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Weaver earns national award

IU Health Jay nurse passes credit to team

By RAY COONEY

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Holly Weaver was chosen for a national award.

It's the Health Beginnings program as a whole, she said, that is deserving of such recognition.

The American Nurses Credentialing Center recently honored Weaver, a nurse at IU Health Jay, as its 2023 Pathway Nurse of the Year.

"It's very overwhelming," said Weaver, who works as a maternal infant navigator in the hospital's Healthy Beginnings program. "I'm not really one that likes public accolades. ... I work on a team of people ... I cannot and don't do my work alone."

The award recognizes the "outstanding contributions of ... one direct care nurse from all Pathway to Excellence®-designated organizations around the world." It was presented recently at the co-located American Nurses Credentialing Center National Magnet Conference® and the American Nurses Credentialing Center Pathway to Excellence Conference® in Chicago.

"Winners have made a positive impact on their practice environment by role modeling exceptional professionalism and leadership in working collaboratively with team members and integrating clinical expertise with compassionate patient interactions," the organization said in a press release. "They successfully found creative ways to foster engagement, nursing excellence, and shared decision making."

See **Award** page 2



Weaver

Open again

After sections were closed for more than two months, Meridian Street (U.S. 27) in Portland reopened Wednesday morning between Main and Race streets. Work on the downtown storm sewer project continued to the east on Walnut, High and Arch streets. Regarding the other Portland road closure, Jay County Commissioner Chad Aker said Monday that the bridge replacement project on Water Street (Indiana 26) on the east side of the city is expected to be complete by Nov. 1.



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Jay unemployment back below 3%

By RAY COONEY

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Unemployment is back below 3%.

Indiana Department of Workforce Development estimates released this week show that Jay County had an unemployment rate of 2.9% in September.

The rate had been up to 3.8% just two months earlier.

Jay County saw a decline of 0.3 percentage points in its unemployment rate last month. It tied the county for the 27th-lowest rate in Indiana after coming in tied for 30th-lowest in August.

The local rate was up from 2.3% in September 2022.

Declining unemployment was a trend in the area and statewide. Four of the five adjacent counties saw unemployment declines of

County was tied for 27th-lowest rate in Indiana for September

0.3 percentage points or more in September, with Blackford's number dropping by 0.7 percentage points.

Indiana's rate dipped to 3.3% in September from 3.7% in August. (Jay County was tied at 2.9% with Floyd, Hancock, Harrison, Martin, Perry and Posey counties.)

"Today's tight labor market is evidence that now is a great time for Hoosiers to find their dream

job or get started with training to pursue a new career," said department of workforce development commissioner Richard Paulk in a press release Friday. "Despite these labor market trends, there are also avenues for our employers to build and grow talent they already have, specific to their needs with resources available through our agency or regional workforce offices."

Daviess County had the lowest unemployment rate in the state in September at 2.3%. Dubois County was next at 2.4%.

Area rates are as follows: Adams County: 2.8%, down 0.3 percentage points, tied for 18th-lowest

Blackford County: 3.9%, down 0.7 percentage points, tied for fourth-highest

Delaware County: 3.8%, down 0.6 percentage points, tied for eighth-highest

Jay County: 2.9%, down 0.3 percentage points, tied for 27th-lowest

Randolph County: 3.1%, down 0.3 percentage points, tied for 45th-lowest

Wells County: 2.7%, down 0.1 percentage points, tied for 12th-lowest



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Ladybug gaming

Five-year-old Bella Grayson runs toward the posts during a game Saturday as part of Pennville Pumpkin Festival at Pennville Park. She wore a costume resembling Ladybug, a super heroine from the French children's television series "Miraculous: Tales of Ladybug and Cat Noir."

U.S. pushes for help

By SAM DAGHER

Bloomberg News
Tribune News Service

The U.S. has called on Gulf Arab states to help clamp down on a suspected increase in fundraising by the militant group Hamas following its deadly attack on Israel earlier this month.

A previously scheduled meeting of the Riyadh-based Terrorist Financing Targeting Center — a body formed in 2017 including the U.S., Saudi Arabia and five other Gulf Arab states — was brought forward to Monday this week from next month, according to the U.S. Treasury.

At the meeting, U.S. Under Secretary for Terrorism and Financial Intelligence, Brian Nelson, urged Gulf Cooperation Council member states to share intelligence that could be used to impose sanctions uni-

Persian Gulf allies asked to stem tide of fundraising

laterally or jointly against individuals and entities. He said the aim is to stop any attempt by Hamas to leverage its Oct. 7 incursion to amass donations and other funds.

"This moment should bring a profound sense of urgency, clarity and purpose to the work that we do," Nelson said in his prepared remarks at the meeting. "The ability to act — to cut off the financial flows that feed terrorism — is a duty we all share."

Nelson assured his counterparts that legitimate humanitarian aid to

Gaza, like food, water and medicine, would not be impacted by any new sanctions.

After the meeting in Saudi Arabia, Nelson traveled to the Qatari capital of Doha, where many of Hamas's political leaders are based. Since its inception, Hamas has received political and financial support from the gas-rich Gulf emirate, which is also a close U.S. ally that has been lauded by Washington for its role in mediating the release of Americans imprisoned in Iran and by Hamas in Gaza.

Deaths

Steven Curts, 73, Albany
Details on page 2.

Weather

Jay County's high temperature climbed to 81 Tuesday. The low was 54.

Tonight's low will be in the lower 60s with winds gusting to 30 miles per hour and a 30% chance of rain. Skies will be partly cloudy Friday with a 30% chance of showers and a high in the upper 70s. See page 2 for an extended outlook.

In review

Jay County Junior/Senior High School drama club's production of "Salem's Daughter" opens tonight. Performances of the play will be held at 7 p.m. tonight, Friday and Saturday in the school's auditorium. Tickets are \$5 and will be available at the door.

Coming up

Friday — Another story in our series looking at the upcoming municipal election.

Saturday — Preview of the Jay County High School girls wrestling season.



Obituaries

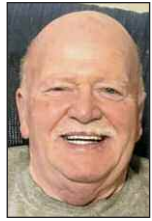
Steven Curts

Feb. 17, 1950-Oct. 24, 2023
Steven L. Curts, 73, Albany, died Tuesday, Oct. 24, 2023, at Lincolnshire Place, Muncie.

Born in Muncie on Feb. 17, 1950, he graduated from Montpelier High School with the class of 1968 and served in the U.S. Army during the Vietnam War. He worked at the Portland Forge for several years, for the City of Dunkirk's wastewater department and at the Dunkirk Police Department as a radio dispatcher before retiring.

Steve was an emergency medical technician with the Albany EMS where he was an originator of the cadet program. He served on the Albany Volunteer Fire Department and coached softball in Albany.

Survivors include daughters Jodi L. Morgan (husband: Doug), Albany, and Wendy L. Brown (husband: Josh), rural Albany; brothers Jeff "Al"



Curts

Curts (wife: Christy L.), Dunkirk, Dwight "Bill" Curts (wife: Belva C.), Dunkirk, and Timothy L. Curts (wife: Jackie N.), Ladoga; sister-in-law Waletta Burreas (husband: Duane), Muncie; grandchildren Alana R. Morgan, Micah R. Brown, Tyler S. Morgan, Zachary A. Morgan (fiancé: Hunter L. Slaven) and Ryne W. Brown; several nieces, nephews and cousins also survive.

He was preceded in death by his wife of 32 years, Peggy L. (Grogg) Curts, who died in 2003; his parents Rolland L.

and Marilyn R. (Shrack) Curts; and in-laws Joseph and Edna "Peg" Grogg.

Services will be 3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 28, 2023, at Meacham Funeral Service. Burial will occur later at Gardens of Memory Cemetery with military rites by Veterans of Delaware County Honor Guard.

Visiting hours are Friday from 4 until 8 p.m. and one hour prior the service on Saturday at the funeral home.

Memorials may be sent to American Legion Post 167, 128 W. State St., Albany, IN 47320.

Condolences and other expressions of sympathy may be given at MeachamFuneralService.com.

The Commercial Review 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

Friday 10/27	Saturday 10/28	Sunday 10/29	Monday 10/30	Tuesday 10/31
77/54	62/50	56/37	46/28	42/24
There's a slight chance of showers during the day. Otherwise, mostly sunny, with rain expected late.	Saturday's forecast shows a 40% chance of showers in the late afternoon under mostly cloudy skies.	Rain is expected Sunday, when the low at night will dip into the mid to upper 30s.	Monday has a slight chance of rain. Otherwise, mostly cloudy.	Halloween could have rain or snow, with temperatures dropping at night to the mid 20s.

Lotteries

Powerball Estimated jackpot: \$49 million	Evening Daily Three: 4-4-9 Daily Four: 2-6-6-1 Quick Draw: 5-11-14-17-24-32-36-40-41-49-52-54-58-59-60-61-69-76-79-80
Mega Millions 5-6-29-32-61 Mega Ball: 20 Megaplier: 4 Estimated jackpot: \$91 million	Ohio Tuesday Midday Pick 3: 6-4-5 Pick 4: 6-2-5-6 Pick 5: 7-7-4-0-3 Evening Pick 3: 8-2-6 Pick 4: 0-4-5-5 Pick 5: 1-7-6-2-4 Rolling Cash: 1-3-11-13-27
Hoosier Tuesday Midday Daily Three: 6-0-0 Daily Four: 9-8-2-0 Quick Draw: 5-6-7-9-17-18-21-22-23-27-28-37-46-50-54-57-63-67-72-80	

Markets

Cooper Farms Fort Recovery Corn.....4.80 Nov. corn.....4.65 Wheat5.68	Dec. beans12.82 Wheat 5.31
POET Biorefining Portland Corn.....4.80 Nov. corn.....4.70 Dec. corn.....4.75	ADM Montpelier Corn.....4.53 Nov. corn.....4.57 Beans12.49 Nov. beans12.54 Wheat5.30
The Andersons Richland Township Corn4.65 Dec. corn4.65 Beans12.39	Heartland St. Anthony Corn.....4.35 Jan. corn.....4.60 Beans12.33 Nov. beans12.33 Oct. wheat4.86

Today in history

In 1825, the Erie Canal, which connected Lake Erie and the Hudson River, opened. The \$7 million project created a 363-mile canal 40 feet wide and 4 feet deep. It took eight years to complete.

In 1881, the O.K. Corral in Tombstone, Arizona, was the site of the legendary gunfight between the Earp family — Wyatt, Virgil and Morgan Earp with friend Doc Holliday — and the McLaurys and Clantons.

In 1905, the St. Petersburg soviet (workers council) was formed during the Russian Revolution of 1905, which pushed Tsar Nicholas II to try to transform the country's government from an autocracy to a constitutional monarchy.

In 1911, singer Mahalia Jackson was born in New Orleans. She made her first recording in May 1937 and went on to become known as the "Queen of Gospel Song."

In 1958, the first jet airliner, the Boeing 707, went into service in the United States for Pan American World Airways. At 144 feet, 6 inches, long and weighing 248,000 pounds, the planes had a range of 3,000 miles and a cruising speed of 600 miles per hour.

In 1975, William E. Davis suffered a broken back in a fall at his Penn Township Farm and was in intensive care at Fort Wayne's Parkview Hospital. He was manager of Portland's Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service office.

In 2020, United Way of Jay County annual campaign co-chair Barbara Street announced a push for new ways to donate with in-person fundraising opportunities limited in the midst of the coronavirus pandemic. "We're trying to reinvent how we can touch people," she said.

—The CR

Citizen's calendar

Thursday 6 p.m. — Jay County Board of Zoning Appeals, Community Resource Center, 118 S. Meridian St., Portland.	Friday 4 p.m. — Portland Board of Works special meeting, mayor's office, city hall, 321 N. Meridian St.
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Award ...

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"Holly is an amazing nurse, and she energizes her peers to be better, do better, and advance the practice of nursing at IU Health Jay," said IU Health Jay chief operating officer and chief nursing officer Christina Schemenaur in a press release. "In my mind, there is no one more deserving of the Pathway to Excellence Nurse of the Year Award than Holly Weaver."

As a maternal infant navigator for Healthy Beginnings — it launched in 2020 when the hospital discontinued birthing services and has since been honored with Indiana State Department of Health's Office of Rural Health Community Impact Award — Weaver helps patients during their pregnancy.

Her work includes attending appointments with patients and working with them to assist with challenges such as transportation, child care and work commitments that might make getting to the

doctor's office difficult. She also provides education in a variety of areas, including making sure patients understand their insurance and the care that is required during pregnancy.

Weaver connects patients with resources such as WIC (women, infants and children), Healthy Families and prenatal classes that cover topics like childbirth, breastfeeding and safe sleep. And she helps patients who need assistance with smoking, drug abuse and mental health challenges.

Healthy Beginnings also has Wellbaby navigators who assist women and infants, providing similar resources to those Weaver handles during pregnancy. The program also has pro-

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—Holly Weaver

grams that provide free diapers and car seats. And it has been involved in various community outreach efforts, including currently partnering with Jay County Public Library on adult mental health.

"We don't all have equal support in their lives," said Weaver. "We're here for them, as a team. We're here to support them ..."

"We try to do a lot. We try to have a holistic family approach, making sure all the needs are met."

A 1992 Jay County High School graduate, Weaver went on to earn her associate's degree from Lutheran College of Health Professionals in Fort Wayne. She started her career with Dr. Stephen Myron at Preferred Family Physicians in Portland and has been

with the local hospital — IU Health Jay and previously Jay County Hospital — for more than 23 years. She earned her bachelor's degree from Indiana University — East in 2017.

Part of her passion for helping pregnant mothers comes from her own experience, as she had supportive nurses who "made me feel like I could be the best mom" when she gave birth to her son.

"I want my patients to feel the same way," said Weaver. "I don't care what their circumstances are. I don't care what their background is. ... We all have the ability, with the right resources and support, to be the best parents that we can be. And I want parents to feel that way ... I want to help them do that."

Felony arrests

Dealing meth

Two Dunkirk residents were arrested Tuesday for dealing drugs.

Lizabeth A. Denney, 43, 345 Mount Auburn, Dunkirk, and Aaron D. Baker, 51, 172.5 E. Grand St., Dunkirk, were each preliminarily charged with a Level 2 felony for dealing methamphetamine, a Level 2 felony for dealing cocaine or a narcotic

drug, a Level 6 felony for maintaining a common nuisance and two Class A misdemeanors for possession of marijuana and possession of paraphernalia. Denney and Baker are being held on \$60,000 bonds in Jay County Jail.

Drug possession

A Dunkirk man was arrested Tuesday for drug possession.

Cody A. Brenner, 33, 317 E. North St., was preliminarily charged with a Level 5 felony for possession of cocaine or a narcotic drug, a Level 6 felony for maintaining a common nuisance and a Class A misdemeanor for possession of paraphernalia.

He's being held on a \$44,000 bond in Jay County Jail.

Capsule Reports

Drunk driving

A Portland man was arrested for drunk driving after nearly hitting a deer and crashing along Indiana 67 about 9 p.m. Saturday.

Matthew A. Vore, 35, was driving a 2004 Chevrolet Cavalier northeast on the highway just south of county road 400 South when a deer ran in front of the vehicle. Passenger Lara Keppler grabbed the steering wheel and yanked it to the right, according to a Jay County Sheriff's Office report, causing the vehicle to go off the southeast side of the road and roll onto its top.

Vore complained of head pain, and Keppler complained of pain all over her body.

Vore was administered a breath test, and he had a 0.131% alcohol concentration, according to the report.

He was charged in Jay Superior Court with operating a vehicle while intoxicated and endangering a person, a Class A misdemeanor, and operating a vehicle with an alcohol concentration between 0.08% and 0.15%, a Class C misdemeanor.

Damage is estimated between \$2,500 and \$5,000. The vehicle was towed.

Lost control

Damage is estimated between \$50,000 and \$100,000 after an Ohio man lost control of the semi he was driving along county road 400 South, causing it to flip onto its side about 2:45 a.m. Friday.

James M. Oechsle, 64, Van Wert, was driving west on the road toward Dunkirk during rainy conditions. He was on his way to deliver materials for making glass bottles at Ardagh Group when the 2019 International semi he was driving went off the side of the road. The weight of the trailer attached to the vehicle caused it to turn onto its side, according to a report from Jay County Sheriff's Office.

The semi — it's registered to Modern Transportation of Coraopolis, Pennsylvania — was towed.

Dog hit

A Portland man was unable to avoid hitting a

dog along county road 200 South about 7 a.m. Friday.

Ryan E. Younts, 27, was driving his 2023 Kia Telluride west on the road near county road 600 East when the animal ran into the road. Younts's vehicle crashed into the animal, damaging the car's front end.

The dog survived the crash but needed a leg amputated, according to a Jay County Sheriff's Office report. Its owners are Crystal and Tony Cline of rural Portland.

Damage is estimated between \$2,500 and \$5,000.

Brakes failed

A Dunkirk woman's brakes failed while driving on county road 100 West, causing damage to her vehicle about 11:15 p.m. Sunday.

Sandra J. Rollins, 63, told Jay County Sheriff's Office she was driving her 2018 Toyota Rav4 south on the road near its intersection with county road 500 South when her brakes failed. She continued without stopping and went into a field, crossing several sets of railroad tracks, according to a report from the sheriff's office.

Damage is estimated between \$5,000 and \$10,000. Her vehicle was towed.

Cow crash

Damage is estimated between \$25,000 and \$50,000 after a Michigan man hit a cow along U.S. 27 in Jay County about 11:28 p.m. Tuesday.

Christopher Bailey, 63, Coldwater, told police he was driving his 2009 Chevrolet Silverado north on the highway near county road 900 North when he saw a cow in the road. He wasn't able to avoid hitting the animal, which collapsed in the ditch on the west side of the road.

The cow belonged to Phillip and Deborah Hough of Geneva. Bailey's truck was towed.

SERVICES

Thursday

Pogue, James: 10 a.m., Goodwin Funeral Home, 200 S. Main St., Frankfort.

Vance, Phyllis: 11 a.m., Tabernacle Baptist Church, 31 Douglas St., Cartersville, Georgia.

Friday

Monroe, Richard: 3 p.m., Baird-Freeman Funeral Home, 221 N. Meridian St., Portland.

Gibson, Betty: 4 p.m., Feller and Clark Funeral Home, 1860 Center St., Auburn.

Saturday

Curts, Steven: 3 p.m., Meacham Funeral Service, 648 W. State St., Albany.

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Nominate a brave Ohioan for fire award

Nominations for the annual Ohio Fire Service Hall of Fame and Fire Awards ceremony are open.

The awards ceremony recognizes members of the fire service and their "bravery, commitment and sacrifice ... (made) on behalf of their communities," according to a press release from The Ohio Department of Commerce's Division of State Fire Marshal and the Ohio Department of Public Safety's Division of EMS. It also recognizes members of the public who "are credited with directly saving or attempting to save a life or lives during an extreme fire or other emergency rescue situation," the release says.

Taking Note

Recipients will be honored April 24 at the Center of Science and Industry in downtown Columbus, Ohio. To nominate a person, visit com.ohio.gov/HOFNom. The deadline is Dec. 22.

Pet refuge anniversary

It's been 10 years since Midwest Pet Refuge started taking in animals. The local nonprofit rescue is

celebrating its anniversary with an open house from noon to 4 p.m. Saturday at its building, 601 N. Charles St., Portland. Treats for pets and humans, raffles, a food truck and more will be available. There will also be a costume contest at 3 p.m., with awards for best pet, best person and best pet/person combination.

For information or to make a donation, visit midwestpetrefuge.com or check out the organization's Facebook page.

Auction scheduled

Arts Place will host its annual holiday benefit auction Nov. 17.

This year's event is themed after "A Christmas Story." (Jay County Civic Theatre will pres-

ent its production of the musical Dec. 7, 8, 9, 15, 16 and 17 at Arts Place.)

The auction will feature refreshments, a silent auction and a live auction.

For more information, email jcc@myartsplace.org or call (260) 726-4809.

Paintings on display

Ball State University's David Owsley Museum of Art is displaying paintings from New York artist Debbie May through Dec. 21.

The exhibit will feature more than 50 paintings. The abstract works display an imaginative use of black and white or muted tones over marble dust.

"I invite everyone to discover Debbie Ma's mesmerizing works, which were first pointed out to me by the museum's namesake benefactor," said Robert G. La France, director of the David Owsley Museum of Art.

"A man of few words and a decisive collector of action, David T. Owsley instinctively responded to the perfect arrangement of shapes and complex interactions between visual elements in Ma's marble dust paintings. I think that our visitors will, too."

David Owsley Museum of Art in Muncie is open from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. Saturday.

Secrets loom over new parents

DEAR ABBY: I am 26 and have been with my boyfriend, "Trey," for eight years. We have an 18-month-old son. When I was six months pregnant, I went through Trey's phone and saw he was cheating on me. I was humiliated and told my best friend because I couldn't keep it in any longer. It hurt me deeply.

I chose to forgive Trey because we were starting a family and I felt I owed it to my baby to at least try. But I constantly think about the things I saw on his phone, and I don't trust him. If I even think about him going out somewhere without me, I get terribly anxious.

I'm not going to lie. I wasn't a saint throughout our relationship, but when I got pregnant, I was all about Trey and our family. I love him, but I can't seem to be happy. We are polar opposites. I'm affectionate and love my family. He's dry and doesn't care for my family or his. I also feel we resent each other. Sometimes, I want to break up with him so I can find someone I can trust and have peace with, but then I feel guilty.

Our son is a daddy's boy. He loves Trey and is always asking for Daddy when his father is out or at work. It would break my heart for my son not to see him as often as he does with us living together. My parents

Dear Abby



were never together, and I always said if I had a child, I'd make sure that child had their mom and dad together. But I'm not happy with my relationship. Please give me some advice. — FAILING IN NEW JERSEY

DEAR FAILING: Talk to Trey. Tell him how you feel and why. Has he continued to see other women? How does he feel about the status of your relationship? How important is it to him to be front and center in his son's life?

The two of you are not married, thank heavens, so separating would not be complicated or costly from a legal perspective. Of course, he would have to support his child financially, and so would you. You both deserve to be happy, and don't be surprised if you learn that Trey feels the same way about your relationship.

DEAR ABBY: I have a daughter and two granddaughters, 16 and 24. I live with my daughter, her boyfriend and my younger granddaughter. My daughter and my oldest granddaughter got into a heated argument over the phone about something the boyfriend posted on social media. They are no longer speaking and have blocked each other's phone calls.

I feel lost. We used to all three spend one Saturday a month together, go on vacations and have family dinners on holidays. How do I get over this? — MISSING IT IN MARYLAND

DEAR MISSING IT: A way to get past this would be to extend your social life beyond your immediate family. If you do, you will have more distraction and less time to brood about something that you cannot control. You can still see your older granddaughter separately if you wish, just not under the same circumstances as before until this blows over.

Dear Abby is written by Abigail Van Buren, also known as Jeanne Phillips, and was founded by her mother, Pauline Phillips. Contact Dear Abby at DearAbby.com or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069.

Community Calendar

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

Today

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.

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

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.

MISSISSINAWA CHAPTER OF DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION — Will meet at 9 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 28, at Jay County Historical Society before traveling to Richmond to visit the Madonna of the Trail statue and also to the Levi Coffin Home and Museum at Fountain City.

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.

Sunday

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

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.

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.

Tuesday

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

JAY COUNTY CANCER SUPPORT GROUP — Will meet from 5 to 6:30 p.m. in conference room C at Indiana University Health Jay Hospital. Open discussion for cancer patients, survivors, family members or anyone interested in helping with the group. For more information, contact Linda Metzger at (260) 726-1844.

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.

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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.

Politicians need to shift their focus

By MORTON J. MARCUS

Last week in this space poverty had center stage. Hoosiers not in poverty were miffed by the neglect to focus on their status. Now we'll take a broader look at the distribution of income across households in our 92 counties.

Fortunately, the Census Bureau leaves it to us to decide what is high, middle and low income for a household. We'll take the easy path and consider a statistical route to that determination.

According to data adjusted to 2022 prices for the American Community Survey, the average Hoosier county had 48% of its households with incomes between \$35,000 and \$100,000, with 28% below \$35,000 and 25% at or above \$100,000.

To some, \$35,000 will be too low

Eye on the Pie



for middle income. For others, \$100,000 will be too high. But that is the best delineation of the data without imposing a behavioral or cultural standard on the information provided.

The three counties with the highest percentages of households having less than \$35,000 in annual income were our friends from last week: Blackford (40.5%), Crawford (40.0%) and Scott (38.6%). Not surprisingly,

these same counties had the lowest percentages of households with \$100,000-plus income. The figures were Crawford (12.7%), Blackford (16.0%) and Scott (16.7%).

Starting from the other end of the household income distribution, we find only Hamilton County (52%) with more than half of its households enjoying incomes of \$100,000 or more. Next in line are Boone (46.4%) and Hendricks (42.7%) counties.

An alternative way of looking at income distribution are the familiar average and median figures. Four Indiana counties have an average income in excess of \$100,000: Hamilton (\$140,553), Boone (\$132,865), Warrick (\$110,141) and Hendricks (\$109,086).

Only two counties have averages below the \$60,000 household income level some proclaim as the minimum necessary for a middle-class lifestyle. They are Crawford (\$59,977) and Scott (\$58,880).

But let's not ignore the fact the averages tell a different story from the median value. Averages can be distorted by extraordinary high or low values. In Crawford County, for example, one in eight households (12.7%) have income at \$100,000 or more.

More telling are the median household figures. Fifty of Indiana's 92 counties have median incomes below \$50,000. In those counties, half the households endure with incomes below that level.

These data are worth more

attention from our elected officials and economic development agencies in every county. Income is the enabling factor for relief from the anxiety and physical hardships borne by those who are without prospects for sustaining a healthy life. Is increasing the opportunities in already congested communities the answer to statewide prosperity?

Hoosier politicians are obsessed with tangential issues. Safety is not the number one issue in our major urban areas. Abortion and gender rights are important, but they do not deserve the primacy of place they have in public debate.

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Keep treasuries market boring

Bloomberg Opinion
Tribune News Service

The \$25.8 trillion market for U.S. Treasury debt is like the circulatory system for the world's financial markets — everything else relies on it. In recent years blockages have occasionally formed, and central banks have had to step in to restore the money flow. Now, as Treasury prices adjust to a surge in federal borrowing and a changing outlook for long-term interest rates, it's essential that policymakers keep the market healthy.

The diagnosis is relatively simple. For decades the market has depended on a group of so-called primary dealers (today there are 24) to maintain order during times of stress. But the size of the market has exploded in the past decade, at the same time as new rules have set limits on banks' leverage, curbing their capacity to take on assets. Meanwhile, as primary dealers' holdings have shrunk, principal trading firms, hedge funds and other nonbanks have stepped in to play a bigger role.

Unlike the primary dealers, these firms and funds have no obligation to help make markets and their activities are less visible to regulators. That leaves policymakers scrambling for emergency solutions — as when a shock from the COVID-19 pandemic drove investors, including highly leveraged hedge funds, to sell Treasuries in a "dash for cash" in 2020. Regulators are considering ways to discourage such risks from building, including pressing banks to gather data and curb lending to hedge funds.

Sustainable cures are overdue. Policymakers should act on four fronts to help keep the market functioning smoothly.

As a start, the Securities and Exchange Commission should focus on central clearing for Treasuries. By acting as a trusted middleman, clearinghouses mitigate the risk of counterparties failing to make good on trades. Yet less than a quarter of Treasury trades are centrally cleared, compared with nearly all trades in markets such as exchange-traded derivatives and equities.

Guest Editorial

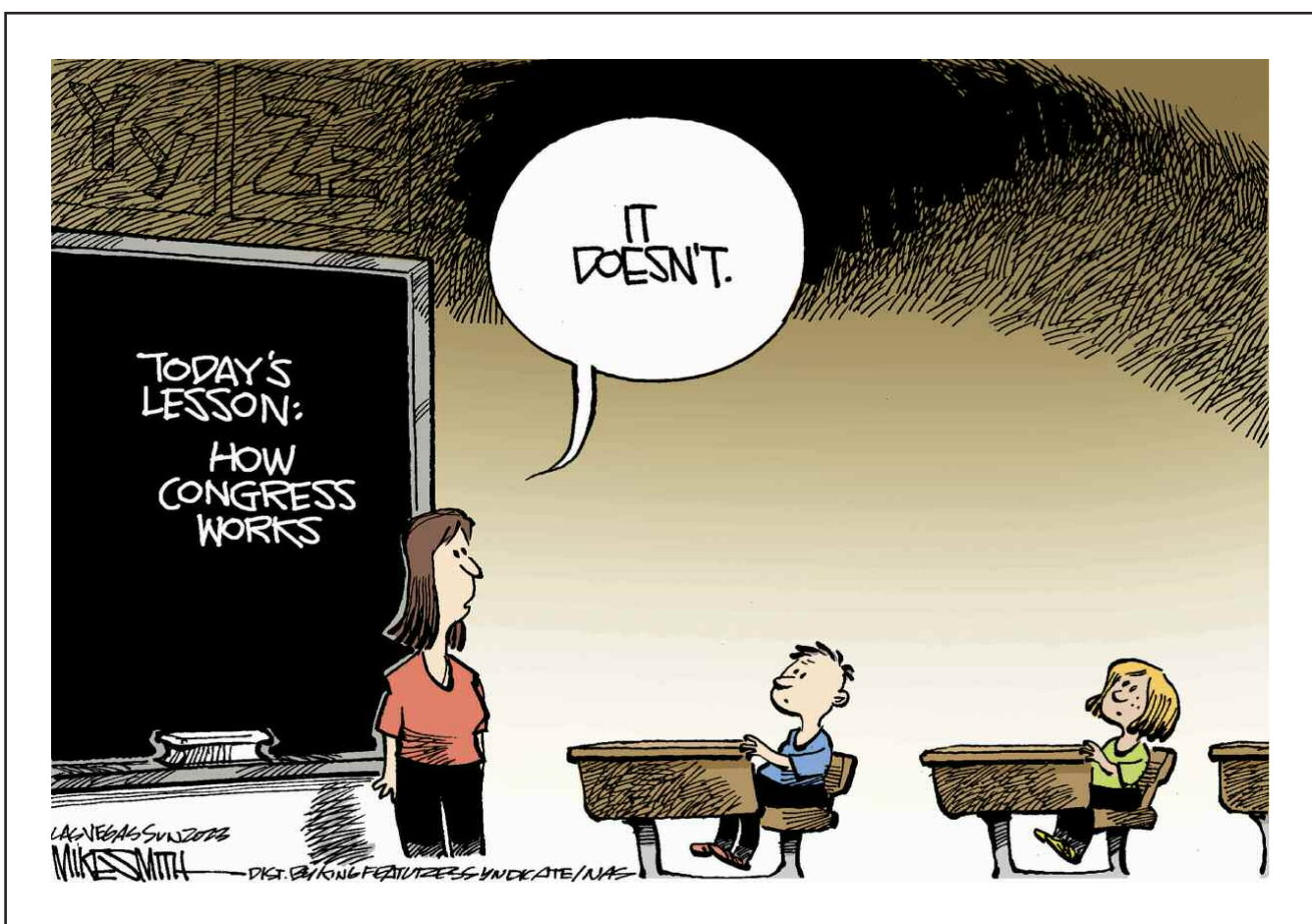
A proposal that would require more of those trades to be cleared makes sense. Before moving ahead, the SEC should ensure that the Fixed Income Clearing Corp. — currently the only company registered to clear U.S. Treasuries — is prepared to handle trading and collateral from all eligible participants. It also needs to be alert to systemic risks that the industry may pose.

Next, regulators should open the market to more participants. Currently, most trades take place among dealers or between dealers and their customers. Enhancing the ability of customers to trade directly with each other, known as "all-to-all" trading, should make it easier to find counterparties during times of stress. Previous efforts to encourage such trading have faltered, but more central clearing might make it easier to build the trust necessary to widen the pool.

For their part, central banks should make it possible for nonbanks to post Treasuries in return for short-term loans. The Bank of England is already studying making loans available to a wider variety of market participants in exchange for gilts during periods of exceptional market disruption. The Fed could do the same with its standing repo facility.

Finally, the Financial Stability Oversight Council, created after the 2008 financial crisis, should consider designating some key institutions as systemically important, putting them under enhanced supervision. That will give regulators more insight about where leverage is building in the system, and more power to impose guardrails.

The Treasuries market is too important to be allowed to clot or seize up. Regulators have studied the market and its vulnerabilities long enough. Now they should do what's needed to keep it boring.



Support Israel, help Palestinians

By ROBIN ABCARIAN
Los Angeles Times
Tribune News Service

President Biden's voice may be more of a whisper than a roar these days, but on Thursday night, he was as loud and strong as he's ever been.

"The terrorist group Hamas unleashed pure unadulterated evil in the world," Biden said. "But sadly, the Jewish people know, perhaps better than anyone, that there is no limit to the depravity of people when they want to inflict pain on others."

Condemning the corrosive forces of antisemitism and Islamophobia, he said the United States would continue to support and arm Israel as it wages war against Hamas, and would also send millions of dollars in humanitarian aid to Gaza to help ameliorate the effects of Israel's airstrikes and expanded blockade, which has cut off food, medicine, water and fuel to the area's 2 million-plus impoverished inhabitants.

Israel has the absolute right to exist in peace and defend itself; Palestinians have the absolute right to self-determination and freedom. "We cannot give up on a two-state solution," Biden said Thursday.

It is still difficult to contemplate the enormity of the gruesome Oct. 7 attacks on Israeli civilians, and the horrific price that so many Palestinian civilians are now being forced to pay. Both sides have suffered and will continue to suffer in unthinkable ways.

On Wednesday, Anderson Cooper interviewed the sisters of Amit Man, a 22-year-old Israeli medic who spent hours exchanging messages with her family on WhatsApp from a clinic in a kibbutz as Hamas gunmen stalked and slaughtered her neighbors.

"I don't think I'll get out of here," she wrote, moments before she was killed. "Please be strong if something happens to me."

In Gaza, Palestinian parents have

Robin Abcarian



discussed whether to write their children's names on their palms or on their backs, so that when they are killed, the family can be buried together.

"It feels like humanity is kind of deserting us in this moment," Melanie Ward of Medical Aid for Palestinians told Crooked Media as she relayed the conversation her Gaza director, Mahmoud Shalabi, said he'd had with his wife about how to mark their children.

Like most engaged Americans who lack any real Middle East expertise, I read as much as I can, and watch as much as I can. I pay attention to those with deep experience, knowledge and understanding of the age-old conflict. I try to tune out the extremists on both sides.

I avoid offensive commentary from the "what did you expect?" factions of the American left and right. There is nothing on Earth — nothing — that can begin to justify the atrocities that Hamas unleashed on Israeli civilians. Anti-Israel demonstrations like the one that took place Monday at the Sydney Opera House, where pro-Palestinian protesters chanted "Gas the Jews," and the letter by Harvard students blaming Israel for the Hamas attacks are but two examples of the reprehensible way this conflict has robbed so many of their humanity.

"One can believe that the Palestinians have the same kinds of rights as Israelis and that the Palestinians' rights have been violated by Israel for many, many years," foreign policy and national security expert David Rothkopf told Salon. "One can also believe that the

plight of Palestinians who are trapped in Gaza or in the West Bank is grave and deserves the world's attention. But if you have a friend or a relative who just died, you don't go to the funeral and talk about their flaws. You wait for a few days at least. It's just the wrong moment."

It is difficult to wade through the disinformation, misinformation and just plain confusion about what is happening on the ground in Gaza.

Like many, I was taken in by initial news reports, based on information from the Gaza Health Ministry, about who was to blame for the massive explosion on Tuesday at the Ahli Arab Hospital, and texted a Jewish friend: "How can Israel hope to maintain the moral high ground if it's doing this?"

My friend blasted back: "Why would Western news media and media all over the world believe news reports from Hamas without verification, examination and review?"

Of course he's right.

The growing consensus from impartial sources — including open source investigative sites like Bellingcat — is that the explosion was not consistent with an Israeli airstrike. Thursday, Biden said flatly that it "was not done by the Israelis."

Each side may cling to its belief that the enemy did it.

But we must never let go of the desire to find a way for Palestinians and Israelis alike to raise their families and live in peace.

Biden was correct to caution Israel against overreacting in rage as the U.S. did so disastrously after 9/11. If the U.S. is to support Israel in its war on Hamas, we must also be committed to alleviating the suffering of the Palestinian people, who have once again been buffeted by forces over which they have no control.

At this point, what other choice do we have?

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WHO'S GONNA TELL HIM?

THE FAMILY CIRCUS By Bil Keane

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"Ghosts aren't real, Jeffy. They're unbelievable."

Contract Bridge **By Steve Becker**

The trump echo

South dealer.
North-South: vulnerable.

NORTH
♠ 9 8 6
♥ A K
♦ 6 5 3
♣ K Q J 9 4

WEST
♠ 5 4 2
♥ 1 9 6 4 3
♦ 1 9 7 2
♣ 1 0

EAST
♠ A 7
♥ 10 8 7 2
♦ K 10 4
♣ A 8 6 2

SOUTH
♠ K Q J 10 3
♥ Q 5
♦ A Q 8
♣ 7 5 3

The bidding:
South West North East
1 ♠ Pass 2 ♣ Pass
2 ♠ Pass 4 ♣

Opening lead — ten of clubs.
One of the more common defensive signals is the so-called trump echo. When the setting is right, this convention can be worth its weight in gold.

Here is a typical case. West leads the singleton ten of clubs against four spades. East wins with the ace and returns the deuce of clubs. West ruffing with the four. Back comes West's fourth-best diamond, East's king losing to South's ace.

Declarer crosses to dummy with a heart and leads the nine of trump, trying to look for all the world like he's planning to finesse in the hope of inducing East — if he has the ace — to play low. But East alertly goes up with the ace as South follows with the three and West the deuce. Now, if there were no such convention as the trump echo, East would have a difficult problem to solve.

He would not know whether to return a diamond, hoping to find West with the queen, or a club, hoping West had another trump. But the problem is easily solved if East is familiar with the trump echo.

West ruffed the club return at trick two with the four and later played the two on East's ace. This high-low in the trump suit indicates that its user originally held an odd number of trumps, which in the present case would have to be exactly three. Had West ruffed with the deuce and later played the four, he would have shown an even number of trumps — two in the given situation.

East therefore has no doubt about returning a club at trick six, since he knows full well that his partner will ruff to defeat the contract.

Tomorrow: Test your play.
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Peanuts

WELL, LOOK WHO'S BACK. THE DOG SCHOOL GRADUATE!

DO YOU EVER WATCH THE SIX O'CLOCK NEWS, KID?

SOMETIMES I DO... WHY?

THAT I COULD PUT IT BACK TOGETHER?

Rose is Rose

THERE ARE A LOT OF PARTS... WHAT MADE YOU THINK...

YOU SAID THAT YOU USED TO TAKE YOUR TOYS APART ALL THE TIME!

I TOOK THE WHEELS OFF MY WAGON.

IS THERE A ROBOTICS ENGINEER WE CAN CALL?

Agnes

WHAT ON EARTH ARE YOU WEARING?

THIS IS A FULL STATE-OF-THE-ART ROPE-SKIPPING REGALIA.

I HAVE A VINTAGE EASTERN BROWN COUNTY JUMP-ROPE CONVENTION T-SHIRT FROM WAY BACK IN MAY, TIGHT LEGGINGS AND BUFFER PADS FOR COMMONLY ROPE-WHIPPED BODY PARTS.

I AM GOOD TO GO.

MIGHT WANT TO PUT THOSE FEET UP IN A BUN.

Hi and Lois

MOM SAID I COULD HAVE ONE COOKIE, BUT I NEED TWO.

THANKS, PAL!

Between Friends

WHAT WILL YOU BE DOING WHILE YOU'RE IN PARIS?

WELL...THE POINT IS TO OBSERVE HOW THE PARIS DIVISION RUNS THINGS COMPARED TO OUR OFFICE... SO I'LL JUST FOLLOW BENOIT... HE'S IN CHARGE.

SO... HE'LL BE YOUR BOSS?

MY BOSS? UMM...

HE'D BETTER NOT THINK SO.

Blondie

I WANT MY RETIREMENT CELEBRATION TO BE "FIRST CLASS" JUST LIKE THE AIRLINES!

IT WILL BE! HERE'S MY ESTIMATE.

OKAY, WHAT WOULD YOUR ESTIMATE BE IF I ONLY WANTED THE CELEBRATION TO BE "COACH" OR "STANDBY"?

Snuffy Smith

I'M A LI'L SHORT RIGHT NOW, SHERIFF -- ENNY CHANCE YA COULD LEND ME TEN BUCKS TO BRIBE YA WIF?

Beetle Bailey

THE TIMING WAS OFF IN THE JEEP ZERO TOOK IT TO GET FIXED.

HERE HE COMES.

IT'S NOT FIXED.

I HAD THEM SET THE CLOCK LIKE YOU SAID.

CRYPTOQUIP

H Z V Y N Q Z I B K Y A M N U Y M N O
T N N L E H K T N H M Y A M M Z L E H K
O J Z T Y Y U Y W P Q N B W P Y Z W A :
M I Y A E V V Y W N J P V O E T A .

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: IF PEOPLE CAN CHOOSE ANY SHIPPING CASES THAT THEY PREFER, HAVE THEY BEEN GIVEN CRATE BLANCHE?
Today's Cryptoquip Clue: K equals G

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

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| 5 Obama predecessor | 2 Leer at "Hud" | 38 PC shortcut | 22 Google rival |
| 9 Prof's degree | 3 "Hud" actress Patricia | 40 "Little Women" woman | 23 Lawyer Clooney |
| 12 "— a Kick Out of You" | 4 Phonograph needle | 41 Firm belief | 24 Telly network |
| 13 Golden Rule word | 5 Duelist Aaron | 43 Go sour with meter | 25 Rowing need |
| 14 Listener | 6 Popular card game | 47 Prefix with forest-inspired color | 26 Teen's formal attire |
| 15 Gathering of pre-school children | 7 Poker champ Ungar | 51 Despondent | 27 Cicatrix |
| 17 Historic period | 8 Had aspirations | 52 Satan's forte | 29 Fair hirer, in ads |
| 18 eBay user | 9 Henrik Ibsen play | 53 Hotel chain | 30 Recipe abbr. |
| 19 Everglades wader | 10 Tortoise's opponent | 54 Directional ending | 35 Rotating part |
| 21 Hesitant sound | 11 "Phooey!" | 55 Bicycle part | 37 Sad state |
| 22 "Catch my drift?" | 16 Jewel | 56 Fireplace fuel | 39 Cod and May |
| 24 Conks on the head | | | 40 Moonshine vessel |
| 27 Muppet eagle | | | 41 Hand (out) |
| 28 Russian refusal | | | 42 Scent |
| 31 Tavern | | | 43 Ancient Brit |
| 32 "— -ching!" | | | 44 Show-room sample |
| 33 Refusals | | | 45 Fallon predecessor |
| 34 Gator's kin | | | 46 Author Bagnold |
| 36 "You've got mail" ISP | | | 49 "— had it!" |
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Solution time: 24 mins.

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Yesterday's answer 10-26

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Trevor Heitkamp of the Fort Recovery High School boys cross country team turns a corner to get out of the woods with half of a mile to go in the district meet at Columbus Grove on Saturday. Heitkamp cruised into second to earn him his fourth regional appearance and is looking to secure his third trip to state.

Before ...

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“The thing I think we have in our favor is most of our kids have experience at this level,” Diller said. “All of them have run the course, so I’m not worried about that. I don’t think there’s going to be nerves because they know what they’re getting into.”
Pulling on past experiences is exactly what Trevor Heitkamp plans to

do to try to make it to state as well.
When the Indians visited Tiffin earlier in the season, he broke his own school record of 15:54.69. He plans to take a similar approach to find success on Saturday. “My training is coming to a point where I’m feeling very fresh and I’m excited to see what I can do,” Trevor Heitkamp said. “Last time I was there, I

broke the school record. So I’m going into it with a lot of confidence.
“I’m planning on going out with the leaders and matching their moves. That’s all I did last time. And they carried me to a great time. And I don’t see why this strategy wouldn’t work.”
He is seeded 12th in the race after taking things easy at the district meet. The top-28 finishers

will compete at state, making him one of the favorites to get through despite having a seed that is slower than his potential.
Also sitting in a good position to qualify individually is Brunswick. She led at the district meet most of the way through before being swallowed up by a group of runners from Minster. She plans on coming out strong again to try

and take advantage of a larger field where other runners can get lost in the mix.
“Going out strong is the biggest thing,” Brunswick said. “Especially with this race, because once you’re out there, you stay in your position for what seems like the whole race.”
While Fort Recovery would love to get Trevor Heitkamp and Brunswick

through as individuals, the ultimate goal is to get everyone to punch their ticket to Obetz.
“We need to show up,” Diller said. “It is doable, but it’s also not a walk in the park. We need to be on our ‘A game’ Saturday and I have no reason to believe we will not. People are in good spirits, they’re confident and they’ve been running super well.”

NLCS ...

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Nick Castellanos, for obvious example, went from a big bopper who had an All-Star season and five homers in a three-game stretch to end the NLDS and start this series. But he finished last night on a 1-for-24 tailspin.
Even Bryce Harper and Trea Turner had their troubles as the series grew long, both failing to get big hits in potential run-producing at bats in Game 7, including with two on in the seventh. “They pitched those guys

really well, and that’s the ebbs and flows of offense,” Thomson said. “People aren’t going to hit every single day of the season. It’s just not going to happen. Other guys (have) got to pick it up. Other guys have got to get it done, and you have to pass the baton and move people up and get people on base and put pressure on people.
“We had some people on base tonight. We couldn’t get the big hit.”
The Diamondbacks struck first on starting

pitcher Ranger Suarez, who led off the game by striking out oh-so tough Ketel Marte. But an infield single by Carroll and a hit by Gabriel Moreno put the D-backs in business.
Christian Walker’s fielder’s choice grounder brought home Carroll with the first run of the game.
The lead didn’t last long. In fact, on starter Brandon Pfaadt’s first pitch in the second, Alec Bohm fattened the crowd in left with a line drive gift. The home run coming after a day of social

mediates calling for Bohm to be dropped from the cleanup spot, tied the game at 1.
Bohm made his presence felt again in the fourth, taking a one-out walk. Bryson Stott followed with a liner to left-center that split the fielders and got to the wall, and Bohm came all the way around to score. The Phillies would then load the bases with nine-hitter Johan Rojas, hitting all of .095 in the postseason, due up. Before long he would sit down with a strikeout.

That opened the door for the Diamondbacks to assume the lead in the fifth. Emmanuel Rivera started the inning with a single and was sacrificed to second. After Suarez struck out Marte for a third straight time, Carroll got his third straight hit, plating Rivera with the tying run. (Marte would double in the eighth to extend his postseason hitting streak to 16 games, one shy of the major league record.)
That would be it for Suarez after only 75 pitch-

es. Reliever Jeff Hoffman came in and promptly gave up a single to catcher Gabriel Moreno and Carroll scored the go-ahead run.
After Carroll did his thing again in the seventh, this time a sacrifice fly to plate an insurance run, the Phillies wheeled out their ace, Zack Wheeler, to pitch them out of further trouble. That set the stage for another golden chance in the bottom half for the Phils, but they couldn’t convert despite drawing two walks.

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HOUSEHOLD GOODS - OLD & COLLECTORS ITEMS
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FRHS cross country will compete for fourth straight state berth

By **ANDREW BALKO**
The Commercial Review

On Saturday, Nov. 7, 2020, Ellie Will finished 40th with a time of 19 minutes, 53.8 seconds. Jenna Hart came in 91st at 20:51.

On Saturday, Nov. 6, 2021, Will placed 70th in 20:14.5 while Hart was 82nd with a 20:27.0.

On Saturday, Nov. 5, 2022, Will earned 72nd with a 20:41.1 and Hart was 91st after running a 21:07.6.

Will and Hart are now looking for an opportunity to run on Saturday, Nov. 4, 2023.

The pair will run at the OHSAA Division III regional 10 at Hedges Boyer Park in Tiffin as the Fort Recovery High School girls cross country team tries to earn a state berth for the fourth year in a row. Joining the girls will be senior Trevor Heitkamp who is vying for his third state appearance.

Seniors Will and Hart boast the most experience of the Indians, having ran and scored at the past three regional meets.

"They have not only made it to state three years in a row, but have been scoring members of their team for three years," coach Christy Diller said. "They're our backbone. Nobody in our school's history has gone in cross country four years in a row. They're the first ones to do it three years in a row."



The Commercial Review/Andrew Balko

FRHS girls cross country runners Ellie Will (161) and Joelle Kaup (159) come down the final stretch at the district meet at Columbus Grove on Saturday. Will held her position to finish 12th and Kaup found a burst of energy to pass Ariyah Pfenning (287) of New Knoxville and Cady Doladson (middle left) of St. John's.

Will is seeded 52nd at the meet while Hart is 113th based on their results in the district meet at Columbus Grove. Joining them will be senior Natalie Brunswick (13th), Juniors Joelle Kaup (55th) and Anna Roessner (99th), sophomore Maddie Heitkamp (119th) and freshman Makenna Huelskamp (did not compete at district). Everyone other than Maddie Heitkamp and Huelskamp have experience running in the regional.

Huelskamp hasn't competed

since Sept. 11 when she finished 12th at the Tiffin Carnival. She has sat out of the previous five meets while dealing with an aggravated hip, but has been outside of the top 10 or better in the four races she's ran in. Coach has liked what she's seen from Huelskamp in practices recently and feels comfortable reinserting her into the lineup for the regional to help add depth.

"I'm a little nervous to run again," Huelskamp said. "But I feel pretty confident as well. ...

I'm looking forward to it, especially in a race like regionals."

In the pre-district Ohio Association of Track and Cross Country Coaches' poll, Fort Recovery was voted No. 16 among schools in Division III. Teams that were ranked ahead of them that will also be competing at Tiffin are No. 1 Minster, No. 4 Liberty Center, No. 6 Huron, No. 11 Patrick Henry and No. 14 Lincolnview. That positions the Indians as the sixth strongest team in a meet where only seven teams get to

advance to the state tournament.

Nipping at the Indians' heels are No. 18 Colonel Crawford and No. 19 Parkway. Fort Recovery beat Parkway by five points at the district meet.

The Indians have also taken down both Huron and Lincolnview when they ran at Tiffin earlier in the season. Diller is going to look to that experience and the Indians' comfort running the course to help them through.

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Diamondbacks take NLCS from Phillies in game seven

By **ROB PARENT**
Daily Times (Primos, Pa.)
Tribune News Service

PHILADELPHIA — Arizona's star rookie Corbin Carroll, held in check for most of the National League Championship Series, broke out in a big way Tuesday night.

Carroll had three hits and a sacrifice fly, knocking in two runs and scoring two more, enough for the Arizona Diamondbacks to come away with a 4-2 victory in Game 7 of the NLCS, and ending what for quite a while appeared to be a dream season for the home team at Citizens Bank Park.

The Diamondbacks, who lost the first two games of the series followed by a cumulative tune of 15-3, will move on to the World Series to face another unlikely wild card team, the Texas Rangers. The Fall Classic begins Fri-

day, while the 2022 Series teams, the Astros and Phillies, failed to repeat and will watch from afar.

"That's a good club, and they really played well," Phils manager Rob Thomson said. "You come into this building and beat us twice in this type of atmosphere, you're doing some things right. But they pitched well. They really did."

The loss is devastating to a Phillies team that had seemed unbeatable at home this season, magic that only heightened when two-plus rounds of playoffs stretched a winning streak against NL postseason opposition to a record 11 straight wins. But after winning just one of three in Phoenix last week, the magic evaporated in a pair of losses Monday and Tuesday nights.

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Sports on tap

TV sports

Today
7 p.m. — College volleyball: Minnesota at Purdue (BTN)
7:30 p.m. — College football: Syracuse at Virginia Tech (ESPN)
7:30 p.m. — College football: Georgia State at Georgia Southern (ESPN2)
7:30 p.m. — NBA: Philadelphia 76ers at Milwaukee Bucks (TNT)
8:15 p.m. — NFL: Tampa Bay Buccaneers at Buffalo Bills (ABC)
9 p.m. — NHL: St. Louis Blues at Calgary Flames (Bally Indiana)
9 p.m. — Women International Friendly: Colombia at United States (TBS)
10 p.m. — NBA: Phoenix Suns at Los Angeles Lakers (TNT)

Friday
2 a.m. — Golf: Asia-Pacific Amateur Championship (ESPN2)

2:30 p.m. — Formula 1: Mexico Grand Prix (ESPN2)
3 p.m. — Premier League: Tottenham Hotspur at Crystal Palace (USA)
5 p.m. — NASCAR Xfinity Series: Dead on Tools 250 (USA)
6 p.m. — Formula 1: Mexico Grand Prix (ESPN2)
7 p.m. — NHRA: NHRA Nevada Nationals (FS1)
7 p.m. — College volleyball: Penn State at Michigan (BTN)
7:30 p.m. — College football: Florida Atlantic at Charlotte (ESPN2)
7:30 p.m. — NBA: Miami Heat at Boston Celtics (TNT)
8 p.m. — World Series: Arizona Diamondbacks at Texas Rangers (FOX)
9 p.m. — College hockey: Wisconsin at Minnesota (BTN)
10 p.m. — NBA: Golden State Warriors at Sacramento Kings (ESPN)
10 p.m. — NHL: St. Louis Blues at

Vancouver Canucks (Bally Indiana)

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