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## Second staffer at jail faces charge

*Officer accused of sexual relations with inmate*

By BAILEY CLINE

The Commercial Review  
Another Jay County Jail correctional officer is accused of engaging in sexual relations with an inmate.

William B. Bentz, 35, 2267 S. U.S. 27, Portland, was preliminarily charged with a Level 5 felony on Tuesday for sexual misconduct by a service provider with detainee. The charge stems from an incident that occurred Sunday morning.

Jay County Sheriff's Office investigator Tony Lennartz explained an employee had been reviewing surveillance footage from the booking area of the jail when they noticed "something that didn't look right," leading staff to look into the issue.

Sheriff Ray Newton noted investigators have been reviewing footage since the incident, leading to Bentz's arrest Tuesday.

"We're going to hold the employees accountable for actions like this," he said. "We will not tolerate this. We are very fortunate we found it."

Following his arrest Tuesday, Bentz was fired from his position at Jay County Jail. He was released from the jail on a \$10,000 bond.

The case is still under investigation. As of Wednesday afternoon, official charges had not yet been filed in Jay courts.

Bentz, who has worked for the department since last year, is the second correctional officer this year to be accused of sexual misconduct with an inmate. John Richard Norris was charged in Jay Circuit Court on Feb. 21 with the same crime, having allegedly engaged in oral sex with an inmate.

## Goal surpassed



Photo provided

United Way of Jay County held an event Wednesday to celebrate a successful 2023-24 annual campaign and present several awards. Pictured, campaign chair Traci Gross presents the Greg and Marianne Moser Volunteer of the Year Award to Mike Weitzel and Zach Hudson of Portland Fire Department, which earned the honor for organizing the inaugural Splashin' with a Passion: Peggy's Plunge fundraiser in honor of the late Peggy Atkinson. Weitzel also was honored with the Vicki Tague Community Impact Award for his years of service with United Way and various other organizations.

## United Way campaign brought in \$158,148; fire department, Weitzel, FCC received awards

By RAY COONEY

The Commercial Review  
A local philanthropic organization didn't only reach its goal this year.

It surpassed it. And it did so without the help of outside grant funding.

United Way of Jay County during a small ceremony Wednesday evening announced that its 2023-24 annual campaign brought in \$158,148, well surpassing the campaign goal of \$140,000.

The organization also gave out various awards at the event.

United Way of Jay County executive director Jane Ann Runyon announced the cam-

campaign total, which exceeded the goal by nearly 13%. The campaign came entirely from local donations without the help of any outside grants, she said.

"We haven't done that in a long time," said Runyon. "I was excited. ... I was tickled."

She noted the more than \$13,000 brought in through the inaugural Splashin' with a Passion: Peggy's Plunge and a successful employee campaign through FCC (Indiana).

Those efforts were recognized with awards, with Portland Fire Department — it organized Peggy's Plunge in February — earning the Greg

and Marianne Moser Volunteer of the Year Award and FCC receiving the Lee G. Hall Beneficence Award.

"The Plunge was in honor of Peggy Atkinson, a long-time supporter of Jay County Special Olympics and turned out to be a major fundraiser for the 2023 campaign," said Runyon.

"FCC came through with an employee that I didn't even know they were doing," she added. "And that really pushed us over."

West Jay Elementary School was the leading school in pledge dollars per student at \$5.47 for a total of \$5,854. It marked the fourth year in a

row that the school has led the effort.

United Way of Jay County board member and Portland Fire Chief Mike Weitzel was also honored with the Vicki Tague Community Impact Award.

"Mike Weitzel is so deserving of this award because he has given so much to the United Way and to many other organizations and events in our community," Runyon said, noting his six years of service to the board, including as president. "He has never turned down a request for help with anything that has needed to be done."

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## Athletic honor

Mady Fraley receives her athletic letter blanket Monday from Jay County High School principal Chad Dodd during Honors Night. Fraley also was honored for receiving an associate's degree from Ivy Tech Community College. She won the Jane E. Switzer Memorial Scholarship and the Better Business Bureau Students of Integrity Scholarship, among others.

## Arizona Senate repeals 1864 law

By FAITH E. PINHO

Los Angeles Times  
Tribune News Service

The Arizona Senate voted Wednesday to repeal the state's 1864 abortion ban, sending a measure to the Democratic governor that would end weeks of turmoil and keep in place a 15-week abortion limit enacted in 2022.

In a testy and emotional session that included angry spats, a senator reading from the Bible and another playing a recording of his daughter's fetal heartbeat, the Senate voted 16 to 14 to repeal the law, with two Republicans joining Democrats in backing the measure.

The Senate was voting on

*Bill keeps 15-week abortion ban in place*

the language that Arizona's House of Representatives passed a week ago, when three Republicans joined with Democrats to pass the repeal bill.

The bill will next go to Gov. Katie Hobbs, a Democrat who has called on the Legislature to repeal the pre-statehood ban.

See Repeals page 2

### Deaths

Leonard Herman, 90, rural Geneva

Garry McElfresh, 72, Fort Wayne

Details on page 2.

### Weather

Jay County had a high temperature of 81 degrees Wednesday. The low was 55.

Tonight's forecast calls for cloudy skies with showers likely and a chance of thunderstorms. The low will be around 60. Expect mostly cloudy skies Saturday with a 40% chance of rain. For an extended outlook, see page 2.

### 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** — Coverage of this week's Portland Plan Commission meeting.

**Tuesday** — Results from the JCHS baseball double-header against Hagerstown.

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

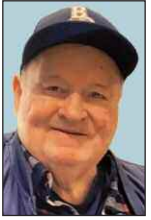


Obituaries

Leonard Herman

Dec. 2, 1933-April 30, 2024

Leonard C. Herman, 90, of rural Geneva, Indiana, passed away at 3 p.m. on Tuesday, April 30, 2024, at his home in Geneva, Indiana.



Herman

He was born on Saturday, Dec. 2, 1933, in Linn Grove, Indiana. He married Rita (Robinson) Herman on Saturday, Nov. 29, 1952 in Geneva, Indiana; she preceded him in death on Dec. 27, 1993.

Leonard attended the Hartford Township High School. He formerly attended the St. Mary of the Presentation Catholic Church. Leonard worked at Portland Forge where he was a tow motor operator for 46 years. He was an Adams County farmer for most of his life. He enjoyed playing ping pong and was

known as the ping pong champion at Hartford Township. Leonard enjoyed bowling and coaching Little League, and especially loved spending time with his kids and grandkids.

He will be sadly missed by his son Michael (Brenda) Herman, Bluffton, Indiana;, daughter Teresa (Douglas) Heckler, Geneva, Indiana, and son Randall (Beth) Herman, Geneva, Indiana; grandchildren Camille (Shane) Himes, Bluffton, Indiana, Ashley (Greg) Mayne, Bluffton, Indiana, Lindsey (Jacob) Hilty, Bryant, Indiana, Jordan Heckler, Geneva, Indiana, Kaitlyn Heckler, Bluffton, Indiana, Thomas Herman, Geneva, Indiana, and Kaleigh Herman, Geneva, Indiana; and great-grandchildren Sophia Mayne, Reece Himes and Gracie Mayne, all of Bluffton, Indiana.

He was preceded in death by his wife Rita (Robinson) Herman; father Charles L. Herman;

mother Dorothy (Kave) Herman; brothers James, Richard, Wesley and Jerry Herman; sisters Ellen Butcher, Maxine Burgess and Frieda Stevens.

Family and friends may gather to share and remember at Downing & Glancy Funeral Home located at 100 N. Washington St., Geneva, on Friday, May 3, 2024, from 3 to 7 p.m. and from 10 to 11 a.m. at Downing & Glancy Funeral Home on Saturday, May 4, 2024.

A service to celebrate Leonard's life will be at Downing & Glancy Funeral Home at 11 a.m. on Saturday, May 4, 2024, with Pastor Paul VanCise officiating. Interment will follow in the St. Mary of the Presentation Catholic Church Cemetery in Geneva.

Memorials may be sent to Heartland Hospice Care, 1315 Directors Row #210, Fort Wayne, IN 46808.

Arrangements are being han-

dled by Downing & Glancy Funeral Home in Geneva.

Condolences may be expressed at glancyfuneralhomes.com.

Garry McElfresh

Sept. 1, 1951-March 10, 2024

Garry (Chittum) McElfresh, 72, of Fort Wayne, Indiana, passed away on Sunday, March 10, 2024.

Garry was born on Sept. 1, 1951, in Lubbock, Texas, to the late William Richard McElfresh and Hellen Marie (Snodgrass) McElfresh.

He was preceded in death by his stepfather, Gilbert Ray Chittum, and his stepbrothers Larry R. Chittum and Edwin Lewis Chittum, all of Portland, Indiana.

He is survived by his sister

Bonnie (Chittum) Schneider of Clovis, New Mexico.

Garry loved Jesus with all his heart and would take any opportunity to speak to his friends and those he came across in daily life about Him. He loved the Word of God. Garry lived life as a Jesus revolutionary. He loved his Jesus music and his artwork.

Garry's memorial service will be Saturday, May 4, at 11 a.m., with visitation one hour prior at Harvest Fellowship Church, 1001 W. Wallen Road, Fort Wayne, Indiana.

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

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



McElfresh

CR almanac

Table with 5 columns: Saturday 5/4, Sunday 5/5, Monday 5/5, Tuesday 5/6, Wednesday 5/7. Includes weather icons and temperature forecasts (75/59, 75/57, 76/60, 81/65, 81/65).

Lotteries

Table listing lottery results: Powerball, Mega Millions, Hoosier, Ohio, and Daily Four/Quick Draw results.

Markets

Table listing market prices for Cooper Farms Fort Recovery, POET Biorefining Portland, and The Andersons Richland Township.

Today in history

In 1972, the Bryant High School baseball team clobbered Southern Wells 11-0. In 1973, Portland native Philip D. Young announced plans to open a law practice in the city. In 2018, the Fort Recovery High School baseball team locked up its first Midwest Athletic Conference championship as it clobbered visiting New Knoxville 10-0 in five innings. In 2022, local Republicans backed former Jay County Sheriff Ray Newton for a return to the office as he defeated Tony Lennartz and Patrick Wells in the primary election. —The CR

Citizen's calendar

Table listing calendar events for Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday.

Surpassed ...

Continued from page 1 Traci Gross was the campaign chair for the 2023-24 campaign and was the service organization chair. (She plans to chair the 2024-25 campaign as well, Runyon said.) Division chairs for

the campaign were Rex Pinkerton (education), Jeff Hall (professional), Jeanna Ford (small business), Mark Tillman (agriculture), Pam and Pat Bennett (leadership), Monica Goble (health care), Mike Weitzel and

Patrick Wells (government) and Cindy Denney (special events). Also at Wednesday's event, the United Way of Jay County board of directors honored outgoing board members Tami Vormohr and Weitzel.

Current board members are Patrick Wells (president), Annie Simmons (vice president), Monica Goble (secretary), Emily Richards (treasurer), Rick Gibson, Kathy Lawrence and Brad Stultz.

Repeals ...

Continued from page 1 "I'm glad to see the Senate answered my call and voted to repeal the 1864 total abortion ban. While this is essential to protecting women's health, it is just the beginning," Hobbs said in a statement once the Senate session ended. "I will never stop fighting for women's reproductive freedoms."

The Senate's actions Wednesday were punctuated by angry calls from a gallery filled with activists. The two Republicans — Sens. T.J.

Shope and Shawna Bolick — took heat from their fellow Republicans for voting to repeal the law.

"Our Democrat colleagues who are very good at sticking together ... they vote together," said Sen. Dave Farnsworth. "Unfortunately, on this side of the aisle, we are not so good at doing that."

The Biden campaign has teed up abortion as a top motivating issue for Democrats this fall, especially in swing states. While the Arizona Legislature bickered over its law, Vice President Kamala Harris

gave a speech on reproductive freedom in Florida to commemorate that state's six-week abortion ban, which went into effect Wednesday.

"In states across our nation, extremists have proposed and passed laws that criminalize doctors, punish women," Harris said. "Laws that threaten doctors and nurses with prison time — even for life — simply for providing reproductive care. Laws that make no exception for rape or incest. Even reviving laws from the 1800s."

SERVICES

Today Mock, Richard: 1 p.m., Wilson Shook Funeral Home, 317 N. Main St., Dunkirk. Tinch, Randy: 5 p.m., Baird-Freeman Funeral Home, 221 N. Meridian St., Portland.

Saturday Laux, Lucille: 10 a.m., Mary Help of Christians Catholic Church, 403 Sharpsburg Road, Fort Recovery. Herman, Leonard: 11 a.m., Downing & Glancy Funeral Home, 100 Washington St., Geneva. McElfresh, Garry: 11 a.m., Harvest Fellowship Church, 1001 W.Wallen Road, Fort Wayne. Branscum, Wanda: noon, Baird-Freeman Funeral Home, 221 N. Meridian St., Portland.

Monday McGraw, Katrina: noon, Williamson-Spencer and Penrod Funeral Home, 208 N. Commerce St., Portland.

Service listings provided by PROGRESSIVE DEL TORO OFFICE PRODUCTS 120 N. Meridian St. Portland, Indiana 47371 (260) 726-9201 progressiveofficeproducts.com

Capsule Reports

Intersection crash

Three cars were damaged when a Portland man drove into the back of an Ohio woman's car at the intersection of Indiana 67 and U.S. 27 in Bryant about 7:40 a.m. Thursday.

Dyllan R. Derrickson, 31, Portland, was traveling west on Indiana 67 when he drove his 2020 Dodge Durango through the intersection with U.S. 27.

Derrickson didn't notice the 2011 Chevrolet Equinox — it was driven by 23-year-old Emilie R. Dean of Celina, Ohio — in front of him and crashed into it.

The vehicle Dean was driving subsequently crashed into the 2011 Chevrolet Silverado driven by 21-year-old Brendon L. Ralston of Wilshire, Ohio, in front of it.

Damage is estimated between \$2,500 and \$5,000.

The vehicle driven by Ralston is registered to Gregory Vantrees of Celina, Ohio.



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5:00-6:30pm

Activities are made possible in part by the Community Foundation of Randolph County, Indiana Arts Commission, a state agency, and the National Endowment for the Arts, a federal agency

Jay County Campus of Arts Place 131 E Walnut St. Portland, IN 47371 260.726.4809



Photo provided

## Contest winners

Londyn Cavanaugh, sponsored by the Portland Evening Optimist Club and pictured above at left, placed third in the Optimist International North District Oratorical Contest on April 20 at the Creative Financial Center in Kokomo. She received a \$1,000 scholarship. Anna Fisher, sponsored by the Portland Breakfast Optimist Club and pictured above at right, was a runner up and received a \$200 cash award.

# Coalition asking for name ideas

Jay County Drug Prevention Coalition is asking the community to name the new recovery home.

## Taking Note

The naming contest, going on now through May 17, is open to residents of Jay, Blackford, Delaware and Adams counties. Its winner will receive \$250 and determine the name of Jay County's sober living facility.

Participants may submit suggestions at [bit.ly/3URgMEp](http://bit.ly/3URgMEp).

the museum from 1 to 2:30 p.m. Saturday to discuss his book, "William Wells and the Struggle for the Old Northwest."

## Tabernacle Revivals

Wesleyan Fellowship is hosting its 94th anniversary of the Portland Tabernacle Revivals this weekend.

Festivities begin at 10:30 a.m. Sunday in the Canterbury Community Room, 401 Canterbury Lane, Portland, with a carry in dinner to follow. Rick Denney, a former Redkey resident, will sing at the event.

To learn more, call (260) 202-9800.

## Museum opening

Fort Recovery Museum's season opening is this weekend.

The museum will offer free admission from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. Visitors may view a portion of a rare collection of images scanned from the glass negatives of Harry McDaniel (1868-1943), a past Fort Recovery resident and photographer. Also, author William Heath will be at

# Bitter son won't allow his mother to find happiness

DEAR ABBY: My sister "Sandy" divorced her husband 15 years ago. Her oldest son, "Nick," has never gotten over it. He's 30 now and has treated her badly over the years. He not only vandalized her home but has also said horrible things to her. She maintained a relationship with him despite his behavior, supporting him emotionally and sometimes financially.

Sandy has been engaged to

## Dear Abby



part of the family. Her fiance has grown tired of this treatment, and I'm afraid it may cause their breakup.

My sister doesn't want to lose her son over this, and everyone in our family, including her other children, loves Nick. What can she do? — SEES DYSFUNCTION IN NEW MEXICO

DEAR SEES: What your sister should do depends upon what's more important to her. If losing her fiance to main-

tain a relationship with her disrespectful and unloving son is paramount, she should end their romantic relationship. Of course, it won't change her son's deplorable behavior, and she will have to accept that. OR she can decide to go on with her life and possibly marry her gentleman friend. The rest of the family can continue to love Nick as much as they wish, and everyone will be happier.

P.S. I can't help but wonder why this letter came from you and not from your sister. The most unwelcome advice is that which is unsolicited.

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

# Community Calendar

Notices will appear in Community Calendar as space is available. To submit an item, email [news@thecr.com](mailto:news@thecr.com).

## Today

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

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

**SOFT SHOULDERS** — A support group for anyone suffering from memory loss, will meet at 10:30 a.m. the first Friday of each month in the Fireplace Room at Edelweiss Place at Swiss Village in Berne. For more information, call (260) 589-3173.

**CINNCINNATUS LEAGUE** — Will hold its next meeting at noon Fri-

day, May 3, at the Harmony Café in Portland.

## 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.

**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.

## 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 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 informa-

tion 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

**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.

**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.

## THANK YOU MR. LeMaster

I would like to express my sincere appreciation to Attorney Greg LeMaster for his prompt response to the Election Integrity Survey, which I recently distributed to both Republican candidates for the Indiana State House of Representatives. Mr. LeMaster's thoughtful and thorough answers have been invaluable in providing insights into his stance on election-related issues. If anyone would like to discuss the survey questions or Mr. LeMaster's responses in greater detail, please feel free to reach out to me at either [Clayto55@aim.com](mailto:Clayto55@aim.com) or at (765) 730-3301. I would be happy to engage in further discussion. Thank you once again, Mr. LeMaster, for your time and cooperation.

Best regards,  
J. Clayton Phillips  
Paid for by J. Clayton Phillips



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Level: Advanced

## Thursday's Solution

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# Pass bill for greater transparency

The Seattle Times  
Tribune News Service

The death of Charles Leo Daniel at the Northwest Detention Center in Tacoma piqued the interest of immigrant rights advocates and some members of Washington's congressional delegation. The mystery surrounding his death and the fact that he was housed in solitary confinement for most of the time he was incarcerated is cause for concern.

Nearly two months after his death, how he died has still yet to be made public by U.S. Immigra-

## Guest Editorial

tion and Customs Enforcement or the Pierce County medical examiner. ICE issued a report that detailed its version of Daniel's time in federal custody and the immediate time leading up to his death. But one detail ICE officials omitted was

the cause of death. Similar reports from ICE on previous deaths of detainees have causes of deaths, but not all of them. The Pierce County medical examiner's website still lists Daniel's cause of death as pending.

That's why Congress should pass the Dignity for Detained Immigrants Act. A greater level of transparency is needed and the bill would do just that.

Should the bill eventually pass, it would require that the Secretary of the Department of Homeland Security conduct an

investigation into such deaths no later than 30 days after the death of an immigrant in the custody of ICE. The report would include a root cause analysis that identifies any changes to policies, practices, training curricula, staffing, or potential systemwide errors that may reduce the probability of such an event in the future.

The law would also require ICE to report whether the death of a detainee may have resulted from a health problem that existed before or during, or was exacerbated by, the detention.

Daniel, from the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago, entered the U.S. through Miami on a visitor's visa in July 2000. He was convicted of second degree murder in King County in October 2003 and was incarcerated at the Washington Corrections Center in Shelton. He was held in solitary confinement for nearly 10 years in state prisons and for four years at the detention center.

Despite his criminal history, any death of a detainee deserves public scrutiny and laws to protect those who remain in custody.

## U.S. can learn from redesign in Indiana

By JEB BUSH  
Chicago Tribune  
Tribune News Service

Across the country, most high school classrooms still resemble their 20th century counterparts despite massive changes in the workforce over the past 50 years.

Today's jobs require advanced skills and education or training, yet many graduates feel unprepared for their next steps.

A 2022 YouScience survey found three-fourths of high school graduates reported feeling moderately, slightly or not at all prepared to make college or career decisions after graduation. Roughly one-third of the survey respondents, who graduated high school between 2019 and 2022, said they were not following any planned educational or career path. A more recent survey of teens from EdChoice, a nonprofit focused on school choice, found that just 38% reported feeling extremely or very prepared for education beyond high school.

Thankfully, one state is leading the way when it comes to reimagining the high school experience and aligning it with current needs.

Following a vision set by Gov. Eric Holcomb, House Speaker Todd Huston and Secretary of Education Katie Jenner, education policymakers in Indiana recently proposed a high school redesign that will reshape how young adults experience the last years of their K-12 educational journey and set them up for real success as they transition to college or the workforce.

The Indiana proposal breaks down the high school redesign into three focus areas: diploma requirements that are more flexible and relevant to what students need in the real world; access to high-quality work-based learning opportunities; and an increase in the completion of high-value postsecondary credentials in high school.

In many states, current, decades-old requirements prioritize course completion and "box checking" over real-world skills and experiences. Under its new diploma framework, Indiana has proposed flexible, rigorous curricula that will ensure students master concepts needed for future success.

Indiana's proposed "GPS Diploma Plus" includes course credit requirements that create more opportunity to personalize pathways with greater flexibility in how students meet required credits for core subjects. This creates more relevance between students' courses and their chosen career paths.

Students also are allowed to earn credits via compe-

Jeb Bush



tency-based instruction, letting them demonstrate mastery of knowledge and content through projects and site-based learning, not just how much time they spend in a classroom.

The second of Indiana's three focus areas is work-based learning, which refers to educational experiences that integrate academic knowledge and skills with real-world work experiences. Students engage in tasks or projects directly related to their field of study or future career goals. Often associated with more blue-collar internships, work-based learning can benefit all students. Indiana envisions a K-12 continuum that includes career exploration, engagement and experience, giving students hands-on opportunities to learn and develop.

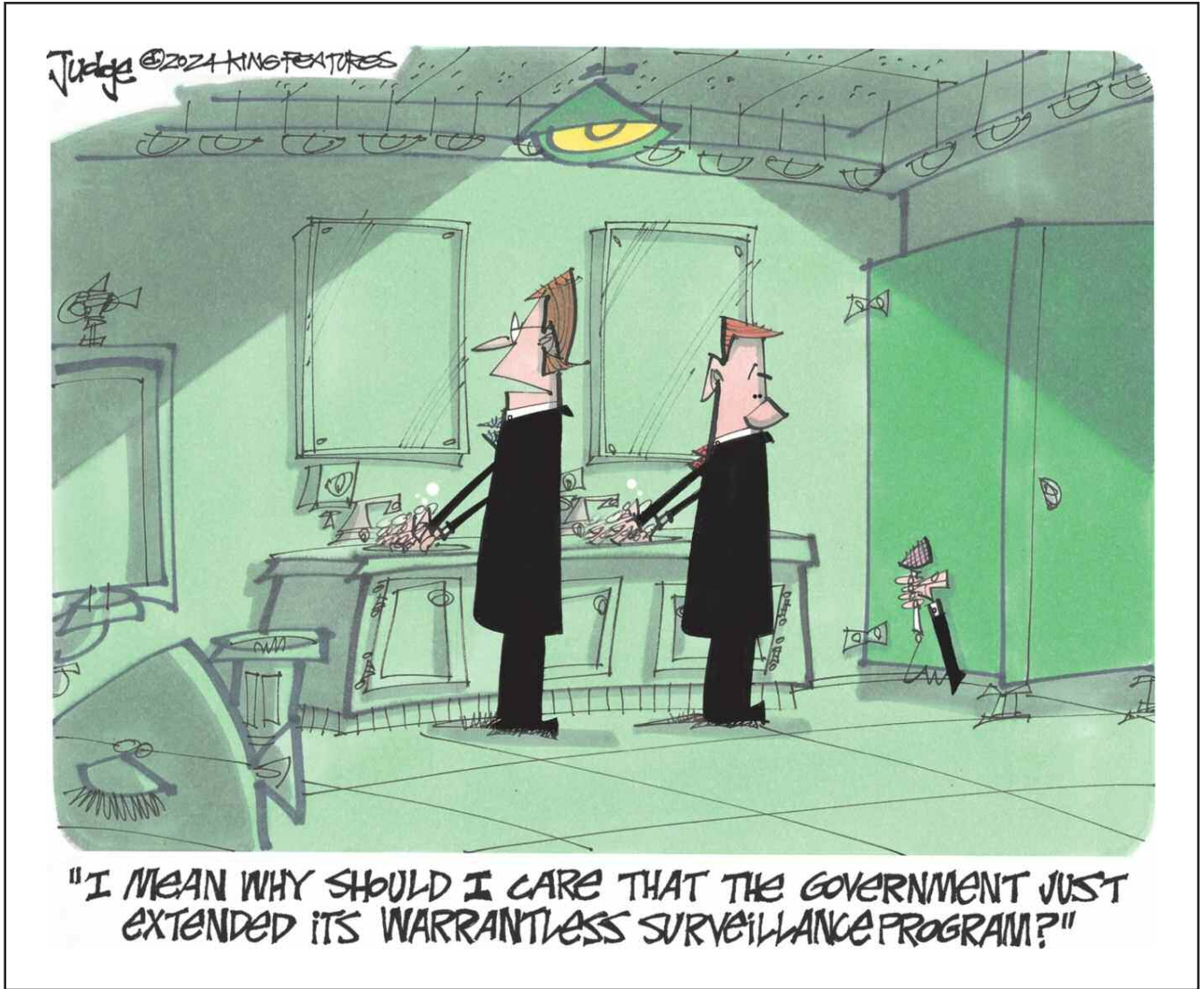
High-value postsecondary credentials beyond high school diplomas are the third focus of the Indiana plan. These industry-recognized certifications validate job-specific skills, boosting graduate employability. Nationally, just 18% of credentials earned are in demand by employers, according to the research project Credentials Matter.

Indiana already has successful partnerships in place in some of its schools, examples that could be replicated in other states. For example, a partnership among multiple school corporations in southwest Indiana and automaker Toyota is exposing students to advanced manufacturing production during their last two years of high school. Seniors get hands-on learning two hours a day, four days a week at a local Toyota facility and get paid for their training hours.

Indiana's path is ambitious. It's the first state to significantly tackle this challenge, with the goal of not just offering new diploma requirements but also ensuring students are getting the skills and experiences they need before they leave high school.

It will take time and collaboration to ensure employers, families, educators, school leaders and students understand the goals of this plan, but I believe the Indiana model will be one for other states to follow in years to come.

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## Diploma changes are confusing

By NIKI KELLY  
Indiana Capital Chronicle  
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It finally happened — I have become my father. Specifically, I find myself talking about how things were when I was growing up. For instance, when I went to high school, everyone got the same diploma and it gave you a rounded knowledge base to prepare you for your future, whatever that may have looked like.

But diplomas have been specialized and complicated in recent decades. In some ways, the Indiana Department of Education's move to streamline Indiana's diploma system will alleviate some of that.

The state would move from four or five types of diplomas to two: Indiana GPS Diploma and GPS Diploma Plus.

State officials and stakeholders also want more kids taking more college classes and getting workplace credentials. It seems Indiana students are having trouble completing high school coursework proficiently and yet we are pushing them to do even more.

But the formula to earn a diploma would still be complex, involving words like pathways, work-based learning and apprenticeships. And slowly, education seems more about training workers than teaching students.

### Pinning too early

My primary issue with the whole debate is that the system wants to pin down students so early in their K-12 careers. You pretty much must know what avenue you want to go down by 8th grade.

How many people knew exactly what they wanted to be at 14 years old? It happens, but it's rare. It is much more logical that you use middle school and even the beginning of high school to learn a vari-

Niki Kelly



ety of things and see what piques your interest. We called those elective courses in my days (the early 1990s, if you must know).

You could take journalism or drama or industrial arts, for instance. I always knew I loved the written word, but my high school journalism class solidified how I wanted to move forward. Other students found that they loved working with their hands.

Nowadays, some of those elective courses might be more technical, such as computer programming and business classes. But the idea is the same — trying a variety of things to find your passion.

Is there even any room for electives anymore? State education officials say the proposed changes would actually allow electives to count toward other credits and make them more of a focus, not less. If so, I applaud that.

I also don't know why, suddenly, young adults can't seem to handle basic tasks. Or at least that's what employers are saying. Going to school itself taught me about showing up on time, completing my work, communicating with others on projects and the consequences of a bad grade when I slacked off. All those things translate into the workforce.

But if they didn't, that's why we had part-time jobs. For me, it was dipping ice cream and ringing up gas sales at a convenience store or selling CDs and, gasp, vinyl records at a music store in the mall.

Why, suddenly, does that need to be part of my diploma?

### Willing to learn

I have read so much on this topic because so many people I respect and admire are telling me this new path is necessary. So, I am trying to be open to the proposals. I know that some students learn better by actually doing an activity or task rather than sitting in a classroom hearing about it.

And I know Indiana is doing nothing different than other states. The Education Commission of the States reports that nearly all states have moved past simple minimum credit requirements to a focus on skills and college and career readiness.

For instance, at least 21 states have identified multiple diploma options or pathways to graduation in state policy:

•At least 46 states and the District of Columbia identify minimum credit requirements to earn a standard diploma.

•At least 44 states and the District of Columbia permit students to substitute specific courses, assessments or other experiences for existing credit requirements.

•At least 34 states require students to complete specific assessments as a graduation requirement.

I am a bit of an old dog, but am willing to learn new tricks. I will keep reading, learning and trying to understand how this will make Indiana students better and more prepared.

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## Extension to lead new collaborative

By NANCY ALEXANDER  
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A developer approaches a local plan commission, seeking approval to locate a wind or solar farm in the community. But the community may not have an ordinance that regulates a commercial solar or commercial wind development. Or, because the technology has changed so rapidly, the existing ordinance needs review and rewriting.

Perhaps a locality is further along, on its way to permitting a renewable energy development. But local officials are unsure how to negotiate an economic development agreement that best serves their community.

Purdue Extension has received a three-year, \$1.9 million award to lead an Indiana Renewable Energy Planning and Technical Engagement Collaborative. The collaborative will be a hub to help Indiana communities with renewable energy planning, evaluation and decision-making.

Purdue Extension was one of six state-based projects that received funding through the Renewable Energy Siting through Technical Engagement and Planning (R-STEP) program. Funded by the U.S. Department of Energy's Solar Energy Technologies Office and Wind Energy Technologies Office, R-STEP supports statewide initiatives that provide expertise, trainings and technical resources to help

### New effort will help help Indiana communities with renewable energy planning, evaluation and decision-making

local governments and communities plan for and evaluate large-scale renewable energy and energy storage projects.

Many renewable energy projects are in rural areas because of the space that commercial solar and commercial wind development require. "A lot of communities are getting approached," says Tamara Ogle, community development regional educator with Purdue Extension. "For many, this is a new land use, and understanding the implications of that land use, as well as what it brings into the community, is really important."

"The way that Indiana works is that local communities can make the decision on their own whether or not they want to have planning and zoning for renewable energy," explains Kara Salazar, assistant program leader for community development with Purdue Extension. "But they need to consider a lot of different factors to decide if and how they want to regulate renewable energy land uses, and it can be challenging for a community to have

all of the expertise locally to guide them through these decisions."

By supporting data-driven, local decision-making, the collaborative will help communities understand the effects of renewable energy development on the local economy, land rights and use, local workforce, and the broader energy landscape.

Communities sometimes ask Purdue Extension how to bring a wide range of viewpoints into their decision-making process. This is especially important in rural communities that don't often see large-scale development, Salazar says. "It's a big decision to make. It's not as much about the technology itself; it's more about how the community is going to look and feel and grow into the future. So when residents and other interested parties who live there and work there are able to help make decisions, you can have the placement of these different types of projects in areas that make sense locally."

"Purdue Extension has been doing this kind of process and

technical assistance work in communities for a long time," Ogle adds. "Our goal is to support informed local decision making — helping them to weigh alternatives and consequences and have the information to make the best decision for their community."

One area in need of attention is Indiana's patchwork of inconsistent local ordinances. The grant will allow Purdue Extension to update the state's ordinance inventory to include the many changes that have occurred since it was compiled in 2021. "The ordinance inventory helps communities and plan commissions throughout the state look at and compare ordinances so that they can craft their own for renewable energy," Salazar explains.

Other help will be hands-on. Landowners and planners alike may benefit from new webinars, site tours of renewable energy projects, workshops, networking opportunities and presentations. Extension is also working with technical experts and planners on a renewable energy guide-

book, fact sheets and web-based resources like case studies. A statewide summit in year three will offer insight into how the collaborative can continue to support communities.

In 2023 the Indiana Legislature approved voluntary guidelines for wind and solar standards that local communities can adopt, and established the Commercial Solar and Wind Energy Ready Communities Development Center as a resource for wind and solar energy development. Through the R-STEP grant, Purdue Extension is working with the Indiana Office of Energy Development to assist communities interested in becoming certified as Commercial Solar Energy Ready, Wind Energy Ready or both.

"The Indiana Office of Energy Development is excited to partner with Purdue University on this program. R-STEP will support local communities in making informed decisions about Indiana's important energy resources, including wind and solar," says Ryan Hadley, executive director of the Indiana OED.

## Factory closures force chicken farmers to switch

Fast Company Magazine

Some U.S. farmers who once raised chickens for Tyson Foods to slaughter are shifting to sell eggs instead after the meatpacker closed six plants, a move that left local suppliers with limited options for work.

In one example, former Tyson suppliers in central Virginia formed a cooperative that will produce cage-free eggs for Indiana-based Dutch Country Organics on a dozen farms, after Tyson closed its nearby Glen Allen plant last year.

In Dexter, Missouri, the world's biggest egg company, Cal-Maine Foods, in March finalized a deal to buy another chicken meat plant Tyson shuttered. Cal-Maine recruited local farmers to produce eggs.

The switch to eggs, which carries high costs, reflects the tough choices former Tyson suppliers around the country must make following the company's 2023 decision to shut plants in an effort to return to profitability in its chicken business after misjudging consumer demand.

Egg farming also comes with risk as lethal bird flu infections have hit laying hens harder than broiler chickens raised for meat. The virus flared up for a third year this spring, resulting in the culling of nearly 10 million hens involved in commercial egg production so far this year. Cal-Maine culled about 1.9 million birds this month after an outbreak in Texas.

### Millions to upgrade

Former broiler growers must spend millions of dollars on barn and equipment upgrades to produce eggs, a notoriously volatile market, 18 poultry producers, government officials and industry experts told Reuters. Last year, egg prices tanked after reaching record highs due to the worst-ever outbreak of bird flu in poultry.

"It's a very expensive investment from the grower," said John Bapties, who is president of the Central Virginia Poultry Cooperative and raised chickens for Tyson for 20 years before the Glen Allen plant closed.

His cooperative is placing hens in barns that formerly housed broiler chickens, and expects to sell cage-free eggs produced by about one million birds to Dutch County Organics within a year, he said.

Farmers needed to replace dirt floors in barns with concrete and install nesting systems for hens, among other costly renovations.

Taylor Lee, a former Tyson grower in DeWitt, Virginia, said he decided against the switch. He will focus on raising crops while keeping his poultry barns empty for now.

"They're painting a pretty picture with that co-op but it's \$2.8 million roughly to upgrade my farm to egg production," Lee said.

### Cage-free eggs

The United States has about 125 million cage-free laying hens, about 40% of total layers, U.S. government data show. More are needed after some states banned sales of eggs from caged hens and restaurants committed to cage-free supplies, Dutch Country Organics CEO Lamar Bontrager said.

"I've been getting calls like crazy," Bontrager said. "Those guys are all concerned of where to procure their eggs."

Former broiler growers offer egg companies an opportunity to expand production because the farmers are already familiar with poultry.

"It's one of the ways that these companies are converting: by grabbing old barns," said Brian Moscogiuri, global trade strategist for Eggs Unlimited.

Tyson declined to comment. The company said last year that 55 broiler growers supplied the Glen Allen plant and that it offered them buyout packages. The plant had about 700 employees.

### Jobs wanted

"While I welcome Cal-Maine's investment in Dexter, it does not right the wrongs of Tyson or guarantee new jobs for the more than 2,000 Missourians now out of one," U.S. Senator Josh Hawley of Missouri said in a statement to Reuters.

David Wyman, Dexter's city administrator, also welcomed Cal-Maine, though it is expected to work with a fraction of the farmers who supplied Tyson. Cal-Maine said it expects to expand over time and that revenue opportunities will be as good or better than farmers had under previous contracts.

Egg farming is generally harder to get into operationally than raising chickens for meat; requires more capital and labor expertise; and carries higher disease risks, said Wendong Zhang, an assistant professor and agricultural economist at Cornell University.

"Due to the closure of the plants and termination of contracts, the switch is in a way a move of necessity," he said.

# HEALTHCARE

## What is Parkinson's disease?

Who hasn't tapped fingers on a desk with anxiety or shook a leg under a table awaiting some sort of news? These motor impulses may seem involuntary, but they largely are under the control of the individual. For a portion of the population, fidgeting and tremors are out of their control, and are hallmarks of a movement disorder called Parkinson's disease.

The Parkinson's Foundation says Parkinson's disease (PD) affects 10 million people worldwide. PD is a progressive neurodegenerative disorder that predominantly affects the dopamine-producing neurons in an area of the brain called the substantia nigra.

Since PD affects the nervous system, various parts of the body controlled by nerves can be impacted by the disease. Symptoms often start slowly and may be virtually undetectable to the average person. The Mayo Clinic says the first symptoms may be a barely noticeable tremor in just one hand. Stiffness or slowing of movement also can be an early marker of the disease. Some people with PD may begin to have expressionless faces and speech may become soft or slurred. Symptoms worsen as the condition progresses.

The National Institute of Neurological Disorders and



Stroke identify these four primary symptoms of PD, though it should be noted that everyone experiences symptoms differently.

- **Tremor:** Shaking often begins in a hand, although a foot or the jaw may be first affected. One tremor characteristic of PD is a rhythmic back-and-forth motion that may involve the thumb and forefinger and appear as "pill rolling." It is most obvious when the hand is at rest.

- **Rigidity:** Muscle stiffness and resistance to movement affects many people with PD. The muscles remain constantly tense and contracted so that a person aches or feels stiff. This rigidity can become obvious when another person tries to move the individual's arm, which will only move in short, jerky movements known as "cogwheel."

- **Bradykinesia:** This is a slowing down of spontaneous and automatic movement. Activities that were once eas-

ily performed now take much longer. There often is a decrease in facial expression, called "masked face." A person with PD may not move his or her arms while walking.

- **Postural instability:** This impaired balance and change in posture can increase the risk of falls. Postural instability also may affect walking gait. Someone with PD may appear to be shuffling.

The cause of PD remains unknown. Scientists believe a combination of genetic and environmental factors are at the root of the disease. There is no cure for PD, although there are treatment options that may help alleviate some symptoms. Currently there is no treatment to slow the progression of PD.

The Mayo Clinic says changes occur in the brains of people with PD. Notably there is the presence of clumps of substances called

Lewy bodies. These Lewy bodies often show a widespread protein called alpha-synuclein, which cells can't break down. Researchers have found alpha-synuclein in the spinal fluid of people who later develop PD.

The Parkinson's Foundation says people with PD take domaminergic medications to replace missing dopamine in the brain. This helps to treat various symptoms. Ongoing research into PD has led researchers to find ways to identify biomarkers for PD that can lead to earlier diagnoses and more tailored treatments.

Various conditions can produce symptoms similar to PD. It is best to discuss any concerns with a doctor. A consultation with a neurologist likely will be recommended. With the right treatment and support, someone with PD can still live a quality life for years after diagnosis.

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**Test your play**

1. You are declarer with the West hand at Three Notrump, and North leads the four of spades. South wins with the king and returns the seven, which you cover with the ten. North takes the queen and shifts to the jack of hearts. How would you play so as to ensure the contract against any distribution of the North-South cards?

West: ♠ J 10 9 5 3, ♥ A 10 8, ♦ 7, ♣ 8 6 5 4. East: ♠ 6 2, ♥ K 9 5, ♦ A K J 10 3, ♣ A K Q.

2. You are declarer with the West hand at the highly ambitious contract of Seven Hearts, and North leads the queen of spades. Assuming the trumps are divided 2-2, how would you play the hand?

West: ♠ A 10, ♥ A Q 10 7 4, ♦ A K J 10 9, ♣ A. East: ♠ 9 7 6 3, ♥ K J 9 8, ♦ 7 2, ♣ Q 10 5.

1. The only way you can be 100% sure of the contract is to play dummy's king and your ace on North's jack of hearts! Now lead the jack of spades to force out the ace, establishing two spade tricks in your hand.

2. Let's assume North wins and makes the neutral return of a club to dummy's queen. You next lead a low heart to your eight. Regardless of how the opponents defend, they cannot stop you from reaching your hand with either the eight or ten of hearts, so you are certain to score two spades, two hearts, two diamonds and three clubs to come to nine tricks.

If you adopt any other line of play, you might make the contract, but you cannot be sure of it. The extraordinary play of the ace and king of hearts at trick three removes all doubt about the outcome.

3. Take the ace of spades, cash the A-K of hearts, lead a diamond from dummy and finesse the nine. If the nine wins, enter dummy with a trump and repeat the finesse. If the diamonds are divided 3-3 or 4-2, you make the contract by discarding three spades from dummy and then ruffing the ten of spades.

It would be wrong to cash the A-K of diamonds, planning to ruff a diamond in dummy. Unless the queen fell under the A-K — less than a 20% chance — it would then be impossible to avoid a spade loser. As opposed to this, a first-round diamond finesse against the queen offers nearly a 50% chance of success.

Note that it would also be wrong to cash the ace of diamonds first and then try the finesse, since you could no longer make the slam if South started with four diamonds to the queen.

Tomorrow: A simple rule of thumb. ©2024 King Features Syndicate, Inc.

**5-3 CRYPTOQUIP**

O YQGRQX MZQTLQ HRVXQJ  
BLZ OYRNZ URGAM HBR SOV  
SJQOZQ CQJUQSZ VQXGQHRJA:

"MNCQJ MZLZSBLV"  
Yesterday's Cryptoquip: I REALLY THINK THAT A PERSON NEVER OUGHT TO PUT ANY TRUST IN ATOMS. THEY MAKE UP EVERYTHING. Today's Cryptoquip Clue: V equals N

**CROSSWORD** By Eugene Sheffer

- ACROSS**
- 1 "Be silent," in scores
  - 6 Pledge
  - 9 Old map letters
  - 12 Sleepy mammal
  - 13 A Gershwin brother
  - 14 Menlo Park monogram
  - 15 Tubular pasta
  - 16 Emmy-winning actress Jane
  - 18 Body art
  - 20 Chaplin of "Game of Thrones"
  - 21 Punk rock offshoot
  - 23 Put on TV
  - 24 Senate broadcaster
  - 25 "The Bourne Identity" director Liman
  - 27 — Park, Colorado
  - 29 Hue and cry
- DOWN**
- 1 Recipe abbr.
  - 2 Hearty quaff
  - 3 Outline spouter
  - 4 Sicilian Greek letter
  - 5 Eighth players' headgear
  - 7 Popular cookie
  - 8 Method
  - 9 Brownstone feature
  - 10 Place for sweaters?
  - 11 Showed again
  - 17 Forest growths
  - 19 Levels
  - 21 College URL ender
  - 22 Swab the deck
  - 24 Middling grade
  - 26 Disembarked
  - 28 Despots
  - 30 — Lingus
  - 32 "Allure" alter-native
  - 33 Ages and ages
  - 34 Wine selection
  - 36 Dern and Linney
  - 38 Terrible
  - 39 Plank
  - 40 "The Natural" character Roy
  - 42 Big celebrations
  - 45 TV remote button
  - 46 "Oops!"
  - 48 British ref. work
  - 50 Tram load
  - 51 "For shame!"

Solution time: 25 mins.

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Yesterday's answer 5-3

**Peanuts**

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**Rose is Rose**

ROSE... MAY I BORROW THAT WHEELBARROW?

I DIDN'T REALIZE THAT I WAS INTERRUPTING...

ROSE'S GARDEN MEDITATION.

**Agnes**

I WILL NOT SIT AROUND AND WATCH THE FOUNTAIN OF MY YOUTH DRY UP AND DWINDLE INTO FIZZLE SPITS.

I WILL SPLASH IN IT! I WILL SATURATE MYSELF! I WILL HAVE NO REGRETS AS I APPROACH THE ARID DAYS OF OLD AGE!

BUT FIRST, A NUTTY BUDDY AND A SHORT NAP-ARONEY.

I'LL BE OVER HERE, BLOWING AWAY LIKE DUST IN THE WIND.

**Hi and Lois**

IT'S LIKE CHRISTMAS CAROLS ON HALLOWEEN...

SUMMER BLOCK-BUSTERS IN SPRING.

DEADPOOL 3 NOW SHOWING

**Between Friends**

NO CAFFEINE... NO CAFFEINE... NO CAFFEINE... STAY STRONG, SUSAN

I'LL HAVE A SMALL DECAF, PLEASE

-AND A SLICE OF LEMON CAKE... A STRAWBERRY DONUT, TWO DATE SQUARES AND AN OATMEAL COOKIE

AND I THOUGHT I HAD NO SELF-CONTROL

**Blondie**

BOSS, SINCE I WON'T SEE YOU TOMORROW, HAPPY EARLY STAR WARS DAY! MAY THE FOURTH BE WITH YOU!

BUMSTEAD, IF YOU DON'T USE THE FORCE TO GET BACK TO WORK, I WILL

THE FORCE IS STRONG WITH THAT ONE

**Snuffy Smith**

WOULD'JA LIKE A HAND WIF YORE GROC'RIES THAR, MIZ TUTTLE?

WHY, THANKEE, SNUFFY, THAT'S SO KIND OF YA !!

AW, SHUCKS, MA'AM !! I'M ALWAYS HAPPY TO HALP !!

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# Sports



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## Haines hits

Jay County High School No. 1 singles tennis player Brenna Haines hits a forehand during her match against Muncie Central's Isabel Quirk on Tuesday. The Patriots senior dropped the first game of the set, but then rallied to beat Quirk 6-1, 6-1 as Jay County secured the 4-1 victory.

## Griffin hired as JCHS AD

By **ANDREW BALKO**

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Alex Griffin served in Jay School Corporation from 2022-23.

He will make a return in 2024, but in a different role than he's ever worked before.

Jay County school board unanimously voted 6-0 to hire Griffin as the next Jay County High School athletic director during a special meeting Wednesday afternoon.

"I truly feel blessed," Griffin said. "I'm glad that after leaving to have an opportunity to come back."

"I'm excited to get to know everybody. Stepping into a new role, with my family too, and becoming more immersed in the community, see what's happening and become part of what makes Jay as great as it is."

JCHS started looking for a new athletic director after being informed on March 19 that Steve Boozier, who currently fills the role, will retire at the end of the school year to go back to Tri-County North.

Chad Dodd led a committee that included board members Phil Ford and Marcie Vormohr as well as three coaches. All but one coach had Griffin as the number one option out of the five candidates interviewed, leading to the suggestion of the \$102,000, two-year contract.

"Alex is a high energy guy, a guy of character and integrity and you know he's going to show up every day and work hard," Dodd said. "I called up his principal at New Castle and asked him about Alex. He told me those similar things and he said 'Even if I would have known that I was



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"I think that speaks to the kind of guy you're getting. I'm excited to have him back and see what he can do in athletics."

Griffin served in the military and worked in ministry before following in his wife's footsteps to get a job in education. He started out teaching social studies to fifth and sixth graders at South Madison Community School and later became the dean of students at Anderson Intermediate school.

He then transitioned to Jay County Junior High School to work in curriculum and assessment from January 2022 until the end of that school year. For the 2022-23 school year, he served as an associate principal at the junior high school.

He took a job as an associate principal at New Castle High School for the 2023-24 school year to be closer to his family before making the decision to return.

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## Arbuckle notches win

About two weeks ago, Noah Arbuckle faltered and failed to get a decision for only the second time in his senior campaign.

He didn't waste any time bouncing back.

Arbuckle, a 2020 Jay County High School graduate, gave up three runs to Marian to lead the Huntington University baseball team to a 13-3 win on Saturday.

The Huntington senior tossed the first five innings, while his offense supported him with 12 runs.

Of the three runs he gave up, only two were earned. The first run scored in the first inning on an error by the Foresters' third baseman. The other runs crossed in the top of the fourth on a fielder's choice and a single.

Arbuckle faced 23 batters in total, giving up six hits and two walks while striking out four batters.

### Maddie Guggenbiller FRHS — 2023

Came up clutch to drive in the winning run for the Defiance College softball team to take down Transylvania 5-4 in a nine-inning game.

The Fort Recovery High School graduate

### Collegiate check-up

was the second batter to come to the plate in the top of the ninth inning. With one out and a provided runner on third, Guggenbiller smacked a double to center field. The hit drove drive in what would be the winning run.

In the fifth inning, Guggenbiller blasted a home run to left-center field to start the scoring.

Guggenbiller also went 1-for-3 in the first game of the double header.

### Crosby Heniser JCHS — 2022

Tossed 1 1/2 innings for the Manchester University baseball team in a 10-0 loss to Heidelberg on Wednesday.

Heniser entered the game in the fourth inning after the Spartans were already down 4-0. He closed out the inning, but gave up four more in the fifth off of four hits and one walk.

Only two of the runs Heniser gave up were earned.

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