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Hall of Fame

FFA president Nick Lyons congratulates Dennis and Marianne Horn for winning the Ag Hall of Fame award during Jay County FFA's annual banquet Friday. The Horns, who have run their family farm together through the years, were honored for their agricultural and volunteer efforts in the community.

Early voting begins Tuesday

Voters can head to the polls beginning next week. Early voting for this year's primary election begins at 8:30 a.m. Tuesday at Jay County Courthouse. Voting will be available from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. weekdays in the courthouse auditorium through May 3. Saturday hours are set for 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. April 27 and May 3. And voting will be available from 8:30 a.m. to noon Monday, May 6.

The polls will be open from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. May 7 for election day.

A pair of commissioner races highlight the ballot in the county election this year.

In the north district, former three-term commissioner Mike Leonhard is running against longtime farmer Doug Horn for the GOP nomination for commissioner. Incumbent Republican Rex Journay chose not to seek a second term.

The race for the Republican nomination for commissioner in the south district is a rematch between incumbent Republican Brian McGalliard and Duane Monroe. (McGalliard finished ahead of Monroe and Barb Street in a three-way race for the GOP nomination in 2020.) Democrat Blake Watson is unopposed for the Democratic nomination for the south district commissioner seat.

Four Republicans are running for three nominations for at-large seats on Jay County Council. The field includes current council president Matt Minnich, incumbent Dave Haines, former Jay School Board member Bryan Alexander and former Portland City Council member Michael Brewster. (Republican incumbent Jeanne Houchins chose not to seek another term.)

The only other contested race for a county office is for the GOP nomination for treasurer, with current treasurer's office employee Jonelle Foreman running against current county clerk Jon Eads.

There are contested races in both parties for the nomination for state representative in District 33. On the Republican side, three-term incumbent J.D. Prescott is facing off against Portland attorney Greg LeMaster.

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Community awards finalists named

The finalists have been selected.

Jay County Chamber of Commerce announced the finalists for the Jay County Community Awards late Friday afternoon, with three longtime members of volunteer boards — Leland and Judy LeMaster, and Gary Stewart — leading the list as nominees for the Spirit of Vicki Lifetime Achievement Award.

Finalists were announced across nine other categories — Citizen of the Year, Business of the Year, Industry of the Year, Not-for-profit of the Year, Young Professional of the Year, Dunkirk Community Commitment, Small Community Commitment, Innovator of the Year and Community Group of the Year — as well, with winners to be announced during an awards banquet Saturday, May 11.

"Each finalist is deserving of this recognition; and in their own way, contributed to our Jay County communities," said Tabby Sprunger, executive director of the chamber of commerce, in a press release. "They make Jay County resourceful, strong and so proud."

The LeMasters are finalists for the Lifetime Achievement Award, which is named in honor of former chamber director Vicki Tague, for their commitment to Portland Morning Optimist Club and various other community involvement. Stewart

was nominated for his 25-year service to Jay County Fair Board and his work for more than 40 years with Franklin Electric and Coppersmith. Finalists for Citizen of the Year are Portland Fire Chief Mike Weitzel, The Farmers State Bank branch manager Tami Vormohr and The Graphic Printing Company president, editor and publisher Ray Cooney.

Beauty Bar, Wheel & Spoke and Strohl Appliance and Electronics are the finalists for Business of the Year. Industry of

the Year finalists are Joyce/Dayton, Pennville Custom Cabinetry and Ohio Valley Gas. Finalists for other awards are:

Not-for-profit of the Year — Jay County Development Corporation, Jay County Drug Prevention Coalition, The Portland Foundation

Dunkirk Community Commitment — Scott Nuttle and Rob Bechtel, Jack Robbins, Sculpt Fitness

Young Professional of the Year — LeeAnn Miller, Gentry Clark,

Klarissa Hemmelgarn, Tanner McClain

Innovator of the Year — Paws & Claws, Blessings Photography, Toddlerstown Early Learning, IU Health Outpatient Behavioral Health Clinic

Small Community Commitment — Pennville Community Park Board, Mark Leavell, Bryant Park Board Community Group of the Year — Kids Purpose Project, Secret Families Christmas Charity of Jay County, 2 Guys Pies

Several of this year's finalists are previous winners of the awards for which they are nominated, including Pennville Custom Cabinetry in 2004, The Portland Foundation in 2018, Jack Robbins, Sculpt Fitness and Mark Leavell all in 2019 and Mike Weitzel in 2020. The antique mall won the Innovator of the Year Award in 2017 when it was under different ownership.

LeMasters and Stewart are up for Lifetime Achievement Award

Commission gets primer on TIF districts

By **RAY COONEY**
The Commercial Review

A local group got a primer Thursday on tax increment financing (TIF) districts and its role in a planning process.

Wes Schemenaur, Portland's city attorney, presented Portland Plan Commission with information on TIF districts and redevelopment commissions and its role in the process of approving Portland's Downtown Economic Development Plan.

Schemenaur explained that TIF districts are designed to capture increased taxes paid on improved properties in a designated area. In Portland's case, the TIF district was created in large part to capture the additional taxes created via construction of Walmart and the surrounding

Group tasked with reviewing economic development plan

area. The district generally includes the area of Votaw Street, Industrial Park Drive and Lafayette Street stretching east from Ja-Mar T.V., Appliances and Bedding and the Meridian Street corridor from near county road 100 North to just south of Water Street.

The taxes captured are then administered by the city's redevelopment commission — mem-

bers are appointed by the mayor and city council — in an effort to improve the district. Projects the redevelopment commission has provided funding for recently include the Meridian Street storm sewer project, construction of a new hangar at Portland Municipal Airport and work to renovate two buildings in the downtown area.

Schemenaur noted that the

redevelopment commission has been working on updating its economic development plan, which lays out the various types of projects and initiatives on which it can use TIF dollars.

Portland Redevelopment Commission approved a declaratory resolution for its economic development plan in December. (The plan addresses issues including vacant/dilapidated buildings, the need for more walkability/bikeability, barriers to entry for small business and a lack of housing options and sets out goals such as beautifying the city, creating an environment that encourages small business and increasing housing options.) It must then be approved by Portland Plan Commission and Portland City Council before returning to the rede-

velopment commission for a confirmatory resolution.

Schemenaur noted that the plan commission's job is to determine if the economic development plan meshes with the city's comprehensive plan. If so, the plan commission can approve it and send it to the city council. If not, the plan commission can send it back to the redevelopment commission for revision.

Plan commission members Bart Darby, Steve McIntosh, Kyle Cook, Jerry Alexander, Kent McClung, Randy Geesaman and Ashley Hilfiker, absent Matt Goldsworthy and Ron Laux, were asked to review the plan — it is available at portlanddowntownplan.com — for discussion at a future meeting.

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Deaths

Kyle Cook, 29, Dunkirk
Lucille Kirby, 83, Portland
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Weather

Jay County had a high temperature of 46 degrees Friday. The low was 47.

Skies will be mostly sunny today with a high in the lower 50s. The low will be in the 30s.

Sunday's high will be in the mid 50s with a chance of showers in the afternoon.

See page 2 for an extended outlook.

In review

The Jay County High School spring band concert will be held at 2 p.m. Sunday in the school auditorium. The event will also be the kickoff of the Jay County band Boosters' annual auction. Some items will be available for a silent auction at the concert with additional items in an online auction through April 13.

Coming up

Tuesday — Results from the JCHS girls tennis season opener against Blackford.

Wednesday — Coverage of next week's Dunkirk City Council meeting.



Obituaries

Kyle Cook

July 20, 1994-April 2, 2024
Kyle Addison Cook, 29, of Dunkirk, Indiana, passed away unexpectedly Tuesday, April 2, 2024, at his residence.



Cook

Kyle was born in Bluffton, Indiana, on July 20, 1994, a son of the late Andrea Diann (Orme) and John Addison Cook. He was a graduate of and former football player for Jay County High School and was formerly employed in sales as an auto parts specialist. Working on cars and machines has always come naturally to Kyle and he truly enjoyed being outside tinkering

or helping family and friends with their vehicles. He also enjoyed fishing, cooking, hip hop music, collecting unique rocks and spending time with his little girls whenever he could.

He will be remembered as the big-hearted, helpful, caring, friendly and gentle giant who always had a smile.

Kyle is survived by his two daughters, Kynleigh Addison Cook and Bryanna Lynn Hancock; grandmother Deloris Cook; and six aunts and uncles, Donna Belcher, Ron Cook, Lawrence Cook, Neil Cook, Peggy French and Susan McGhee.

He was preceded in death by his parents; grandfather Dickey Cook; and uncle Jesse Belcher.

Visitation will be held on Tuesday, April 9, 2024, from noon

to 1 p.m. at MJS Mortuaries - Redkey Chapel. Funeral services will follow at 1 p.m. with the Rev. Stevie Garrett officiating. Burial will be held in Claycomb Cemetery.

Arrangements have been entrusted to MJS Mortuaries.

Lucille Kirby

April 13, 1940-April 4, 2024
Lucille Kirby, age 83, a resident of Portland, passed away on Thursday, April 4, 2024, at The Waters in Dunkirk. She was a former resident of Pennville.

Lucille was born April 13, 1940, in Rockcastle County, Kentucky, the daughter of Arthur and Alma (Kemper) Woodall. Lucille retired from Pennville Custom Cabinets after 25 years of service. Lucille married William

Kirby on June 12, 1958, and he passed away on April 21, 2013.

Survivors include: Two sons - Bill Kirby (wife: Janelle), Albany, Indiana, and Gary Kirby, (wife: Lesa), Portland, Indiana

Five brothers - Eugene Woodall, Covington, Kentucky, Bob Woodall, Livingston, Kentucky, Carl Woodall, Dayton, Kentucky, Tom Woodall, Florence, Kentucky, Denver Woodall, Bellevue, Kentucky

One sister - Mary Hensley, Muncie, Indiana

Four grandchildren and three great-grandchildren

Lucille was preceded in death by her husband William Kirby; a brother, Billy Woodall; a daughter, Mary Kirby; three sisters, Virginia Bundy, Irene Woodall

and Effie Fuston; and a grandson, Skylar Kirby.

Private services will be held on Tuesday, April 9, 2024, at the Williamson-Spencer and Penrod Funeral Home in Portland. Burial will follow at Green Park Cemetery in Portland.

Condolences may be expressed at williamson-spencer.com.

The Commercial Review publishes death notices for those with a connection to our coverage area free of charge. They include the name, city of residence, birth/death date and time/date/location of services.

There is a charge for obituaries, which are accepted only from funeral homes or mortuary services.

CR almanac

Sunday 4/7	Monday 4/8	Tuesday 4/9	Wednesday 4/10	Thursday 4/11
57/45	71/49	68/48	65/48	62/44
Sunday has a 60% chance of thunderstorms, with wind gusts up to 25 mph possible.	Monday's forecast mostly sunny skies, with a high of 71 degrees. The low may hit 49.	There's a chance of rain on Tuesday, when the high will be 68.	There's a chance of rain on Wednesday. Otherwise, mostly cloudy.	Thursday shows a 60% chance of mostly cloudy skies. The high may be 62.

Lotteries

Hoosier Midday Daily Three: 0-9-2 Daily Four: 9-2-6-9 Quick Draw: 1-6-9-20-21-22-23-25-32-40-41-49-52-53-58-65-66-68-71-79	Pick 5: 6-9-7-4-8 Evening Rolling Cash 5: 5-20-29-32-34 Jackpot: \$100,000
Ohio Midday Pick 3: 9-5-5 Pick 4: 6-9-8-2	Powerball Estimated jackpot: \$1.3 billion Mega Millions Estimated jackpot: \$67 million

Markets

Cooper Farms Fort Recovery Corn.....4.35 May corn.....4.35 Wheat4.47	May beans11.78 Wheat5.42
POET Biorefining Portland Corn.....4.41 May corn.....4.41 June corn4.47	ADM Montpelier Corn.....4.14 May corn.....4.18 Beans11.70 May beans11.73 Wheat5.38
The Andersons Richland Township Corn4.19 May corn.....4.19 Beans11.78	Heartland St. Anthony Corn.....4.28 April corn4.32 Beans11.53 April beans11.25 Wheat5.02

Today in history

In 1841, President William Henry Harrison became the first president who died in office. He had contracted pneumonia following his inauguration and served only a month before his death, with vice president John Tyler following him in office.

In 1850, Los Angeles was incorporated. At that time, the new city had a population of just 1,500.

In 1917, the United States officially entered World War I when it formally declared war against Germany. More than 2 million U.S. troops would fight in France under the command of Gen. John J. Pershing.

In 2013, the Jay County High School softball team had an unexpected visitor as Connerville fan Jennifer Frank brought Ellie May, the family's 1-year-old capuchin monkey, to a game.

In 2018, about a 60-foot section of the north bank of the Salamonie River between Meridian and Wayne streets in Portland gave way, collapsing into the water.

In 2020, Portland City Council approved installing water and sewer lines at the city's cost for new Crown-Pointe Communities condominiums as part of plans to expand the facility at 745 Patriot Drive. —The CR

Citizen's calendar

Monday 9 a.m. — Jay County Commissioners, auditorium, courthouse, 120 N. Court St., Portland. 6 p.m. — Dunkirk Board of Works, city building, 131 S. Main St. 7 p.m. — Dunkirk City Council, city building, 131 S. Main St. 7 p.m. — Fort Recovery Park Board, village hall, 201 S. Main St.	room, courthouse, 120 N. Court St., Portland. 4 p.m. — Jay School Board executive session, General Shanks, 414 E. Floral Ave., Portland.
Tuesday 3:45 p.m. — Jay County Election Board, voting	Wednesday 5:30 p.m. — Jay County Commissioners and Jay County Council joint session, auditorium, courthouse, 120 N. Court St., Portland. 6 p.m. — Jay County Council regular meeting, auditorium, courthouse, 120 N. Court St., Portland.

Capsule Reports

Highway closing

About a 4-mile section of Indiana 28/Indiana 67 will be closed until fall.

Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) announced that a section of the highway will be closed beginning on or after Tuesday, April 9.

The closure from the Indiana 28/Indiana 67 split to Mississinewa Avenue (Indiana 167) in Albany is scheduled to accommodate the INDOT project to demolish and rebuild a bridge over the Mississinewa River. The bridge is located between Black Mills Road and the

Street when she got too close to the edge of the road, causing her van to hit the railing on the southeast side of the bridge.

Damage is estimated between \$5,000 and \$10,000. The vehicle she was driving — it's registered to Chad E. Chowning of Portland — was towed.

The project is expected to be complete by early October.

The official detour for the project utilizes Indiana 28, Indiana 3, Indiana 26 and Indiana 167.

Too far

A Portland woman hit a guardrail along the bridge on Meridian Street when the car she was driving about 6:22 a.m. Tuesday.

Judy A. Yaney, 72, was driving a 2015 Chrysler Town and Country north on the street near Second

for about six years before leaving a little over a year ago.

Street when she got too close to the edge of the road, causing her van to hit the railing on the southeast side of the bridge.

Damage is estimated between \$5,000 and \$10,000. The vehicle she was driving — it's registered to Chad E. Chowning of Portland — was towed.

City hires

Portland Board of Works on Thursday approved the hiring of Michael Cline as a new employee for the city's wastewater department. Cline previously worked for the department

Backing crash

A Portland woman backed into a Portland man's car along Main Street about 8:15 a.m. Monday.

Cara Cramer, 44, was backing her 2010 Ford Scion out of a parking spot along the street near its intersection with Meridian Street when she hit a westbound 2018 Ford Escape, driven by 83-year-old Robert Vance.

Damage is estimated between \$1,000 and \$2,500.

Voting ...

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For the Democrats, 2022 nominee John Bartlett is running against Redkey Town Council member "Watermellon" Jim Phillips.

There is also a contested race between Amy Schlichter against Marla Lutes for Republican precinct committeeman in Penn Township.

Uncontested in the primary are

Republicans Matt Lehman for District 79 State Representative, Brian Hutchison for Jay Circuit Court Judge, Missy Elliott for county clerk, Brayden Fields for county coroner, Brad Daniels for county surveyor, and Aaron Loy, Robin Alberson, Angela Moeller, Jesse Bivens, Rebecca Thornburg, Randy Stephen, Lenny Muhlenkamp, Kerry Muhlenkamp, Zach

Chenoweth, Jeff Hopkins, Jennifer Langenkamp, Matt Goldsworthy, Chuck Huffman, Michael Brewster and Harold Towell, all for precinct committeeman.

Running for Republican state convention delegate are Jenae Blasdel, Jon Eads, Lenny Muhlenkamp, Bryan Alexander, Jared Blasdel, Amy Schlichter, Chad Schlichter, Matt Goldsworthy and Brian Hurt.

TIF ...

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Jay/Portland Building and Planning assistant director Pati McLaughlin noted that during the process of developing the updated economic development plan, the redevelopment commission identified a few areas in which it suggested changes to the city's zoning ordinance. One of those, she said, is to make housing a permitted use in the downtown area. (Currently, a special exception would need to be approved by the board of zoning appeals.)

Geesaman, who served two terms as mayor of Portland, noted the sentiment that such restrictions may deter developers from bringing projects to the city but also agreed with Jay/Portland Building and Planning director John Hemmelgarn, who said having some restrictions in place can help make sure buildings are being used properly and safely.

Schemenaur said that new classifications could be put in place to allow certain uses in the downtown

area. Cook suggested looking at other communities that have made similar changes, with McClung noting the changing business climate and the importance of getting people downtown.

McLaughlin asked the plan commission to think about and communicate any suggested changes to the zoning ordinance as she and Hemmelgarn are in the process of reviewing them for potential updates.

Geesaman also asked about the status of the CB Development project that had called for 35 to 43 condominiums on property off of county road 75 South near Jay County Junior-Senior High School. The project was first presented to the plan commission in June 2021 and was last directly discussed in a public meeting in April 2023 when Jay County Commissioners OK'd funding for a water feasibility study regarding the possibility of running a looped water system to the proposed condominium development and the Beacon Heights addition.

"It's been real quiet," Hemmelgarn said.

SERVICES

Today 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.
Tuesday Cook , Kyle: 1 p.m., MJS Mortuaries, 109 S. Meridian St., Redkey.
Friday Hyatt , Lydia: 11 a.m., Church of the Most Holy Trinity, 7321 E. Indiana 18, Bryant.
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Swiss Village is now seeking a Part-Time Healthcare Activities Assistant to work Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 3:30pm-7:30pm and every other weekend from 1:30pm-8:00pm. This position will be responsible for implementing comprehensive therapeutic recreation services and programming for Swiss Village residents in the Memory Care Unit and providing one-on-one visits with residents. Candidates must be willing to assist the Memory Care Unit Activities Assistant and have an outgoing personality. Must be able to push wheelchairs and spend a majority of the workday walking. Seeking candidates willing to be flexible.

Apply in person, online at www.swissvillage.org, or send Resume to:
Kayla Reilly, HR Specialist
Swiss Village
1350 W. Main St., Berne, IN 46711
Or e-mail: careers@swissvillage.org

Jay County Solid Waste Management District

Rain Barrel Workshop

Join Bettie in making a FREE rain barrel

Interested in harvesting rainwater from your rooftop?
April 18th at 6:00 pm
District Office 5948 W. State Road 67

Learn technique to manage daily tasks

There's a better way to manage your day.

Organization Solutions is hosting a workshop sharing productivity techniques from noon to 4 p.m. April 11 at John Jay Center for Learning.

Trainer Janet Jackson will help participants learn tips for greater focus, fewer interruptions, reduced stress and improved work and life balance, according to information from Organization Solutions. The workshop begins with discussing foundational issues that hinder productivity, which include interruptions, behaviors and time management, and dives into how to handle those issues.

To register, email office@organizationsolutionsllc.com.

Volunteer meal

Pennville Volunteer Fire Department is hosting its third annual beef and noodle dinner from 4 to 7 p.m. today.

Taking Note

Free will donations will be accepted for the meal, which includes mashed potatoes, green beans, bread, desserts and drinks. Dine in and carry out meals will be available while supplies last at the fire department, 105 N. Washington St., Pennville.

Looking for director

It's not too late to apply to direct Jay County Civic Theatre's December production of "The Sound of Music."

Auditions will be scheduled for the fall in consultation with the director. Shows are scheduled for mid-December.

Applicants should email their letter of interest, resume (include previous

directorial experience and a list of the last four shows in which you were involved in any capacity) and a list of three references to jaycountycivic@gmail.com. The deadline is 4 p.m. Monday.

Gratitude week

It's time to show gratitude.

Jay County Public Library's Week of Gratitude is slated for Tuesday through Friday and celebrates being grateful for the library, patrons and participating community members.

Events include free services Tuesday, when all printing, copying, faxing and laminations are free from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., and fine-free Thursday, when no fines will accrue all day and fines will be forgiven on accounts as long as they are not for lost or damaged items.

The library will also have free cupcakes Wednesday and offer free limited edi-

tion Jay County Public Library Mood Changing stadium cups to the first 100 people to visit Friday.

Magic at Minnetrista

Minnetrista Museum and Gardens is partnering with Muncie Children's Museum to host Magic at Minnetrista in celebration of the upcoming solar eclipse.

The event will include programming today, Sunday and Monday. Activities range from constellation-making and storytelling crafts to solar viewing crown crafting and sensory exploration. There will also be readings from local author Laurie Lunsford, a performance of an original short play and a performance by Orchestra Indiana.

For more information, visit minnetrista.net/solar-eclipse or call (765) 282-4848.

Hosting market

Minnetrista of Muncie is hosting an indoor farmers market today.

Indoor markets are held from 9 a.m. to noon at the Center Building at Minnetrista, 1200 N. Minnetrista Parkway, Muncie. Participating vendors accept SNAP, WIC, IU Health Bucks and the Senior Farmers Market Nutrition Program.

Another indoor market is slated for April 20.

Fairgrounds eclipse

Indiana State Fairgrounds is offering its grounds as a viewing location and entertainment center during the solar eclipse this month.

Gates open at the fairgrounds, 1202 E. 38th St., Indianapolis, at 9 a.m. Monday. Multiple areas will be equipped with viewing glasses, as well as weather experts who will provide insights about the spectacle, according to a press release from the fairgrounds. Campsites are also available.

Family friendly music and performances will be

ongoing throughout the event. Interactive activities will also be offered on-site with educational exhibits and displays.

Seeking nominees

LifeStream Services is accepting nominations for its Golden Hoosier Award.

The award goes to someone 65 or older who "consistently go above and beyond demonstrating passion and commitment to service in their community." The award is open to residents of Jay, Randolph, Blackford, Henry, Delaware, Wayne, Fayette, Franklin, Grant, Madison, Rush or Union counties.

A committee will choose the top nominees as well as the winner of the LifeStream Golden Hoosier Award. That individual will then be nominated for the state award.

To nominate, visit lifestreaminc.org/goldenhoosier. The deadline is Saturday, April 27.

Family dynamics add to sister's anxiety issues

DEAR ABBY: Five years ago, I was diagnosed with GAD (generalized anxiety disorder). It manifests itself with sudden outbursts of anger when I'm stressed, which is often. I have three sisters, two of whom are bossy and try to take over and control every little thing. I have always had a difficult relationship with one of them. When she stresses me out, I tend to blow up at her easily.

The other day, we were in a stressful situation, and I blew up at her. I later apologized and explained about my anxiety. She replied that it wasn't my anxiety but that I want to be the boss and don't want to accept her help with anything. She then proceeded to

order me to do certain things the way she wanted them done.

I want to cut ties with her because of how she affects my mental health and sanity. But, after all, she's my sister, and there are situations in which I will have to be around her. Please advise. — ANXIETY-RIDDEN IN WEST VIRGINIA

Dear Abby



DEAR ANXIETY-RIDDEN: You aren't going to change your sister. Her compulsion to control is ingrained in her. Avoid her as much as possible. However, if there are situations in which you can't do that, be polite and keep some distance. Do not argue with her, and remember: Just because someone tells you to do something does not mean you have to do it.

There are treatments for GAD — medication and talk therapy. If your condition affects your other relationships, consider talking about it with the medical professional who gave you the diagnosis.

DEAR ABBY: I am 29, and I lost my dad last year. I am writing to ask how I can help my 5-year-old understand death better. He misses his grandpa so much that he cries. Sometimes he tells me he remembers a lot about my dad, and other times he tells me he doesn't. I am very worried that he is suppressing his memories of my father, and I don't want him to.

My son has a lot of good memories from when he was younger. I tried to show him pictures of my dad and him together, but tonight he mixed up his memories of him with another grandpa. I tried to talk to him, but he wouldn't open

up. How can I get him to open up to me and start remembering? — REMEMBERING IN INDIANA

DEAR REMEMBERING: Your son is 5. Of course he misses his grandfather. But expecting him to cling to every memory of the short time they spent together is unrealistic, regardless of how much you wish it. You could benefit from discussing this with a child psychologist. You cannot force the boy to remember, and trying to do that or make him feel guilty could actually be harmful. Books have been written for children on the subject of death. Please consider getting one or more for your boy.

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.

ROAD RIDERS FOR JESUS — Will meet at 10 a.m. on the first Saturday of each month in the West Walnut Church of Christ fellowship hall, 204 W. Walnut St., Portland. (Please enter from the door facing the alley on the north side of the building.) For more information, call (260) 726-8463.

DUNKIRK HISTORICAL SOCIETY — Is open from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on the first

and third Saturday of each month in the former W.E. Gaunt Jewelry building, 113 S. Main St., Dunkirk.

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

Sunday

A BETTER LIFE - BRIGANNA'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.

JAY COUNTY DRUG PREVENTION COALITION — Will meet at noon the second Monday of each month at Jay County Campus of Arts Place, 131 E. Walnut St., Portland. For more information, call (260) 251-3259.

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

DIABETES SUPPORT GROUP — Meets at 3 p.m. on the second Monday of each month at Mercer Health in Coldwater, Ohio.

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

PREGNANCY CARE CENTER — Free pregnancy testing with ongoing support during and after pregnancy. The center is located at 216 S. Meridian St., Portland. Hours are 1 to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. For more information or to schedule an

appointment, call (260) 726-8636. Walk-ins accepted.

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

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

REDISCOVERING JOY — The support group of widows and widowers meets at 6:30 p.m. on the second Monday of each month at R & R Fabrications, 601 E. Washington St., St. Henry, Ohio. For more information, email rediscoveringjoy@yahoo.com.

Tuesday

COMPASSIONATE CONNECTIONS RECOVERY SUPPORT GROUP — A group for anyone with a substance use disorder that helps individuals find connections as they develop long-term recovery meets at noon each Tuesday in the IU Health Jay Outpatient Behavioral Health Center, Entrance C, 510 W. Votaw St., Portland.

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WHAT'S FOR LUNCH?

For Jay County Elementary Schools
April 8-12

Monday: No School

Tuesday: Main Entrees: Beef hot dog on hole wheat bun,
Alternate Entrees: Cereal goldfish & yogurt fun lunch, cheddar/mozzarella salad, breadstick
Sides for all meals: French fries

Wednesday: Main Entrees: Chicken nuggets, macaroni & cheese, **Alternate Entrees:** Cereal goldfish & yogurt fun lunch, cheddar/mozzarella salad, breadstick
Sides for all meals: Seasoned peas

Thursday: Main Entrees: Toasted cheese sandwich
Alternate Entrees: Cereal goldfish & yogurt fun lunch, cheddar/mozzarella salad, breadstick
Sides for all meals: Tater tots

Friday: Main Entrees: Classic cheese pizza **Alternate Entrees:** Cereal goldfish & yogurt fun lunch, cheddar/mozzarella salad, breadstick
Sides for all meals: Seasoned carrots

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		6	4			9		
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Level: Advanced

Friday's Solution

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

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.

Learn from the turmoil at Boeing

The Columbian
(Vancouver, Washington)
Tribune News Service

Bungling management and internal turmoil at Boeing should serve as a lesson to major corporations in every industry. It also should grab the attention of jurists and a public that relies on policies that act in the interest of the people.

In January, a door plug flew off a Boeing 737 Max 9 jet shortly after it left Portland International Airport. Cellphones and other items were sucked out of the plane at 16,000 feet; in some cases, seat belts prevented passengers from being pulled into the opening as the cabin decompressed.

As investigations into the incident continue, Boeing CEO Dave Calhoun has announced he will retire at the end of the year. The head of the company's commer-

Guest Editorial

cial airplanes unit, Stan Deal, already has been removed, and board Chairman Lawrence Kellner has announced that he will not stand for reelection in May.

The shakeup is necessary as the aerospace giant attempts to regain a public trust it repeatedly has violated. The changes also lead to questions about Boeing's mission and the role of leadership — a self-examination that should resonate with other multinational corporations.

To some extent, Boeing's problems can be traced to a 1997 merg-

er with competitor McDonnell Douglas. The \$14 billion deal was, at the time, the 10th-largest corporate merger in U.S. history, and industry experts say it led to a change in Boeing's focus. As Quartz.com explains: "In a clash of corporate cultures, where Boeing's engineers and McDonnell Douglas's bean-counters went head-to-head, the smaller company won out."

Reflecting an emphasis on stock prices and corporate profits, in 2001 Boeing moved its headquarters from Seattle, where the company was founded, to Chicago. It since has moved to Arlington, Virginia.

The impact of those changes is evident today. In a note to Boeing employees upon announcing his pending retirement, Calhoun emphasized a "total commitment to safety and quality at every

level of our company." He added: "The eyes of the world are on us, and I know we will come through this moment a better company, building on all the learnings we accumulated as we worked together to rebuild Boeing over the last number of years."

A wary public will rightly ask why that has not been the standard all along. Boeing does not make widgets; it is in a high-risk industry where inattention to safety and quality can result in hundreds of deaths.

That leads us to point out that Calhoun's background is in accounting. Before joining Boeing, he served as a senior managing partner at Blackstone Group, a giant private equity firm, and his ascension at Boeing is reflective of a company that has lost its way.

Meanwhile, corporations and

some politicians are pushing back against what they view as an oppressive regulatory state. Investigations following the crash of two Boeing airliners in the past decade — along with the door-plug fiasco this year — have revealed how Boeing officials have pushed for self-regulation.

This is not unique to aerospace; industries ranging from food processing to high tech long have argued that the fox should be allowed to guard the henhouse. Now, a case before the U.S. Supreme Court could undermine the power of federal agencies to enforce regulations on private industries.

Such a ruling would work against the public interest. It also would violate one of the important lessons that corporations should be learning from the difficulties being faced by Boeing.

Bible is full of 'non-traditional'

By **SUSAN GOLDBERG**
Los Angeles Times
Tribune News Service

In this election season, our newsfeeds will be flooded with stories about the culture wars. In the 1980s, when I was growing up, these issues were shaped by what was then a new force in politics, leaders of the religious right. As a kid in this era, I was strangely fascinated with the radio show "Focus on the Family," a precursor to the booming right-wing media landscape that exists today.

"Focus on the Family" molded language, perception and culture with intentional word choices. The Bible was cited as the source and foundation of a very conservative worldview. I found this infuriating, because among the values I heard promoted were hateful, prejudice-filled judgments about my family. They called us dangerous and wrong because my mother loved a woman. These ideas were shared and repeated widely, and now the terms "family values" and "traditional families" are linked with this skewed perspective.

As I grew up and began studying the Hebrew Bible, the Torah, more deeply, the modern concept of the traditional nuclear family was not what I found. Most traditional biblical families do not have two parents, one a man and one a woman. Real biblical families are defined by complex, layered relationships, with multiple sets of parents and kids, often connected in ways other than genetics and blood.

Moses, Sarah and Jacob were all in what contemporary pundits would call nontraditional families, yet one can't get much more traditional than the patriarchs and matriarchs of the Hebrew Bible. Families that don't look like the nuclear family model are not new — they are what the biblical tradition offers as paradigms for a life of family, community and meaning.

The Torah teaches that families are created for many reasons, including necessity, longing and love. This remains true today. Moses was the child of what we would now call an open adoption, which protected him from a murderous decree. He grew up knowing his birth and adopted families, making him the ideal leader when

Susan Goldberg



it was time for the great Exodus from the tyranny of Pharaoh. The patriarch Jacob had children with sisters Rachel and Leah and with their maid-servants Zilpah and Bilhah. These four women gave birth to and raised 13 children together.

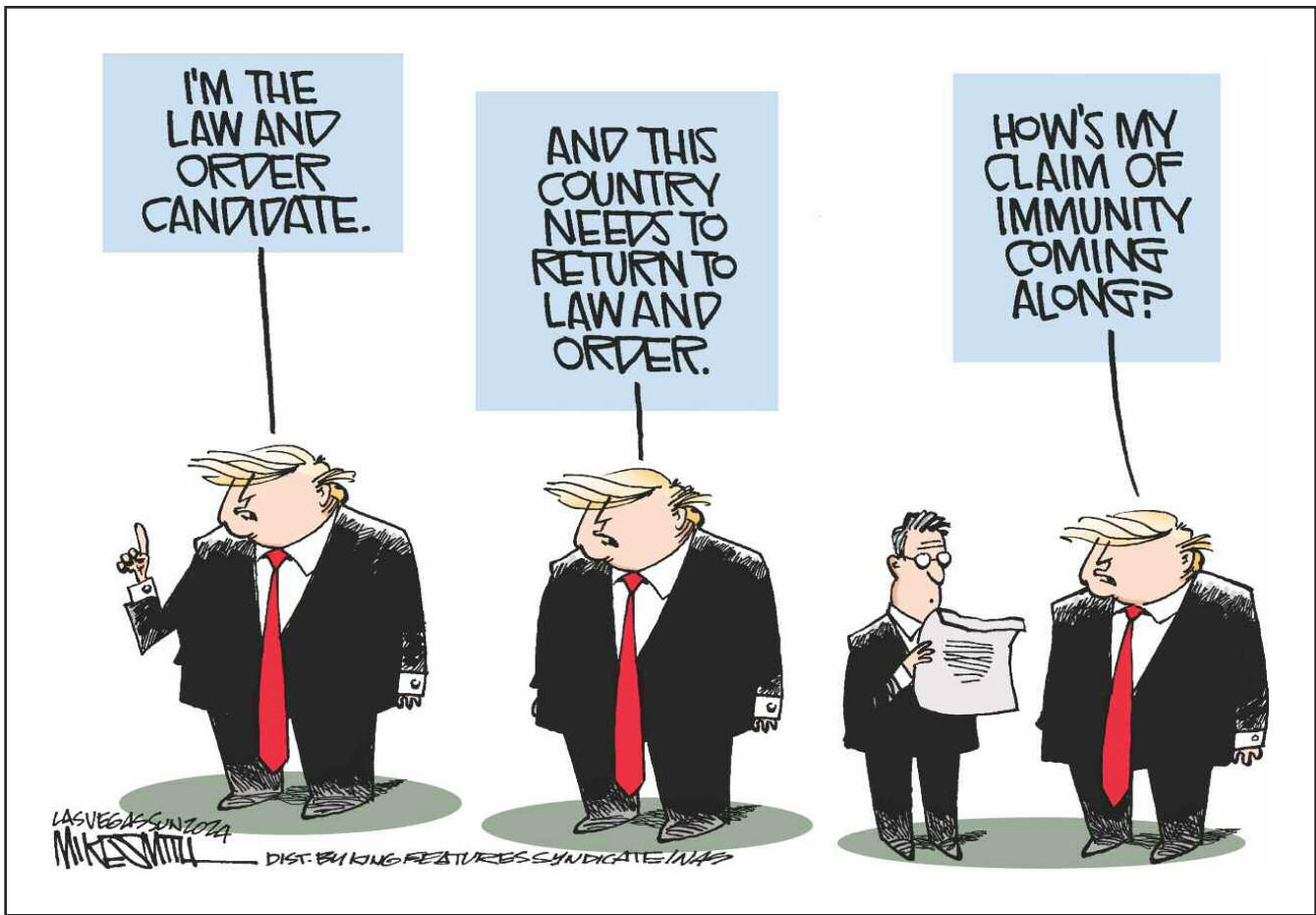
Today, foster and adoptive families are shaped by the migrant and refugee crisis, issues of mental health, addiction or the death of parents. And just as the Book of Genesis is filled with parents longing for children and coming up with active, creative solutions to have a child, today we see families formed through surrogacy, donors known and unknown, and adoption.

I empathize with those who, like me, have been told that their families were too different, strange and nontraditional, and felt the judgment, shame and ostracism that comes with those words. As a rabbi, I offer a tikkun, a healing, to anyone with that pain. We need to celebrate all the families in our communities and to correctly call them traditional.

The traditional family that I am in now was created from love and in response to a dear one's longing to have a child. My husband was her sperm donor. The three adults and four kids in our Torah family are connected in many intertwined ways.

People describe families now in many ways: queer families, families of choice, blended families. Some families find unique names to describe the relationships that build their home. Simple questions from inquisitive people can be hard to answer because we don't always have the words to describe our reality. But words create worlds. The term "traditional family" should be reclaimed for all these families. They are not modern or nontraditional but, rather, a new leaf on an ancient family tree.

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Seeking outsider label is weird

By **MICHAEL LEPPERT**
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In the 1987 film, "Wall Street," Gordon Gecko famously said, "If you're not inside, you are outside, okay." I was impressionable as a young undergraduate when I saw it in the theater that year. Since then, I have firmly believed decisions were only made by the people present in the exclusive room where the next important thing was going to happen.

I still do. Whether the organization is in the world of government or business, entertainment or athletics, it's my view that the best leaders are insiders.

So, why do so many political campaigns spend so much energy attempting to create the image that their candidate is an "outsider?" The perceived value of it is a mystery.

First of all, let's be clear: None of the top candidates for Indiana governor are outsiders. The mere suggestion by any of them is nothing but a ruse. Complicating the weirdness further, being from the outside of government, politics or both, has no value for this specific job, either.

The office of governor in Indiana is structurally weak. Constitutionally, the simple majority to override a veto has made it such throughout history. In 2024 though, the entrenched supermajorities in the legislature have made it even weaker. Not since Mitch Daniels left office twelve years ago has the office been occupied by the unequivocal leader of the party.

None of those running this year will change that. There is no movement growing behind any of them. One of them will prevail in the primary and appear on the ballot this fall, but whoever is inaugurated in January will still be taking orders from the gerrymandered power base on the third floor of the Statehouse. The lack of any energy behind any big idea practically seals that deal.

There really is only one policy pro-

Michael Leppert



positional that has risen above the harmonious nothingness of this primary battle, and that is Lt. Gov. Suzanne Crouch's pitch to eliminate the state's income tax. But because the details on how to accomplish it are undeveloped, this innovative idea feels a lot like the campaign promise of a sixth-grade class president candidate promising to end homework. Ironically, this pie-in-the-sky offering comes from the candidate least likely to be called an outsider. Go figure.

Crouch has an opportunity to achieve a little bit of outsider street cred as the only woman among the top candidates. Even though the GOP has a "woman" problem in post-Dobbs America, the LG seems to have abandoned this opening by preaching the same pro-Dobbs tones as the dudes on the stage. This is a mistake.

Eric Doden said he's not focused on trying to be an outsider, adding, "I'm focused on being a leader and a visionary." Hmm, the trouble is the "visionary" feature of his campaign is hard to identify, unless the inexhaustible man-of-faith mantra he is promoting is the source of some yet-to-be-named epiphany. It's possible.

Brad Chambers refers to himself as a "political outsider" often. I think all that means is that he hasn't run for office before. He wants to get the Mitch Daniels endorsement, another insider who ran as an outsider, getting away with it on the strength of Hoosier civic ignorance.

But Mike Braun wants to be an outsider too. And why not? He's only finishing his first term in the U.S. Sen-

ate. It's not like he's been there for more than six years or anything. Maybe if he were more of an insider, he could have avoided violating campaign finance laws resulting in a whopping \$159,000 fine from the Federal Election Commission last week. Maybe.

Gautan Mukunda wrote for the Harvard Business Review, "Great leaders don't need experience." He explains that while insiders, those with experience and industry knowledge are a safe bet to be good leaders, they are unlikely to be "great." These types are defined as "filtered leaders, those whose careers followed a normal progression." However, Makunda writes, "It's the unfiltered leaders, the outsiders without lots of experience, who perform the very best," though they also pose the highest risk.

But that research came from way back in 2012.

In December, HBR published, "8 Essential Qualities of Successful Leaders," and found something more important. Harvard business professor Linda Hill says successful leaders "tend to have intentionally put themselves in situations where they have to learn, adapt, and grow..." Outsider, or not.

True outsiders with a legitimate shot at becoming governor of any state are rare. Question why a candidate would want any voter to believe such an easily exposed stratagem.

When S.E. Hinton published "The Outsiders," in 1967, the Greasers were in the title role. But she wrote the book as someone from the inside. It's probably why it was so damn good.

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“YRQQCMD KJ DSMMZ.”

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: WHEN CENSORS ARE WITHDRAWING A CONTROVERSIAL TELEVISION AD, I'D SAY THEY'RE PULLING THE PLUG.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: Y equals B

Trivial Review

(Answers are printed below, upside down.)

Youthful achievement

- 1) This former Indiana high school basketball star was the 1960-61 NBA Rookie of the Year?
- 2) This U.S. president was the youngest in history before Teddy Roosevelt was inaugurated in 1901?

1) Oscar Robertson
2) Ulysses S. Grant

4-8 CRYPTOQUIP

IQTZYSU GHHCMSY MTOYTZJ
NVZP OYTZCP IQHUXBYO
BXOYHNSQO BVZ GXP: V

NVMHUHQ B VYVMHJ.

Saturday's Cryptoquip: TRENDY EXERCISE VIDEO THAT'S HOSTED BY FIVE EXTREMELY MUSCULAR RABBITS: “BUNNIES OF STEEL.”

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: B equals C

CRYPTO FUN

Determine the code to reveal the answer!

Solve the code to discover words related to Lyme disease. Each number corresponds to a letter. (Hint: B = L)

A. 16 22 13 24 9 25
Clue: Biting insect or organism

B. 5 8 8 23 22 26 26
Clue: Causes one to be sick

C. 6 8 9 9 11
Clue: Flows through the body

D. 6 12 13 24 22 25 5 12
Clue: Microorganisms that can cause disease

WORD SCRAMBLE

Rearrange the letters to spell something pertaining to Lyme disease.

KTCI

Answers: Tick

Guess Who?

I am an actress born on April 13, 1980, in Georgia. I studied theater at the University of Evansville in Indiana. I am best known for my role on the soap opera "All My Children" and for playing a detective on "Law & Order: Special Victims Unit."

Answer: Kelli Giddish

kids' corner

ANIMAL FACT:

FROGS HAVE A BACKBONE AND ARE GOLD-BLOODED VERTEBRATES. THEY LIVE ON BOTH LAND AND IN WATER, MAKING THEM THIS TYPE OF ANIMAL.

ANSWER: AMPHIBIAN

How they SAY that in...

ENGLISH: Frog
SPANISH: Rana
ITALIAN: Rana
FRENCH: Grenouille
GERMAN: Frosch

Creative Coloring

Color in this picture to create your own masterpiece.

Double Word Puzzle

Unscramble the words to reveal the sentence.

MJPU [] [] [] []
ORFG [] [] [] []
SKELA [] [] [] [] [] []
DPTEOLA [] [] [] [] [] [] [] [] [] []
[] [] [] [] [] [] [] [] [] []
[] [] [] [] [] [] [] [] [] []

Answers: Jump, Frog, Lakes, Tadpole, Frog catches a fly.

THIS DAY IN... HISTORY

APR 12

- 1606: THE UNION FLAG IS ADOPTED AS THE FLAG OF ENGLISH AND SCOTTISH SHIPS.
- 1900: PRESIDENT WILLIAM MCKINLEY SIGNS THE FORAKER ACT INTO LAW, GRANTING PUERTO RICO LIMITED SELF-RULE.
- 1980: CANADIAN RUNNER AND ATHLETE TERRY FOX BEGINS HIS MARATHON OF HOPE RUN IN ST. JOHN'S, NEWFOUNDLAND.

New Word

TOAD
a tailless amphibian with a stout body and short legs

LYME DISEASE WORD SEARCH

Find the words hidden vertically, horizontally, diagonally, and backwards.

WORDS

- BITTE
- BLACK-LEGGED BULLSEYE
- DEER
- DIAGNOSTIC
- DOG
- FEVER
- HOST
- ILLNESS
- INFECTION
- JOINTS
- LYME DISEASE
- NYMPH
- PAIN
- PARASITE
- PATHOGEN
- PREVENTION
- RASH
- RESPONSE
- SPIROCHETE
- SPREAD
- STIFFNESS
- SYMPTOMS
- TICK

Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

Artistic manipulation

East dealer. East-West vulnerable.

NORTH
♠ 9 4 2
♥ 10 8 5 4
♦ A 9 6
♣ K Q 3

WEST
♠ Q J 10 8 6
♥ K 6 2
♦ Q 10 7
♣ 9 4

EAST
♠ 5
♥ J 7 3
♦ 8 4 3 2
♣ J 10 8 5

SOUTH
♠ A K 7 3
♥ A Q
♦ K J 5
♣ A 7 6 2

The bidding:
East Pass South 2 NT West Pass North 3 NT
Opening lead — queen of spades.

Assume you're in three notrump and West leads the queen of spades. You count your winners and find you have eight of them — two spades, a heart, two diamonds and three clubs.

Your chance of scoring a ninth trick is excellent, since the opposing clubs might be divided 3-3, or a heart or diamond finesse might succeed. But even though your prospects are very promising, you're not trying hard enough if you let your thinking stop there. You should also be thinking that this might be your unlucky day, and that relying on any or all of these possibilities could lead you to ruin.

There is one additional possibility to consider, and that involves playing your cards so that even if it is your unlucky day, you'll still make the contract. You therefore duck the queen of spades and win the jack continuation with the king as East discards a diamond.

You then cash the three top clubs to see where you stand in that department. This produces some good news and some bad news. The bad news is that the clubs are divided 4-2; the good news is that you're now certain to make the contract regardless of where the king of hearts or queen of diamonds is located.

Eschewing any notion of attempting a heart or diamond finesse, you cash the ace of spades and then exit with the seven. This allows West to score his 10-8 of spades as you discard your club loser, but West is then in a pickle whatever he does.

He is forced either to lead a heart from his K-6 or a diamond from his Q-10-7, and whichever he does hands you your ninth trick on a silver platter.

Did You Know?

A FROG COMPLETELY SHEDS ITS SKIN ABOUT ONCE A WEEK. AFTER IT SHEDS THE DEAD SKIN, IT USUALLY EATS IT.

GET THE PICTURE?

Can you guess what the bigger picture is?

ANSWER: FROG

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS

- 1 Mexican snacks
- 6 Mamas' mates
- 11 Recital piece
- 12 Bureau
- 14 Chef Lagasse
- 15 Marley's music
- 16 \$ dispenser
- 17 Pricey violin
- 19 Run after K
- 20 Clark's love
- 22 Slump
- 23 Univ. division
- 24 Community gym sites
- 26 Daughter of Lear
- 28 Showbiz job
- 30 Pester
- 31 Ten-sided figure
- 35 Fleet-related
- 39 Historic times

DOWN

- 1 Hand-beaten drum
- 2 Lacking vigor
- 3 Lot vehicle
- 4 Elevator name
- 5 De-ices, in a way
- 6 Ideal
- 7 Mellowed
- 8 Identify
- 9 One
- 10 Shrimp recipe
- 11 Serta rival
- 13 Streisand title role

18 Cleaning cloth

21 Heroic tales

23 French painter

25 Auto-graph, for short

27 A Bobbsey twin

29 Canal boat

31 Diplomat

32 Goofs

33 Cuba's Fidel

34 Neither mate

36 — Mary

37 Goddess of wisdom

38 Sierra —

41 Made a cattle call

44 Stallion-to-be

45 1041, in old Rome

48 Rocky peak

50 "Home-going" author — Gyasi

Solution time: 26 mins.

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER 4-6

Contract Bridge By Steve Becker

Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

Famous Hand

East dealer. Both sides vulnerable.

NORTH
♠ K 9 3
♥ 3
♦ A 10 5 2
♣ 10 9 8 7 2

WEST
♠ Q 10 7 6 5 4 2
♥ 9 8 5 4
♦ K 8
♣ —

EAST
♠ J
♥ 10 6
♦ Q J 6 4
♣ A Q J 6 5 4

SOUTH
♠ A 8
♥ A K Q J 7 2
♦ 9 7 3
♣ K 3

The bidding:
East Pass South 1♥ West 1♠ North Pass
2♣ 2♥ 1♣ Pass
3♥ 2♠ Pass

Opening lead — six of spades.

This deal occurred in a world championship match many years ago between Sweden and the United States. When Jan Wohlin and Robert Larsen were North-South for Sweden, the bidding went as shown. Larsen wound up in three hearts, made four and could also have made three notrump.

Undoubtedly, Larsen's two-heart bid at his second turn was the cause of the failure to reach game. True, to some extent he made amends for his overbid by bidding three hearts later on, but this did not stir Wohlin into action.

Larsen probably thought there was little chance for game after both opponents had bid, but a jump to three hearts at his second turn would certainly have come closer to representing the full value of his hand. That bid would almost surely have induced Wohlin to bid three notrump.

When Ted Lightner of the U.S. held the South hand, the bidding went:

East Pass South 1♥ West 1♠ North Pass
2♣ 2♥ 1♣ Pass
2♣ 2 NT Pass 3 NT Pass

Lightner's two-notrump bid was certainly unusual, since he did not rebid his powerful suit. But he was more concerned with representing the game-potential of his hand than he was with spelling out the details.

In his view, a nine-trick game seemed more likely to make than a 10-trick game. North, holding an ace and a king, was then delighted to raise to three notrump, against which there was no defense.

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS

- 1 Male turkey
- 4 British rule of India
- 7 London neighborhood
- 11 "I smell —!"
- 13 Buck-eyes' sch.
- 14 Russian river
- 15 Sister of Rachel
- 16 Carried out
- 17 Part of a chord
- 18 Cupid's teammate
- 20 Family fight
- 22 Peruke
- 24 Cochise, for one
- 28 Bewitching
- 32 Aleppo's land
- 33 Verbal
- 34 "— hoo!"
- 36 Hudson and Buzzards
- 37 Lab liquids

DOWN

- 1 Body powder
- 2 Popular layered cookie
- 3 Sir's counter-part
- 4 Scepter
- 5 "Dream on!"
- 6 Herod's realm
- 7 Weekend fare with champagne
- 8 Spanish gold
- 9 Chapeau
- 10 Yucatan "Bravo!"
- 12 1969 Sam Peckinpah film

19 Twitch

21 Boom times

23 Part of LGBTQ

25 Suffix with "techno"

26 Informal greeting

27 Sunrise direction

28 Lament

29 Not pizzicato

30 Pace

31 — Alamos

35 Single

38 Melancholy

40 Keats creation

42 Indulges, with "on"

45 Small iPod

47 Subsequently

48 Thinker Des-cartes

49 Gaelic

50 Clothes line

51 Mound stat

52 Humorist

54 Check-cashing needs

Solution time: 21 mins.

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER 4-8

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

11 12 13

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39 40 41 42

43 44 45 46

47 48 49 50

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53 54

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

11 12 13 14

15 16 17

18 19 20 21

22 23 24 25 26 27

28 29 30 31 32

33 34 35 36

37 38 39 40

41 42 43

44 45 46 47 48 49

50 51 52 53 54 55

56 57 58

59 60 61

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

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THE FAMILY CIRCUS By Bil Keane



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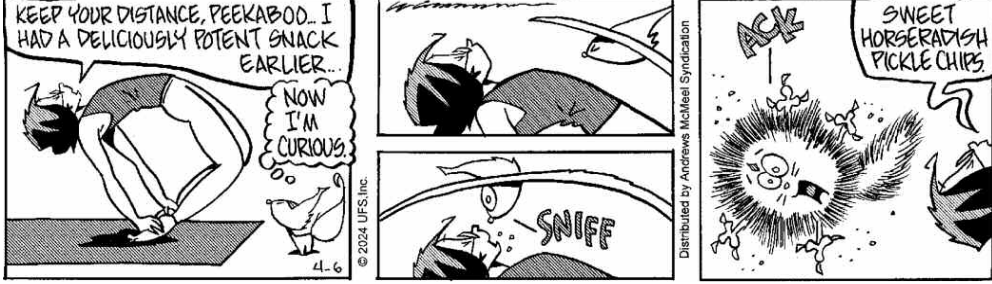
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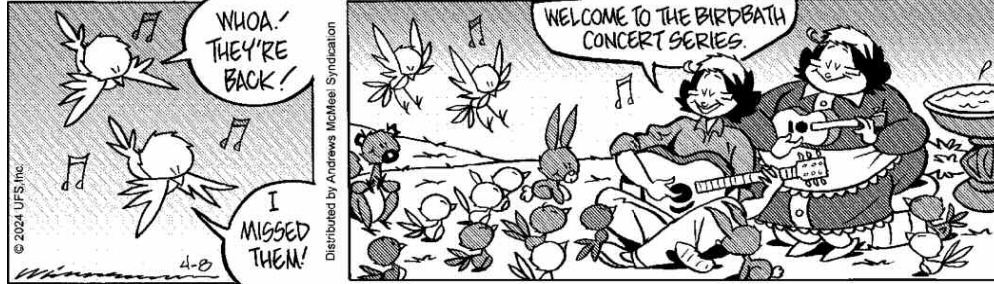
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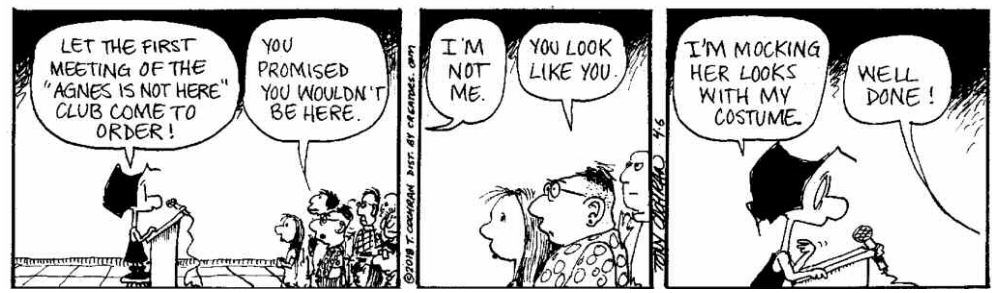
Rose is Rose



Rose is Rose



Agnes



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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



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Protections or rollbacks?

States are choosing following Supreme Court ruling

By ALEX BROWN
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For 200 miles, the Wabash River forms the border between Illinois and Indiana as it meanders south to the Ohio River.

On the Illinois side, lawmakers are scrambling to pass a bill that would protect wetlands from development and pollution, in order to safeguard water quality and limit flooding. But in Indiana, state policymakers hastily passed a law earlier this year to roll back wetlands regulations, at the urging of developers and farm groups who said such rules were overly burdensome.

That means the water that flows into the Wabash River from the west may soon be governed by very different standards than its watershed on the eastern side.

The divide is the result of a U.S. Supreme Court ruling last year that stripped federal protection from millions of acres of wetlands that had been covered under the Clean Water Act — leaving their fate up to the states.

“It creates a checkered landscape in terms of water quality,” said Marla Stelk, executive director of the National Association of Wetland Managers, a nonprofit group that represents state and tribal regulators. “Even if your state is doing all the right things, you could be downstream of a state that doesn’t have wetlands protections.”

In the first full legislative sessions since the ruling came down, lawmakers in some blue states, including Illinois, Colorado, New Mexico and Washington, have been drafting state protections or have increased state funding to replace the loss of federal oversight. Some red states, including Indiana, Missouri, North Carolina and Tennessee, have passed or considered measures to roll back safeguards that are no longer mandated by the feds.

The lobbying from environmental groups on one side and developers and farm groups on the other has sent states moving in opposite directions during the 2024 legislative session.

A ‘fallback plan’

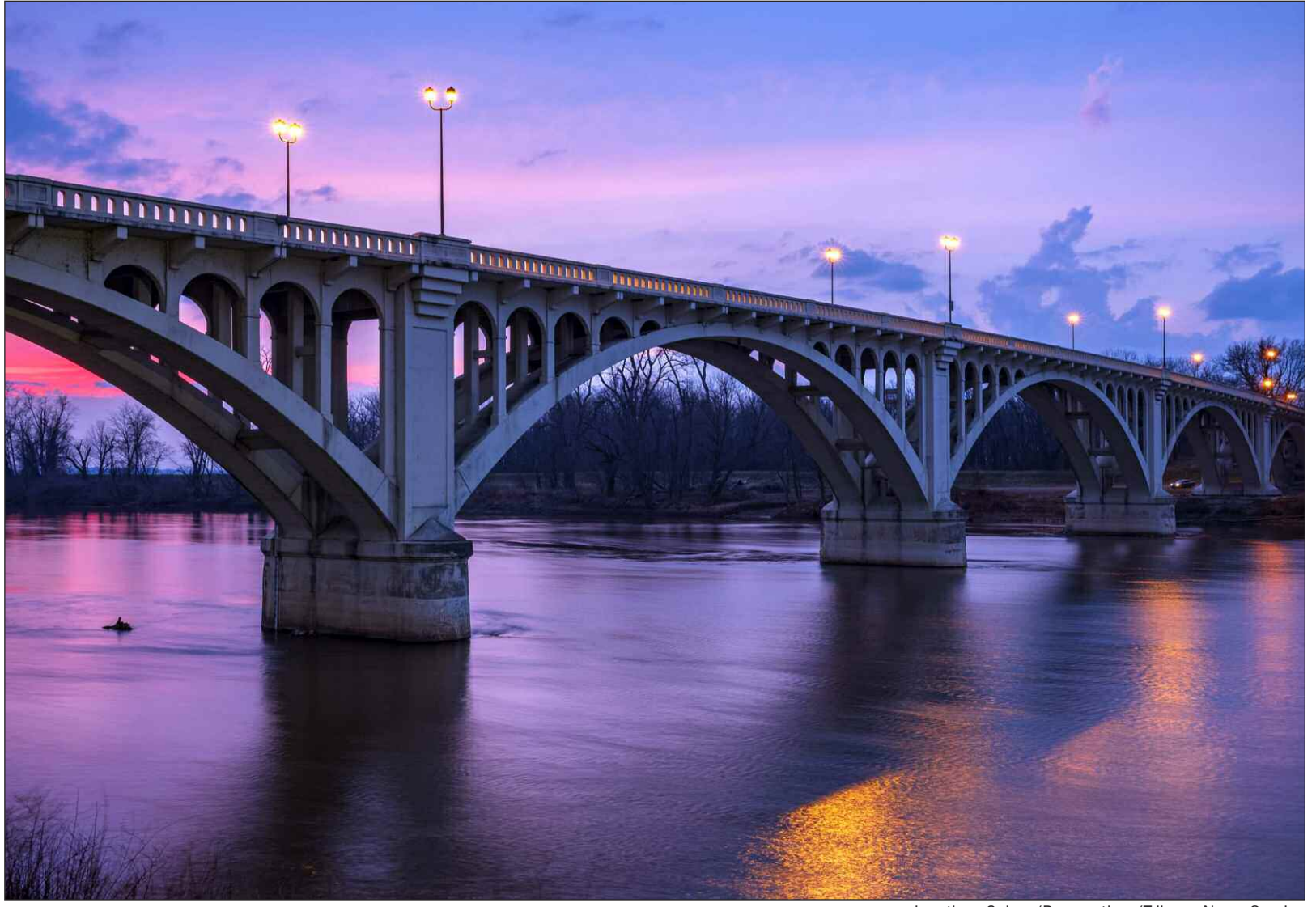
The Supreme Court ruling in the Sackett v. Environmental Protection Agency case last year stripped Clean Water Act protections from wetlands that do not share a surface connection with a larger body of water, leaving out many waters that connect through underground channels. The decision leaves more than half of the nation’s 118 million acres of wetlands without federal oversight. In 24 states, no state-level regulations cover those waters, according to the Environmental Law Institute, a nonprofit research group.

“Illinois did not have a fallback plan,” said state Sen. Laura Ellman, a Democrat who is sponsoring the bill to protect wetlands under state law. “We’re cobbling one together right now. The intent is to restore what we had in place before.”

Democratic state Rep. Anna Moeller, the measure’s House sponsor, noted that Illinois has lost 90% of its wetlands since the early 1800s.

“Wetlands are important in improving water quality for drinking water because they filter contaminants,” she said. “They’re good for preventing flooding because they act as a natural sponge. They’re good for native species.”

Ellman and Moeller said bill supporters are working with state regulators to make some minor technical changes before it advances. Paul Botts, executive director of the Wetlands Initiative, a Chicago-based nonprofit, said environmental advocates



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The Lincoln Memorial Bridge crosses the Wabash River, connecting the towns of Vincennes, Indiana, and Westport, Illinois. A U.S. Supreme Court ruling last year that stripped federal protection from millions of acres of wetlands that had been covered under the Clean Water Act — leaving their fate up to the states.

and regulatory officials have concerns about funding for the program, which lawmakers hope will be largely covered by fees on permit applicants.

Backers don’t yet have a price tag for how much the permitting program would cost, and regulators in other states have found it difficult to cover their funding needs through fees alone.

But “the overall concept of Illinois stepping up where the feds have stepped back does seem to be resonating,” Botts said. “There’s plenty more sausage-making to come, because Illinois has not even had the bones of such a program. We’re really starting from scratch here.”

Unlike Illinois, neighboring Indiana did have state wetlands rules prior to the Sackett decision. But lawmakers moved quickly this year to shift some wetlands into classifications that have fewer protections.

“You have a ditch that’s backing up water and all of a sudden we’re calling this a wetland,” said Republican state Sen. Rick Niemeyer, the bill’s sponsor. “Our developers were having trouble with the definitions. Agriculture was getting hit with this.”

In Indiana, Illinois and many other states, local homebuilders’ groups have been among the leading voices to curtail wetlands regulation. Rick Wajda, CEO of the Indiana Builders Association, echoed Niemeyer’s assertion that the law will reduce protections only for “low-quality wetlands.”

“We look at any regulation to see if there’s ways we can bring more houses to the market,” he said. “If we allow a property to be used to its fullest intent, then maybe we can get more houses into the market and start to soften the housing shortage.”

But many environmental advocates in Indiana say the new law’s supporters are understating its effects. They argue that Republicans rushed the measure through the legislative process in just over a month to avoid public scrutiny.

“The more oxygen it got, the more Hoosiers would have spoken out against it,” said Demo-

cratic state Sen. Shelli Yoder. “If you look across Indiana and see the increases in flooding, the increases in drought, the presence of the worst kind of PFAS [chemicals], it’s hard to shrug off and say it’s just a mud puddle.”

Yoder said developers have told her that building on wetlands is an expensive task, even with no regulations in place, undermining claims that regulatory rollbacks will lead to affordable housing.

Writing new rules

Like Illinois, several other Democratic-led states have passed or considered bills to create wetlands protections or increase funding to state regulatory agencies to compensate for the loss of federal support.

In Colorado, state legislative leaders are expected to introduce a bill in the coming days that would establish state-level protections for the wetlands that lost coverage following the Sackett decision. Supporters say Colorado and other states with arid regions are especially vulnerable, because the Supreme Court ruling also cut protections for “ephemeral” streams that don’t flow year-round.

“We really only have one shot to get this right,” said Josh Kuhn, water campaign manager with Conservation Colorado, a Denver-based nonprofit. “Once these wetlands are destroyed, they’re basically gone forever. If we don’t have a strong program, we could see increased costs associated with water treatment, with the impacts of flooding, with the threat of wildfire.”

In New Mexico, state regulators already had been working to establish a permitting program that covers wetlands. State leaders say the court ruling increased the urgency to put state oversight in place.

“It got our legislature’s attention, hence the reason they were anxious to fund this,” said John Rhoderick, director of the Water Protection Division within the state Environment Department. “It’s easier to prevent contamination or degradation of your water

than it is to have to clean it up after it happens.”

In the budget passed by state lawmakers earlier this year, Rhoderick’s agency received \$7 million to help establish the program. The funding will allow the agency to hire enforcement staff, improve its mapping of state waters and establish a permitting database. Agency officials expect to publish draft rules this fall, with regulations officially in place by 2027. Once fully established, the program will require 35 to 50 dedicated staffers.

“The department has been short-staffed for a number of years,” said Doug Meiklejohn, water quality and land restoration advocate with Conservation Voters New Mexico. “This is critical. We’re pushing for development of a surface water permitting program, and that’s going to involve hiring people with expertise to put together regulations and standards where they’re needed.”

Lawmakers in Washington state also provided a funding boost for agency regulators. The state’s Department of Ecology already has well-established wetlands standards, but it’s expecting an influx of permit applications for waters that were once covered by federal agencies. With an extra \$2 million, agency leaders say they’ll be able to add more staffers to ensure permits are processed on time.

“This will really help,” said Lauren Driscoll, manager of the wetlands program with the Washington State Department of Ecology. “We’re focused on getting things in place so we don’t have any delays.”

States step back

Indiana’s move to cut wetlands standards followed North Carolina’s rollback of state laws soon after the Sackett decision.

“We generally don’t regulate more stringently than the federal government,” Ray Starling, president of the NC Chamber Legal Institute, the legal strategy arm of the business advocacy group, told Stateline at the time.

While Republican lawmakers

overrode the veto of Democratic Gov. Roy Cooper, the governor issued an executive order in February directing state agencies to conserve 1 million acres of natural lands, with an emphasis on wetlands. The order directed state leaders to avoid projects that would harm vulnerable wetlands, while also instructing state agencies to pursue more federal funding for wetlands restoration.

“It’s unfortunate that the state legislature tried to lock in the damage done by Sackett, but there are still things that can be done in places where a governor is more interested in environmental protection than polluter profits,” said Julian Gonzalez, senior legislative counsel for policy and legislation at Earthjustice, an environmental law group.

Meanwhile, a bill in Tennessee to eliminate state wetlands standards did not advance out of committee, following strong pushback from state regulators and environmental groups. Backers of the bill said environmental officials have made it too costly to farm or develops lands that have wet areas. The proposal was sent to a legislative summer study session.

The measure “has real consequences that would negatively impact Tennessee’s natural heritage and our environmental resiliency,” Grace Stranch, CEO of the Harpeth Conservancy, told the Tennessee Lookout.

Missouri lawmakers are considering a bill that would narrow state protections. In an analysis of the bill, the state’s Department of Natural Resources said the measure’s fiscal impact was incalculable, as the lowered standards could threaten the aquifers that provide drinking water to 59% of Missouri residents.

Agriculture groups have supported the bill, the Missouri Independent reported, saying current regulations apply to areas that would be better characterized as ditches.

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Eighth ...

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To even get to the eighth inning, it took a strong effort from Alex Dues on the mound. The senior went the distance for the Indians, tossing 92 total pitches.

Dues only allowed six batters to reach base in the game on three singles, two walks and one hit by pitch. Only twice did a runner reach second base. The first time, Devon Crouch got nicked by a pitch to reach first and then swiped second base. Dues responded by striking out the next three Panthers to end the inning.

The seventh inning opened with Ford drawing a walk on six pitches and advancing on a sacrifice bunt by Jacoby Triplett. Dues struck out the next batter and got the final out on a fly ball that Sage Wendel tracked down behind first base.

Dues ended with only two walks and three hits while punching out eight batters to secure the win for the Indians.

"My offspeed was really moving today and I got it to finally get going,"



The Commercial Review/Andrew Balko

FRHS shortstop Alex Gaerke fields a ground ball during Friday's 1-0 win over the Parkway Panthers. The Indians didn't commit a single error in the game as they picked up their first win of the season and move to 1-0 in the Midwest Athletic Conference.

Dues said, "I knew that I had to keep things exactly the same and just keep going one inning at a time and one batter at a time."

Neither team had played in over a week as Fort Recovery's last game — a 4-1 loss to Celina — occurred on March 25, while Parkway (2-1, 0-1

MAC) hadn't played since a 2-0 win over Celina on March 28. The Indians had games canceled March 30 against Crestview and Monday

against Lehman Catholic because of rain.

FRHS coach Kevin Eyink admitted to having some concerns about the state of his team after the 10-day break.

"It was not a good feeling," Eyink said. "I didn't feel real confident about our game skills, because we haven't been on the field a lot. I was a little nervous about that."

Those concerns went away quickly as Dues' effort led the Indians and the defense backed him up without committing an error.

Despite having runners at the corners twice and not getting the run across, Eyink was happy with his team's performance, especially considering a lack of major errors on the Panthers' side.

"That's a huge goal to win these MAC games and have a chance to win the MAC," Eyink said. "Parkway is a really good team and had a great outing. They really made no mistakes and were fundamentally sound."

"Everybody is going to be that way, so to get one in extra innings 1-0 feels really good."

Box score

Fort Recovery Indians vs. Parkway Panthers

Parkway (2-1, 0-1 MAC)				
	ab	r	h	bi
Berry ss	4	0	0	0
Thomas lf	4	0	0	0
Crouch 3b	2	0	1	0
Samples 2b	3	0	0	0
Ford 1b	2	0	0	0
Boroff cr	0	0	0	0
Tripett rf	2	0	0	0
Bates dh	2	0	1	0
Smith cf	3	0	0	0
Harner c	3	0	1	0
Totals	25	0	3	0

Fort Recovery (1-1, 1-0 MAC)				
	ab	r	h	bi
RWendel lf	4	1	2	0
Thoman cf	4	0	0	0
Grisez 3b	4	0	1	1
Gaerke ss	3	0	1	0
Faller 1b	2	0	0	0
Tobe c	1	0	0	0
CHoman dh	3	0	0	0
SWendel 2b	3	0	0	0
Leverette rf	3	0	0	0
Totals	27	1	4	1

Parkway	000	000	00	—0
Ft. Recov.	000	000	00	—1

LOB — Parkway 5, Fort Recovery 5. 2B — Fort Recovery 1 (RWendel). SB — Parkway 1 (Crouch), Fort Recovery 1 (RWendel).

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Parkway						
Rollins	5.1	2	0	0	1	2
Ford	2.1	2	1	1	0	4

Fort Recovery						
Dues	8	3	0	0	2	8

Sports on tap

Local schedule

Today
Jay County — Track at Wapahani — 9:30 a.m.; Boys golf at Yorktown — 10 a.m.; Girls tennis vs. Hagerstown — 10 a.m.; Baseball vs. Mississinewa — 12 p.m.; Softball vs. Blackford — 12 p.m.; Girls tennis vs. Blackford — 12 p.m.
Fort Recovery — Baseball at Ansonia — 11 a.m.; Softball at Parkway Valley — 11 a.m.; JV baseball double-headers vs. Fort Loramie — 11 a.m.

Tuesday
Jay County — Baseball at Eastbrook — 5 p.m.; Softball at Eastbrook — 5 p.m.; Track at South Adams — 5:30 p.m.; Junior high track at Northside — 5:30 p.m.
Fort Recovery — Track at St. John's — 4:30 p.m.; Baseball vs. Versailles — 5 p.m.; Softball at Versailles — 5 p.m.; JV baseball at Versailles — 5 p.m.

TV sports

Today
2 a.m. — Formula 1: Japanese Grand Prix

(ESPN2)
7:30 a.m. — Premier League: Manchester City at Crystal Palace (USA)
10 a.m. — Premier League: Brentford at Aston Villa (USA)
12 p.m. — UFL: Memphis Showboats at San Antonio Brahmas (ESPN)
12 p.m. — Women's amateur golf: Augusta National Women's Amateur (NBC)
12:30 p.m. — Premier League: Arsenal at Brighton & Hove Albion (USA)
1 p.m. — NHL: Tampa Bay Lightning at Pittsburgh Penguins (ABC)
2 p.m. — USL Championship: North Carolina FC at Detroit City (CBS)
3:30 p.m. — NHL: Florida Panthers at Boston Bruins (ABC)
3:30 p.m. — PGA Tour: Texas Open (NBC)
4 p.m. — USL Championship: Indy Eleven at Louisville City (CBS)
5:30 p.m. — College baseball: Clemson at Notre Dame (ESPN2)
6 p.m. — College basketball Final Four: N.C. State vs. Purdue (TNT)
7:30 p.m. — NASCAR Xfinity Series: DUDE Wipes 250 (FS1)
7:45 p.m. — MLS: Los Angeles Galaxy at

Los Angeles FC (FOX)
8 p.m. — UFL: St. Louis Battlehawks at Arlington Renegades (ABC)
8:50 p.m. — College basketball Final Four: Alabama vs. UConn (TNT)
10 p.m. — USL Championship: Monterey Bay at Oakland Roots (FOX)

Sunday
1 a.m. — Formula 1: Japanese Grand Prix (ESPN)
10:30 a.m. — Premier League: Liverpool at Manchester United (NBC)
11 a.m. — College softball: Georgia at Tennessee (ESPN2)
12 p.m. — UFL: Michigan Panthers at Birmingham Stallions (ESPN)
12:30 p.m. — Premier League: Chelsea at Sheffield United (NBC)
1 p.m. — NHL: Buffalo Sabres at Detroit Red Wings (TNT)
1 p.m. — PGA Tour: Texas Open (NBC)
1 p.m. — Premier League: Nottingham Forest at Tottenham Hotspur (USA)
1:45 p.m. — MLS: Portland Timbers at Sporting Kansas City (FOX)
3 p.m. — NASCAR Cup Series: Cook Out

400 (FS1)
4 p.m. — UFL: St. D.C. Defenders at Houston Roughnecks (FOX)
4 p.m. — College basketball: HBCU All-Star Game (CBS)
5 p.m. — NBA: Miami Heat at Indiana Pacers (Bally Indiana)
7 p.m. — MLB: Houston Astros at Texas Rangers (ESPN)
10 p.m. — NHL: Dallas Stars at Colorado Avalanche (ESPN)

Monday
6:40 p.m. — MLB: Milwaukee Brewers at Cincinnati Reds (Bally Indiana)
9:20 p.m. — College basketball National Championship (CBS)

Tuesday
6 p.m. — College softball: Michigan at Michigan State (BTN)
7 p.m. — NBA: Dallas Mavericks at Charlotte Hornets (ABC); Indiana Pacers at Toronto Raptors (Bally Indiana)
7 p.m. — NHL: Washington Capitals at Detroit Red Wings (ESPN)
7:30 p.m. — NBA: Boston Celtics at Mil-

waukee Bucks (TNT)
9:30 p.m. — NHL: Minnesota Wild at Colorado Avalanche (ESPN)
10 p.m. — NBA: Golden State Warriors at Los Angeles Lakers (TNT)

Local notes

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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Sports

Ending in the eighth

Caden Grisez walks off Panthers in eighth inning of pitchers duel

By ANDREW BALKO
The Commercial Review

FORT RECOVERY — The Indians and the Panthers locked themselves into a pitchers' duel.

The Indians had already blown two opportunities with runners in scoring position, but with a man on second and two outs, Caden Grisez wasn't going to allow a ninth inning.

Grisez delivered the walk-off single to lift the Fort Recovery High School baseball team over the Parkway Panthers 1-0 in eight innings Friday.

The Indians (1-1, 1-0 Midwest Athletic Conference), started off on the wrong foot in the bottom of the eighth inning with a strike-out.

Parkway pitcher Braxton Ford utilized the momentum to get two quick strikes on Reece Wendel as well. The sophomore battled off two more pitches before Ford finally gave him one to hit, which he drove to the left-center field gap for a double.

Troy Homan got rung up on a close call to bring Grisez up to the plate with two outs and the winning run on second.

"I felt comfortable at the plate," Grisez said. "Just wanted to put the ball in play and see what happens."

That's exactly what the junior did.

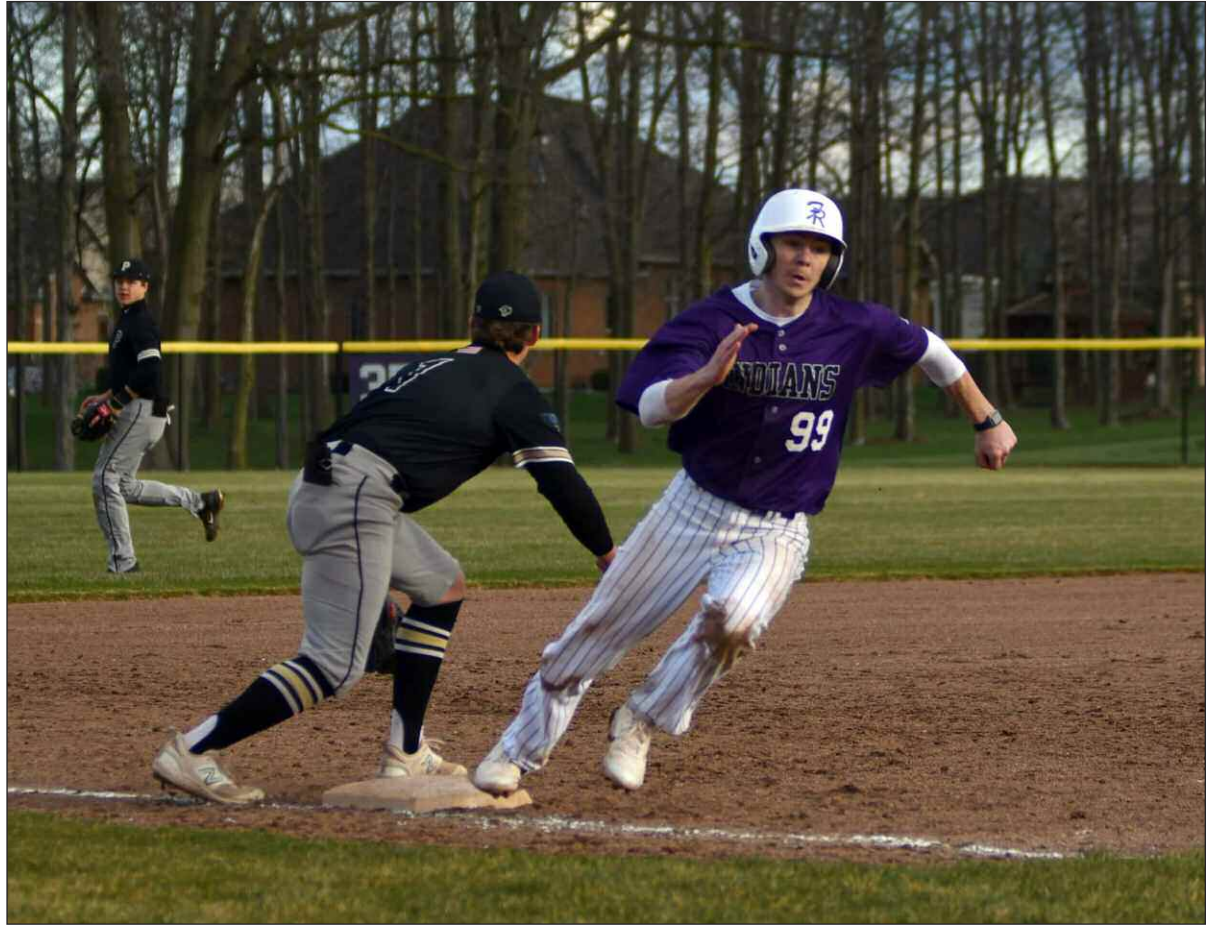
Wasting no time, Grisez swung at the first pitch, placing a line drive between the Panthers' third baseman and short-stop. He hit the ball just hard enough to get through the infield but softly enough for it to slowly roll along the outfield grass before Trent Rollins could grab the ball in left field.

Wendel had more than enough time to race from second to home and score the winning run, igniting the celebration from the Indians' dugout.

"I started to stay back on the ball better in the sixth (inning)," Grisez said. "I finally got a pitch I liked and I put it in left-center. I was sitting fastball the whole time, saw it and drove it in."

"It was great. I imagined that when I went up to the plate and it felt awesome."

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Fort Recovery High School sophomore Reece Wendel rounds third base in the eighth inning of the Indians' 1-0 win over Parkway on Friday. Wendel hit a double to get into scoring position before Caden Grisez's line drive drove him in, walking off the Panthers to secure the first Midwest Athletic Conference win for Fort Recovery.

Fort Loramie comes back on FRHS softball

FORT LORAMIE, Ohio — The Indians seemed to have the game in the bag moving into the bottom of the seventh.

With a three-run lead, they only needed three outs to come home with a victory.

Their opponent had other plans.

Fort Loramie rallied to score four seventh-inning runs to come back and beat the Fort Recovery softball team 5-4 Friday.

Entering the bottom of the seventh, the Indians (1-2) held a three-run advantage. The final frame didn't start off ideally, as Jenna Homan

walked Carissa Meyer before getting the first out. A single by Kendall Tennery and a walk drawn by Alex Rose loaded the bases before Autumn Turner doubled to push two across the plate for Fort Loramie (4-0).

Two pitches later Kate

Ruhenkamp ended the game on a line drive to right field for a walk-off single that scored the final two runs.

Homan suffered the loss and a blown save in two innings of work as she allowed four earned runs.

FRHS did its damage early, scoring one run in

the first inning and two in the third to build a 3-0 lead. Fort Loramie answered back with a run in the fourth before the Indians pushed their final run of the game across in the fifth.

Ava Grisez and Britney Tebbe had the best days at the plate as the former

finished 3-for-4 with a run scored and the latter drove in two runs on a single. Homan also had a nice day with the bat, recording two hits, a run and an RBI.

Both Turner and Ruhenkamp finished with two hits and two RBIs for FLHS.



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