposition to closing Jay County Country Living.
"I look at that place as a service," he said. "I'm not for closing it down and cutting ties."
When it came to a vote, council members Dave Haines, Minnich and Towell voted in favor of cutting Jay County Country Living's budget in half, with Faron Parr, May and Bracy voting against. That left the tie to be broken by council president Jeanne Houchins, who asked if council could consider allocating the entire budget for 2024 and take away the funding in July if nothing is accomplished by then. Franks confirmed the county could approve an appropriation reduction. Houchins then voted against the budget cut for now and said she is in favor of working on a plan for the facility's future.
Also Wednesday, council cut nearly \$304,000 total from its proposed 2024 budget. After revisions, the budget sits at just under \$22.3 million, an increase of about \$1.44 million from the current year.
The largest cuts came from the commissioners' budget. Council decided to remove \$300,000 from the commissioners' budget for contractual services. They also opted to leave Jay County Humane Society's annual payment for animal control services at \$55,000 instead of bumping it to \$68,500 next year. Franks noted the contractual

services fund will be used to pay for services from Jay County Development Corporation (\$130,000) and East Central Indiana Regional Planning (\$100,000) in 2024. Council agreed to shrink the fund from \$580,000 to \$280,000 — Minnich suggested an additional \$50,000 to give commissioners some leeway — with the notion that if commissioners have other plans for the fund, they can request the money from council.
Council also decided to adjust the proposed raises for the Jay County treasurer and her first deputy from 6% to 2%. Council members noted the department's issues with balancing its books internally or with the auditor's office, which prompted the county to seek approximately accounting support from consulting firm Baker Tilly at a cost of \$35,000. (The issue, filed in an audit report in December, was a repeat problem from 2020. If the county had not resolved the issue, it wouldn't have been able to seek state or federal grants.)
Houchins suggested freezing the treasurer's pay in 2024, not-

ing the position will be up for election in 2025. Council decided to instead allocate a 2% raise instead of a 6% raise in recognition of the treasurer's first deputy. (First deputies make 75% of their elected official's salary.)
Council made a few other small cuts, which include \$2,190 from various funds in Jay County Coroner's budget. (Plans are to give the coroner a 10% raise.)
Council agreed to add a \$15,000 fund in Jay County Auditor's budget for contractual services. Franks noted the extra dollars would go toward services provided by consulting firm Waggoner, Irwin, Scheele and Associates. Council also added another \$2,000 in Jay County prosecutor's budget for witness fees and another \$600 for office supplies in Jay County recorder's budget.
Council also was made aware of a request for Jay County Highway Superintendent Eric Butcher to receive a \$9,000 raise.
Council will review the budget with department heads during its budget review meeting at 5:30 p.m. Sept. 6.

"Nothing is off the table," he added — although, he was firm that the task force wouldn't touch education funding.
Indiana has consistently stuck to balanced budgets, in which the state spends less than it collects in taxes — something the Office of Management and Budget Director Cris Johnston said was a priority.
Tax collections have outperformed state estimates in recent years, State Budget Director Zac Jackson said.

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Saturday 8/26	Sunday 8/27	Monday 8/28	Tuesday 8/29	Wednesday 8/30
83/58	78/56	80/57	79/53	73/54
Saturday looks to be mostly sunny with a high of 83 degrees.	Mostly sunny skies are expected Sunday, when the high may reach 78 degrees.	Another day of mostly sunny skies with temperatures reaching 80 degrees.	Tuesday's weather should be sunny, with a high of 79.	Sunny skies are expected Wednesday, when the high will be 73.

Lotteries

Powerball
25-30-32-33-55
Power Ball: 20
Power Play: 2
Estimated jackpot: \$345 million

Mega Millions
Estimated jackpot: \$52 million

Hoosier
Wednesday
Midday
Daily Three: 1-8-7
Daily Four: 8-9-6-4
Quick Draw: 1-5-10-11-18-19-24-28-44-49-57-63-67-70-72-73-75-76-77-80
Evening
Daily Three: 5-3-5

Daily Four: 7-3-9-9
Quick Draw: 13-15-18-22-26-27-29-33-38-41-42-48-53-54-55-56-59-60-62-77
Cash 5: 8-15-20-33-36
Estimated jackpot: \$125,000

Ohio
Wednesday
Midday
Pick 3: 4-5-9
Pick 4: 6-7-9-4
Pick 5: 0-9-0-3-1
Evening
Pick 3: 3-0-4
Pick 4: 7-2-9-1
Pick 5: 7-8-9-5-3
Rolling Cash: 1-11-15-25-34
Estimated jackpot: \$120,000

Markets

Cooper Farms Fort Recovery
Corn.....5.77
Sept. corn5.77
Wheat5.67

POET Biorefining Portland
Corn.....5.81
Sept. corn5.81
Mid Sept. corn5.37

The Andersons Richland Township
Corn5.27
Sept. corn4.62
Beans14.08

Sept. beans13.23
Wheat 5.50

Central States Montpelier
Corn.....5.27
Sept. corn5.07
Beans14.08
Sept. beans14.03
Wheat5.95

Heartland St. Anthony
Corn.....5.12
Sept. corn4.87
Beans13.83
Sept. beans13.18
Wheat5.42

Today in history

In 1609, Galileo Galilei demonstrated his first telescope.
In 1916, the Organic Act was signed by President Woodrow Wilson. It established the National Park Service.
In 1972, the seventh annual Tri-State Antique Engine and Tractor Show opened at Jay County Fairgrounds with an estimated 20,000 expected to attend.
In 2018, the Celina Rotary Invitational, which included the Jay County and Fort Recovery high school cross country teams, was halted mid-race by lightning and never resumed. Chloe Will of the Indians was sitting in fourth place when the race was stopped and JCHS sophomore Sophia Fugiett was in seventh.
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Citizen's calendar

Monday
9 a.m. — Jay County Commissioners, auditorium, courthouse, 120 N. Court St., Portland.
3:30 p.m. — Jay County Solid Waste Management District, 5948 W. Indiana 67, Portland.
6 p.m. — Dunkirk Board of Works, city building, 131 S. Main St.
7 p.m. — Dunkirk City Council, city building, 131 S. Main St.

Tuesday
6 p.m. — Jay County Council and Jay County Commissioners joint session, courthouse, 120 N. Court St., Portland.

Experts are cautiously optimistic

By **LESLIA BONILLA MUNIZ**
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Indiana's budget chiefs offered a measured sense of optimism on the state's finances at a potentially transformational task force's first meeting — as Republican-aligned speakers pushed for big moves on taxes and Democrat lawmakers expressed frustration with the group's structure.
The Interim State and Local Tax Review Task Force will examine Indiana's corporate tax, individual income tax, property tax, sales tax,

and others. Policy recommendations are due to the General Assembly ahead of the 2025 budget-writing session.
"Perhaps this will be the beginning of the discussion to overhaul, in a major way, the tax structure of the Hoosier State," Chair Travis Holdman, R-Markle, said Wednesday. "Perhaps we'll find that it isn't the will of the Legislature or our constituents to do much more than tweak the work ... done over the last couple of decades."

"Nothing is off the table," he added — although, he was firm that the task force wouldn't touch education funding.
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GOP hopefuls target Biden and each other

By **SEEMA MEHTA and DAVID LAUTER**
Los Angeles Times
Tribune News Service
MILWAUKEE — Like a chorus line awaiting its leading man, eight Republican presidential hopefuls opened their first debate Wednesday night without the party's main attraction, hoping to show they can solve a puzzle that has bewildered GOP politicians for eight years: how to get past former President Donald Trump.
For most of the first hour of the two-hour confrontation, however, the candidates largely tried to ignore Trump's dominating presence. Instead, it was the campaign's political newcomer, Vivek Ramaswamy, who quickly became the center of attention, rebutting accusations by former Vice President Mike Pence that he's unqualified.
"We don't need to bring in a rookie," Pence said, the first of several time during

the debate's opening hour in which he focused on the 37-year-old entrepreneur, who has risen in recent polls.
A few minutes later, as Ramaswamy declared himself the "only candidate not bought and paid for," former New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie fired back.
"I've had enough already tonight of a guy who sounds like ChatGPT," he said.
It was not until nearly an hour into the debate that the focus turned to the man who is currently far ahead of all other candidates. Moderators Bret Baier and Martha MacCallum asked the candidates about whether they would support Trump and whether Pence had done the right thing in refusing to go along with Trump's request to block the count of electoral votes in Congress on Jan. 6, 2021. That act has won him widespread praise, but more from Democrats than his own side. Many Republicans view him as a betrayer.

Manual ...

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And sometimes, folks just prefer to have a physical copy they can hold in their hands.
"We hear that, you know, 'I can Google it and get it,'" he said. "One guy told me yesterday, 'I can get the CD disk, but I'd rather have the pages that I can read it and see it, get it out of the file cabinet and look at it.'"
Meister's usual spot hasn't moved far since he and his father started coming to the show about 27 years ago. It's located across from the Gamma Nu ice cream stand between the Farmer's Building and the bingo stand at the fairgrounds. (It used to sit in the spot the ice cream stand now occupies.)
Meister farmed 450 acres for nearly 50 years of his life. After "semi-retiring" about two years ago, he's cut his farming down to about 150 acres. His father

was also a farmer and an auctioneer for the Gebhardt and Meister auction company before he started buying and selling tractor manuals and related literature as a pastime.
A tractor enthusiast, Meister also has six Case tractors ranging from between 1939 and 1948. Although they're still in working condition, they're mostly used for display.
Meister's manuals and other stock isn't available online. While he could profit more from a wider audience on the web, he prefers in-person sales, giving him a reason to visit with friends at the shows he and his father attended for decades.
"That's more than 50%, 60% of it, is coming and seeing old friendships and relationships that my dad started and I got to know the people, and now their sons," he said.

SERVICES

Today
Phillips, Larry: 1 p.m., Missisnewa Congregational Christian Church, 7708 W. 700 North, Ridgeville.

Saturday
Miller, Scott: 10:30 a.m., West Missionary Church, 4295 W. Indiana 218, Berne.
Davis, Lawrence: 11 a.m., Gravel Hill Cemetery.

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65th anniversary

Elizabeth and Fredric Bailey



Fredric and Elizabeth Bailey

Fredric L. Bailey and Elizabeth Jane Bird were married Sept. 6, 1958 at the Lutheran parsonage in Greenwood, Mississippi.

They will celebrate with a gathering of family, friends and veterans at the Trinity ArchBridge Church Sept. 2 from 1 to 3 p.m.

Fred and Liz have four sons — Alan (Tone-ta), three children and five grandchildren; Mark (Julie), two daughters and two grandchildren, Phil (Cath), one son and two granddaughters; and Jeff (Sue), two sons and two daughters.

Fred is a graduate of the University of Arkansas with a bachelor's degree in ag extension and a master's degree in food science. He was a farmer for 40 years.

Liz served as a custodian at Trinity United Methodist Church. Both are retired.

Fred served 4 1/2 years in the Air Force as a military policeman.

They ask for gifts to be omitted. Dress is casual.

Share your best recipes at library

Jay County Public Library will be collecting and sharing recipes starting Friday, Sept. 1.

Visitors to the library at 315 N. Ship St., Portland, are encouraged to bring in their favorite recipe and pick up a recipe to share table inside, which will be available through Nov. 30.

Story Seekers Book Club, a new group for third, fourth and fifth grade readers, will meet for the first time at 4 p.m.

Sept. 7 in the community room. Sign up by Sept. 1 to get a copy of the first book they'll be reading: "Pages and Co: Tilly and the

Bookwanderers." The club will also meet at 4 p.m. Sept. 21, Oct. 5, Oct. 19 and Nov. 9.

"Back to School" themed take and make activity kits will be available Sept. 11 for children.

The library will also be showing the "Super Mario Bros." film at 6 p.m. Sept. 25. Free popcorn, lemonade and bottled water will be provided while supplies last.

Throughout September, there will also be a color by number station themed after "Super Mario Bros." characters available in the teen section.

Carefree attitude worries spouse

DEAR ABBY: My husband and I are in our 30s. I love him, and I'm worried because he has a "laissez-faire" attitude about everything — especially his health. He has had high cholesterol for five years and has done little to nothing about it. He found out only because I kept hounding him for a year to get a physical.

To say I'm "concerned" is an understatement. When I asked him how he can be so complacent about something so dangerous, I got this blank stare and "I don't know what you want me to say." Or he says I'm being rude. I can't understand why this doesn't scare him. Should I try to force him to go back to the doctor and deal with this, or must I sit and wait for the consequences of him ignoring his health to happen? — WIFE WHO CARES IN IOWA

DEAR WIFE: Try this: "I love you. But I'm worried sick about the state of your health. I need US to start being more health conscious because WE are still young enough to do something about it if our lifestyle needs improving. This is why I am making appointments for physical exams for both of us every year, and I expect you

Dear Abby



to come with me." Cookbooks have been written on the subject of heart-healthy diets. It may be time to incorporate some of these guidelines into your menu planning. If you do, you may feel less frustrated, and your husband may not even realize you are helping him.

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DEAR ABBY: Last night, my husband and I were eating at a popular restaurant when the owner started talking to the diners at the next table.

The topic was bathrooms — what people leave behind and cleaning up after them. The people he was talking to had finished their dinner by the time we sat down, so this subject didn't bother them. I got up, tapped the owner on the shoulder and asked if he could please talk about something

else because people within earshot were eating. He took offense and said it shouldn't bother anyone. Then he ordered me to go get my money back and leave.

I sat back down to try to finish eating when he came over, THREW money on our table, told us to leave immediately and not to come back! My husband and I were dumbfounded. We stared at each other for a moment, then left our plates and walked out.

Was I wrong? Was I overly sensitive or rude? We were brought up not to discuss bodily functions at the dinner table. If I had been the owner, I would have apologized and changed the subject. I am so offended by this. If I was wrong, I will send the owner a written apology. — HEARD TOO MUCH IN INDIANA

DEAR HEARD: You do not owe the restaurant owner an apology. The man's reaction was over the top. Discussing what people leave behind in the restroom that needs cleaning up is definitely not a subject for public consumption in a restaurant dining room. I cannot imagine why you would want to set foot in that place again.

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

Monday

PORTLAND BREAKFAST OPTIMISTS — Will meet at 7 a.m. for breakfast at Richards Restaurant.

Friday

PAST RECOVERY SERVICES — Peer Addiction Support Team recovery support group meets at 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. each Friday at the Jay County Drug Prevention Coalition office at 100 N. Meridian St., Portland. For more information, call (260) 251-3259.

Saturday

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

PING PONG — Will be played from 9 a.m. to noon each Monday at Jay Community Center.

EUCHRE — Will be played starting at 1 p.m. each Monday at West Jay Community Center, 125 Hoover St., Dunkirk.

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

Sudoku

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

Level: Advanced

Thursday's Solution

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

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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menu

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Thanks for supporting Shea's ride

To the editor:
The third annual Shea M. Briar Memorial Ride, hosted by Portland's American Legion Post 211, was held on July 22, 2023, and we could not have asked for better weather.

Forty-eight bikes (19 of those being American Legion Riders) and eight vehicles registered, with stops at the VFW in Fort Recovery, American Legion Post 158 in Union City and Winchester's Moose Lodge, and a pass by The Journey Home in Winchester to wave to the veterans on our way to American Legion Post 353 in Farmland, and a special drive by Shea's gravesite.

We appreciate every one that spent the day with us. We are also grateful for those who donated an item for the silent auction, bid on an item, bought a commemora-

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tive item, donated money, donated their time or just stopped by to say hello. Because of your generosity over \$5,000 was raised this year and that is no small feat in these challenging economic times.

It is an honor to be able to support local charities, military charities, elementary schools, teachers and other organizations in need with the money raised in Shea's memory. Shea loved to help anyone that needed it and, as a navy veteran, we know he

would be especially proud that we are helping veterans at The Journey Home by providing groceries, cleaning supplies and monetary donations. We also have been able to give monetary donations, school supplies and other necessities to Redkey and West Jay elementary schools to use as needed.

The American Legion Riders and the Shea M. Briar Memorial will collaborate again this year at Christmas to buy gifts, food and essential household items for local families. We look forward to helping others that need assistance as well.

Missed the ride? No problem. Donations can be made year-round to Shea's memorial fund at The Portland Foundation. Simply make a check out to The Portland Foundation and put Shea Briar in the memo.

Special thanks to the American Legion Riders and their spouses, American Legion Post 211 in Portland, Waste Management, Freedom Flyers, Cintas, KBL Transport, US Aggregates, Wheel & Spoke Antique Mall, The Cottage Shop, Deer Park Boutique, Progressive Del Toro, Strohl's, Sunkissed Tanning, Circle K, Pits, Portland's Best One Tire, Wings and Rings, The Greazy Pickle, Pizza King, John Hankins, Shayla and Leroy Brown, Walmart, Renegade Customs, Jay County Beverage, Clauser and Habegger Furniture, Hummel Meats, M&M Market, The Galley, Connie Fear, Rita Flick and Dunkirk Delta Theta Tau, Merrywood Candles, Jay County Pee Wee Football, Todd Steiner, Ron May, Mike Louck, Anderson Golden Corral, Stephanie Harris, Roy

Pageant, Evansville's Tri-State Dental, Tristan Nichols, Danny Ingram, Jeana Clayton, Angie Ingram, Dawn Steed, El Carreton, The Commercial Review and WPGW Radio. Our sincere apologies if we missed anyone.

We would also like to mention that The Journey Home is having a benefit ride and concert on Sept. 9 at the Artisan Park in Union City to raise much needed funds for daily expenses. Details about that event and other information about TJH can be found on their Facebook page.

Thank you from Shea's family and we can't wait to see you next year.

Tracy Hoevel (Shea's mom), Sharon Taylor (Shea's grandma) and Tiffany McLaughlin (Shea's aunt)
Portland

Regulations are needed right now

Niagara Gazette
(Niagara Falls, New York
Tribune News Service)

In February, Norfolk Southern railroad company was criticized for the corner-cutting practices and blatant disregard for public safety that led to the East Palestine, Ohio train derailment — an event that caused an environmental disaster and serious health consequences for those who live nearby.

In hindsight, perhaps singling out Norfolk Southern was unfair.

In the months that have passed since the East Palestine catastrophe, train derailments have been happening across the country, causing injury and polluting our planet — and Norfolk Southern is not the only rail company deserving of condemnation.

Just two weeks ago, the issue hit a little too close to home.

On Aug. 3, a mixed-freight train operated by CSX Transportation derailed just outside of Albany, sending 17 cars off the tracks. The cause of the derailment is still under investigation.

Fortunately for our neighbors in the Capital Region, the train was not hauling any hazardous material and no fuel leaks occurred.

Many other communities have not been so lucky.

On Jan. 28, 16 train cars derailed in Keatchie, Louisiana, causing more than 10,000 gallons of highly corrosive liquids to leak from two of the cars. State police ordered an evacuation of everyone within a 1.5 mile radius of the spill. About 130 residents were displaced.

Had this happened near Albany, the number of evacuees would have been far greater.

On Feb. 10, an estimated 2,000 gallons of diesel fuel spilled as a result of a derailment in Toledo, Oregon. The spilled diesel came from a punctured fuel tank on one of the three derailed locomotives. The fuel flowed into a storm drain which feeds the Yaquina River. Cleanup took more than a week.

On March 30, several cars carrying ethanol and denatured alcohol burst into flame after a derailment in Raymond, Minnesota. The Environmental Protection Agency reported the cars on fire continued to burn for two days. Local law

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enforcement ordered a mandatory evacuation of the city.

We could go on. The Federal Railroad Administration is responsible for creating and enforcing rail safety regulations and we call on them to do a bit more "creating."

CEOs of railroad companies such as Norfolk Southern, CSX Transportation and BNSF Railway are being paid millions of dollars a year while worker conditions worsen, mass layoffs take place and public safety is threatened by a practice known as "precision scheduled railroading." All the while, the organization responsible for regulating the industry does nothing.

Precision Scheduled Railroading is a strategy meant to increase efficiency and reduce costs by increasing train lengths and reducing staff.

It is more cost effective to have a skeleton crew operate a three-mile long train than to operate three one-mile long trains. We get it.

How long is too long, though?

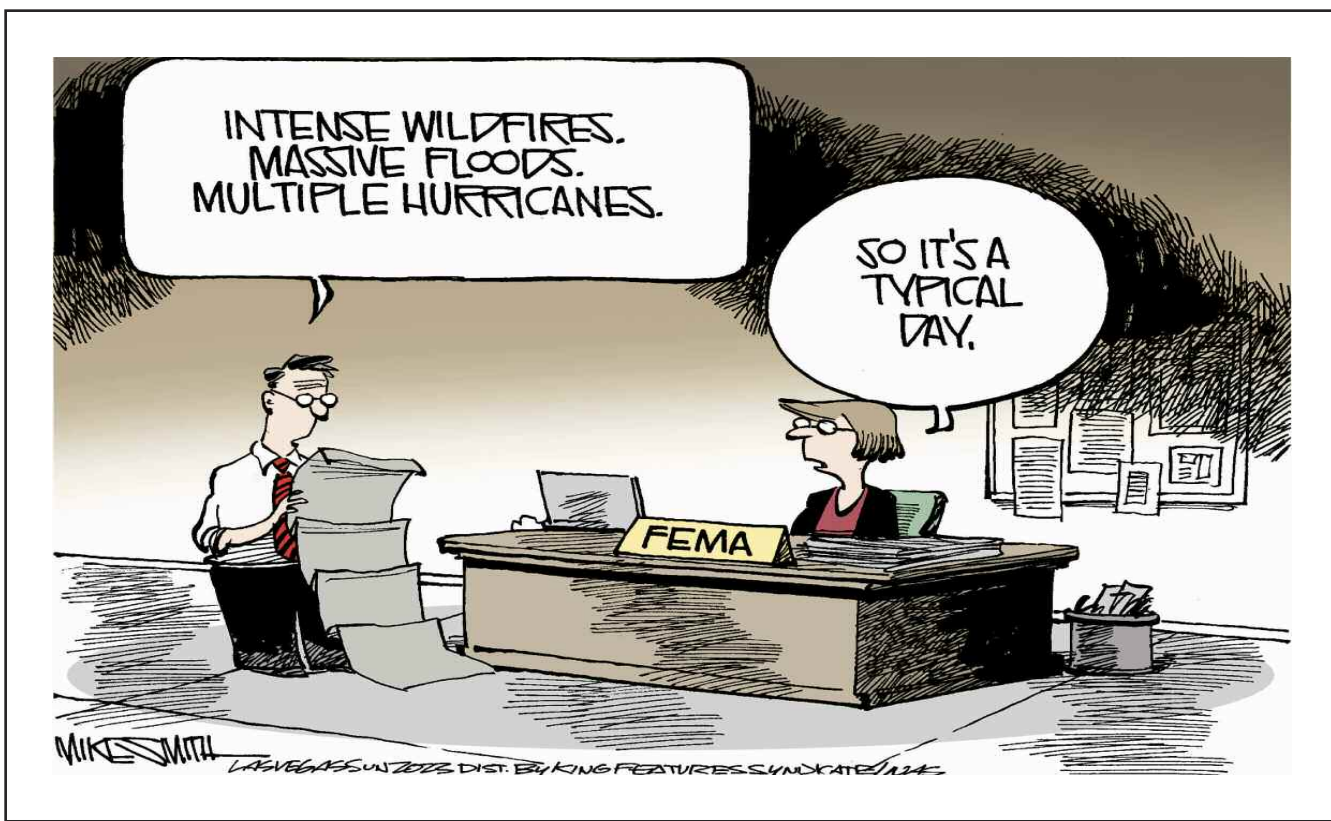
No one knows. As it turns out, The Federal Railroad Administration does not set any limits on train length.

If train length is not regulated and braking systems aren't regulated, we would hope that three-mile-long train would at least have some sort of minimum staffing requirement, but it doesn't.

The FRC has proposed a two-man rule which would require a conductor and an engineer to operate a train. This proposal was made last December and has gone nowhere since. Several states have passed laws requiring two-man crews, but New York is not one of them.

It seems our government, which regulates just about everything else, has no interest in protecting those who reside in railroad communities.

The federal government needs to take action and start regulating an industry that is out of control with greed. Hopefully it does before our town becomes the next East Palestine.



Alcohol having deadly effect

By LISA JARVIS
Bloomberg Opinion
Tribune News Service

New data show that more U.S. women are dying from alcohol than ever before. Public health authorities need to adopt more effective strategies to help women realize when their drinking is a problem. Considering the many marketing messages pushing a "rosé all day" lifestyle, that campaign will be an uphill battle.

But exposing the dangers of drinking will save lives. A recent analysis of data from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention found that alcohol-related deaths among women increased by nearly 15% per year between 2018 and 2020. The pandemic potentially exacerbated the trend, with overall alcohol-related deaths in the U.S. rising precipitously in spring 2020 and continuing to rise through 2021, the most recent data available.

"If you go back to 1990, there were five times as many men who had alcohol use disorder than women — now it's two times," says George Koob, director of the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism. Men's drinking has declined, while women are drinking more. "The gender differences are converging." The trend starts early: College-age women now surpass their male counterparts in binge drinking, Koob says.

Those habits used to get curtailed when women married and had children — people are known to drink less during the life transitions of marriage and parenthood — but with more women delaying or forgoing both, the heavy-drinking behavior persists longer. According to a recent study, delayed motherhood is one of the factors creating a larger group of women at risk of alcohol abuse disorder.

Women at the top of the socioeconomic spectrum appear to be driving the change. "Increases in alcohol consumption and binge drinking are concentrated among the highest levels of education, highest level of family income and occupations that are considered more prestigious," says Columbia University epidemiologist

Lisa Jarvis



Katherine Keyes, who authored the study.

And it's possible that marriage and parenthood no longer act as sufficient buffers against excessive consumption. Much ink has been spilled over the #winemom phenomenon. Researchers suspected the yearslong proliferation of memes about moms drinking to numb their stress might be helping to drive a fundamental shift in the acceptability of drinking.

Unpacking why women are drinking more should shape public health experts' strategy for reversing the trend. Certainly, the pervasive signals that drinking is part of being a successful, carefree person — those omnipresent "Life Laugh Wine" signs — don't help. Neither does the sudden influx of beverages like hard seltzers and canned cocktails that seem tailored to women.

The marketing push to sell women alcohol is eerily similar to the tobacco industry's push of Virginia Slims — and the brand's famous "You've come a long way, baby" slogan — which resulted in a marked rise in rates of smoking among women, says Dawn Sugarman, a research psychologist in the division of alcohol, drugs, and addiction at McLean Hospital.

Given women's higher rates of anxiety and depression, the natural question is whether they are drinking more to cope. While some data suggests that plays a role, data emerging from Keyes's lab suggests that there's more going on. In surveys where people are asked to give their reasons for drinking, the biggest change she's seeing is more women saying they're drinking to have fun.

That suggests public health authorities need to make women more aware of the health consequences of high-risk drinking patterns. Women's

bodies have less water (which can dilute the alcohol), more fat (which can retain it), and lower levels of a metabolic enzyme (which breaks it down before it gets into the bloodstream). "There's a faster progression to alcohol use disorder than men, and women are more vulnerable to hangovers, liver inflammation, cardiovascular disease and even certain cancers," Koob says.

That's quite a list.

Yet few women seem to be aware that they could suffer greater health harms than men after consuming lower amounts of alcohol. Sugarman says many women tell her they had no idea. "These are women in treatment, and many have been in and out of treatment multiple times. And they've never heard about it," she says.

Doctors must do a better job of screening women and highlighting those risks. Primary care providers are on the front line of identifying a brewing problem, and yet one large study showed that they are far less likely to probe women than men over their drinking habits.

And the way they pose their questions about drinking matters, too, Sugarman says. A physician might bring their own biases into the exam room, resulting in an approach that closes off conversation. Sugarman recalls a doctor once asking her, "You don't drink alcohol, do you? And the answer to that is no, right?"

Providers should press beyond the question of, "How many drinks do you have each week?" to offer some information on the heightened health consequences for women, and perhaps explain the benefits of forgoing the extra drinks, Koob says. And primary care screenings should also more often translate into referrals for help.

Just like holding a slim cigarette was never truly a sign of women's progress, neither is holding a glass of rosé. Public health agencies would do well to remind women what happened the last time we let marketing agencies shape our notion of modern women: Lung cancer rates skyrocketed and women died.

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Mercer, Darke in top 4

By ZACHARY SMITH
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Tribune News Service

CLEVELAND, Ohio — While Ohio has lost more than 312,000 acres of agricultural land since 2001, there are still more than 10 million acres of farmland in the state, according to the American Farmland Trust.

Reasons for lost cropland include the development of commercial, industry and residential areas. But since 2020, farming practices have also changed.

The COVID-19 pandemic placed renewed attention on an increasingly consolidated agricultural industry where family farms have been swallowed up by large food corporations, while shifting purchasing behaviors caused massive economic swings in the U.S.

Farms have also had to reckon with a changing climate. Wheat fields were once commonplace across the country, but drought conditions of late have caused farmers to give up growing the crop entirely.

Right now, the most common crop in Ohio is soybeans, a crop with a demand forecasted by the federal government to grow in the coming decade.

To illustrate where American farms still persevere, Stacker compiled a list of counties with the most farmland in Ohio using data from the Agriculture Department's Farm Service Agency. Farmers reported the data as mandated by participation in USDA income support programs, including Agriculture Risk Coverage and Price Loss Coverage as well as loan assistance.

Counties are ranked by total acres of farmland. In every case in the top 10, the most common crop was soybeans.

No. 1. Darke
Farmland: 308,012 acres (3.0% of state total)
Farms: 3,831
Soybeans: 146,699 acres (47.6% of county farmland)



Tribune News Service/cleveland.com/David Petkiewicz

Many fruits and vegetables are showing some signs of stress due to the lack of rain in Northeast Ohio. Eric Ross, owner of Red Wagon Farms in Columbia Station, has been watering the plants to keep the crops on schedule, but the lack of rain makes it a lot of work. One of the areas of corn has a lot of gaps in the plants where the plants were not able to break through the dry soil after they were planted.

No. 2. Wood
Farmland: 306,467 acres (3.0% of state total)
Farms: 3,527
Soybeans: 166,317 acres (54.3% of county farmland)

No. 3. Putnam
Farmland: 276,899 acres (2.7% of state total)
Farms: 3,144
Soybeans: 144,242 acres (52.1% of county farmland)

No. 4. Mercer
Farmland: 275,187 acres (2.7% of state total)
Farms: 2,970
Soybeans: 117,047 acres (42.5% of county farmland)

No. 5. Seneca
Farmland: 262,098 acres (2.5% of state total)
Farms: 2,477
Soybeans: 133,056 acres (50.8% of county farmland)

No. 6. Pickaway
Farmland: 254,822 acres (2.5% of state total)
Farms: 1,761
Soybeans: 122,224 acres (48% of county farmland)

No. 7. Hardin
Farmland: 251,902 acres (2.4% of state total)
Farms: 1,956
Soybeans: 122,899 acres (48.8% of county farmland)

No. 8. Hancock
Farmland: 250,944 acres (2.4% of state total)
Farms: 2,861
Soybeans: 137,047 acres (54.6% of county farmland)

No. 9. Crawford
Farmland: 240,619 acres (2.3% of state total)
Farms: 1,937
Soybeans: 112,314 acres (46.7% of county farmland)

No. 10. Henry
Farmland: 234,984 acres (2.3% of state total)
Farms: 2,493
Soybeans: 111,091 acres (47.3% of county farmland)

USDA grants \$ for crops

More funding will be available for specialty crops.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Agricultural Marketing Service on Wednesday announced awards totaling \$72.9 million via the Specialty Crop Block Grant Program to 55 states and territories.

The program provides funding to "enhance the competitiveness of specialty crops and support specialty crop growers through marketing, education and research." It supports farmers who grow specialty fruits, vegetables, tree nuts and nursery crops.

"USDA is excited to announce that this year's Specialty Crop Block Grant awards marks over \$1 billion invested in nearly 12,000 projects that support the U.S. specialty crop industry," said Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack.

Indiana State Department of Agriculture will use its allocation of \$485,000 to "fund projects that enhance the competitiveness of specialty crop products and create new market opportunities."

"This funding from USDA is critical to advancing our specialty crop sector, and each year many different research areas are supported," said Don Lamb, Indiana State Department of Agriculture director, in a press release. "Everything from improving food safety, expanding the honey market and harvesting and processing ground apples, these awards will go far in enhancing our Hoosier specialty crop industry."

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SPEED BUMP Dave Coverly

I FEEL LIKE THE STRIPE DOESN'T FLATTER MY MIDSECTION.

THE FAMILY CIRCUS By Bil Keane

...and Dolly is about this big and Jeffy is...

Daddy, still vacationing, is depicted by guest cartoonist little Billy.

Contract Bridge By Steve Becker

Bidding quiz

You deal and open One Club. Partner raises to Two Clubs. What would you bid now with each of the following four hands?

- ♠AJ73 ♥K95 ♦AQ ♣10853
- ♠KQ9 ♥AQ ♦A107 ♣KJ832
- ♠AJ6 ♥10 ♦K95 ♣AQ9652
- ♠AQJ ♥KQ8 ♦A ♣KJ7643

1. **Pass.** Partner's two-club response, indicating six to 10 points, makes it clear there is no game. There is consequently no point in bidding two notrump, which would be construed by partner as a game try showing upward of 16 points. Partner has furthermore denied possession of four spades, so there is no logical reason to bid that suit. The only sensible action is to pass and settle for a partscore in clubs. To bid again would express game aspirations that are not justified.

2. **Three notrump.** With a balanced hand, every suit stopped and no less than 25 points in the combined hands, three notrump is the standard choice. It would be wrong to bid only two notrump, which partner might pass. At the same time, a slam is out of the question once partner has limited his hand to at most 10 points.

3. **Three clubs.** Although you have only 14 high-card points facing six to 10, the possibility of

game should not be dismissed. After partner's raise, you should re-evaluate your hand by counting potential tricks, rather than points, for both notrump and suit purposes. It is certainly not difficult to see your hand contributing seven or eight tricks toward a notrump game.

In effect, three clubs tells partner game is possible if he has better than minimum values for his raise. If partner next bids three hearts, indicating at least one heart stopper as well as a maximum for his two-club bid, you should have a good play for nine tricks at notrump.

4. **Four notrump.** A slam is decidedly possible, and the key to whether it can be made lies in the number of aces partner has. Blackwood provides the perfect means to resolve this issue.

After bidding four notrump, you plan to pass a five-club response indicating no aces, and to bid six clubs if partner bids five diamonds (one ace). Opposite one ace, the slam might be laydown or at worst depend on a finesse. If partner bids five hearts, showing two aces, six clubs is virtually assured, but you won't venture any further since partner cannot also have the king of spades for his two-club bid.

Tomorrow: Magic act. ©2023 King Features Syndicate Inc.

8-25 CRYPTOQUIP

YZRH RAFJRLRXV GZQJE EOHKZRG
WNXF PNATHU KNLERFTFNJG,
CN VNO GOENGR FZRV XTR
CNYH NH FZR WQP?

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: HOPING TO FIND A WILLING CAPTAIN FOR THE OIL-CARRYING SHIP, I ASKED THE CROWD "ANY TANKERS?"

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: U equals G

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS	38 Sunday	56 Select, with "for"	21 CEO's deg.
1 Pocket entree	41 Recline	57 Sully	22 Body of water (Abbr.)
6 Salty expanse	43 Code-breaking	1 Enter-tainer	24 Cat's coa
9 Bud	45 Brati-slava	2 Gerund suffix	26 Maiden
12 Not moving	47 "La Dolce Vita" director	3 Ends	28 Barbecue site
13 Gore and Green	49 Online party	4 Region	30 Bit of ink
14 Genetic letters	52 Tours season	5 Beer mug	32 Modest two-piece
15 Concur	53 Eastern "way"	6 African desert	33 That chap's
16 Famed escape artist	54 Dressed to the	7 Sci-fi race	34 Simile center
18 Rum cocktail	55 Non-sense	8 Tempe sch.	36 Mama Cass
20 Love god	56 Dressed to the	9 — donna	38 Direct (to)
21 Hosp. scan	57 Non-sense	10 Pester	39 — a Night-ingle
23 Hide-hair insert	58 Dressed to the	11 Hide-aways	40 Shoelace tip
24 Unravels	59 Dressed to the	12 Zipped	42 News item
25 Predica-ment	60 Dressed to the	13 Memento	45 Lose it
27 Out of order	61 Dressed to the	14 Memento	46 Athletic shoe brand
29 Fly a plane	62 Dressed to the	15 Memento	48 Jurist Lance
31 "Queen of Soul" Franklin	63 Dressed to the	16 Memento	50 X, at times
35 "Olympia" painter	64 Dressed to the	17 Memento	51 Ballpark fig.
37 Banquet platform	65 Dressed to the	18 Memento	

Solution time: 25 mins.

Yesterday's answer 8-25

Peanuts

YOU DON'T LOOK WELL...

I'LL BE ALL RIGHT...

MY STOMACH JUST FEELS A LITTLE FUNNY

I SPENT THE WHOLE NIGHT DREAMING I WAS EATING CHOCOLATE HAMBURGERS!

Rose is Rose

THE MUSIC WILL FIND YOU!

Agnes

TROUT... I NEED TO REST ALL OF THIS BASKETBALL WORK IS BEATING ME INTO THE GROUND.

HOW MANY TIMES HAVE I HEAVED THIS UNHOLY SPHERE AT THAT UNRECEPTIVE HOOP?

UH... TWO.

HOW AM I DOING?

YOU HAVE HIT YOUR FEET TWICE.

Hi and Lois

WALKING IN THE RAIN IS SO ROMANTIC!

ESPECIALLY WITH SUCH A SMALL UMBRELLA.

Between Friends

I'LL LET YOU IN ON A LITTLE SECRET, SUSAN - THE APPOINTMENT I HAD THIS MORNING ...

- WAS ACTUALLY A JOB INTERVIEW... I CAN'T STAND MY WORK- PLACE ANY LONGER... AND I THINK THINGS WENT VERY WELL... WE COULD BE OFFICE NEIGHBORS SOON!

YOU MEAN... I MIGHT ACTUALLY HAVE SOMEONE TO MEET FOR LUNCH AGAIN?!!!

I MEAN... CONGRATULATIONS... I'M SO HAPPY FOR YOU...

Blondie

I'D LIKE A SUPREME PIZZA WITH ALL THE TOPPINGS

IS THAT FOR HERE OR TO GO?

I'D PROBABLY EAT IT ON THE WAY HOME ANYWAY

Snuffy Smith

STOP !! NO BEGGIN' AT TH' TABLE !!

HE AIN'T, MAW !! OL' BULLET'S IN HERE WIF ME !!

CAN I NOT EAT THIS AN' STILL GIT DESSERT ? PLEASE ?! PLEASE ?! PLEEASE !!

Beetle Bailey

LET ME TUCK YOU IN, ARE YOU ALL COMFY, BUDDY?

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Patriot battle

Jay County's Morgan DeHoff (left) tries to send the ball down the field late in the first half while Nin Way of Heritage attempts to knock it away from her Saturday afternoon. DeHoff scored with 11:13 left to pull JCHS within one, but the home team could not overcome Way's hat trick in a 3-2 loss. Jay County will be back in action Saturday for a home doubleheader against Woodlan. The girls game is scheduled for 10 a.m. with the boys to follow at noon.

Ohtani ...

Continued from page 8
The fact that Anderson was even in the bullpen suggested the Angels had an idea that there might be an issue with Ohtani. Before the game, Nevin said the Angels' pitching rotation for this weekend's series against the New York Mets was undetermined. Nevin said they would know more after seeing who they needed to pitch to get through Wednesday's doubleheader.

Ohtani has a 3.14 ERA in 132 innings this season. He had been on pace for career highs in innings and starts before he began having issues in early July.

Rookie Elly De La Cruz did much of the damage for the Reds. After an error that should have resulted in an inning-ending groundout, De La Cruz hit a three-run home run off of Anderson to give the Reds a 4-3 lead. Two innings later, he ripped a three-run triple to break the game open.

The Angels loaded the bases in the bottom of the seventh, but Hunter Renfroe — batting .179 in August — struck out.

Luis Rengifo had three hits, including a double and a triple, and Mickey Moniak had three hits for his first multi-hit game since Aug. 1. Moniak had been in a 6-for-54 slump with 26 strikeouts going into the game.

Rookie Nolan Schanuel reached safely in his four at-bats after replacing Ohtani at DH with three walks and an infield single.

Kelce admits to fault for scuffle

By EJ SMITH
The Philadelphia Inquirer
Tribune News Service

The final practice of Eagles training camp ended with a sideline-clearing brawl between Eagles players and the visiting Indianapolis Colts.

The scuffle capped off a prickly joint practice Tuesday at the NovaCare Complex and was ignited by Eagles center Jason Kelce, who leveled Colts

linebacker Zaire Franklin in response to a hard tackle on running back Kenneth Gainwell.

Kelce was immediately swarmed by a handful of Colts defenders and thrown to the ground as both sidelines cleared and a massive, unquantifiable scrum of NFL players crowded the field, barking back and forth, with

coaches trying to diffuse the situation unsuccessfully for a few minutes.

"It's just Kelce being Kelce," Gainwell said after practice. "Being a professional and taking care of his brothers. ... It means a lot, it means I can trust the guy when I go on inside zone and run the ball."

After cooling off, Kelce eventually came back out

from the locker room to express remorse for the fight, saying he took a "cheap shot" on Franklin out of frustration.

"It was an intense day," he said. "I think we [Eagles] all love each other a lot, and I'm just up here to let everyone know, including the [Colts] guys in there, that I crossed the line."

"I think tensions just

got the better of me. We try and keep things civil on the field and I think, for me, I pride myself as being a guy that sustains the emotions and level of play out there and I let my emotions get the better of me. That certainly doesn't belong out there on the field. I'm just a little bit ashamed that it got to that level and that I did what I did."

Sports on tap

Local schedule

Today Friday
Jay County — Football at Huntington North — 7 p.m.
Fort Recovery — Football vs. Urbana — 7 p.m.

Saturday
Jay County — Cross Country at Celina High School Invitational — 9 a.m.; Boys tennis at Muncie Central — 10 a.m.; Girls soccer vs. Woodlan — 10 a.m.; Boys soccer vs. Woodlan — 12 a.m.
Fort Recovery — Cross Country at Bob Schul Invite at Milton-Union — 8 a.m.; JV boys golf MAC at Portland Golf Club — 9 a.m.; JV football at Urbana — 10 a.m.; Middle School cross country at Bob Schul Invite at Milton-Union — 8 a.m.; Middle School volleyball tri-match at Coldwater — 9 a.m.

TV sports

Today
4 p.m. — NASCAR Xfinity Series: Wawa 250 Powered by Coca-Cola (USA)
5 p.m. — NASCAR Cup Series: Coke Zero Sugar 400 (USA)
6:30 p.m. — Formula 1: Dutch Grand Prix (ESPN2)
8 p.m. — NFL: Detroit Lions at Carolina Panthers (CBS)

8 p.m. — WNBA: Los Angeles Sparks at Atlanta Dream (ION)
8 p.m. — High School Football: Lipscomb Academy at Saraland (ESPN)
9:30 p.m. — MLB: Cincinnati Reds at Arizona Diamondbacks (Bally Indiana)
10 p.m. — NFL: Los Angeles Chargers at San Francisco 49ers (CBS)

Saturday
9 a.m. — Formula 1: Dutch Grand Prix (ESPN)
12 p.m. — High School Football: St. Frances at Chaminade-Madonna (ESPN)
12 p.m. — Little League World Series (ABC)
1 p.m. — NFL: Buffalo Bills at Chicago Bears (CBS)
1 p.m. — NFL: Seattle Seahawks at Green Bay Packers (NBC)
2:30 p.m. — NCAA College Football: Navy at Notre Dame (NBC)
3 p.m. — PGA Tour: Tour Championship (CBS)
3:30 p.m. — NCAA College Football: North Alabama at Mercer (ESPN)
6 p.m. — NFL: New York Jets at New York Giants (ABC)
6 p.m. — NFL: Cincinnati Bengals at Washington Commanders (NBC)
7 p.m. — NFL: Baltimore Ravens at Tampa Bay Buccaneers (ABC)
7 p.m. — NCAA College Football: UMass at

New Mexico State (ESPN)
7 p.m. — NCAA College Football: Ohio at San Diego State (FS1)
7 p.m. — NASCAR Cup Series: Coke Zero Sugar 400 (NBC)
7:15 p.m. — MLB: Chicago Cubs at Pittsburgh Pirates (FOX)
7:30 p.m. — NCAA College Football: Hawaii at Vanderbilt (SECN)
7:30 p.m. — NCAA College Football: South Carolina State at Jackson State (ABC)
8 p.m. — NFL: Las Vegas Raiders at Dallas Cowboys (FOX)
8 p.m. — MLB: Cincinnati Reds at Arizona Diamondbacks (Bally Indiana)
9 p.m. — NFL: Los Angeles Rams at Denver Broncos (ABC)
10:30 p.m. — Top Rank Boxing: Jared Anderson vs. Andriy Rudenko (ESPN)

Local notes

Cheer clinic scheduled
The Jay County Junior/Senior High School cheerleading clinic is scheduled for Sept. 5 and 6.
The clinic will be at East Jay Elementary School with sessions for kindergarten through second graders from 4:15 to 5:30 p.m. and third through sixth graders from 5:45 to 7 p.m. Participants will cheer at halftime of the JCHS football game against Adams Central on Sept. 8.

The fee is \$35 per participant, which includes a t-shirt. A registration form is available on the Jay County Cheerleading page on Facebook.
For more information, contact Lindsey Peterson via email at lpeterson@jayschools.k12.in.us or by calling (260) 703-0267.

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.

Hunt applications

Beginning Aug. 20, hunters can apply for a variety of reserved hunts by visiting

on.IN.gov/reservedhunt.
Applications for the following hunts can only be applied for online. They include waterfowl and deer hunts in fish and wildlife areas, deer hunts on state park property, November game bird area hunts, Indiana private land access hunts, and December game bird area hunts.
Applications are due Sept. 24 by 11:59 p.m.

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.
To have an event listed in "Sports on tap," email details to sports@thecr.com.

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Notice is hereby given that the
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September 6th, 2023 at City Hall
located at 321 North Meridian
Street, Portland, Indiana 47371.
Bids will be received for the
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Location: Building located at
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and 38-07-20-104-126.001-034
Bid specifications for this de-
molition project are available
at City Hall, (Water Office) lo-
cated at 321 North Meridian
Street, Portland, Indiana 47371.
Bids will be opened September
7th, 2023 by the Board of Public
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bids for the Jay County Jr./Sr. High School Cleat House & Synthetic
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Bids will be accepted at The Jay County School Corporation Ad-
ministration Office, 414 East Floral Avenue, Portland, Indiana,
until 10:00 a.m. (local time), on September 6, 2023. Bids will be
opened and tabulated at that time in the Board Room. A Pre-
Bid Meeting is scheduled for August 23, 2023 at 10:00 a.m. at Jay
County Jr./Sr. High School. Report to the main entrance.
All bidding and construction shall be in accordance with con-
struction documents prepared by Barton-Coe-Vilamaa, Archi-
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Bond for an amount not less than five percent (5%) of their max-
imum bid or bids. Should a successful bidder withdraw its bid,
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sponsible bidder complying with the conditions for bidding,
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the Owner to accept it. The Owner reserves the right to reject
the bid of any or all bidder in accordance with Indiana Code 36-1-
12.
Bids not reaching said office by 10:00 a.m., on September 6, 2023
will not be opened and will be returned unopened to the origi-
nal bidder.
Dated this 15th day of August 2023.
BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES
THE JAY SCHOOL CORPORATION
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Sports

FR grad leads league in kills

Paige Fortkamp was ready.

The Fort Recovery High School graduate has recorded double-digit kills in each of the University of St. Francis women's volleyball team's matches in the On-Set Tournament in Fort Wayne to open the season. She leads the Crossroads League in kills per set and is among the top 10 in the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics in multiple attacking categories.

Fortkamp's best match of the young season came Aug. 18 as she racked up 20 kills in the Cougars' four-set win over Wayland Baptist. She also had six digs and an ace.

The junior recorded 16 kills apiece in a season-

Collegiate Check-up

opening sweep of Rochester and a four-set victory over West Virginia University Institute of Technology. She had 11 kills for St. Francis (4-0) as it swept Oakland City on Aug. 17. She added nine digs against Rochester and four aces versus Oakland City.

Fortkamp's average of 4.5 kills per set ranks her No. 1 in the Crossroads League and 10th in the NAIA. She is second in the league and eighth in the NAIA in total kills with 63.



The Commercial Review/Andrew Balko

To the finish line

Fort Recovery High School freshman Milo Fiely and Coldwater's Kolton Gehm break into a full sprint near the finish line during the Mercer County Cross Country Meet at Ohio Progressive Sportsman Club on Tuesday. Fiely edged Gehm for 45th-place by two-tenths of a second. He was the Indians' fifth runner to cross the finish line.

Ohtani removed in loss

By JEFF FLETCHER
The Orange County Register
Tribune News Service

ANAHEIM, Calif. — After skipping his previous start because of arm fatigue, Shohei Ohtani lasted just 26 pitches into his start against the Cincinnati Reds on Wednesday afternoon before leaving the mound with head athletic trainer Mike Frostad.

The Angels announced that Ohtani was still bothered by "arm fatigue."

Ohtani also came out of the game as the designated hitter as the Angels (61-66) went on to lose, 9-4, their 15th defeat in the past 20 games.

Ohtani has had issues in the past month with cramping, a blister and a cracked fingernail, even before his start was skipped because of fatigue.

Ohtani's velocity was slightly down throughout the first five batters that he faced. In between, he slugged his league-leading 44th home run, a two-run blast in the bottom of the first.

In the top of the second, he threw a 2-and-2 fastball to Christian Encarnacion-Strand and then he looked toward the Angels' dugout and shook his head. Manager Phil Nevin and Frostad came to the mound, and Ohtani left after a short discussion.

Left-handed starter Tyler Anderson then emerged from the bullpen to take Ohtani's place.

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