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Celebrating '24



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Breanna Dirksen and Ava Daniels place carnations in a vase Sunday during Jay County High School's graduation ceremony. Students entered the gym for commencement with carnations in their hands, with each graduate placing a flower in a vase before walking to their seats.

Jay County High School graduating class hears messages of hope, possibility and thankfulness

By BAILEY CLINE

The Commercial Review

Live each day to the fullest. Keep your mind open to the possibilities.

And remember to give thanks. Jay County High School's Class of 2024 heard those messages Sunday as the community celebrated 208 students who earned their diplomas.

Class vice president Nicholas Lyons referenced the sitcom, "The Office." He noted his favorite episode from the show, which ended in 2013.

"That leaves me thinking, what has been my favorite episode (of high school) the past four years? And I've come to the conclusion that I simply just can't pick one," he said.

He likened parts of life to different episodes and seasons in a television series. Now, he continued, is time for members of the Class of 2024 to think about their lives ahead. Lyons encouraged his classmates to seize every opportunity and live a full life.

"So ask yourself, what will my next episode be?" he asked. "Will I make it meaningful? Will I re-watch it and say, I have no regrets? I hope the answer is yes for all of you ... I wish all the best to my fellow peers in their future endeavors in which that your efforts pay off during this next episode of life."

Lyons mentioned a phrase he learned in German class during his junior year. It translated, he

explained, to mean "money is not everything."

"I encourage you to be rich in something else," he said. "Be rich in love, rich in happiness, rich in friendship and rich in knowledge. Live each day in the moment, focusing on the episode you are living right now, because unlike television, there are no re-winds."

Jay School Corporation superintendent Jeremy Gulley pointed out Sunday marked a milestone for members of the Class of 2024. He referenced various challenges and obstacles — coursework, extracurricular activities, part-time jobs and relationships — many students have had to balance during their time in school.

"It hasn't always been easy, but you persevered," he said. "For that, you should be proud."

Commencement, he continued, serves as more than just a day for celebrating and receiving a high school diploma. It's also a day of thanks, he said as he recognized parents and guardians, veterans and those in active military service, the Jay County community and Jay School Corporation staff who have helped graduates along the way.

"It is good to remember that you have not made it to this day of achievement and celebration on your own," he said. "Your success is shared by many hearts, many hands."

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Braun to take part in pair of debates

By WHITNEY DOWNARD

Indiana Capital Chronicle
indianacapitalchronicle.com

In a Monday morning release, the Republican gubernatorial nominee and sitting U.S. Sen. Mike Braun indicated that he would participate in two general election debates slated for October.

"As a Main Street Entrepreneur, I believe in competition and a spirited discussion about the issues facing Hoosiers, and that's why I have once again agreed to two statewide debates that can be viewed across the state," said Braun in a statement. "I look forward to these two debates and other campaign stops where my Lt. Governor nominee Julie McGuire and I will discuss our Freedom and Opportunity Agenda to improve our schools, reduce crime, and lower the cost of healthcare for Hoosiers."

The first debate will occur on Fox 59/CBS 4 Tuesday, Oct. 1, 2024 followed by a WISH-TV debate on Thursday, Oct. 3. Those two stations also hosted primary debates, relying on company criteria to winnow down the crowded Republican field.

Those same qualifications, if applied to the 2024 general election, could potentially disqualify a third-party candidate like Libertarian Donald Rainwater, who won an historic 11.4% of the general election vote in the 2020 gubernatorial election.

Braun's release explicitly acknowledges a "Democrat opponent" but doesn't mention Rainwater or a Libertarian opponent. Former Superintendent for Public Instruction Jennifer McCormick is on the Democratic ticket.

In a statement, Rainwater confirmed that he had been invited to participate in the Oct. 3 debate with WISH-TV and "expect(ed)" to be invited to the Oct. 1 debate.

McCormick didn't immediately respond to a request for comment.

Milestone in Mexico

By MAYA AVERBUCH

and ALEX VASQUEZ

Bloomberg News
Tribune News Service

Claudia Sheinbaum became Mexico's first female leader in a landslide victory, capitalizing on outgoing President Andres Manuel Lopez Obrador's popularity while also inheriting rampant criminal violence and a large fiscal deficit left by his government.

The former mayor of the nation's capital and candidate for the ruling Morena party won Sunday's election by a margin of at least 30 percentage points, according to the nation's electoral authority. It was a crushing blow for the main opposition led by Xochitl Galvez and further consolidates the party AMLO founded as Mexico's dominant force. Sheinbaum, 61, and her allies

Sheinbaum elected as first female president

also won two-thirds of the seats in the lower house and expect to replicate that success in the senate. Such a supermajority would gift her the power to approve constitutional changes that have eluded AMLO. The peso reversed earlier gains versus the dollar as investors worried about her iron grip on the legislative agenda.

"I want to thank the recognition that the people of Mexico have given to our project for the

nation," Sheinbaum said in a speech after midnight, concluding with a "Viva Mexico!"

Still, the task facing the scientist-turned-politician is daunting.

AMLO, as her mentor is known, allowed drug cartels to expand their influence across Latin America's second-biggest economy, resulting in record murder rates.

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Tribune News Service/Getty Images/AFP/Carl De Souza

Mexico's presidential candidate for the Morena party Claudia Sheinbaum celebrates Monday following the results of the general election at Zocalo Square in Mexico City. Sheinbaum was set to be elected Mexico's first woman president, exit polls showed, a milestone in a country with a history of gender-based violence.

Deaths

David Frasher, 76, Portland
Larry Betz, 72, Greenfield
Details on page 2.

Weather

Jay County had a high temperature of 75 degrees Sunday. The low was 62.

Tonight's forecast calls for a 50% chance of rain with a low in the upper 60s. Rain is expected Wednesday with thunderstorms possible and a high in the upper 70s.

See page 2 for an extended outlook.

In review

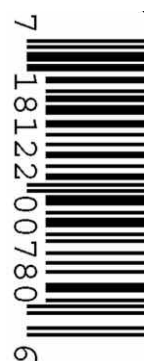
United Way of Jay County and Second Harvest Food Bank will host a tailgate food distribution at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Jay County Fairgrounds. Income verification is not required.

Coming up

Wednesday — Results from the JCHS boys golf team in the sectional tournament.

Thursday — Coverage of this week's Portland Park Board meeting.

Friday — Preview of the Fort Recovery High School baseball team in the state finals.



Obituaries

David Frasher

April 11, 1948-June 2, 2024
David Frasher, age 76, a resident of Portland, passed away on Sunday, June 2, 2024, at his home in Portland.

Dave was born April 11, 1948, in Muncie, Indiana, the son of Eldon and Evelyn (Hatch) Frasher. He graduated from Portland High School in 1967 and married Anita Shultz on June 16, 1967.

Dave worked for Portland Forge, retiring in 2000. He owned and operated D&D Auto in Portland for several years.

Dave was very active in the

community, serving as a member of the Jay County Historical Society, Jay County Visitor and Tourism Bureau, Classic Tent Committee for the Jay County Fair and Welcome Home to Portland Committee. He was a founding member of the Arch Bridge Cruisers.

Survivors include:
His wife — Anita Frasher, Portland, Indiana

Sons — Brad Frasher (wife: Samantha), Portland, Indiana, and Andrew Frasher (wife: April), Portland, Indiana

Four grandchildren and five great-grandchildren

Visitation will be held on Saturday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Williamson-Spencer and Penrod Funeral Home in Portland. Funeral services will follow at 1 p.m. on Saturday at the funeral

home. Pastor Larry Eads will officiate and burial will follow at Gravel Hill Cemetery, west of Bryant.

Memorials may be directed to Stillwater Hospice.

Condolences may be expressed at williamson-spencer.com.

Larry Betz

May 30, 1951-May 29, 2024

Larry E. Betz, age 72, of Greenfield, Indiana, passed away on Wednesday, May 29, 2024, at his residence.

He was born in Portland on May 30, 1951, the son of George and Elizabeth (Myers) Betz. He was married on Oct. 22, 1977, to Cindy Patch who survives.

Larry worked for International Paper and Joyce Dayton. He

had attended Westchester United Methodist Church, was a 1969 Portland High School graduate and also went to Louisville Electric school. Larry enjoyed traveling and riding his motorcycle.

Surviving is his wife Cindy; three sisters, Sally Rathbun (husband: Mike) of Muncie, Mary Knapschafer (husband: Joe) of Portland and Martha Betz of Portland; sister-in-law Susan Hoover of Kansas City, Missouri; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by a sister, Linda Clott; and parents George and Elizabeth Betz.



Betz

Funeral services will be Wednesday, June 5, 2024, at 2 p.m. in the Baird-Freeman Funeral Home with Pastor Joe Hines presiding. Burial will follow in the Gravel Hill Cemetery. Visitation will be Wednesday from noon to 2 p.m.

Memorials can be made to Gideons or choice of the donor. Condolences may be expressed at bairdfreeman.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

Wednesday 6/5	Thursday 6/6	Friday 6/7	Saturday 6/8	Sunday 6/9
79/62	77/58	72/55	76/57	77/56
There's an 80% chance of rainfall on Wednesday when wind gusts will reach up to 20 mph.	Thursday has a slight chance of rain under mostly sunny skies.	Another slight chance of rain Friday, when the high will be in the low 70s.	Saturday's forecast shows a 20% chance of thunderstorms.	Mostly sunny skies on Sunday, when the high will be around 77.

Lotteries

Powerball Estimated jackpot: \$171 million	52-53-62-66-70-71-77 Cash 5: 3-12-14-34-39 Estimated jackpot: \$872,500
Mega Millions Estimated jackpot: \$560 million	Ohio Sunday Midday Pick 3: 4-2-9 Pick 4: 3-3-5-1 Pick 5: 7-6-3-7-1 Evening Pick 3: 9-4-8 Pick 4: 8-7-5-2 Pick 5: 2-4-0-3-0 Rolling Cash 5: 10-19-29-33-39 Estimated jackpot: \$130,000
Hoosier Sunday Midday Daily Three: 6-3-8 Daily Four: 7-9-6-2 Evening Daily Three: 6-6-3 Daily Four: 8-8-2-3 Quick Draw: 1-6-7-10-15-20-21-23-24-25-28-35-39-	

Markets

Cooper Farms Fort Recovery Corn.....4.34 July corn4.37 Wheat5.60	July beans11.86 Wheat 6.35
POET Biorefining Portland Corn.....4.37 July corn.....4.32 Oct. corn4.38	ADM Montpelier Corn.....4.24 June corn4.17 Beans11.78 June beans11.72 Wheat6.29
The Andersons Richland Township Corn4.26 July corn4.26 Beans11.81	Heartland St. Anthony Corn.....4.31 June corn4.31 Beans11.54 June beans11.59 Wheat6.16

Today in history

In 1913, Emily Davison ran in front of King George V's horse on the racetrack during the Epsom Derby. She died four days later. Davison worked for the suffragette movement.

In 1937, Humpty Dumpty supermarket owner Sylvan Goldman invented shopping carts.

In 1975, Angelina Jolie was born in Los Angeles, California. The actress is known for her role in "Girl, Interrupted," "Mr. & Mrs. Smith"

from 2005, "Wanted" from 2008, "Salt" from 2010 and "Maleficent" from 2014.

In 2012, Jay County High School boys golf became the second team in the school's history to advance to regionals after finishing third with a 337 at the sectional tournament hosted by Monroe Central at Hickory Hills Golf Club. The team came in 11th at regionals, scoring 354 at The Players Club tournament hosted by Muncie Central.

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Citizen's calendar

Today
4 p.m. — Jay County Development Corporation, Community Resource Center, 118 S. Meridian St., Portland.
5:30 p.m. — Portland Park Board, council chambers, fire station 1616 N. Franklin St.
6:30 p.m. — Jay County Commissioners and Jay County Country Living Advisory Board of Directors, executive session, auditorium, courthouse, 120 N. Court St., Portland.
6:45 p.m. — Jay County Commissioners and Jay County Country Living Advisory Board of Directors, auditorium, courthouse, 120 N. Court St., Portland.
7 p.m. — Pennville Town Council, town hall, 105 N. Washington St.
7 p.m. — Salamina Town Council, Schoolhouse Community Center.

Thursday
4 p.m. — Portland Board of Works, mayor's office, city hall, 321 N. Meridian St.



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Jay School Corporation superintendent Jeremy Gulley asks parents and guardians to stand Sunday during Jay County High School's commencement. Gulley noted a number of those standing were once students of his own years ago while he was a junior high history teacher. "That warms my heart, it really does," he said.

Celebrating ...

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Gulley commended students for their dedication, focus and perseverance, as well as their accomplishments in the classroom, athletics and extracurricular programs.

"(They) are a testament to your character and a springboard for your leap into adulthood," he said. "We are proud of each and every one of you."

"I want to congratulate you once again on this incredible achieve-

ment," he continued. "You worked hard, you should be proud of what you've accomplished. Remember to never stop learning. Remain curious. Be adaptable. Value community. Love your country. And use your talents to make a difference. I have no doubt that you will go on to do great things, and I can't wait to see what the future holds for each and every one of you."

Lyons left his classmates with one final thought. He referenced Michael Scott, a main character

played by Steve Carrell in the first several seasons of "The Office."

"And remember, even if you're scared because of all the unknowns regarding your future, Michael Scott once admitted, 'I knew exactly what to do, but in a much more real sense, I had no idea what to do,'" he said. "So even if you don't know what to do next, above all else, go out into the world with an open mind, find what you love, do what you love, and do it with your whole heart, just like Michael Scott."

Milestone ...

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He also went on a spending spree toward the end of his mandate, writing out welfare checks that made him a hero to the working poor but left the country saddled with the largest fiscal deficit since the 1980s.

The challenge for Sheinbaum is that she owes AMLO her victory and now needs to tread carefully around his legacy. AMLO has an approval rating of about 60%, meaning he could have easily won the vote if the constitution didn't bar presidents from seeking reelection.

So while Sheinbaum pledged on the campaign trail to follow his vision, she cannot afford to leave a public security crisis to fester. Mexico's largest-ever elections were also the deadliest in its modern history.

Amid a weakening economy, she must also find a

permanent fix for state-owned Petroleos Mexicanos, the world's most indebted oil company, which has become a drag on public finances. Rating firms have already warned that no action could cost Mexico its investment grade.

Sheinbaum's victory represents a vote of thanks to AMLO as much as a vote of enthusiasm for the candidate herself, said Andrew Paxman, a history professor at the Center for Research and Teaching in Economics. "Whether that is enough for her to remain an effective leader remains to be seen, because of this question mark that is her future relationship with congress."

While winning by a large margin will help Sheinbaum push her agenda through congress, a crucial question persists: Will her government be merely an extension of AMLO's or

will she seek meaningful changes to address Mexico's most pressing issues? The prospect of Morena becoming even stronger — coupled with uncertainty about whether Sheinbaum would pursue controversial reforms of the judicial and electoral systems AMLO sought and failed to approve — have investors worried. They would have preferred a robust opposition that keeps her in check.

And even if she decides to make changes, it's uncertain how far she would be able to go. Over his six-year term, AMLO has made profound changes to institutions such as the military, which he turned not only into the most visible security force in the country, but also into a construction behemoth in charge of building and running airports, railroads and other infrastructure projects.

SERVICES

Tuesday

Ellenberger, Sheila: 11 a.m., First Missionary Church, 950 U.S. 27, Berne.

Wednesday

Betz, Larry: 2 p.m., Baird-Freeman Funeral Home, 221 N. Meridian St., Portland.

Saturday

Frasher, David: 1 p.m., Williamson-Spencer and Penrod Funeral Home, 208 N. Commerce St., Portland.

June 15

Weaver, Larry: 10:30 a.m., Akron Community Center, 815 Rural St., Akron, Indiana.

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Making history

Jay County Historical Museum celebrated its grand reopening with a ribbon-cutting May 22. The museum underwent various upgrades with help from donors and a \$25,000 Heritage Foundation grant.

Family member's experience lives on 80 years later

By JAMES FULKS
The Commercial Review

In a mere two days, on Thursday, it will be the 80th anniversary of the largest expeditionary invasion in the modern era of warfare.

For me, this brings back memories of a late family member who was there on that fateful day, which in 1944, fell on a Tuesday.

Gaylord Grubbs was my grandfather's brother's son. He was inducted into the U.S. Army in 1942. He was in North Africa, Sicily and Italy, then was given a brief "break" and ordered to a staging area in merry olde England.

This had the serious ramifications of placing him on a beach named Utah, on a date known as D-Day. Yep, 80 years ago this very Thursday, June 6, 1944.

Gaylord went ashore on Utah Beach onto the coast of Normandy, France.

Miraculously, Gaylord made it ashore amidst withering fire from every conceivable angle and direction. As fate would have it though, later the same day, further inland, he was almost blown apart at his hip/pelvis.

His dog tags were shredded along the edge by the shrapnel he took.

He was returned home to Indiana over six months later, still in a full body cast.

He went on to a full, wonderful life, and founded his business, Indiana Exterminating in Muncie, which he owned and operated until his retirement.

He never walked right again after D-Day, and had one leg shorter than the other, as a result of the severe damage to his hip.

I never heard him complain about it, but I do know he had numerous bouts with health complications from his severe

*Fulksy
Mayhem*



injury, pretty much his entire life, off and on. He still occasionally said he was one of the "lucky" ones from D-Day.

As a young boy, I always thought of him as a genuine hero, and was honored beyond my ability to put into words to be able to attend his Honor Guard Ceremony at his gravesite and to be in uniform to assist in folding and presenting his casket flag on the day in August 1996 when we laid him to rest at Salem Cemetery near Modoc.

Gaylord was there for one of the truly pivotal moments in the entire history of the world.

As the then-junior Stars and Stripes reporter Andy Rooney said of his experience there, "The Normandy invasion was quite simply the most unselfish thing that one group of people have ever done for another."

Today, the Colleville-Sur-Mer Cemetery overlooks the quiet, peaceful, idyllic setting.

There are thousands of white crosses and Stars of David marking the graves of those who fell on that awful day.

The concrete bunkers are still there to this day. One stands at that scene and weeps. Your heart knows and feels what your head just cannot comprehend.

Yes, my friends, Normandy is a sobering place, not to ever be forgotten.

It was an honor to know you, Gaylord.

Contact with daughter stops

DEAR ABBY: Over the course of 12 years, my husband and I have gifted more than \$400,000 in down-payment money to our adult daughter and her husband. Both are now in their mid-40s. I gave them most of this money behind my husband's back.

Recently, my daughter has been pressing me for more money, saying, "good grandparents/parents help their kids." I give them \$1,200 a month in cash and student loan payments, and I have done this for 10 years. I finally told my husband about my deceit, and he is being incredibly forgiving of me. He understands I have insecurity issues, and I worry about losing my daughter's love and contact with our grandchildren.

Two years ago, our daughter told us that due to our "difficult personalities," she needed boundaries, and my husband and I were

*Dear
Abby*



the feeling I'm at fault. Your thoughts? — **BLOCKED IN WASHINGTON**

DEAR BLOCKED: Your only "fault" rests with the fact that you gave your manipulative and ungrateful daughter a LOT of money and concealed it from your husband. You can't make someone love you by buying their affection. (It's either there or it isn't.) As you can see now, doing so was fruitless. Your daughter is using your love for the grands to punish you for not forking over even more. (And she thinks YOU have a "difficult personality"? Wow!) I'm overjoyed that you will be discussing this sorry situation with a licensed mental health professional. It's the surest way I know of to quit blaming yourself and to regain your emotional balance.

allowed to visit only one week a year (they live 3,000 miles away). This came as a shock, since my husband cared for our grandchildren from birth until the family moved away when the kids were 4 and 6. We have traveled with them and thought we were close.

Given all this, I told my daughter I felt manipulated, and I was giving them a two-month notice before ending the monthly contributions. She has now cut off all contact with us — blocked all phones and social media. I'm devastated. I feel hopeless and I am seeking counseling. I can't shake

Community Calendar

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

Today

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.

A BETTER LIFE - BRIANNA'S HOPE — A faith-based recovery group for substance abuse. Meal starts at 6 p.m. and the meeting is from 6:30 to 8 p.m. every Tuesday at the Nazarene Fellowship

Building across from the Nazarene church, 249 E. Center St., Dunkirk. For more information, call Amanda Price at (765) 283-2107.

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS — Will meet at 7 p.m. at Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church, 218 E. High St., Portland. For more information, call (567) 279-8352 or (260) 729-7000.

Wednesday

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

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

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

SINGLES AND SEPARATES SUPPORT GROUP

— For anyone who's lost a loved one or has a spouse living in long-term care or suffering from an illness, the group will meet at 2 p.m. the first Wednesday of each month in the Arthur & Gloria Muselman Wellness Pavilion in Berne. For more information, call Sarah Conrad at (260) 589-4496.

COMMUNITY REINFORCEMENT AND FAMILY TRAINING — A non-confrontational, evidence-based intervention for helping families affected by addiction meets at 4 p.m. each Wednesday in the IU Health Jay Outpatient Behavioral Health Center, Entrance C, 510 W. Votaw St., Portland.

AL-ANON FAMILY GROUP — New Beginnings, a support group for friends and families of alcoholics, will meet at 6:30 p.m. each Wednesday in the Zion Lutheran Church, 218 E. High St., Portland. For more information, call (260) 726-8229.

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

Thursday

SMART RECOVERY — A group for those struggling with addiction that focuses on motivation, coping with cravings, managing thoughts, feelings and behavior, and living a balanced life meets at 11 a.m. each Thursday in the IU Health Jay Outpatient Behavioral Health Center, Entrance C, 510 W. Votaw St., Portland.

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

PORTLAND LIONS CLUB — Will meet the first

Thursday of the month at Portland Lions Civic Center, 307 W. 100 North. The meal will be served at 6:30 p.m. and the meeting will begin at 7 p.m.

FORGET-ME-NOT — A support group for parents, friends and relatives who have lost a baby through miscarriage, birth or illness will meet from 7 to 9 p.m. at St. Vincent Randolph Hospital, Winchester, in community room 1. For more information, call Kimberly Sibery at (765) 964-6075 or Nikki Bosworth at (765) 584-6452.

Friday

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.

Saturday

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

Sunday

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

Sudoku

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

Level: Beginner

Saturday's Solution

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

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Reader says trial had one purpose

To the editor:
This is truly an unusual presidential election.

We have an innocent convicted felon running against a guilty unindicted felon.

I was very interested in what the news service had to say about the conviction in Saturday's paper. It is a shame they only printed part of the story.

They quoted the prosecutor saying, "While the defendant may be unlike any other in American history, we arrived at the verdict in the same manner as every other case that comes through the courtroom doors: by following the facts and law

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and doing so without fear or favor."

One wonders how he kept a straight face when he told that whopper.

Democrat Alvin Bragg campaigned for office on finding some way to get former president Donald Trump. That is not the way our criminal justice system

is supposed to work. He brought the case in the bluest Democrat district in the country with a handpicked Democrat judge whose daughter was using the trial to fundraise for the Democrats. Any honest judge would have recused himself and granted a change of venue.

The judge used a gag order to unconstitutionally silence Trump while allowing witnesses he couldn't mention to be on CNN and MSNBC every day running him down.

They had two days of sex talk from a porn star that had no bearing on the actual charge but the judge would not allow the former

head of the Federal Election Commission to testify on the actual election law.

The No. 3 person in the President Joe Biden Department of Justice left to help prosecute the case.

The Constitution guarantees a defendant the right to know the charges against him. The specific federal crimes the jury needed to find Trump guilty of were never specified, no elements of the crimes were provided to the jury and no evidence that Trump met any of the elements was ever provided. But they found him guilty of some unknown federal crime anyway. And did I mention that

the state court has no jurisdiction over federal crimes?

Even worse, the Supreme Court has ruled that a jury must be unanimous but the judge said they could find Trump guilty of any of four federal crimes and they didn't even have to agree on which one or even say which ones they used.

The conviction will clearly be overturned but probably not till after the election. And, of course, that was the only reason for this show trial — election interference and being able to call Trump a convicted felon.

Stephen Erwin
Portland

Embrace economic benefits of immigration

Star Tribune
Tribune News Service

Immigration has become such a divisive issue that many Minnesotans feel they are being pushed into one of two camps. They are either soft-hearts who empathize with downtrodden people seeking a better life in America or hard-heads who want to defend the nation's economy and laws.

But this is a false dichotomy.

"We don't have to choose between what's good for the economy and being humanitarian," says Jane Graupman, executive director of the International Institute of Minnesota, an important player in refugee resettlement. "They help each other."

Minnesota — and the nation — needs leaders who can recognize that, cut through the ugliness and help us find common ground.

The humanitarian case for helping more refugees and immigrants is clear. The number of displaced people in the world has soared, from fewer than 50 million in 2012 to more than 100 million in 2022, as more countries sank into civil war, drought, corruption and violent crime. One could argue that citizens of countries such as Syria and Venezuela should fix their own problems first. But considering that most are poverty-stricken or displaced villagers facing brutal, armed autocrats, that is neither likely nor compassionate.

The economic argument is equally clear — that is, if anyone pays attention to facts anymore. The financier and former "auto czar" Steven Rattner says that to simply maintain our economic and population growth of the past two decades, the United States would have to accept some 4 million legal immigrants a year, up from roughly 1 million in recent years.

The Congressional Budget Office recently estimated that last year's increase in immigration will add \$7 trillion to the U.S. economy this year and \$1 trillion to federal revenues. Why? Foreign-born Americans are more likely to hold jobs and more likely to start new businesses than native-born residents.

If you don't find statistics persuasive, listen to two prominent Republican governors, Eric Holcomb of Indiana and Spencer Cox of Utah, who have become leading advocates for more immigration.

"Rapidly declining birthrates and accelerating retirements across the United States mean that our states' already-wide job gaps will grow to crisis proportions without more

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[immigrant] families — causing our growth engines to sputter," they wrote recently in the Washington Post.

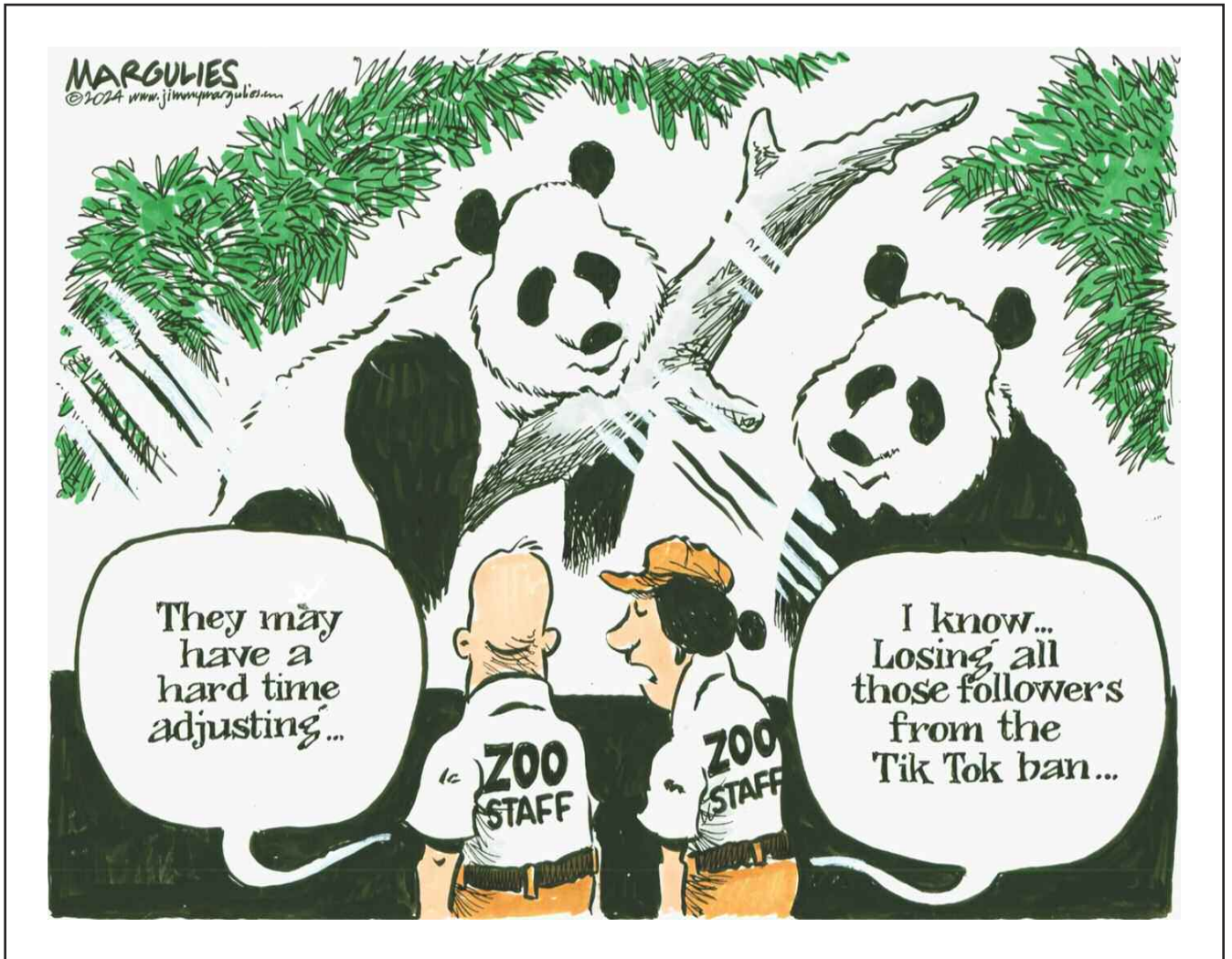
But doesn't immigration depress wages? Common sense says yes, but hard research says otherwise. A series of remarkable studies by the National Bureau of Economic Research has found that immigration actually has a mild positive effect on overall wages. That's because, on the whole, immigrants mostly don't compete directly with native-born workers. Immigrants and refugees, on average, tend to be very high-skilled (think physicians and programmers) or very low-skilled (think landscapers and construction laborers), which means they "complement" the mid-skilled native-born workforce more than they compete with it.

By filling what otherwise would be gaps in the workforce, immigrants allow companies to grow, raise productivity and stimulate economic growth. And don't forget that immigrants and refugees start small businesses at extremely high rates, creating jobs for landlords, vendors and other local businesses.

None of this will persuade folks who are fundamentally offended by the idea that people are breaking the law and we can't police our own borders. Fair enough — the current immigration system is full of flaws.

Here's an idea. Remember Texas Gov. Greg Abbott, who sent planeloads of immigrants to liberal cities such as Chicago and New York? That was a mean-spirited and counterproductive strategy. But what if the federal government stepped in to make it compassionate and productive? Query the governors and mayors with severe labor shortages and then help them integrate immigrants and refugees while making it easier to obtain work permits and other legal documents.

Immigration policy has bedeviled the United States almost since its founding, as the great historian John Higham noted in his book, "Strangers in the Land." But over the decades, Congress has repeatedly found solutions to these problems as they cropped up — generally productive solutions — and there is no reason why it can't now.



It's time to lift 500 blackout

By NIKI KELLY

Indiana Capital Chronicle
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In a rarity since moving here to Indiana in 1996, I got to lay on my couch and watch the Indianapolis 500 live, from green flag to checkered flag. And it shouldn't have taken a four-hour rain delay to make that happen.

It's time to ditch the archaic central Indiana blackout. The Kentucky Derby — similarly the marquee event for its sport — doesn't black it out for Kentucky residents.

Viewership for the rain-delayed Indianapolis 500 was up 8% this year, and 10% over 2022 according to Indianapolis Star's Nathan Brown.

The race averaged 5.34 million viewers across both NBC and Peacock. And with the blackout lifted, Indianapolis led as the No. 1 market. The peak was 6.46 million viewers over the thrilling closing laps.

It's hard to say what caused the spike in viewership.

It could be that one of NASCAR's most popular drivers, Kyle Larson, crossed over to try to run the double: the Indianapolis 500 and the Coca-Cola 600.

It could be that the race was delayed to the afternoon, allowing people to be past church and lunchtime in various parts of the country.

And it could be that a lot of Hoosier fans, like me, got to watch live because the blackout was lifted.

Indianapolis Motor Speedway (IMS) Communications Director Amanda Stanley said there was an exceptional amount of momentum heading into race day led by storylines such as Larson's double attempt and driver Helio Castroneves' bid for a fifth win.

"The NTT INDYCAR SERIES

Niki Kelly



itself is incredibly competitive and challenging, offering more passes for the lead and more potential race winners than its peers. These same elements that contributed to strong ticket sales also translated to strong viewership numbers," she said.

Plenty of factors go into viewership, but the blackout is personal.

IMS reports that about 60% of Indy 500 tickets are sold to someone with an Indiana address, which I have to admit is higher than I expected.

But this idea that IMS must completely sell out of seats or punish local fans is just antiquated. That's especially when central Indiana has supported the speedway in so many ways, including government incentives and subsidies.

A blackout hurts older and disabled fans who can't walk miles from a parking lot and spend hours in the hot sun. For other fans, the financial cost is simply too much.

And this year, the gap between tickets sold and a total sellout seemed minimal at best.

Yes, 5,000 unsold grandstand tickets sounds like a lot. But not when you have 345,000 tickets sold. It's less than 2% from a sellout. The National Football League uses an 85% level to determine a sellout.

If IMS insists on keeping this rule, I suggest setting a reasonable limit: if within 5%, then the blackout is lifted.

IndyCar needs a new generation

of fans. Its attendance has dropped for years with more competition for the entertainment dollar. So, it seems obvious to me that if younger folks could watch it live they might want to go to see it in person.

Gov. Eric Holcomb was asked Wednesday whether the Indianapolis Motor Speedway — owned and led by Roger Penske — should get rid of the blackout.

"I know my lane and it's not in pit lane. I'll leave it to the IMS to determine the best way to connect with fans," he said. "Connecting with fans and growing the fan base, I'm quite confident they're looking at that."

He went on to reminisce about his childhood and the Indy 500.

"I grew up as a little kid at neighborhood picnics in a garage of whoever's number was called listening to it on the radio. That's how I was connected. So, whether you're watching it delayed, you're there in person, listening to it on the radio. I know a lot of my fellow service members in the military, we're getting it via radio feeds around the world. So, there's different ways to connect to it, but they'll have to deal with that."

That sounds amazing, but when is the last time you've seen kids listening to the radio together in a garage? The world has changed and it's time for IMS to change with it.

Try it for a few years. If attendance dips, then reinstate it. But for a sport struggling to find fans, why make it more difficult for Hoosiers to watch the biggest race of the year?

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Kelly has covered the Indiana Statehouse since 1999.

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Ribbon cutting

Jay County Chamber of Commerce hosted a ribbon-cutting ceremony Friday for All 58 Thrift Store. The new facility sponsored by Jay-Randolph Developmental Services is located at 901 E. Water Street, Portland.

Services shift with Graphic change

The shift of The Graphic Printing Company's commercial printing operation to the first floor of the historic Hood Building has temporarily impacted a few of its services.

The services most impacted are numbering, perforating and folding. Plans are in place to restore these services.

All other printing services are available. In the past as well as going forward, The Graphic Printing Company will use many to-the-trade vendors that assist us with projects that we are unable to produce.

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Franks joins

May Financial Group recently announced the addition of Matthew J. Franks to its team.

Jeff Hall, vice president of May Financial, announced the hiring of Franks. He will offer financial planning services for life, annuities, health and employee benefits in Indiana and Ohio.

Deal completed

Dollar Tree announced last week that it has acquired rights for 170 leases of 99 Cents Only Stores in California, Texas, Arizona and Nevada.

The deal was completed by way of two transactions in May and approved by the United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Delaware. As part of the agreement, Dollar Tree also acquires North American Intellectual Property of 99 Cents Only Stores and some on-site furniture, fixtures and equipment.

"As we continue to execute on

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our accelerated growth strategy for the Dollar Tree brand, this was an attractive opportunity to secure leases in priority markets where we see strong profitable growth potential," said Michael Creedon Jr., Dollar Tree's Chief Operating Officer. "The portfolio complements our existing footprint and will provide us access to high quality real estate assets in premium retail centers, enabling us to rapidly grow the Dollar Tree brand across the western United States, reaching even more customers and communities."

Applications open

Indiana Chamber of Commerce is accepting applications for the Indiana Best Places to Work in Manufacturing 2024 awards.

Manufacturers can register for the program at bestplacestowork-manufacturingin.com. For more information, email answers@workforcerg.com or call (281) 602-5004.

The deadline is July 26.

Raising for Kate's

Various area businesses will take part in the Ice Cream Social Fundraiser for Kate's Kart next month.

Proceeds from sales on June 22 and 23 will help to support Kate's Kart, a not-for-profit organization that provides books for children in hospitals. On those days, Kate's Kar will be on hand to provide goodie bags to children.

Participating ice cream shops include:

- Tutti Frutti of Portland
- The Tasty Spoon of Hartford City
- Iceburg Ice Cream of Albany
- Berry Winkle Frozen Yogurt of Muncie
- The White Cottage Sweet Shoppe of Berne
- Toppings Ice Cream and Zesto Ice Cream of Bluffton
- Old 27 Ice Cream Shop of Decatur
- Sophie's Ice Cream of Gas City

Suit filed

Speech First has filed a lawsuit against Indiana University's board of trustees, president Pamela Whitten and other administrators.

The pro-free speech organization's suit alleges that IU's bias incident policy is designed to "deter, suppress, and punish disfavored and controversial speech." The university's website defines a bias incident as "any conduct, speech, or expression, motivated in whole or in part by bias or prejudice meant to intimidate, demean, mock, degrade, marginalize, or threaten individuals or groups based on that individual or group's actual or perceived identities."

"This policy is so overbroad that anything students find offensive can be reported," Speech First said in a press release. "This could include something as simple as asking why the Biden Administration has added 'gender identity' as a protected class under Title IX. Or stating that unchecked illegal immigration will lead to an increase in crime."

Lilly participating

Eli Lilly and Company announced last week that it will

participate in the Goldman Sachs Global Healthcare Conference.

Patrik Jonsson, an executive vice president at the Indianapolis-based pharmaceuticals firm, will take part in a fireside chat during the conference at 4 p.m. June 10. A live audio webcast will be available at investor.lilly.com/webcasts-and-presentations.

Meetings scheduled

The Indiana Office of Energy Development will host a series of meetings as part of the process of planning, designing and implementing a federally funded home energy rebate program.

The office will be seeking public input on the rebate, for which implementation is planned for the fall.

In-person meetings will be held at four locations around the state in May and June. Meetings include 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, June 11, in Indianapolis, and 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, June 25, in Fort Wayne. (Specific locations have not yet been announced.)

"We are seeking engagement with Hoosiers across the state so that we can reach as many qualified applicants as possible when these programs are made available," said Ryan Hadley, executive director of the Indiana Office of Energy Development. "Input is a critical element to ensure we develop a robust and well-run program."

A virtual closing session will be held at 6:30 p.m. June 27.

Cookie returning

Subway announced Wednesday that it is bringing its footlong cookie back to its restaurants nationwide.

"The Footlong Cookie has delighted millions of Americans since their first bites in January,

sparking unprecedented demand over the last several months," said Paul Fabre, Subway senior vice president of culinary and innovation, in a press release. "Subway worked diligently to rush additional Footlong Cookie supply to satisfy cookie cravings at a great value and serve up a footlong dose of happiness this summer."

Subway has sold more than 5 million footlong cookies since the item was first placed on menus in January.

Changes set

Advance Auto Parts announced last week that Bruce Starnes will succeed senior vice president and chief merchant Ken Bush upon his retirement later this month.

Bush is retiring after nearly 20 years with the company. Starnes, who previously worked for Target, will take over his new role on June 24.

"We are very grateful for the many contributions Ken has made to our industry over the past 37 years. He has helped strengthen our merchandising operations and built a talented team within the merchandising organization, making it an optimum time to make a leadership transition. We wish him all the best in his upcoming, well-deserved retirement," said Shane O'Kelly, Advance's president and CEO. "Bruce brings a deep understanding of successful merchandising operations and vendor partnerships as well as a proven track record of results at one of the world's leading retail organizations."

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♠ J 10 7 2
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♦ 9 5 3
♣ 9 8 7 5 4

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♥ Q J 10 6 3
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♣ Q J

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Assume you're in four hearts and West leads the king of spades. You win with the ace and can see four apparently certain losers — one spade, two hearts and a club.

This is, of course, discouraging, because it seems you've bitten off more than you can chew. But, as a conscientious player, you start thinking about how the opposing

cards might be divided that would permit the contract to be made.
After you mull the matter over for a while, it occurs to you that you may actually be able to snatch victory from the jaws of defeat if the opposing diamonds are divided 3-3.

You therefore play three rounds of diamonds, ending in your hand. When both defenders follow suit throughout, you've successfully negotiated the first hurdle. You now move on to the second.

You lead your fourth diamond, discarding a spade from dummy whether or not West ruffs. As the cards lie, it does not matter how the opponents elect to defend:

1. If West discards, East has the choice of ruffing with the ace or discarding. In either case, you eliminate the spade loser and make the contract.

2. If West ruffs the diamond with the seven, you're still in good shape. This is because, as soon as you regain the lead and play a trump, the A-K come tumbling down together. Here, too, you lose only the ace of clubs and two trump tricks.

Tomorrow: The first step tells the tale.
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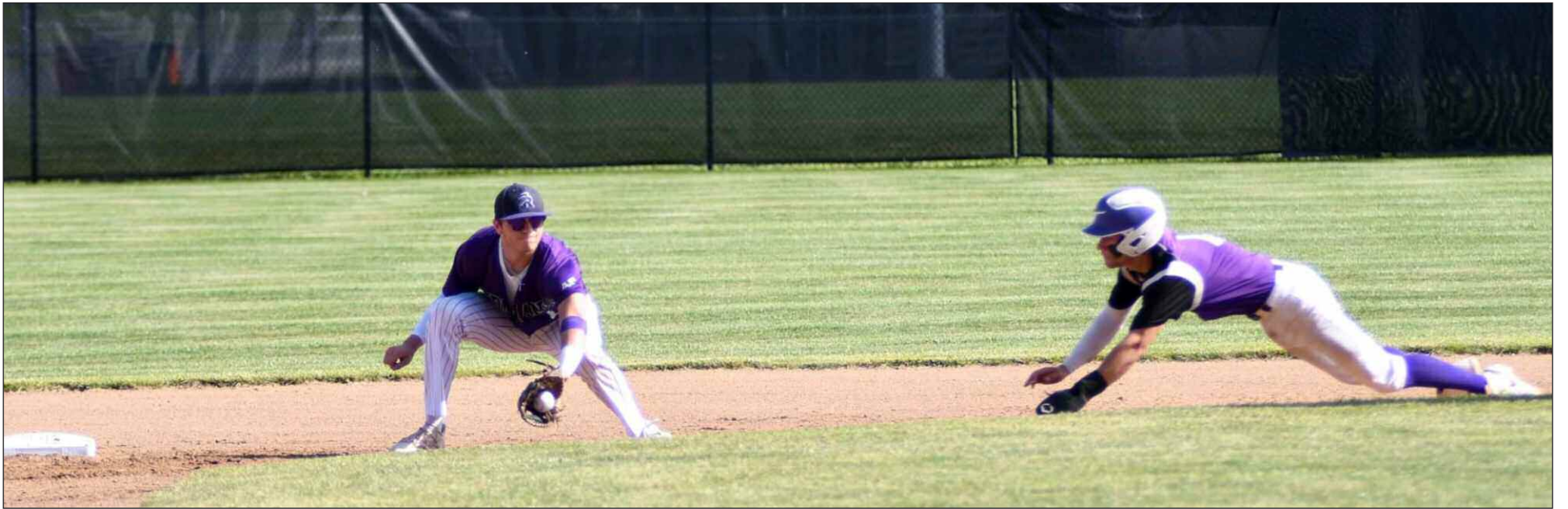
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Smith and Swanson would combine beautifully on the Americans' opening goal. With South Korea's defense packed in, Naomi Girma took her time and fed Smith, who played a sublime one-touch flick for Swanson to race on to. Swanson got to it and smashed the ball past Kim Jung-Mi for the opening goal.
Swanson's second goal came in the 74th. Substitute Rose Lavelle sprung her with an inch-perfect through ball, and Swanson was just as precise with the finish.

Davidson's goals were her second and third in 58 U.S. appearances — which, means she'd scored just one in her previous 57 matches. It was a goal that came back in 2018. However, Macario served up the first corner kick in this game, and Swanson the second.
The first one came after a classic piece of U.S. high pressure: Smith stole the ball off centerback Hong Hyeji, raced away, then squared for Swanson, who let it roll to Horan for a 20-yard blast that Kim dove to punch away.

Second-half moves
Hayes had six substitutions to play with, and she used them all. The first was a right back swap to start the second half, with Casey Krueger entering for Emily Fox.
The 61st minute brought a quadruple-swap: Jaedyn Shaw for Smith, Sam Staab (making her U.S. debut) for Davidson, Lavelle for Macario, and Crystal Dunn for Rodman. Swanson went to the striker spot, and Dunn played at right wing after years of playing left back.
It got a lot of attention when the roster announcement for

this month listed Dunn as a forward, the position she used to play for the national team — and where she has long played for clubs, as well as in midfield at times. Hayes said a few days later that she already knew well what Dunn could do at left back, so she wanted to see Dunn in an attacking role.
Dunn on the right flank was a bit surprising. Even when she plays attacking positions, she usually does so on the left side.
Korbin Albert was the last entrant, replacing Horan in the 71st minute. Albert was

roundly booed by fans who remained offended by her transphobic social media activity in the past. She apologized in March after criticism from high-profile figures including current and former U.S. players, led by Megan Rapinoe, Sam and Kristie Mewis, and Lynn Williams.
Six players did not play: Morgan, backup goalkeepers Casey Murphy and Aubrey Kingsbury, versatile defender Emily Sonnett, and young midfielder Hal Hershefelt (who's in her first U.S. camp) and Lily Yohannes.



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Caught stealing

Fort Recovery High School second baseman Sage Wendel receives a throw from Riggs Tobe to catch a Leipsic baserunner attempting to steal second base in Friday's district championship game. After beating the Vikings 5-1, the Indians earned a trip to the state tournament in Akron, where they will face off with Hillsdale for a chance at the Division IV title game.

Dixon ...

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Ericsson finished second, followed by Dixon's teammate, Marcus Armstrong, Kirkwood and Alexander Rossi.
"Going into this weekend after the month we had, it was tough mentally," said Ericsson, who was involved in a first-lap accident in the Indy 500. "That month of May was draining. We worked so hard and got so little, but I think the whole group has really come together well. We all talked together and said let's reset. The car felt great all sessions really and today we showed in the race that we had the pace to fight up front all day. It was not an easy race, so everyone did good decisions to get us on the podium."

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—Marcus Ericsson

And, on all the wrecks?
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Armstrong earned his career-best finish in his second season.
Kirkwood felt he had a shot at a win.
"It's hard to say you're disappointed with a fourth," Kirkwood said. "We led a lot of laps and had a really good shot of winning this race. Obviously, Dixon got a little lucky with the cautions

that came out. I was happy with the 27 Auto Nation car. It was a strong all day and it gave us a shot at winning this thing."
Will Power finished sixth, followed by Pato O'Ward in seventh.
Herta started from the pole in his No. 26 Gainbridge Honda for Andretti Global and led the first 31

laps, building close to a three-second lead on Team Penske driver Scott McLaughlin, who crashed into the tire barrier on Lap 32.
Rain drops soon followed with drivers allowed to continue in rainy conditions on a street course with them opting to go to rain tires.
On Lap 37, Herta was sliding around during the caution and entered the pits for rain tires.
Some drivers stayed with their regular tires, including Linus Lundqvist in his No. 8 Honda for Chip Ganassi Racing, Kirkwood—Herta's teammate—and Dixon—Lundqvist's teammate, along with Ericsson.
On Lap 41, racing resumed, and Kirkwood

overtook Lundqvist for the lead with Dixon taking third.
Herta's chances of a victory came to an end on Lap 46 after yet another caution, when he failed to navigate a turn and went into the runoff, crashing into the tire barrier, causing the sixth caution of the day.
It didn't take long for the cautions to come out with Power colliding with Arrow McLaren rookie Theo Pourchaire on the opening lap, forcing a six-car pileup, including O'Ward who finished second in last weekend's Indy 500.
Power and O'Ward had to play catchup the rest of the day. And, they did a great job to finish in the top 10.

Sports on tap

TV sports	Local notes	Races coming up	Outing scheduled
<p>Today</p> <p>8 p.m. — International friendly women's soccer (TNT)</p> <p>8:30 p.m. — NHL playoffs: Edmonton Oilers at Dallas Stars (TNT)</p> <p>8:40 p.m. — MLB: Cincinnati Reds at Colorado Rockies (Bally Indiana)</p> <p>Wednesday</p> <p>3:10 p.m. — MLB: Cincinnati Reds at Colorado Rockies (Bally Indiana)</p> <p>7:30 p.m. — College track and field: Men's outdoor championship (ESPN2)</p> <p>8:30 p.m. — College softball tournament (ESPN)</p> <p>9:40 p.m. — MLB: San Diego Padres at Los Angeles Angels (FS1)</p>	<p>The 42nd annual Cancer Association of Darke County/Annie Oakley Golf Tournament is set to take place on July 22 at Turtle Creek Golf Course in Greenville, Ohio. Lunch will be served at 11:15 a.m., with a shotgun start to follow at 12:15 p.m.</p> <p>All proceeds will go to the Cancer Association of Darke County.</p> <p>For additional information or an entry form call (937) 548-9960 or email director@cadcf.org.</p>	<p>The Adams County Challenge has two races scheduled for June.</p> <p>On June 8 at 8 a.m., the Youth for Christ 5K will start at Ceylon Covered Bridge outside of Geneva. Participants can register online at bigjawsfc.org/event/5k for \$20. A t-shirt is included for those who register before June 1.</p>	<p>The annual City of Portland Mayor's Golf Outing has been scheduled for Friday, June 14, at Portland Golf Club.</p> <p>Registration for the event will be held from 11 a.m. until 11:45 a.m. on the day of the outing. A meal will also be provided for the four-person teams at this time. Registration is limited to the first 20 teams and must be completed by June 10 and submitted to 321 N. Meridian St., emailing mayorsoffice@thecityofportland.net or calling (260) 726-9395.</p> <p>Golfing will begin with a shotgun start at noon. Those interested can also sponsor the event. It cost \$150 to sponsor a hole, \$200 to sponsor a team and a meal or \$300 for to sponsor a team, a meal and hole sponsorship.</p> <p>To have an event listed in "Sports on tap," email details to sports@thecr.com.</p>

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Sports

Beiswanger leads Cougars

Lyle Beiswanger didn't score a goal in the opening week.

After week No. 2, he leads the entire division.

Beiswanger was the only player to score more than one goal to lead the Wild Cat Division of Pennville Soccer Club on Saturday.

Beiswanger found the net five times to lead the Portland Insurance Cougars to a 5-1 victory over the POET Biorefining Cheetahs. Liam Thompson netted the sole goal for the Cheetahs.

Both of the other games ended in 1-1 ties.

Camden Vinson scored the only goal for the Penrod Monument Jaguars in their draw with the WPGW Lions. Charlee Peters found the back of the net for the Lions.

The Jaguars also were involved in the other tie, this one against the Pennville General Store Tigers. Gabrielle Gibson scored this time around for the Jaguars, while the Tigers' point came from Kendrick Teegarden.

Carreno leads

Neymar Carreno led the Pennville Soccer Club Space Division with three goals on Saturday.

His efforts combined with two scores from Liam Phipps and one by Jonas Westfall to help the Bro Shadow Meteors take down the Dave's Heating and Cooling Asteroids 6-1.

Laney Thompson scored the only goal for

Local roundup

the Asteroids in the game.

Raul Martinez made the difference in the Vinson Rental Properties Galaxy's 1-0 victory over the New Beginnings Holiness Church Rockets.

The day opened with a 1-1 draw between the Asteroids and the Ohio Valley Gas Stars. Addi McClain found the net for the Asteroids, while Vinny New provided the Stars' offense.

Hornets split

The Patriots Sports-wear Hornets split a pair of games on Saturday in the Stinger Division of Pennville Soccer Club.

The Hornets opened the day with a 3-1 win over the AgBest Express Bees. Raelyn McClain scored twice for the Hornets and Lance Gentis provided the other goal. Phebe Love gave the Bees their only point.

Later, the Hornets suffered a 4-2 defeat to the hands of the A Place to Grow Wasps.

McClain and Aiyana Thomas provided the offense for the Hornets. Mabel Leonhard led all scorers with three goals for the Wasps. Their other goal came from Kenna Penrod.



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State appearance

Natalie Brunswick competes in the 1,600-meter run at the OHSAA Division III state track and field finals on Friday at Welcome Stadium in Dayton, Ohio. Brunswick finished 17th with a time of 1 minute, 24.71 seconds, in her first individual state appearance.

Hayes opens USWNT tenure with victory

U.S. women's team beats South Korea 4-0 in Hayes' first game as manager

By JONATHAN TANNENWALD
The Philadelphia Inquirer
Tribune News Service

COMMERCE CITY, Colo. — Emma Hayes' tenure as U.S. women's soccer team manager got off to a roaring start on Saturday, as Mallory Swanson and Tierna Davidson each scored twice to power a 4-0 win over South Korea.

Swanson scored with sharp finishes in the 34th and 74th minutes, and Davidson got her head to a pair of corner kicks in the 38th and 48th. The U.S. outshot South Korea 15-4 overall, including 9-1 in shots on target.

Surprises right away

With the Olympics starting next month, Hayes doesn't have much time to change how the U.S. plays, or who's a part of the team's core. This was the first of just two games before she selects her Olympic roster with the second game coming Tuesday against South Korea in St. Paul, Minnesota. (8 p.m., truTV, Universo, Max, Peacock).

But Hayes made two small tweaks in her first starting lineup that got plenty of attention. The first was moving Catarina Macario back to an attacking midfield role, instead of the forward job she's traditionally had.

That freed up a spot on the front line, and Hayes used it to start Sophia Smith at striker instead of at right wing where she'd been for a while. Smith is naturally a striker, but how the U.S. has played over time gave her plenty of opportunities to cut in from the right and shoot.

Starting Smith centrally also allowed Swanson and Trinity Rodman to start as the wingers, a big-time combination of attacking thrust — and the first time those two and Smith all started together.

Perhaps that might have happened sooner had Smith and Swanson not endured injuries last year. But it rightly got attention, with an extra dose because of who it left out: Jaedyn Shaw and, most significantly, Alex Morgan. Shaw was a second-half substitute, but Morgan did not play at all.

Hayes said Morgan didn't play because of some pelvic pain she felt in the days before the game, and said she expects Morgan to play on Tuesday.

Smith, Swanson and U.S. captain Lindsey Horan are all from the Denver suburbs and got huge roars from the packed crowd of 19,010 when they were introduced in the starting lineup.

Colorado connection

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Scott Dixon wins Detroit Grand Prix

By DAVID GORICKI

The Detroit News
Tribune News Service

DETROIT — Scott Dixon avoided the chaos on the narrow, tight, bumpy 1.7-mile, 9-turn course on the streets of downtown to win the Chevrolet Detroit Grand Prix on Sunday afternoon.

Detroit always has been kind to Dixon, who won on Belle Isle in 2012, '18 and '19 and now adds an impressive victory in a race which returned on the streets of downtown last year.

Dixon, 43, a six-time NTT IndyCar series champion (2003, '08, 2013, '15, '18, 2020), also took the points lead (216-198) over his Chip Ganassi teammate Alex Palou in his No. 9 PNC Bank Honda.

Yes, Dixon and Honda played villain to race sponsor Chevrolet with the first four finishers running in Hondas. Alexander Rossi of Arrow McLaren was the top Chevrolet driver, finishing fifth.

So, what made this win so special for Dixon, who started fifth?

"It's just always the variables, trying to stay out of trouble, trying to keep the car on track," Dixon said. "We had rain all over the track out there, and you're not really sure how the transitions are going to fall or even the strategies."

So, did Dixon enjoy winning on yet another venue in Detroit?

"The new one feels awesome man," Dixon said. "It's cool. It's a new venue and it's gone back to his-

toric years of downtown city racing. I want to say a huge thanks to all the fans. Any win is special, but it's kind of cool to win at two different places."

The race had nine cautions for 47 laps in the 100-lap event.

It was Dixon's 58 th career win, putting him just nine shy of A.J. Foyt's record 67.

Palou, the defending race champion and defending series champion as well, had his chance of victory come to an end when Team Penske driver Josef Newgarden, who repeated as Indy 500 champion last weekend and running fourth with 30 laps remaining, clipped Kyle Kirkwood's No. 27 Honda, causing Palou to slow down behind them.

Palou finished 16 th, forcing him to lose the points lead.

Newgarden's mishap sent out the ninth caution with 47 laps run under yellow or more than half of the race at the time.

Newgarden's No. 2 Hitachi Astemo Chevrolet later would hit the wall, causing left rear damage and forcing him to the pits. He finished 26 th in the 27-car field.

The final 27 laps were run under green, and Dixon was fantastic, avoiding mistakes and making a pass on Colton Herta out of Turn 3 with five laps remaining to punch his ticket to Victory Lane, as Herta was trying to slow him down so his Andretti Global teammate Marcus Ericsson could close in on him.

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