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Facade \$ approved

By RAY COONEY
The Commercial Review

A local organization and a local business will be getting assistance to make improvements on their buildings.

Portland's Facade Committee on Wednesday approved funding for The Venue of Portland and Portland Elks Lodge.

Treaver Schmit and Dave Smuts of The Venue asked the committee for any help that may be available for the renovations they are planning for the building at 105 W. Main St., Portland. Plans call for rehabilitating the building for use as a concert venue featuring local, regional and national performers.

Facade committee members Rusty Inman and Joe Johnston identified masonry work/tuck pointing and front facade/win-

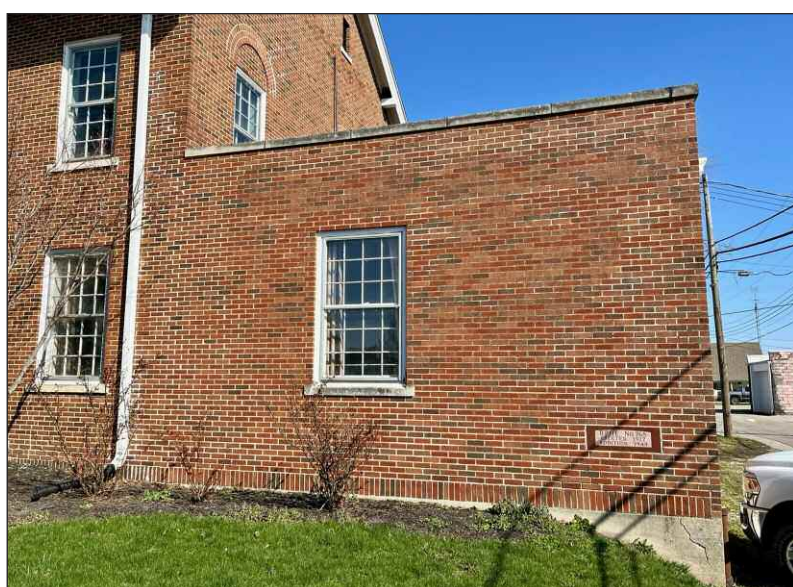
dows as areas that would qualify for funding under the facade program rules. The program can provide up to 50% of the total cost, which in this case was \$88,000.

Inman and Johnston, absent Portland Mayor Jeff Westlake, approved the maximum \$44,000 contribution to the project from the facade program. (The Venue last month was approved for \$35,000 from Portland Redevelopment Commission for concrete and

plumbing work for the building.)

Bryan Alexander presented the proposal from Portland Elks Lodge for assistance with roofing on the east side of the facility at 126 W. High St. He explained that the organization has been growing — it now has 170 members, an increase of about 40 in the last 18 months — and that it has made about \$59,000 in improvements to the lodge so far.

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Portland Facade Committee approved funding Wednesday for projects at Portland Elks Lodge (pictured) and The Venue of Portland. The east section of the Elks Lodge will get a new roof while the funding for the venue will go toward masonry and facade improvements.

Elks, The Venue OK'd for assistance with projects

Future focused



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Owner Agustin Casillas in his regular spot at the front desk of Milenio Mexican Restaurant. The restaurant features a menu that includes Cochinita Pibil, Asado de Boda and Pork Carnitas, pork dishes each with its own unique spicy (but not hot) flavors.

Casillas rehabilitated long-empty building and opened new Milenio Mexican Restaurant

By LOUISE RONALD
The Commercial Review

Agustin Casillas is looking to the future.

That's why he named his new business Milenio Mexican Restaurant.

Milenio is Spanish for "millennium" — 1,000 years.

"I want to see far (into the future)," Casillas said.

He also wants to see the present day clearly. That's why he sits at the restaurant's front desk and talks to as many customers as he can.

"I want to hear the truth," he said. He asks what they thought of the food, the service, the atmosphere. "Is it good? Is it bad?"

And when customers are less than satisfied, Casillas is prepared to make changes.

"You have to give the people what they want," he said.

Milenio opened for business about a month ago at 1604 N.

Meridian St. in Portland, a location that's been home to at least three previous Mexican restaurants. The building, the longtime home of Bandido's, stood empty for years before Casillas bought it. Water leaks had damaged the ceilings and floors.

"It was a big mess," said Casillas.

So for months, he worked his farm job in Fort Recovery, Ohio, all day, caught a few hours' sleep, then headed over to Portland to fix up what he hopes will be the restaurant he's been dreaming of for the past two years.

It's a little different from the competition.

"Tex Mex is the food around here," Casillas said. He's offering an alternative — "really, really authentic Mexican" food from his original home south of Mexico City. (He has lived in Fort Recovery for 19 years.)

Examples include Cochinita Pibil, Asado de Boda and Pork

Carnitas, pork dishes each with its own unique spicy (but not hot) flavors.

He speaks of all three of them with pride.

When early customers showed up at Milenio, many expressed surprise at the menu. Where were the chimichangas and enchiladas? Where was the taco salad?

Casillas, true to his word, has changed the menu (though not yet in print) to add these familiar favorites, but he also encourages customers to try something new.

"After you try, you will change your mind," he said.

In fact, if the restaurant isn't busy, Casillas will offer samples so customers can try two or three bites of a dish new to them. Not on weekends, though. Milenio tends to be crowded then.

Casillas estimates the building can hold about 100 people in a handful of rooms, each with its

own décor. (Murals from previous incarnations of the restaurant have been restored. And look up — the ceilings are a different color in each room.) Some areas can be closed off for private parties. There is no extra charge for this, but reservations for parties must be made in advance.

One other customer request is still in the works. The bar will not open until Milenio's liquor license has been finalized. Casillas said that should happen "any day."

Meanwhile, there are soft drinks and a selection of natural flavored waters — cucumber, Jamaica (a kind of flower) and pineapple — plus Horchata, a drink made of rice, milk and cinnamon that tastes a bit like melted ice cream.

Milenio Mexican Restaurant is open 10:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. every day of the week except Tuesday, when it is closed.

GOP rivals spar over issues

By WHITNEY DOWNARD
Indiana Capital Chronicle
indianacapitalchronicle.com

The Republican contenders for governor quickly started attacking their opponents, with accusations of "selective hearing" and "revisionist history" thrown throughout a 90-minute debate Wednesday night.

Questions submitted by the public to WISH-TV ran the gamut, from taxes and diversity to education and "outsider" status.

U.S. Sen. Mike Braun, Brad Chambers, Lt. Gov. Suzanne Crouch, Eric Doden and former Attorney General Curtis Hill are each running to succeed term-limited Gov. Eric Holcomb along with Jamie Reitenour, who wasn't invited to either of the debates. Hill didn't qualify for a Tuesday debate.

Crouch's most comprehensive campaign platform, a proposal to "axe" the income tax, attracted an early wave of attacks and was roundly panned by her competitors in the debate as a "gimmick," "a promise (she) can't keep" and something "sensational ... to grab attention."

"There's nobody in this room that wants to pay taxes. But the reality is that we have services that are necessary," Hill said, noting the income tax brings in roughly \$8 billion in state revenue.

Hill has proposed cutting the state's taxes on gasoline — which he dubbed the "Mike Braun tax" because of the former state representative's role in passing the funding mechanism in 2017. Braun said that vital revenue shored up Indiana's flagging infrastructure.

"Everyone on this stage is going to be for lowering income taxes, but how are you going to do it? The only way you're going to do it is ... to tackle each agency," Braun said. "... Who do you think is going to have the best ability to actually lower it by getting in and getting your hands dirty?"

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Deaths

Cheryl Minnich, 72, Portland
Mary Foor, 68, Dunkirk
Justin Rathburn, 43, Auburn
Dustin Jackson, 77, Montpelier
Details on page 2.

Weather

Jay County had a high temperature of 43 degrees Wednesday. The low was 32.
Tonight's low will be in the upper 40s with rain expected and winds gusting to 25 miles per hour. Expect mostly cloudy skies Saturday with more rain and possible storms.
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 the Fort Recovery softball team's game against Memorial.
Tuesday — A look at one of the contested races in the upcoming primary election.



Spar ...

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Chambers said the income tax dollars are resources for education, law enforcement, mental health services and more. To cut taxes, first the economy needed to grow, he said.
"You cannot cut your way to success. You've got to do it incrementally and over time and with a plan," Chambers said.
Instead, Doden proposed a review of property taxes, which he said were a bigger concern for residents, especially elderly Hoosiers.
"... seniors on fixed incomes are telling me that there's a possibility that they could lose their home and I think that's just wrong," Doden said. "I think we

need to work with the General Assembly to make sure we have a cap on their taxes so they can plan."
In a 30-second rebuttal, Crouch said that cutting income taxes was the number one way to help small businesses and attract residents to the state — a move states like Kentucky and Iowa were already pursuing.
"(They) say we can't do it but that money is yours; it's not theirs. And you will always spend it more wisely than the government," Crouch said. "Other states are already doing this ... we don't want to be left behind; we want to be competitive."
WISH debate moderators noted

that the stage included a sitting U.S. Senator, a lieutenant governor, a former attorney general and two people who had led the state's economic development agency — the last a reference to Doden and Chambers. But with that assortment, could anyone be considered an outsider?
"I don't know," Crouch responded to audience laughter from the debate crowd. "But I'm proud of my public service ... I have a track record. I led the fight to expand broadband throughout Indiana. I protected our farmland and our military sites. I stood up and fought FSSA ..."
Some opponents have embraced the label — including Chambers, who has #Outsider on

his campaign RV, an accompanying ad and calls Braun a "career politician."
"Everybody else has been on the ballot multiple times," said Chambers, who has never run for political office previously. "I respect public service. My point of view is that someone needs to be the CEO of a state and coming from outside in like (former Gov.) Mitch Daniels in 2005."
But Braun said he thought of himself as an outsider, saying that he'd spent his life railing against institutions and bucking trends. He said the "ultimate outsider" endorsed him but didn't use former President Donald Trump's name. Moderators verified that was his reference.

"(I've) been the loudest voice in the U.S. Senate about fiscal integrity, so you can do it in many different ways. And it's going to boil down to who is really going to shake the system up," Braun said.
Prior to his time in the U.S. Senate and Indiana House of Representatives, Braun was elected to a local school board.
Both said their business acumen made them ideal for Indiana's executive office, denigrating anyone who "hadn't signed the front of a paycheck."
Hill said some were "inside outsiders" or "folks who claim to be outsiders but they're deep, so deeply rooted" to politics.

CR almanac

Saturday 3/30	Sunday 3/31	Monday 4/1	Tuesday 4/2	Wednesday 4/3
64/41	58/48	63/47	56/37	50/30
Saturday looks rainy with an 80% chance of showers, thunderstorms and winds gusting up to 25 mph.	There's a slight chance of rain during the day Sunday, with a higher chance at night.	There's a 90% chance of thunderstorms on Monday. The low may hit 47.	Tuesday has a 60% chance of thunderstorms and rain, with a high of 56.	Wednesday has a slight chance of showers under mostly sunny skies.

Lotteries

Powerball 37-46-57-60-66 Power Ball: 8 Power Play: 2 Estimated jackpot: \$935 million	Daily Four: 3-2-9-7 Quick Draw: 2-6-7-9-22-29-34-36-37-38-44-47-49-50-53-57-58-66-76-80 Cash 5: 9-17-19-38-42 Estimated jackpot: \$271,500
Mega Millions Estimated jackpot: \$20 million	Ohio Wednesday Midday Pick 3: 1-8-5 Pick 4: 7-2-1-5 Pick 5: 2-6-1-1-6 Evening Pick 3: 7-3-8 Pick 4: 7-6-3-3 Pick 5: 6-4-1-7-6 Rolling Cash: 1-6-15-23-38 Estimated jackpot: \$120,000
Hoosier Wednesday Midday Daily Three: 5-0-5 Daily Four: 3-5-7-5 Quick Draw: 5-6-7-8-10-14-16-20-25-27-35-42-43-49-50-51-54-60-64-68 Evening Daily Three: 0-6-0	

Markets

Cooper Farms Fort Recovery Corn.....4.24 April corn4.24 Wheat4.32	April beans11.68 Wheat 5.28
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Today in history

In 1790, John Tyler was born in Charles City, Virginia. He became the 10th president of the United States following the death of William Henry Harrison just 32 days into his term.
In 1848, an ice dam formed at the source of the Niagara River on the eastern shore of Lake Erie. It brought a stop to the flow of water over Niagara Falls for a day before the waters of Lake Erie broke through the blockage.
In 1867, the Dominion of Canada was created as the British colonies of Canada, Nova Scotia and New Brunswick were united via the British North American Act.
In 1918, Samuel Walton, founder of Walmart, was born in Kingfisher, Oklahoma. He founded Walmart in 1962 and by 1990 had developed it into the largest retail chain in the United States.
In 2022, Mara Pearson broke her own Fort Recovery High School record in the long jump during the opening meet of the season at Marion Local. She went on to break her record two more times and finished seventh in the state in the event.
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Citizen's calendar

Monday 5:30 p.m. — Portland City Council, council chambers, fire station, 1616 N. Franklin St. 6 p.m. — Jay County Country Living Advisory Board of Directors, 1194 E. 200 North, Portland. 7:30 p.m. — Fort Recovery Village Council, village hall, 201 S. Main St.	Development Corporation, Community Resource Center, 118 S. Meridian St. 5:30 p.m. — Portland Park Board, council chambers, fire station, 1616 N. Franklin St. 7 p.m. — Pennville Town Council, town hall, 105 N. Washington St. 7 p.m. — Salamonina Town Council, School-house Community Center
Tuesday 4 p.m. — Jay County	

Obituaries

Cheryl Minnich

Jan. 31, 1952-March 26, 2024
Cheryl Anne Minnich, age 72, of Portland passed away on Tuesday, March 26, 2024, at her residence.
She was born in Union City, Indiana, on Jan. 31, 1952, the daughter of Robert and Betty (Martin) Bias. She had worked at CTS, was a waitress at Bearcreek Farms and Amishville and was owner of Pizza King in Geneva. Most recently she worked for her son as a vehicle interior detailer.
Cheryl liked playing bingo, loved to read, collected anything angel-related and loved spending time with her family. She was a devout catholic attending St. Mary's Catholic Church.
Surviving are one daughter, Nikki Smith (husband: Troy) of Celina, Ohio; three sons, Neil Pogue (wife: Sherri) of Geneva, Wes Minnich (wife: Helen) of Bluffton and Travis Minnich (wife: Ashley) of Geneva; two brothers, Terry Bias of Fort Recovery, Ohio, and Jerry Bias of Salamonina; one sister, Sandra Rammel (husband: Tom) of Coldwater, Ohio; grandchildren Erika Caudill, Amber Steinecker, Dylan Smith, Cameron Pogue, Ramsey Pogue, Deven Minnich, Dana Minnich, Kinsley Pennington and Nicholas Minnich; and several great-grandchildren.
She was preceded in death by her mom Betty Hoover; father Robert Bias; step-dad John Hoover; and brother Ronnie Bias.
A celebration of life will be held on Sunday, April 7, from 3 to 6 p.m. in the Pizza King of Geneva.
Memorials can be made to Jay County Cancer Society or Stillwater Hospice.
Baird-Freeman Funeral Home in Portland is handling the arrangements.
Condolences may be expressed at bairdfreeman.com.



Minnich

As Maya Angelou once said, "You can only become truly accomplished at something you love. Don't make money your goal. Instead, pursue the things you love doing, and then do them so well that people can't take their eyes off you." Mary embodied this in her life and career.
Mary's life was a testament to the power of love. She was a loving wife to her husband, Stanley Foor, and a devoted mother to her children Sherri (Rick) Sark, Tonya Newsome, Amanda (Jeremy) Ring and Daniel (Aime) Foor. She also leaves behind her mother, Mary Gallagher; brothers David Gallagher and Kevin (Karla) Gallagher; and a legacy of love for her 15 grandchildren, Andrew Lancaster (Debra), Gregory Lancaster, Justin Love, Daniel Ring, Tyler Overla (Shaile), Gavin Newsome, Chace Beaty, Natasha Newsome, Kylie Weatherhead (Jaydon), Austin Newsome, Kenzie Ring, Kiesha Newsome, Erin Ring, Trinity Hess, Caden Chambers, Josh Foor, Zachary Foor, Drake Foor and Danica Foor; and 15 great-grandchildren.
Mary cherished her family with every ounce of her being. Her love extended beyond her immediate family to the community she served and the countless lives she touched through her work and hobbies. From shopping with her girls, to crafting and fishing with her husband, to cooking for family and attending country music concerts with her grandson, Mary lived her life to the fullest.
Mary was preceded in death by her father, Albert Gallagher; sister Glenda Gallagher; and son Jeremy Newsome.
A Celebration of Life will be held on Monday, April 1, 2024, at 2 p.m. at Wilson-Shook Funeral Homes and Cremation Center (Dunkirk Memorial Chapel), located at 317 N. Main Street, Dunkirk, Indiana. Visitation will be held prior to the service starting at noon.
As we remember Mary, let us celebrate her love, her compassion and the creative spirit that made her so special.
As Albert Schweitzer beautifully put it, "The only thing of importance, when we depart, will be the traces of love we have left behind."
We encourage all who knew Mary to share their memories and upload photos to her memorial page at wilsonshookfh.com, celebrating her life and the joy she brought to those around her.

a locomotive conductor/engineer with CSX for 18 years.

Justin's life was characterized by his deep love and devotion to family, his overwhelming desire to help others when he could and his work with the railroad. He was known for loving the simple pleasures in life, such as sitting on the porch, drinking coffee, smoking a good cigar, breakfast at the truck stop, family cookouts, fixing up antique cars, playing cards and taking a stroll down memory lane with his family and friends.
Even as we mourn his loss, we will celebrate a life well lived and a man well loved. We will remember Justin as a happy person with a great sense of humor and always flashing that big, beautiful smile. He was a blessing to this world and lives on in the memories and lives of his family and friends. May he rest in peace.
His family includes:
Parents — Garry Rathburn (deceased) and Tracy and Tim Fifer
Siblings — Erin and Chad Gaskill (Eleanor); Jessica and Greg Sheets (Nathan, Abigail and Luke); Tarra and Joel Hemmelgarn (Naomi and Makayla)
Grandparents — Robert and Ioma Rathburn (both deceased); Dwight and Norma Winemiller (both deceased); and Ernest and Maria Fifer (both deceased)
Aunts and uncles — Jerry and Rita Rathburn (Angie, Kami and April); Larry and Nancy Rathburn (Brad Rathburn: deceased); Gary and Roxana Kuhn (Jenny and Bruce); Mark and Kelley Kuhn (Amy, Tom and Laura); Doug and Cathy Greber (both deceased) (Josh Greber); Ernie and Ruthie Fifer (Marty); Larry Fifer (Ryan, Carrie, Chad, Craig and Melissa) (deceased); and Jon Fifer (deceased)
A celebration of life will be held at the Feller and Clark Funeral Home, 1860 Center St., in Auburn on Saturday, April 6, 2024, from 10 a.m. to noon.
Burial will follow at Gravel Hill Cemetery, 50 West 650 North in Bryant, Indiana.
Condolences may be sent to the family at fellerandclark.com and on our Facebook page at Feller and Clark Funeral Home.
Arrangements have been entrusted to Feller and Clark Funeral Home in Auburn.



Rathburn

Mary Foor

Oct. 8, 1955-March 26, 2024
Mary Adeline Foor, known to loved ones as Mary, a beacon of compassion and love, left this world on March 26, 2024.
Born on Oct. 8, 1955, in Flemingsburg, Kentucky, Mary's life was one of remarkable dedication to her community and family. She resided in Dunkirk, Indiana, where she spent her days as the heart of the Dunkirk Public Library before her retirement in 2018. Her thoughtful spirit and creative mind made her an exceptional librarian who brought stories to life for countless children through beloved summer reading programs.
She was preceded in death by her mother Betty Hoover; father Robert Bias; step-dad John Hoover; and brother Ronnie Bias.
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Foor

Justin Rathburn

Nov. 17, 1980-March 20, 2024
Justin Jay Leroy Rathburn, 43, of Auburn, passed away on Wednesday, March 20, 2024.
Justin was born on Nov. 17, 1980, in Fort Wayne, Indiana. He graduated from Jay County High School with the class of 1999 and worked as

Felony arrests

Probation violation
A Portland man was arrested Wednesday for violating his probation.
Jake D. Boolman, 24, 1610 E. Division Road, pleaded guilty in Jay Superior

Court to operating a vehicle while intoxicated, a Level 6 felony. He was sentenced to one year in Jay County Jail with 353 days suspended and given two days credit for time served.
A petition alleging he violated the conditions of his probation was filed in court March 27.
Boolman was released from Jay County Jail on a \$3,000 bond.

Facade ...

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Alexander noted that a goal is to encourage more rentals of the Elks Lodge.
The roof project is estimated at a total cost of \$30,500, with ACE Construction and Remodeling of Muncie coming in with the low quote.
The facade committee approved a \$15,000 contribution toward the project, which is the maximum for roof work based on the program's rules.
Inman also issued a reminder that funding is available for such projects in Portland's Historic Preservation District. "We encourage others to use (the

Inman encourages applying for funding help

facade program)," he said. "This money is available. There are rules and expectations, but please come and use this money. It does nobody any good just sitting in a spreadsheet."

SERVICES

Saturday
Wright, Helen: 11 a.m., Williamson-Spencer and Penrod Funeral Home, 208 N. Commerce St., Portland.
Doherty, Myrtle: 11 a.m., Downing & Glancy Funeral Home, 100 Washington St., Geneva.

April 6
Rathburn, Justin: 10 a.m., Feller and Clark Funeral Home, 1860 Center St., Auburn.
Stevenson, Emilie: 11 a.m., Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, 506 E. Walnut St., Portland.

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Applied for grant

The Portland Elks recently applied for a grant from the Elks National Foundation to benefit the West Walnut Street Church of Christ's Food Bank initiative. Receiving the check was Kelly Smeltzer, the coordinator of the food bank. Presenting the check was Exalted Ruler of the Portland Elks Bryan Alexander along with Trustees Caleb Lutes and Adam Miller.

Relationship is one-sided

Dear Abby



DEAR ABBY: I have a friend who talks nonstop. Honestly, I can put the phone down and go make a cup of tea, and she'll still be talking when I get back. I don't think she even takes a breath. I want to tell her she sometimes needs to ask questions or seek the opinions of others. How can I do this without hurting her feelings?

She has many good qualities. She's knowledgeable on many topics, she's artistic and she's a good cook. She is just exhausting to be around. I feel bad for her and her husband. Her children are good, productive citizens. But man, oh man, I dread getting a call from her. Advice? — OVERWHELMED IN GEORGIA

DEAR OVERWHELMED: There's a reason why you are drained after those phone calls. Your friend is a compulsive talker and a "sapper." (A sapper is someone who gains energy by draining it from others.) The next time she calls, have a stopwatch handy and make a note of the length of time she rambles on and on. Then

point out that although she may be unaware of it, she talked at you for (insert number) minutes.

Then suggest she dial it back and consider asking an occasional question and including you in the conversation, because what she has been doing is exhausting. She may not like what you are saying, but she really needs to hear it.

P.S. Consider screening your calls so that if you don't have the energy to talk with the woman, you can avoid listening to her.

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.

Birth announcements

Loy
Adeline Jo, a daughter, was born March 21 at St. Vincent Randolph to Katie and Aaron Loy of Portland.

She weighed 7 pounds, 4 ounces. Grandparents are Doug and Kim Loy of Portland, Mark and Tammy Krieg of Portland and Matt Lyons

of Portland. Great-grandparents are Sharon Pyle of Portland, Janet Dues of Portland and Bob and Joyce Lyons of Portland.

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 - BRANNA'S HOPE — A faith-based recovery group for all kinds of addictions, will meet from 6:30 to 8 p.m. each Sunday at The Rock Church, 1605 N. Meridian St., Portland. Come early

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

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

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

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

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

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

PREGNANCY CARE CENTER — Free pregnan-

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

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

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

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

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

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.

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			9					6
3	4		8	7				
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Level: Advanced

Thursday's Solution

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Join the conversation on recovery

To the editor:
I want to share my thoughts on recovery housing as a person impacted by substance use in my family.

I am what is referred to as an adult child of an alcoholic. I spent much of my youth attending recovery meetings with family members and was exposed to lots of individuals who were trying to make a difference in their lives and found that the support of a community could make all the difference in their ability to succeed. I remember how we would pass a list around for each person to write their phone number on to call if there was a need for support. I found it so helpful to understand that my experience was shared by so many others. Often with substance use, there is such a shame and stigma that we are afraid to share our stories. In those settings, there wasn't shame, instead, there was validation, support and hope.

Letters to the Editor

As an adult, I have found myself working to serve individuals with substance use disorder (SUD). In this setting, we see the hurt and the trauma that is often experienced and the shame that our patients often feel. We listen and hold space, but often find that when our patients leave us, they return to environments that don't provide safety, security or even support for a life free from substances. Many of the folks we have been blessed to know have survived the unthinkable but may succumb to their SUD.

I believe we can and must do better for individuals seeking to improve their lives.

What really saved me from repeating the behaviors that I learned was understanding that I wasn't alone and there was hope for me. As we develop plans for recovery housing in Jay County, we are looking for an opportunity to provide a safe and stable environment for someone who has SUD and who desires to have a better life.

Many of those seeking these services must learn the skills needed to live independently within society. These individuals are resilient but may lack skills we take for granted such as finding a job, signing up for services/benefits, budgeting or how to pay bills. They must also learn to manage their symptoms related to their SUD. We ask them to change people, places and things to help them be successful, but often find that they lack options to do so.

What do you do if you have nowhere else to go? What if you don't have supports other than

those you used substances with? What if you only have the clothes on your back?

Recovery housing is an answer to one of the challenges facing our community. It is not the only answer, but it does provide a space for individuals to being a new life, learn to live in recovery and to develop connections with others who support a life of recovery.

Often, folks who need the support, simply don't have it. That is why recovery housing is so important. Not everyone who stops using substances requires that level of care, but often those who have the highest risk find that without safe and stable environments, maintaining sobriety and entering recovery is not feasible.

While I know that not everyone is willing to help in this work, I would ask you to please don't cause harm. Your actions and words matter.

As we move forward with

these plans, ask questions, educate yourself on facts, attend community forums, be part of the solution but please don't spread hate, stigma or untruths.

Jay County is a great community with a lot of good people who can make a difference in this work. SUD is a medical condition and as such requires treatment for it to be managed. Judgment and stigma are toxic and harmful to those working to get well.

SUD does not discriminate and if you are not directly impacted, it is likely that there is someone in your life who has this condition.

I invite you to Join the Conversation — our next community discussion is April 18 at the IU Jay Conference rooms at 6 p.m.

Jennifer VanSkyock
Program Manager
IU Health Jay Outpatient Behavioral Health

Hamas coddled while ISIS attacks

New York Daily News
Tribune News Service

A few hours after Russia vetoed a carefully crafted and comprehensive resolution at the UN Security Council table in New York for an "immediate and sustained ceasefire" in Gaza because the Kremlin didn't want to embarrass their friends in Hamas, the nihilist soulmates of Hamas, ISIS, launched a horrendous terrorist attack in Moscow, murdering dozens of concertgoers. The world mourns for Moscow.

Savage, bloody terror, whether coming from Hamas on Oct. 7 in their rampage of murder, rape and kidnapping against Israelis, which precipitated the Gaza war, or from ISIS, is the same. The civilized world must unite against such barbaric crimes. Yet, that Russia supports one kind of terror based on who the victims are, Israelis, only weakens their fight against the terror of ISIS.

ISIS must be eliminated. So must Hamas, which will free the Palestinians living under their tyranny.

Two weeks ago, Russia's Federal Security Service thwarted an ISIS plot to assault a synagogue in Moscow. We know now that when that atrocity didn't occur, ISIS looked and found another target in the Russian capital.

But Friday morning in New York, Russia (and their buddy China) used their veto to stop a resolution that achieved what everyone on all sides have been calling for, having been painstakingly negotiated by U.S. Ambassador Linda Thomas-Greenfield in consultation with all parties.

The now-defeated measure called for the immediate end to Israel's armed pursuit against Hamas, which has caused great suffering among Palestinian civilians, killing thousands of noncombatants. It also called for the release of the Israeli hostages held by Hamas. But Russia killed it.

It stressed "grave concern for the safety and well-being of the civilian population of Gaza, including the more than

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1.5 million civilians now taking refuge in Rafah" and warned that "a ground offensive into Rafah would result in further harm to civilians and their further displacement." But Russia killed it.

It deplored the civilians killed and injured, the damage to civilian infrastructure and urged the protection of medical facilities and the urgent need for large scale humanitarian aid and food to be coming in. The resolution decried the suffering and hunger and pointed to the risk of famine and epidemics. But Russia killed it.

It called for no changes in Jerusalem's holy sites and an insistence that Gaza must be part of a future Palestinian state along with the West Bank. It also said that there must be no forced displacement of Gaza's civilian Palestinian population and no new buffer zones (as some speculate that Israel might seek). But Russia killed it.

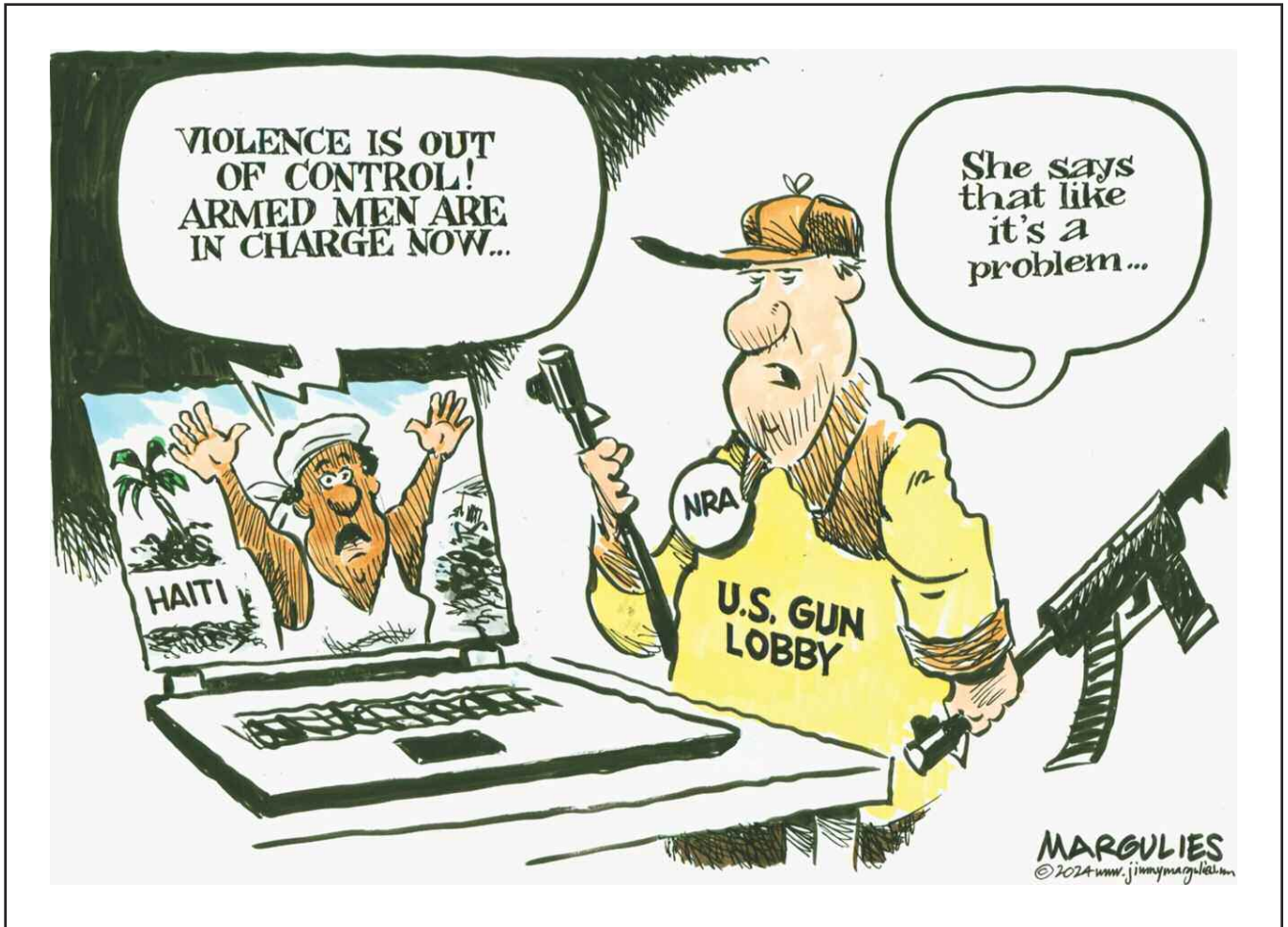
There was also a proper condemnation of Israeli government ministers who've called for population or territorial changes in Gaza. But Russia killed it.

Thomas-Greenfield said that Russia used its veto because the resolution was offered by the Americans and that it also called out Hamas by name.

Yes, it did condemn the murderers, rapists and kidnapers of Hamas, without whom there would be peace in Gaza, no war, no deaths, no destruction and no hostages.

Russia refused everything that the resolution promised, including a ceasefire, freedom for the hostages and relief for the suffering Palestinians of Gaza all to shield Hamas and deny credit to Washington.

Moscow let terror win and then Moscow was struck by terror.



Law is understandable, doomed

By LZ GRANDERSON

Los Angeles Times
Tribune News Service

I wonder what the people will look like.

You know, the ones police in Texas are supposed to stop and question if they look as if they might be in the U.S. illegally.

Lone Star Republicans passed Senate Bill 4 last year, which would make illegally crossing the border into Texas from Mexico a misdemeanor with a punishment of up to six months in jail. Repeat offenders could face 20 years. The state could even try to deport people to Mexico. Courts have kept the law in limbo so far, but it's still a looming threat.

Legislating immigration and border issues is not the role of states — according to the Constitution — however Gov. Greg Abbott has a plausible justification for trying to usurp the federal government and tighten enforcement: Border towns in his state lack the resources to process the historic volume of migrants seeking refuge.

Consider this: San Antonio has processed more than 600,000 migrants since 2021. It is about 150 miles from Eagle Pass, the border town where Abbott sent the National Guard and placed barbed wire in the Rio Grande. For San Antonio, the second-largest city in Texas, the crisis is an issue. For Eagle Pass — a town of fewer than 30,000 that sits 2,000 feet from Mexico — it is the issue.

But SB 4 is not a solution. Because at the heart of this bill are questions Texas can't answer.

The Lone Star State is among our most diverse in terms of race and ethnicity. It is third in religious

LZ Granderson



diversity, sixth in cultural diversity and ninth in socioeconomic diversity, according to one analysis of U.S. Census data. So ... what exactly does a Texan look like? Talk like? How are police officers supposed to guess who isn't supposed to be in Texas?

Hurricane Katrina forced some 250,000 evacuees to Houston, and more than 100,000 New Orleansians stayed. The fastest-growing city in the nation during the pandemic was San Antonio. Texas is home to the third-largest Asian American population in America.

And the premise of SB 4 is to have police officers stop, question and maybe even arrest people they suspect of illegally crossing the southern border.

So again I ask: What will the people look like?

Because despite the rash of "Don't California my Texas" bumper stickers I've seen around the state, the facts of the census show the two states are pretty much the same in terms of diversity. Trying to determine who is not from Dallas based on looks is like trying to determine the same in Los Angeles. And we are to believe that with proper training local law enforcement will be able to enforce SB 4 without being racist.

Six white former police officers in Mississippi were just sentenced for

torturing two Black men in January 2023. Not 1963 but 2023. The final sentencing for officers connected to George Floyd's 2020 death had not happened yet when Mississippi's "goon squad" beat, tortured and sexually assaulted the two Black men.

James Baldwin questioned in 1968 why a Black man would have faith in "some idealism which you ensure me exists in America which I have never seen." Why should anyone today think Texas' ridiculous legislation would be enforced fairly?

This law would require state judges to order migrants to return to Mexico if convicted. Of course, not everyone who is in the U.S. illegally is from Mexico. The judge would drop the charges if the migrant goes back voluntarily, meaning the authors of the bill believe desperate people who risked their lives to come here would rather go back than enter our slow-moving, broken judicial system.

What a depressing thought. Either Texas lawmakers believe our criminal justice system is even worse than it is, or they are clueless about the desperate poverty and violence driving people north from Latin America. Either way ... the logic behind SB 4 is unmoored from reality.

Here's the reality: The immigration system is broken. Migration is a crisis. Asking Texas officers to enforce SB 4 fairly on the streets or Texas judges to apply it justly in court is not only racist and unconstitutional. It's also impossible.

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Bidding quiz

You are South, and the bidding has gone:

South	West	North	East
1♦	Pass	2♦	Pass

What would you bid now with each of the following four hands?

- ♠ Q94 ♥ AK ♦ KJ632 ♣ AQ8
- ♠ AQ87 ♥ 5 ♦ AJ74 ♣ KJ65
- ♠ AJ ♥ 93 ♦ KQ7652 ♣ AK4
- ♠ 10 ♥ A7 ♦ AKQ54 ♣ KQJ92

1. **Three notrump.** Partner's raise indicates six to 10 points, so there is good reason to believe you can make nine tricks in notrump even if partner is on the lower end of that range. It would be wrong to bid only two notrump, which partner might pass.

2. **Pass.** There are only two bids worth considering — pass or two spades — and good arguments can be made for or against either of them. Favoring the pass is the probability that you can't make 11 tricks in diamonds, since partner gave you only a single raise and you have barely more than a minimum opening bid. It is also unlikely that you can make 10 tricks with spades as trump, since partner failed to bid one spade initially, denying four or more cards in that suit.

On the other side there is the argument that a two-spade bid (forcing) would probably keep the opponents quiet, while a pass would invite your left-hand opponent to "balance" by bidding two hearts.

3. **Three clubs.** You might have a game in either notrump or diamonds, and you can best explore both possibilities by bidding three clubs — even though you have only three cards in the suit. You hope that partner, with stoppers in the major suits, will say three notrump or make some other constructive bid.

4. **Four notrump.** A diamond slam is certainly a distinct possibility, and by far the best approach is to use Blackwood to check for aces. If partner indicates one ace by responding five diamonds, you should carry on to six. If he has the club ace, you will almost surely make 12 tricks; if he has the spade ace instead, you should still have a reasonably good chance for the slam. This is because your partner might have the king of hearts, or because West might not find the potentially killing heart lead.

Although it's possible that the slam might not make, you should have better than a 50-50 chance for 12 tricks if partner has an ace.

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CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

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- 4 Weaponize
- 7 Portends
- 12 Revue
- 13 Meadow
- 14 College newbie
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- 16 Declaration
- 18 Foot part
- 19 Giraffe features
- 20 Luke's mentor
- 22 Compass dir.
- 23 Sty chow
- 27 Marry
- 29 "Flash-dance" song
- 31 Court proceeding
- 34 Fountain drinks
- 35 Folder material
- 37 Aleppo's land (Abbr.)
- 38 Pizzazz

DOWN

- 1 Ham-burger portion
- 2 Sneeze sound
- 3 Trusty horse
- 4 Charitable gifts
- 5 Harvested opera
- 6 Massenet
- 7 True pals, in texts
- 8 Mined matter
- 9 Uno + uno
- 10 Ballpark fig.
- 11 HBO alter-native
- 17 Detail
- 21 Anticipate
- 23 Entangle
- 24 Rapper — Kim
- 25 Feedbag tidbit
- 26 Mac rivals
- 28 Right angle
- 30 Comic Schumer
- 31 Celeb gossip source
- 32 — Dawn Chong
- 33 Connections
- 36 Advocacy org.
- 37 Ambulance sounds
- 40 More confident
- 42 Lubricated
- 43 Scoundrel
- 44 Lay to rest
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- 46 "Hey, you!"
- 48 Club —
- 49 Common verb
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Biofuel push could dethrone corn

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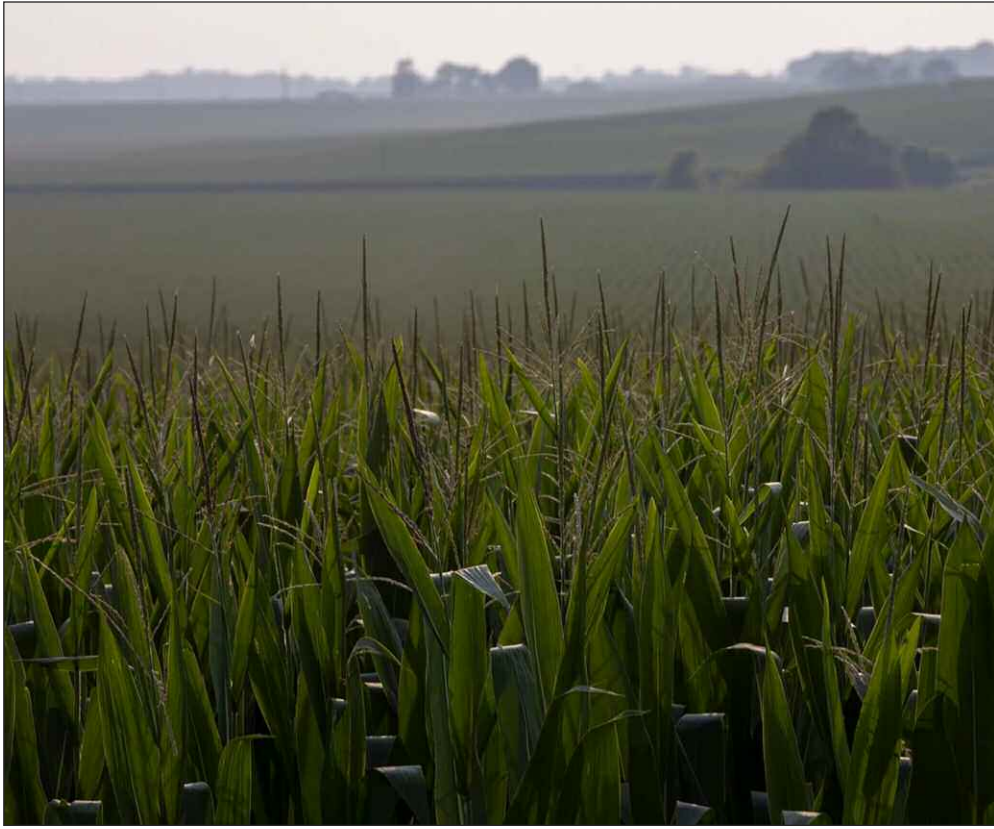
American farmers will plant more corn than soybeans in 2024 — as they have in most years for over a century. But beyond that, a green diesel boom threatens to dethrone the king of all crops.

President Joe Biden's decarbonization plan and the huge subsidies it offers to green energy are boosting demand for soybean oil, key to renewable diesel production. That means the old adage that the U.S. farmer likes to plant corn could become history, with soy taking the No. 1 spot in the future.

"Most would see a future where that would be the case," said Paul Maass, chief executive officer of Omaha, Nebraska-based crop handler Scoular Co.

The biofuels push has already unleashed a race to build soybean processing plants, with companies including Cargill Inc. and Bunge Global SA planning to expand capacity. The U.S. currently has more than 20 projects to increase the so-called crush, which produces soy oil and meal used in animal feed.

"When you look at all the crush facilities that have been announced and are



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A cornfield rises Aug. 3, 2021, in Dyersville, Iowa. The biofuels push has already unleashed a race to build soybean processing plants, with companies including Cargill Inc. and Bunge Global SA planning to expand capacity.

being built, you're going to need more acres," Maass said in an interview at the National Grain and Feed Association's annual event in Orlando last week.

In addition to booming demand for soybean oil,

corn demand has been jeopardized by the proliferation of electric vehicles. More EVs mean less grain ethanol is needed in transportation.

American farmers have planted more soybeans

than corn only in two out of more than 100 years. The last time that happened was in 2018, when the soy area exceeded that of corn by a mere 500,000 acres. The other occasion was in 1983, near the beginning of a

farm crisis that culminated in relief efforts such as Farm Aid.

To be sure, some remain skeptical about soybeans becoming king.

Many farmers would typically prefer to plant corn because it's sown earlier in the season and it's easier to harvest, according to Max Fisher, NGFA chief economist.

"There's a marginal acre everywhere, and the marginal acre will probably swing toward soybeans as long as the market asks for that," said Corey Jorgenson, CEO of Shell Rock Soy Processing. "But I don't think there will be a major structural shift between corn and soybeans because the farmer loves the rotation. That works for soil nutrition — it just works."

The shift isn't happening this year. Farmers will likely expand the area cultivated with soybeans by 2.9 million acres to 86.5 million acres, according to the average of analyst estimates compiled by Bloomberg ahead of the U.S. Department of Agriculture prospective plantings report on Thursday. That should still fall short of a planned corn acreage of 91.8 million, which is down from last year.

This year's planned corn

acreage is larger than current prices would indicate, according to Jacqueline Holland, an analyst at Informa Plc. Soybean futures have traded in 2024 at an average price that is 2.7 times that for corn, a level that would typically mean it's more profitable than the grain.

Still, "plentiful on-farm cash reserves, high harvest prices for corn, and affordable input pricing last fall could have locked in 2024 corn acreage before 2023 crops were finished being harvested," Holland said Friday in a note to clients.

What's more, warmer-than-usual spring temperatures — which allow for an earlier planting start — are also preventing roughly 1 million acres of corn from being switched to soybeans this year, according to Curt Strubhar, chairman of Advance Trading Inc. chairman. But soybeans seem still poised to become the U.S.'s No. 1 crop in the longer term, according to the broker.

"It certainly seems to be the way we are headed," Strubhar said in an interview. "As structured today, renewable diesel planned expansion looks to draw soybean acres away from corn and other crops."

Alternate for raising beef cattle proposed

By HARRISON L. PARRISH

The Dickinson Press Tribune News Service

DICKINSON, North Dakota — In the sprawling plains of Angus beef farms, a subtle shift is underway — a shift towards enhancing the balance within cow-calf operations, driven by a commitment to the overall well-being of the herds. As farmers seek ways to optimize their practices, Dr. Gerald Stokka, Associate Professor of Veterinary-Livestock Stewardship for NDSU has been working to educate people on how to achieve these balances.

"Think of raising cattle like a series of buckets," Stokka said. "As we concentrate on filling one bucket, the others are left empty while the one may overflow and tip over all the other buckets."

At the heart of this endeavor lies the recognition of the interconnectedness of various factors

Emphasis is on achieving equilibrium rather than prioritizing aspects

— grazing, genetics, diet, and management — in cattle raising. While each aspect plays a crucial role, the emphasis is on achieving equilibrium rather than prioritizing one over the others. As Dr. Stokka aptly puts it, "When I was in school... It has now become animal science and industry, we might do well to remember the husbandry part."

One of the primary concerns for Angus beef farmers is ensur-

ing an adequate supply of forage. Forage serves as the lifeblood of beef cattle operations, providing essential nutrients and sustenance. However, insufficient forage can have detrimental effects on the herd, ranging from decreased cow pregnancies to smaller cattle and reduced overall population. Moreover, it can pave the way for potential sicknesses within the herd — a point Dr. Stokka emphasizes, stat-

ing, "I will get calves that have a disease called calf scour ... of course I will treat the calf but the main issue is the cattle operation may be out of balance."

Calving practices also come under scrutiny, with varying approaches among ranchers. Some opt for early calving in March and April, aligning with the fall market for yearling bulls. However, this strategy is not without risks, particularly when inclement weather strikes. While housing cattle in large barns or pens during adverse conditions can shield them from the elements, it may inadvertently expose younger or leaner cattle to more illnesses due to containment — a delicate balance that requires careful consideration.

Amidst these challenges, Angus beef farmers remain steadfast in their commitment to stewardship and responsible

management practices. Dr. Stokka's insights serve as a guiding light, urging a holistic approach to cattle raising that encompasses not only industry advancements but also the timeless principles of husbandry. It's a reminder that sustainable and profitable operations go hand in hand with the well-being of the animals under their care.

As the landscape of animal science continues to evolve, the wisdom of the past finds renewed relevance in shaping the future of cattle farming. In striving for balance, Angus beef farmers exemplify a dedication not only to their livelihoods but also to the health and welfare of their herds. It's a journey marked by challenges and opportunities, guided by the unwavering belief that in tending to the needs of their animals, they lay the groundwork for a sustainable and prosperous future.

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STATE OF INDIANA COUNTY OF JAY, SS: IN THE JAY CIRCUIT COURT 2024 TERM

In the Matter of the Unsupervised Administration of the Estate of:

Ronald Bias, Deceased No. 38C01-2403-EU-000011 NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION

Notice is hereby given that Terry Bias and Amanda Stocker were, on the 26th day of March, 2024 appointed Personal Representatives of the estate of Ronald Bias deceased, who died on February 3, 2024

All persons who have claims against this estate, whether or not now due, must file the claim in the office of the Clerk of this Court within three (3) months from the date of the first publication of this notice, or within nine (9) months after the decedent's death, whichever is earlier, or the claims will be forever barred.

Dated at Portland, Indiana, this 26th day of March, 2024. HINKLE, RACSTER & SCHEMENAUR 121 W. High Street Portland, IN 47371

Attorney Jon Eads Clerk of the Circuit Court, For Jay County, Indiana CR 3-29,4-5-2024 -HSPAXLP

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STATE OF INDIANA COUNTY OF JAY, SS: IN THE JAY CIRCUIT COURT CAUSE NUMBER: 38C01-2401-JC-000004 IN THE MATTER OF: OG - DOB 12/19/2023 A CHILD ALLEGED TO BE

A CHILD IN NEED OF SERVICES AND HARLEY H GOLDER (BIOLOGICAL FATHER) LISSY MCCORD (BIOLOGICAL MOTHER) SUMMONS FOR SERVICE BY PUBLICATION & NOTICE OF CHILD IN NEED OF SERVICES HEARING

TO: Harley H Golder Whereabouts unknown

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to the above noted parent whose whereabouts are unknown, that the Indiana Department of Child Services has filed its Verified Petition Alleging the child to be in Need of Services, in accordance with I.C. 31-34-9-3, and that an adjudication hearing has been scheduled with the Court.

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear before the Judge of the Jay Circuit Court, 120 N. Court Street, Portland, IN 47371 - 260-726-4044 for a(n) Review Hearing on 9/17/2024 at 9:30 AM.

At said hearing, the Court will consider the Petition and evidence thereon and will render its decision as to whether the above named minor child is child in need of services and shall enter adjudication accordingly. Your failure to appear after lawful notice will be deemed as your default and waiver to be present at said hearing.

UPON ENTRY OF SAID ADJUDICATION, A DISPOSITIONAL HEARING will be held in which the Court will consider (1) Alternatives for the care, treatment, or rehabilitation for the child; (2) The necessity, nature, and extent of your participation in the program of care, treatment, or rehabilitation for the child; and (3) Your financial responsibility for any services provided for the parent, guardian or custodian of the child including child support.

YOU MUST RESPOND by appearing in person or by an attorney within thirty (30) days after the last publication of this notice, and in the event you fail to do so, an adjudication on said petition, judgment by default may be entered against you, or the court may proceed in your absence, without further notice.

Jon Eads Clerk Yvonne Spillers, 30144-02 Attorney, Indiana Department of Child Services 1314 N. Meridian Street Suite 100 Portland, IN 47371

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Out of the water, into the boat

Paige Guggenbiller pivots from swim to join the Ohio State rowing team

By ANDREW BALKO

The Commercial Review
Paige Guggenbiller came into her senior season expecting her competitive athletic career to end with the 2024 track season.

A suggestion from her swim coach and a visit to a Division I college later, she was hooked on keeping it going.

Guggenbiller signed her national letter of intent to become an Ohio State Buckeye as a part of the women's rowing team on Monday.

"Originally, I didn't want to go for any sports," said Guggenbiller, a three-sport athlete that played volleyball, swam and ran track. "That was the plan all fall. I was kind of burnt out being a three-sport athlete."

Despite her plan, Mindy Bulp approached Guggenbiller to gauge her interest in being a collegiate rower during a workout. The FRHS senior was interested by the idea and Bulp got to work.

Bulp explained that she previously learned that rowing coaches often look for multi-sport athletes through Rachel Kaup, who got recruited onto the Duquesne University rowing team after she got to campus. She also mentioned that Ohio State has sent out emails with recommendation forms for good work ethics to coaches.

"I've done it a couple of times before," Bulp said. "I kind of know what the rowing team is looking for from what I've heard from the Kaup family."

Two big reasons why Kaup found Guggenbiller to be a good fit for rowing are her physic, noting Guggenbiller's long arms, broad shoulders and good upper-body strength as

well as the speed in which she learned to swim.

After only picking up the sport her sophomore year of high school, Guggenbiller competed on the 200-yard medley relay that made it to state in 2023.

"Knowing that she was able to pick it up quickly and become such an asset to us in such a short time as a swimmer, I felt that also would help her in switching to a new sport like rowing," Bulp said. "She's very driven and goal oriented. ... She's very self motivated so I felt like she'd be a good fit."

While Bulp found Guggenbiller to be a good fit and she had some interest in becoming a rower, she still had to be convinced.

Assistant coach Michaela Nordhaus took care of that.

Nordhaus, a former OSU rower who took a similar path as Guggenbiller, took the FRHS senior on the campus tour during the recruiting process.

Guggenbiller mentioned it was the efforts of Nordhaus during the visit that officially hooked her into becoming a Buckeye.

"They really cared about their athletes," Guggenbiller said. "It didn't matter if you're on the novice team or the varsity team, they really cared for you as an individual and want you to be at your best. ... Even though they are a huge school, they still wanted me specifically, which made me feel very special in that manner."

For her first year, Guggenbiller will walk on to the novice team. After graduation and more players drop out to focus



Photo provided

FRHS senior Paige Guggenbiller, pictured above in the center, signed her national letter of intent to join the Ohio State University women's rowing team on Monday. Pictured front row from left are brother Noah, FRHS swim coach Mindy Bulp, Paige, mother Katie, sister Lucy, Paige and brother Bo. Back row are brother Andrew, sister Sophia, father Chris and sister Adeline.

more on school, she will be moved up to the varsity team and go on scholarship.

She plans to major in marketing, while minor in real estate, with the goal of getting her real estate license the summer after graduation or earlier if possible.

At the pinnacle of Guggenbiller's high school athletics career, she has swam in the state tournament, ran the

4x100-meter relay at the state track tournament and made it to the district tournament in volleyball. Guggenbiller is looking forward to more experiences like these when she joins the team and gets to compete for a Division I school.

"I'm excited for the meets," she said. "I've been in a few bigger meets for volleyball and the state tournaments for track and swim, but I'm really

excited to just see all the athletes and I think it would be a cool experience getting to see that upper-level athleticism and be a part of it."

Guggenbiller mentioned that she expects it to be weird living more independently. After growing up in a family of 10, she hasn't been on her own before until she makes the two-hour move east to Columbus.

While the new situation

will create some nerves for Guggenbiller, she isn't scared about joining the team in a sport she hasn't experienced before, but is rather excited.

"I have no experience, but I'm not scared about it," Guggenbiller said. "I have the ability to pick up things pretty quickly. I feel like the coaches know what they're doing and they take the time to teach their athletes, so I have no apprehension."

Sports on tap

Local schedule

Saturday
Fort Recovery — Softball at Bath — 11 a.m.; Baseball at Crestview — 12 p.m.

TV sports

Today
2:30 p.m. — Women's college basketball tournament: Oregon State vs. Notre Dame (ESPN)
5 p.m. — Women's college basketball tournament: Indiana at South Carolina (ESPN)
6 p.m. — College baseball: Purdue at Ohio State (BTN)
7 p.m. — College basketball Sweet 16: N.C. State vs. Marquette (CBS)
7 p.m. — NBA: Indiana Pacers at Los Angeles Lakers (Bally Indiana)
7:30 p.m. — Women's college basketball tournament: N.C. State vs. Stanford (ESPN)
7:40 p.m. — College basketball Sweet 16: Gonzaga vs. Purdue (TBS)
9:40 p.m. — College basketball Sweet 16: Duke vs. Houston (CBS)

10 p.m. — College basketball Sweet 16: Creighton vs. Tennessee (TBS)
10 p.m. — Women's college basketball tournament: Gonzaga vs. Texas (ESPN)
10 p.m. — NBA: Dallas Mavericks at Sacramento Kings (ABC)

Saturday
8:30 a.m. — NASCAR Xfinity Series: ToyotaCare 250 (FS1)
8:30 a.m. — Premier League: West Ham United at Newcastle United (USA)
11 a.m. — Premier League: Crystal Palace at Nottingham Forest (USA)
11:15 a.m. — NASCAR Cup Series: Toyota Owners 400 (FS1)
1 p.m. — Women's college basketball tournament: LSU vs. UCLA (ABC)
1 p.m. — UFL: Birmingham Stallions at Arlington Renegades (FOX)
1 p.m. — PGA Tour: Houston Open (NBC)
1:30 p.m. — Premier League: Wolverhampton at Aston Villa (NBC)
1:30 p.m. — Bundesliga soccer: Borussia

Dortmund at Bayern Muenchen (ESPN)
2:30 a.m. — NASCAR Xfinity Series: ToyotaCare 250 (FS1)
3 p.m. — College baseball: Minnesota at Iowa (BTN)
3:30 p.m. — Women's college basketball tournament: Colorado vs. Iowa (ABC)
3:30 p.m. — NWSL: Angel City at Kansas City Current (ESPN)
4 p.m. — MLB: Washington Nationals at Cincinnati Reds (Bally Indiana)
4 p.m. — UFL: St. Louis Battlehawks at Michigan Panthers (FOX)
5:30 p.m. — Women's college basketball tournament: Baylor vs. USC (ESPN)
6 p.m. — College basketball Elite 8 (TBS)
7 p.m. — UFC fighting (ESPN2)
7:15 p.m. — MLB: New York Yankees at Houston Astros (FOX)
8 p.m. — Women's college basketball tournament: Duke vs. UConn (ESPN)
8:40 p.m. — College basketball Elite 8 (TBS)
10 p.m. — USL Championship: Memphis 901 at Sacramento Republic (FOX)

Local notes

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.
To sign up or for more information, visit www.adamscounty5kchallenge.com.
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