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Unit is moving to IU Jay campus

Behavioral health will be at new site Monday

By RAY COONEY

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Another long-awaited hospital move is coming Monday.

IU Health Jay's behavioral health unit will open in its new location in Building C — formerly the surgery center — on the west side of the hospital's campus in Portland.

"It's so exciting," said Jennifer VanSkyock, program manager for IU Health Jay Outpatient Behavioral Health on Thursday while her team was preparing for the move. "I mean, this has been so long coming. Our team needs this. Our patients need this. ..."

"We knew we needed to be close so that we could be a support and it can make it more convenient for our patients and so we can have the warm hand-off between our nurse practitioner and our staff at the other clinic.

"I can't wait 'til Monday when we're all ready to go."

The program has been located at the former Vormohr Medical Center on county road 100 South. The billing department, which has also been at the site, is moving as well.

The new home for the unit is part of a larger renovation project that was announced in late 2020. Construction was initially expected to be complete in 2021, but long delays because of the coronavirus pandemic and supply chain issues pushed the timeline back significantly.

The original plan was to shift the hospital's administrative offices to the east, with behavioral health to take over the newly opened space.

"The hospital space that was going to be available for us was so small," said VanSkyock.

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Cheerful chick

Elena Muhlenkamp, 5, holds a chick with mother Katie Muhlenkamp and sister Hallie Muhlenkamp, 1, during the family Easter celebration Thursday at Jay County Public Library. Families learned about chickens and egg production while also participating in Easter-themed crafts.

Group calls for housing task force

By WHITNEY DOWNARD

Indiana Capital Chronicle
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In light of a new report finding Indiana's housing affordability worsened over the last year, a group of advocates on Thursday called on Gov. Eric Holcomb to establish a dedicated task force, saying lawmakers haven't done enough to solve the state's housing crisis.

An analysis from Prosperity Indiana and the National Low Income Housing Coalition found that the Hoosier State now ranks slightly below the national average for its affordable housing supply. In terms of the housing cost burden for extremely low-income renter households, Indiana is now tenth-worst in the nation.

State now ranks below national average for affordable housing

The data contained in today's report reveals that — for a growing number of Hoosiers, particularly extremely low-income Hoosier households, aging Hoosiers, Black Hoosiers and brown Hoosiers — this claim is simply untrue."

In response, the Hoosier Housing Needs Coalition called on Holcomb to establish a task force in

the vein of his public health commission, which advanced a significant measure to increase state funding for local public health efforts. The group acknowledged efforts by Holcomb in the past, including a veto on a controversial measure and support during the COVID-19 pandemic but said more work was needed.

In response, Holcomb highlighted recent legislative efforts and noted that roughly one-third of requests for state READI funding were housing related.

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April Nixon and Pam Dobbs sort through the remains of their relative's home Friday along Jackson Street in Selma following the Thursday night tornado that caused millions of dollars of damage in Winchester and Selma. The tornado was categorized as an EF3 — "severe" — on the Enhanced Fujita Scale with peak winds estimated up to 165 mph.

Tornadoes slam Winchester, Selma

By RAY COONEY, BAILEY CLINE, SCOTT SHAFFER and RICK REED

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WINCHESTER and SELMA — Taco Bell and Freedom of Life Church are gone.

Jay Randolph Developmental Services, Goodwill and a nearby shopping center sustained significant damage.

Homes on the south side of Winchester, including Summers Pointe and the Gaslight Addition, and continuing east along Base Road and Greenville Pike and on the east side of Selma were destroyed or heavily damaged. And debris was strewn all over.

Storm classified as EF3, strongest in magnitude for counties since 1984

A tornado that moved roughly along the Indiana 32 corridor and touched down in Selma and Winchester caused millions of dollars in damage to homes and businesses as a severe line of storms left trails of destruction in Indiana, Ohio, Kentucky and Arkansas.

The National Weather Service's Indianapolis office on Friday afternoon confirmed an EF3 tornado in both communities. An EF3 is considered "severe," with winds ranging from 136 to 165 miles per hour on the Enhanced Fujita Scale.

See **Tornadoes** page 5

Deaths

Martha Wolfe, 81, Pennville
Roger Hansel, 68, Portland
Robert Masters, 72, Portland
Dennis Franck, 88, rural Jay County
Marc Wissler, 45, Muncie
Details on page 2.

Weather

Jay County had a high temperature of 57 degrees Friday. Today's forecast calls for sunny and breezy conditions with a high of 60 and winds gusting to 36 miles per hour. Expect a low of 30 tonight with continued windy conditions and a chance of showers. See page 2 for an extended outlook.

In review

The City of Portland will hold its spring clean-up next week. Residents can place large trash items at the curb for pick-up with regular trash during that week. Items that will not be accepted include electronics, construction materials and tires.

Clarification

There was an error in the information shared with The Commercial Review about the house fire Tuesday. Keith Renner's daughter, Veronica, had been cooking a meal when she smelled the smoke.



CR almanac

Sunday 3/17	Monday 3/18	Tuesday 3/19	Wednesday 3/20	Thursday 3/21
43/27 Mostly sunny skies are on the horizon for Sunday, when the low will be around 27.	35/24 There's a chance of snow Monday. Otherwise, mostly cloudy, with a low of 24.	48/28 Tuesday's forecast shows mostly cloudy skies with a low of 28 degrees.	48/33 Sunny skies on Wednesday, when the high will be 48 degrees.	55/41 There's a chance of showers on Thursday under mostly sunny skies.

Lotteries

Hoosier Midday Daily Three: 5-8-1 Daily Four: 7-3-1-2 Quick Draw: 5-8-13-15-16-17-25-26-27-28-32-42-48-50-51-52-59-62-65-78	Pick 5: 6-4-9-4-4 Evening Rolling Cash 5: 15-22-28-36-37 Jackpot: \$242,000
Ohio Midday Pick 3: 9-6-1 Pick 4: 8-1-5-0	Powerball Estimated jackpot: \$600 million Mega Millions Estimated jackpot: \$815 million

Markets

Cooper Farms Fort Recovery Corn.....4.31 April corn.....4.31 Wheat.....4.09	April beans.....11.83 Wheat.....5.04
POET Biorefining Portland Corn.....4.37 April corn.....4.39 May corn.....4.42	ADM Montpelier Corn.....4.13 April corn.....4.16 Beans.....11.81 April beans.....11.85 Wheat.....4.88
The Andersons Richland Township Corn.....4.24 April corn.....4.22 Beans.....11.80	Heartland St. Anthony Corn.....4.27 April corn.....4.27 Beans.....11.61 April beans.....11.66 Wheat.....4.59

Today in history

In 1521, navigator Ferdinand Magellan of Portugal reached the Philippines during his circumnavigation of the globe for Spain. He established Spain's first alliance in the Pacific.

In 1750, astronomer Caroline Herschel was born in Hanover, Germany. She was a pioneer in the field of astronomy, working with her brother Sir William Herschel. She detected three nebulae via telescope in 1783 and became the first woman to discover a comet in 1786.

In 1751, James Madison was born in Port Conway, Virginia. He is considered the "Father of the Constitution" for his leadership at the Constitutional Convention and served as the fourth president of the United States.

In 1802, Congress approved legislation to establish the United States Military Academy at West Point. It is located on the west bank of the Hudson River, about 50 miles north of New York City.

In 1827, the first United States newspaper owned and operated by African Americans, "Freedom's Journal," was published in New York City.

In 1850, "The Scarlet Letter" by Nathaniel Hawthorne was published.

In 1861, Edward Clark took over the role of Texas governor from Sam Houston, who was evicted from office for refusing to take an oath of loyalty to the Confederacy.

In 1926, the first successful launch of a liquid-propellant rocket was achieved by American inventor Robert H. Goddard. His rockets served as early prototypes of modern moon thrusters.

In 1945, U.S. Marines captured the Japanese island of Iwo Jima during World War II. Six Marines raising the flag atop Mount Suribachi on the island resulted in one of the most iconic photos from the war.

In 1968, U.S. soldiers killed an estimated 500 unarmed villagers in what became known as the My Lai Massacre during the Vietnam War. The village of My Lai had been considered a Viet Cong stronghold.

In 1970, WNIN TV channel 9 of Evansville, Indiana, started broadcasting. It still serves as a Public Broadcasting Service provider today.

In 2013, Jay County High School senior Katie Snyder closed her career by breaking the decades-old vault record with a score of 9.675 during the IHSAA Gymnastics State Finals at Ball State University's Worthen Arena.

In 2022, Jay County High School senior Haleigh Clayton signed to play softball at Lincoln Trail Community College.

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Citizen's calendar

Monday
Monday, March 18
5 p.m. — Jay School Board, General Shanks, 414 E. Floral Ave., Portland.
5:30 p.m. — Portland City Council, council chambers, fire station, 1616 N. Franklin St.
6:30 p.m. — Fort Recovery School Board, community room, high school, 400 E. Butler St.

7:30 p.m. — Fort Recovery Village Council, village hall, 201 S. Main St.

Wednesday
4 p.m. — Portland Board of Aviation, airport, 661 W. 100 North.

Thursday
6 p.m. — Redkey Town Council, park cabin, 50 S. Mooney St.

Obituaries

Martha Wolfe

June 27, 1942-March 13, 2024
Martha Jane Wolfe, 81, Pennville, died Wednesday at her home. Services are pending at Williamson-Spencer and Penrod Funeral Home in Pennville.

Roger Hansel

Roger V. Hansel, was a devoted husband and father. He put his family first and tried to make a better life for them than he had growing up. He attended Catholic schools in Cincinnati and graduated from Roger Bacon High School in Ohio, where he excelled.

He met Pam when she was 13 years old and he was 16 at Angelo's Pizza Parlor in Cincinnati. She told him on that day "when I grow up I am going to marry you." They did get married and were for 49 years and had six kids.



Hansel

Roger had worked in real estate and then enlisted in the U.S. Air Force after high school as an aircraft mechanic working on SR 71 and U2, received his commission then went to OTS in San Antonio, Texas, in 1985 and became a personnel officer. He earned his bachelor's degree while enlisted and later earned his master's degree from Golden Gate University. Through his determination and hard work, he moved up in ranks to captain.

He spent a lot of time working on the Freedom of Information Act, which he personally developed several policies. He served 20 years in the air force, retired, then spent some years teaching at universities in Kentucky and Indiana. He was always willing to help others learn. He had patience and took the time to make sure his pupils understood the material. He mentored to people in the military as well as helping civilians to better themselves by finding them work. He worked multiple times for the VA, where he was determined to not let veterans slip through the cracks. He always stuck to his values, and was an amazing role model to his kids. He had a great sense of humor and enjoyed debating issues. He was always happy to tell you why he was right.

He will be truly missed by those who got to know him. He had a powerful impact on everyone he met. If you were his friend you were his friend for life.

Surviving are his wife Pamela (Owens) Hansel of Portland; four daughters, Phyllis Hansel of Eaton, Nicole King (husband: Steve) of Arizona, Crystal Jackson (husband: Craig) of Oklahoma and Amanda Graley (husband: Josh) of Albany; two brothers, Patrick McMann (wife:

Patty) of Ohio and Mark Hansel (wife: Cecelia) of Florida; two sisters Kim Pridemore (husband: Mike) of Texas and Nancy Holcomb of Ohio; eight grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by sons Billy and Roger Hansel II; and his mother Patricia Hansel.

Visitation will be on Sunday, March 17, 2024, from noon to 3 p.m. in the Baird-Freeman Funeral Home. Graveside services will follow in the Salamonia Cemetery with military graveside rites by American Legion Post #211.

Memorials can be made to St. Jude's Children's Hospital.

Condolences can be expressed at bairdfreeman.com.

Robert Masters

Dec. 9, 1951-March 14, 2024
Robert Masters, age 72, of Portland passed away on Thursday, March 14, 2024, in IU Health Ball Memorial Hospital in Muncie.

He was born in Portland on Dec. 9, 1951, the son of Bobby and Janice (Macy) Masters. He was retired from Tyson Foods in Portland.

Surviving is a sister, Vicky Fellers of Portland.

There will be no funeral services. Burial will be in the Green Park Cemetery.

Memorials can be made to the Jay County Humane Society.

Baird-Freeman Funeral Home is handling the arrangements.

Dennis Franck

Dec. 10, 1935-March 14, 2024
Dennis Peter Franck, 88, of rural Jay County, passed away on Thursday, March 14, 2024, at his home.

He was born on Dec. 10, 1935, in St. Henry, Ohio, to the late Ferd and Esther (Olding) Franck.

In addition to his parents, Dennis was preceded in death by his brothers, Donald Franck and Bob Franck; and his sister, Shirley Franck.

Dennis is survived by his wife of 68 years, Joan (Martin) Franck, who he married on Sept. 11, 1955; his daughters, Deb Franck of Berne, Indiana, and Susan Addington of Jay County; his grandchildren Grace Brunswick and Chase (fiance: Carli McBride) Addington; his great-grandchildren, Alli, Mercy, Maybrie, Nadalie and Roxanne; and his sisters-in-law, Brenda Franck, Marie Franck and Liz Lawson.

Dennis was a 1954 graduate of Madison High School. He spent most of his life raising turkeys and farming. Later in life, Dennis drove semi for a few years. He was a member of the Fort Recovery VFW and



Franck

Mary Help of Christians Catholic Church.

In his free time, Dennis enjoyed going up to his place in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan, where his favorite pastime was fishing. He also enjoyed playing golf, cards and being with his family.

A Liturgy of the Word service will be held at 1 p.m. on Tuesday, March 13, 2024, at Brockman Boeckman Funeral Home, Fort Recovery, with Fr. Peter Logsdon officiating.

Guests may visit with Dennis' family on Tuesday from 11 a.m. until the start of the service at 1 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorial contributions may be given to Compassus Hospice, 3530 W. Fox Ridge Lane, Muncie, IN 47304.

Condolences may be shared with the family by visiting brockman-boeckmanfh.com.

Marc Wissler

Sept. 28, 1978-March 13, 2024
Marc A. Wissler passed from this world into the next on Wednesday, March 13, 2024, at the age of 45. He leaves with the love of his family.

He was born in Portland, Indiana, to Allen Wissler and Alberta Elenburg on Sept. 28, 1978. Marc graduated from Wapahani High School in 1997 and later attended Ball State University. He worked in the restaurant business in Indiana, Florida, Arizona and Texas.

Marc had a very outgoing personality and never knew a stranger. He loved life.

He is survived by his father, Allen (Shelly) Wissler of Greenwood; mother, Alberta Elenburg of Muncie; brothers, Kent (Emily) Wissler and Chad Wissler; nephew, Riley and niece, Sophia; and stepbrothers, Eric Elenburg and Jason Elenburg (Ryan Batsie).

Marc was preceded in death by his stepfather, Gary Elenburg; maternal grandparents, Brad and Charlotte Ramsey; and paternal grandparents, Ralph and Marjorie Wissler.

Due to Marc's illness in the last few months, he was living at Parker Health and Rehabilitation Center. The family would like to thank all the hard working staff that took excellent care of Marc over the last several months.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday, March 20, 2024, at Fellowship Baptist Church, 2204 S. Macedonia Ave., Muncie, with Pastor Ron Elam and Tim Reynolds officiating. Friends may visit from 10 to 11 a.m. prior to the service at the church.

A personal condolence can be sent to the family by visiting sprolesfamilycares.com.



Wissler

Capsule Reports

Officers elected

Jay County Plan Commission elected officers at its meeting Thursday.

Commission members re-elected Scott Hilfiker as president and Steve Ford as vice president, and they elected Jeanne Houchins as secretary. The group also reappointed Pati McLaughlin as its recording secretary and selected Chad Aker as its non-voting representative on Portland Plan Commission.

McLaughlin noted at the meeting plan commission can have another voting

member who is a Jay County resident and either a Purdue Extension Office or agricultural community representative. (The spot hasn't been filled for three years.)

She also pointed out the group will likely host a public hearing about Hodson Energy's proposed solar farm in April or May.

Trailer fire

A mobile home in Portland caught on fire Friday.

Emergency personnel responded to a call at 4:26 p.m. Friday from Ray and Lacey Bowdell of Oak-

wood Manufactured Home Community. Their children had set a mattress on fire with a lighter, according to Portland Fire Department. Ray Bowdell attempted to toss the mattress outside, burning his hand in the process.

Fire damage was mostly contained to the bedroom, hallway and front entrance of the trailer, but the whole home sustained heavy smoke damage. Approximately 12 firefighters responded to the scene and put out the flames in about 20 minutes.

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Saturday
Farlow, Allan: 10:30 a.m., Swiss Village Chapel, 1350 W. Main St., Berne.
Current, Janis: 11 a.m., Hillcrest Cemetery, rural Redkey.
Simon, Joan: 2 p.m., West Missionary Church, 4295 W. Indiana 218, Berne.

Sunday
Hansel, Roger: 3 p.m., Salamonia Cemetery.

Tuesday
Franck, Dennis: 1 p.m., Brockman Boeckman Funeral Home, 308 S. Wayne St., Fort Recovery.

Wednesday
Wissler, Mark: 11 a.m., Fellowship Baptist Church, 2204 S. Macedonia Ave., Muncie.

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Students of the Month

Portland Lions Club named Mackenzie Farr and Grady Warvel (pictured above) as its February Students of the Month.

Weather can impact health

By DEB BALZER
Mayo Clinic News Network
Tribune News Service

The weather can be unpredictable, especially in late winter. One day it might be sunny and warm, the next day it might be freezing and snowy. How does this changing weather affect your health and well-being? And what can you do to protect yourself from getting sick?

Doctor Tejal Shelat, a Mayo Clinic family medicine resident, says fluctuations in temperature can cause the body temperature to vary as well.

Changes in body temperature and exposure to seasonal viruses make you more susceptible to catching illnesses such as the common cold and flu.

Symptoms of respiratory infections

Shelat says that these viruses can cause upper respiratory infections, which are characterized by several symptoms:

- Runny nose
- Postnasal drip
- Fever over 100.4 F

- Shortness of breath
- Persistent productive cough

Chest pain when taking in a deep breath may indicate a more serious infection, such as pneumonia.

To prevent or treat these infections, Shelat recommends boosting your immune system with some simple strategies. The first is to consume enough vitamin C, which is a powerful antioxidant that can help fight off infections.

Strategies to stay healthy in changing weather

•Consume enough vitamin C from fruits or supplements to boost your immune system.

•Exercise regularly, at least 30 minutes a day, five days a week, to improve your blood circulation and cellular function.

•Seek medical attention if you have a fever above 100.4 F or any severe or persistent symptoms.

“Fruits that are rich in vitamin C, like lemons and oranges, just having

one a day or squeezing a few slices of lemon into your water bottle, that might go a long way in protecting your immune system,” Shelat says. She adds that some people may prefer to take vitamin C and zinc tablets, but a healthy diet that includes fruits and vegetables is more than adequate.

Another strategy is to exercise regularly, which can improve your blood circulation, oxygen delivery and cellular function. Shelat says that exercise does not have to be strenuous or time-consuming.

“It could be just a 30-minute walk most days of the week. That gets you to 150 minutes (about 2.5 hours) a week. And that is a good amount of exercise,” she says. She also encourages those who enjoy more intense workouts to continue doing them if they are safe and comfortable.

If you experience any severe or persistent symptoms, seek medical attention as soon as possible.

Daughter isn't truthful about relationship

DEAR ABBY: My daughter was 4 when we adopted her. She's 23 now, going to college and moving into an apartment soon. She has been the center of our lives, since our older children are grown. We have supported her through abandonment issues, lost boyfriends, school, everything. We went through cancer treatment with her. She acts like things are good here.

About a year ago, she met a man who worked at a resort where we vacationed. They traded contact information, and then the lies began. She'd tell us she was traveling “with the girls”

Dear Abby



dredges up things from years ago to deflect and blame. His family is courting her, sending her gifts for every holiday. She just returned this week from another visit. She doesn't talk about him. But when I was putting something in her room, I saw what looked like an engagement ring.

How am I supposed to feel when she keeps these secrets? We've given her every opportunity — travel soccer, dance, band, camps, even sent her to Europe on a tour with band members. We pay for her college and her every need. I am hurt, and I don't know what this means for the future,

since we've only met him once, for five minutes. — BEWILDERED IN SOUTH CAROLINA

DEAR BEWILDERED: Your daughter's lying and unwillingness to be open about her plans is a character flaw. People who are proud of what they are doing don't lie about it. It's time you and your spouse sit your daughter down for a serious question-and-answer session with her — and possibly her boyfriend.

First among them, why all the secrecy? If they are serious about each other (as the ring would indicate), why have

you not met his family? Does she plan to complete her education? If so, does she expect you to continue paying for it? You are entitled to some straight answers, and I sincerely hope you get them. That information will give you a clue about how to proceed from here.

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

Community Calendar

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

Today

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.

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

Monday

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

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

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

TAKE OFF POUNDS SENSIBLY (TOPS) — Will meet for weigh-in at 4:30

p.m., with the meeting at 5 p.m., at Trinity United Methodist Church, 323 S. Meridian St., Portland. New members welcome. For more information, call (260) 726-5924.

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

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

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

GRAVEL HILL CEMETERY — Will host its annual meeting at 6:30 p.m. Monday, March 18, at the cemetery memorial building, 650 N. 50 West, Bryant. Lot owners are urged to attend. Everyone is welcome.

NARCOTICS ANONY-

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

Tuesday

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

A BETTER LIFE – BRANNA'S HOPE — A faith-based recovery group for substance abuse. Meal starts at 6 p.m. and the meeting is from 6:30 to 8 p.m. every Tuesday at the Nazarene Fellowship Building across from the Nazarene church, 249 E. Center St., Dunkirk.

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.

Sudoku

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

Level: Advanced

Friday's Solution

1	3	5	7	4	9	6	8	2
8	4	7	2	3	6	9	1	5
9	2	6	1	5	8	3	7	4
6	7	1	3	9	2	5	4	8
4	8	3	5	1	7	2	6	9
5	9	2	8	6	4	1	3	7
2	5	8	6	7	1	4	9	3
3	1	4	9	8	5	7	2	6
7	6	9	4	2	3	8	5	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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WHAT'S FOR LUNCH?
For Jay County Elementary Schools
March 18-22

Monday: Main Entrees: Classic cheeseburger in a bun
Alternate Entrees: PB&J fun lunch, Ham & cheese salad, breadstick, Sides for all meals: BBQ baked beans

Tuesday: Main Entrees: Beef nachos Alternate Entrees: PB&J fun lunch, Ham & cheese salad, breadstick, Sides for all meals: Vegetarian refried beans

Wednesday: Main Entrees: Chicken Tenders Alternate Entrees: PB&J fun lunch, Ham & cheese salad, breadstick, Sides for all meals: French fries

Thursday: Main Entrees: Whole grain waffles, chicken sausage patty, syrup Alternate Entrees: PB&J fun lunch, Ham & cheese salad, breadstick, Sides for all meals: Baked apple slices

Friday: No school

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Sunshine is important for us all

Editor's note: This editorial ran originally on March 20, 2021. As predicted, it is as relevant today as it was then.

Editorial

Sunshine is great. But it only matters if you take advantage of it.

The following situation has played out at public meetings recently:

Concerned resident: "I'm upset because I had no idea this was going on."

Public official: "Well, we've had announcements on the radio. And information has been printed in the newspaper."

Concerned resident: "I don't listen to the radio and I don't read the newspaper."

It's not the first time we've heard that. It likely won't be the last.

But it is entirely unnecessary.

The above exchange is what we would refer to as being "voluntarily uninformed."

In our society, we have ways of communicating information to the public. They include newspapers, radio, television and, yes, social media. (Those who communicate their messages well use them all.) But all of that effort doesn't do much good if you don't bother to take advantage of it.

Yes, in certain circumstances, you'll get a note in the mail or a knock on your door alerting you

about what's going on. But that shouldn't be expected.

When a basketball team plays a big game, no one expects a visitor to stop by and tell them the score.

When the coronavirus pandemic hit, no one expected to learn about it via direct mail.

Thomas Jefferson wrote that a well-informed electorate is a prerequisite to democracy. It's each individual's responsibility to make an effort to be well-informed.

So, buy a subscription to the newspaper. Listen to WPGW as well.

Or take a step further and attend a public meeting. (We print a list of upcoming meetings every day.) If the last time you attended one was for high school government class, it might be time to attend again.

And if (hopefully when) you attend, ask questions. Ask the reporters who are there from the newspaper and/or radio station. Ask the public officials.

If you're not a regular visitor to such meetings, it can be difficult to follow what's going on. It's like trying to jump into a conversation everyone else has been having for years.

Of course, no member of the public is going to have time to attend every public meeting that might have an impact on their lives. That's OK.

That's what we're here for. That's what Rob Weaver and his staff at WPGW are here for. That's what reporters in Indiana and across the nation are here for: We go to the meetings so you don't have to. We explain what happened. And we've been to pre-

vious meetings, so we can also provide relevant background information.

This week is Sunshine Week, an effort the News Leaders Association launched to educate the public about the importance of open government and the dangers of excessive and unnecessary secrecy. It is incredibly important.

It's not just important for newspaper and radio reporters. It's important for you. Laws about open government ensure your rights to attend meetings, your rights to review documents, your rights to know what your elected leaders are doing.

After all, the sun could be as bright as ever. But it really doesn't matter if you're unwilling to step outside to see what it's shining on. — R.C.

Take action to correct falsehoods

By **MADelyn SANFILIPPO**
The Fulcrum
Tribune News Service



Madelyn Sanfilippo

Deepfakes of celebrities and misinformation about public figures might not be new in 2024, but they are more common and many people seem to grow ever more resigned that they are inevitable.

The problems posed by false online content extend far beyond public figures, impacting everyone, including youth.

New York Mayor Eric Adams in a recent press conference emphasized that many depend on platforms to fix these problems, but that parents, voters and policymakers need to take action.

"These companies are well aware that negative, frightening and outrageous content generates continued engagement and greater revenue," Adams said.

Recent efforts by Taylor Swift's fans, coordinated via #ProtectTaylorSwift, to take down, bury and correct fake and obscene content about her are a welcome and hopeful story about the ability to do something about false and problematic content online.

Still, deepfakes (videos, photos and audio manipulated by artificial intelligence to make something look or sound real) and misinformation have drastically changed social media over the past decade, highlighting the challenges of content moderation and serious implications for consumers, politics and public health.

At the same time, generative AI changes the scale of these problems and even challenges digital literacy skills recommended to scrutinize online content, as well as radically reshaping content on social media.

The transition from Twitter to X — which has 1.3 billion users — and the rise of TikTok — with 232 million downloads in 2023 — highlight how social media experiences have evolved as a result.

From colleagues at conferences discussing why they've left LinkedIn and students asking if they really need to use it, people recognize the decrease in quality of content on that platform (and others) due to bots, AI and the incentives to produce more content.

LinkedIn has established itself as key to career development, yet some say it is not preserving expectations of trustworthiness and legitimacy associated with professional networks or protecting contributors.

In some ways, the reverse is true: User data is being used to train LinkedIn Learning's AI coaching with an expert lens that is already being monetized as a "professional development" opportunity for paid LinkedIn Premium users.

Regulation of AI is needed as well as enhanced consumer protection around technology. Users cannot meaningfully consent to use platforms and their ever-changing terms of services without transparency about what will happen with engagement data and content.

Not everything can be solved by users. Market-driven regulation is failing us.

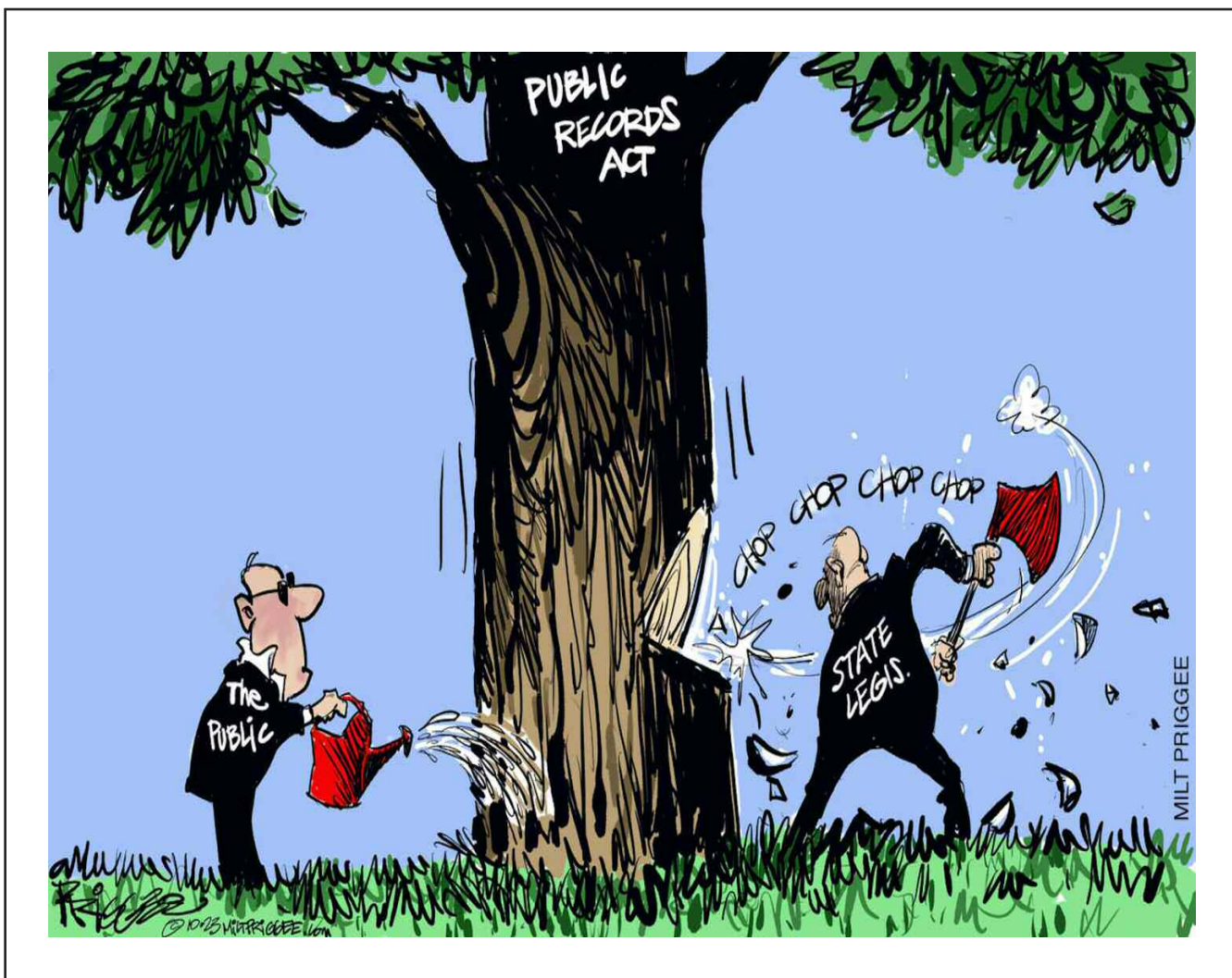
There needs to be meaningful alternatives and the ability to opt out. It can be as simple as individuals reporting content for moderation. For example, when multiple people flag content for review, it is more likely to get to a human moderator, who research shows is key to effective content moderation, including removal and appropriate labeling.

Collective action is also needed. Communities can address problems of false information by working together to report concerns and collaboratively engineer recommendation systems via engagement to deprioritize false and damaging content.

Professionals must also build trust with the communities they serve, so that they can promote reliable sources and develop digital literacy around sources of misinformation and the ways AI promotes and generates it. Policymakers must also regulate social media more carefully.

Truth matters to an informed electorate in order to preserve safety of online spaces for children and professional networks, and to maintain mental health. We cannot leave it up to the companies who caused the problem to fix it.

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Thank you, Caitlin Clark

By **ASITHA JAYAWARDENA**
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Asitha Jayawardena

Dear Caitlin Clark, Recently, I was lucky enough to see you play in person. I brought my 5-year-old daughter to Williams Arena in Minneapolis, where I live now with my wife and two girls. You dominated as usual and were playing at a different level than anyone else on the court. The shots you were making reminded me of when I would play NBA video games with a cheat code.

To be honest, we really don't have much in common. I'm a first-generation Sri Lankan immigrant, and my parents didn't really know much about American sports, so I found my own path. I remember watching a VHS tape with a documentary I found of Michael Jordan and was amazed by him. I watched "Space Jam" and joined my middle school basketball team. I was terrible. On my best day, on full stretch, I'm a whopping 5 feet 4 inches. Basketball never was and never will be my jam.

In late middle school I discovered tennis. I was good, not great, but I harnessed the energy of MJ and learned how to outwork and outthrustle my opponents and ended up playing in high school and college. I learned a lot of life lessons from sports along the way and I told myself I would teach my kids how to play sports early so they wouldn't be playing catch up like me.

For better or worse, this imaginary future kid I was teaching was always a boy.

Fast-forward a few years, and I now am the proud dad to two girls.

For the first few years of their short little lives, my work prevented me from spending as much time as I wanted with them. I've been intentional about building my relationship to these two absolute gems of humans — but at first, it was hard to connect. I played dress-up and dolls and let them paint my fingernails — all of which they loved, but mommy was always better at it. We started regular daddy daughter dates to help foster our relationship.

My youngest daughter was an easy egg to crack. We both love cinnamon rolls and have regular daddy daughter dates exploring various cinnamon roll shops around the Twin Cities. My eldest daughter has been more complex. It took a while, but I found my cheat code.

Caitlin Clark. Our daddy daughter dates occur whenever you play. We sit back, relax, and watch you dominate. I see the same transformation in her as I did in myself when I first learned of the grit and tenacity that was "like Mike." Together, I've watched my daughter's confidence soar as we have learned about how practice helps you get better, how to be a good teammate, and how sometimes we win and sometimes we lose, but we always try to do our best.

Before you came along, I was stuck in a rut in my own fatherhood, because I had only ever imagined raising a boy. I don't believe this shortsighted childhood perspective was borne of bigotry or pro-patriarchy sentiments. Rather, like many Americans, my fault was that the lens in which I viewed the future was biased by my own personal experience. While I was getting my fingernails painted and playing with dolls, it was hard for me to impart the "be like Mike" lessons that shaped my own childhood.

I spent an outrageous amount of money to see you in person with my 5-year-old daughter. You were electric as usual and we jumped and danced and cheered. At one point, my daughter leaned over to me and said, "She hits that shot in the game because she works on it a lot in practice, right daddy!" It was worth every penny. You even graciously stuck around and signed our jersey at the end of the game. I said, "Thank you! You are amazing!" I wanted to say so much more, but there were hundreds of other little girls with their moms and dads waiting to see you.

Allow me to try one more time now that the throngs of adoring fans are gone:

Dear Caitlin Clark, If you read this, I want to say thank you.

Thank you for being an electrifying, transcendent athlete who is actively changing the world of sport. But mostly, thank you for helping me be a better dad.

Jayawardena is a pediatric ENT surgeon at Children's Minnesota.

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—Thomas Jefferson

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Moving ...

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“And it didn’t offer any opportunity to even have enough room for the current staff we had, or growth. And so we knew that was just not going to be feasible.”

So chief operating officer/chief nursing officer Christina Schmenaur worked with the IU Health East Central Region board on other options, settling on Building C. The structure, which also houses the hospital’s multi-specialty facility, will about triple the amount of space available to the behavioral health unit.

VanSkyock explained that whereas current providers need to shift and coordinate between the handful of rooms available

to them, the new location will have designated office spaces for each.

“This was great,” she said. “This will be amazing for us.”

The space has been fully remodeled with some walls removed and some new ones built to create the offices and a large group meeting room. It has gotten new flooring and paint.

The only item still waiting is furniture, which will not be delivered until April.

The behavioral health unit provides mental health and addiction treatment services with its staff that includes licensed clinical social workers and addiction counselors Cassie Alexander (substance use disorder) and Teliisa Colglaiser (mental health),

psychiatric nurse practitioner Tracy Heath, peer recovery coaches Monica Grayson and Lisa Blansett, nurse Carey Brunswick, registration specialist Michelle Wagner and VanSkyock. (The goal is to hire another licensed mental health counselor who has experience working with teens and children.)

One of the key benefits, VanSkyock said, will be having all of the department’s providers under one roof. (Heath is not currently at the county road 100 South site.) She also noted a better ability to work with other IU Health Jay staff.

“Part of it will be a collaboration with the hospital setting,” she said. “If a primary care provider has a patient who needs

behavioral health services, it’s as simple as pointing across the parking lot and pointing folks that way. It removes the barrier a little bit for transportation.”

In addition to its other services, the unit hosts the Compassion Connections and Smart Recovery support groups for those dealing with substance abuse disorder at noon Tuesday and 11 a.m. Thursday, respectively. CRAFT (Community Reinforcement and Family Training) is held at 4 p.m. Wednesday as a family support group.

“We want to provide the community for folks that need a connection,” VanSkyock said. “And our peer recovery coaches really have a passion for that work.”

Renovations for the new behav-

ioral health space were paid for with part of the \$5 million IU Health contributed to a capital improvement fund at the time of Jay County Hospital’s integration into the larger healthcare organization. Jay County Hospital Board, which became the IU Health Jay Board for three years before being dissolved, was in charge of allocating those dollars. In addition to the behavioral health unit, it selected creating new spaces for outpatient physical therapy and cardiopulmonary rehabilitation center as well as the expansion of the Family First practice. Leftover funds were used to establish the IU Health Jay Hospital Legacy Endowment Fund through The Portland Foundation.



The Commercial Review/Ray Cooney

There wasn’t much left — an interior half wall and a handful of tables — at Taco Bell in Winchester following Thursday night’s tornado. Freedom Life Church at the opposite corner of the intersection of Greenville Pike and Base Road was also destroyed, as was the Jay Randolph Developmental Services building. In total, more than 110 structures were damaged in Winchester and 22 houses were destroyed, Mayor Bob McCoy said.

Tornadoes ...

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(Tornadoes are rated on a scale from EF0 — weakest — to EF5, which has winds upward 200 miles per hour.)

A statement from the National Weather Service later Friday indicated that the tornado started northwest of Selma near Truitt Road with a maximum width in Selma of 200 to 300 yards. It continued through “an open area and fields” to Winchester, where it reached a maximum width of 700 yards (about four tenths of a mile).

Randolph County Commissioners signed a state of emergency declaration about 12:15 a.m. Friday.

Some news outlets on Thursday night were reporting three Randolph County deaths related to the storm. Randolph County Sheriff’s Department on Friday morning said that information was incorrect and that no deaths had been reported in the county. (The Associated Press reported three deaths in Lakeview, Ohio, about 60 miles northeast of Winchester on the west side of Indian Lake, with dogs looking for more victims in the rubble.)

The sheriff’s department said there were 38 injuries as a result of the storm, with 12 transported to hospitals outside of Winchester. No one had been reported missing as of 3:30 a.m. Friday. Later in the day, Winchester Mayor Bob McCoy said three of the injuries are critical. He added that 110 structures were damaged with 22 houses destroyed.

Initial assessments indicated up to 50% of homes in Selma were damaged, according to a press release from Delaware County Emergency Management Agency.

Indiana Gov. Eric Holcomb, State Sens. Scott Alexander and Jeff Raatz, State Rep. J.D. Prescott and McCoy visited Friday with residents of the

Gaslight Addition as they were surveying the damage. Holcomb and McCoy both praised emergency responders for their quick response.

“We’re here for you,” said Holcomb. “Unfortunately, this isn’t the first time we’ve had to deal with something like this. We’ve learned from those experiences how to help more quickly and use that Hoosier Spirit and teamwork to face nature’s wrath and help those affected.”

Gabe Bogue Trucking employees were walking out of a company meeting when phone alerts went off regarding the tornado warning. Employees dispersed, with Gabe Bogue heading to Bogie’s Ice Cream to check on his staff there.

“Very calm,” said Bogue, sitting in one of his dump trucks in the parking lot at Walmart on Friday morning, of the moments before the storm hit. “And then as the girls were coming out of the store — we just kind of closed it down as quickly as possible. We got the girls in my truck and we could hear what sounded like a train on tracks, and as we looked left ... we saw the tornado ... at Walmart, just ripping through everything headed that way toward Bogie’s.”

A tank was picked up from the National Guard Armory at the intersection of Western Avenue and Huntsville Road and dropped in Fountain Park Cemetery, Bogue added.

“It’s the most powerful thing I’ve ever seen in my entire life,” he said.

Amanda Higgs, a 43-year-old Selma lifelong Selma resident and her husband, Ernest, 44, were at their apartment along Jackson Street next to Morrow’s house when they noticed the tornado begin to form about 7:40 p.m. Thursday. It ripped through their property in about 10 to 15 seconds, tak-



The Commercial Review/Scott Shaffer

Indiana Gov. Eric Holcomb (center) talks Friday with Winchester resident Martha Hofacker (left), whose home was destroyed in the Thursday night tornado that the National Weather Service said hit a maximum width of 700 yards (about four tenths of a mile). At right are Winchester Mayor Bob McCoy (foreground) and State Rep. J.D. Prescott (background).

ing a chunk of their siding, gutters, electrical wiring, trash cans and parts of the tree in their backyard.

“Like everyone says, like a freight train,” said Higgs. “It literally sounds like a freight train.”

“It was the scariest 10 seconds of my life,” she added. “And as quickly as it came, it went.”

Freedom Life Church, located at the intersection of Greenville Pike and Base Road was reduced to rubble. Across the intersection, all that was left in place at Taco Bell was an interior half wall and a handful of tables.

There was significant damage to a nearby shopping center, and the Goodwill that opened in August in the former site of Aldi had its roof and multiple walls ripped off.

Continuing east on Base Road, the Jay Randolph Developmental

Services building was destroyed and there were places where it was difficult to tell where, or if, a house had once stood because of the amount of debris that was spread across the area. A house at 112 Base Road was gone, with every tree that surrounded it snapped off. For a couple of miles, debris was strewn everywhere, including siding wrapped around safety barriers along bridges.

Lisa Gulley, who has lived in Selma along Jackson Street with her husband, Tim, since 2008, had been recording a video of the storm from her front door as she watched the clouds begin to swirl, come together and appear to touch down at her neighbor’s house just to the northeast. The high winds ripped up her fence, causing panels to go through her back door.

“I’ve been a storm chaser all my life,” she said. “I’m usually at the back door, but I’m glad I wasn’t last night.”

Indiana Michigan Power reported severe damage along Indiana 32 with 125 poles damaged or broken. Damage to a major transmission line led to a lengthy power outage that had about 10,000 customers without power in the Winchester and Selma areas. Most were expected to be restored by 10 p.m. Friday.

Indiana Urban Search and Rescue Team (IN-Task Force 1) assisted local first responders with searches of structures, going door to door Friday morning. Randolph County Sheriff’s Department reported that most emergency responders from outside agencies had been released. Indiana Department of Transportation, Indiana State Police, Indi-

ana Department of Homeland Security, the Red Cross, Indiana National Guard and Indiana Department of Health will remain on hand for as long as necessary.

Emergency officials from Parker City, Farmland, Portland, Albany, Eaton, Centerville, Richmond, Muncie, Jay County, Blackford County and Dayton, Ohio, were among those who arrived to assist Thursday night.

Those who would like to help were asked to gather at 8 a.m. Saturday at Winchester Community High school and 9 a.m. Saturday at Selma Elementary School. Monetary donations are being accepted by the Community Foundation of Randolph County at randolphcountyfoundation.org and Heart of Indiana United Way at bit.ly/3PnKU6U.

3-16 CRYPTOQUIP

DBT UTQNTEEKOT VCTQDMCT
UQN JTQDBEW KEE, IMD HAU
KD EAAON EKOT KD'N KH
NQIET VAHJKDKAH.

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: YOU SAID YOUR OLIVE-BROWN GARB MAKES YOU LOOK BETTER THAN EVERYBODY! DON'T GET KHAKI WITH ME!
Today's Cryptoquip Clue: E equals L

CRYPTO FUN
Solve the code to discover words related to flowers.
A. 18 19 2 2 6 15 12 5
Clue: Flowering
B. 1 24 23 4 19
Clue: Part of flower
C. 7 2 16 19
Clue: Dirt
D. 18 24 24 7
Clue: Buzzing insects

Trivial Review
(Covering albums)
1) What 1967 album did Rolling Stone name as the greatest of all time?
2) What band's "Appetite for Destruction" is one of the best-selling debut albums of all time?
Answers: 1) Sgt. Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Band 2) Guns N' Roses

3-18 CRYPTOQUIP
HP BJ BYYEBHIDW PREL
TKZDNTXBN QDND NDIBNLBSEO
QDBEXVO BJW ZRQDNPKE,
QRKEW VD SD JBSRS WOEBJ?
Saturday's Cryptoquip: THE WEASELLIKE CREATURE WAS DEATHLY ILL, BUT NOW IT LOOKS LIKE IT'S IN SABLE CONDITION.
Today's Cryptoquip Clue: S equals B

FLOWER POWER WORD SEARCH
Find the words hidden vertically, horizontally, diagonally, and backwards.

WORD SCRAMBLE
Rearrange the letters to spell something pertaining to flowers.
LOPLEN
Guess Who?
I am an entertainer born in New Jersey on March 18, 1970. I beat-boxed for a hip-hop group in the mid-80s before going on to a successful music and movie career. I was nominated for a Golden Globe for my work in the film, "Chicago."

kids' corner
FOOD FACT!
THIS PROCESS OF PRESERVING FOOD AT AN EXTREMELY LOW TEMPERATURE WITH COLD, CIRCULATING AIR CAN KEEP IT FRESH LONGER.

How they SAY that in...
ENGLISH: Cold
SPANISH: Frio
ITALIAN: Freddo
FRENCH: Froid
GERMAN: Kalt

Crossword Puzzle
ACROSS
1. New; not old
3. Internet technology (abbr.)
4. To seep out
6. The first time
7. They keep items frozen
DOWN
1. Having turned into ice
2. Waste produced by rotten item
3. Frozen water
5. Units or articles

THIS DAY IN... HISTORY
1854: THE REPUBLICAN PARTY OF THE UNITED STATES IS ESTABLISHED.
1923: THE ARTS CLUB OF CHICAGO HOSTS THE OPENING OF PABLO PICASSO'S FIRST UNITED STATES SHOWING.
2015: A SOLAR ECLIPSE, SUPERMOON AND EQUINOX ALL OCCUR ON THE SAME DAY.

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer
ACROSS
1 Hard work
6 Plants firmly
12 Restaurant fan
13 Algonquian tribe
14 Hit song by the Oak Ridge Boys
15 Peeved
16 Borscht veggie
17 "Toodle-oo!"
19 Ninny
20 Frau's mate
22 "Pa-chinko" author
24 Do something
27 "Phooey!"
29 Taxis
32 Fruit-filled pastry
35 Spanish greeting
36 Fly like an eagle
37 Whatever
38 Prefix with gram or center
40 Wall St. market
42 Dadaist Jean
44 CEO's appointments
46 Colorado resort
50 Hardly sufficient
52 — Rico (Fr.)
55 Beyond belief
56 Droid's rival
57 Sum
DOWN
1 Only
2 Used a loom
Solution time: 26 mins.

Contract Bridge By Steve Becker
Luck is not the only factor
North dealer. North-South vulnerable.
WEST EAST
SOUTH
The bidding:
North East South West
*strong and artificial
Opening lead — nine of clubs.
It is natural to relax when a contract seems easy to make, but this can sometimes prove very costly, as many a declarer has learned to his sorrow. All too often a relaxed declarer will not provide for an unlikely development that might upset the apple cart.

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer
ACROSS
1 Met melody
5 Trail the pack
8 Ernie's pal
12 Proboscis
13 Dhabi preceder
14 Geometric calculation
15 Old apple spray
16 Misleading
18 Dismal
20 Absurd comedies
21 Lettuce type
23 Science room
24 Erasure
28 Go by
31 St. crosser
32 Lake denizen
34 Snooze
35 Yoga class pads
37 Culinary treat
39 NASCAR sponsor
41 Nero's 556
42 Seem
45 Shakespear
49 The First State
51 Scurry
52 Bargain
53 Lustrous black
54 TV trophy
55 "The — the limit!"
56 Condo coolers
57 Authentic
DOWN
2 Bakery buy
3 Golfer Aoki
4 Bacteriologist's study
5 Small beetle
6 Prez on a penny
7 Chasm
8 Unjust
9 "Munich" actor
10 Painter Magritte
11 Labels
17 "Friendly skies" co.
19 Catcher's aid
22 Greeted a bully
24 Weir
25 Longoria of TV
26 "Game on!"
27 In math class, they're empty
29 Pouch
30 CIA operative
33 DVR brand
36 Takes the wrong way?
38 Ember
40 Furry foot
42 Totals
43 Quick look
44 Prince of India
46 Christen
47 Witty Bombeck
48 Texter's sign-off
50 VCR button
Solution time: 21 mins.

Yesterday's answer 3-16
Crossword grid with numbers 1-37.

Contract Bridge By Steve Becker
Famous Hand
North dealer. North-South vulnerable.
WEST EAST
SOUTH
The bidding:
North East South West
Odd things sometimes happen even in world championships. For example, take this deal from the match between Italy and Australia in 1976. With Arturo Franco North and Benito Garozzo South for Italy, the bidding went as shown, ending with the Italian pair playing in two hearts redoubled on a 3-2 trump fit! Furthermore, despite West's K-J-8-7-3-2 of trump, the contract could not be defeated!

Saturday's answer 3-18
Crossword grid with numbers 1-57.

SPEED BUMP Dave Coverly



THE FAMILY CIRCUS By Bil Keane



SPEED BUMP Dave Coverly



THE FAMILY CIRCUS By Bil Keane



Peanuts



Peanuts



Rose is Rose



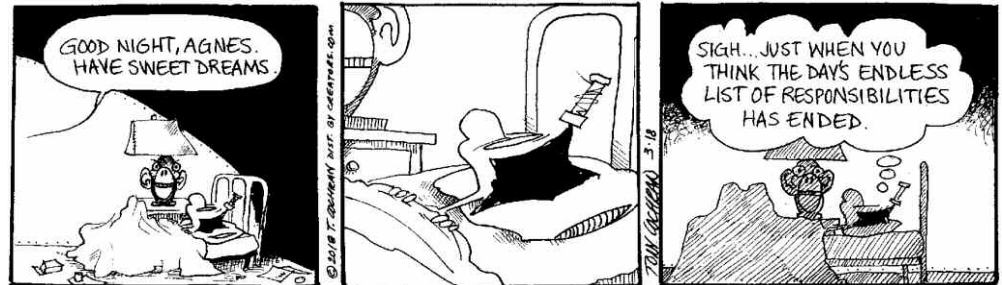
Rose is Rose



Agnes



Agnes



Hi and Lois



Hi and Lois



Between Friends



Between Friends



Blondie



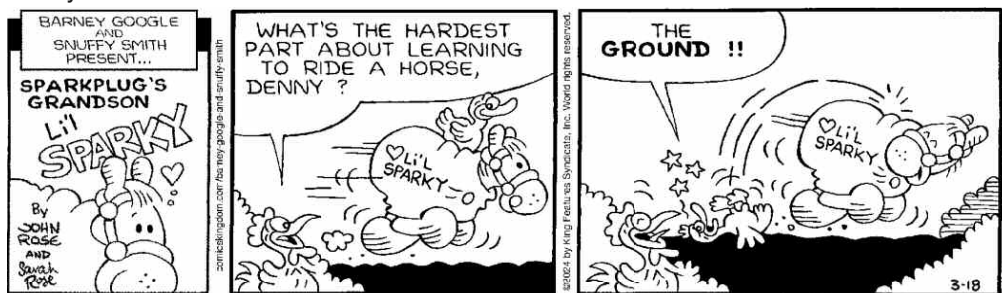
Blondie



Snuffy Smith



Snuffy Smith



Beetle Bailey



Beetle Bailey



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Laughter



Maybe it's a chuckle from reading a vintage Peanuts cartoon. Maybe it's a column by a member of The CR staff. But we try to keep our sense of humor.

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John Deere 997 zero turn diesel lawn mower with 72 inch deck, Hard-ee tree sprayer, Live-stock trailers, 375 board feet of cherry wood lumber, Anvils, mowers, Elevators, Gates, Duals, Tires.

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TIME 10:00 A.M.
LOCATED:
7136 N 650 E. BRYANT, IN.

OPEN HOUSE:
Sunday, March 10TH from 1-3 pm, or for private showing phone auctioneers.
REAL ESTATE
80 Acres in Section 7, Wabash Township. To be offered in tracts and combinations.
Tract 1: 2.5 Acres with 3 bed, 2 bath brick ranch style home containing 1792 sq ft finished living area. Attached 2 car garage, central air, lofted barn, detached garage/grainery.
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Purdue ...

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Even though Purdue is believed to already be a lock for a No. 1 seed in the NCAA Tournament, it was clear from the jump that the Boilermakers weren't going down without a fight. The Spartans played some of their best defense all season and went toe-to-toe with the Boilermakers, but they couldn't capitalize on enough of the good looks they produced, shooting 39% from the

field and going 4 for 18 from 3.
Michigan State coach Tom Izzo took issue with the officiating, too. During a timeout in the first half, Izzo said on the broadcast, "I don't like the way it's being called." He left it at that and rejoined his team in the huddle.
Still, Michigan State should feel good about the way the team battled against a serious championship contender. The Spartans beat Minnesota Thursday in the second round. Entering Friday, most bracket projections had Izzo's team as the last four in.
What makes the Boilermakers such a tough matchup is that they present problems from the inside-out on offense with 7-foot-4 Edey holding it down in the paint and a group of guards, led by Braden Smith, who are a constant threat to take over the game at any time.

The Spartans started putting one big on Edey and having the guards take turns swatting the ball. At times, they doubled him. Edey finished with 29 points and 12 rebounds and went 9 for 14 from the free-throw line.
The game was intense from the start. Purdue jumped out to a 10-5 start, but Michigan State didn't get to within eight of the Boilermakers the entire first half.
Toward the end of the first half, Camden Heide laid an elbow on Carson Cooper and gave him a bloody nose. No foul was called, and the hit wasn't reviewed. Meanwhile, on the other end of the floor, Hall was whistled for a charge — the Spartans second such call on two consecutive positions.
With 4.3 seconds, Michigan

State, down 34-27, was in dire need of a stop. With the defense on lock-down mode, Jones was forced to take a tough shot at the buzzer that didn't even reach the rim. It was that type of defensive intensity that made Friday's game so close.
Walker had three fouls in the first half, as did Jaxon Kohler who was limited to four minutes of action because of the trouble.
Purdue's lead swelled to 12 at the start of the second half after they opened with back-to-back buckets — an Edey post-up and Smith 3. But the Spartans responded with some baskets of their own. After going scoreless in the first half, Jaden Akins' transition layup trimmed Purdue's lead to 43-35 with 14:56 left in the second.
Purdue fans collectively held

their breath after Smith hobbled off the court before collapsing behind the school band with an apparent knee injury at the 12:26 mark of the second half. He had to be assisted to the locker room by a trainer and returned about four minutes later.
Moments later, Tre Holloman and Edey chirped at each other after Holloman was called for a defensive foul with less than 10 minutes remaining in the game. Both were assessed a technical foul.
Michigan State kept pace with Purdue from there on out. When Walker made a basket that cut Michigan's deficit to four, Izzo threw an emphatic fist pump from the sidelines. Michigan State came close to toppling the conference beast, but couldn't get the job done.

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"The building is right on time," Fugiett said. "The field is probably a little ahead now, but all of that is weather dependent."
MSC only missed about two weeks worth of time to

work on the building when weather dipped too low to continue working. The rest of the winter has allowed it to
Once the turf is installed and the building is functional, Jay County will

turn the former soccer field into an auxiliary field with the old football goal posts.
The project is the first on the docket for the athletic department, with the installation of lights for

the baseball and softball fields to follow. That project is expected to be completed for the 2025 season, before JCHS starts looking at replacing the stadium seating.
"When Jay County High

School opened, we had some of the best athletic facilities in the area," Boozier. "We were keeping our facilities functional, but we weren't keeping up with other schools."
"Our football field was

the worst in east central Indiana. The turf brings us on par with other schools, the concession area dressing this up and the locker rooms will be modernized.
"We'll be back where we were as far as facilities."

Sports on tap

Local schedule

Today
Jay County — Indoor track Blue and White Relays at Anderson — 1 p.m.
Fort Recovery — Baseball scrimmage at Indian Lake — 11 a.m.

Monday
Fort Recovery — Baseball scrimmage vs. LCC — 5 p.m.; Softball scrimmage vs. Van Wert — 5 p.m.

Tuesday
Fort Recovery — Baseball scrimmage at Van Wert — 5 p.m.

TV sports

Today
11 a.m. — Premier League: Nottingham Forest at Luton Town (USA)
12 p.m. — Men's college basketball: SEC tournament (ESPN)
1 p.m. — Premier League: Portland Thorns at Kansas City Current (ABC)
1 p.m. — Men's college basketball: MEAC tournament (ESPN2); Big Ten Conference tournament (CBS)
1:30 p.m. — Premier League: Tottenham Hotspur at Fulham (USA)
2 p.m. — PGA Tour: The Players Championship (NBC)
2:30 p.m. — Men's college basketball: SEC

tournament (ESPN)
3 p.m. — NBA: New York Rangers at Pittsburgh Penguins (ABC)
3 p.m. — Men's college basketball: AAC tournament (ESPN2)
3 p.m. — NASCAR Craftsman Truck Series: Weather Guard Truck Race (FS1)
3:30 p.m. — Men's college basketball: Big Ten Conference tournament (CBS)
3:30 p.m. — MLS: Colorado Rapids at Seattle Sounders (FOX)
5 p.m. — Men's college basketball: AAC tournament (ESPN2)
6:30 p.m. — Men's college basketball: Big East Conference tournament (FOX)
7 p.m. — NBA: Brooklyn Nets at Indiana Pacers (Bally Indiana)
7:30 p.m. — Men's college basketball: MAC tournament (ESPN2)
8 p.m. — NASCAR Cup Series: Food City 500 (FS1)
8:30 p.m. — NBA: Golden State Warriors at Los Angeles Lakers (ABC)
8:30 p.m. — Men's college basketball: ACC tournament (ESPN)
9 p.m. — Men's college basketball: PAC-12 Conference tournament (FOX)

Sunday
10 a.m. — Premier League: Aston Villa at West Ham United (USA)
12 p.m. — Men's college basketball: Ivy League tournament (ESPN2)

1 p.m. — NBA: Phoenix Suns at Milwaukee Bucks (ABC)
1 p.m. — NHL: New York Islanders at New York Rangers (TNT)
1 p.m. — PGA Tour: The Players Championship (NBC)
1 p.m. — Men's college basketball: A10 Conference tournament (CBS); SEC tournament (ESPN)
3:15 p.m. — Men's college basketball: AAC tournament (ESPN)
3:30 p.m. — NBA: Denver Nuggets at Dallas Mavericks (ABC)
3:30 p.m. — NASCAR Cup Series: Food City 500 (FS1)
3:30 p.m. — NHL: New Jersey Devils at Vegas Golden Knights (TNT)
3:30 p.m. — Men's college basketball: Big Ten Conference tournament (CBS)
4 p.m. — College gymnastics: Penn State at Michigan (BTN); Alabama at Oklahoma (ESPN2)
7 p.m. — NHL: Anaheim Ducks at St. Louis Blues (Bally Indiana)
7 p.m. — MLS: Orlando City at Atlanta United (FS1)

Monday
7 p.m. — NBA: Cleveland Cavaliers at Indiana Pacers (Bally Indiana)
7:30 p.m. — NBA: Miami Heat at Philadelphia 76ers (ESPN)
10 p.m. — NBA: New York Knicks at Golden State Warriors (ESPN)

Tuesday
3:30 p.m. — NHL: Colorado Avalanche at St. Louis Blues (Bally Indiana)
6:30 p.m. — College basketball: NCAA tournament First Four (TruTV)
9 p.m. — College basketball: NCAA tournament First Four (TruTV)

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@fortrecoveryhschools.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.
The league will start on April 7, and it will cost \$250 for each team to register. First and second-place teams win a payout of \$400 and \$200, respectively.
To register, call Brock Farmer at (765) 209-4289.

Challenge set
The Adams County 5K Run/Walk Challenge for the 2024 season will begin April 20, where participants 19-years-old or older can compete in a total of eight races within Adams County.
The cost to register for the challenge is \$150 and will enter participants in all eight races, with five needing to be completed for the Challenge Series award.
Challengers don't need to be from Adams County, but only the first 100 entries will compete. Participation in individual events is available as well.

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Taking form

Shell for the cleathouse is complete, interior and work on field starting

By ANDREW BALKO
The Commercial Review

When one imagines winter, they often think bitter cold and a white blanket of snow. The Patriots Athletics department couldn't have been more grateful to have warm weather and minimal snow this year.

Warmer weather during the winter months allowed for almost continuous work on the Jay County High School Athletic Department's cleathouse project. The consistent work has gotten the shell of the building built and allowed for work to begin on the field.

"I'm overjoyed because they had great weather and were able to steal time over the course of the winter," said JCHS Athletics Director Steve Boozier. "We should get the turf company in with plenty of time. Unless if we have some kind of monsoon-like summer, there shouldn't be any delays in fall activities on that field."

"We're excited to get everything done and dress up the facility with that new concession stand."

After Jay County School Board approved a \$6.1 million capital improvement project in late January, Mid-States Concrete and General Construction Co. (MSC) of Jay County got to work on the cleathouse in October.

The building will sit beyond the northeast end zone of the field and will have a concession stand, home and away locker rooms, public restrooms and two family restrooms. The family restrooms will be open for other outdoor spring and fall sports, while the full rest-



The Commercial Review/Andrew Balko

Workers from Mid-State Concrete and General Construction (MSC) work on various projects for the cleathouse that sits beyond the northeast endzone on Thursday morning. Off to the left a worker on a ladder works on the electrical for the building, while workers on the right haul brick to be laid on the side of the building. In the foreground, workers lay mats across the field so dump trucks can come in and haul dirt away. Good weather has allowed MSC to work through most of the winter and get the shell of the building finished. The facility is expected to be ready for the fall sports season.

rooms can potentially be opened if busy enough or necessary.

"I think it's a good spot for it," said MSC owner Brooks Fugiett. "It's centrally located with all the outdoor arenas."

On Thursday morning, laborers from MSC worked on laying bricks along the bottom third of the outside of the building, while they worked on electrical and plumbing on the inside. Due to all of the interi-

or walls being masonry walls, the plumbing and electrical work needs to go in at the same time as the concrete blocks according to Fugiett.

"Everything's been really smooth," Fugiett said. "It's been a good project ... and we're shooting to be done with the building sometime in July."

Once the building is done, a driveway will be paved to run alongside the back of the facility. The driveway will connect

to the road near the tennis courts, where the entrances to the gravel lot previously were.

The space in between the driveway and the road will turn into a retention pond. There will be another retention pond just beyond the southeast corner of the field.

Work on the field has also begun, with MSC digging out a ring up against a track. On Thursday, mats were laid out on the field, so they could

bring dump trucks out onto the field without being affected by rain.

This week, MSC will begin digging out eight to 14 inches of dirt depending on the crown of the field.

Once that is done, Sprinturf will come in to lime stabilize the grade and then install the new turf. Sprinturf is expected to get started sometime in June.

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Six Patriots receive honors

Three wrestlers took home hardware.

Three more were honored.

Six Jay County High School wrestlers were named Scholar All-Americans by the National Wrestling Coach's Association and the United States Marines Corps on Friday.

Mallory Winner and Tony Wood headlined the group.

Winner, the No. 1 ranked wrestler in the 155-pound weight class, won her third-straight state championship Jan. 12 to cap off an undefeated season at 26-0.

Wood made it back to the state finals for the fourth time in February. The fourth-ranked 138-pound wrestler won his first two matches to reach the semifinals, before dropping his final

two matches to place fourth. He ended with a record of 46-2 to push his career record to 207-15.

Lina Lingo, Jay County's other state medalist for the girls team, was also named on the list. She finished 24-11 while placing fourth.

Willow Hardy was the other Patriot from the girls team to be named a Scholar All-American. The senior (16-12) bowed out of the opening round of the semi-state tournament.

Cameron Clark and Connor Specht were also honored.

Clark built an 8-0 record before an injury kept him off the mat for the rest of the season. Specht finished the year at 10-13 while taking his exit from the postseason in the ticket round of the sectional.

Purdue eliminates Spartans in tourney

By MADELINE KENNEY

The Detroit News

Tribune News Service

MINNEAPOLIS — Eighth seed Michigan State was looking forward to another crack at top-seeded Purdue in the Big Ten tournament quarterfinals on Friday.

The Spartans gave it their best shot. It just wasn't enough to slay the Big Ten giant.

Michigan State came up just short in the 67-62 slugfest against Purdue. The Friday matinee included a bloody nose, two technical fouls, plenty of trash talk and went down to the wire.

Purdue led the entire game until Tyson Walker tied it at 56-56 with 1:41 left in regulation. Purdue's Fletch Loyer, though, responded sec-

Boilermakers will face fifth-seeded Badgers today in semifinal

onds later with the go-ahead 3.

Zach Edey made a basket to give Purdue a five-point advantage with 34 seconds remaining, but A.J. Hoggard once again trimmed it to three with back-to-back free throws.

After a timeout, Lance Jones split a pair of free throws. Malik Hall made an easy dunk to make it 62-60 with 19.7 seconds left.

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