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Celebrating FFA

Local chapters have held various activities in recognition of National FFA Week. Pictured above, Gretchen Link laughs while serving a biscuit during Jay County FFA's brownie breakfast for staff Thursday morning at Jay County Junior-Senior High School. At right, first grader Karen Myers Orozco giggles after picking up a puppy at the FFA petting zoo Thursday at Fort Recovery High School.



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Council OKs \$ for park project

Pennville is working toward improvements

By BAILEY CLINE

The Commercial Review

Pennville is one step closer to securing the funds it needs for its park improvement project.

Jay County Council OK'd moving forward with a \$30,000 additional appropriation Wednesday for the town's park revitalization plans.

Council will vote on the final decision in March. If approved as discussed, the dollars will be split equally from economic development income tax (EDIT), American Rescue Plan and wind farm economic development dollars, meaning the claim will return to Jay County Commissioners for approval. (They voiced support for the project Feb. 12.)

Tanner McClain of Pennville Park Board explained the group conducted a park survey last summer, gathering a 44% response rate. Additional soccer fields was cited as a need for the park.

"Our summer soccer program is huge. It grows every year," said McClain. "It brings at least 130 families to Pennville every Saturday between May and June, which is huge for our town. A lot of people come from Blackford and Wells and then, of course, Jay."

The first phase of park board's revitalization plan calls for removing the park's baseball diamond and converting it into three soccer fields as well as renovating basketball courts on the north side of the park and installing a pump track. Currently, the park's soccer program can't accommodate children older than 12. Additional space, noted McClain, would help to expand it to older teens and allow it to host a travel team.

The second phase of park board's plan includes renovations to the pavilion, establishing pedestrian walks, building picnic shelters, relocating the utility building, renovating concessions and restrooms, developing play areas, connecting Broadway Street to the park and adding street parking.

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New airport hangar is in operation

By RAY COONEY

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A new hangar is in operation.

Portland Board of Aviation learned during a brief meeting Wednesday that construction of a new Sunrise Aviation hangar at the east end of Portland Municipal Airport is complete.

Matt Simmons, an airport employee, shared airport manager Hal Tavzel's report that the new hangar is complete with all utilities functioning and now typically houses three planes.

Tavzel, who is also an owner of Sunrise, announced plans in summer 2022 for a new 80-foot-

by-80-foot hangar. (It was in addition to a 25-foot-by-70-foot hangar expansion to connect two existing hangars.) He explained that the business had outgrown its previous space and needed more room for equipment, engine building and storage.

The new hangar would be used to store larger

planes — turboprops and small jets — which he expected to be in more demand with the completion of the airport's runway extension project later that year.

Sonrise was approved for \$75,000 in funding for the project from Portland Redevelopment Commission, passed through Port-

land Economic Development Corporation, in December 2022. Construction began in the fall.

Also Wednesday, Jason Clearwaters of engineering firm Butler, Fairman & Seufert reported that the runway end indicator lights at the airport have been replaced.

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Amended HB 1160 clears committee

By RAY COONEY

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A version of a local legislator's bill to place limits on civil proceeding advance payment contracts advanced Wednesday.

State Rep. Matt Lehman's House Bill 1160 passed unanimously out of the Senate Judiciary Committee after amendments to narrow what organizations and individuals its limitations will apply to and to clarify what information can be shared.

Lehman (R-Berne), who represents the northern third of Jay County along with Adams and Wells counties, explained during a committee hearing last week that the main goals of the

Measure is now limited to foreign entities of concern

bill were to keep foreign money out of the litigation process, prohibit funders from accessing proprietary data and bar funders from influencing the direction of a lawsuit. (Civil proceeding advance payment contracts involve an outside entity providing funding to support a civil lawsuit.)

The original bill would have banned any foreign investment in civil lawsuits.

As amended Wednesday, the bill would ban only foreign countries and entities of concern as indicated by the federal Office of Foreign Assets Control or the U.S. Secretary of State. It would also not

apply to non-profit organizations.

The amendments also clarify that information that cannot be shared is limited to details subject to a court order to seal or protect.

Asked by Sen. Greg Taylor (D-Indianapolis), who had extensive questions about the bill last week, whether he could support the bill as amended, Lehman said he would need more time to look at the changes. However, he said he still has concerns about allowing any foreign entity to invest in civil litigation.

Sen. Aaron Freeman (R-Indianapolis) said he was apprehensive about the bill but would support it as amended. He said he

would not vote for it in its original form.

During last week's hearing on the bill, representatives from the Insurance Institute of Indiana, Indiana Chamber of Commerce and Indiana Manufacturers Association testified in favor of the bill while Brent Huber of Indianapolis law firm Ice Miller testified against.

The amended bill passed the committee 11-0, with Sen. Lonnie Randolph (D-East Chicago) noting that while he voted in favor in order to move the legislation forward he still has reservations and might reconsider his vote on the House floor.

The bill now moves to the House floor for second reading.

Deaths

David Lengerich, 76, Geneva
Details on page 2.

Weather

The high temperature climbed to 63 degrees Wednesday in Jay County. The low was 36.
Tonight's low will dip to 20 with a slight chance of snow. Expect partly cloudy skies Saturday with a high in the lower 30s and winds gusting to 20 miles per hour. See page 2 for an extended outlook.

In review

Jay County Solid Waste Management District will have recycling trailers available Saturday. Trailers will be open from 9 a.m. to noon in the shopping center at 220 Lincoln St., Portland, and Dunkirk City Park.

Coming up

Saturday — Results from tonight's JCHS boys basketball game at Bellmont.

Tuesday — Coverage of Monday's Jay County Commissioners meeting.



Capsule Reports

Turning crash

A Winchester woman's vehicle hit an Anderson man's car along Meridian Street in Portland about 5:40 p.m. Tuesday.

Tiffany N. Gordan, 41, was driving her 2015 Infiniti QX60 and turning onto the street from the Arby's parking lot when she hit a southbound 2001 Dodge Dakota driven by 33-year-old Mayson A. Driver.

Damage is estimated between

\$1,000 and \$2,500. The vehicle Driver was operating is registered to Diana L. Brown of Elwood.

Intersection collision

Damage is estimated between \$50,000 and \$100,000 after an Illinois man's vehicle struck a Portland woman's vehicle at the intersection of U.S. 27 and county road 800 South about 8:30 a.m. Wednesday.

Scott A. Brent, 66, Bloomington,

was driving his 2016 Chevrolet Suburban east along county road 800 South and stopped at its intersection with the highway. He failed to notice the southbound 2017 GMC Terrain driven by 20-year-old Tricia A. Ison and drove into the intersection, crashing into Ison's car.

Brent complained of back pain, according to a Jay County Sheriff's Office report. Both vehicles were towed.

Obituaries

David E. Lengerich, Geneva, April 6, 1947-Feb. 20, 2024. Services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Downing & Glancy Funeral Home, 100 N. Washington St., Geneva.

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The Commercial Review publishes death notices for those with a connec-

tion 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 2/24	Sunday 2/25	Monday 2/26	Tuesday 2/27	Wednesday 2/28
31/24	51/37	61/53	66/51	59/27
Saturday's forecast shows mostly sunny skies with a high in the low to mid 30s.	Another day of mostly sunny skies is expected Sunday, when the low will be around 37.	More mostly sunny skies on Monday. The high may reach up to 61 degrees.	Temperatures will continue to climb Tuesday, which has a 60% chance of showers.	Rain is also likely Wednesday under mostly cloudy skies.

Lotteries

Powerball 4-27-33-41-42 Power Ball: 14 Power Play: 2 Estimated jackpot: \$376 million	Daily Four: 8-2-6-6 Quick Draw: 3-6-12-13-18-20-21-22-28-29-34-41-44-47-49-51-53-64-69-71 Cash 5: 6-17-18-19-32 Estimated jackpot: \$720,500
Mega Millions Estimated jackpot: \$525 million	Ohio Wednesday Midday Pick 3: 6-0-7 Pick 4: 9-5-7-4 Pick 5: 6-2-3-1-9 Evening Pick 3: 0-6-3 Pick 4: 3-2-1-0 Pick 5: 9-5-4-8-0 Rolling Cash: 5-15-19-26-29 Estimated jackpot: \$110,000
Hoosier Wednesday Midday Daily Three: 9-6-7 Daily Four: 7-7-7-8 Quick Draw: 1-5-6-11-12-19-27-29-31-41-49-54-58-59-63-64-67-69-72-74 Evening Daily Three: 9-6-8	

Markets

Cooper Farms Fort Recovery Corn.....4.12 March corn.....4.12 Wheat.....4.52	March beans11.46 Wheat 5.42
POET Biorefining Portland Corn.....4.12 March corn.....4.14 April corn.....4.17	ADM Montpelier Corn.....3.97 March corn.....3.99 Beans.....11.48 March beans.....11.50 Wheat.....5.41
The Andersons Richland Township Corn.....4.01 March corn.....4.01 Beans.....11.46	Heartland St. Anthony Corn.....4.09 March corn.....4.25 Beans.....11.27 March beans.....10.87 Wheat.....5.12

Today in history

In 1455, Johann Gutenberg's edition of the Bible was published in Mainz, Germany.

In 1847, United States forces overtook Mexican soldiers in the Battle of Buena Vista fought near Monterrey in northern Mexico. For two days, more than 15,000 Mexican troops attacked the 5,000-man fleet of U.S. soldiers. Field artillery and an advantageous battle position helped the U.S. secure the win.

In 1883, Victor Fleming was born in California. A film director, cinematographer and producer, Fleming's most notable films are "Gone with the Wind" and "The Wizard of Oz."

In 1898, Emile Zola is imprisoned in France for "J'accuse," his letter accusing the government of anti-semitism and wrong-

fully imprisoning captain Alfred Dreyfus.

In 1941, Plutonium was identified as a radioactive element by Glenn T. Seaborg and his team, playing a critical role in the development of nuclear fuel and weapons.

In 1947, the United States and Britain arrested hundreds of Nazi organizers in Frankfurt.

In 1954, the polio vaccine, first created by virologist Jonas Salk, was widely distributed. It's one of the two versions still used today.

In 2012, six community fire departments were awarded just over \$847,000 from the Federal Emergency Management Agency through the Assistance to Firefighters grant. Plans were to use the dollars in order to switch to narrowband radio equipment.

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Citizen's calendar

Today
8 a.m. — Portland Redevelopment Commission, Community Resource Center, 118 S. Meridian St., Portland.

Monday
9 a.m. — Jay County Commissioners, auditorium, courthouse, 120 N. Court St., Portland.
3:30 p.m. — Jay Coun-

ty Solid Waste Management District, 5948 W. Indiana 67, Portland.
6 p.m. — Dunkirk Board of Works, city building, 131 S. Main St.
6:30 p.m. — Fort Recovery School Board, community room, high school, 400 E. Butler St.
7 p.m. — Dunkirk City Council, city building, 131 S. Main St.

Council ...

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Phase three of the plan, if pursued, would involve developing a water-related amenity.

McClain noted the park board isn't looking to install a pool and if it moves forward with phase three it would likely construct something more similar to Berne's splash pad.

Phase one's total cost comes to \$100,800. Pennville Park Board is looking into an agreement with the Indiana Housing and Community Development Authority and Patronicity, a crowdfunding business that would match up to \$50,000 toward the project for a \$2,500 administration fee. (The partnership is a part of the CreatINg Places program available through the state for various projects, such as those related to playgrounds, public plaza development, park creation or improvements, bike and pedestrian pathways and public space enhancements.) The park board also plans to apply for a \$10,000 grant through Church of Brethren, which hosts a church in the park program throughout the summer, and seek other funding sources.

So far, the park board has raised \$35,530.43. McClain asked council to consider a \$35,000 match. Patronicity requires funding to be split from various sources, meaning dollars allocated from the county would need to come from "separate pots," explained McClain. Contributions of more than \$10,000 would not count toward the grant match.

County auditor Emily Franks suggested pulling from the American Rescue Plan Act fund currently at \$2.4 million, the economic development income tax (EDIT) fund currently at \$1.8 million or the wind farm economic development fund at \$965,000. (She also mentioned potential funding from Jay County Redevelopment Commission — county attorney Wes Schemenaur explained the group is

still creating a plan for its tax increment financing district dollars and may be slow to commit.)

Council vice president Cindy Bracy noted the EDIT advisory board met last in February 2023. She referenced various projects, including development of the 68 acres and the \$3.9 million commitment toward installing nearly 400 miles of fiberoptic internet throughout Jay County. She questioned the county's long-term plan for its budget.

"We have no big picture," she said to council before turning to McClain. "I love what you're doing, and I want to see more of this. This is not to discourage you, you are just bringing to light a super important point that we have a wish list, but we don't have a plan, and that concerns me."

Council president Matt Minnich said compared to other projects that have been presented to the board during his term, "it seems, from an outsider's perspective, that Pennville is the community that's got it put together."

He spoke in favor of the project, but also pointed to Bracy's comments.

"There's only so many buckets we have to take from, and we are — I think we've spent every dollar we have for the next five years about three times, that's my concern," he said.

Local resident John Gibson offered to contribute \$5,000 toward the project if the county supplied \$30,000.

After more discussion, council members Dave Haines, Randy May, Faron Parr, Minnich and Bracy, absent Jeanne Houchins and with Harold Towell dissenting — he requested council speak with commissioners first — OK'd moving forward with the additional appropriation.

Also Wednesday, council approved an economic development agreement with Hodson Energy. The company is planning New Jay Solar, a 220-acre

solar facility in Richland Township east of Dunkirk. Commissioners approved the economic development agreement — the company will provide \$2.516 million in economic development funds to Jay County over four years — as well as road use and decommissioning agreements with Hodson Energy on Feb. 12.

In other business, council:

- Appointed Chuck Huffman and Faron Parr to Jay County Redevelopment Commission.
- Approved changes to the personnel policy handbook for county employees, which include adding a workplace relationship disclosure, adjusting Jay County Highway Department's work hours, specifying language related to personal leave and compensating all Jay County Sheriff's Office and Jay County Jail employees for eight hours of holiday pay at their standard hourly rate on holidays.

- Made the following additional appropriations: \$158,440 for Jay County Community Corrections from grant dollars; \$119,144.47 for Jay County Visitors and Tourism Bureau from the innkeepers tax; \$52,050.46 for professional services from REA related to planning for the development of the county's 68 acres, with Towell and Bracy dissenting; \$30,000 for firearms at Jay County Sheriff's Office from state funding; \$6,000 for cornerstone location; \$5,000 for a Jay Circuit Court appointed doctor; \$3,240 for pauper counsel; \$2,000 for Jay County Living's resident activities from donations; \$1,592.24 for Purdue Extension Office of Jay County; and \$815.98 for Jay County Prosecutor's Office to purchase four new Glock's.

- Transferred \$16,000 from the highway department's employer Public Employees' Retirement Fund to its workers compensation fund and \$2,000 from the Jay County Assessor's travel and mileage fund to its gas, lube and oil fund.

Hangar ...

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The Federal Aviation Administration has been contacted regarding a flight check, which he said he is hopeful will happen soon. (The lights had been an issue since the completion of the runway extension project.)

He noted that he has reached out to city attorney Wes Schemenaur regarding the process of closing out the FAA grant for the first phase of the runway extension project. (It has been held up because of ongoing litigation between the property owners who provided fill dirt for the project and Indianapolis firm HIS Constructors. The city is also named in the suit.)

Clearwaters said the airport has not yet received any comments from the FAA regarding its wildlife hazard assessment.

Board members Faron Parr, Clyde Bray and

Caleb Lutes, absent John Ferguson, approved the final FAA grant pay request and close out for the wildlife assessment and the first phase of the apron expansion design at a total of \$3,250.

In other business, the board:

- Learned the airport sold 2,742 gallons of fuel in January for \$18,987.16.

- Heard from airport employee Matt Simmons that preparations are being made for visitors for the April 8 solar eclipse.

- Learned a telephone wire for the airport's automated weather observing system (AWOS) will be replaced when conditions allow.

- Was reminded the airport will host the Aviation Indiana quarterly meeting Aug. 8.

- Paid \$3,628.38 in claims.



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Kayla Reilly, HR Specialist
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Or email: careers@swissvillage.org

SERVICES

Sunday
Davis, Margaret: 2 p.m., Downing & Glancy Funeral Home, 100 Washington St., Geneva.

Tuesday
Lengerich, David: 11 a.m., Downing & Glancy Funeral Home, 100 Washington St., Geneva.

March 2
Meier, Nancy: 4:30 p.m., Kuhn's Den, 442 E. Line St., Geneva.

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Building Brighter Futures

JRDS is a private, nonprofit organization that provides residential, community and center based services for people with special needs.



Red Cross blood drive gets 68 donors

Sixty eight people donated Tuesday during the American Red Cross blood drive at Jay Community Center.

Donors included Sarah Rines, Franklin Hogle, Billy Sipe, Dennis Negele, Marlene Runyon, Denise

Glentzer, Joyce Eldridge, Doug Watson, John Janak, Michael Timmerman, Michael Schmidt, Ana Minnich, Ronald Harris, Gary Schmiesing, Gordon Holcomb, Kay Westgerdes, Herbert Westgerdes, Jack Free-

man, Ron Laux, Sharon Taylor, Joel Taylor, Jill Hemmelgarn, Brian Kunkler, Rebecca Kunkler, Mary Laux, Doris Muhlenkamp, Lorrissa Bousman, Paula Barron and Raymend Brandt.

Also Earl Hayden, Eliz-

abeth Schoenlein, Freeda Osenbaugh, David Osenbaugh, Stephanie Byrum, Connie Ronald, Douglas Shidler, Joseph Ruchgy, Cynthia Gardner, Mike Weitzel, Ruthann Brockman, Marilyn Knapke, Margaret Reier, Eric

Rogers, Pamela Rogers, Lori Phillips, Mathew Garringer and Joe Reinhard.

Also Tina Heiser, Elizabeth Skiver, John Hart, Abby Homan, Jed Misner, Madonna Bruggeman, Cameran Paxson, Toby

Swartzentruber, William Back, Dusty Pearson, Kyle Epler, Susan Myers, Amy DeVoss, Nichole Parks, Jayne Pearson, Steven Swingley, Kristy Barron, Jodi McKee, Jamie Davis, Anthony Smith and Jennifer Smith.

Medical condition leads to end of marriage

DEAR ABBY: I suffered an injury that caused internal bleeding, which then gave me iron deficiency anemia. I was battling its symptoms of depression and anxiety before I was diagnosed. Never having had any mental health struggles in my life, I had no idea what was happening to me. I was happy and calm my whole life until this medical condition changed my behavior considerably.

My wife of 20 years left me. I was diagnosed with the iron deficiency anemia after she had left. After the diagnosis, I was able to stop my blood loss and cure the anemia. Its symptoms went away, and I returned to my normal self.

I was sure my wife and I would reconcile after my diagnosis, but she says I was using the illness as an excuse for my behavior. She doesn't understand it was the cause. She mistakenly believes I am permanently mentally ill. She doesn't understand that these symptoms went away once the ill-

Dear Abby



physician so he or she can explain the reason for your personality change and assure her the problem is not permanent. If that doesn't help, then you will have to accept that the marriage is over for the most tragic of reasons and go on with your life. I am so sorry for your predicament.

DEAR ABBY: My husband died two years ago. It has been a struggle, but we are making it. I have two sons. One is on his own; the other is in middle school. I want to move back to my hometown, but my son wants to stay here with his friends and go to the local high school like his brother did. I don't have anything holding me here besides my job.

I am so sad and depressed. Moving back home with friends and family closer would be better for me but maybe not better for him. Losing his dad has been really hard on him. It will be four years before he finishes school. I

just want to be a good mom. Please advise me. — NOT SURE IN SOUTH CAROLINA

DEAR NOT SURE: Do not move your son while he is in his last year or two at the middle school. By then, cliques have formed, and he may find it difficult to fit in at the new school. The time to make that move would be the summer before your son's freshman year of high school, because at that time every student will be entering a new environment and be on more equal footing socially. It couldn't hurt to discuss this with a counselor at your son's school and ask for suggestions.

DEAR ABBY: What's the best way to deal with an "overgifter"? My friend of 10 years is one, often giving gifts beyond holidays and birthdays. Every time we hang out, she gives me something, either food or small trinkets. I asked her three years ago to tone

it down. Two years ago, I sent her a letter saying I value our friendship and, for me, the best gift is quality time. She stopped for a while, but six months ago, she started up again.

Abby, I throw away all her gifts. They are usually stale or expired foodstuffs or trinkets I don't have the space to store. I'm trying to find a way to make my boundaries clear. But I don't want to hurt her feelings in the process. — TOO MUCH IN WASHINGTON

DEAR TOO MUCH: Because your friend may have forgotten, remind her that you do not want her giving these gifts and that the most treasured gift she can give you is time with her. Explain that her continuing to do it is making you UNCOMFORTABLE. Then cross your fingers and hope that this time she gets the message. If she doesn't, you will have to remind her yet again.

Community Calendar

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

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

Saturday
ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS — Will meet at 10 a.m. at Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church, 218 E. High St., Portland. For more information, call (260) 251-3336 or (260) 729-7000.

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. For more information, call (260) 766-2006.

Monday
PORTLAND BREAKFAST OPTIMISTS — Will meet at 7 a.m. for break-

fast 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
JAY COUNTY PASTORS AND CHAPLAINS — Meet at 8 a.m. on the fourth Tuesday of each month at Richard's Restaurant.

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. For more information, call (567) 279-8352 or (260) 729-7000.

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

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

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

EUCHRE CLUB — Will meet at 2 p.m. the fourth Wednesday of each month at Chalet Village Health and Rehabilitation in the North Lounge.

AL-ANON FAMILY GROUP — New Beginnings, a support group for friends and families of alcoholics, will meet at

6:30 p.m. each Wednesday in the Zion Lutheran Church, 218 E. High St., Portland. For more information, call (260) 726-8229.

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

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

March 1
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.

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	3		5		9				
	9	1							3
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Level: Advanced

Thursday's Solution

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Renew lakes restoration initiative

Duluth News Tribune
(Minnesota)

Tribune News Service

Dating all the way back to the administration of President George W. Bush, the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative has been making major and necessary strides to remove mercury and other contaminants from the St. Louis River and other river and lake bottoms; has been ensuring that the waters around Duluth and all of the Great Lakes remain swimmable, fishable, and drinkable; has been combating invasive species; has been turning environmental disasters into cleanup successes; and more.

With the passage of deservedly bipartisan legislation introduced this month in D.C., the initiative can continue to build on its already impressive and steady record of responsible achievement and progress. The Great Lakes Restoration Initiative Act of 2024 would extend

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the program another five years with a robust and ready-to-do-more-good \$500 million annually. With deserved congressional approval and the president's enthusiastic signature, the funding is an increase from the current \$475 million.

U.S. Senate co-authors of the act include Sens. Amy Klobuchar and Tina Smith of Minnesota and Tammy Baldwin of Wisconsin.

"Lake Superior provides Minnesotans with clean drinking water, habitat for local wildlife, and opportunities for outdoor recreation. It is a core part of our state's identity, which is why I have fought to ensure we have the resources necessary to

protect it as chair of the Great Lakes Task Force," Klobuchar said in an exclusive statement last week to the News Tribune Opinion page. "In Minnesota, the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative has cleaned up the pollution at Munger Landing in Duluth, restored important fish spawning habitat in the St. Louis River, and created opportunities for outdoor recreation. I will keep working across the aisle to reauthorize the initiative so this important work can continue."

Said Smith, also in an exclusive statement to the News Tribune Opinion page: "Minnesotans value Lake Superior not only for its beauty and recreation, but for how the lake cares for our communities. The future health of the Great Lakes directly impacts local businesses, Minnesota's economy, and access to clean drinking water. This bipartisan effort to clean up and restore them is a crucial step in pre-

serving these natural treasures before it's too late."

U.S. Rep. Pete Stauber of Hermantown has also long been a supporter of the initiative.

"Lake Superior (and) the other Great Lakes are national treasures, a key pillar of our economy, and the backdrop of countless special memories for my family and many others," the Minnesota 8th District congressman said in a statement in 2019 after co-sponsoring the bill and voting to increase funding for the initiative. "Protecting our Great Lakes has always been a top priority of mine."

To date, the initiative has invested \$3.8 billion to clean up toxic pollution, reduce runoff pollution, restore the habitats of birds and other wildlife, and ensure clean drinking water for some 40 million people around the Great Lakes, the earth's largest fresh surface water system. The Great Lakes provide more than 1.5 million jobs, generating \$62 billion in wages every

year, and also supply 90% of our nation's fresh surface water, as Cleveland.com reported Feb. 8.

In Duluth, especially along the St. Louis River, the initiative has helped to restore wild rice beds, sturgeon spawning grounds, and the habitats of piping plover and other nesting birds, among other projects.

In addition to cleanup and restoration efforts, the initiative has also been key in preventing waters from being diverted from the Great Lakes to arid regions in the South, West, and elsewhere.

The good, effective, and responsible work made possible by the initiative demands to be continued by Congress and by President Joe Biden.

As Klobuchar pointed out in 2017, "The Great Lakes Restoration Initiative has broad, bipartisan support." And, "We should work together to make sure important projects ... get done. It's good for the environment, it's good for business, and it's good for Minnesotans."

Prices should be controlled

By SONALI KOLHATKAR
OtherWords

Pharmaceutical companies are angry with Bernie Sanders. The Vermont senator has vowed to force pharma CEOs to publicly answer for why their drug prices are so much higher in the United States than in other nations.

Brazenly, the CEOs of Johnson & Johnson and Merck initially refused.

An attorney for Johnson & Johnson accused the senator of using Senate committee hearings to "punish the companies who have chosen to engage in constitutionally protected litigation." The company, along with Merck and Bristol Myers Squibb, is suing the Biden administration for allowing Medicare to regulate certain prescription drug prices.

For the last two decades, it's been a free-for-all for pharmaceutical companies in the U.S.

In 2003, then-President George W. Bush signed a Medicare reform bill into law, promising help for seniors struggling to pay for medications. But that law stripped the federal government of its power to negotiate drug prices for Medicare's participants. And that's driven drug prices up for everyone.

The Inflation Reduction Act (IRA), which Biden signed in 2022, tied Medicare drug prices to inflation and required companies to issue rebates if prices rose too fast. It was the first time since Bush's 2003 law that drug manufacturers were subject to any U.S. price regulations.

Pharmaceutical companies aren't having it. And that's why it's not enough for Medicare to be able to cut drug prices — there needs to be nationwide regulation on all drug prices for all Americans.

American taxpayers generously subsidize the research and development of most drugs, as a report by Sanders' staff explained. But "the government asks for nothing in return for its investment," giving private corporations "the unilateral power to set the price of publicly funded medicines."

People in other nations, the report adds, pay less for drugs that American taxpayers have paid global pharmaceutical companies to develop. Symtuza, an

Sonali Kolhatkar



HIV medication that the U.S. National Institutes of Health helped develop, costs U.S. patients a whopping \$56,000 a year. Patients in the UK pay \$10,000 a year for the same drug.

The difference is simple: countries like the UK, France, and Germany regulate drug prices. The U.S., for the most part, doesn't.

There's a strong public desire for price controls. According to a Kaiser Family Foundation poll in August 2023, bipartisan majorities "say there is not enough regulation over drug pricing." A whopping 83% "see pharmaceutical profits as a major factor contributing to the cost of prescription drugs."

They're right. Economists studying the pharmaceutical industry have found that for years, companies have been so flush with cash that they've spent hundreds of billions of dollars on stock buybacks and exorbitant executive bonuses and pay packages.

Pharmaceutical companies launched the new year by announcing price hikes on at least 500 medications — a massive effort to gouge the public. In contrast, the IRA's drug price controls apply to only 10 medications so far. They'll be expanded to 15 drugs per year for the next four years, and 20 drugs per year thereafter.

Rather than removing price controls on the paltry numbers of medications the IRA can regulate, an easy fix is to apply those same regulations to most or all drugs. Best of all, pharmaceutical company CEOs wouldn't even have to drag themselves into committee hearings to explain away their corporate greed.

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Rethink response to homelessness

By JACQUELINE WHITE
Progressive Perspectives
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Consider the situation of Charles — a young Black man who showed up at HOPE 4 Youth, a drop-in center for youth facing homelessness in suburban Minneapolis. His grandmother, who he was staying with, had given him until the end of the month to find a new place. His name wasn't on the lease and the stress of their under-the-radar arrangement had become too much for her.

Options for young people in Charles' situation, who don't have a rental history and don't make enough to realistically afford their own place, are limited. He could do an intake through the local "coordinated entry" system, part of the federally funded triage process that acts as a gateway to homelessness resources.

But because Charles wasn't actually homeless, he would not end up among the 35% of young people who were deemed most in need by the coordinated entry system and thus eligible for housing. Even those who do make the cut routinely wait months until they can move into housing.

Our current response to youth facing homelessness — generally defined as unaccompanied minors and young adults, sometimes with their own children — is clearly unable to meet the burgeoning need. We need to try something new, but what?

In its expansive new research agenda, the U.S. Interagency Council on Homelessness (USICH) asks in regard to youth homelessness: "What actions can affirm chosen family and stabilize informal hosting?"

In other words, amidst a dire affordable housing crisis, rather than trying to find housing for youth, why not investigate how we can empower

Jacqueline White



the friends, neighbors and extended family who are already stepping up to host young people who they know and care about?

We need to look especially closely at the barriers faced by hosts who, like Charles' grandmother, are renters. Obstacles to providing stable hospitality can include lease restrictions on how long guests can stay or stipulations on housing benefit programs that can make adding another person to the household onerous.

The unconscionable overrepresentation of young people of color — Black youth are 83% more likely and Hispanic youth are 33% more likely to face homelessness than youth of other races — is almost certainly linked to the fact that, due to racist practices such as redlining, the majority of Black and Hispanic households in the U.S. rent, unlike the majority of white households.

That means that, unlike most white youth, most Black and Hispanic youth grow up in renter households, which are more financially vulnerable than homeowner households. Then, given our segregated society, if a Black or Hispanic young person is in crisis and needs a place to stay, the people they first turn to for help most likely also share their same race. Thus, they are also likely renters who are less able to offer the kind of dependable hospitality that could forestall unsheltered homelessness.

Fortunately for Charles, the case manager he met with at the drop-in

center, Brenda Pritchard, was experiencing in supporting chosen family hosting arrangements. Given that Charles' unauthorized residency was the real impediment, Brenda offered to help his grandmother talk with the property owner.

Through a philanthropically funded pilot program, Brenda was able to offer a monthly stipend that could be paid directly to the property owner and, even more significantly, Brenda could share her phone number. That gave the property owner welcome reassurance: She wouldn't have to troubleshoot any issues that arose on her own. She could call Brenda.

That USICH is calling for further investigation of this approach, which helped Charles continue staying with his grandmother, is game-changing. While we desperately need more affordable housing, we will not be able to build our way out of the population-level crisis that youth homelessness has become.

We need to take concrete steps if we are to reduce the unconscionable racial disparities in youth homelessness. The recent Strengthening the Village project from Chapin Hall at the University of Chicago can act as a helpful starting point: A research overview, policy recommendations and practice suggestions explore how to bolster informal hosting arrangements, with special attention given to renters hosting youth who would otherwise be homeless.

We owe it to the one in 10 young adults who face homelessness every year to accept USICH's invitation and explore how to fortify chosen family hosting, especially in underestimated and under-resourced communities.

White is a consultant on how to stabilize chosen family hosting arrangements to prevent youth homelessness.

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FFA sparked passion for agriculture

By NATALIE BECKENDORF
University of Minnesota Ag News

My experience as a Minnesota State FFA officer during college was a blast. I was able to apply things I was learning in the classroom when I was facilitating with students. It was awesome to see different students that I met throughout the year of my service at the University of Minnesota for different events and be able to catch up in one of my favorite environments, which is here at school.

I credit my passion for agriculture to FFA, so being able to help students find their pas-

Natalie Beckendorf



sion or place in agriculture is inspiring and motivating within my aspirations here at college. Seeing students that I spent time with through my year of service attending or applying or getting accepted to the University of Minnesota has been extremely special.

I transferred from South Dakota State University to CFANS because I was longing for a community more fitting for myself, and I desired more rigorous coursework in agriculture communication and marketing. I had previously been exposed to the Agricultural Education Communication, and Marketing program at the University of Minnesota. I chatted with some of the current students and faculty before making the decision, and I am incredibly glad I did.

The most positive effect from my time in FFA is that agriculture is huge and there are so

many people who want to see you succeed. From my beginning time in FFA in 7th grade, I was thrown into a soils/agronomy career development event, and that's something I had never previously been exposed to. My high school agriculture teacher helped coach me, and I went to a few different events where people were willing to help me learn what it was all about and help me succeed. That has just continued to be a common thing in FFA, and I think more so, it's a common thing in agriculture.

As I continue to grow and

have different experiences, there is always at least one or two people standing by my side, helping guide me.

My time in FFA has solidified that I'm in the right industry, I'm with the right people, and that I too can be that for someone else. The most positive effect FFA can have is being thankful for the people who have helped you get where you wanted to be, and being that person for someone else.

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Beckendorf is an agricultural communication and marketing student at the University of Minnesota.

Farm conference set for next week

Event includes podcaster as keynote speaker

topics ranging from raising turkeys on pasture to mushroom cultivation, agritourism, marketing, fermentation and flower farming.

"The trade show is a great opportunity for exhibitors to showcase products and services in a relaxed atmosphere to a variety of clientele," said Phil Cox, Purdue Extension agricultural and natural resources educator in Vermillion County, Indiana. "If you're interested in exhibiting your products or services, there is still time to register as a vendor."

This year's conference includes a keynote presentation from Michael Kilpatrick, a farmer, educator and host of the top-rated Thriving Farmer Podcast.

"It's the small farmers who are in the best position to provide fresh, local food their communities need," said Kilpatrick. "With the right systems in place, any small farmer can become a thriving, cash flowing source of food for their community."

For more information or to sign up, visit the Indiana Small Farm Conference website at purdue.ag/sfc.

Purdue Ag News

The annual conference and trade show is scheduled for Feb. 29 through March 1 at Hendricks County Fairgrounds in Danville.

"It's an honor to host this event and help advance small-farm production and profitability within the state," said Bernie Engel, Glenn W. Sample Dean of Agriculture. "We are thankful that this event has continued through the years and appreciate the involvement of our Purdue Agriculture professionals, as well as industry experts and small-farm producers. With a variety of sessions, the trade show and networking options, the schedule has something for everyone."

Sessions offered at the two-day conference include



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On the griddle

Jay County FFA member Max Dues (foreground) and advisor Matt Slavik work together to cook eggs Thursday morning for the staff brownie breakfast at Jay County Junior-Senior High School. The chapter is holding its Blue and Gold/FFA Spirit Day today and had a truck drive-in this morning with awards for dirtiest, rustiest and best of show.



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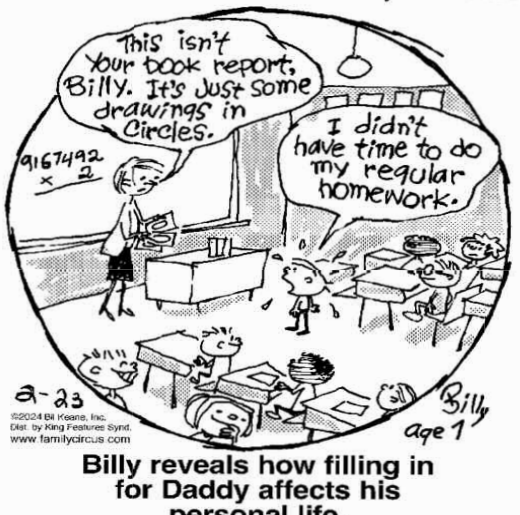
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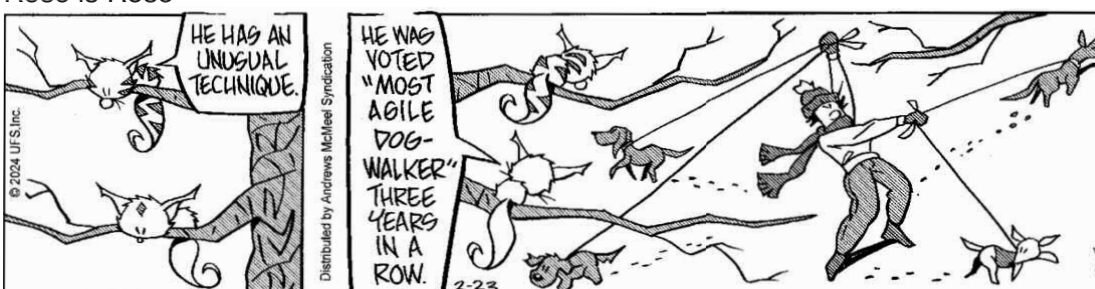
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Contract Bridge By Steve Becker

Bidding quiz

Your partner opens Two Notrump (20-21 points, balanced distribution). What would you respond with each of the following five hands?

1. ♠ J863 ♥ J52 ♦ Q74 ♣ J62
2. ♠ J32 ♥ AQ8 ♦ KJ64 ♣ Q96
3. ♠ 85 ♥ AJ8743 ♦ 732 ♣ 54
4. ♠ Q87 ♥ Q52 ♦ AJ6 ♣ K832
5. ♠ K1076 ♥ 86 ♦ Q875 ♣ Q105

therefore bid six without further ado.

3. **Four hearts.** While you have only five points in high cards, your six-card suit is worth several points more in terms of playing strength. You can probably win five or six tricks with hearts as trump, and your prospects should be appraised in that light. The four-heart bid should be treated by partner as a shutout. If you play Jacoby Transfers, you would bid three diamonds and raise partner's forced three-heart response to four.

4. **Four notrump.** This is not Blackwood; rather, it is a raise in notrump inviting partner to bid slam with a maximum, and to pass with a minimum. Holding 12 points, a 4-3-3-3 distribution and no helpful nines or tens, and not knowing whether your combined total comes to 32 or 33 points, partner should be asked to make the final decision.

5. **Three clubs.** You certainly have enough points for game, but before committing your side to playing in three notrump, you should check via Stayman whether partner has four spades. If he does, four spades will prove to be the better game contract in the majority of cases.

1. **Pass.** Since partner has 20 or 21 points, it could be argued that your combined holding might be 26 points, so you should raise two notrump to three.

But another factor must also be considered — namely, that partner will have trouble reaching dummy for any finesses he may need to take. This lack of communication is likely to prove fatal even if partner has 21 points. While it is true that 26 points usually produce a good play for game, this is frequently not the case when one player holds practically all of his side's points.

2. **Six notrump.** This is strictly a matter of arithmetic. Partner's 20 or 21 points added to your 13 bring your combined total to 33 or 34 points, which is what you ordinarily need for a small slam. You should

Tomorrow: For better or worse.
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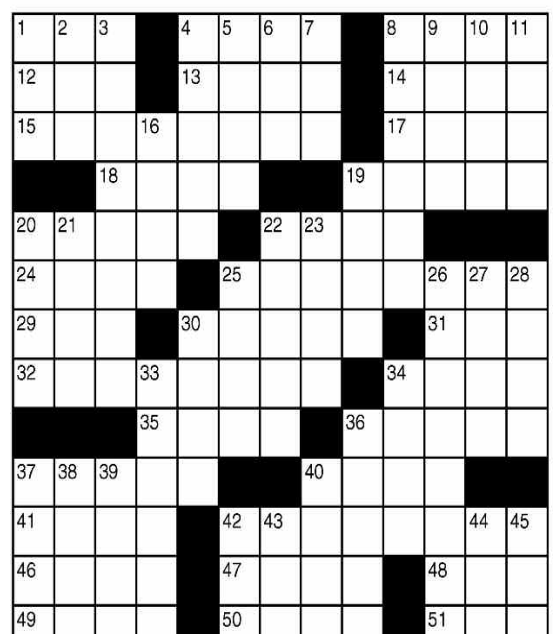
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Finding teammates

Jayden Comer, a freshman on the Jay County High School basketball team, makes a wrap-around pass past Winchester's Austin Price (out of frame) in Tuesday's 47-45 win for the Patriots.

Fields explains why he unfollowed the Bears

DAN WIEDERER
Chicago Tribune

CHICAGO — NFL players: they're just like the rest of us.

If you're tired of the endless Chicago Bears quarterback debates, those fiery Justin Fields versus Caleb Williams arguments that have remained persistent through the early stages of this offseason, you have esteemed company. In Fields. The soon-to-be 25-year-old quarterback explained his role in this week's hottest sports social media mystery, using an appearance on the 33rd Team's "St. Brown Bros Podcast" to clarify why he is no longer following the Bears account on Instagram.

Fields said his motive was hardly as passive-aggressive or nefarious as many assumed.

"Man, bro, I'm glad we're talking about it," Fields said to podcast hosts and NFL players Amon-Ra St. Brown and Equanimeous St. Brown. "Why do people take social media so seriously? Like, just because I unfollow this and that ... I still mess with the Bears, this and that. I'm just trying to take a little break."

So why exactly did he recently unfollow the Bears account at a time when his future with the team is being discussed so frequently? Fields explained that he has plans to travel to Amsterdam and Milan for a get-away and simply wanted a timeline cleanse.

Quarterback wants break from football on social media as he prepares for vacation

"I unfollowed the Bears and the NFL, bro," he said. "I'm just trying to not have football on my timeline. ... It's something I don't want to see on my timeline. I'm about to go on vacation. I don't want to see no football. Every Bears post it's either, 'Keep Fields. We want Fields.' Or 'Draft Caleb.' It's like, bro, man, I'm tired of hearing the talk."

On that, Fields is hardly alone.

Bears general manager Ryan Poles faces a big decision in the coming weeks on what to do at quarterback, potentially keeping Fields for his fourth season in Chicago or moving in a new direction by drafting a quarterback and possibly trading away his current starting quarterback.

Fields, like so many, is just eager to learn of the final resolution.

"I just want it to be over," he said. "Just let me know if I'm getting traded. Let me know if I'm staying."

That answer will come in due time. The NFL scouting combine begins

next week, and the chatter on Fields' future and the Bears' quarterback decision will only amplify.

The NFL's new league year, when trades can become official, is now less than three weeks away. The draft is in late April.

If the decisions were Fields' alone, he said he would stay put at Halas Hall and continue his journey with the Bears.

"I can't see myself playing in another place," he said. "But I know how the league is. ... If it was up to me, I would want to stay in Chicago. I love the city. The city's lit. The fans are great and the people (too). But it's a business. I ain't got no control over it. So whatever happens happens."

Fair enough.

Wherever Fields is playing in 2024, he emphatically expressed one predominant goal for his fourth season.

"I'm not going to lie," he said.

"I've got to get into the playoffs."

Sports on tap

Local schedule

Today
Jay County — Boys basketball (including freshman) at Belmont — 6 p.m.
Fort Recovery — Swimming state prelims at McKinley in Canton — 5 p.m.; Boys basketball at New Bremen — 6 p.m.

Saturday
Jay County — Junior high wrestling Jay County Invite — 9 a.m.

TV sports

Today
3 p.m. — MLB spring training: San Diego Padres at Los Angeles Dodgers (ESPN)
4:30 p.m. — NASCAR Craftsman Truck Series: Fr8 208 (FS1)
4:30 p.m. — NASCAR Xfinity Series: Raptor King of tough 250 (FS1)
7 p.m. — College gymnastics: LSU at Florida (ESPN2)
7:30 p.m. — NBA: Cleveland Cavaliers at Philadelphia 76ers (ESPN)
8 p.m. — College hockey: Notre Dame at

Michigan (BTN)
8:30 p.m. — Men's college basketball: Duquesne at Fordham (ESPN2)
10 p.m. — NBA: Milwaukee Bucks at Minnesota Timberwolves (ESPN)
10 p.m. — Men's college basketball: Nevada at San Jose State (FS1)

Saturday
10 a.m. — Premier League: Nottingham Forest at Aston Villa (USA)
11:30 a.m. — NASCAR Cup Series: Ambetter Health 400 (FS1)
12 p.m. — NHL: St. Louis Blues at Detroit Red Wings (ABC)
12 p.m. — Men's college basketball: Houston at Baylor (CBS); Indiana at Penn State (BTN); Missouri at Arkansas (ESPN)
12 p.m. — Women's college basketball: Villanova at Creighton (FOX)
12:30 p.m. — Premier League: Manchester City at AFC Bournemouth (NBC)
2 p.m. — NASCAR Craftsman Truck Series: Fr8 208 (FS1)
2 p.m. — Men's college basketball: Washington at Arizona (CBS); Duke at Wake Forest (ESPN); West Virginia at Iowa State (ESPN2)

2 p.m. — Women's college basketball: Oklahoma State at Oklahoma (FOX)
2:15 p.m. — Men's college basketball: Iowa at Illinois (BTN)
2:30 p.m. — Men's college basketball: St. Bonaventure at UMass Amherst (USA)
3 p.m. — NHL: New York Rangers at Philadelphia Flyers (ABC)
3 p.m. — PGA Tour: Mexico Open (NBC)
4 p.m. — Men's college basketball: North Carolina at Virginia (ESPN); Alabama at Kentucky (CBS); Oklahoma at Oklahoma State (ESPN2)
4:30 p.m. — MLS: Seattle Sounders at Los Angeles FC (FOX)
4:30 p.m. — Men's college basketball: George Mason at Loyola-Chicago (USA)
4:30 p.m. — College gymnastics: Big Five Meet (BTN)
5 p.m. — NASCAR Xfinity Series: Raptor King of tough 250 (FS1)
6 p.m. — Men's college basketball: Texas at Kansas (ESPN)
6:30 p.m. — College hockey: Notre Dame at Michigan (BTN)
8 p.m. — Men's college basketball: UIC at Indiana State (Bally Indiana); Villanova at UConn (FOX); Texas A&M at Tennessee (ESPN); Washing-

ton State at Arizona State (ESPN2);
8:30 p.m. — NBA: Boston Celtics at New York Knicks (ABC)
9 p.m. — Women's college hockey: Ohio State at Wisconsin (BTN)
9:30 p.m. — Women's college basketball: UNLV at Nevada (FS1)
10 p.m. — Men's college basketball: USC at UCLA (ESPN2)

Local notes

Tournament scheduled
The Fort Recovery High School volleyball program is holding its annual alumni volleyball tournament on Friday, March 22.

Teams can consist of former players or anyone living in Fort Recovery, and don't need to be from the same graduating class.

Entry costs are \$10 per player, with all proceeds going to the FRHS volleyball team.

For more information, contact Travis Guggenbiller by March 20 by emailing guggenbiller@fortrecoveryschools.org

Midwest Walleye Challenge
Indiana anglers are invited to participate in the

2024 Midwest Walleye Challenge, a virtual fishing tournament.

The tournament begins March 30 and ends June 30, with walleye, sauger and saugeye counting. Contestants need to utilize the MyCatch mobile app to submit photos of their catches with a measuring device.

Participants can enter for free for the chance at the grand prize or pay a \$25 fee to be eligible for biweekly cash prizes.

Those interested in participating can register by visiting AnglersAtlas.com/event/769 or by using the MyCatch app. For further information, visit on.IN.gov/walleye.

Registration open
Registration for the Dunkirk co-ed softball league is now open.

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To have an event listed in "Sports on tap," email details to sports@theocr.com.

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Career highs and game winners

Cale Rammel has had a solid freshman season.

He just keeps getting better.

The 2023 Fort Recovery High School graduate set new career highs in rebounds and assists in a three-point loss for the Ohio Christian University men's basketball team at Park Point on Tuesday.

Rammel's new rebound mark sits at 13. He ripped down nine defensive boards, and hit the offensive glass four times off the bench. The freshman added 12 points, 4-for-13 from the field, to give himself a double-double.

He also set a new assists record with three.

Rammel hit the game-winning layup as the Trailblazers' 63-62 win at Shawnee State on Feb. 17. His layup came with 12 seconds left, on an assist from Levi Seiler.

Rammel also had 12 points in this game, but shot the ball at a higher clip. He went 5-for-6 (83.3%) including 2-for-2 from beyond the 3-point arc.

Collegiate check-up

Olivia Patch FRHS — 2020

Matched her career high in points on Feb. 15 as the Hillsdale College women's basketball team rolled to an 86-62 victory over Cedarville.

Patch scored 11 points in only 10 minutes played. The mark matched her career high that she set on Dec. 28 against Davenport.

She shot a perfect 3-for-3 from the free-throw line, while connecting on 66.7% of her shots from the floor (4-6). All of the FRHS graduate's points came in the second half with six in the third and five in the fourth.

She added two rebounds and an assist in the win.

Patch also played in the Chargers' 90-59 loss against Ashland on Feb. 17, going 0-for-1 with 1 rebound.

Renna Schwieterman Jay County — 2023

Increased her playing time since a dip in early February.

Schwieterman combined for 48 minutes over three games since Feb. 15 for the Purdue Fort Wayne women's basketball team.

The JCHS graduate scored nine points against UW-Milwaukee by hitting two triples and three free throws. She also got to work on the defensive end, ripping down six rebounds and picking the Panthers' pockets five times.

She hit 1-of-5 threes for her only points against Detroit Mercy on Sunday, while not taking a shot at Northern Kentucky Wednesday night.

Alli Vaughn FRHS — 2021

Played three minutes in the IU-East women's basketball team's 77-66 loss to Indiana Southeast on Tuesday.

She did not attempt a shot for the Red Wolves, but recorded an assist.



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For the lead

Jay County High School sophomore Gradin Swoveland fires up a three in the final minute of the Patriots' 47-45 win over Winchester on Tuesday. Swoveland hit the shot to take the lead before Winchester answered it. The JCHS sophomore finished with 16 points.

Offseason preview: Stewart will be priority

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

INDIANAPOLIS — Grover Stewart didn't have the impact he hoped to have for the Indianapolis Colts in 2023.

Much of that can be attributed to the six-game ban the veteran defensive tackle received near midseason for violating the NFL's performance-enhancing drug policy.

And Stewart's absence was felt acutely.

In six games without Stewart, the Colts surrendered an average of 153 rushing yards. In 11 games with Stewart on the field, that number dipped to 107.9.

"His leadership, especially in the d-line room, his influence throughout the entire team and the organization," defensive tackle DeForest Buckner said of his tag team partner's impact. "Everybody who comes across

Grove loves Grove, not just the player but the person that he is. I feel like that's definitely one of the big-time guys we need to get back here. I feel like we are going to get it done."

Buckner alluded to Stewart's pending free agency.

A fourth-round pick in 2017 — general manager Chris Ballard's first NFL Draft with Indianapolis — the 30-year-old's mix of size and athleticism has made him one of the most unique players on the roster.

Simply put, there is nobody else currently in the locker room who can do what Stewart does for the team. His primary backup in 2023 — Taven Bryan — also is scheduled to become a free agent next month.

All of which adds to the sense of urgency to bring Stewart back into the fold.

"I think you know my feelings

on Grover," Ballard said. "In my first year here, he was one of our first draft picks. He's done nothing but be a great Colt, a great teammate, everything you want. Yeah, Grover is a guy we'd like to have back."

If the big man returns, he and Buckner again figure to anchor the defense.

Buckner earned his third career Pro Bowl berth — and second in four years with the Colts — after recording 81 tackles, eight sacks, 21 quarterback hits and 11 tackles for loss in 2023.

The 29-year-old continues to be among the game's most underrated players, and his leadership has been felt on the field and in the locker room.

Buckner has missed just two games since arriving in a trade from the San Francisco 49ers prior to the 2020 season, and he's

become the face of the Indianapolis defense.

His many duties have included helping the team transition to a slightly different style in the past two years under defensive coordinator Gus Bradley. It's a process that will continue in 2024.

"I feel like, especially bringing his scheme here for the defense, really the front, having the Wide-9 and little things like that — I feel like we have been able to get sacks by the committee with the guys we have in the room," Buckner said. "This year we were able to set a franchise record in sacks (51) and little things like that."

"Obviously, we have some young guys all over the place on the defense, but obviously there are always places to grow — up front and in the back end."

For the defensive interior, that growth is likely to come from second-year defensive tackle

Adetomiwa Adebawore and third-year defensive tackle Eric Johnson.

A fourth-round pick last year out of Northwestern, Adebawore appeared in 10 games and recorded 1.5 sacks, four quarterback hits and a tackle for loss. He projects as both a backup to Buckner at the three-technique and a potential rotational pass rusher on the edge — filling a similar role to veteran Tyquan Lewis, who is scheduled for free agency next month.

Johnson — a fifth-round pick from Missouri State in 2022 — currently slots in as Stewart's back-up at nose tackle. He played in 14 games last year with one sack, 15 tackles and three quarterback hits.

With so much youth on the depth chart, this is an area of the roster where a veteran free agent addition could make sense.

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