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Scooping away



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Dylan Franks, owner of The Scoop Station, works on scooping out some ice cream Sept. 1 during the fall festival in Dunkirk. The business launched in July. Its upcoming events include Thursday's free Arts Place concert at Hudson Family Park in Portland and the Glass Days festival Sept. 30 in Dunkirk.

Redkey resident is looking to grow his new ice cream business at its own pace

By RAY COONEY
The Commercial Review

Since earning a degree in business from Indiana Wesleyan University two years ago, Dylan Franks wanted to start a business.

He just wasn't sure what, exactly, that business would be. Now he spends his Tuesday evenings scooping ice cream.

Franks, a Redkey resident, launched his ice cream business — The Scoop Station — in July.

"I always joked with my wife that I wanted to open up an ice cream shop," said Franks, a 2012 Jay County High School graduate. "I just decided I was

gonna start small and started laying out a plan ..."

After getting his equipment and supplies together, Franks' first scheduled event was the July 1 Firecracker Tournament at Redkey Morgan Park. But it was postponed because of rain.

Instead, he set up at Living in Joy in Dunkirk.

"I was grateful for that because we were definitely unprepared for what even was the traffic for that," said Franks. "It wasn't as busy, but it was still busy enough to try to get through the early stages of learning."

The biggest early challenge was workflow — taking orders,

getting them made and delivering them to the right customer, and all of the communication in between. He's figured that part out with the help of his staff — mom Melissa, dad Curtis and daughters Chrystal, 19, and Havyn, 6. (His daughter Parker is also a big ice cream fan, but at 1-year-old isn't quite ready to help in the new family business.)

Franks handles the preparation of the ice cream himself.

"How I prepare it is what I would want as a customer," he said. "That's what's a little bit different about what I'm doing ... I can kind of create my own as I go. Or the customers can create their own as they go."

"Mine is not a dip, it's a scoop. That's where the name came from — Scoop Station. I don't do dips. Whatever I can get in and put on, that's what I'm gonna do."

His menu features ice cream in a bowl or a cone, sundaes, popsicles and Italian ice. For bigger events, he'll sometimes add food items. (He had walking tacos when he set up at Good-Rich Brewery for an evening and will offer sloppy joe, coney dogs and hot dogs during Thursday's free New Frontiers concert sponsored by Arts Place at Hudson Family Park in Portland.)

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County will change its plan again

'Plan' approved in August was only a project list

By BAILEY CLINE

The Commercial Review

Jay County's capital improvement plan is changing.

Commissioners rescinded their capital improvement plan, re-approved it as a capital improvement project list and asked county attorney Wes Schemenaur to review a more fleshed-out plan during Monday's meeting.

Commissioner Brian McGalliard explained the document approved in August only included the project list, not the full plan with funding allocations spelled out. He referenced the five-year economic development income tax (EDIT) capital improvement plan rescinded in February. (The plan created by Jay County Development Corporation had been in place since county officials approved it 2020. Commissioners rescinded it early this year.)

McGalliard suggested creating a similar plan to JCDC's plan but making changes such as updating dollar amounts with new estimates from Indiana Department of Local Government Finance and specifying projects and their allocations. (Jay County will receive an estimated \$675,794 in EDIT dollars in 2024.)

Commissioners asked Schemenaur to review state regulations to ensure that they are following requirements.

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Group focused on growth

By LESLIE BONILLA

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Indiana Capital Chronicle

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A state task force focused on land use delved into site readiness, regulation challenges and demographic changes during its first meeting Friday.

Legislation creating the task force gave it five issues to examine: growth trends, growth barriers, developer siting, local self-investment and food insecurity.

But all roads lead to one destination for task force co-chair and farmer Rep. Kendall Culp, who said he's hoping to learn how Hoosiers can "bring economic growth to our communities."

"And that isn't just rural communities, just because I have a rural district," Culp, R-Rensselaer, added. "It was very specific that this is urban, suburban and rural communities. And I

Task force looks at site readiness, regulation challenges and demographic changes

think we're gonna find out ... there's a lot of similarities in the issues and concerns in each of those communities."

Co-chair Sen. Blake Doriot, R-Goshen, previously served as Elkhart County surveyor for 25 years, and now runs his own land surveying business.

The task force includes additional lawmakers from both parties, and non-lawmakers with experience in agriculture, economic development, food, real estate, residential construction, planning and more.

Preparing a site for construction can make or break a project, various industry presenters told the task force Friday.

Businesses often consider the availability of water and wastewater service, broadband service, and other infrastructure necessities, along with the workforce available.

But some parts of Indiana still aren't connected, and extending infrastructure to serve a development can make it prohibitively expensive.

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Cruise carnival

Ava Willoughy, 7, Dunkirk, tosses a bean bag fish toward the target at the "Feed the Croc" game during Saturday's Cancer Cruise hosted by Jay County Cancer Society at Jay County Fairgrounds. The event also included a cruise for cancer survivors and a luminary ceremony.

Deaths

Hedwig Rumpel, 98, Geneva

Bonnie Disinger, 93, Dunkirk

Sharon Perry, 83, Portland

John Johnson, 70, Geneva

Details on page 2.

Weather

Jay County had a high temperature of 72 degrees Sunday. The low was 57.

There is a 50% chance of showers tonight with a low in the upper 40s. Expect mostly sunny skies Wednesday with a high in the upper 60s.

See page 2 for an extended outlook.

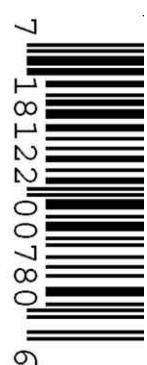
In review

Wednesday is the final day to answer the East Central Region's Regional Economic Acceleration and Development Initiative (READI) 2.0 survey. It is available at surveymonkey.com/r/S7XVCLS. The new timeline announced last week by the state calls for regional applications to be due in February.

Coming up

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

Friday — Photos from Jay County High School's spirit night activities.



Obituaries

Hedwig Rumpel

Hedwig M. Rumpel, 98, Geneva, died Sunday at Woodcrest in Adams County. Arrangements are pending at Downing & Glancy Funeral Home, Geneva.

Bonnie Disinger

April 17, 1930-Sept. 5, 2023
It is with heavy hearts that we announce the passing of Bonnie B. Disinger on Sept. 5, 2023. Bonnie was a beacon of love and light, born in Montpelier, Indiana on April 17, 1930, and spending 93 remarkable years in Dunkirk, Indiana. Her life was an embodiment of the quote by Maya Angelou, "I've learned that people will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people

will never forget how you made them feel." Bonnie's loving, thoughtful, generous and reliable nature impacted countless lives and left an indelible imprint on this world. Bonnie was a woman of many talents and passions. She was a dedicated beautician in the field of cosmetology, serving her community with grace and style. Her creativity and skill were not just confined to her work. Bonnie was also known for her Prayer Bears, hundreds of which she made and gave to people who were sick or grieving. These bears reached far corners of the United States and even



Disinger

crossed international borders, spreading comfort and solace. Her reliable presence and unwavering faith were a constant source of inspiration for her family, friends and the congregation of the Calvary United Methodist Church of Dunkirk, where she was an active member. Bonnie is survived by her loving daughter-in-law, Hilda Disinger; her grandsons Matthew Disinger and Randy Beal; her granddaughters Kylee Brough, Robyn Disinger and Corrie Forestal; her great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her sons Steve, Robert and Kent Disinger; and her parents, Mary (Coleman) and Edward Bricker. Her legacy of love and resilience lives on in her family

and all those who were fortunate enough to know her. We invite you to join us in celebrating Bonnie's life at the Wilson-Shook Funeral Homes and Cremation Center (Dunkirk Memorial Chapel) at 317 N. Main St., Dunkirk, Indiana. The visitation will be on Friday, Sept. 15, 2023, at 11 a.m. EDT, followed by a Celebration of Life at 1 p.m. EDT. In remembering Bonnie, we encourage you to share your memories, upload photos and leave your tributes on her memorial page at wilsonshookfh.com. In doing so, we keep her spirit alive, and we remind ourselves of the profound impact one loving, thoughtful, generous and reliable woman can have on the world. Memorial contributions may be made to Wilson Shook Funer-

al Home, 317 N. Main St., Dunkirk, IN 47336. Sharon M. Hudson Rowles Perry, Portland, Aug. 30, 1940-Sept. 8, 2023. Services will be at 1 p.m. Friday at Walker & Glancy Funeral Home, 109 W. Windsor St., Montpelier. John E. Johnson, Geneva, May 5, 1953-Sept. 8, 2023. Private family services will be held at a later date.

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

CR almanac

Wednesday 9/13	Thursday 9/14	Friday 9/15	Saturday 9/16	Sunday 9/17
67/44	69/44	72/48	75/52	73/51
Sunny skies are in the forecast, with a high around 67 degrees.	Thursday looks to be sunny as well. The high should reach 69 degrees.	Another day of sunny skies Friday, when the high will hit a balmy 72 degrees.	Mostly sunny on Saturday, when the high will be around 75 degrees.	There's a chance of showers. Otherwise, mostly sunny.

Lotteries

Powerball Estimated jackpot: \$522 million	57-59-61-67-68-69-71 Cash 5: 2-4-12-32-45 Estimated jackpot: \$370,500
Mega Millions Estimated jackpot: \$141 million	Ohio Sunday Midday Pick 3: 1-0-9 Pick 4: 0-7-9-6 Pick 5: 5-5-6-9-4 Evening Pick 3: 3-6-0 Pick 4: 8-7-1-1 Pick 5: 5-0-0-0-3 Rolling Cash 5: 14-16-21-25-33 Estimated jackpot: \$153,000
Hoosier Sunday Midday Daily Three: 7-9-9 Daily Four: 2-0-6-9 Evening Daily Three: 1-1-0 Daily Four: 2-6-3-1 Quick Draw: 1-8-21-25-28-29-30-31-33-34-40-44-51-	

Markets

Cooper Farms Fort Recovery Corn.....5.55 Sept. corn.....5.30 Wheat4.96	Dec. beans13.58 Wheat 5.00
POET Biorefining Portland Corn.....5.60 Sept. corn5.35 Oct. corn4.80	Central States Montpelier Corn.....5.32 Sept. corn5.12 Beans14.14 Sept. beans14.09 Wheat5.65
The Andersons Richland Township Corn5.25 Sept. corn4.95 Beans13.21	Heartland St. Anthony Corn.....5.25 Oct. corn4.40 Beans13.49 Sept. beans13.14 Wheat5.00

Today in history

In 1880, H.L. Mencken, a writer, editor and social critic, was born in Baltimore. He was best known for his social commentary. He served as editor-in-chief for the Baltimore Herald and Baltimore Sun.
In 1913, Olympic legend Jesse Owens was born in Oakville, Alabama. Owens, a graduate of Ohio State University, won four gold medals during the 1936 Olympics in Berlin.
In 1990, Jay County Council on a 3-2 vote decided against adding three full-time deputies to the Jay County Sheriff's Office staff in order to wait until the new sheriff came into office in 1991.
In 2013, Indiana University Health announced that it would cut about 800 jobs by the end of the year. Cuts were set for seven hospitals, including those in Indianapolis, Muncie and Tipton.
In 2022, Eric Butcher was hired as the new superintendent of Jay County Highway Department. Butcher took over the role about four months after the death of former superintendent Donnie Corn. —The CR

Citizen's calendar

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.
Friday
Noon — Jay County Public Library Board executive sessions, Community Room, library, 315 N. Ship St., Portland.



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Beef leader

Wade Warnock of Urbana walks his cow around the Show Arena on Saturday at Jay County Fairgrounds during the Jay County Fall Classic Open Beef Show.

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So far, Franks' main location has been during Dunkirk's farmers market on Tuesday evenings. (It fits well with his full-time job selling cars at Glass Capital Chrysler in Dunkirk.) He also set up at a Vacation Bible School this summer and plans to be at Glass Days in Dunkirk on Sept. 30. He's also preparing to compete in the Launch Jay! business pitch competition hosted by Jay County Development Corporation and Jay County Chamber of Commerce. If he's successful there, he said he will put the money toward purchasing a trailer. (He currently operates with a tent, some tables and a freezer. Franks would like to see his business grow into a brick-and-mortar location, but he's not in a hurry to get there. "It all depends on how fast I grow," he said. "If the trailer does well and

everybody likes that ... then I'll just keep on doing pop-up events ... "I don't want to get out of hand too fast." For now, he's just looking to get his name out to the public and continue to make progress by adding more events. He thinks he chose the right business to do it. "I like ice cream and I know a lot of kids like ice cream, and adults do too," he said. "So that's where I went."

Plan ...

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The previous plan listed categories in which the funding could be spent, including for road construction, as a match for state or federal grants or to support JCDC, Jay County Chamber of Commerce, John Jay Center for Learning, East Central Indiana Small Business Development Center or Hoosier Opportunity. It also listed possibilities for the funding to support a county revolving loan fund to support business development within the county, support the development of housing subdivisions within the county or support events organizations that contribute to quality of life through local amenities, population attraction or business development. The new plan would have specific projects listed.

There are currently seven projects on the list: creating an initial loop for broadband, or approximately 233 miles of fiber internet, for \$10 million with Main Stream Fiber (the county's match would be \$2 million); adding a new garage extension to Jay County Highway Department for \$2.2 million; building a new facility for Jay County Solid Waste Management District for \$1.6 million; constructing a public safety building for use by Jay Emergency Medical Service, Jay County Health Department and Jay County Coroner's Office for \$3 million; planning development of the 68 acres owned by the county within western Portland city limits along Indiana 67 for \$200,000; purchasing new body cameras for law enforcement for \$102,000; and investing in new radios for Jay Emergency Medical Service and Jay County Sheriff's Office for \$475,000. Commissioners have noted the project list is a living document, meaning more projects may be added at any time. McGalliard also recommended adding in a copy of Indiana Code 6-3.6-6-9.5, which states a county, city or town must adopt a capital improvement plan to receive "revenue to be allocated for economic development purposes." According to state code, the plan must identify and describe projects that would be funded by other additional revenue allocated for economic development purposes, give estimated total costs of each project, identify all sources of funding expected to be

used for each project and lay out the planning, development and construction schedules for each project. The plan must also be approved for at least two years and must incorporate projects that cost at least 75% of the "fractional amount of additional revenue allocated for economic development purposes that is expected to be received by the county," according to Indiana Code. Similar to the JCDC plan rescinded in February, it would also include copies of separate capital improvement plans created by Jay County municipalities. McGalliard noted it would be up to those municipalities to update their own plans as needed.
For additional commissioners news, see Wednesday's newspaper.

Felony arrests

Failed to appear
A Portland man was arrested Thursday for failing to appear in court. Michael P. Riddell, 42, 7969 S. 600 East, is charged in Jay Superior Court with a Level 6 felony for domestic battery. He was being held without bond in Jay County Jail.
Drug possession
A Portland resident was arrested Friday for possession of a narcotic drug. Kearra M. Byrley, 23, was preliminarily charged with a Level 6 felony. Byrley was released on a \$550 bond from Jay County Jail.

Growth ...

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Sen. Jean Leising, R-Oldenburg, said that's "holding back" rural development. "In part of my (district), people are drinking filtered pond water and cistern water," Leising added. "There's no water they can reach through a well, and there's no infrastructure for a real water system there." Developers said utility challenges, particularly in hooking up to wastewater services, were further

crunching the housing supply. "We're trying to catch up," said task force member Ryan Kennedy, a Lafayette-based builder-developer. "And it takes so long ... to get these projects even to a shovel-ready state ... Anything that we can do to continue to expand our utilities would be a great thing for us." Lawmakers have approved a revolving loan fund to help finance housing-related infrastructure work, with an emphasis on

communities with under 50,000 residents. But House Enrolled Act 1005, worth \$75 million over two years, only recently went into effect. The state has also received nearly \$900 million in federal broadband grants, and has put its own money toward such efforts, but the real work — implementation — is ahead. The Indiana Economic Development Corp. often works with interested companies on site identification.

SERVICES

Friday

Kegerreis, Wauneta: 10:30 a.m., Zwick & Jahn Funeral Home, 520 N. 2nd St., Decatur.

Perry, Sharon: 1 p.m., Walker & Glancy Funeral Home, 109 W. Windsor St., Montpelier.

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Autumn is nearly here

By DIANA DOLECKI

Special to The Commercial Review

It may not be autumn yet, but it won't be long before it is here.

One of my favorite rituals of fall is planting things. We stopped at a nursery last week to get some information on our continuing slug problem. We went home with a gorgeous variegated hibiscus.

With the aid of my hubby, the plant is now in the ground. We planted it a little farther from the sidewalk than the other hibiscus. The original ones had been given to us a long time ago. What had begun as three scraggly plants has evolved into a virtual forest of pink. The new plant has giant blooms and is a deep red. I think it will be a good way to transition from the tall hibiscus to the much shorter peonies.

The peonies had to move because they haven't bloomed in a couple of years. I think it is because their neighboring plants were grabbing all of the sunshine and not letting the peonies have enough to do their thing. We will find out if it worked in the spring. They are supposed to bloom around Memorial Day.

I had not expected the roots of the peonies to be so extensive. We

As I See It



put them in the wheelbarrow until we can get them nestled into the ground. I think they have multiplied overnight. It looks like there are enough of them to stretch along the entire unplanted section of the yard that reaches from the hibiscus to the corner of the lot.

I want to plant more of what I call the little bulbs. These are mostly early blooming flowers such as snow crocus and grape hyacinths. Yes, the snow crocus bloom early enough to get snow on them. No, the grape hyacinths don't produce grapes.

We have demolished our compost bin. It was sagging badly. We found a good foot of compost on the bottom of the bin. The new plant got a couple of shovelfuls of it. I could almost hear it purr. I also dumped my potato experiment, fished out all the potatoes and mixed the leftover potting soil into the dirt we removed

from the plant's new home. When I have potatoes sprouting I toss them into a flower pot. They eventually grow more potatoes. The only problem is that the potatoes are tiny except for one over-achiever which is a huge two inches long. I plan to clean them up, boil them until almost done, then dump them into a skillet with some butter and maybe a touch of salt and pepper.

For some reason home-grown potatoes taste better than store-bought ones. The tomatoes are also growing and producing enough for us and sometimes the neighbors. I still don't know what kind of cherry tomatoes I bought. They are a little bigger than expected and are reddish on top and brownish on the bottom. They taste the same as regular tomatoes even if I don't know what variety they are.

I tried something different with the garden this year. I didn't weed it. This worked out better than expected. It makes it more challenging to find the veggies but I haven't had as much critter damage as usual.

All in all it was a good weekend. Now I have to find a good place for all those peonies.

Daughter afraid to have a child

DEAR ABBY: When my grandchild was born five years ago, my daughter suffered from severe postpartum depression and had to be hospitalized. Her father, who is not in good health, and I lived seven hours away and traveled as often as we could to help out. At one point my son-in-law called and told me she was catatonic and not responding to him. It was terrifying.

Now, these few years later, her husband is pressuring my daughter to have another child. My daughter is understandably afraid, and I'm afraid for her. She thinks her husband has forgotten what they went through. I know it's not my decision to make, but she's my daughter, and I worry about her well-being.

She knows how I feel but tells me she feels caught between my feelings and those of her husband. She told me I won't always be around and she will have to deal with his resentment.

I don't understand why he would want my daugh-

Dear Abby



ter to risk another bout of the PPD she suffered the first time. I don't want to sound critical of him, but he can be very selfish.

Fearing for my daughter's life after the birth of her child was one of the most stressful things I've ever experienced. Can you please advise me what to say to my daughter, or should I just keep quiet? — TRAUMATIZED IN ALABAMA

DEAR TRAUMATIZED: I am sure your daughter is already aware of your opinion. That's why I'm suggesting that, when you talk to her about this, you urge her to CONSULT HER DOCTOR regarding another pregnancy and take her cues from someone in the medical community who knows her history.

Hero dog finds home on farm

By COLIN WARREN-HICKS

The Virginian-Pilot
Tribune News Service

Our hero, Moose, has found a home on a farm in Franklin with his new, forever family. His adoptive parents, Ciara and Darrel Hill, feel he deserves it.

The 8-year-old Great Pyrenees lives on 5 acres bordered by woods, a creek to splash through and expansive corn fields. He'll never be alone again.

Around him in the fenced-in yard, four goats bleat and 18 turkeys and more than 20 chickens peck at the grass. Tim, an African spurred tortoise, meows near the rabbit hutch. A deck extends from the house to an above-ground dog-friendly pool. Moose also has seven canine siblings — a mess of terriers; Suzie, the big great Dane; and even one suspected Chinese crested and Maltese mix — and has become fast friends with Buddha, a Labrador retriever. The buds eat meals together.

According to the American Kennel Club, a full-grown male Great Pyrenees averages over 100 pounds. Moose weighs about 85 and, like many newly rescued dogs, is visibly thin. He's fed high-protein wet food in the morning, two cans of dry kib-

ble to graze on throughout the day, and a second can of high-protein in the evening.

"We're trying to help put that little bit of weight back on him," Ciara Hill said.

While a resident at the Portsmouth Humane Society shelter, Moose's life changed on Aug. 4.

That Friday, Chris Cushna and Sheila Janes stopped by the facility. Janes' granddaughter, Luna, 8, and Cushna's children — Anya, 10, and Logan, 12 — were staying for the weekend on the couple's 1983, 42-foot Gibson houseboat docked at the Tidewater Yacht Marina. Pondering ways to entertain the children, Janes remembered that the humane society allows people to check out dogs for the day.

"We walked past a lot of dogs that were very loud about wanting somebody to take them," Janes said. "But Moose was at the very back and just had this sort of gentle giant, calm, chill demeanor about him."

The family had such a good time with Moose they decided to keep him for another day. He slept with the kids.

Around 7:30 a.m. Sunday, Anya woke up when Moose started softly

whining. Anya woke her father, and the two took Moose onto the deck, thinking he may need to relieve himself. But they saw a massive fire overtaking the neighboring boat. Cushna ran back inside, waking the rest of the family and getting them to the deck. Within minutes, flames leaped to their houseboat.

Cushna said, "The dog alerting us, as early as he did, was crucial in terms of everyone getting out safely."

With their home destroyed, the couple couldn't adopt Moose.

Ciara Hill was lounging on her back porch, reading on her phone about Moose's deed on the humane society's Facebook page as her husband worked the grill.

"That dog, the one who rescued the people from the fire," she said to her husband.

"Yeah?"

"He's been returned to the shelter!"

"Well, go get him," Darrel Hill said. She drove to Portsmouth and took Moose back to the farm the next morning.

"A dog like that, that rescued people, that's a hero, doesn't need to be in a cage," Darrel Hill said. "And we have all this space."

"He's home now."

Community Calendar

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

Today

JAY COUNTY PASTORS AND CHAPLAINS — Meet at 11:30 a.m. on the second Tuesday of each month in the chapel at Indiana University Health Jay Hospi-

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

A BETTER LIFE - BRIANNA'S HOPE — A faith-based recovery group for substance abuse. Meal starts at 6 p.m. and the meeting is from 6:30 to 8 p.m. every Tuesday at the

Nazarene Fellowship Building across from the Nazarene church, 249 E. Center St., Dunkirk. For more information, call Amanda Price at (765) 283-2107.

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

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

Wednesday

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

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

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

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

CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP — For caregivers of persons with Alzheimer's disease or related dementias, the group will meet at 6 p.m. the second Wednesday of each month at Blackford Community Hospital con-

ference room, 410 Pilgrim Boulevard in Hartford City. For more information, call Joni Slentz or Lisa Garrett at (765) 348-1072 or (800) 272-3900.

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

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

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Level: Beginner

Saturday's Solution

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

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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Maui disaster demands reckoning

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More than three weeks since wildfires devastated Lahaina, in western Maui, the death toll has reached 115, with many still missing. The fire is already the fifth-deadliest in U.S. history and the worst in more than a century. It also is bound to be repeated, unless public officials at all levels investigate the policy failures that contributed to the tragedy and take steps to prevent them from happening again.

Though much remains to be learned, a few facts seem clear. The disaster was far from unexpected: Parts of Hawaii have become highly vulnerable to wildfires, due to decades of below-average rainfall and the spread of flammable, non-native grasses on former plantation lands. A 2020 report found the western areas of Maui had a 90%

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probability of seeing at least one wildfire annually, the highest rate on the island; Lahaina itself had a higher wildfire risk than all but 8% of communities in the US.

Despite such warnings, public officials appear to have devoted insufficient attention to risk-reduction measures, such as clearing overgrowth and conducting controlled burns. Maui's local government has sued Hawaiian Electric Industries Inc., the state utility, for failing to harden dilapidated power lines that might have ignited the fires; the utility

has denied responsibility, saying it cut power to the area six hours before the most destructive blaze broke out. What's indisputable is that once the crisis started, Maui's emergency-management system failed catastrophically. Warning sirens failed to go off and the city's water supply ran out, leaving homeowners and firefighters powerless to contain the blaze. Residents attempting to flee Lahaina were trapped for hours in traffic jams due to downed power lines and road closures. Survivors say they've received little official guidance on where to find housing or how to apply for government relief.

A calamity of this scale demands a national reckoning — not just to hold officials accountable for their mistakes, but also to apply Maui's lessons to other communities facing similar risks. By that standard, Washing-

ton's response has been inadequate. President Joe Biden's administration has mobilized more than 1,000 federal personnel to assist in relief efforts and announced \$95 million to upgrade Hawaii's electrical grid, but has deferred to state-level officials to carry out investigations into how the disaster was handled. That's provided an opening for House Republicans, who've announced plans to "examine" the federal government's response, with a particular focus on Biden's Aug. 13 "no comment" answer to reporters' questions about the tragedy. The president's relative silence in the days after the Lahaina fire was undoubtedly a lapse in leadership; however, it's difficult to see how holding hearings on it will serve anything but the narrowest partisan interests.

What's needed instead is a thorough, bipartisan examination of

the factors that led up to the disaster; whether deaths could have been prevented and how to reduce the damage from such events in the future. Among other things, investigators should provide recommendations on how vulnerable communities can adapt to and improve their defenses against the growing threat of wildfires. A credible probe would highlight not only how climate change may be worsening natural disasters, but also the need to make adequate investments in resilience to limit the loss of life when disasters inevitably strike.

In response to previous tragedies, including Hurricane Katrina, leaders of both parties have set aside differences to establish accountability, find answers and seek solutions. The same commitment to the common good is in order now.

Mainstream GOP needs to stand up

By JONATHAN BERNSTEIN
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Once again, House Republicans are putting themselves in an impossible position.

This time it's over President Joe Biden's request for \$40 billion in emergency spending for Ukraine, disaster relief, border security and other priorities popular with voters and all supported by a bipartisan majority in the Senate. However, a group of Republicans who oppose aiding Ukraine want it removed from the bill and barring that want to stop the package from reaching the House floor for a vote.

This leaves the Republican conference in the position of blocking spending that most Americans think is vital and urgent — especially new funding for FEMA in the wake of the Maui wildfire, hurricanes and other disasters.

Indeed, it's likely that a majority of the House and even a majority of House Republicans would support exactly what Senate Democrats and Republicans will end up passing. The last time the House voted on aid to Ukraine, in July, efforts to cut off or even reduce assistance were soundly defeated, with well over half of Republicans joining all the Democrats. It's unlikely that much has changed since then.

In fact, it's likely that sooner or later the House will end up doing what the Senate and Biden want — but only after a fight that will make House Republicans look bad, force many of them to cast votes that could be used against them next fall, and perhaps even threaten Speaker Kevin McCarthy's job.

Isn't there some way they can avoid this? Well, yes. But only if House Republicans in vulnerable seats and relatively moderate mainstream conservatives step up to fight for themselves and their party.

I'm not saying that the House Freedom Caucus and other extreme House Republicans are blameless. But they have the right to oppose support for Ukraine. It may be a wrong position, or even a foolish one — I certainly think so, as do most foreign policy experts — but they're entitled to push for their policy preferences. That's how Congress works. That includes attempting to wield more control over the

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outcome than their numbers would suggest, in part by repeating their threat to oust McCarthy if he doesn't do what they want.

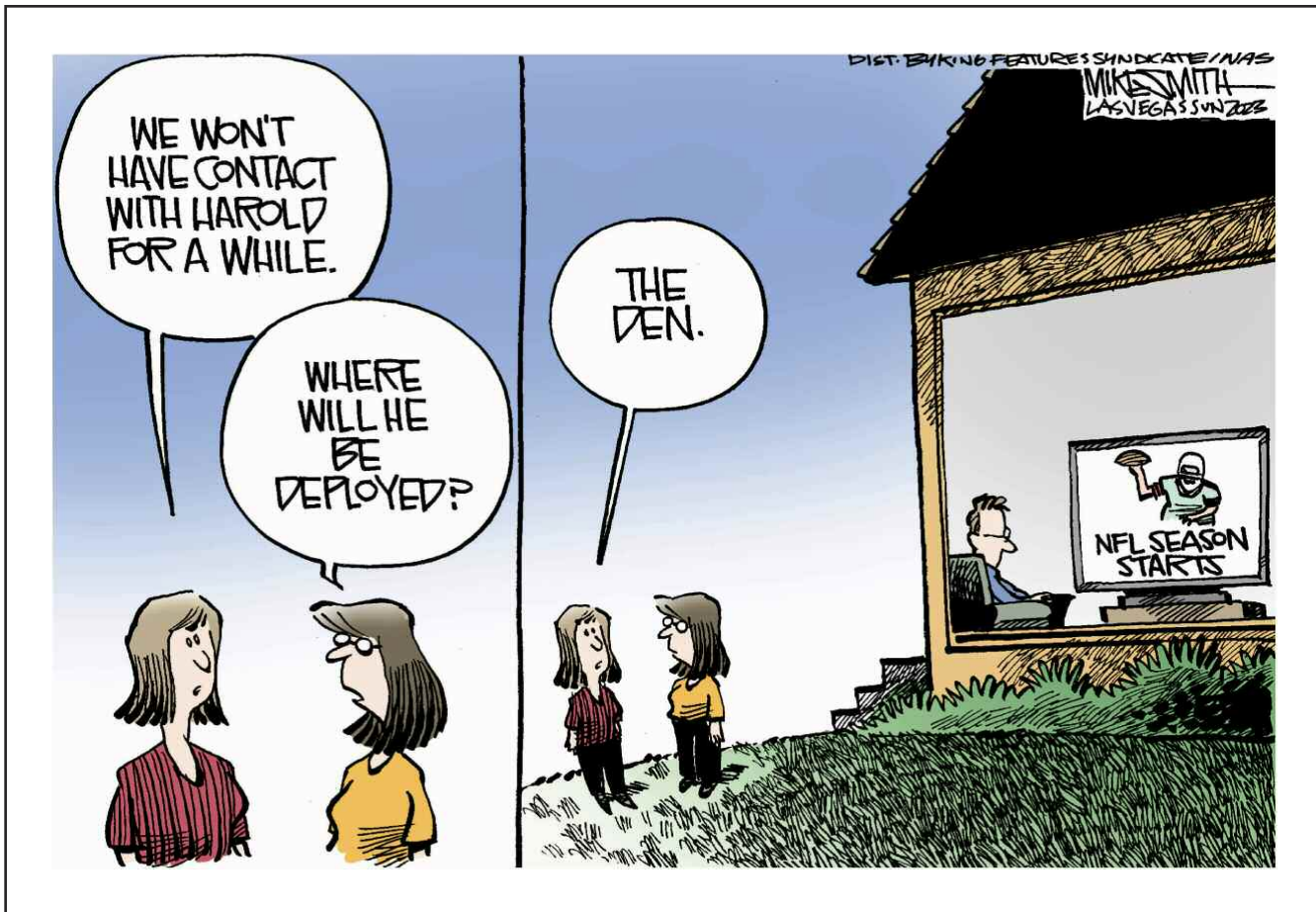
Then there's McCarthy. As usual, he's mainly protecting himself not the members of his party. The truth is that if 50 or so of his members are constantly speaking out against the bill and none of their colleagues are willing to take them on, then McCarthy is in a way just listening to the members of his conference. He's siding with an intense minority — the loud group opposing Ukraine aid — against an apparently indifferent majority who would vote for aid but not push for it publicly.

Which brings us to the rest of the House Republicans — mainstream conservatives, including relatively moderate ones, some of whom are in tough districts and could be defeated by Democrats in 2024. While Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell and other mainstream conservatives in the Senate are speaking up for this package, their House counterparts are — as usual — missing in action.

They don't have to be. They could fight back. Loudly. In public. They could make it clear that this bill has the votes to pass and that they want a vote on it. They could even mirror the extreme wing's tactic: threaten McCarthy's job if he doesn't put the bill, including aid to Ukraine, on the House floor.

Instead, just as they were in the speakership vote and on the debt limit, most House Republicans are either too scared or just too indifferent to bother acting. In doing so, they aren't only weakening their own position, but weakening the bargaining power of their party — and making House Republicans as a group an easy and obvious scapegoat for anything that goes wrong.

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Make democracy great again

By MARTIN SCHRAM
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To tell you the truth, if I do just that, the polls all say that one out of three of you won't want to hear or read it — and that you damn well won't believe it.

So let's start today with the things just about all of us believe. Almost all of us believe that we are on the side of the Patriotic Americans. And way too many of us believe, these days, that those on the other side aren't true patriots at all — but fake patriots who are America's true enemies.

We have fallen that far. We grew up proud to be celebrated by chroniclers of history as The Greatest Generation. USA! USA! America had led the way to victory in World War II, saved Europe and Asia from being conquered by our real enemies.

America's democracy was being celebrated around the world as the epitome of enlightened governance, as we maturely heeded the electoral will of our people. Even when it meant maturely transferring power between our two major parties. I have chronicled that moment twice in our modern era, from the most symbolic and true place of power — standing alone in the doorway when the Oval Office was between its masters at noon, Jan. 20, 1977 and 1981. Indeed, I wrote essays capturing two very different sorts of transfers of power I observed as I could hear the voice of its new masters, Jimmy Carter and then Ronald Reagan, taking their oaths of office.

In 1977, there was solitude as one lone secretary, Nell Yates, who had been working there since Eisenhower, observed the empty place of power, shook her head, and left. She returned just a minute later with five books that she placed between bookends on the empty desk. "At

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least now it makes you want to come in and do some work," she told me.

In 1981, the silence erupted into tumult as a phalanx of furniture movers entered swiftly and began executing their choreographed and rehearsed plan — pivoting the furniture, replacing paintings. White House painter Joseph Morris began meticulously tending to last minute touch ups, eager to please his new bosses, but unaware that, in his rush, he had neglected to remove the green-and-white Carter-Mondale button that was still on his coveralls. Two different, but collegial as well as peaceful, transfers of power.

Sadly, there was nothing collegial about our Jan. 20, 2021 transfer of power. History will never call the end of Donald Trump's presidency peaceful either. Fourteen days earlier, the Jan. 6 pro-Trump rally crowd was whipped into a frenzy by Trump's stop-the-steal speech. They bashed and smashed their way into the Capitol as senators and representatives fled. America's 45th president bitterly refused to attend the Jan. 20, 2021 inauguration of our 46th, President Joseph Biden.

We have come to this: A recent New York Times poll showed that 56% of Republicans believe America is "in danger of failing as a nation." But perhaps even more frightening is that 37% — that's more than one-third — of all registered voters think so too.

And it's no wonder. Just think about what our fellow patriots have been hearing and reading about

themselves in recent weeks. I'm not talking about TV's talking heads or print's pundits. I'm not even talking about mainstream media's journalists that many of you are being told to disrespect and ignore. No, I'm talking about the facts that have been gathered by inquiries from the watchdogs from your side of today's politics (whichever side you're on).

Just read the direct quotes and explanations given by all those who have been indicted in states in which the Trump lawyers carefully planned fraudulent efforts and then dispatched their trusting true-believers in key swing states to sign documents stating that they were certified Trump presidential electors whose side had won the 2020 presidential election. The problem was that they had not been certified as victors — because indeed the certified vote totals showed Biden won in their states.

These fake electors then attempted to deliver their faked certifications to their state capitals. They — and those who planned their misrepresentation — are now indicted and awaiting trial. No wonder 37% of us fear our USA is in danger of failing.

We are entrapped in an Electoral College system that made grand and innovative sense back when it was created by our Founding Fathers. But it no longer makes sense today. The Electoral College system invites fraud and fakery — and makes no sense in the 21st century. Its usefulness and sensibleness is long past. It is time for us to begin a national conversation — and creating a far simpler system and more sensible system that will empower Americans to make our democracy great again.

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MSSL will host health event

MSSL Wiring System, Inc., of Portland will host its health fair from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 26.

The event is designed to give employees information about health and wellness as well as to learn about healthcare providers in the community.

Individuals or companies interested in attending should contact Dakota Pettus at dakota.pettus@motherson.com or (260) 726-6501.

Meeting scheduled

The next LIFT Jay meeting is scheduled for 11:30 a.m. Tuesday, Sept. 26, at John Jay Central for Learning.

The event will feature Janet (King) Jackson as the speaker. The cost of the meeting and luncheon is \$18.

For more information, call (260) 726-4481 or email tabby@jaycounty-chamber.com.

Hospital honored

Becker's Hospital Review recently named Mercer Health's Mercer County Joint Township Community Hospital, Coldwater, Ohio, one of the nation's top hospitals for nurse communication.

Becker's awarded the hospital five stars for nurse

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communication. The ratings were determined using Hospital Consumer Assessment of Healthcare Providers and Systems (HCAHPS) data, which measures how well patients feel that their nurses explained things clearly, listened carefully to the patient and treated the patient with courtesy and respect.

Of the 364 hospitals nationwide to receive five stars, 17 were in Ohio.

Donation made

Scooter's Coffee recently made a \$58,960 donation to Wounded Warriors Family Support.

The funding will help the organization provide resources and programs to combat-wounded veterans and families of veterans wounded, injured or killed in action. Scooter's accepted donations for Wounded Warriors Family Support from Aug. 2 through 11.

"Courage is an important core value at Scooter's

Coffee," said Scooter's chief community officer Bill Black in a press release. "We thank veterans for their sacrifices and courage in serving our country. With the help of Wounded Warriors Family Support, veterans and their families continue to demonstrate courage in overcoming the challenges they face in life."

Utilizing autonomous

Tyson Foods announced Wednesday that it will partner with Gatik AI to use autonomous refrigerated box trucks on its routes in northwest Arkansas.

The trucks will operate 18 hours a day and deliver productions to the company's facilities in Rogers, Arkansas, and Springfield, Arkansas. The collaboration between the two companies began last week with a safety driver in the cab to monitor the autonomous system.

"At Tyson Foods, we are innovating and using automation throughout our business, including in transportation," said Patrick Simmons, vice president of transportation for Tyson Foods, in a press release. "This partnership allows us to strate-

gically place our drivers where they are needed most while still reliably and safely transporting protein from the plant to distribution centers."

Classes scheduled

John Jay Center for Learning is continuing to offer ServSafe training.

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

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

Hosting events

The Central Indiana Chapter of the American Society of Safety Professionals and the Indiana Chamber of Commerce will host the 2024 Indiana Safety and Health Conference Feb. 26, through 28.

The event will include the Indiana Forklift Rodeo, speakers, a 10-hour course for general industry, an innovation showcase and the governor's workplace safety awards luncheon.

The Indiana chamber also has a safety leadership principles workshop scheduled for Sept. 21 and 22, safety for maintenance

and machine operators on Oct. 4 and forklift safety on Oct. 5.

It will also host the 2023 Indiana Environmental Conference and Winter Technical Meeting Dec. 6 and 7. Various continuing education credits can be earned at the event.

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

Bank awarded

The National Community Action Partnership recently selected First Financial Bank for its Corporate Partnership Award.

The honor recognizes the bank's "long-term commitment in supporting community action and working directly to impact economic growth and increase opportunities for children and families." First Financial is one of just two organizations to win the award this year.

"First Financial Bank and our associates are thankful and honored to receive such a nationally prestigious recognition," said Roddell McCullough, chief corporate responsibility officer for First Financial, in a press release. "This is a welcome reminder of our focus in

recent years on being a positive influence to help our clients and communities thrive."

Nominations open

The Indiana Primary Health Care Association is accepting nominations for its annual awards.

The organization selects an employee of the year, provider of the year, volunteer of the year, special exemplary project award, grassroots advocacy award, legislator of the year and health center dedication.

Nominations can be made at indianapca.org.

Set to present

CVS Health was a presenter at the Morgan Stanley Global Health Conference.

Karen S. Lynch, president and CEO of CVS Health, and Shawn Guertin, executive vice president and chief financial officer, were scheduled to participate in a fireside chat with investors at 8:50 a.m. today. An audio webcast of the event will be available online at investors.cvshealth.com.

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Even short strike could cost billions

By DAVID WELCH and MICHAEL SASSA
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Just when U.S. automakers and the broader economy were shaking off the effects of the pandemic and semiconductor shortages, a long strike by the United Auto Workers union could bring higher inflation and economic damage.

A strike against General Motors Co., Ford Motor Co. and Stellantis NV of just 10 days would reduce U.S. gross domestic product by \$5.6 billion and likely push the Michigan economy into a recession, according to Anderson Economic Group, an economic consultancy based in Lansing, Mich. It could also make some car models scarce and push prices up after they started coming down from record levels.

If UAW President Shawn Fain makes good on threats to strike all three companies on Thursday, it would have far-reaching effects. A long walkout would hit suppliers and their workers and soften prices of key commodities, especially steel. Damage to the economies in Michigan, Ohio and Wisconsin could make swing states a tougher sell in the 2024 election for President Joe Biden.

"If we were to have a long strike in 2023, the state of Michigan and parts of the Midwest



Tribune News Service/Getty Images/Bill Pugliano

United Auto Workers members and others gather for a rally after marching in the Detroit Labor Day Parade on Sept. 4 in Detroit.

would go into a recession," said Patrick Anderson, chief executive officer of Anderson Economic, which counts GM and Ford among its clients. "When GM workers went on strike in 2019, you saw gross state product drop in Michigan in the fourth quarter, while in the rest of the country it was largely unaffected. That won't be the case this time if the UAW goes through on its threat to strike all three companies."

The Biden administration is on edge about the strike. The auto industry accounts for about 3% of U.S. GDP but plays a much bigger role in the Great Lakes economies, and Democrats will rely on winning Michigan and Wisconsin to retain the White House.

The President has tapped Gene Sperling, former economic adviser to Presidents Barack Obama and Bill Clinton and a Michigan native, to act as a liai-

son between the automakers and the union.

Michigan Gov. Gretchen Whitmer told Bloomberg News in an interview last week that she is concerned about where the negotiations are headed. She is talking to leaders of each company and the union to try and head off a strike, but added that it is "unclear" what more she and her state can do.

Of the \$5.6 billion in economic impact, lost worker pay would come to \$859 million and lost automaker earnings would be \$989 million, Anderson said. The rest would come from layoffs and lost business at parts makers and other industries that rely on the three automakers.

Fain has demanded a defined-benefit pension and retiree health care, which went away in 2007 for new hires as the industry was headed into a crisis. He also opened talks with a request for pay raises equal to 46% over four years, a 32-hour work week and reinstatement of cost-of-living allowances. And he wants to end tiers of pay that give more tenured workers better compensation.

Automakers estimate that granting Fain's entire wish list would drive up costs by \$80 billion over four years, with most of that coming from pension costs and retiree health care.

GM offered a 16% raise and none of the retiree benefits Fain

demand. Ford made a similar proposal before that and both were rejected. Stellantis offered a 14.5% pay raise to "most" union employees, and it was turned away.

If the workers wind up seeing strong wage gains, with or without a strike, it will push up labor costs nationwide after a summer of impressive pay gains won by Teamsters at United Parcel Service Inc. and pilots at American Airlines Group Inc. Higher pay could also result from the ongoing strikes by Hollywood actors and writers.

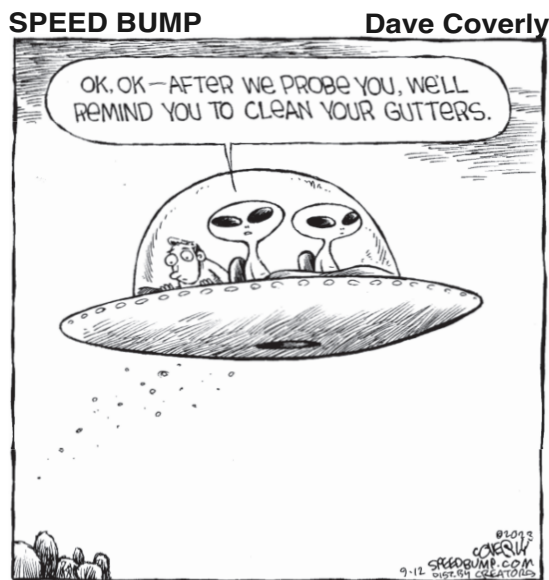
A UAW strike would be a major blow to steel producers, at least in the short term. During the 2019 GM strike, prices for hot-rolled steel fell 17% to \$500 a ton over the six-week period. Prices did rebound by the end of the year, according to Bloomberg Intelligence research. A new UAW strike against one of the Big Three automakers might spur a similar 17% drop in steel prices to around \$670 a ton, while a strike against multiple automakers would prompt a quicker decline, said Richard Bourke, a senior analyst who follows basic materials for BI.

Meantime, steel production might slip by 76,000 to 98,000 tons a month, assuming one ton of steel per vehicle, and depending on which automaker were targeted, Bourke said.

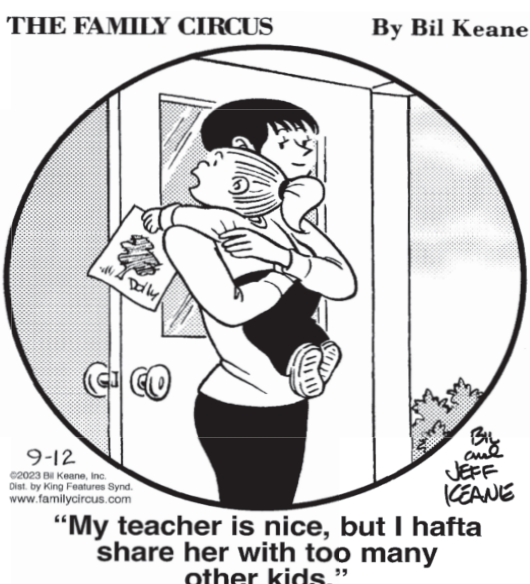
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THE FAMILY CIRCUS By Bil Keane



Contract Bridge By Steve Becker

Haste makes waste

North dealer. Neither side vulnerable.

NORTH
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 ♥ 7 4
 ♦ A Q 10 8 7 2
 ♣ K Q 10

EAST
 ♠ 10 7
 ♥ 8 5 3
 ♦ J 9 6 4
 ♣ 9 8 4 2

SOUTH
 ♠ J 9 5 4 2
 ♥ A J
 ♦ K 3
 ♣ A 7 6 5

The bidding:
 North East South West
 1♦ Pass 1♠ 2♥
 3♦ Pass 3NT

Opening lead — king of hearts.

It is impossible to estimate how many points are lost over time by players who do not allow for unfavorable distribution and instead plunge ahead without considering the full range of possibilities.

Take this simple case where South went down in a contract he should have made. He won West's heart lead with the ace and promptly played the king and another diamond.

When West showed out on the second round of the suit, dashing South's hopes of winning six dia-

mond tricks, declarer altered his approach. After taking the second diamond with the queen, he turned his attention to clubs, hoping to score four club tricks and so salvage his game.

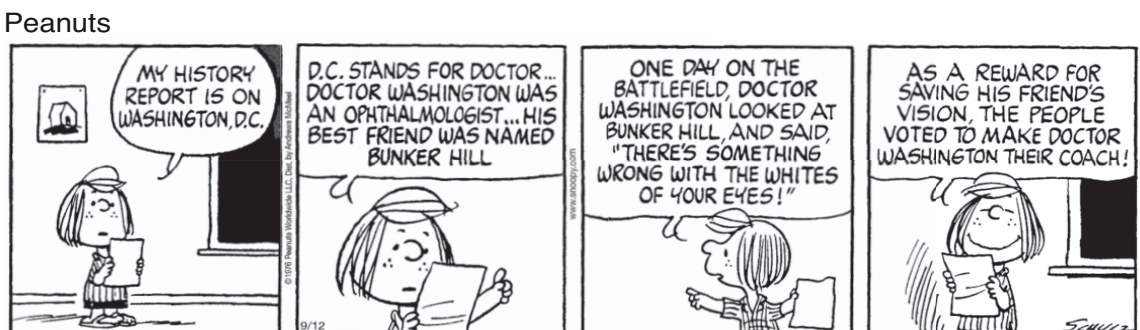
He therefore cashed the K-Q of clubs, telling West's jack, but when South next led the ten from dummy, he found that he could score only three tricks in the suit, whether he allowed the ten to hold or overtook it with the ace. In the end, he wound up with just the eight high-card winners he started with, and so finished down one.

Declarer's downfall can be traced directly to his playing diamonds initially instead of clubs. He should have cashed the K-Q of clubs at tricks two and three, after which he would have had no difficulty getting home safely. After taking the ten of clubs, he would lead a diamond to the king and collect the ace of clubs to secure his ninth trick.

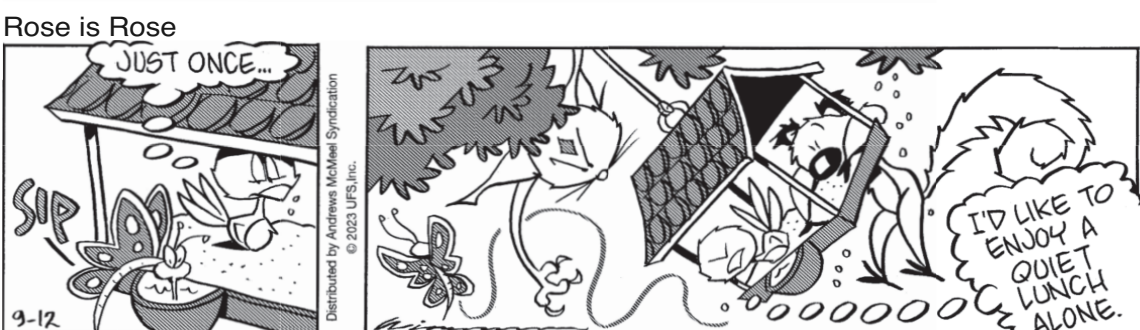
South should have reasoned that if the diamonds were favorably divided, they could be cashed at any time, but that the same was not true of the clubs. By playing the K-Q of clubs first, he could gain an extra trick if either defender started with the singleton or doubleton jack of clubs. On this deal, that extra trick would have made all the difference.

Tomorrow: The better way.
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Peanuts



Rose is Rose



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Hi and Lois



Between Friends




Blondie



Snuffy Smith



Beetle Bailey



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Yesterday's Cryptoquip: WHEN ACTRESS LUCY PERFORMED WONDERFULLY, THE DRAMA CRITIC SIMPLY WROTE "LAWLESS FLAWLESS!"
 Today's Cryptoquip Clue: G equals P

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

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 14 Cauldron
 15 Emmy-winning "Hacks" actress
 17 HIV-treating drug
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 19 "The Jetsons" boy
 21 Joy of "The View"
 24 Singer
 25 Pub orders
 26 New York City nickname
 30 "Angie" actor
 31 Asian noodles
 32 DDE's opponent

DOWN

1 British rule of India
 2 Rage
 3 Briny expanse
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 5 Unconvincing
 6 Volunteer's words
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 10 Chucklehead
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 16 Sun. talk
 20 Back talk

33 "Ozark" and "Succession"
 35 Enfold
 36 Actor LaBeouf
 37 Sucker
 38 Pop star John
 40 Think (over)
 42 Sheep call
 43 Fruity summer pastry
 48 "It's c-c-cold!"
 49 Elevator name
 50 Perry's creator
 51 Perched
 52 "That one!"
 53 Ascend

21 Homer's son
 22 Mountain ht.
 23 Early advantage
 24 Ice and Bronze Tide,
 26 Crimson briefly
 27 "— Believe!"
 28 Meadows
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 35 — White piece
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Yesterday's answer 9-12

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Cross country teams finish sixth



The Commercial Review/Rick Reed

Jay County's Tina Japaridize competes with her Jay County teammates Saturday at the Randolph Southern Invitational. The Patriot girls' team finished sixth overall.

LYNN — The boys didn't have enough to compete as a team in their first event. The girls didn't for their first two contests.

For the first time in over a year, the Patriots had enough athletes to qualify both teams for scores.

Jay County's cross country teams both finished in sixth-place at the Randolph Southern Invite on Saturday.

The girls finished with 141 points, six above Muncie Burriss in last. Monroe Central won with 46.

Joseph Boggs finished in the top-10 to lead the boys to sixth-place (180 points) out of 11. Muncie Central led the boys with 63.

Boggs' 18:37.18 was good enough for 10th-place. Freshman Caleb Garringer wasn't too far behind, finishing 19th.

The other three scorers for the boys were Max Klopfenstein (38th), Lukes Powers (62nd) and Will Hawbaker (96th).

Alexis Sibray paced the girls, crossing the finish line after 22:14.92 to earn 12th-place.

After her was Paityn Wendel (28), Willow Hardy (33), Courtney Harris (55), Tina Japaridize (61) and Nina Ribas Cesar (62).

DeHoff hat tricks

BERNE — For the second time this season, the Jay County High school girls soccer team scored seven goals against its Allen County Athletic Conference-opponent as they beat the South Adams Starfires 7-1 on Saturday.

Morgan DeHoff scored three goals in the first half for Jay County's first hat trick of the season.

Jay County (3-5-1, 2-3 ACAC) scored three more first-half goals against the Starfires (2-6-1, 0-4 ACAC). Molly Muhlenkamp scored

Jay County roundup

two of the goals while Jenna Dues had the other.

The Patriots only scored one goal in the second half, coming from Jayla Huel-skamp.

Five of the Patriots' seven goals were assisted on. Aixa Lopez had three assists while Muhlenkamp had two.

Ariel Beiswanger, Emma Hatzell, Ellie Wendel and Naroa Zugasti Goicoechea anchored the defensive side of the ball for Jay County, making Angel Clairday's job easy in the goal. Clairday only had to save three shots in the match.

Spikers split

NOBLESVILLE — The Jay County volleyball team split four matches at the Noblesville Invitational on Saturday. The Patriots dropped the first two matches against Wes-Del (25-15, 25-17) and Noblesville (25-7, 25-10) before picking up a pair of wins against Shelbyville (25-20, 25-16) and Western (29-27, 25-23).

Through all four matches, Bella Denton had a team-high 20 kills. She also had four aces and two blocks.

Brenna Haines led the Patriots' defensive effort with 23 digs. She served up six aces, including four in the first match.

The Patriots' setter, Sophie Saxman, found herself involved in a lot of the action, filling out the entire stat sheet. She had 44 assists, nine kills, six aces and a block.

Mya Kunkler's three blocks were a team-high.

She was also one of the other three Jay County players with double digit kills, earning 12. Maggie Dillon (11) and Laila Waddell (10) were the others.

Snow makes top 7

CELINA, Ohio — Junior Maddy Snow finished top-seven at the Allen County Athletic Conference girls golf invitational at Celina Lynx Golf Club on Saturday to earn a spot on the first team all-ACAC.

Bluffton's team score of 413 earned the Tigers the conference championship, while Jay County only had three golfers participate, therefore not qualifying for a team score.

Snow shot a 103 to tie for fourth-place with Bluffton's Tressa Renner and Eve Corkwell. Emma Schwartz of Bluffton was the individual champion with a 91.

Snow shot for par four times in the match. They came on holes No. 1, 10, 12 and 16.

Freshman Brooklynn Bright finished with 124 strokes to earn 24th-place. Bright's only par came on the third hole, a par-3.

Whitney McIntire shot a 136 to tie with Bluffton's Aleeah Grover. They tied for 31st and were one stroke above Adam Central's Sophie Johnson at the bottom.

Junior High sweeps

The Jay County Junior High School volleyball team held the Woodlan Junior High School Warriors to only 26 total points in a 25-12, 15-14 sweep on Saturday.

Amelia Heath led the attack for the Patriots (6-0) with six kills. She also had 11 points and two aces.

Emalyn Homan scored 13 points for Jay County while serving seven aces in the match. She also had four assists and two kills.

Split ...

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Eli Dirksen's match against Wabash's Eli Mattern lasted two hours and was the deciding match in the contest. He fell 7-5, 6-4 before bouncing back in his match against Elwood.

He took down Isaac Casas 6-4, 6-0.

"I learned a lot from the first match, overall, and then sec-

ond match and kind of came back, got some more confidence," Eli Dirksen said. "Think I'll be able to do all right. Learning from today."

Abraham Dirksen struggled in the No. 1 singles match against Owen Hinchman. He dropped the first set 6-3 and lost the first five sets of the second, when he met Gillespie at the net for a chat.

"Abraham, I don't really have to give him too many talks ... at that time, I was his tone to be more aggressive," Gillespie said. "(Hinchman's) second serve was weak. I told him, 'I wouldn't even stand inside the baseline.' And I wanted to take control of that point immediately. Which he did a couple of times."

Dirksen was able to win

three games after the coaching, but fell 6-3, 6-3. He had the second win against Wabash, with a 6-1, 6-2 victory over Alex Dinkins.

Sam Myers and Gage Sims won their No. 1 doubles match against Elwood's Beau Brandon and Owen Huff 6-1, 6-3. Earlier in the day they lost 6-3, 6-0.

Gabe Pinkerton won 1-1 in

junior varsity matches. Despite the early-season struggles, Gillespie is looking forward to the Patriots improving in conference play and in the sectional. The Patriots will celebrate senior night tonight against ACAC-foe Adams Central.

He is also excited for the junior high program's first match on Saturday.

Sports on tap

Local schedule

Today
Jay County — Girls golf vs. Southern Wells - 4:30 p.m.; Boys tennis vs. Adams Central - 5 p.m.; Boys soccer vs. Richmond - 5:30 p.m.; Volleyball vs. Adams Central - 6 p.m.; Junior High football vs. Southern Wells - 5:30 p.m.; Junior High volleyball vs. Adams Central - 5:30 p.m.; Junior High football vs. Bluffton - 6:45 p.m.
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Sports

Patriots split invitational

By ANDREW BALKO
The Commercial Review

The Patriots haven't had the season they wanted so far.

Over the weekend, they took one step forward and another step backward.

The Jay County High School boys tennis team split a pair of games at the Patriot Invitational on Saturday. The Patriots fell to the Wabash Apaches 3-2 before bouncing back with a 4-1 victory over the Elwood Panthers.

JCHS coach Donald Gillespie pulled his team to the side before the matches to address how the season has gone thus far.

"I talked to the kids before the match started at 9:30 (a.m.)," Gillespie said. "We're not where we needed to be at this time. I'm not going to pull any punches. I'm not happy."

"We've let some matches get away, and is it a lack of effort, lack of concentration or are we just overmatched?"

"I don't think we're overmatched. I think it's concentration and sometimes effort. It goes back to tennis is a game of movement at all times. If you're standing still you're wrong. We still have some of those issues."

His message definitely got to the No. 2 doubles pair of Isaac Miller and Luke Muhlenkamp who were the only two to win both matches for Jay



The Commercial Review/Andrew Balko

Jay County High School's Eli Dirksen returns a serve with a forehand during the No. 2 singles match against Elwood's Isaac Casas. Dirksen defeated Casas 6-3, 6-0 after falling to Wabash's Eli Mattern earlier in the day.

County (5-8, 0-1 Allen County Athletic Conference). They quickly dismantled Wabash's Ashton Coffman and Spencer Stout 6-0, 6-2.

They cruised to a 6-2 victory in the first set against the Panther's Xavier Davenport and Anthony Pan. The second set was a lot closer.

Elwood was able to jump out to an early 0-2 lead against Miller and Muhlenkamp. When the Patriots hit game-point

in the third game, Miller turned to Muhlenkamp urging him on saying "we need this."

The pair pulled out three-straight wins by staying consistent, forcing the frustrated Elwood players to make errors, and some strong serving by Miller. In the fifth game of the set, Miller earned three of the four points for the Patriots by serving up aces, one of which the returning player froze

and another that they couldn't handle.

"I was just trying to keep a good mindset, make sure we stayed in it and stayed smart," Miller said. "I feel like just both Luke and I played really well today and I appreciate the effort that both of us put in."

They went on to win the set 7-5 and sealed the match for Jay County.

Picking up much needed wins were Eli Dirksen

and Liam Garringer in the No. 2 and 3 singles positions. Both players have struggled in recent matches, and pulled out wins that they hope will help them move forward.

Despite being the fourth match to get underway, Garringer finished first amongst the Patriots with a 6-0, 6-0 sweep of Elwood's Braxton Dailey. Garringer fell to Cooper Long 6-0, 6-4 in the first match.

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Tribe runner breaks record

TIFFIN, Ohio — Trevor Heitkamp wrote his name in the record book last season.

This year, he improved upon it to help ensure it will last.

Heitkamp shaved three seconds off his previous school record as he set the pace for the Fort Recovery boys cross country team that finished in the top half at the Tiffin Cross Country Carnival at Hedges Boyer Park on Saturday. The girls also had a top-10 finisher, finishing second out of 26 teams.

Heitkamp previously set the record last year at the Troy Twilight with a time of 15:57. On Saturday, he set a new record of 15:54.69 while coming in second-place for the boys. Riley Nixon of Ottawa Hills finished first with 15:48.5.

He led the boys to a 13th-place finish (393) out of 31 teams, while Ottawa Hills (65) placed first.

Natalie Brunswick was the first girl to cross the finish line for the Indians, doing so at 19:58.2 for ninth-place. The Indians (135) finished 44 points behind first-place Maplewood (91).

Makenna Huelskamp wasn't far behind Brunswick, finishing 12th.

Ellie Will (22), Anna Roessner (48) and Joelle Kaup (52) were the other scorers for the Indians.

The other boys scores came from Parker Brunswick (47), Reese Diller (70), Evan Evers (125) and Russell Hart (153).

Colts fail to finish fight in opening loss

By GEORGE BREMER
The Herald Bulletin (Anderson)
Tribune News Service

INDIANAPOLIS — Shane Steichen promised the Indianapolis Colts would compete in his first season as head coach.

The team delivered on that vow for the most part during Sunday's season opener at Lucas Oil Stadium, but it couldn't finish the fight in a 31-21 loss against the Jacksonville Jaguars.

"We definitely were in position," Colts rookie quarterback Anthony Richardson said. "We had it the whole way, I believe. I felt like we had the game the whole way. Our defense played great. They played lights out. They helped us a lot. Almost every possession, almost every drive for them was a turnover, and we've just got to help them out."

"They can't get a turnover then you go three-and-out. That's not good for them or for us. We've just got to get better because our defense played good. Shoutout to those guys, but (on) offense we've got to clean some things up so we can make it easy for them."

Little came easily for Indianapolis in this one. But the Colts (0-1) still gave themselves a chance to win the game in the fourth quarter.

The home team entered the final period with a 21-17 lead after a remarkable play by defensive tackle DeForest Buckner and linebacker Zaire Franklin.

Buckner scored his second career touchdown during a wild sequence that included his strip-sack of Jaguars quarterback Trevor Lawrence, Franklin alertly knocking the ball free from Jacksonville running back Tank Bigsby after many assumed the play would be ruled an incomplete pass and Buckner rumbling 26 yards to the end zone and finishing with his arm outstretched over the goal line.

"It's interesting because if you go in (the visiting locker room) and ask every offensive player right now, they will tell you exactly what we talk about Thursdays," Jacksonville head coach Doug Pederson said. "We talk about getting on every loose ball, and for some reason, we all kind of froze."

"It's obviously a learning moment for Tank, for the offense, for the guys, but for a young player to come back like he did and have those tough runs late in the game, I think, is a credit to him and the ability to shake off a negative play."

Bigsby got a measure of redemption by finishing a 10-play, 46-yard drive with a 1-yard touchdown run to put the Jaguars (1-0) back in front 24-21 with 5:14 remaining in the game.

At that point, it looked as though things might be set up for a storybook ending.

Richardson's first career home start would end with a chance for his first career fourth-quarter game-winning drive.

The moment was fleeting. On the second snap of the ensuing series, Richardson tried to find tight end Mo Alie-Cox in the flat and was intercepted by leaping Jacksonville cornerback Tyson Campbell.

Two snaps after that, Jaguars running back Travis Etienne burst through for a 26-yard touchdown run that sealed the 10th consecutive season opener without a victory for Indianapolis.

"We trust that play a lot, so we called it," Richardson said of the interception. "I saw the corner, but I just threw it a little too flat, and we weren't trying to attack him the whole game, but I saw that matchup and I thought I could get it over his head."

"But I threw it a little too flat. But he made a good play. Hopefully, it doesn't happen again. We just grow from it."

There was more good than bad for Richardson in his NFL debut.

He finished 24-of-37 for 223 yards passing and was the Colts' leading rusher with 40 yards on 10 carries. His 2-yard touchdown run tied the game at 7-7 with 14:57 remaining in the first half, and wide receiver Michael Pittman Jr. — who had a team-high eight catches for 97 yards — took a screen pass 39 yards for Richardson's first career touchdown pass to tie the game at 14-14 with 11:25 left in the third quarter.

But Indianapolis found it hard to consistently push the ball downfield because of the style of defense Jacksonville chose to play.

The Colts were 2-of-12 on third down, 1-for-5 on fourth down and managed just 280 total yards.

"They played a lot of zone," Pittman said. "I think that they were zoning it because of Anthony's legs. Because Anthony is so dangerous, because as soon as he breaks he can split you for like a 30-yard run. So we just have to adapt to that."

"If teams start doing that, we just gotta figure out ways to beat that, and we just gotta get back to the tape and see what really happened."

The Colts were unable to get anything going in the run game outside of the quarterback's efforts. Running backs Deon Jackson, Jake Funk and Evan Hull combined for just 25 yards on 16 carries, and Jackson lost a pair of fumbles — underscoring the absence of one-time All-Pro rusher Jonathan Taylor, who remains on the physically unable to perform list after a summer-long contract dispute with the team.

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