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## Busy Saturday

By RAY COONEY  
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It's going to be a busy weekend in Jay County. Saturday is loaded with activities, including:

- The return of Glass Days
- Shutterbug Car, Truck and Bike Show
- Wheel and Spoke Antique Mall's Fall Festival
- The inaugural Jeeps at Jay County

•The second year of the Portland Main Street Fall Festival

Glass Days will return to Dunkirk. The festival has been dormant since 2019. This year's event — all activities are free with the exception of food and the 5K race — will be held along Commerce Street between Main

and Indiana streets and the surrounding area.

The Shutterbug show is moving to Jay Community Center, with registration beginning at 8 a.m. and awards announced at 3 p.m.

The Wheel and Spoke event will be at the antique mall from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and feature food, music and vendors.

Jeeps at Jay County, a new event sponsored by Jay County Fair Board, is scheduled for noon to 7 p.m. at Jay County Fairgrounds. It will also feature a chili dinner and serve as the launch for the second year of the corn maze (4 to 9 p.m.) at the fairgrounds. Admission is \$5.

The Portland Main Street

Fall Festival is back for its second year with free activities on Main Street between Meridian and Harrison streets in Portland. It will run from 3 to 7 p.m. Saturday. (There will be a ribbon-cutting ceremony for the new mural on the north side of Community Resource Center at 2:30 p.m.)



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Glass Days will return from a hiatus Saturday with a full day of activities centered on Commerce Street between Main and Indiana streets. Pictured are Emma Morgan and Dawn Minnick who won the Cinderella Queen of Glass crown in 2019 and 2018, respectively. Morgan will continue her reign during the 2023 festival. Plans are to bring back the Cinderella Queen of Glass Pageant next year.

## Glass Days makes its comeback

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Glass Days is coming back. The formerly annual Dunkirk festival is making its return in a new format Saturday, with activities running from 8:30 a.m. through late in the evening.

Glass Days has been dormant since the last festival was held in 2019 as the entirety of the former festival committee resigned that November. There would have been no festival regardless in 2020 because of the coronavirus pandemic, but it has continued

to be in hibernation since then. That changed last fall when a committee made up of Dru Hall, Pam Robbins, Rose Morgan, Jeff Hatch and Larry Lafoe visited Dunkirk City Council to discuss plans to relaunch Glass Days. They set a target of late September or early October 2023.

The vision will become a reality beginning Saturday morning as the new iteration of Glass Days — it will be on Commerce Street between Main and Indiana streets and the surrounding area — kicks off with a welcome and

opening ceremony. That will feature an invocation by Pastor Susan Durovey-Antrim of Calvary United Methodist Church and Karlie Bullard singing the national anthem.

Hall expressed excitement for the upcoming festivities.

"We haven't had Glass Days for the last four years," he said. "It was a big part of Dunkirk. We had decided we were going to do it. We had a lot of obstacles ... but we just want to get it started."

See Glass page 2

## Fairgrounds hosting inaugural Jeep event

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Melissa Elliott, who took over as the Jay County Fairgrounds office manager this spring, and her husband have a Jeep.

Several fair board members enjoy Jeeps.

That led to a thought: "Let's have a Jeep show."

The latest in new events added at Jay County Fairgrounds launches this weekend with the inaugural Jeeps at Jay County event from noon to 7 p.m. Saturday. The event will also serve as the kick-off for the corn maze, which had its inaugural year in 2022, and include a chili cook-off and free chili dinner.

The event will include a variety of contests for Jeeps, including awards for categories such as oldest and most modified. Awards will be presented about 3:45 p.m.

There will also be a "flex" contest for the vehicles. Fair board members set up a flex ramp over the weekend to measure the "maximum axle/wheel articulation at the four corners of the vehicle."

As of Monday, 50 Jeeps had been signed up to take part in the various competitions. But Elliott is preparing for many more, having shared information about the event to at least 50 Jeep groups in the Midwest.

"We're expecting hundreds," said Elliott, who has a 1994 Jeep Wrangler. "I know there's a group coming from Georgia. They travel and do all kinds of Jeep events. ..."

"It's kind of like Harleys. Jeeps do rides for charities. There are Jeep groups all over the state of Indiana, and every other state for that matter. They'll do charity runs. They'll do Jeep events."

In addition to the individuals who have their

Jeeps on display, event co-sponsor Glass Capital Chrysler Dodge Jeep Ram will have some of its vehicles on hand as well. (Staff from the Dunkirk dealership will judge the contests.)

Portland's Museum of the Soldier will also bring its military Jeeps for the event.

Jeeps at Jay County will also feature a DJ in the afternoon and a live concert with Radio Replay in the Farmers Building in the evening, a chili cook-off, a beer garden operated by the fair board, a giant beer pong game (it is made with 35-gallon trash cans) and vendors outdoors and in the Bubb Building.

A community chili dinner — there is no charge, but free-will donations will be accepted — will be held from 4 to 7 p.m.

The corn maze — this year's design is farmer based, with the phrase "God made a farmer," a barn and the face of a farmer cut in the corn field on the north side of the fairgrounds — will be open from 4 to 9 p.m. (The corn maze will also be open from 1 to 5 p.m. Oct. 7, 4 to 9 p.m. Oct. 14, 1 to 5 p.m. Oct. 21 and 6 to 10 p.m. Oct. 28.)

There will be a \$5 admission fee at the gate. It includes all of the activities that will be available at the fairgrounds throughout the day. (All proceeds from the Jeep event will go toward the effort to renovate Floral Hall, the round barn at the fairgrounds.)

"It's not just for Jeep people," said Elliott. "That's why we made so many other things to do. ..."

"It's a community day. It's a day for people to come out and just enjoy the fairgrounds again ... We're looking forward to having a big crowd."

## United Way launching annual campaign

By RAY COONEY  
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The United Way of Jay County Annual Campaign is underway.

The organization is launching its campaign — "Give Today, Change Tomorrow" — today with donation buckets available in the community and a series of interviews on WPGW Radio.

The campaign goal is \$140,000. Campaign chair Traci Gross said one of the targets of today's launch — United Way of Jay County executive director Jane Ann Runyon, Gross, other board members and representatives of member agencies will share

information about the organization during radio interviews — is to get the whole community involved.

"I also want to keep reminding everyone what United Way is," she said. "It's more than just giving us money and then we hand it out to somebody else. There's lots of different aspects of United Way."

On that list she mentioned assistance following natural disasters such as tornadoes and flooding.

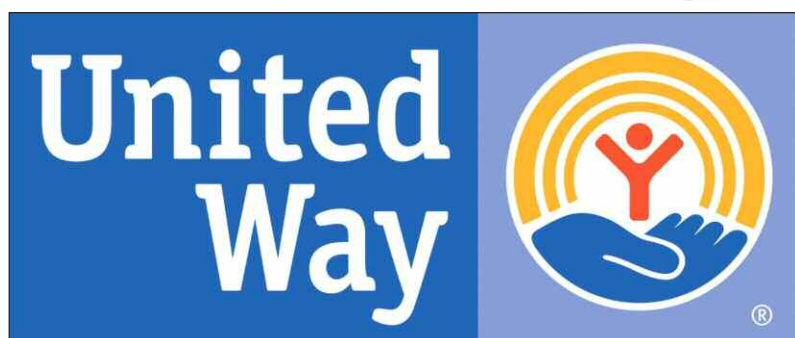
Gross, who spent six years on the United Way of Jay County board of directors, noted that the organization is somewhere

local residents often come to seek help or to offer help to others.

"We're out here to help however we can," she added. "We try to help the community in any way possible."

In addition to today's launch, United Way of Jay County will host its second annual glow ball golf tournament Oct. 14 at Portland Golf Club. (A dinner provided by Yergy's BBQ will begin at 5:30 p.m. with the tournament to follow at 7 p.m.) Nine teams were signed up as of Tuesday, with coordinator Cindy Denney saying she hopes to get to 18.

The entry fee is \$150 per two-



person team. Registration forms are available on the United Way of Jay County Facebook page, at the office in the John Jay Center (101 S. Meridian St.,

Portland) and at the golf course.

Denney said the inaugural event was well-received last year. See Campaign page 2

### Deaths

James Olvey, 97, Redkey  
Details on page 2.

### Weather

Jay County had a high temperature of 79 degrees Tuesday. The low was 71.

Tonight's forecast calls for a low in the mid 50s with a 40% chance of rain. Expect partly cloudy skies becoming mostly sunny Friday with a high in the mid 70s.

See page 2 for an extended outlook.

### In review

The Town of Pennville will host a public hearing on its park board ordinance at 7 p.m. Thursday at town hall, 105 N. Washington St.

### Coming up

Friday — Coverage of this week's Jay County Council meeting.

Saturday — Results from the JCHS football game at South Adams.





# Free flu shots available next week

It's time to get ready for flu season. Meridian Health Services is hosting its annual Flu-Lapalooza event from 1 to 6 p.m. Oct. 5. Flu-Lapalooza features free flu shots at Meridian location. Shots are available to anyone 6 months and older. Meridian will offer the

## Taking Note

shots at the MeridianMD locations at 406 W. Votaw St., Portland, and 1150 S. Main St., Dunkirk.

### Festival scheduled

Ball State PBS will host its second annual Happy Little Fest on Sunday. The Bob Ross-themed festival is scheduled for 1 to 4 p.m. Sunday at University Green, 1120 N. McKinley Ave., on the campus of Ball State University. It is a celebration of "all things Bob Ross."

The main event of the festival is a "Paint Like Bob" workshop from 3 to 6 p.m. "As the home of the popular 'The Joy of Painting' series and America's favorite television painter, Bob Ross, who inspired generations of people to try their hand at creating art, we're proud to bring this

event back to East Central Indiana," said Dr. Phil Hoffman, assistant dean of media and general manager of Ball State Public Media. To learn more, visit [ballstatepbs.org/happy-little-fest](http://ballstatepbs.org/happy-little-fest).

### Dunkirk celebration

Dunkirk Public Library will host an open house, ribbon-cutting and plaque presentation at 6:30 p.m. Monday. The event will celebrate renovations to the facility made possible via a \$140,000 grant from The Dunkirk Foundation's Gayle & Marilee Gaunt Library Fund. The open house will run from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

# Husband's younger crush reappears at church

DEAR ABBY: When our son went to college years ago, he traveled all summer with a school-sponsored ministry singing group. The members were all smart, attractive, talented young men and women — a group of four. I stopped going to his concerts because my husband became attracted to one of the young women. She was very outgoing and annoying, so I didn't mind letting my husband go alone. After they all graduated, I thought I'd never see her again. Now, all these years later, she's a missionary, and the church we attend is sponsoring her, so I have had to see her once and I'll probably have to see her again. I know to keep quiet about it because my husband says he doesn't want to hear it. I don't honestly think his thoughts are

## Dear Abby



panying their spouse whenever they know the "crush" is around. Nowhere in your letter did you state that this younger woman is attracted to your husband or a threat to your marriage. He's old enough to be her father. Obviously, you have talked to him about it, or he wouldn't be telling you he's sick of hearing it. Be patient and let the torch subside. Eventually, she will be transferred to another ministry, and you will be rid of her once again. DEAR ABBY: My mother and I are super close. I consider her my best friend. My brother, not so much. He ignores my texts and calls, and I know of any news about him only via our mom. My parents divorced when we were very young. When my father

passed recently, he left me a decent-sized inheritance, and my brother \$500.00. (They were estranged.) I took the inheritance and the equity in my house, bought a new one, and need to finance only a small amount to remodel. Mom doesn't understand why I didn't share my inheritance with my brother and says she doesn't want to talk about it anymore. I am excited about my upcoming move and the furniture shopping and remodeling. It's killing me that I can't talk to my best friend about it. I tried explaining that giving money to my brother would be taken out of my loan, which I would have to repay with interest. She doesn't want to hear it. Can you give me some advice? — MISSING MY BESTIE IN ARIZONA DEAR MISSING: You were not obligated to share your

inheritance with your brother. If your dad had wanted his estranged son to have the money, he would have left him more. Your excitement and wanting to share all the details about buying and decorating your new home is understandable, but because your mom prefers you keep them to yourself, abide by her wishes. She may be your "best friend," but she is also your brother's mother and is entitled to her opinion about the inheritance money. It is OK for the two of you to disagree about this. DEAR ABBY is written by Abigail Van Buren, also known as Jeanne Phillips, and was founded by her mother, Pauline Phillips. Contact her at [DearAbby.com](http://DearAbby.com) or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069.

# Birth announcements

### Woodward

Lynora Mariel, a daughter, was born Sept. 22 at St. Vincent Randolph to Chandler and Kaitlyn Woodward of Winchester.

She weighed 8 pounds, 1 ounce. Grandparents are Brian and Monica Cline of Winchester and Jeff and Shelly Woodward of Portland. Great-grandparents are Nora and

Walt Perry of Lynn. Mark and Judy Cline of Union City, Charles and Martha Woodward of Portland and Phil and Diana Stover of Winchester.

# Community Calendar

Notices will appear in Community Calendar as space is available. To submit an item, email [news@thecr.com](mailto:news@thecr.com).

### Thursday

#### CELEBRATE RECOVERY

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

#### LAWYERS IN LIBRARIES

— Free and confidential consultations with a lawyer are available from 10 a.m. to noon at Jay County Public Library, 315 N. Ship St., Portland. Consulting is available on topics including divorce, custody, guardianship, tenant-landlord issues, bankruptcy, debt collection, estates and immigration. Those interested in participating should sign up in advance at the library, 315 N. Ship St., Portland, or by calling (260) 726-7890.

#### DEMENTIA SUPPORT GROUP

— Meets at 5:30 p.m. at Persimmon Ridge Rehabilitation Centre, 200 N. Park St., Portland.

#### MISSISSINEWA CHAPTER OF THE NATIONAL SOCIETY OF THE DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

— Will meet at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 28, at Jay County Historical Museum. The program is on revolutionary era wedding attire. For more information, call Kathy Selman at (260) 251-1694 or Sue Sommers at (260) 726-2678.

### Friday

#### PAST RECOVERY SERVICES

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

### Saturday

#### ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

— Will meet at 10 a.m. at Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church, 218 E.

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

#### LOCALS MARKET

— Is held from 8 a.m. to noon each Saturday in May through October on East Main Street in Portland. For more information, contact The Flower Nook at (260) 726-7166.

### Sunday

#### A BETTER LIFE - BRANNA'S HOPE

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

### Monday

#### PORTLAND BREAKFAST OPTIMISTS

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

#### PING PONG

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

#### CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP

— Will meet at 1 p.m. the first Monday of each month at Portland Place, 430 W. Lafayette St. For more information, call (800) 589-1121.

#### EUCHRE

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

#### TAKE OFF POUNDS SENSIBLY (TOPS)

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

#### PREGNANCY CARE CENTER

— Free pregnancy testing with ongoing support during and after pregnancy. The center is located at 216 S. Meridian St., Portland. Hours are 1 to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. For more information or to schedule an appointment, call (260) 726-8636. Walk-ins accepted.

#### BREAD OF LIFE COMMUNITY FAMILY MEAL

— Will be served from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. at Asbury United Methodist Church, 204 E. Arch St. in Portland. Everyone is welcome.

#### PORTLAND EVENING OPTIMIST CLUB

— Will meet at 6 p.m. the first and third Monday of each

month at Richards Restaurant.

#### NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS

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

#### GAMMA ALPHA CHAPTER OF PSI IOTA XI

— Will meet at 7 p.m. Monday, Oct. 2, at Jay County Public Library, 315 N. Ship St., Portland. Members should check their email or text messages for more information. Contact Rachel Benirschke or Jane Switzer to cancel.

### Tuesday

#### BRYANT COMMUNITY CENTER EUCHRE

— Will be played at 1 p.m. each Tuesday. The public is welcome.


#### A BETTER LIFE - BRANNA'S HOPE

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

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Level: Intermediate

### Wednesday's Solution

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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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- Must have a valid Indiana driver's license and be able to travel off-site as necessary.

All interested applicants can submit their resume to the Jay County Emergency Management Agency, 224 West Water Street, Portland, IN 47371 or to the Director via email [srhodhamel@co.jay.in.us](mailto:srhodhamel@co.jay.in.us).

**Applications will be accepted until September 27, 2023.**

# Get answers before redistricting

By MORTON J. MARCUS

None of the following is a commendation nor a condemnation of the redistricting done by the Indiana House and Senate for drawing their districts as they pleased. They had constraints arising from shifting populations, the guidelines of the law and court cases, the career aspirations of their continuing members and the power objectives of their dominant party.

Redistricting is a complex process. In the Indiana House, by my calculations, 68 counties did not have sufficient population entitling them to an exclusive representative. The balance of our 92 counties (24) were large enough to have at least one exclusive legislator.

How was this resolved? Of

## Eye on the Pie



those 68 counties, 37 shared a representative with other counties, but had only one representative to contend with. That left 31 small- and medium-sized counties split among two or more representatives. Then there were 24 counties with populations large enough to require more than one representative.

For example, House seat 55 represents parts or all of six

counties (Decatur, Fayette, Franklin, Ripley, Rush and Union). At the other end of this spectrum is Marion County with 16 representatives of whom only two are shared with other counties.

If we look at population per representative, Wayne County tops the list with approximately 66,600 with just one representative. This contrasts with Newton, Pike and Pulaski where these counties of fewer than 14,000 persons apiece were divided between two representatives each.

The story is similar in the Indiana State Senate where 80 counties did not have sufficient population to have an exclusive senator of their own. With redistricting, 63 of those 80

were not split and had but one senator to contend with.

Madison was the largest unsplit county and shared a senator with neighboring Hamilton County. Seventeen counties were split such that their interests were represented by two or more senators.

Marion County, with the state's largest population, was represented by nine senators, of whom four were shared with adjacent counties.

From the point of view of the 50 Senators, 14 had only one county to represent and 15 had two counties. Eight senators had five or six counties in their portfolios.

These observations raise two questions: First, why aren't the Senate and House districts con-

solidated? If the House districts are each half the population of a Senate district, that Senate district could be overlaid on two House districts. It leaves the legislators' room for partisan play, but would simplify life for voters.

Second, is it best for voters of a city or county to have as few legislators as possible or is there safety in numbers? Are the interests of St. Joseph County diluted with five representatives and four senators where four and two, respectively, are required on the basis of population.

It might be useful to have answers to these questions before the next round of redistricting.

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# Quit intentionally confusing the issue

Tampa Bay Times  
Tribune News Service

Florida's Department of Education has a nifty way of getting other people to do its dirty work. Simply create enough confusion, and local school districts and parents across Florida's 67 counties will tie themselves in knots over newfound controversies, from instruction over gender issues and race to what books belong on campuses. This is toxic for traditional public schools, which, despite the growth of charters, still teach the vast majority of Florida's schoolchildren.

District school officials say frustration is mounting as they try to enforce new education laws championed by Florida's Republican-run government regarding race, sex, gender issues and books. Vaguely written rules, changing directives and confusing guidance from state officials are hampering efforts at the local level to comply, as the Tampa Bay Times' Jeffrey S. Solocheck reported. School districts are responding to the threat of heavy penalties in a multitude of ways; some districts are adopting clear policies to comply, while others are reacting unilaterally and haphazardly to avoid any whiff of trouble.

The result? School districts are operating in a culture of fear, mistrustful of Tallahassee and wondering what's coming next. State leaders, meanwhile, are exploiting this environment of uncertainty to promote their conservative agenda, which has energized conservative activists to push for banning books.

Since the end of the spring legislative session, Florida's State Board of Education has adopted 63 rule changes, with another 19 still in draft, the Times reported. By comparison, the board adopted 65 changes during the same time period last year. "I don't think the relationship has ever been as poor" between districts and the Department of Education, said Pinellas County School Board member Carol Cook, who has dealt with 10 education commissioners during her six terms in office.

"Just give us an answer, yes or no, and we'll know which way to

## Guest Editorial

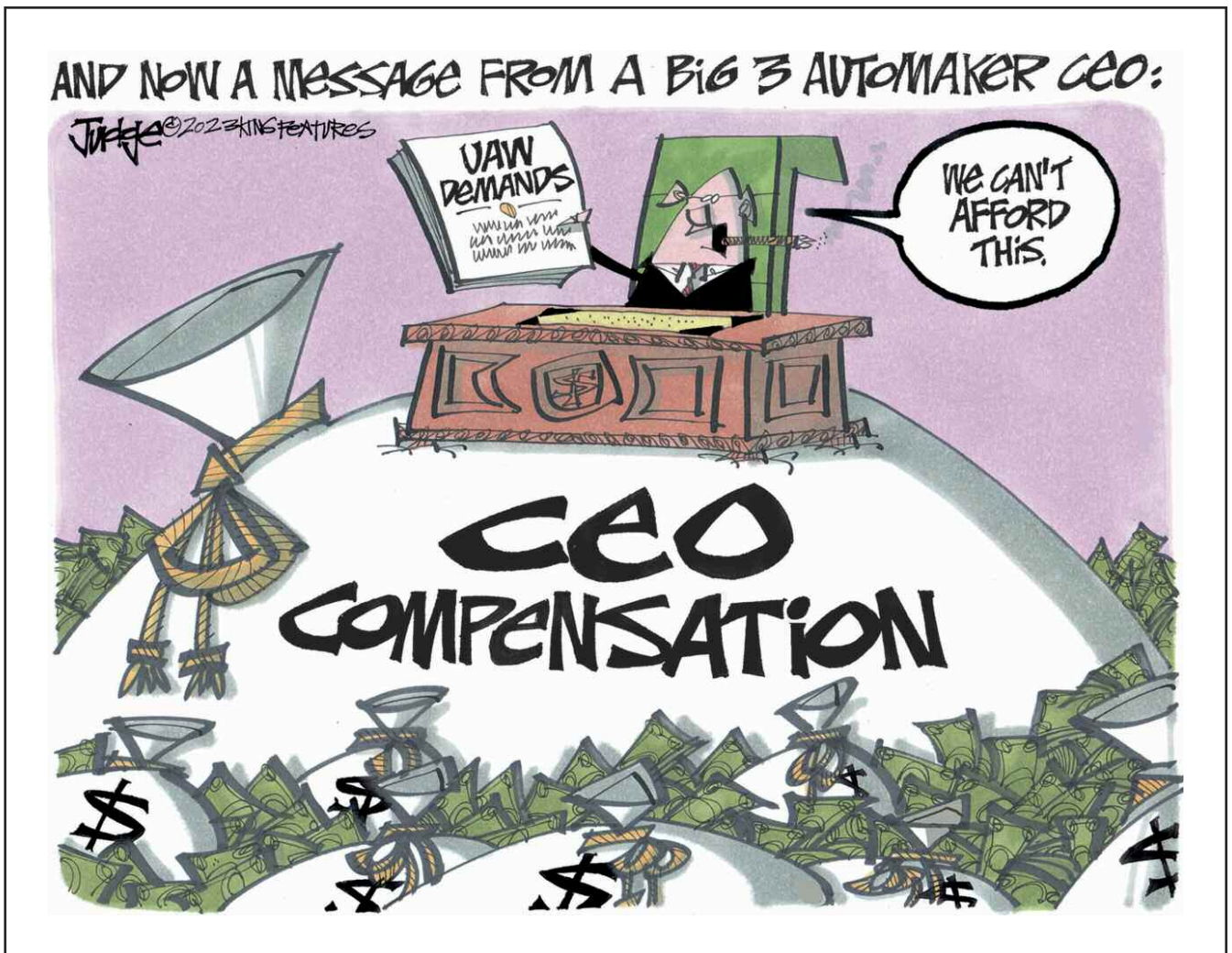
go," said longtime Pasco County Superintendent Kurt Browning, discussing his frustrations over the state's recent handling of the Advanced Placement Psychology course.

The Pinellas school district acted preemptively recently, pulling five books from its shelves amid concerns that their content, which includes graphic sex and violence, is inappropriate for minors. The district took action without having received any formal complaints about the titles.

That's happening throughout Florida, too, as parents and activists are not bothering to file formal complaints, taking their demands for removing books directly to elected school boards. The state education department held another workshop this month on handling book objections, guidance that districts will have to follow once it's complete. But the department's guidance has been so weak and inconsistent to now, it's unclear how this latest exercise will help in establishing a fair, uniform way to assess what publications are appropriate.

Districts need to follow established procedures for reviewing books and other educational materials. Erring on the side of caution is a cop-out; without due process, no school policy is truly legitimate. Parents who want to keep these materials in circulation have a stake in these challenges, too. And the state should not be allowed to manipulate the outcome merely by dispensing bad advice that serves only to confuse.

"Superintendents can't lead in fear," said Addison Davis, an education consultant who recently resigned after three years as Hillsborough County superintendent. He's right, but that climate of fear is serving state education officials just fine. Until the mentality changes in Tallahassee, school districts need to push back to protect local control.



# Prioritize work-family balance

By DAVE ANDERSON  
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The work-family balance topic is one of the dominant issues in American society, but you would not know this based upon the amount of attention it gets compared with immigration, guns, abortion, national defense, Social Security and Medicare, transportation, climate change and taxes.

This is yet another sign of our dysfunctional democracy. Neither the Democrats nor the Republicans have elevated work-family balance to the pedestal where it belongs, although the Democrats have certainly done more to get it there.

The topic is actually a set of inter-related issues, notably paid parental leave, child-care, women's rights and economic opportunities, preschool policies, LGBTQ benefit rights, a tax credit for a stay-at-home parent, and intergenerational relations between grandparents, their grandchildren and their grandchildren's parents.

Indeed, the work-family balance topic concerns nothing less than 18 years of the life of parents, their children and their children's grandparents, especially regarding how the parents, the federal government, state governments, and the business, nonprofit or education employers provide funding for parents to take care of their children when they are not in school.

The work-family balance topic also concerns alcohol and drug abuse, crime and mental health although these policy areas cut across a number of overarching policy areas.

When you recognize the depth and breadth of the work-family balancing topic, it should immediately become clear that it should be a top tier issue of concern.

Advocates for family policies like paid parental leave tend to separate

Dave Anderson



their advocacy from other dimensions of the overarching work-family balancing issue because they try to address one issue at a time. Because taking care of infants and toddlers is not regarded as a muscular national priority, advocates also struggle to get adequate attention for the issue. Moreover, these advocates do not want to hitch paid parental leave to what most politicians and most members of the media regard as a second or third tier issue, namely the larger concept of work-family balance.

After over 40 years of advocacy on Capitol Hill and no federal national paid parental leave policy for all families with newborns — The Family and Medical Leave Act provides 12 weeks of job protection for some workers but no wage replacements — it is also hard to say paid parental leave is a top tier policy issue since there has never been such a policy.

Regarding child-care funding or federal tax credits there certainly are federal programs, including transfer payment programs and federal tax credits, for child care. Most of these, however, are in the \$2,500 to \$3,500 per child range (though higher during national crises like the COVID-19 crisis) which is at best a third of the cost parents face.

It is not hard to see why child-care advocates, be they feminist organizations like Mom's Rising, the National Women's Law Center and the National Organization of Women or children's organizations like Save

the Children and the Children's Defense Fund, always have ambitious agendas. Although they have accomplished a great deal, there is so much more that could be achieved if the work-family balance problem was addressed with the care and respect it deserves.

Advocates for major family policies would do well to spell out the absolutely massive nature of the work-family-balancing issue so that U.S. Representatives, U.S. Senators and the president and his Cabinet frame decisions about the many policies that concern this issue appropriately.

Unlike the abortion issue and the gun control issue, the family-work balance issue is not a wedge issue or a hot button issue that divides the public into blue and red camps.

The work-family balance issue is a set of issues about child-care, parental rights as well as needs to work for economic, cognitive and emotional reasons, employer needs and responsibilities to elicit maximum motivation from their employees, and the value for those parents who would benefit from a tax credit for stay-at-home parents rather than child-care funding when children are very young.

If the work-family balance problem is conceptualized with all of its scope and complexity, there is a better chance that it will be resolved. Yet so long as it is compartmentalized into a potential separate twelve week paid parental leave program and a separate federal tax credit for child-care expenses or benefits provided from employers, the overarching very complex work-family balance problem will never be resolved.

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**SPEED BUMP** Dave Coverly

**THE FAMILY CIRCUS** By Bil Keane

**Contract Bridge** By Steve Becker

**A stitch in time saves nine**

South dealer.  
Both sides vulnerable.

**NORTH**  
♠ A Q 10 8 3  
♥ Q J 7 2  
♦ 9 6 3  
♣ 8

**EAST**  
♠ K 6 2  
♥ 8 5 3  
♦ Q 10 8 7  
♣ K 10 4

**SOUTH**  
♠ J 4  
♥ A K 10  
♦ A K 5 2  
♣ Q J 6 3

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

Opening lead — five of clubs.

As declarer, the first thing you do after the dummy is tabled is try to assess your chances of making the contract. When you do this, you ultimately arrive at one of three conclusions: you're sure not to make the contract; you might or might not make the contract, depending on how well you or your opponents perform.

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Take this deal where South doesn't know at the start how he will fare after West leads a club against three notrump. East wins with the king and returns the ten, which South covers with the jack.

If West ducks, as he surely should, South finishes down one. With the king of spades offside, the best he can do is to take eight tricks against normal defense. But if West stumbles at trick two by taking the jack of clubs with the ace — which he should not do, because he has no entry card outside of clubs — South finishes with 10 tricks.

However, South should not allow the outcome to depend on what West does or doesn't do. He has his destiny in his own hands, and he should not relinquish it. When East returns the ten of clubs at trick two, South should play the six on it! This play ensures the contract.

South should willingly let the defense score the first three club tricks because he can then try the spade finesse in safety, not caring one iota whether it wins or loses. Whether West started with four or five clubs, South cannot be denied making three notrump if he plays this way.

Tomorrow: Bidding quiz.  
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9-28

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KPDGXZ PJZXDWZQLNJ MDP  
DRJPPZJQWK BCJ ZXDPB DM  
PQTQWK AYRJZ? ZGPM LDYPTZ.

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: IF A BUNCH OF PEOPLE WERE TALKING ABOUT A SERGEANT, HE WOULD BE THE TOP-KICK OF DISCUSSION.  
Today's Cryptoquip Clue: K equals G

**CROSSWORD** By Eugene Sheffer

**ACROSS**

1 Barber's tool  
5 Poetry contest  
9 Wee dollop  
12 Lotion ingredient  
13 — Brasi ("The God-father" enforcer)  
14 Eggs  
15 Lizzie Borden's hometown  
17 Victory  
18 Shoelace hole  
19 Gives temporarily  
21 "Perfect" singer Sheeran  
22 Parody  
24 Klutzes  
27 High school subj.  
28 Siestas  
31 401(k) alternative  
32 "— you there?"  
33 Country music's Greenwood

**DOWN**

1 Sidewalk eatery  
2 Skin care brand  
3 Burrowing critter  
4 Ball attendees  
5 Skirt feature  
6 Candy heart word  
7 Tennis feat  
8 "That Girl" star Thomas  
9 Collapse  
10 Eager scribes  
16 Roulette bet  
20 Many millennia  
22 Seafood selection  
23 Multi-colored product  
24 Corn  
25 Onassis nickname  
26 Plan B dress  
27 Mumbai legume  
29 Soup  
30 Kinsey study  
35 Uncle, to Pedro  
37 Plumps up, as pillows  
39 O, for one  
40 Listening device  
41 Like limes  
42 Book after Joel  
43 Citi Field team  
44 Low-lying area  
45 Carolina college  
46 Winter coaster  
49 Nabokov novel  
50 Bit of advice

**Solution time: 23 mins.**

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USEFULLY	TWON									
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Yesterday's answer 9-28

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# Patriots dominate Bruins

*Levi Muhlenkamp scores early hat trick before Patriots play with positions*

By **ANDREW BALKO**  
The Commercial Review

Senior Trevin Dunnington is listed as a defender on the Patriots' roster sheet.

For about 40 minutes on Tuesday, he was just trying to score a goal.

His teammates fed him the ball and held their breath as they watched him fight to find the net.

After five failed attempts, he finally broke through.

A strong start for the Jay County High School boys soccer team in a 8-0 win over the Blackford Bruins allowed for them to mix their lineup around on senior night Tuesday.

Fifteen minutes into the game, the Patriots (7-3-2) had a large enough lead — 3-0 — that coach Bobby Ruiz started to mix the lineup up, putting people into new positions. Around that time, Dunnington was moved up to play as a striker.

"It's a lot of running," Dunnington said. "I was pretty tired. I don't know how Levi (Muhlenkamp) does it. It's awful."

He had a couple of opportunities in the first half, but just couldn't convert as one sailed high and the other two shots were saved by Ryne Clamme.

In the second half, he started in the front as

well, looking for his first goal of the season.

Anytime the ball would come to the offensive end, the bench would be calling for their teammates to pass it to Dunnington. His first opportunity came with 26:13 left in the second half. He was on the receiving end of a through ball and took it down the field but missed the goal wide right.

After the shot, Dunnington turned to the bench to say he was struggling to control the ball.

Five minutes later, he had another opportunity after Hugo Gutierrez brought the ball up slowly and kicked it through the defense for Dunnington to track down near the box. His shot was too high.

With just under 14 minutes remaining, Dunnington finally got one. With the ball on the right side, Dunnington crashed to the front of the goal. Blake Collins delivered the ball to Dunnington who was able to touch it through the two defenders and past goalie Max Bonewitt for the first score of his career.

"He passed it to me and I just had a little touch between the two and nailed it right in," Dunnington said. "It just felt great. I was running everywhere and felt so



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Jay County High School's Dylan Marentes (6) prepares to control the ball near the midfield line during the Patriots' 8-0 win over Blackford on Tuesday. After he controlled the ball, he turned upfield and passed to Levi Muhlenkamp (7) to score the first goal of the game.

happy. My teammates were there and it was great."

Dunnington was able to be put in that position because Jay County was aggressive offensively to begin the game, developing a quick lead.

They got their first goal less than 10 minutes into

the game and developed a 4-0 lead before they were even half way through the first half.

Ruiz wanted to make sure that the Patriots gave Blackford (4-9-1) respect so that it wouldn't become a trap game.

"I thought, let's start hard. Let's go and get it,"

Ruiz said. "Then we can see what the game brings."

Jay County's leading scorer, Muhlenkamp, tallied three more goals for a first-half hat trick.

His first goal came on a play during the Patriots went the distance of the field in less than five seconds. Brayden Collins

took a free kick from near their own goal, sending the ball to Dylan Marentes, who controlled it in the midfield and then turned it up to Muhlenkamp. From there, he was able to put the ball into the left half of the goal.

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## Denton leads spikers to conference victory

PONETO — Things haven't always been smooth sailing for the Patriots this season.

Their most recent Allen County Athletic Conference match they made it look easy.

It only took the Jay County High School volleyball team the minimum amount of sets to take out the Southern Wells Raiders 25-13, 25-13, 25-9 on Tuesday.

Bella Denton had a strong offensive performance. She ended with 10 kills and five aces while garnering 14 service points. Matching her in service points was Brenna Haines and in aces was Maggie Dillon.

Behind Denton in kills were Mya Kunkler and Sophie Saxman with four each. Saxman also had 21 assists.

The Patriots (9-11, 2-3 ACAC) will host Heritage tonight for their final home match of the season and senior night.

The junior varsity team also swept the Raiders 25-16, 25-2.

Lydia Johnson and Kendel Rowles both had a team-high four kills. Both Kayla Jetmore and Maria Hemmelgarn had five aces in the match. Running the offense as setters were Ella

### Local roundup

Rigby (10 assists) and Carley Trinidad (three).

### Dirksen shuts out

HARTFORD CITY — The Jay County girls soccer team shut out the Blackford Bruins 5-0 Tuesday.

The Patriots (5-8-1) had a new goalie, with Meredith Dirksen protecting the net. She recorded seven saves.

Aixa Lopez got the scoring started for Jay County when she found the net after only 5:29 of play. Morgan DeHoff added a second at 28:33.

Jenna Dues scored her sole goal of the game near the midway point in the half. Molly Muhlenkamp assisted the play.

Lopez and DeHoff both scored in the second half. DeHoff scored unassisted with 17:12 remaining while Lopez received an assist from Jayla Huelskamp to score the final goal at 4:18.

### Schoen shoots low

OTTAWA, Ohio — The Fort Recovery girls golf team's season came to a

close Tuesday as it tied for sixth-place in the sectional tournament at Moose Landing Country Club.

Minster earned the sectional crown with a score of 384. Joining Minster in the district tournament will be Parkway (425) and St. Henry (426) as the top three teams qualify for a district berth. The Indians shot a 470 to tie with St. Marys Memorial for the sixth-place finish out of 13 teams. The Roughriders' fifth golfer broke the tiebreaker.

Ella Schoen had the best day of all Indian golfers, shooting a 106 to tie for 15th with Grace Beyke of St. Henry. She was 12 strokes off of a chance to move to the district tournament as an individual, as the top three golfers not on qualifying teams advanced.

The other three scores for Fort Recovery came from Brynn Stammen (119), Olivia Knapke (122) and Eva Kahlig (123).

Emma Will's 132 did not count towards the team score. Ava Klosterman of Memorial edged her by three strokes for the tiebreaker.

### Patriots sweep

PONETO — The Jay County junior high volleyball team swept the Southern Wells Raiders 25-23, 25-19 Tuesday.

Three players — Amelia Heath (four) and Brenna Ruble and Emalyn Homan (one apiece) — had kills for the Patriots.

Homan also had team highs in points (eight) and aces (four). She also had an assist.

Kenady Lyons matched her with eight service points, one being an ace, while recording a team-high five assists.

The only other players to serve aces were Heath with two and Gabi Petro with one. Petro also had a dig.

Ruble led the Patriots (10-6) with two digs in the match.

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