

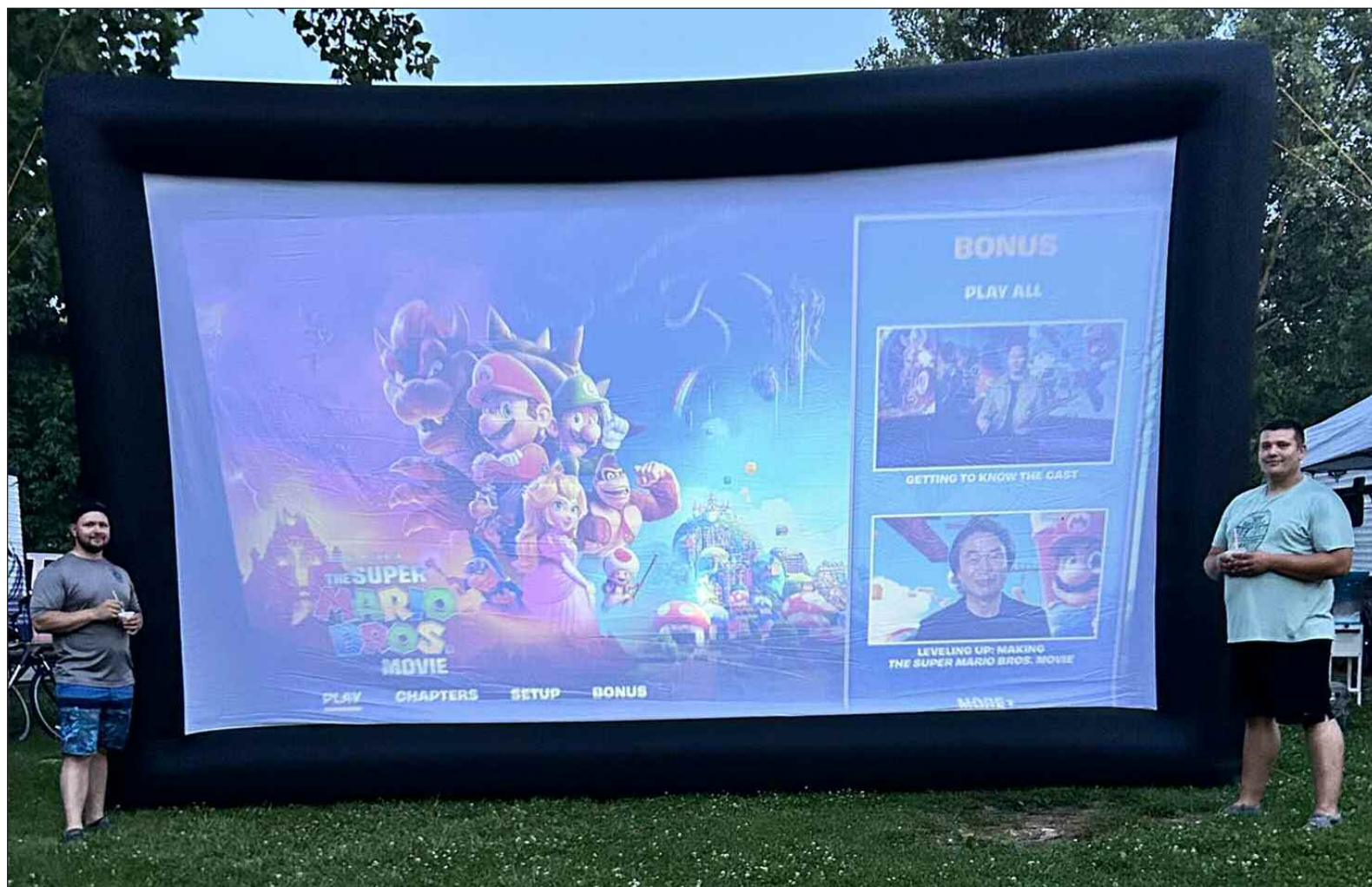
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Mobile movies



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Small Town Cinema started offering its rental outdoor screen, projector, sound system and other equipment to area residents. Pictured above, co-owners Cody Jessee and Eric Fields started the business to bring a new avenue for evening entertainment to Jay County.

New local business offers blow-up big screen to rent for a night of watching movies outdoors

By BAILEY CLINE
The Commercial Review

Cody Jessee wanted to offer something new and useful to the community.

A rentable outdoors theater setup was something he and Eric Fields hadn't seen in Jay County.

Jessee and Fields started taking reservations for their business, Small Town Cinema, in July. They hosted a free showing at the Jay County Fair on July 11, and they've rented their equipment to a few local residents since then. Their equipment and services are available to those in

Jay County and the surrounding area looking to host a cinematic evening outside.

Small Town Cinema provides an inflatable screen, projector and other equipment for folks to spend a night outdoors. The screen is 25 feet wide and 13.5 feet tall. It comes with a 4K projector, sound system and a Blu-ray DVD player, which can be used to stream Netflix or other applications. (To stream, renters will need access to wi-fi.) Folks are also able to hook up any devices with an HDMI port, such as a Nintendo Switch, or devices with

screen-mirroring capabilities, such as a smart phone or tablet.

With the setup, renters could watch a movie, stream sports, run a slideshow or play video games on the big screen in their own backyard or other venue, such as campgrounds.

Jessee, the school resource officer for Jay School Corporation, said he had been looking for ways to "bring more fun to Jay County."

"I like to think of ideas that can get our youth involved," he said.

He's been hoping to establish

himself in the community as an entrepreneur. Small Town Cinema is his first business venture since he started doing photography in 2020.

"I wanted to offer something that we don't have," said Jessee.

Although he didn't grow up in Jay County — Fields and Jessee are both Marion High School graduates — Jessee said the community has become his home. Small Town Cinema is his shot at creating more local options for evening entertainment.

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Ballot board sued over language

Dispute is over proposed amendment to state constitution

By SUSAN TEBBEN
Ohio Capital Journal
ohiocapitaljournal.com

The group supporting a constitutional amendment on reproductive rights will take its arguments against a "deceptive" summary approved and written by the Ohio Ballot Board to the state's highest court.

Ohioans United for Reproductive Rights announced Monday afternoon that it plans to file a lawsuit Monday asking the Ohio Supreme Court either to order the ballot board to use the full text of the amendment on ballots this November, or to "correct blatant inaccuracies."

"The summary that was adopted by the Ballot Board is intentionally misleading and fails to meet the standards required by Ohio law," said OURR's Lauren Blauvelt in a statement announcing the move.

The board met on Aug. 24 to consider what language would show up on the ballot with regard to Issue 1, the reproductive rights amendment, and Issue 2, with regard to recreational marijuana.

During the meeting, no testimony was presented on the reproductive rights amendment, but the board spent some time debating a summary written by "staff," according to Ohio Secretary of State Frank LaRose (also the chair of the ballot board), though he also said he "worked extensively on drafting this."

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Park staying closed

By HAYLEY SMITH
Los Angeles Times
Tribune News Service

Clouds of thick white dust billowed through Death Valley National Park this week as crews maneuvered bulldozers and Big Cats to clear the remnants of a rare and record-breaking tropical storm.

On Aug. 20, Tropical Storm Hilary tore through the park near the border of Nevada, dropping more than a year's worth of rain — 2.2 inches — in one day, forever transforming one of the hottest and driest places on Earth.

"Two inches of rain does not sound like a lot, but here, it really does stay on the surface," said Matthew Lamar, a park ranger. "We have these hard, rocky areas — there's nothing to absorb that water, and so it comes off the mountains, into the canyons and through the washes and drainages and up into the infrastructure. Two inches of rain here can have a dramatic impact."

As Hilary bore down, torrents of water rushed

Damage from storm will shut down Death Valley National Park for months

through Death Valley, forging new gullies, displacing heavy rocks and undercutting roadways, including State Route 190, one of the park's main thoroughfares.

Chunks of the highway, including entire lanes, now lay in crumbles, and officials say it could be months before the park reopens.

"There is a lot of damage and it's pretty widespread," Lamar said beneath a white-hot sun in 117-degree weather. "There's a lot of pavement loss. It's definitely going to be a while."

Among the damaged areas is a 1,500-foot stretch of roadway near Towne Pass that "washed away," said Christopher Andriessen, a spokesman

with the California Department of Transportation, District 9.

East of Towne Pass, a 40-foot-wide Arizona Crossing — a type of culvert — is gone, as are multiple swaths of pavement between Death Valley Junction and Olancho, Andriessen said, including some as long as 300 feet. As a result, hotels and campgrounds are closed for the foreseeable future.

The estimated cost of repairs is so far about \$6 million, but that includes only State Route 190 and a small part of State Route 136, Andriessen said. Only about 900 of the park's nearly 1,400 miles of roadways have so far been assessed.

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McLean in Muncie

Award-winning musician Don McLean performed Saturday during a free show at the new Brown Family Amphitheater on Ball State University campus. Pictured above, McLean sings "Crossroads," a piece from his hit 1971 album, "American Pie." McLean took the stage about an hour and a half after Blackford native Jerry Barker and Muncie musicians Mike Martin and The Peaceful Revolution.

Deaths

Jay County had a high temperature of 88 degrees Sunday.

Tonight's forecast calls for a low in the upper 60s with a chance of showers and thunderstorms. Expect partly cloudy

Weather

skies Wednesday with a 50% chance of showers and thunderstorms. The high will be in the mid 80s.

See page 2 for an extended outlook.

In review

United Way of Jay County and Second Harvest Food Bank will hold a free food tailgate at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Jay County Fairgrounds.

Income verification is not required.

Coming up

Wednesday — Pennville Park Board is working on five-year plan for improvements.

Thursday — Results from tonight's JCHS boys tennis match against Randolph Southern.



Hathaway will lead state Republicans

By CASEY SMITH
Indiana Capital Chronicle
indianacapitalchronicle.com

The Indiana Republican State Committee on Thursday unanimously elected consultant Anne Hathaway as the party's next chair, making her the first woman to run the Indiana Republican Party.

Current head Kyle Hupfer said earlier this month that he's stepping down once his successor's in place.

"I want to thank Kyle Hupfer for his outstanding leadership over the years and the members of the state committee for putting their trust in me to continue moving our party forward," Hathaway said in a statement. "We have an incredible oppor-

tunity to do just that by helping elect even more Republicans in cities and towns across the state this November, and that will be our top priority over these next two months," she continued. "At the same time, we will continue to engage our grassroots supporters and prepare to do our part in making Joe Biden a one-term president, sending Jim Banks to the U.S. Senate, and electing another Republican to the governor's office."

Hathaway is president and CEO of Indianapolis-based Hathaway Strategies, a public affairs consulting firm. She's also executive director of the Richard G. Lugar Excellence in Public Service Series, which seeks to increase the

influence of Republican women in politics and governance.

She has long maintained deep involvement in Republican politics.

Hathaway is additionally a member of the Indiana Republican Party's central committee and has served as Indiana's national committeewoman to the Republican National Committee since 2018. That year, Holcomb recommended her and the state central committee elected her to the role.

Currently, she's leading the national committee charged with running the 2024 Republican National Convention in Milwaukee, according to the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel.

Previously Hathaway was a scheduling director and public liaison — as well as an assistant — for Vice President Dan Quayle and an assistant at the U.S. Treasury Department. She was also a member of Holcomb's own transition team when he took office as governor.

"I applaud the state committee for their fantastic selection of Anne Hathaway to lead our party," Hupfer said in a statement. "Anne is a long-time friend, an incredible grassroots leader, and one of the best political minds in the country. I know that under her leadership, the Indiana Republican Party will be in good hands." Indiana Gov. Eric

Holcomb nominated Hathaway as the state GOP chief last week. He said in a statement Thursday that his top pick "has a distinguished career serving the Republican Party at the local, state, and national levels."

"Her knowledge, relationships, and ability to connect with and bring folks together to advance a common cause will prove invaluable as we work to elect even more Republicans across the state," Holcomb said. "I'm excited to see her get to work."

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CR almanac

Wednesday 9/13	Thursday 9/14	Friday 9/15	Saturday 9/16	Sunday 9/17
86/63	78/56	74/54	77/53	75/52
Wednesday's forecast shows a 40% chance of thunderstorms after 2 p.m.	Mostly sunny skies are expected Thursday with a high of 78 degrees.	Friday looks to be mostly sunny, with a high of 74. At night, the low may dip to the 50s.	Sunny and clear on Saturday with a low around 53 degrees at night.	Sunny skies are in the forecast for Sunday, when the high will be 77.

Lotteries

Powerball Estimated jackpot: \$435 million	Daily Three: 1-2-2 Daily Four: 1-2-6-8 Quick Draw: 7-9-16-18-32-35-37-47-50-52-54-58-59-60-65-68-73-74-77-78
Mega Millions Estimated jackpot: \$101 million	Ohio Sunday Midday Pick 3: 5-4-8 Pick 4: 7-4-6-8 Pick 5: 9-3-8-4-4
Hoosier Sunday Midday	

Markets

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Today in history

In 1666, the Great Fire of London was deemed under control after three days of flames. The infamous fire destroyed 13,200 houses and killed eight people.

In 1847, Jesse James was born in Kearney, Missouri. James fought for the Confederacy during the Civil War, and afterward returned to Missouri to lead an outlaw gang that robbed various businesses across the western frontier.

In 1975, president Gerald Ford evaded an assassination attempt by Sara Jane Moore in Sacramento, California. Moore later pleaded guilty to attempted assassination and was sentenced to imprisonment for life.

In 1996, Hurricane Fran came ashore near Cape Fear, North Carolina. The storm killed 27 people and caused more than \$3 billion in damage.

In 2001, scientists described evidence for the theorized black hole at the center of the Milky Way galaxy during a conference in Washington, D.C.

In 2015, Fort Recovery High School's volleyball team finished runner-up in the St. Marys Invitational at Memorial High School.

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Citizen's calendar

Tuesday 4 p.m. — Jay County Development Corporation, Community Resource Center, 118 S. Meridian St., Portland. 5:30 p.m. — Portland City Council, council chambers, fire station, 1616 N. Franklin St. 7 p.m. — Portland Park Board, council chambers, fire station, 1616 N. Franklin St. 7 p.m. — Salamonina Town Council, school-house community center.	ty Council budget review, auditorium, courthouse, 120 N. Court St., Portland.
Wednesday 5:30 p.m. — Jay Coun-	Thursday 10 a.m. — Dunkirk Police Pension Board, city building 131 S. Main St. 4 p.m. — Portland Board of Works, mayor's office, city hall, 321 N. Meridian St., Portland. 4 p.m. — Jay Classroom Teachers' Association and Jay School Corporation public hearing, General Shanks, 414 Floral Ave., Portland.

Movies ...

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"Drive through Jay County and find something to do. We're a big farming community," he said. "There's various things slowly arising, but if you want to do anything fun that's an activity, you usually have to leave Jay County ... I wanna find anything (to offer) that can benefit Jay County at the same time."

He tossed the idea around with Fields, who helped him prepare to offer the service. In about a week, they had secured their supplies and started taking clients.

Rental fees are set at \$150 per evening Sundays through Thursdays, \$200 per evening Fridays and Saturdays and \$275 per evening on holidays and holiday weekends. (Jessee noted the fee stays the same regardless of what time they start the rental, although he pointed out it does need to be fairly dark in order to see the screen.) The rental includes delivery, set up and tear down. The screen and projector take about 20 minutes to prepare.

Small Town Cinema also has a snow cone machine available to rent for \$50 alone or \$100 with supplies. Jessee and Fields hope to add more options, such as a cotton candy or popcorn maker and other portable furniture, in the future.

Although the summer season will be winding to a close in the next month, Jessee pointed out they're looking forward to getting out to more events in the fall.

"We find that during the summer it's more difficult to rent," he said, noting the hot temperatures and increased daylight hours. "Our target area is actually fall. It gets darker soon, it's not bad weather, people like being outdoors."

To set up a rental with Small Town Cinema, visit its Facebook page, email smalltowncinema.llc@gmail.com or call Fields at (928) 202-6188.

If the weather takes a turn for the worst, added Jessee, they don't mind rescheduling rentals.

"Just contact us," he said. "We're pretty flexible."

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The summary makes changes abortions rights advocates say alter the language in a biased way, such as using "unborn child" rather than the medically accurate term "fetus," and changing "pregnant patient" to "pregnant woman."

It also removes a list of procedures and medical conditions, like miscarriages and fertility treatments, in which abortion and reproductive care is used.

The two Democrats on the ballot board, state Sen. Paula Hicks-Hudson, D-Toledo, and state Rep. Elliot Forhan, D-South Euclid, stood in opposition to the summary language, pushing for the use of the full text, as had been requested by the abortion rights groups prior to the meeting.

However, state Sen. Theresa Gavarone, R-Bowling Green, spoke out against the amendment as she conceded that the ballot board was not present to

debate the merits of the amendment.

She called the amendment "dangerous" and pledged to fight "tirelessly" against it.

The summary language passed on a vote of 3-2.

"The Ballot Board's members adopted politicized, distorted language for the amendment, exploiting their authority in a last ditch effort to deceive and confuse Ohio voters ahead of the November vote on reproductive freedom," Blauvelt said in the lawsuit statement.

Ohio Right to Life head Mike Gonidakis, who supported the ballot board summary when it was adopted, said he expects the court to reject the legal challenge.

"Planned Parenthood is obviously worried that Ohioans are realizing that the language is dangerous and a bridge (too) far for even pro-choice women," Gonidakis said, mirroring comments Gavarone gave during the ballot board meeting.

Park ...

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Though the storm broke the park's record for daily rainfall, the previous record, 1.7 inches, was set only a year ago when another powerful storm tore through Death Valley on Aug. 5, 2022.

Officials said rain isn't uncommon in the typically arid park, but such massive quantities arriving in back-to-back years signals a trend toward extreme weather driven by human-caused climate change.

"Climate models do seem to indicate that we will see more intense storms along with the higher temperatures that we'll be getting," Lamar said. "No one storm proves climate change, but when it keeps on happening, it does develop a trend."

The park, which holds the current record for

hottest temperature on Earth — 134 degrees, set in 1913 — has experienced seven of its 10 hottest years on record in the last decade. In July, temperatures soared to 128 degrees, with officials fearing that ever-warmer conditions will threaten the park's delicate ecology.

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Volunteers log 8,900 hours

Mercer Health recently recognized its Volunteer Association members at its annual banquet.

The volunteer association had 8,905.4 hours of volunteer time in 2022. Several volunteers were awarded for hitting milestones, including Oliver Wendel for logging 5,000 hours, Diane Buening for logging 3,000 miles and Chuck Selhorst, Bernice Koesters, Linda L. Hoying, Carol Bellman, Liane Muhlenkamp, Mary Lee Thomas for each logging 1,000 hours. Also, Connie Howe, Mary Honigford, Betty Sanning, Linda Cummins received awards for volunteering 500 hours and Terry Liette, Roy Kremer, Mary Jo Bellman,

Taking Note

Barry Paynter, Mary Ann Hemmelgarn, Jim Fisher, Brenda Schoenlein were awarded for 250 hours of volunteer time.

Author visiting

Janet Schoen, one of 25 women whose story is published in the anthology "Unstoppable" by The Queenie Effect Publishing, will be visiting Fort Recovery Public Library at 6 p.m. today. Schoen's work shares her near-death experience in an automobile accident 30 years ago.

Sugar used as excuse to talk

By DIANA DOLECKI

Special to The Commercial Review

My daughter Beth called yesterday evening. She wanted to know if she could substitute brown sugar for white sugar in a cookie recipe. I told her she could but the cookies would taste a little sweeter than usual.

The thing is, she is a much better cook than I am. This is probably thanks to her grandmother, Della, who was a great cook. She also has the entire internet at her disposal. She could have looked up her question and had reliable results in minutes.

She chose to call her mom instead. We talked about cooking. We talked about her youngest, Nicholas, who would play his first football game of the season soon. I learned that her other son, Jacob, was healing from his ankle injury. We talked about the minutiae of our lives.

I told her that we had stopped at a nursery to seek a slug solution. The guy went to their aisle of death and handed me a bag of something. He then asked if we had kids or pets. We said no but the neighbors' cats visited often. He then told me to put the bag back on the shelf as that product had

As I See It



killed his dog. He then recommended we put used coffee grounds around the outside of the foundation. It may or may not work. We then bought a magnificent hibiscus just because it was gorgeous. I sure hope it lives.

Beth told me about one of her patients whose cancer had spread to affect almost her entire body. Beth expressed frustration that the doctors couldn't do much for the patient except to prescribe more pills and then even more pills to counteract the side effects of the original medication.

We expect doctors to be healers. They can only do so much. There are still far too many conditions that have no cure.

The question about sugar was just an excuse to chat. Sometimes we simply need a listening ear. Sometimes we need to hear about other people's problems. Talking to someone who has worse prob-

lems than yours can put things into their proper perspective.

The conversation circled back to her boys. One of them was selling garbage bags as a fundraiser. Beth said she goes through more garbage bags than most people. She lets the kids use them as makeshift raincoats, or at least she would let them use them as raincoats if it would rain.

I could hear her stirring cookies in the background.

She said she didn't know how she ended up with three packages of brown sugar and very little white sugar. I have stocked up on stuff because I forgot I purchased the same product the previous week.

She eventually said she needed to get back to her cookies. We said our goodbyes. As I hung up I thought about all the times I had called my own mom just because I needed someone to talk to for a few minutes.

Our conversation reminded me of that saying, "the more things change, the more they are the same." I hope she never stops calling me when she needs to talk. I also hope that her cookies turned out just fine.

Relationship with daughter-in-law has eroded

DEAR ABBY: I have been married to "Frank" for 2 1/2 years. We met and married quickly. Best decision ever. We each had raised two daughters as single parents with different parenting styles. Our girls now range in age from 30 to 33. They are adults with lives and children of their own.

My daughters have accepted and come to love Frank. They have always been respectful and inclusive. In the beginning, his daughters treated me OK. But after six months, the older one decided I could not be around her children because I "don't like her." I always treated her respectfully and did many things for her and her kids — babysitting, buying them things they needed, twice offering a place to

Dear Abby



stay when she was going through a divorce.

She was always the boss of her father, and he puts her first over all else. There were things they would do secretly and exclude me. Now he doesn't see them at all. They don't talk; they explode. I'm certain at some point I will be blamed for "keeping him away." I no longer want anything to do with her, but I encourage Frank to see his grandchild-

dren. I'm an emotional mess over this. What do I do? — BLENDING BADLY IN NEVADA

DEAR BLENDING BADLY: Because your husband's family dysfunction is affecting your emotional well-being, consult a licensed mental health professional to help rid yourself of this undeserved burden. Because someone chooses to blame you for something you haven't done doesn't mean you must accept it. If you still have a relationship with your husband's other daughter, concentrate on her and you will all be happier.

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DEAR ABBY: I have a long-time friend who is the queen of

the hypochondriacs. She is always sick or complaining that something is wrong with her, but she does nothing to improve her health. She has gone to holistic doctors for years, to no avail.

I suggested it's time for her to consult regular doctors, since holistic ones weren't helping and because she doesn't follow their advice anyway. She has made appointments with regular doctors but has too much anxiety to go.

She has been excluded from activities with friends because she's always sick, but doesn't understand why she has only one friend. She also talks incessantly about her abusive, narcissistic mother, but doesn't realize she is a bit narcissistic herself. Should I tell

her what I think about her or just keep it to myself? — PEEVED IN PENNSYLVANIA

DEAR PEEVED: If she is hesitant to see a doctor who might actually get to the cause of her problems, it's probably because she's afraid of what she might hear. Of course, people who procrastinate for years are more likely to get bad news than those who are determined to nip any problem in the bud.

If you can suppress your annoyance, instead of calling her something unpleasant, it would be more helpful to point out that hiding one's head in the sand is not an answer, and volunteer to go with her to her appointment. That's what a true friend does.

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.

A BETTER LIFE - BRIANNA'S HOPE — A faith-based recovery group for substance abuse. Meal starts at 6 p.m. and the meeting is from 6:30 to 8 p.m. every Tuesday at the Nazarene Fellowship Building across from the Nazarene church, 249 E. Center St., Dunkirk. For more information, call Amanda Price at (765) 283-2107.

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS — Will meet at 7 p.m. at Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church, 218 E. High St., Portland. For more information, call (567) 279-8352 or (260) 729-7000.

NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS — Will meet at 7 p.m. each Tuesday at Church of God of Prophecy, 797 N. Creagor Ave. in Portland. For more information, call (260) 766-9334.

Wednesday

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

PING PONG — Will be played from 11 a.m. to noon on Wednesdays at West Jay Community Center.

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

SINGLES AND SEPA-

RATES SUPPORT GROUP — For anyone who's lost a loved one or has a spouse living in long-term care or suffering from an illness, the group will meet at 2 p.m. the first Wednesday of each month in the Arthur & Gloria Muselman Wellness Pavilion in Berne. For more information,

call Sarah Conrad at (260) 589-4496.

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 - BRIANNA'S HOPE — A faith-based recovery group for all kinds of addictions, will meet from 6:30 to 8 p.m. each Wednesday at Redkey United Methodist Church, 122 W. Main St. Come early for a meal. For more information, call Pastor Randy Davis at (765) 369-2085.

Sudoku

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Level: Beginner

Saturday's Solution

7	4	3	6	5	2	1	8	9
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9	8	1	5	6	4	7	3	2
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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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Online access can improve courts

By LORETTA RUSH

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When I have the pleasure of visiting our trial courts to watch a hearing, meet with the judges and their staffs, and generally see how our courts are operating — I am always impressed by the fairness and compassion I see firsthand. Still, being in court is incredibly taxing on those involved, regardless of the circumstances. Calling them “parties to a case” is perplexing for litigants who will tell you — it is no party to be in court!

From an administrative standpoint, our judiciary must strive to make the experience more accessible and understandable. One way we can do that is by continuing to provide quality services in person and to promote and improve our online services, which also fosters a more efficient and transparent legal system.

One such service is the free,

Loretta
Rush



24-7 access to online portals available at websites such as courts.in.gov, mycase.in.gov, and public.courts.in.gov. Visit these websites and see what’s available. Even people without a court case will likely find these portals useful — as they include searchable databases, live and archived court hearings, a child support calculator, dashboards, electronic filing, and online payment processing.

During the past year, nearly 11 million users accessed mycase.in.gov, viewing over 63 million pages and downloading documents more than 25 mil-

lion times. 89,000 Hoosiers paid their traffic tickets online. Though no one likes getting a ticket, the ability to pay it online is far more convenient than having to go somewhere to pay it in person. About 43,000 happy couples who tied the knot last year encountered a straightforward process to obtain their marriage licenses. Additionally, parents can search the child abuse registry and business owners can review commercial court cases. A new feature allows people with a court case to sign-up to seamlessly access the documents in their case.

And if and when those individuals have to go to court, they can look at our trial court calendars app, launched in December 2020, which now includes more than 163 courts in 48 counties. Importantly, the wealth of information available through these tools is not just for lawyers, policymakers, or the

press — it’s a fully transparent online system designed for all.

We are also currently piloting several additional online tools to increase accessibility and efficiency. For example, three counties are using an online dispute resolution platform for small claims cases, allowing court customers to resolve disputes at no cost and on their own time. Three other counties have implemented an online portal where attorneys and parties can upload digital evidence in advance of a court hearing.

As we navigate an increasingly interconnected world, it is imperative that we continue to embrace online access and implement new innovations. Doing so not only enhances a fair legal process but also adheres to Indiana’s constitutional imperative that “courts shall be open.”

When our framers crafted this provision over 150 years ago, they never could have imagined

the internet and the ways in which we can utilize it to keep courts open every hour of every day. By thoughtfully implementing online court access, we align our legal system with the demands of the digital age and extend its reach to all Hoosiers, including those who have historically been underserved.

I’m proud of our judges, court staff, and administrative stakeholders who are embracing technology and working to provide additional access to Indiana’s courts in a meaningful way. So, while going to court may never be a “party,” I am hopeful that our commitment to providing quality services online makes navigating our legal system more customer friendly.

Rush is Chief Justice of the Indiana Supreme Court. Indiana Capital Chronicle is an independent, nonprofit news organization. Its website is indianacapitalchronicle.com.

Retirement crisis calls for answers

Yakima Herald-Republic
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Washington state Treasurer Mike Pellicciotti hears it all the time.

And what he keeps hearing troubles him.

The problem? Washingtonians aren’t saving enough money for retirement. Two out of three people in their 30s and 40s have no retirement savings at all. And many Washington workers — millennials and gig workers, in particular — say they see no hope of ever retiring.

Perhaps even more alarming, Pellicciotti’s office’s website cites a recent Schwartz Center for Economic Policy study that found 83% of workers ages 55-64 have saved little or nothing toward retirement.

“Things are out of whack right now,” Pellicciotti told the YH-R’s Editorial Board during a recent visit to Yakima.

And that, he said, raises serious concerns — not only for individuals, but for the state. Bluntly put, if nobody has any money, most seniors will live in poverty and state revenues and services will suffer.

“Something needs to be done,” Pellicciotti said.

The treasurer’s Yakima stop was part of an itinerary that wrapped up Tuesday after town halls in half a dozen towns across the state. During the town halls, Pellicciotti and other panelists sought to raise public awareness about the problem and go over some of the things state officials and individuals can do to address the issue.

They were also there to listen to what’s preventing workers from preparing for retirement.

Pellicciotti’s Aug. 17 town hall didn’t draw much of a crowd at the Yakima Convention & Event Center, but at least one concern came through loud and clear: It’s not that workers don’t want to prepare for retirement — many simply can’t afford to.

As Pellicciotti noted, few employers still provide what was once a common element in many retirement plans — pensions.

Workers used to be able to count on substantial benefits from employer-provided pensions, which could supplement the Social

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Security benefits they’d receive after paying into the federal system throughout their careers.

Yet as corporate profits and CEO pay have skyrocketed in recent years, worker benefits have remained flat, or in some cases declined. From 1978 to 2021, CEO pay increased 1,460% while average worker pay rose by just 18%, according to the non-partisan Economic Policy Institute.

That means the average CEO now makes nearly 400 times as much as a main-line worker.

Considering how much the prices of homes, cars, food and other essentials, it’s no wonder retirement savings aren’t necessarily everyone’s top consideration.

Combine the loss of pensions with stagnant pay and the financial concerns swirling around the future of Social Security and yes, as Pellicciotti noted, something’s very much out of whack.

While the treasurer was reluctant to offer specific solutions — those are political questions best left to legislators, he told the Editorial Board — he suggested Washington should be looking at what other states are already doing about the retirement problem.

Several states, including Oregon, have set up automatic paycheck deductions that feed retirement accounts managed by nonprofit organizations. And unlike Washington, most other states make finance classes mandatory in public schools.

“Retirement is something that needs to be easy — easier for employees and easier for employers to provide,” Pellicciotti said during the Yakima town hall.

We couldn’t agree more. We just hope state lawmakers and business leaders are listening.

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Debate is good for country

By DOYLE MCMANUS

Los Angeles Times

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Last week, eight Republican presidential candidates did something unusual: They held a serious debate about foreign policy, focused mostly on their disagreements over U.S. aid to Ukraine.

Of those on the stage in Milwaukee, only two — Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis and upstart capitalist Vivek Ramaswamy — said they oppose additional help for Ukraine as it fights to repel the Russian invasion.

“Ukraine is not a priority for the United States,” Ramaswamy said.

DeSantis hedged his answer, saying he would halt aid unless Europe sent more. Former President Trump, who skipped the debate, has sounded similar notes.

Three candidates pushed back loudly against the Trumpist tide. Former South Carolina Gov. Nikki Haley, former Vice President Mike Pence and former New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie argued that helping Ukraine win is in the interest of the United States.

“Ukraine is the first line of defense for us.... You are choosing a murderer over a pro-American country,” Haley said of Russian President Vladimir Putin as she lectured Ramaswamy. “You don’t do that to friends.”

She elaborated on the last point later in a television interview after the debate.

“You can’t be so narcissistic [as] to think America doesn’t need alliances,” she said. “We do need allies. And when you have an ally, you take care of them.”

In three short sentences, that was a clear snapshot of the GOP divide over foreign policy.

For more than half a century, from President Dwight D. Eisenhower through George W. Bush, Republicans broadly agreed that the United States should seek global leadership based on a strong military and carefully nurtured alliances.

Trump turned that doctrine on its

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head, arguing that alliances, trade agreements and overseas entanglements had drained America’s wealth. Instead of working with democratic allies in Europe and Japan, he sought partnerships with Putin and China’s Xi Jinping. He boasted again of his relationships with those strongmen last week in his interview with former Fox News host Tucker Carlson.

Trump’s policy of “America First,” a semi-revival of the isolationism that reigned before World War II, is still popular among the GOP’s base of conservative voters. In presidential primary polls, the three candidates who oppose aid to Ukraine — Trump, Ramaswamy and DeSantis — appear to have the support of about three-quarters of Republican voters. Haley, Pence and Christie represent a rearguard minority.

Still, their outspoken dissents suggest that the battle over Republican foreign policy isn’t over. Plenty of other GOP figures, including Senate Republican leader Mitch McConnell of Kentucky, agree with them.

Foreign policy won’t be the issue that decides who wins the GOP nomination — or the general election. Polls show that Republican voters consider inflation, immigration and social issues (including abortion and what some call the Democrats’ “woke” agenda) more important than national security.

But last week’s mini-debate over Ukraine was still significant. Our political system gives presidents vast power to act unilaterally in foreign affairs — more than on domestic policy, where Congress often gets in the way.

Another foreign policy issue in last week’s debate is also worth noting,

only it produced less conflict. Several candidates jockeyed over who would be toughest in battling fentanyl, the synthetic opioid smuggled mostly from Mexico that has caused tens of thousands of deaths.

DeSantis won that competition, saying he would order U.S. troops to cross into Mexico “on day one” if necessary to stem the flow of illegal drugs across the border. He said he would authorize troops to shoot suspected smugglers “stone cold dead.” And in a later interview, he said he would order the Navy and Coast Guard to interdict ships carrying chemicals used to produce fentanyl from China to Mexico.

If he carries out any of those threats, the first weeks of a DeSantis administration would be eventful — and perhaps harrowing.

Even Haley, a relative moderate in the primary race, has said she favors using military force against Mexican drug lords — a position that’s hugely popular among Republican voters.

“Just like we dealt with ISIS, you do the same thing with the cartels,” she said in March, apparently referring to the U.S. aerial bombing campaign that destroyed Islamic State in Syria.

Fentanyl is a genuine crisis, but it demands a response that is not only tough, but thoughtful.

Using U.S. troops to attack drug cartels makes a fine campaign soundbite. But if the next American president launches military adventures that alienate allies, neighbors and rivals like China, the costs could be very high.

It would be nice if those candidates explained how their military campaigns against the drug cartels will work, including whether and how they would first try to win Mexico’s cooperation.

Answering questions like that, after all, is what campaigns — and debates — are for.

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Bank donates

First Bank of Berne recently donated \$1,000 to Jay County Historical Society. Pictured with First Bank of Berne's Portland brand manager Tracy Carpenter are historical society co-vice president Kay Locker and treasurer Bob Vance.

Landers joins local law firm

A local attorney is returning to private practice.

Hinkle, Racster and Schemenaur announced last week that Zec Landers will be joining the firm.

Landers has served as Jay County deputy prosecutor since 2020. He had previously practiced law in Portland following his graduation from the Robert H. McKinney School of Law at Indiana University in Indianapolis.

The 2012 Jay County High School graduate practices in the areas of civil litigation, personal injury and wrongful death, estate planning, divorce, custody, property, evictions, small claims matters and appeals. He earned his bachelor's degree from Indiana University's Jacobs School of Music in 2016.

Landers joins attorneys Bill Hinkle, Lon Racster and Wes Schemenaur at the firm.

Business roundup

back last week after \$30 million in investments that will increase its production rate to 95 million gallons per year.

"At POET, we believe the future of biotechnology lies at the intersection of innovative science, practical engineering, and responsible agriculture," said POET president and chief operating officer Jeff Lautt in a press release. "This facility will continue POET's legacy of creating value for rural America, and we look forward to continuing our collaboration with the state of Indiana for many years to come."

POET also operates a bioprocessing plant in Jay County.

CEO honored

Indiana Rural Health Association recently announced Adams Health Network CEO and medical director Dr. Scott Smith as the winner of its Outstanding Critical Access Leadership Award.

The honor goes to those who promote quality healthcare, impact others within their organization, empower change and demonstrate integrity. Smith was selected amongst leadership from the state's 36 critical access hospitals.

"Dr. Smith restructured Adams Health Network with the goal of delivering excellent, compassionate care, while remaining a resource to our community," said the

Adams Health Network employees and board in their nomination letter. "He led by example, always present, and always taking action to help at every level of our organization. He showed us how powerful a generous heart and unfailing trust can be."

Representatives from the Indiana Rural Health Association will visit Adams Memorial Hospital to present Smith with the award at 2 p.m. Sept. 11.

Newspapers sold

Delphos Herald Inc. and the Cohen Family last week announced the sale of eight newspapers to CherryRoad Media.

The newspapers include six in northwestern Ohio, including the Delphos Herald, Van Wert Times Bulletin and Ada Herald.

"I feel confident that I can entrust our long-held newspapers to a company that shares the same vision and values that my sister, Jennifer Shneiderman, and I have and that my father had," said Delphos Herald president Roberta Cohen in the newspaper's story announcing the sale. "Family-held CherryRoad is well-suited to take over the reins immediately and continue my family's legacy. I'm excited to work with them on the transiting ownership while maintaining the journalism excellence that readers and advertisers have come to expect."

CherryRoad owns more than 75 newspapers in 17 states.

Year's best

The National Association of

State Chambers last week named Indiana Chamber of Commerce as the 2023 State Chamber of the Year.

The Indiana chamber was the unanimous winner, the first time such a feat has been accomplished in the eight-year history of the award. Presenters referred to the organization as "the gold standard for state chambers across the country."

The award was presented Aug. 28 at the National Association of State Chambers annual conference in Anchorage, Alaska.

"It's such an honor to earn this recognition by our peers and it's a fitting commentary on the hard work of our staff, board and volunteers," said Indiana Chamber president and CEO Kevin Brinegar in a press release. "Representing Indiana's business community is a privilege, and we take a great deal of pride in promoting economic prosperity in the Hoosier state."

Ivy Tech makes list

Ivy Tech Community College has been named to the Forbes' America's Best State Employers list for the second consecutive year.

The rankings utilize market research from Statista and surveys from employees regarding work environment, fairness of compensation, opportunities for investment, openness to telecommunity and likelihood to recommend their employer to others. The final list ranked 1,392 employers, including 73 in Indiana.

"We understand our colleagues are our ambassadors to the communities we serve

with their incredible commitment to student success and the mission of the college," said Ivy Tech president Sue Ellspermann in a press release. "We continue to focus on making Ivy Tech a great place to work to attract the best and brightest."

Other Indiana employers on the list included Ball State University, Indiana University, the University of Notre Dame, Eli Lilly, IU Health and Reid Health.

Chairman honored

Indiana Gov. Eric Holcomb this week honored Indiana Bankers Association chairman Jamie R. Shinabarger as a Sagamore of the Wabash.

The award is given to "exemplary Hoosiers in recognition of distinguished statewide service." State Sen. Travis Holdman, who represents Jay County (Blackford County), presented the award to Shinabarger during the IBA's annual convention Aug. 27 in French Lick.

Shinabarger, a Taylor University graduate who earned his master's of business administration at Indiana Wesleyan University, is CEO and director of Jasper's Springs Valley Bank & Trust.

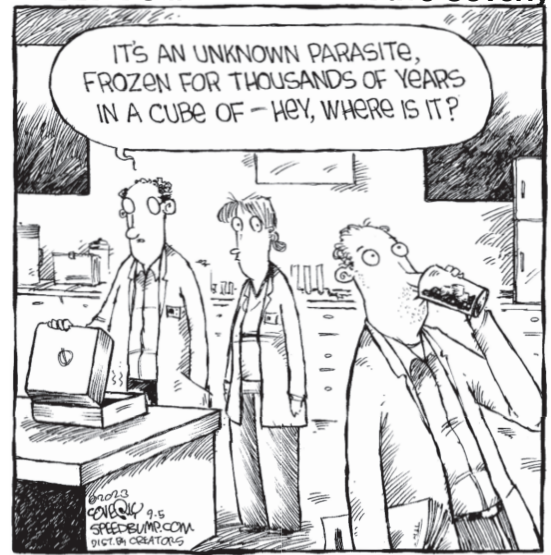
"Jamie's work in the banks he has served over the past four decades, his leadership of Springs Valley and his passion for giving back to his community made him an easy choice for the IBA Nominating Committee to be our chairman and an honorable choice for this distinguished award," said Amber R. Van Til, president and CEO of the IBA, in a press release.



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Vanishing act

South dealer. Neither side vulnerable. NORTH ♠ 9 6 5 3 ♥ A 5 2 ♦ J 7 4 3 ♣ 9 3 WEST ♠ Q J 8 7 ♥ 4 ♦ Q 10 6 5 ♣ Q J 10 8 EAST ♠ K 10 2 ♥ J 10 9 3 ♦ K 9 ♣ 7 6 4 2 SOUTH ♠ A 4 ♥ K Q 8 7 6 ♦ A 8 2 ♣ A K 5

The bidding: South West North East 1♥ Pass 2♥ Pass 4♥

Opening lead — queen of clubs. There are times when counting your potential winners and/or losers during the play can be very confusing. In certain cases, it would seem that your winners and losers ought to add up to 13, but they don't. Take this case where an examination of all four hands appears to indicate that South has four certain losers — a spade, a heart and two diamonds. But if he plays correctly, he can score 10 tricks. West leads a club, and South notes that if the opposing trumps are divided 3-2, he will lose only a spade and two diamonds. He there-

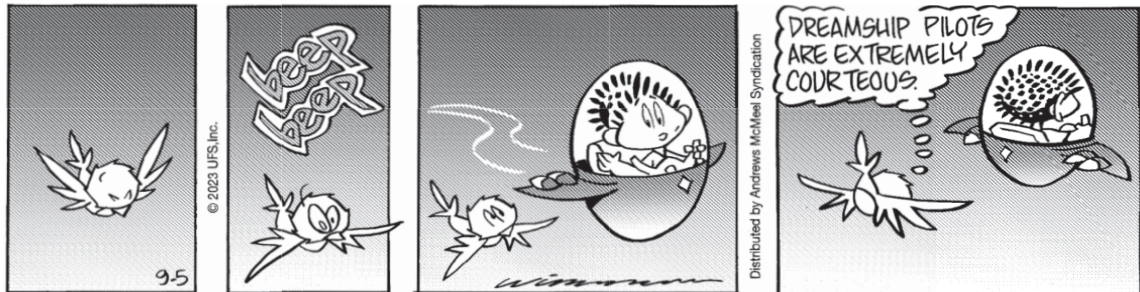
fore considers the possibility of a 4-1 trump division and asks himself what steps he can take to overcome that distribution if it actually exists. So, after winning the club lead, he plays the ace and another spade, a farsighted move designed to provide for a 4-1 trump break. East wins the spade with the ten and returns a club. South takes the ace and tests the trump situation by cashing the K-A. When West shows out on the ace, South, after congratulating himself on his perspicacity, leads a spade from dummy and ruffs it. He next trumps a club in dummy and plays the nine of spades. At this point, South has the Q-8 of trump and East the J-10. If East discards on the spade, South ruffs with the eight and finishes with 10 tricks consisting of the A-K-Q of trump, two spade ruffs in his hand, a club ruff in dummy and his four high-card tricks on the side. East does not better if he elects to ruff the fourth round of spades. If he does, South simply discards a diamond, thus getting rid of his trump loser and one of the diamond losers on the same trick. In this scenario, South loses only a spade, a heart and a diamond. The farsighted play of the ace and another spade at tricks two and three is the key to making the contract.

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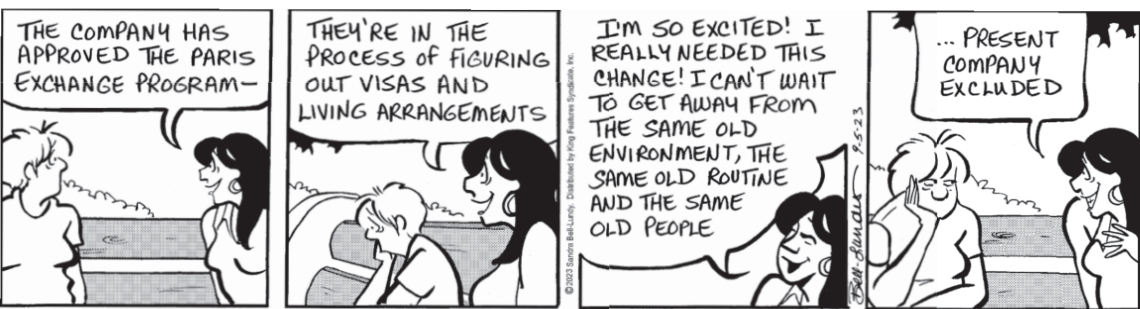
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CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

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“And that’s not fun for anybody. ... We’re trying to involve everybody on the field so they can participate and help us out.”

When he says everybody, he means everybody. He utilized all of the 19 athletes on his roster.

Coldwater took advantage of its depth Saturday as, on several occasions, Dingledine substituted eight players at a time.

“This year, we’ve been doing that,” the coach said. “There’s some girls I’m not going to stick in at a forward position that’s never played it ... but we’ve been doing it. ... We sub with confidence and they play hard when they’re in there. And it gives us a break to stay as fresh as we can.”

Though Jay County couldn’t match up to that Cavaliers’ depth, they were able to become the first team to break through their defense all season. With her team trailing 1-0, junior Jayla Huelskamp passed to Morgan DeHoff at the left corner of the 18-yard box and the junior forward then beat goalie Sydney Grieshop with a shot to the left side of the net.

“Morgan’s goal was beautiful,” said Muhlenkamp. “That was a beautiful pass from Jayla. We can do more of that.”

After retaking the lead on the score by Byer, Coldwater extended its advantage in the final minute of the first half. Senior Ellie Schneider sent a through ball to Avery Knapke, who outran the Patriots’ defensive line to get to it. She stayed ahead of Emma Hatzell and Ariel Beiswanger as they tried to chase her down and sent her shot inside the left post for a 3-1 lead.

Knapke also had the Cavaliers’ first goal of the game, taking a pass from senior midfielder Olivia Tobe and rolling a shot past JCHS goalie Angel Clairday at the 29:11 mark.

“We’re still figuring it out,” said JCHS coach Kendra Muhlenkamp. “I feel like we have the right pieces. ...

“A team like Coldwater, they did have a couple speedsters and



Jay County High School senior Molly Muhlenkamp battles for the ball with sophomore Kiersten Keller of Coldwater.

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they did have a really good defense, so the ball really was played in the midfield a majority of the time.”

The Patriots limited Coldwater to a Byer penalty kick goal in the second half — it came after she and Emma Hatzell got tangled up during the play and some shoving ensued afterward — but also didn’t get many scoring opportuni-

ties of their own. (DeHoff had a shot from the edge of the 18-yard box deflected by goalie Sydney Grieshop at the 28:03 mark and Molly Muhlenkamp missed wide left on a break away after taking a through ball from Lopez.)

Jay County was out-shot 14-8 in the game, with DeHoff recording three shots. Clairday finished with 10 saves.

Heitkamp wins, girls take third

GREENVILLE, Ohio — A year ago, Trevor Heitkamp was closing the gap on the leader in the final half-mile but finished as the runner-up.

On Saturday, there was no runner who could challenge him.

Heitkamp, a Fort Recovery High School senior, won the boys race at the Treaty City Invitational while the Indians put a pair of girls in the top four of the race at Greenville City Park.

The Indian girls, with senior Natalie Brunswick and freshman Makenna Huelskamp leading the way, were third in the meet for the second consecutive year. Their 111 points trailed only 2022 Division III state runner-up Fort Loramie (39) and Midwest Athletic Conference rival Versailles (90). St. Henry was fourth at 142.

Fort Recovery’s boys scored 324 points for 13th out of 22 teams. They finished between a pair of MAC rivals — 12th-place Coldwater (273) and 14th-place St. Henry (369) — while another Versailles (68) won the event.

Heitkamp, a two-time state qualifier, didn’t allow anyone to have a chance to beat him Saturday. His winning time of 16 minutes, 28.76 seconds, was 14 seconds faster than he ran in the same race last season and 17 seconds better than runner-up Matthew Lee of Ansonia.

While Heitkamp pushed to the top of the boys race, Brunswick finished as the runner-up in the girls competition for the second consecutive season. Her time of 20:17.55 put her 10 seconds behind champion Makenna Long of Northmont.

Ariel Heitkamp of first-place Fort Loramie was next in

20:25.87 before Huelskamp edged Morgan Collins of Tippecanoe at the finish line by 1.04 seconds in 20:41.73.

Ellie Will, a senior, gave the Indians a third runner in the top 25 as she placed 24th in 22:05.79. Joelle Kaup was 38th in 22:51.7, and Anna Roessner completed the team score in 43rd at 22:59.19.

Sophomore Parker Brunswick followed Heitkamp for the Tribe boys, finishing in 37th place with a time of 19:00.27. Reese Diller, a freshman, made the top 50 in 50th place at 19:19.58, and Evan Evers (114th — 21:34.88) and Milo Fiely (122nd — 21:56.3) rounded out the team score.

Making the top seven for the Indians but not scoring for the team were Jenna Hart (73rd — 24:14.83) and Madison Heitkamp (81st — 24:44.82) for the girls and Russell Hart (131st — 22:34.6) and Aidan Heitkamp (142nd — 25:25.21) for the boys.

Middle school

Fort Recovery’s boys scored 244 points for eighth place out of 14 teams while the girls totaled 247 points for ninth.

Riley Heitkamp had the top finish for the Tribe as she placed 19th in the girls race in 14 minutes, 14.64 seconds. Courtney Klenke (38th — 15:03.28) and Kendall Ranly (44th — 15:17.29) joined her in the top 50. Clair Grube (64th — 16:37.8) and Yoselin Juarez-Gomez (82nd — 18:06.05) rounded out the team score.

Alex Roessner led the Indian boys as he took 13th with a time of 12:30.7. Charlie Stammen was 50th in 14:05.19 followed by Gavin Heitkamp (58th — 14:26.91), Evan Diller (61st — 14:31.42) and Chase Fiely (62nd — 14:32.45.)

Sports on tap

Local schedule

Today
Jay County — Girls golf tri-meet at Yorktown — 4:30 p.m.; Girls soccer at Wapahani — 5 p.m.; Boys tennis vs. Randolph Southern — 5 p.m.; Volleyball vs. Bluffton — 6 p.m.; Junior High football vs. Adam Central — 5:30 p.m.; Junior High volleyball vs. Bluffton — 5:30 p.m.
Fort Recovery — Volleyball at Celina — 5:30 p.m.; Freshman football vs. Marion Local — 6 p.m.; Middle School volleyball at Versailles — 5 p.m.

TV sports

Today
Noon — Tennis: U.S. Open (ESPN)
7 p.m. — Tennis: U.S. Open (ESPN)
7:30 p.m. — WNBA basketball: Chicago Sky at Indiana Fever (Bally Indiana)

Wednesday
Noon — Tennis: U.S. open (ESPN)
6:40 p.m. — Major League Baseball: Seattle Mariners at Cincinnati Reds (Bally Indiana)
7 p.m. — Tennis: U.S. open (ESPN)

Local notes

Skater clinics and Bootcamp begin
The Cornfed Roller Derby will host a clinic on Thursday, Sept. 7 from 9 to 11 p.m. and on Monday, Sept. 11 from 7 to 9 p.m. at Gibson Arena in Muncie to recruit skaters and officials.

For a \$5 fee, those 18-and-older may participate in the clinic to learn skating fundamentals and roller derby gameplay. No experience is required.

Participants need quad skates, a helmet, knee pads, elbow pads, wrist guards and a mouth guard. Equipment will be

available to borrow but participants must bring their own mouth guard.

On Mondays from Sept. 14 through Sept. 28 at 7-9 p.m., participants can attend a New Skater Bootcamp. Participation costs \$20 for all five dates and will provide the opportunity to expand and polish their knowledge of roller derby.

The same equipment guidelines apply.

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 Adams 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.

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.

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SHERIFF’S SALE NOTICE

Date of Sale: 9/21/2023
Sale Location: 3rd floor, Courthouse, Portland, IN 47371
By virtue of a certified copy of a decree to me directed from the Clerk of Superior Court of Jay County, Indiana, in Cause No. 38CO1-2208-MF-000014

Plaintiff: MCLPAsset Company, Inc.
Defendant: Dennis M. Betterton, et al.
Required me to make the sum as provided for in said Decree with interest and cost, I will expose at public sale to the highest bidder, at the hour of 10:00AM of said day as listed above, at, fee simple of the whole body of Real Estate in Jay County, Indiana:

LEGAL DESCRIPTION
THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED REAL ESTATE IN JAY COUNTY IN THE STATE OF INDIANA, TO WIT: THE NORTH ONE-HALF OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF OUT LOT NUMBER SEVEN (7) IN THE ORIGINAL PLAT OF THE TOWN, NOW CITY OF PORTLAND, INDIANA, EXCEPT, A TRACT OFF THE EAST END THEREOF SEVENTY-ONE FEET SIX INCHES WIDE EAST AND WEST AND SEVENTY-TWO FEET THREE INCHES IN WIDTH NORTH AND SOUTH. SUBJECT TO ALL VISIBLE AND/OR RECORDED ROADWAYS, EASEMENTS, RIGHTS OF WAY, RESTRICTIONS, RESERVATIONS, CONDITIONS AND COVENANTS.
Parcel No. 38-07-20-101-073.000-034
Commonly Known as: 417 NORTH SHIP STREET, PORTLAND, IN 47371

Together with rents, issues, income and profits thereof, said sale will be made without relief from valuation or appraisal laws. This Notice shall also represent service of Notice of Sale of the above-described real estate upon the owners, pursuant to requirements of IC 32-29-7.3.

Matthew C. Gladwell (30493-49)
Christopher J. Arlinghaus (31680-15)
Reisenfeld & Associates LLC
(513) 322-7000
Sheriff of Jay County

The Sheriff’s Department does not warrant the accuracy of the street address published herein.
CR 8-22,29 9-5-2023-HSPAXLP

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Public Notice

TO THE OWNERS OF THE WITHIN DESCRIBED REAL ESTATE AND ALL INTERESTED PARTIES
SHERIFF’S SALE NOTICE

By virtue of a certified copy of a decree to me directed from the Clerk of Jay Circuit Court of Jay County, Indiana, in Cause No. 38-C01-2208-MF-000015 wherein The Huntington National Bank was Plaintiff, and Chastidy A. Russell, Capital One Bank (USA), N.A., Discover Bank c/o Discover Products, Inc. and Citizens State Bank were Defendants, requiring me to make the sum as provided for in said Decree with interest and cost, I will expose at public sale to the highest bidder on 9/21/2023 at the hour of 10:00 am, or as soon thereafter as is possible, at the Jay County Courthouse at 120 N Court Street, Portland, IN 47371 the fee simple of the whole body of Real Estate in Jay County, Indiana.

Lot Number Eight (8) in Block Number Seven (7) in the Original Plat of the Town, now City of Portland, Indiana. Commonly known address: 322 West Walnut Street, Portland, IN 47371

Together with rents, issues, income and profits thereof, said sale will be made without relief from valuation or appraisal laws.

Nicholas M. Smith
Manley Deas Kochalski LLC
P.O. Box 165028
Columbus OH 43216-5028
Telephone: 614-220-5611
Attorney for Plaintiff

Larry R. Newton, Sheriff of Jay County
Township: Wayne
Parcel No.1 Tax Id #: 38-07-20-104053.000-034

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STATE OF INDIANA
COUNTY OF JAY, SS:
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF JAY COUNTY
MORTGAGE ASSETS MANAGEMENT, LLC
PORTLAND, INDIANA
PLAINTIFF
vs
WAYNE E. STEVENS A/K/A WAYNE E. STEVENS, SR., DECEASED; GRACE STEVENS, DECEASED; TRACI STEVENS A/K/A TRACI OSTEEIN; UNKNOWN HEIRS AND/OR DEVISEES OF WAYNE E. STEVENS A/K/A WAYNE E. STEVENS, SR., DECEASED; ESTATE OF WAYNE E. STEVENS A/K/A WAYNE E. STEVENS, SR., DECEASED; UNKNOWN HEIRS AND/OR DEVISEES OF WAYNE E. STEVENS, JR., DECEASED, HEIR OF WAYNE E. STEVENS A/K/A WAYNE E. STEVENS, SR., DECEASED; ESTATE OF WAYNE E. STEVENS, JR., DECEASED, HEIR OF WAYNE E. STEVENS A/K/A WAYNE E. STEVENS, SR., DECEASED; THE SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT; EVA BISHOP
DEFENDANTS
CAUSE NO: 38CO1-2305-MF-000013
NOTICE OF SHERIFF’S SALE OF REAL ESTATE
By virtue of an Order of Sale, directed to me from the Clerk of the Jay Circuit Court and pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered on 08/11/2023, I will expose to public sale to the highest bidder for cash in hand, at the office of the Sheriff of Jay County, in Jay County, Indiana, located at Courthouse, 3rd Floor, Portland, IN 47371 on Sept. 21, 2023 at 10:00 am Local Time, the fee simple title together with the rents, profits, issues and income or so much thereof as may be sufficient to satisfy said judgment, interest, costs and accruing costs of the following described real estate located in Jay County, Indiana, to-wit:
The following described Real Estate in Jay County in the State of Indiana, to-wit:
Lot Numbered Six (6) in Block numbered Five (5) in Robert A. Andrew’s Addition to the Town of Redkey, Indiana. Commonly known as: 434 West Main Street, Redkey, IN 47373 State Parcel Number: 38-09-14-403-035-000-031
This sale is to be made in all respects pursuant to an act of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana, approved March 7, 1931, and entitled An act concerning proceedings in actions to foreclose real estate mortgages, providing for the sale and custody of the mortgaged premises and repealing all laws conflicting therewith (see Indiana Code).
It is further provided by law that there shall be no redemption from such sale, and the purchaser at such sale, upon complying with the terms of his purchase, shall be entitled to immediately receive from the undersigned, the fee simple title in and to said real estate. Taken as the property of the Defendant(s) stated above at the suit of Mortgage Assets Management, LLC. Said sale to be without relief from valuation and/or appraisement laws.
Attorney for Plaintiff
Codilis Law, LLC
8050 Cleveland Place
Merrillville, IN 46410
(219) 736-5579
15-23-00481
THE SHERIFF’S OFFICE DOES NOT WARRANT THE ACCURACY OF THE STREET ADDRESS PUBLISHED HEREIN.
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Sports

Overwhelmed

Jay County ends' Cavaliers' shutout streak but slip to 1-4-1 with loss to deep Coldwater squad

By RAY COONEY
The Commercial Review

Kendra Muhlenkamp has been trying to figure out her team's best substitute patterns.

Coldwater's Paul Dingleline sends new players on in massive waves. It proved overwhelming for the Patriots.

The Jay County High School girls soccer team became the first this season to score on the visiting Coldwater Cavaliers, but their Ohio rivals responded quickly to reclaim the lead and utilized every ounce of its roster in handing the Patriots a 4-1 defeat Saturday.

"I don't have too many subs," said Muhlenkamp, whose team dropped to 1-4-1 on the season with the lone victory by a 7-1 score over South Adams. "And the girls are tired. And sometimes I think maybe I'm having them do too much. Maybe I should sit them out more. But I feel like every part of the game is crucial."

The crucial moment for Coldwater (4-0-1) on Saturday was how it would respond to giving up a goal for the first time this season.

It took them 90 seconds to find out.

The Cavaliers reclaimed the advantage in a hurry as they got the



The Commercial Review/Ray Cooney

Jay County High School exchange student Naroa Zugasti Goicoechea keeps the ball in the Patriots' offensive end during the first half of Saturday's 4-1 loss to the visiting Coldwater Cavaliers. JCHS is now 1-4-1 heading into Tuesday's game at Wapahani.

ball to Mia Byer in the right side of the box on a free kick from near mid-field following an Aixa Lopez foul. Byer sent a high shot into the left

side of the net to give her team the lead for good.

"When we want to play, we can play," said Dingleline, who said he felt his team started slowly Sat-

urday morning. "It's when you just want to stand around and watch that it gets boring."

"I told the girls, a lot of times we have too much

individualism. When you have individual players trying to do something, 10 girls are standing around watching."

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FRHS stays perfect with sweep

FORT RECOVERY — The Indians haven't lost a match this season.

They haven't dropped a set in their last four matches.

Fort Recovery High School's volleyball team continued its hot start to the season Saturday with a 25-23, 25-12, 25-14 sweep of the Arcanum Trojans.

The victory was the fourth sweep in a row for the undefeated Tribe, which also beat Parkway, Jay County and National Trail in three sets. (Their season opener was a 19-25, 25-23, 25-21, 20-25, 15-7 win over Memorial.)

Senior Mara Pearson set the tone for Fort Recovery on Saturday as she recorded team highs of 11 kills and seven digs. She was also 10-of-11 from behind the service line with a pair of aces.

Paige Guggenbiller added eight kills and three blocks, and Cali Wendel had six digs and three aces. Kayla Heitkamp put up a team-best 17 assists, and Megan Evers matched Wendel with three aces.

The Indians, who were 2-4 in their first six matches in 2022, will seek to keep their strong start rolling when they visit the Celina Bulldogs on Tuesday.

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