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Social dangers



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Derek Bogenschutz prepares for his presentation Wednesday at Jay County High School. The sergeant with Jay County Sheriff's Office shared information about the dangers of social media to children.

Seminar shows potential pitfalls of online activity, offers advice to parents on how to monitor children

By BAILEY CLINE

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Keep your kids safe while using social media. Derek Bogenschutz, sergeant at Jay County Sheriff's Office, shared information on social media and the danger it presents to children during a public seminar Wednesday at Jay County High School.

Bogenschutz designs cell phone applications, websites and software for businesses. He conducts digital forensics with the sheriff's office on digital devices, including cell

phone hacking, computer analysis, network tracking and location tracking.

Nearly 80% of Americans and about 4.89 billion people worldwide utilize social media, said Bogenschutz.

In 2008, only about 10% of the population used social media.

"Social media's getting so big now, it's intertwining into our lifestyles," he said.

"Everything we do is posted, shared, broadcasted on some sort of social media platform," he added. "For a lot of

people, their entire life story is also on social media."

Negative effects that may impact children using social media include cyberbullying, social addiction, depression, suicidal tendencies, changes in home behaviors and declining school performance. Children could also be the potential victim of an online scam or sex crime.

Bogenschutz showed a slide displaying 16 mug shots of convicted child predators who have been arrested by Jay County Sheriff's Office.

"The reason why I show you

these faces is not to show hate toward them, but I want you to be aware that sexual predators are in your neighborhoods every single day," he said.

More than 500,000 child predators are active online daily, he continued, and more than 50% of victims are between 10 and 15 years old. Approximately 1 in 4 children will experience a sexual predator in some way during their lifetime, said Bogenschutz. That statistic is expected to increase to 1 in 3 children by as soon as next year.

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New county plan will offer HSAs

Accounts offer opportunity for pre-tax contributions

By BAILEY CLINE

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County employees will have the option to open a Health Savings Account next year.

Jay County Commissioners approved a new proposal Wednesday with Physicians Health Plan, which will increase deductibles but allow employees on the high-deductible health plan to open a Health Savings Account (HSA).

Employees' monthly rates will stay the same. They'll also receive "seed money" from the county for opening or maintaining an HSA, a savings account that lets folks set aside funds on a pre-tax basis to pay medical expenses.

Also with the new plan, commissioners agreed to add a benefit for short-term disability, which would provide 60% of an employee's earnings with up to a maximum of \$1,500 per week for as long as 13 weeks.

Jessica Clayton of One Digital, a health insurance brokerage firm, reminded commissioners of the proposals she shared Oct. 23, which included a 4% renewal with the current plans offered through Physicians Health Plan or an alternative proposal with the same company. The alternative proposal, which was approved Wednesday, offered a high-deductible health plan for participants to open HSAs.

According to Health-Care.gov, untaxed dollars in an HSA may be used to pay for deductibles, co-payments, co-insurance and other expenses, and may lower out-of-pocket health care costs. HSAs may earn interest and are not taxable.

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Lawmakers discuss marijuana legalization

By CASEY SMITH

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Could Indiana be moving towards less stringent marijuana laws, or even total cannabis legalization?

State lawmakers floated those questions Wednesday during a six-hour meeting at the Statehouse.

The Interim Study Committee on Commerce and Economic Development is examining "the legalization of adult-use cannabis in Indiana as it relates to workforce impacts and teen use."

Although not specifically tasked with doing so, the committee further entertained testimony around the possibility of decriminalizing simple mari-

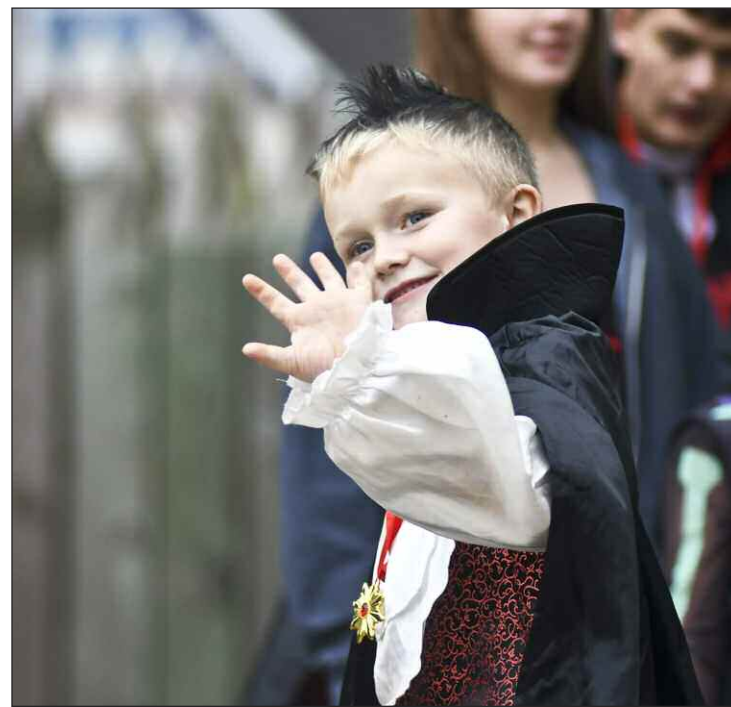
juana possession, and discussed potential health and economic benefits of THC products.

Indiana retailers are currently allowed to sell some marijuana-related products — like CBD, Delta-8 and Delta-9 products — but there's no state regulatory body to oversee the industry.

Some who testified before the panel called for a state-regulated marijuana market, emphasizing expanded access to a medicinal product and an increased likelihood for cleaner, safer products. Others were more conservative, recommending better labeling for current CBD products already on the market and more restrictions to ensure those products stay out of the hands of minors.

Cordial count

Six-year-old Oliver Otte, dressed as Dracula, waves to family while walking across the stage Sunday during the costume contest at Van Trees Park's Hein Amphitheater in Fort Recovery.



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Deaths

Pamela Baughman, 66, Portland
Irene Huber, 77, Kaufbeuren-Neugablonz, Germany
Details on page 2.

Weather

Jay County had a high temperature of 43 degrees Wednesday. The low was 28.

Tonight's low will be in the lower 40s with winds gusting to 25 miles per hour. Skies will be mostly cloudy Saturday with a high in the upper 50s.

See page 2 for an extended outlook.

In review

Jay County Solid Waste Management District will have recycling trailers available from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday in the shopping center at 220 Lincoln St., Portland, the parking lot east of Redkey Post Office and the parking lot south of Salamon Fire Station.

Coming up

Saturday — Coverage of this week's Portland Board of Works meeting.

Tuesday — Results from Fort Recovery runners at the cross country state finals.



Obituaries

Pamela Baughman

Dec. 14, 1956-Oct. 30, 2023
Pamela B. Baughman, age 66, of Portland passed away on Monday, Oct. 30, 2023, in the IU Health Ball Memorial Hospital in Muncie.



She was born in Cleveland on Dec. 14, 1956, the daughter of Thomas and Irene (Flanagan) Smith. She was married to Wayne Baughman and he preceded her in death in 2014.

Pam was a homemaker, a graduate of Portland High School, involved with the Boy Scouts of America and an avid Cleveland Browns and Ohio State University fan.

Surviving are one son,

Theodore Davis II of Portland; one daughter, Sarah Burton (husband: Derek) of Winchester; her mother Irene Alsobrook of Oklahoma City; three brothers, Darrel Smith of Oklahoma City, Greg Smith of Oklahoma City and Gary Smith of Celina, Ohio; one sister, April Myers of East Bend, North Carolina; and 11 grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a brother, Bill Smith.

Visitation will be on Tuesday, Nov. 7, from 5 to 7 p.m. in the Baird-Freeman Funeral Home in Portland. Burial and graveside services will be held Wednesday, Nov. 8, at 1 p.m. in the Highland Memorial Park Cemetery in West Liberty, Ohio.

Memorials can be directed to the funeral home to help with expenses.

Condolences may be expressed at bairdfreeman.com.

Irene Huber

June 29, 1936-Oct. 19, 2023
Irene (Papritz) Huber, 87, of Kaufbeuren-Neugablonz, Germany, passed away Oct. 19 at the Espachstift nursing home in Kaufbeuren.



Huber

She was born in Neugablonz an der Neiß in the former Sudetenland, Czech Republic, on June 29, 1936. As war refugees, her family relocated to Kaufbeuren, Bavaria, in West Germany after World War II, where she met her husband of 65 years, Gerhard Huber, who survives.

Surviving along with her hus-

band are her three children, Martina Wagner (husband: Dieter) in Texas; Georg Huber in Germany; and Annemarie McClung (husband: Kent) in Portland; five grandchildren, Katarina Hoang (husband: Andrew) and Isabel Yeomans (husband: David), both in Texas; Ian, Lillian and Julia McClung in Indiana; and two great-grandchildren, Oliver and Aiden Hoang in Texas.

Irene was an accomplished homemaker who loved taking care of her family, house and garden. She was a lifelong learner who learned to play the piano at age 60, and took Italian lessons into her 80s. She enjoyed traveling, hiking, swimming, ice-skating and skiing, especially in her beloved Alps.

When her daughters moved to the United States, her husband and she visited Portland and

Tomball, Texas, often to spend time with their grandchildren. She treasured her time in Portland, where her husband and she met many people during their numerous stays, which included visits to the schools, Arts Place and Zion Lutheran Evangelical Church.

A memorial service was held Oct. 26 at the chapel of the Waldfriedhof cemetery in Kaufbeuren.

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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

Saturday 11/4	Sunday 11/5	Monday 11/6	Tuesday 11/7	Wednesday 11/8
59/41	59/45	64/46	56/39	50/41
Mostly cloudy skies expected on Saturday. There's also a slight chance of rain late.	More rain is possible Sunday, when the high won't surpass 60 degrees.	Monday has a 50% chance of rain. Mostly cloudy, with temperatures climbing to the 60s.	More rain is in the forecast (50% chance) for Tuesday, when the high will be around 56.	Mostly cloudy skies on Wednesday, when the high will be near 50 degrees.

Lotteries

Powerball 22-26-39-47-63 Power Ball: 12 Power Play: 3 Estimated jackpot: \$173 million	Daily Four: 0-2-4-9 Quick Draw: 5-14-16-19-21-23-24-25-32-33-34-39-44-45-49-68-69-71-74-76 Cash 5: 12-19-21-28-35 Estimated jackpot: \$852,000
Mega Millions Estimated jackpot: \$181 million	Ohio Wednesday Midday Pick 3: 5-0-6 Pick 4: 4-4-7-0 Pick 5: 8-3-3-8-8 Evening Pick 3: 1-0-3 Pick 4: 5-9-9-7 Pick 5: 3-1-1-4-2 Rolling Cash: 2-9-23-29-31 Estimated jackpot: \$140,000
Hoosier Wednesday Midday Daily Three: 7-7-8 Daily Four: 6-3-6-6 Quick Draw: 8-9-11-12-15-17-22-25-27-28-32-34-36-38-39-44-58-61-67-79	

Markets

Cooper Farms Fort Recovery Corn.....4.65 Late Nov. corn4.62 Wheat4.83	Dec. beans12.98 Wheat 5.25
POET Biorefining Portland Corn.....4.62 Dec. corn4.67 Jan. corn4.82	ADM Montpelier Corn.....4.47 Dec. corn4.49 Beans12.76 Dec. beans12.98 Wheat5.25
The Andersons Richland Township Corn4.47 Dec. corn4.57 Beans12.58	Heartland St. Anthony Corn.....4.32 Dec. corn4.37 Beans12.58 Dec. beans12.73 Wheat4.81

Today in history

In 1869, artist Henri Matisse was born in Le Cateau, Picardy, France. He would lead the Fauvist movement and the subjects of his works were mostly domestic or figurative. His most famous works include "The Dance II" and "The Dinner Table."

In 1956, an estimated 45 million watched the 1939 movie "The Wizard of Oz" when it was aired on TV for the first time.

In 1957, Laika, a dog, became the first living creature to orbit Earth when it traveled on the Soviet Union's Sputnik 2.

In 1978, Dominica gained its independence

with Patrick Roland John becoming its first prime minister.

In 1992, Carol Moseley Braun, a Democrat, became the first African American woman elected to the U.S. Senate. She left the Senate in 1999 to become U.S. ambassador to New Zealand.

In 2020, in the only contested race for Jay School Board, rural Bryant resident Vickie Reitz defeated Ryan Wellman for the District 6 seat. Incumbents Phil Ford and Jason Phillips were unopposed in their bids for another term.

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Citizen's calendar

Monday 5:30 p.m. — Portland City Council, council chambers, fire station, 1616 N. Franklin St. 7:30 p.m. — Fort Recovery Village Council, village hall, 201 S. Main St.	Tuesday 5:30 p.m. — Portland Park Board, council chambers, fire station, 1616 N. Franklin St. 7 p.m. — Pennville Town Council, town hall, 105 N. Washington St.
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Social ...

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Bogenschutz talked about different ways children are manipulated, including grooming, child sex trafficking, revenge pornography — it's typically done by teenagers sending nude images of someone else to others — and sextortion, which is gaining access to someone's nude images or videos and holding them "ransom" for money or other goods with threats to send them to others if the victim doesn't comply with their wishes. (He also mentioned child kidnapping and abduction, pointing out one person in Jay County had been arrested and charged with attempted kidnapping in the last few years.)

Child solicitation — a grown adult enticing a child and meeting up with them for sex — is one area Bogenschutz investigates.

"There's a lot of behind-the-scenes things that you guys really don't see and understand with social media and how dangerous it is for your children because we're usually trying to get it and get it taken care of," Bogenschutz said.

Predators may engage in "secret conversations" through end-to-end encrypted chat, which means no one beyond the message sender and recip-

ient, including the service provider or third parties such as police, may view content sent in this manner.

Photos and videos online can also be unsafe in more than one way. Besides giving away a person's visible surroundings, data can be taken from a photo or video via "image hashing" that can be used to track a person's location. (Police use this method to track down victims and perpetrators.)

Bogenschutz is a part of the Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force Program, which is "dedicated to investigating, prosecuting and developing effective responses to internet crimes against children."

Internet service providers such as Facebook or Snapchat monitor chats and posts, either via artificial intelligence or by a live person, explained Bogenschutz. Questionable content gets reported via "cyber tip" to the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children. (Tips can also be submitted by the general public at report.cybertip.org.)

The local Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force Program is then contacted and begins tracking Internet Protocol (IP) addresses, look into connected emails and social

media, uncover victims and perpetrators and investigate further from there, he said.

"It's kind of like the internet police, in a way," said Bogenschutz. "We deal with all the internet crimes that involve your kids."

He encouraged adults to educate themselves about the social media applications their children may use, learn their social media habits, know and understand which devices they use, talk with them children about the dangers of the social media applications they use, watch for behavior changes such as eating or sleeping habits, and produce a game plan for the what-if scenario.

"What do your kids do when they come across any type of unwanted solicitation?" he said. "Who do they contact? Who do they go to? Make a game plan of who they can turn to."

Child sexual abuse crimes may be reported to police or school staff, the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children at report.cybertip.org or at the "Say Something" anonymous reporting system promoted by Jay School Corporation, which is available at the bottom left corner of the school's website or via direct link at bit.ly/3QK89cI.

HSAs ...

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HSAs are only available to those on a high-deductible health plan, noted Clayton. In order to be eligible for the benefit to employees, she added, the county will need to amend its health reimbursement arrangement structure.

Jay County currently offers two plans: a high-deductible health plan and a co-pay plan. Individuals pay \$4.58 monthly for the high-deductible health plan or \$94.94 monthly for the co-pay plan.

Changes with the new structure include increasing the high-deductible health plan's deductible to \$6,000 for individuals or \$12,000 for families while covering 100% of the cost after employees reach that limit. (Currently the county has a \$4,000 deductible for individuals and a \$8,000 deductible for families, but insurance only covers 80% of the cost beyond the deductible limit.) Taking into account the county's contributions toward the deductible — \$2,800 for individuals and \$5,600 for families — employees' maximum out-of-pocket costs would come to \$3,200 for individuals or \$6,400 for families.

The co-pay plan would see a deductible increase of about \$500 for individuals and \$1,000 for families.

Deductible limits double for those who utilize servic-

es out of the insurance company's network.

The new proposal will cost \$147,393.46 in 2024, saving the county about \$46,000 as compared to renewing at a 4% increase with Physicians Health Plan. (Other health insurance companies, Anthem and United Health Care, offered fully insured options at 2% and 7% increases, respectively.) Commissioners plan to use some of that savings to contribute to employee HSAs.

Commissioner Rex Journey pointed out he has had an HSA for years and still maintains it, despite retiring five years ago. Clayton noted an HSA sticks with a person for their lifetime.

Answering a question

from commissioner Brian McGalliard, Clayton noted approximately 90% of claimants don't meet their deductibles.

"So, who is this good for? It's good for the folks that are blowing through it, or maybe aren't currently using their plan at all," she said.

Regardless of the county's decision, Clayton suggested the company host several informational meetings for employees to learn more about their new coverage option.

McGalliard noted the higher deductibles but pointed to the county's HSA contributions, adding that it would help to offset the increase.

SERVICES

Saturday

Kunkle, Robert: 2 p.m., Williamson-Spencer and Penrod Funeral Home, 208 N. Commerce St., Portland.

Wednesday

Baughman, Pamela: 1 p.m., Highland Memorial Park Cemetery, West Liberty, Ohio.

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Zoo targets trafficking

By KAREN GARCIA
Los Angeles Times
Tribune News Service

LOS ANGELES — Ninja poked his head out from under his shell and nibbled away at food scraps next to a podium at the Los Angeles Zoo as Chief Executive and Director Denise Verret made a landmark announcement.

The radiated tortoise, who was confiscated by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service alongside dozens of other critically endangered, trafficked reptiles and brought to the zoo in 1998, is now "thriving and healthy," Verret said.

Ninja is one of 50 animals at the Los Angeles Zoo that were placed there after being confiscated — a success story that officials hope will be replicated by the first-of-its-kind program announced Friday: the Southern California Wildlife Confiscations Network.

The partnership between the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the Assn. of Zoos and Aquariums aims to simplify the placement of confiscated animals by having a regional point of contact for wildlife enforcement officers to find trusted animal care facilities. The logistics of finding placement for a confiscated animal can be a challenge for federal wildlife officers, who must also juggle the trafficking investigation.

In the past, wildlife enforcement agents have had to rely on informal contacts and relationships with local zoos, aquariums, sanctuaries and wildlife rescues.

Under the wildlife confiscations network, a pilot program that officials plan to replicate nationwide beginning next year, a newly established confiscations coordinator will note the specific hous-

Wildlife confiscations network simplifies animal placement

ing needs of the species involved and refer to a list of "fully vetted and permitted professional animal care facilities in the region to determine which can meet the case needs."

Matthew Martin, assistant special agent for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, said the partnership will help authorities "free up time and follow up on investigative leads while they're still fresh."

Wildlife trafficking is often thought of as something that happens in "far away places like Africa, Asia or Australia," said Dan Ashe, president of the Assn. of Zoos and Aquariums, "but it's very much an American problem as well."

Southern California is an epicenter for the trafficking of wild animals, often smuggled for the illegal pet trade and regularly moved through ports of entry, he said.

For at least the last decade, Martin said, U.S. native turtles have been exported overseas.

At the southern border, he said, the Fish and Wildlife Service has intercepted a lot of trafficked sea cucumbers and swim bladders from totoaba fish, an endangered species since 1979.

At ports of entry or exit such as Los Angeles International Airport or a U.S. Postal Service facility, Fish and Wildlife officials search incoming shipments of per-

mitted live animals to ensure there isn't any activity of illegal trade. Inspectors check labels and open boxes, and if the shipment matches its documentation, it is sealed up and ready to be transported to its destination. For extra assurance, a trained K-9 is also on scene to sniff out any smuggled animals.

In 2022, Fish and Wildlife special agents and the service's law enforcement partners investigated more than 10,000 wildlife trafficking cases and collected more than \$11 million in criminal penalties.

"Illegal wildlife trafficking, whether driven by profit or personal gain, has devastating consequences for our environment and biodiversity," said Verret of the Los Angeles Zoo.

The global issue puts countless species on the brink of extinction and affects entire ecosystems, she said, and officials are hopeful that the Southern California Wildlife Confiscations Network will help them focus on stamping out the illegal trade.

From 2015 to 2019, the Association of Zoos and Aquariums noted, federal authorities had 834 cases of live wildlife that was refused clearance, including 48,793 individual animals and plants that required placement. Los Angeles led the nation in number of cases, with 177.

Young adult weighs career

DEAR ABBY: I'm 24 and not where I want to be in life. I have goals and dreams I would like to accomplish. However, my family is super family-oriented. I work for my dad in a family business. He always talks business with me.

I do not want to go into the family business. I have my reasons, one being his side of the family works there and we don't get along. They've never accepted my mom so, therefore, they don't accept me. The other reason is I'm not interested in the business.

My problem is, this is the best I've ever gotten along with my dad. I'm worried he will want nothing to do with me if I quit. On the other hand, my mom has always been supportive. I worry that if I moved away, we wouldn't be so close. I just feel like if I go after my goals and dreams, it will ruin my relationship with my family. What do you think? — EYE ON THE FUTURE

DEAR EYE ON: You are no longer a child. You are an adult who is overdue for a serious talk with your father about those goals and dreams of yours, as well as the treatment you have received from his side of the family. Write your thoughts down before approaching the subject with him. If your father loves you, as I am sure he does, he will want you to be happy as well as successful.

If you can't find the courage to approach this on your own, consider enlisting the help of a licensed mental health professional to help you create some emotional separation. Wanting independence is not a rejection of your father, nor would gaining it guarantee you would no longer be as close to your mom.

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DEAR ABBY: I have hard feel-

Dear Abby



ings for my oldest son. A few years back, I was diagnosed with cancer and needed radiation treatments. The hospital is in my son's hometown, so I asked him if I could sit in their living room between my two treatments a day for six days. He said he would talk to his wife about it.

I tried to call him the day before my treatments started, but he wouldn't answer his phone. I had to sit in my car in the cold of winter for six hours between treatments.

I can't seem to get past this. I don't bring it up to him, but I resent him and his wife for letting me down in my time of need. How can I get over this and let the resentment go? — SAD IN THE MIDWEST

DEAR SAD: Are you and your son and daughter-in-law communicating now? Have they ever explained why they acted the way they did? Did you and your daughter-in-law have some kind of falling out before your diagnosis?

That you were left sitting in a car between cancer treatments on cold winter days seems unconscionable. That you also "can't get over it" seems rational to me. This may be something you should discuss with your religious adviser, if you have one. Should you need medical assistance in the future, I hope you have found other resources, because if you reach out in your son's direction, all you should expect is more silence.

Community Calendar

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

Today

DUNKIRK HISTORICAL SOCIETY — Is open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on the first and third Friday of each month in the former W.E. Gaunt Jewelry building, 113 S. Main St., Dunkirk.

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.

SOFT SHOULDERS — A support group for anyone suffering from memory loss, will meet at 10:30 a.m. the first Friday of each month in the Fireplace

Room at Edelweiss Place at Swiss Village in Berne. For more information, call (260) 589-3173.

CINCINNATUS LEAGUE — Will meet at noon Friday, Nov. 3, at Harmony Cafe in Portland.

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.

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.

ROAD RIDERS FOR JESUS — Will meet at 10 a.m. on the first Saturday of each month in the West Walnut Church of Christ

fellowship hall, 204 W. Walnut St., Portland. (Please enter from the door facing the alley on the north side of the building.) For more information, call (260) 726-8463.

DUNKIRK HISTORICAL SOCIETY — Is open from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on the first and third Saturday of each month in the former W.E. Gaunt Jewelry building, 113 S. Main St., Dunkirk.

MUSEUM OF THE SOLDIER — Is open from noon to 5 p.m. the first and third Saturday and Sunday of the month. It is located at 510 E. Arch St., Portland. The website is museumofthesoldier.com.

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.

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.

PORTLAND EVENING OPTIMIST CLUB — Will meet at 6 p.m. the first and third Monday of each month at Richards Restaurant.

Sudoku

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	2					3	5	
	9		8			6		
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Level: Advanced

Thursday's Solution

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

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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Debt commission is a positive step

Las Vegas Review-Journal
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Getting the nation's soaring debt under control should be a national priority. But many special-interest groups don't agree.

Last week, newly elected House Speaker Mike Johnson told his colleagues that he would soon hold a vote on forming a bipartisan commission to study the nation's fiscal trajectory.

"The greatest threat to our national security is our nation's debt," he said. "We know this is not going to be an easy task, and tough decisions will have to be made. But the consequences if we don't act now are unbearable. We have a

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duty to the American people to explain this to them so they understand it well. And we're going to establish a bipartisan debt commission to begin working on this crisis immediately."

The speaker's comments exude common sense. The deficit this past fiscal year hit \$2 trillion. The debt has soared past \$33.7 trillion. The interest payments on the debt now

exceed defense spending and will continue to crowd out other priorities. Simply borrowing more money to finance an ever-expanding federal government is a path toward economic disaster and fiscal ruin.

Yet Johnson's remarks were met in some quarters with hostility and skepticism, particularly from political hysterics in the "Republicans want to throw grandma off the cliff" crowd.

"This commission is designed to subvert the will of the American people," said Nancy Altman, president of Social Security Works, "by fast-tracking cuts to Social Security and Medicare behind closed doors."

Can we at least see the panel's suggestions before dismissing its formation? Besides, does Altman believe that endangering the nation's fiscal health will be beneficial in the long term to the recipients of Social Security and Medicare? Doing nothing only exacerbates the problem.

Critics are on more solid footing when they say that forming a commission is a dodge intended to shield Congress from responsibility for a problem of its own making. After all, we've gone down this road before — most recently in 2010 when President Barack Obama formed the Simpson-Bowles commission to study deficit reduction — only to

throw the recommendations into the shredder.

Such pronouncements are true, to an extent. But the spending problem in Washington has only worsened in recent years, adding urgency to the debt debate. The issue, according to polls, is also at the forefront of many voters' concerns.

Johnson's committee should conduct its business openly and consider a wide range of potential solutions to controlling the red ink — even those that are anathema to one party (tax hikes) or the other (spending cuts). It's admittedly a long shot, but fostering vigorous discussion and debate on the debt may be the first step toward accepting and implementing solutions.

Bring an end to the killing

By **BILL LUEDERS**
Progressive Perspectives
Tribune News Service

On Oct. 10, days after Hamas launched its depraved attack on Israel, White House press secretary Karine Jean-Pierre was asked about some progressive members in Congress who were calling for a cease-fire and de-escalation. She did not try to hide her disgust.

"We believe they're wrong," she declared at a press conference. "We believe they're repugnant and we believe they're disgraceful."

Yikes. What exactly did these progressives, most of whom are a part of what's called "The Squad," say that was so outside of the bounds of civilized discourse?

Rep. Ilhan Omar, D-Minn., said that, besides "condemning Hamas' attacks, we must also oppose an Israeli military response that has already taken the lives of hundreds of Palestinians."

Rep. Cori Bush, D-Mo., said she was "heartbroken" by the violence against Israeli civilians but also called for "ending U.S. government support for Israeli military occupation and apartheid."

And Rep. Rashida Tlaib, D-Mich., the only Palestinian-American member of Congress, said: "The failure to recognize the violent reality of living under siege, occupation, and apartheid makes no one safer. No person, no child anywhere should have to suffer or live in fear of violence. We cannot ignore the humanity in each other."

Such talk has led to the filing of censure resolutions against Tlaib in Congress. It also got her chased through the hallways of a House office building by a Fox News reporter demanding to know whether she objected to "Hamas terrorists chopping off babies' heads," referring to unverified reports. She told the news outlet Michigan Advance, "I do not support the targeting and killing of civilians, whether in Israel or Palestine."

But the anger toward her has not subsided. Indeed, as the conflict that Hamas escalated has intensified, so has the blowback being visited upon those who argue against further bloodshed.

Even before Israel's planned ground invasion

Bill Lueders



to wipe Hamas off the face of the Earth, the death toll involving Palestinian civilians has far surpassed the 1,400 Israelis killed in the original Oct. 7 attack. Of the more than 8,300 Palestinians who have perished as of Oct. 30, nearly 3,500 are children.

The argument has been made by the American Jewish Committee and others that the deaths are not comparable, as Hamas deliberately targeted civilians while those who have been foreseeably killed by Israel's punishing air strikes are "collateral damage." It's a distinction whose relevance is likely to be lost on those who are killed, and those left to mourn them.

What's disgraceful and repugnant is war itself. I, for one, do not want a single penny of my tax dollars to pay for missiles that end the lives of children, no matter how wrong a place they happen to be in at how wrong a time. I do not want the United States to help Israel deliver the oversized carnage that ensures an endless supply of future martyrs for Hamas' bloody cause. I do not want us to unleash horrors against each other in response to those playing out on the global stage, as happened when an Illinois man angered by Hamas' attack stabbed a six-year-old Palestinian boy to death.

In this war, as in others that have come before, our capacity for decency is being put to the test. There is a decades-long legacy of oppression of Palestinians that must be acknowledged. There is a need for restraint in Israel's national defense that deserves support both from within that country and from the global community.

I join with those on the progressive left, in Congress and elsewhere, who say there's been enough killing already.

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Lueders, the former editor and now editor-at-large of The Progressive, is a writer in Madison, Wisconsin.



Music remains essential

By **INNA FALIKS**
Los Angeles Times
Tribune News Service

The students have too many activities and academic deadlines, the Montessori school principal informed me. This is not a good time for piano recitals, and the piano wasn't needed either.

"Please feel free to take the piano and donate it" elsewhere, the email said.

Several months ago, with help from my favorite piano technician, I had found a free upright piano and arranged for its delivery with the school principal. It had stood against the back wall of the classroom, used as a table for lunches and backpacks, and now it was no longer wanted.

As a pianist, I wanted my children, who attended the elementary school, and their friends to hear the sound of a real piano at school. The kids have one music class a week, which involves a few pop songs played on a keyboard. There is nothing wrong with pop songs or keyboards. But I had imagined the kids' delight at hearing the full sound of chords on a piano, the storm of a Beethoven sonata, the mist of a Debussy prelude, the bouncy bass of Scott Joplin.

After helping to arrange the piano delivery, I offered to play for the children, and to tell them about adventures in music and piano. But I never got the chance.

I have a soft spot for upright pianos. I learned to play on an upright of the brand Red October as a child in Soviet Odesa. Upon coming to the U.S., my parents bought an upright piano for me with the \$200 they carried with them through months of immigra-

Inna Faliks



tion, so that I could continue my musical training. It was the only money they had.

On that piano, I learned Chopin's etudes, Tchaikovsky's Concerto No. 1 and Beethoven's sonatas. An upright can sound intimate and warm but also quite powerful in a small room. As a penniless immigrant kid in Chicago, I struggled to assimilate into the privileged North Shore. While classmates told me to "go back to Russia" (nobody knew the difference between Ukraine and Russia back then), music was my respite, thanks to that piano.

Classical music is losing audiences because of its perceived elitism. I believe this stems from the lack of early music education in schools, among other factors. Classical music stops being a closed world when the music is shared generously and with passion. And music's most eager audiences are children. But how do we musicians share music with children when it's so hard to do so?

Middle and high schools in Los Angeles pride themselves on expanding their STEM curriculum and budget. School ratings are primarily determined by STEM scores; art and music are lowest on the totem pole. Are kids paying for adults' lack of support for the arts? Hearing music in childhood can be a game-changer for them.

Playing for children is immensely gratifying for a musician, because nobody absorbs with greater speed, responds with more excitement or explores the nature of music with fewer preconceptions.

Leonard Bernstein's 53 Young People's Concerts greatly increased children's exposure to music through national televised broadcasts. Nothing of this magnitude exists in the U.S. today.

In Venezuela, El Sistema, the world-renowned national music program that nurtured the L.A. Philharmonic's conductor, Gustavo Dudamel, provides a musical upbringing to children in a politically and economically challenged landscape. Surely, the world's richest country could commit to enriching its children's lives in a similar way.

The lack of classical music in schools is emblematic of a larger trend. We have become tethered to quantifiable, competitive ways of judging how we educate our kids. Classical music and most other art don't fit into that box.

It's the escape from the box that challenges, inspires and allows the expression of genuine individuality. Getting to know classical music early on can serve as preparation for a life in the music industry or theater, or not. It can simply be a creative, sensory immersion that engages one's emotions and expands the mind. It's our responsibility to educate our children. But perhaps even more important is our duty to nurture their souls.

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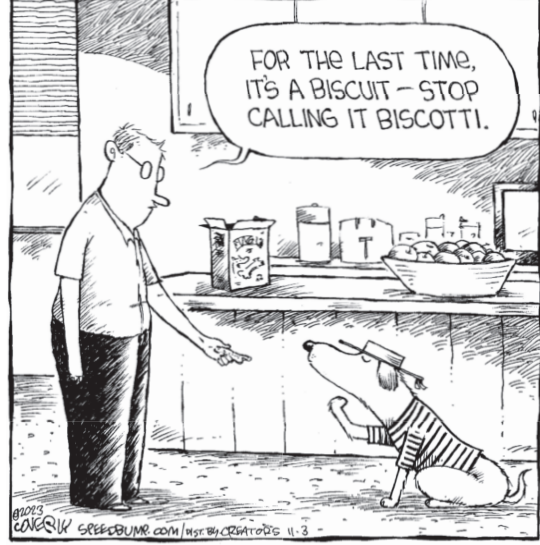
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Bidding quiz

You are South, both sides vulnerable. The bidding has gone:
West North East South
1♣ Pass 1♦ ?

What (if anything) would you bid with each of the following five hands?
1. ♠AQJ6♥KJ93♦A87♣104
2. ♠AQ♥K84♦Q93♣KJ852
3. ♠J9543♥Q♦AK7♣Q865
4. ♠AJ8♥AQ6♦KJ3♣QJ94
5. ♠KQ862♥KQJ54♦A9♣2

1. **Double.** With some 15-point or better hands you might not have a convenient way to enter the auction, but you have no such problem here. The double tells partner that you have a hand of at least opening strength and support for both unbid suits - which is exactly what you have. Partner will choose whichever major suit he prefers and relieve you of any guesswork as to which suit to bid.
2. **Pass.** Again, you have 15 points, but this time you can't double because you don't have sufficient support for the unbid suits. Furthermore, West's club bid has taken a lot of starch out of your hand, since your club honors are badly placed. It is therefore too dangerous to do anything but pass.

3. **Pass.** There may be some temptation to bid one spade, but with such a weak suit you might get your head chopped off by a double. Overcalls are normally based more on potential tricks than points, and you don't have many tricks here.
4. **One notrump.** The only question here is whether to double or bid one notrump. A one-notrump overcall shows 15 to 18 points, balanced distribution and stoppers in the opponents' suits - precisely what you have. A double would suggest at least four cards in each of the unbid suits, which you don't have. Game is unlikely, but the partscore is worth fighting for.

5. **One spade.** Here the plan is to bid both suits in normal fashion (higher-ranking suit first). It is true that a double might locate the proper trump suit more quickly, but there is also a danger that the bidding will climb too high and too fast in one of the minors, and you could find yourself bucking a high-level contract before bidding either of your suits.
With two long suits and a good hand, you usually do best by bidding one of them instead of doubling for takeout, with the intention of bidding your second suit at your next turn.

Tomorrow: Sound reasoning helps a lot.
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11-3 CRYPTOQUIP

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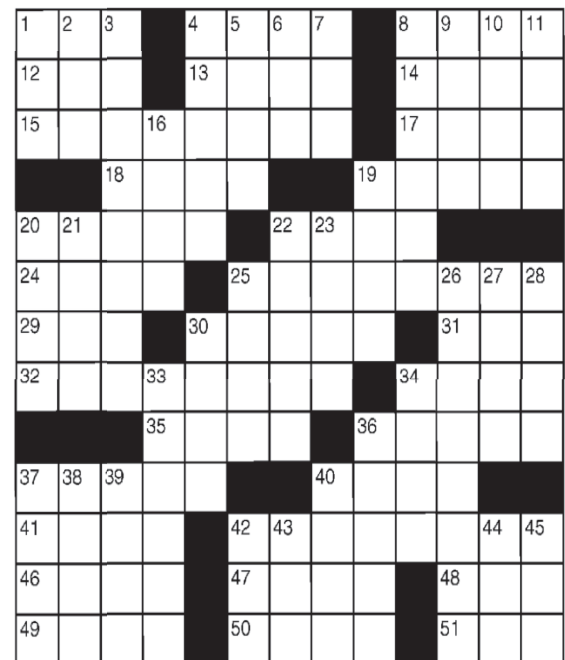
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| ACROSS | 37 Strait-laced | 2 Morning moisture | 21 Sitar music |
| 1 Dog tags, e.g. | 40 Clark's love | 3 Elevation standard | 22 Forbidden |
| 4 Staffer | 41 Count | 4 Taxpayer's dread | 23 Unforeseen problem |
| 8 Rips off | 12 Golf prop | 42 Bar keeper? | 5 "The doctor —" singer |
| 13 Manual reader | 13 Manual counter-part | 46 Diminutive suffix | 6 Actor Patel |
| 14 Actress Falco | 42 Bar | 47 Runner's tempo | 7 Before and forks, e.g. |
| 15 Graceful plunge | 47 Runner's tempo | 48 Fish story | 8 Guinness Book of datum |
| 17 Movie | 48 Fish story | 49 Monopoly card | 9 Valhalla VIP |
| 18 Beef cut | 49 Monopoly card | 50 War god | 10 Predicament |
| 19 Frog habitats | 50 War god | 51 CIA operative | 11 Beholds |
| 20 Brittany seaport | 51 CIA operative | 16 Plane part | 19 Cushions |
| 22 Despot | 16 Plane part | 19 Cushions | 20 Bikini tops |
| 24 Carry on | 19 Cushions | 20 Bikini tops | 37 Feeder filler |
| 25 Desert formation | 20 Bikini tops | 37 Feeder filler | 38 London gallery |
| 29 Mature | 37 Feeder filler | 38 London gallery | 39 Prado display |
| 30 Rum cakes | 38 London gallery | 39 Prado display | 40 Lingerie trim |
| 31 Chai, e.g. | 39 Prado display | 40 Lingerie trim | 42 Resort |
| 32 Vodka-and-grapefruit juice cocktail | 40 Lingerie trim | 42 Resort | 43 Scull need |
| 34 Guns the engine | 42 Resort | 43 Scull need | 44 Use a straw |
| 35 Layered cookie | 43 Scull need | 44 Use a straw | 45 "Yoo-hoo!" |
| 36 "Olympia" painter Edouard | 44 Use a straw | 45 "Yoo-hoo!" | |

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Farmers fear they'll be left behind

By ALISON SALDANHA

The Seattle Times
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For any Washington farmer, 2020 was a desperate year.

That spring, with a COVID-19 vaccine still distant, disruptions to the economy and supply chains sent unemployment, poverty and food insecurity rates soaring, magnifying inequities. Food systems broke and farmers' key customers — restaurants, hotels and schools — shut down. Farmworkers became scarce.

But that first devastating pandemic year also brought a windfall as federal food assistance funding surged to keep Americans from going hungry. And, unusually for the subsidy-soaked agricultural sector, that federal aid cleared a path for farmers of color to rise in an industry that has long shut them out.

Millions of dollars in direct payroll support coupled with billions more in assistance to key customers like food banks meant smaller farmers, which farmers of color tend to be, were able to grow as COVID-19 receded. Now, though, those supports have fallen away and many Washington farmers of color wonder if they'll lose a toehold in an industry that, while rife with workers of color, retains an ownership that is overwhelmingly white.

In Washington, over 98% of farm owners describe themselves as white, a ratio even higher than the national average of 96%, according to the latest available agricultural census data. Nearly all farmworkers say they are of Hispanic heritage. That demographic mismatch stems from a legacy of racist laws, as well as poli-

cies and attitudes that exclude people of color from participating in agriculture, except as labor.

Over the past century, farm ownership among communities of color has grown marginally, according to a state Department of Agriculture report Now, 0.4% of farmers in the state describe themselves as Black, 1.9% as Asian and less than 3% as Indigenous. About 4.7% of farm owners identify as Latino.

Most owners of color run small operations that have trouble competing with larger or corporate farms for assistance programs that pump hundreds of millions of dollars into the industry each year, the report found. The pandemic funding came with far fewer strings as states tried to gain control over the public health emergency.

Millions of dollars in fresh public support for

Washington's food banks in 2021 and 2022 allowed for a new financial ecosystem to take root — one between food banks, vulnerable communities and farmers of color.

The simpler terms on those grants allowed relief organizations to pay farmers up front so they could quickly stock up on fresh produce. With advance payments and a new assured market for their crops, farmers could confidently scale up their operations. For some, the American dream started to blossom.

Two years later, as COVID assistance money dwindles and food insecurity grows, Washington's farmers of color once again find themselves left out. Food bank funding has dropped 40%. The nascent ecosystem is collapsing.

"2020 was our best year ever," says Eddie Alvarez,

standing between two delivery trucks at Alvarez Organic Farms.

Since the pandemic, food bank contracts have accounted for over 30% of Alvarez Organic Farms' income. Their other sources include 16 farmers markets in the Seattle area, as well as prominent city restaurants like Canlis, Joule, Bar del Corso and Portage Bay Café.

More than restaurants and wholesalers, food banks and farmers markets saved the business, according to Alvarez.

"Now with food bank contracts going away ... I'm hoping we just break even," he said.

The funds farmers of color accessed through food banks is money the government has been trying to get to them all along, said Guillen. The financial ecosystem that emerged during the pandemic, she

said, revealed how to offer meaningful support.

"And now that the farmers have access to it," she asked, "Why is it going to sudden death?"

Back in Mabton at Alvarez Organic Farms, Eddie walked into a drying house carpeted with red peppers. A steady current of warm air circulated in the tunnel, dehydrating guajillos, red jalapeños, serranos, ancho chilies, ghost chilies and cayenne peppers that will later be sold to Seattle restaurants and farmers markets as well as local food banks.

"We want to keep providing food for these food banks — fresh food — not second-grade food," said Alvarez. "And the government can do that."

"They have the money to provide for so many other things, so why not help a farmer that's trying to feed America?"

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Badger ...

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We had three goals for the season:

Become a family.
Earn a conference title.
Advance in the playoffs.
There was a reason that becoming a family was the first goal. It was because we couldn't accomplish the other two without it.

Saying you want to become a family is easy, actually doing it is another thing. Every coach can preach on the importance of culture, but those who actually follow through are often the ones who find success.

Again, I missed the obvious reasons that made that team special. It wasn't until mid-way through college that I realized there was something special beyond the success on the court.

The end of the season was always an emotional

time, but that year was different. Sometimes it's falling short in a playoff tournament. Other times it's because I'd have to wait another six months to play again. But the final game of my junior season there was emotion because I would never get to play with that group again.

That family was important to me. It seems as if that is the same kind of magic the Indians have found.

"During cross season, we literally become family," senior Natalie Brunswick said. "They're literally your sisters. You tell them everything so it's gonna be really sad when it's over, that's for sure."

Brunswick's words ring true. That team has become a family.

The Indians have three seniors, two of whom have

been there all four years, two juniors, a sophomore and a freshman. Combined, the group boasts 11 years of state experience. While talent is extremely important to a team's success, you don't waltz into that much success by accident.

Coach Christy Diller pointed to the work of former coach Kylie Moody while this group of athletes were in middle school. Diller said there was something about Moody that brought the group together and excited them about cross country. From there, the girls have formed a bond and it's been smooth sailing ever since.

"I think it's something very special," Diller said. "There's not anything that we have to do for that, because I think those kids, they're the secret sauce."

Going back to my junior

year, there was something else that was unique about that team. Multiple times throughout the season, especially during winter break, we had former players come back.

The three that come to mind are Harrison Cleary, Mitch Magyar and Josh Duchniak. Harrison at the time was a top player in program history and made a few appearances to give my class some perspective on just how hard we had to work to be successful.

Mitch made a handful of appearances, likely because his brother Max was still on the team.

Josh came to really help us out. I was on junior varsity while he was in high school, so I never had the opportunity to play with him. So, the times he pulled me — a bench player who was lucky to see more than

five minutes a game — to the side to coach me up and help me out, it really resonated.

That level of commitment to the program after you already served your time speaks volumes to the culture. Maybe it is different in smaller towns like Fort Recovery where everyone is more interconnected, but back in Oak Creek, it took effort to stay involved in those ways.

It sounds like the Indians aren't short on alumni appearances. Jenna Hart and Ellie Will, the two seniors who will compete for a fourth time at state Saturday, mentioned they've received messages from former teammates to congratulate them on making it back to state and that a few have even made it to meets.

They've heard from 2021 graduates Anna Wendel

and Hana Metzger, '22 graduate Alyssa Heinrichs and '23 graduates Megan Diller and Alexis Wendel.

"I've had seniors from when we were freshman reach out and say congrats and that just goes to show how close we really were because it's just like a family," Hart said. "They've all been really supportive and it's really cool to see."

What Hart and Will received from their former teammates, they dished right back out as they spoke about how excited they were to see Makenna Huelkamp, Maddie Heitkamp and Nicole Braun react to making it to state for the first time.

While I may at times be oblivious, hopefully the girls can understand beyond the accolades, just how special this team and this program really is.

Sports on tap

Local schedule

Saturday
Jay County — Girls wrestling at New Palestine — 8:30 a.m.
Fort Recovery — Cross country state at Fortress Obetz — 10 a.m.

TV sports

Today
10:30 a.m. — Formula 1: Brazilian Grand Prix (ESPN2)

6 p.m. — NASCAR Craftsman Truck Series: Craftsman 150 (FS1)
7 p.m. — NBA: Cleveland Cavaliers at Indiana Pacers (Bally Indiana)
7:30 p.m. — NBA: New York Knicks at Milwaukee Bucks (ESPN)
7:30 p.m. — College football: Boston College at Syracuse (ESPN2)
10 p.m. — NBA: Dallas Mavericks at Denver Nuggets (ESPN)

Saturday

8:30 a.m. — Premier League: Manchester United at Fulham (USA)
10 a.m. — Formula 1: Brazilian Grand Prix (ESPN2)
11 a.m. — Premier League: AFC Bournemouth at Manchester City (USA)
12 p.m. — College football: Texas A&M at Ole Miss (ESPN); Arkansas at Florida (ESPN2); Ohio State at Rutgers (CBS); Wisconsin at Indiana (BTN); Nebraska at Michigan State (FS1); Notre Dame at Clemson (ABC); Kansas State at Texas (FOX)
1:30 p.m. — Premier League: Arsenal at New-

castle United (NBC)
3:30 p.m. — College football: Penn State at Maryland (FOX); James Maidson at Georgia State (ESPN2); Missouri at Georgia (CBS); Illinois at Minnesota (BTN); UCF at Cincinnati (FS1); Florida State at Pitt (ESPN); Oklahoma at Oklahoma State (ABC)
3:30 p.m. — NASCAR Xfinity Series Championship (USA)
4:30 p.m. — NASCAR Cup Series Championship (USA)
7 p.m. — College football: BYU at West Virginia (FS1)

7 p.m. — NBA: Charlotte Hornets at Indiana Pacers (Bally Indiana)
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7:45 p.m. — College football: LSU at Alabama (CBS)
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Let Me Badger You



Don't be oblivious to the special teams

By **ANDREW BALKO**
The Commercial Review

I try to be observant while I am covering an event.

I try to pick up on little things like a kid pacing before his turn to compete or how an athlete reacts to success or failure.

During interviews, I try to listen with a critical ear to develop more questions based on the information I've been told to understand the topic on a deeper level. Yet still sometimes I miss the forest for the trees.

I have covered the Fort Recovery High School cross country team a handful of times, but it only took my girlfriend Emily a couple of hours at the regional meet for her to recognize just how close the team was. As I took a step back, the success of the program started to make sense to me.

Thinking back to when I was playing competitively, the most successful team I was on had amazing chemistry. In my junior year of high school, the basketball team set the school's best record as we finished 21-3.

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Sophie shoots

JCHS senior Sophie Saxman puts up a shot from the short corner during a drill early in practice on Monday. Jay County will open its season at home against South Side (Fort Wayne) on Nov. 7 at 6 p.m.

Vaughn opens season as starter

Alli Vaughn got a change of scenery for the 2023-24 season.

Jumping in as a starter on a new team, the 2021 Fort Recovery High School graduate is making things work.

Vaughn scored 14 points between the first two games for the IU-East women's basketball team to open the season.

The Junior transfer from Huntington University put up nine points, five rebounds and three assists in a 80-73 win at Olivet Nazarene on Wednesday. She opened up the game with a layup for the Red Wolves. In the third quarter, she converted on a three-point play when fouled on a layup.

In a two-point loss to Grace College, Vaughn scored five points while adding seven rebounds and two assists.

Whitley Rammel FRHS — 2022

Played in a pair of wins for the East Tennessee State University volleyball team this past weekend.

Rammel played in all five sets in a win at Chattanooga. She recorded six kills in the match and blocked three shots as well to total 7.5 points.

Rammel had a pair of kills and blocks in ETSU's win at UNC Greensboro.

Paige Fortkamp FRHS — 2021

Racked up 36 kills in three matches over the past week for the University of St. Francis volleyball team.

Fortkamp's top performance of 19 kills, 14 digs, 13

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assists and one block came in a loss at Spring Arbor.

She broke double digits in kills as the Cougars fell to Mount Vernon Nazarene. She also added 12 assists and four blocks.

Fortkamp posted six kills in a loss to Taylor.

Anhely Montes Jay County — 2020

Scored a goal in the Anderson University women's soccer team's 4-0 victory over Earlham on Oct. 25.

Montes took four shots before eventually finding the net. She scored at 77:31 on a shot that was assisted by Caroline Hill and Paige Tomallo.

She took four shots in a 2-1 loss at Rose-Hulman on Saturday.

Eliza Bader Jay County — 2021

Swam in four events in Ball State women's swimming and diving team's 155-145 win at Buffalo.

Bader earned points for BSU in the 400-yard freestyle relay. She was the second leg of the team that finished in third place with a time of three minutes, 36.46 seconds.

Bader finished sixth in the 50 freestyle (25.09) and seventh in the 100 butterfly (1:01.95).

She also swam a 26.23 split in the 200 medley relay that placed fifth.

Bob Knight dies at 83

By **LAUREN CAMPBELL**
masslive.com

Tribune News Service

Bob Knight, a legendary college basketball coach who won three national titles at Indiana, died Wednesday at his Bloomington home with his family by his side.

"We are grateful for all the thoughts and prayers, and appreciate the continued respect for our privacy as Coach requested a private family gathering, which is being honored," Knight's family said in a statement. "We will continue to celebrate his life and remember him, today and forever as a beloved Husband, Father, Coach, and Friend."

Knight began his legendary coaching career at Army at the age of 24 and spent six seasons at West Point and won 102 games.

In 1971 he began his legendary 29-year run at Indiana, winning 662 games and appearing in 24 NCAA tournaments. Knight's Hoosiers won three titles in 1976, 1981 and 1987. He was dismissed from the University in 2000 after he allegedly grabbed a student's arm in the hallway after the student called him "Knight," and not "Mr. Knight" or "coach Knight."

In 1984, Knight led the United States men's Olympic basketball team to a gold medal with a team that featured Michael Jordan, Patrick Ewing, Wayman Tisdale, and Sam Perkins.

Knight finished his career at Texas Tech after taking a season off. He immediately turned the team around and went to the postseason in each of his first four years. On Feb. 4, 2008, Knight announced his retirement after 902 career wins and 371 losses.

He dealt with what his family called an "acute illness" in April that landed him in the hospital. He was eventually released and was "in good hands" at his Bloomington home.

Knight was 83 years old.

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