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Home destroyed

By BAILEY CLINE
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A fire destroyed a rural Ridgeville home Sunday afternoon.

Flames started on the porch at 1620 W. 850 North and spread throughout the rest of the home, fully engulfing the structure along with its attached garage and two vehicles.

A liquid propane tank also exploded at the property.

Saratoga-Ward Township Fire Department responded to the call at 3:33 p.m. Sunday. Several other fire departments from Jay and Randolph counties — they included fire departments based out of Portland, Redkey, Salamonina, Ridgeville, Union City, Farmland, Winchester, White River Township and Liberty Township — and emer-

Firefighters from Jay, Randolph spent nearly seven hours on scene

gency medical services also assisted at the scene. Firefighters spent almost seven hours at the house, which was totally destroyed.

Saratoga-Ward Township Fire Department Fire Chief Steve Martin pointed out hot weather Sunday, when the temperature rose to 91 degrees in the afternoon and evening. He noted firefighters took turns combatting the fire and staying hydrated amid the high heat.

The occupants of the house — their names were not released to The Commercial Review as of press time — made it out safely. The property is owned by Joyce and William Caylor, according to Randolph County's Global Information System.

Officials are still looking into the cause of the fire. Martin said the case is being investigated by the Indiana State Fire Marshal.



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Firefighters work amongst the rubble at the scene of a fire Sunday afternoon at 1620 W. 850 North, rural Ridgeville. The fire destroyed a house and a garage.

Indiana GOP will get a new leader

By NIKI KELLY
Indiana Capital Chronicle
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For the second time in a year, the Indiana Republican Party is looking for a new leader.

Chairwoman Anne Hathaway informed the Indiana Republican State Committee on Friday she will be stepping down effective upon the election of her successor. Executive Director Joe Elsener is also resigning.

"From day one, Joe and I made it clear that we would commit to serve through the primary and then transition to new leadership. The timing is right having just concluded our 2024 State Convention, and I look forward to working with Senator Braun and the members of our Republican State Committee to select our next chair," Hathaway said in a statement.

She has served for 10 months after former Chairman Kyle Hupfer left to lead Brad Chambers' campaign for governor. Gov. Eric Holcomb tapped Hathaway and she was the first woman to serve in that role.

With her departure, U.S. Sen. Mike Braun — the defacto leader of Indiana Republicans after winning the GOP gubernatorial nominee — will choose a successor: Members of the state committee have to confirm Braun's pick and will hold a vote on June 24.

Hathaway will remain one of Indiana's two Republican National Committeemen, alongside new appointee Victor Smith.

"It has truly been my honor to serve the Republican Party in this capacity for the last 10 months. When Governor Holcomb asked me to serve as Chairwoman, I was both humbled and excited. I have truly enjoyed working with Republicans from all 92 counties to strengthen our grassroots," Hathaway said.



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Winning wave

Cierra Gaerke waves to parade-goers along Butler Street on Sunday afternoon while riding on one of the Win on the Wabash super raffle vehicles during the Fireman's Parade as part of the Fort Recovery Harvest Jubilee.

U.S. envoy seeks to calm tensions

By ALISA ODENHEIMER
Bloomberg News
Tribune News Service

U.S. diplomat Amos Hochstein has traveled to the Middle East in a bid to ease tensions between Israel and Hezbollah, which are threatening to spiral into a full-blown war across the Lebanese border.

Hezbollah has traded fire with Israel almost daily since the Oct. 7 attack by Hamas militants on the south of the country, which triggered the ongoing conflict in Gaza. Both groups are

Conflict threatening to spill over Lebanese border

backed by Iran and designated as terrorist organizations by the U.S.

Hochstein, who has visited Israel and Lebanon several times in recent months to try and mediate a resolution, will meet Prime Minister

Benjamin Netanyahu, Defense Minister Yoav Gallant and President Isaac Herzog, according to Israeli officials. He will also hold talks with opposition leader Yair Lapid before going on to Beirut, the Yediot

Ahronot newspaper reported Monday.

Hochstein confirmed he is in Israel on Monday. The U.S. and France are leading efforts to broker a deal to ensure Hezbollah and Israel don't go to war.

Hochstein is planning to meet Benny Gantz, chairman of the opposition National Unity Party, a spokesman for the party said. Gantz joined Netanyahu's emergency government following the Hamas attack in October, though resigned last week after criticizing the prime

minister's strategy and accusing him of not doing enough to secure the release of hostages held in Gaza.

Netanyahu is now, as expected, dissolving the three-member war cabinet that was formed when Gantz joined the government, an Israeli official confirmed. The prime minister will continue to consult with a small number of participants, Ynet reported, without saying where it got the information or who they would be. See **Tensions** page 2

Deaths

Anita Ellington, 88, Dunkirk
Details on page 2.

Weather

Jay County had a high temperature of 89 degrees Sunday. The low was 59.

An excessive heat warning is in effect for the county through 8 p.m. Friday. Highs are expected to be in the 90s all week, including 97 Thursday, with lows in the 70s.

See page 2 for an extended outlook.

In review

Arts Place's Hudson Family Park Amphitheater Concert Series kicks off Thursday with a performance by Phil Dirt and the Dozers at 8 p.m. The concert will feature rock 'n' roll classics. Payne's Food Truck and Mrs. P's Kitchen will be on hand for the event. For more information, call (260) 726-4809 or email jcc@myartsplace.org.

Coming up

Wednesday — Coverage of this week's Jay School Board meeting.

Thursday — Coverage of the Jay County council/commissioners joint session.

Friday — Coverage of this week's Portland Board of Aviation meeting.



State has highest failure rate

Obituaries

By MIA HILKOWITZ
Indiana Capital Chronicle
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Indiana has the highest failure rates for its driver's license test in the U.S., with more than 1,362,100 Hoosiers failing the test from 2020 to 2023, according to a recent USA Today report. The inability to pass the test can harm residents in Indiana, one of the most car-dependent states in the country.

"Everybody gets the idea, 'well, I'll just go in there and take the test,'" said Mike Clouse, president of the Indiana Driver Education Association. "Everyone who does that, most of them do not pass it."

There are two tests Indiana residents must pass to receive their driver's license: a written knowl-

edge test and an in-car driver's skills test.

Residents must pass the written knowledge test to apply and renew their learner's permit. USA Today reported that 43% of test takers from 2020 to 2023 passed this knowledge test.

Hoosiers also need to take an in-car driving test, which assesses a driver's ability to safely operate a vehicle, use defensive driving habits and park. 80.4% of test takers passed the skills test.

The Indiana Capital Chronicle contacted the Indiana Bureau of Motor Vehicles on June 4 requesting data and comment but agency officials did not respond by publication.

Rep. Becky Cash, R-Zionsville, has heard her constituents and co-workers talk about struggling to pass the written test, even if they have driver's licenses in other states. She said some Hoosiers take the test up to six times before they're able to pass the test.

"I'll talk to people my own age and they'll say, 'oh my gosh, I moved here from Massachusetts, and I nearly failed the Indiana test when I moved here' or 'I failed it the first time and I've been driving for 25 years,'" Cash said.

People who recently moved to Indiana from another country or are trying to renew an expired license or have six or more points on their driver record also have to

take the written test. If someone moves to Indiana from a different state and needs to renew their license, they must also take this test. The test consists of multiple choice questions on traffic maneuvers and types of traffic signs, and test takers must get 80% or higher correct answers to pass the exam.

Cash also said some people may face additional barriers to taking the written test. For instance, she said her daughter, who has a learning disability, struggled to take the test on the BMV's computer. She failed the test twice on the computer before being offered a paper copy, which she passed the first time.

Anita Ellington, Dunkirk, Nov. 19, 1935-June 16, 2024. Services will be at 1 p.m. Wednesday at Williamson-Spencer and Penrod Funeral Home in Portland.

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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.

CR almanac

Wednesday 6/19	Thursday 6/20	Friday 6/21	Saturday 6/22	Sunday 6/23
94/71 June 19th will be partly sunny with a high temperature around 94 degrees.	97/72 Mostly sunny on Thursday, when the high temperature may hit a sweltering 97.	97/72 Another scorcher expected Friday, with highs in the upper 90s.	94/73 Another day of mostly sunny skies on Saturday. The low at night will be a moderate 73.	88/67 There's a chance of rain and thunderstorms. Otherwise, mostly cloudy.

Lotteries

Powerball Estimated jackpot: \$44 million	60-69-70-71-74-76-79 Cash 5: 6-7-27-32-33 Estimated jackpot: \$152,000
Mega Millions Estimated jackpot: \$61 million	Ohio Sunday Midday Pick 3: 8-7-4 Pick 4: 9-0-2-9 Pick 5: 1-7-6-5-5 Evening Pick 3: 5-4-3 Pick 4: 0-6-7-1 Pick 5: 7-6-6-9-7 Rolling Cash 5: 7-11-13-15-32 Estimated jackpot: \$110,000
Hoosier Sunday Midday Daily Three: 4-2-5 Daily Four: 7-2-7-2 Evening Daily Three: 4-8-4 Daily Four: 0-1-2-9 Quick Draw: 2-8-22-24-32-37-38-41-42-44-51-55-58-	

Markets

Cooper Farms Fort Recovery Corn.....4.35 Oct. corn4.38 Wheat5.02	July beans11.74 Wheat 5.70
POET Biorefining Portland Corn.....4.39 July corn.....4.34 Aug. corn4.40	ADM Montpelier Corn.....4.35 July corn.....4.35 Beans.....11.55 July beans11.50 Wheat5.52
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Today in history

In 1429, Joan of Arc led the French Army against the English at Patay, France.

In 1812, the War of 1812 began when President James Madison signed a declaration of war against Great Britain in response to frustration of British maritime practices and support its support for Native American resistance to U.S. western expansion.

In 1977, Betty A. Binegar, 49, and her son, John R. Binegar, 22, of Portland died when the vehicle they were in hit another vehicle at the intersection of county roads 400 North and 350 East.

In 1979, the Strategic

Arms Limitation Talks II (SALT) treaty was signed by President Jimmy Carter and Soviet leader Leonid Brezhnev. It was aimed at limiting the manufacture of missiles capable of carrying nuclear weapons.

In 2006, Katharine Jefferts Schori became the first woman to be elected presiding bishop of the Episcopal Church.

In 2021, a tornado ripped through northeast Jay and southwest Mercer counties, leaving a swath of destruction in its wake. No injuries were reported, but about two dozen homes and many more outbuildings were damaged.

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Citizen's calendar

Today 9 a.m. — Jay County Council and Jay County Commissioners, auditorium, courthouse, 120 N. Court St., Portland. 5:30 p.m. — Jay/Portland Building and Planning Inter-local Joint Board, Community Resource Center, 118 S. Meridian St., Portland.	Wednesday 4 p.m. — Portland Board of Aviation, airport, 661 W. 100 North. Thursday 5 p.m. — Redkey Town Council, park cabin, 200 S. Mooney St. 6 p.m. — Redkey Town Council special meeting, park cabin, 200 S. Mooney St.
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Fire Ops 101

Portland Fire Department hosted its first Fire Ops 101 training for local and state officials and media personnel Saturday. Pictured above, Duane Monroe — he's the Republican nominee for the south district Jay County Commissioner seat up for election in November — Portland Board of Works member Steve McIntosh and Portland attorney Greg LeMaster carry a mannequin onto a Jay Emergency Medical Service ambulance Saturday. Participants experienced live fire suppression, search and rescue, vehicle extrication and a cardiac arrest event simulation.

Felony arrests

Drug possession

An Ohio woman was arrested Saturday for possession of methamphetamine.

Tonya N. Malinousky, 50, 211 S. Main St., West Manchester, was preliminarily charged with possession of methamphetamine.

mine, a Level 6 felony. She was being held on a \$4,000 bond in Jay County Jail.

Dependent neglect

A Pennville man was arrested Friday for neglect of a dependent. Dustin L. Tuel, 38, 120 N. Water St., was preliminarily charged with a

Level 6 felony for neglect of a dependent, along with a Class C misdemeanor for possession of paraphernalia and a Class B misdemeanor for disorderly conduct. He was being held on a \$4,500 bond in Jay County Jail.

Tensions ...

Continued from page 1
Hezbollah rockets and drones have caused significant damage and casualties in Israel in recent months, and authorities have evacuated tens of thousands of residents from towns and villages in the north of the country. Israel has responded with air strikes and artillery fire into Lebanon, and assassinated several leaders of the group. Its strikes have killed hundreds of people in Lebanon, most of them members of Hezbollah.

"Hezbollah's increasing aggression is

bringing us to the brink of what could be a wider escalation — one that could have devastating consequences for Lebanon and the entire region," Israel Defense Forces spokesman Daniel Hagari said Sunday. "Israel has a duty to defend the people of Israel. We will fulfill that duty."

Israel is demanding that Hezbollah withdraw northward, away from the border, but the Islamist group has said it won't negotiate without a cease-fire in Gaza, which remains elusive.

SERVICES

Today

Gaerke, Janet: 10:30 a.m., St. Peter Catholic Church, 1477 Philothea Road, Fort Recovery.

Wednesday

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

Thursday

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

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Vocational scholars

Six Fort Recovery High School students received \$500 Fort Recovery Vocational Scholarships. Pictured above are scholarship recipients (front row) Austin Hartnagel, Evan Keller and Brett Lauber, and (back row) Hunter Hummel, Abe Siefring and Wes Bechtol.

The award is presented to seniors taking a vocational program through Fort Recovery High School. To become eligible for the scholarship, the student must be nominated by their employer, teacher, or guidance counselor and show an interest in pursuing secondary education at a college, university, or technical school. Students may also apply if they are entering the workforce and are in need of certain tools required for their job or are starting their own small business.

Stubbornness led to stinging

By JAMES FULKS

The Commercial Review

Since it's well into hay cutting season, here's a story that is testament to a slower and simpler era of hay cutting.

This is a true story from my youth near Ridgeville in the summer of 1978.

Many years ago, I was privileged to work on an antique-filled farm.

On this farm we had magical antiques kept in tip-top shape and still maintained in full working order.

We had two working steam engines, a sawmill, several antique steel wheeled tractors and two teams of draft horses, a team of oxen, and one team of mules.

Now, for anyone who knows anything at all about mules, you know, they are very strong, good workers in the harness, but they have one character flaw.

They have a stubborn streak a mile wide.

When they decide to stop, they stop, and they simply won't go until they decide they are ready to go.

One very warm, humid morning, the farmer's son and I were getting ready to mow hay with the old McCormick-Deering ground propelled sickle bar mower.

We hooked up the team of mules to it that morning and he took off around the perimeter of the field to be mown, to cut it in.

Somewhere along a fence row, in the shade, the mules decided to stop for a break.

Unfortunately they stopped after stirring up a ground nest of big carpenter (bumble) bees.

What transpired next, looking back, was one of the funniest things I ever saw in person.

At the time, I can assure you it wasn't a bit funny.

Fulksy Mayhem



The bees decided they were not a bit amused by the intrusion, so the boss bee came out, surveyed the intruders and whistled for his pals to "c'mon out and join the fun!"

In a matter of seconds, those mules decided that stubbornness was not the thing to be doing at that moment, and they took off.

Now, to anyone familiar with a ground-propelled 1920s era McCormick-Deering sickle bar mower, you know they are designed to operate at a slow, methodical pace, a rate of forward progress that mules being attacked by bees exceeded by a good margin.

The faster they went, the more parts began disassociating themselves from the mower, now operating at a frantic pace that it quite simply was never designed to operate at. The farmer's son was hanging onto the seat and reigns for dear life, but thankfully when he did lose his seat, he fell off behind the mower bar and was just bruised up a bit. The mules finally stopped, and he and I walked that field for hours picking up parts that the old antique mower had shed during its high-speed run.

We got the old mower back together and it was still fully functional for years afterward.

That memory of the mules taking off at a dead run and the mower shedding parts as it came apart is one I'll take to my grave.

Mules are a stubborn lot, but bees can get them moving in a hurry.

Flirty manager bothers employee

DEAR ABBY: I am single, never married. A male manager at my job is divorced. After a few weeks at the job, I realized we were both single. I have been here for about a year. This manager is flirty and appears to be into me. He acts a lot like my brother-in-law, who I don't get along with, so I have tried to avoid the situation. I don't want to date anyone who reminds me of my brother-in-law.

This manager complained to a second manager last month about his impression that I don't like him. I need this job because it's one of the few I have found with good health insurance. Now I have to interact with the manager in the hope that he no longer assumes I

Dear Abby



hostile to this manager and acting like you are interested in him. Be professional, cordial and businesslike. If he makes a move on you or asks to see you outside of business hours, tell him you do not socialize with fellow employees. However, if he continues after that, be sure to document it. Then tell the other manager that you are uncomfortable and that this situation is creating a hostile working environment.

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

don't like him, but it's really awkward.

I doubt it would go well if I point out my suspicion that this guy is into me. I suppose he might just be a flirt who hits on lots of girls or someone who doesn't realize they're flirting with their team members. What can I do? — NEEDS THE JOB IN THE WEST

DEAR NEEDS: There is a middle ground between being openly

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.

JAY COUNTY PASTORS AND CHAPLAINS — Meet at 11:30 a.m. on the third Tuesday of each month in the chapel at Indiana Uni-

versity Health Jay Hospital.

BRYANT COMMUNITY CENTER EUCHRE — Will be played at 1 p.m. each Tuesday.

FRIENDS OF JAY COUNTY LIBRARY — Will meet at 6 p.m. the third Tuesday of each month at the library.

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 MORN- ING 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.

COMMUNITY REIN- FORCEMENT 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.

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.

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.

Sudoku

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

Level: Beginner

Saturday's Solution

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

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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Legislature should deal with issues

Kokomo Tribune
Tribune News Service

The U.S. Drug Enforcement Agency and President Joe Biden's administration are moving to downgrade marijuana from a Schedule I to a Schedule III controlled substance.

This change signifies a softening in how federal law enforcement views marijuana, a drug that's already been legalized in some form in most states.

Without legal recreational or medical use, Indiana is an outlier among Midwestern states when it comes to marijuana. It's a hot topic, but not one that will be discussed by Indiana lawmakers during the upcoming interim committee meetings.

Hoosier Editorial

Pot has been left off the agenda, though the federal push to ease restrictions and classification of marijuana signal that legalization could be on the horizon.

State lawmakers have studied marijuana in past committees, yet many GOP officials have declined to pursue legalization either medically or recreationally until more federal guidance was issued. Gov. Eric Hol-

comb has declined to support legalization while marijuana remains illegal at the federal level. But recent years have seen a more bipartisan push on the topic, and Hoosiers continue to favor legalization of marijuana.

The 2023 Hoosier Survey conducted by Ball State University shows 54.2% of respondents believe marijuana should be legal for recreational and medical use, and 32.2% support legalization for medical use only. Just 9.8% of respondents stated it should not be legal for any use.

"The findings are similar to last year's findings in that Americans and Hoosiers have shifted dramatically on their

attitudes toward marijuana," said Chad Kinsella, director of the Bowen Center for Public Affairs and a political science professor at Ball State. "Many states have recently legalized marijuana, including neighboring states like Ohio in 2023."

Complicating the matter, Indiana doesn't have provisions for ballot access for voters. Even a million signatures wouldn't be enough to get a question on the ballot as to whether marijuana should be legal in some form in Indiana. Thus, we have to depend on state lawmakers to make a decision, which they have failed to do because any legislation on legalization quickly dies during session.

Indiana retailers are already

selling marijuana-related products such as Delta-8 and CBD. The federal government is signaling the potential for decriminalization if not legalization of marijuana. Indiana has ridden the fence for long enough on the topic. This summer would be a perfect opportunity for Indiana lawmakers to hear testimony and debate on legalization ahead of the 2025 session.

Medicaid and AI are certainly worthy topics for upcoming study committees. Marijuana is also an issue that should be addressed. If lawmakers don't want to deal with the elephant in the room, then they should consider provisions to allow Hoosiers to vote on legalization.

Crypto industry needs regulation

By **BRIAN CARSS**
OtherWords

A recent bill passed by the House of Representatives claims to regulate the cryptocurrency industry and protect consumers. But the bill is a Trojan horse designed by an industry flush with cash — the real kind.

The Financial Innovation and Technology for the 21st Century Act is the cryptocurrency industry's big attempt to win favors from Washington. Put simply, it would exempt crypto assets and platforms from the definition of "securities," meaning that the Securities and Exchange Commission's power to regulate crypto would shrink dramatically.

The SEC has been the cornerstone of protecting small investors since the 1930s, when it was created in response to the pre-Depression stock market crash. Instead, crypto wants to be regulated by the Commodity Futures Trading Commission, an obscure agency with much less capacity to enforce the law.

The potential impact should not be taken lightly. The FBI reported in 2023 that over \$4 billion was lost due to investment scams. Another recent report showed that more than 90 percent of stablecoin transactions are fake. And the myth that crypto is a means to financial inclusiveness is just that.

If any industry ever needed more oversight, not less, it's the crypto business. But that's not what the bill would do.

The crypto industry has consistently misled lawmakers during the process by using obscure crypto industry jargon and exaggerated promises of "innovation" to dress up policies that are simply new ways to avoid effective oversight and legitimize risky industry practices.

"This bill, if enacted, would close the purported crypto regulatory gap with a wrecking ball instead of a modest patch, damaging financial regulatory safeguards for all Americans, not just crypto consumers," said Mark Hays, senior policy analyst at Americans for Reform. Hays also fears the bill would also create a roadmap for other industries, namely Wall Street, to evade regulatory oversight.

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Brian Carss



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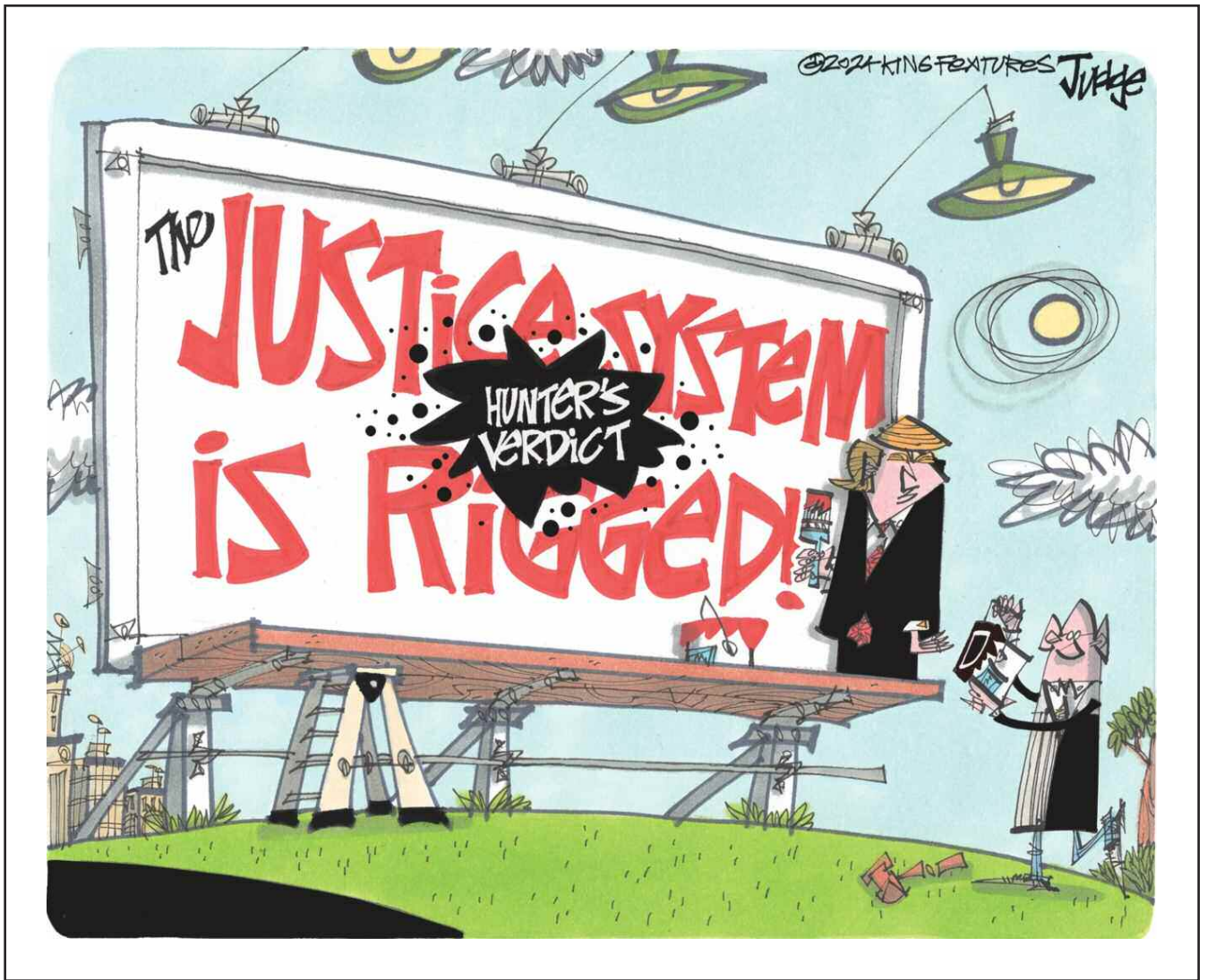
the process. Crypto has spent a shockingly large amount of money lobbying and pushing candidates to embrace their policy goals in exchange for support. Crypto Super PACs have spent over \$100 million this cycle.

Lawmakers will no longer have consumers' best interests at heart if they become captive to the crypto industry. But in the recent crypto vote, 71 Democrats, who are generally more crypto skeptical than their Republican counterparts, joined Republicans in helping this bill pass the House. That shows the power the lobby has over lawmakers despite the opposition from consumer and labor groups, state regulators, several federal agencies, and the Biden administration.

Voters will have to call on Congress to resist the urge to fall for the industry's false claims, flashy public relations, and political pressure. Lawmakers should hold the industry to the same standards as everyone else. Why should crypto investors receive less protection than others? The industry's record shows that's not a risk worth taking.

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Jury experience inspires faith

By **JILLAIRE MCMILLAN**
The Fulcrum
Tribune News Service

The conviction of Donald Trump on 34 counts of falsifying public records is the latest news in a series of historic events over the course of an extraordinary election year. With this verdict and the reality of a former president campaigning while facing dozens of additional felony counts, there is a lot of news coverage of America's courts. Can we trust the courts to do justice to this highly politicized environment? Can a jury of peers be counted on to deliver a fair and impartial judgment?

In February I served on a jury for the first time. Experiencing a trial firsthand and being one of the people responsible for deciding another person's fate gave me greater appreciation for the justice system and for the citizens who make it work.

On that morning, 68 people responded to the summons, some driving 45-60 minutes across my rural Colorado county to the courthouse. I was one of 12 potential jurors randomly chosen for a round of jury selection, during which we were asked questions about being impartial. I began thinking how challenging it would be to be impartial in a highly publicized case, such as one involving Trump. I can understand why some cases are moved to different locations to avoid jurors who may be familiar with news or people in the case. Where could they possibly find a jury who hasn't heard of Donald Trump?

Now that I've been in the jury box, I realize what a big responsibility it is and, based on my experience, I believe jurors take it seriously. I realized the gravity of the responsibility as I participated in the process of the trial. Was it like TV courtrooms? A little bit. What you don't see on TV is all of the teaching.

Jillaire McMillan



The judge clearly spelled out our duties and explained the laws relating to the case and how to view evidence versus what is said by the attorneys, all before the trial could even begin. These instructions informed, prepared and empowered me to fulfill my role as an impartial arbiter. After the prosecution and defense rested, we received even more instructions. The judge carefully explained each charge, the laws that applied, and what a guilty or not guilty verdict must rest on.

Then my fellow jurors and I deliberated. As the foreperson, I made sure each person in the group had a chance to ask questions and voice opinions. If one person wasn't in agreement, we paused, asked more questions and listened. Our main task as jurors was to listen, and we did a lot of it.

As the group reached a consensus, we made sure the verdict for each charge was unanimous. As the foreperson, I had to sign my name to the group's decision. At my request, my fellow jurors looked over my shoulder to ensure

my signature went on the correct lines. I felt the weight of my signature's responsibility but also knew that my fellow jurors were standing in solidarity with me. We were near strangers who had come to a unanimous decision.

I watched with great interest as the jury was selected for New York's criminal case against Trump. This jury of his peers was responsible for listening to the judge's instructions, the evidence, the witnesses and each other as they deliberated. I now see how this is an effective system. As I served I saw my fellow jurors — among them a beauty shop owner, a commercial truck driver, a nonprofit director and a graduate student — do their best to act with integrity as they spent the day making the justice system work. No single attorney or judge gets to deliver a guilty verdict or an acquittal. A jury of peers makes the decision.

After the Trump decision, some have attacked the ordinary people who accepted the summons to serve as jurors. Of course, jurors are human beings, so there are occasions when they get it wrong. However, because of my experience serving on a jury, I have faith in my fellow citizens and in our system of justice. As the time comes for other high-profile cases to be decided for or against former President Trump, I hope we will feel greater confidence in our fellow citizens as jurors and in the judicial system we all participate in.

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McMillan is the director of volunteers for Mormon Women for Ethical Government.

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—Thomas Jefferson

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Coopers finalists for regional award

The leaders of a local company have been named as award finalists.

Jim and Gary Cooper of Cooper Farms are finalists for the Entrepreneur Of The Year 2024 Michigan and Northwest Ohio Award.

The Coopers are part of a pool of 34 regional entrepreneurs that were selected by an independent panel of judges. They were evaluated for “demonstration of building long-term value through entrepreneurial spirit, purpose, growth and impact, among other core contributions and attributes.”

“My brother Jim and I are honored to be nominated for this prestigious award,” said chief operating officer Gary Cooper. “When Jim and I joined the company 50 years ago, we never could have guessed where it would be today. We’re happy to be maintaining Cooper Farms as a family owned and operated company that continues to grow.”

Regional award winners will be announced Thursday and will be considered for the Entrepreneur Of The Year National Awards.

Workshop set

Jay County Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring a leadership workshop from 9 a.m. to noon Thursday, June 27, at Community Resource Center.

The Fusion: Leading Multi-generational Teams event will cover social, political and economic influences that shape the attitudes of individuals across generations. It will focus on improving leadership and communication skills.

For more information, or to register, visit shafersleadership.com/fusion-jay-county.

Jay County Chamber of Commerce will also host ribbon-cutting ceremonies for a couple of new businesses.

Welsh awarded

The DAISY Foundation recently honored Jennifer Welsh of Adams Medical Group with The DAISY Award For Extraordinary Nurses.

Welsh works with pediatrician Dr. Adam Will at Adams Medical Group Berne. She has worked in the community for three years.

A nomination submitted by a patient referred to Welsh as “always kind and helpful in all that she does and treats every child like they were her own. She truly makes a difference for each patient every day by going above and beyond to make sure their needs are met.”

“Jennifer exemplifies the meaning of serving patients with kindness and compassion as she lives it every day,” said Adams Medical Group chief operating officer and nursing officer Chris Butler in a press release. “Her contribution as a nurse at Adams Medical Group Berne and to our community reminds us of what a difference a nurse can make every day.”

Building planned

Purdue University’s board of trustees has approved plans to build a new academic success building on its Indianapolis campus.

The build near the intersection of West Street and Michigan Avenue will include about 248,000 square feet. It will feature new classrooms and laboratories and residential and dining space.

“Purdue University in Indianapolis is heavily focused on experiential learning and immersing ourselves into the community,” said David Umulis, senior vice provost Purdue University for Indianapolis, in a press release. “The Academic Success Building will create a welcoming arrival to the Indianapolis campus and serve as a thrilling way to provide our students, the Indianapolis area and our partners from around the globe

Business roundup

with cutting-edge learning environments, study spaces, residential space and eat-in accommodations all under one roof.”

Drug backed

A U.S. Food and Drug Administration advisory panel voted unanimously to back Eli Lilly’s experimental Alzheimer’s drug donanemab.

The panel agreed that trial data shows the drug was effective for patients in the early stages of Alzheimer’s. Its vote clears the way for the FDA to make a final decision on the drug.

“We really are pleased that the advisory committee recognized donanemab’s strong positive benefit risk,” Dawn Brooks, Lilly’s development leader for donanemab, told Reuters after the vote.

Raising for Kate’s

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

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 Kart 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

Tips offered

Indiana Michigan Power offered tips for summer energy savings with high temperatures climbing into the 90s.

Tips from the electricity provider include:

- Proper air conditioning maintenance, including cleaning the outside compressor with a garden hose and trimming nearby vegetation.

•When purchasing a window air conditioner, finding one that is the correct size for the home.

•Keeping furnishings away from floor or air return vents and properly utilizing ceiling fans.

For additional advice, visit ElectricIdeas.com.

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Tribune News Service/Solugen Inc.

Pictured is a rendering of Solugen’s new 500,000-square-foot Bioforge Marshall facility, slated to open in Marshall, Minnesota, in 2025. The Department of Energy on Thursday announced a tentative \$213 million loan for Solugen Inc. to construct the facility.

Minnesota corn-sugar plant gets federal loan

By WALKER ORENSTEIN

Star Tribune
Tribune News Service

The federal government is financing a large manufacturing plant in southwest Minnesota that will turn corn sugar into chemicals usually made from petroleum.

The Department of Energy on Thursday announced a tentative \$213 million loan for Solugen Inc. to construct its 500,000-square-foot facility in Marshall.

At the plant, which Solugen calls a “Bioforge,” the company will manufacture organic acids for use in concrete, cleaning, agriculture, energy and other industries the DOE says are hard to cut carbon emissions from.

DOE said the project will trim emissions by 18,000 metric tons of carbon dioxide per year compared to making chemicals from fossil fuels, which is equivalent to emissions from 3,500 U.S. homes.

The agency said Solugen would also help bring industrial production back to the U.S. for chemicals largely

produced in other countries, including China.

“We’re very excited ... to catalyze many different sectors within the broad umbrella of clean energy,” said Chris Creed, chief investment officer for DOE’s loan office. “This transaction is going to help reduce greenhouse gas emissions versus the business-as-usual case for the chemicals market for a lot of in-demand manufacturing needs, and that’s very cool.”

Solugen will get corn sugar from an Archer-Daniels-Midland (ADM) corn-processing facility next to its Bioforge in Marshall. Solugen plans to process that dextrose into chemicals that end up in packaging, food, medicine, fertilizer, water treatments and more.

Solugen executives said the federal loan gives confidence to traditional banks for future projects and to equity investors to continue backing the company.

“The rates are tremendously lower than I think a company like ours could get on the open market,” said CEO Gaurab Chakrabarti.

Creed said Solugen must repay the

loan with interest, but after the agency scrutinized the company’s business plan, it’s confident the Marshall project will be profitable.

The Texas company’s flagship plant opened in Houston in 2021. The operation in Marshall would be far bigger and is the first of several Solugen hopes to build.

The new plant is expected to create up to 100 jobs during construction and 56 jobs at the facility once it’s up and running in 2025, earning praise from the mayor of Marshall and others.

Solugen hasn’t disclosed how much it will cost to build the plant, but said the loan will cover more than half. Chief Technology Officer Sean Hunt said Marshall has the “lowest cost, the highest quality and the lowest carbon-intensity corn in the world.”

As electric vehicles and other technology rely less on liquid fuel, Hunt said Solugen can help find “new outlets for corn that’s not just animal feed or ethanol.”

The project has all its permits and has broken ground, Solugen said.

E dealer program is nixed

By BREANA NOBLE

The Detroit News
Tribune News Service

All Ford Motor Co. dealerships in the United States will be able to sell its electric vehicles effective July 1 with the automaker’s decision to sunset its voluntary Model e certification program.

The change will double the number of U.S. Ford dealers eligible to sell EVs to 2,800. The initiative launched in 2022 required dealers on average to invest hundreds of thousands of dollars in charging stations, training and other equipment to support consumer education and sales and service of EVs. Dealers that didn’t make the required investments wouldn’t be eligible to sell EVs.



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June 26, 2024	Monsters, Inc	Shorts
July 3, 2024	Madagascar	The Parent Trap
July 10, 2024	Hercules	Aliens in the Attic
July 17, 2024	Home	The Pacifier
July 24, 2024	Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs	Daddy Day Care
July 31, 2024	Open Season	Mary Poppins
August 7, 2024	Lilo & Stitch	Rio 2

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SPEED BUMP

Dave Coverly



THE FAMILY CIRCUS

By Bil Keane



"I love wakin' up every morning now and remembering that there's no school."

Contract Bridge By Steve Becker

Tiny strokes fell great oaks

South dealer. East-West vulnerable. NORTH: ♠KQ, ♥83, ♦6542, ♣A7532. WEST: ♠8752, ♥A954, ♦QJ1087, ♣-. EAST: ♠963, ♥QJ1062, ♦K, ♣J1084. SOUTH: ♠AJ104, ♥K7, ♦A93, ♣KQ96.

The bidding: South 1 NT Pass, West 2 NT Pass, North 3 NT. Opening lead - diamond queen. Assume you're declarer in three notrump and West leads the queen of diamonds. East plays the king, which you can't afford to duck, so you take the king with the ace. It would be easy to go wrong at this point by playing the king of clubs at trick two, which seems the normal thing to do. If you did that, you'd go down regardless of how you continued. East's J-10-8-4 of clubs would stop you from making the contract.

Peanuts



Rose is Rose



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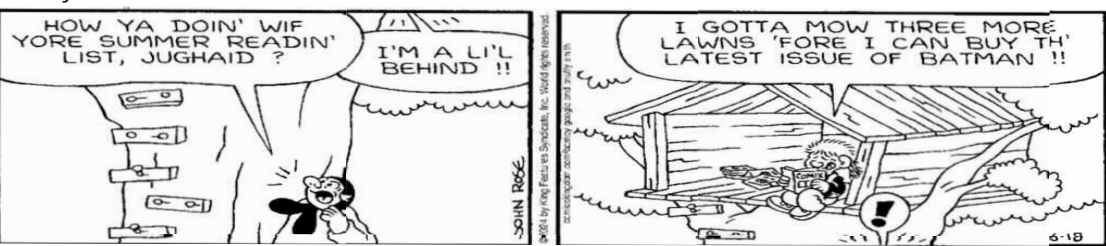
Between Friends



Blondie



Snuffy Smith



Beetle Bailey



Unlucky, you might say, and in one sense you'd be right, since the chance that East could have that holding is only five percent. However, if you gave the matter more serious thought, you'd realize that you could have made three notrump. All you had to do was to lead the six of clubs to the ace at trick two, and you would have made four club tricks instead of three to wrap up the contract. (You can't make five club tricks against best defense because the spades and clubs will become blocked). The reason leading the six to the ace is the right play is because it enables you to score four tricks in the suit if East started with all four clubs, while the same is not true no matter how you initiate the suit if West started with four clubs. You could argue, as previously mentioned, that the chance of East being dealt all four missing clubs is too remote to be considered. But the indisputable fact is that it can never cost you the contract to play the ace first. Since there's a possibility - however small - that playing the king first might do you in, you should lead the six to dummy's ace at trick two.

Tomorrow: Bridge is a partnership game. ©2024 King Features Syndicate Inc.

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CRYPTOQUIP

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Today's Cryptoquip Clue: Z equals L

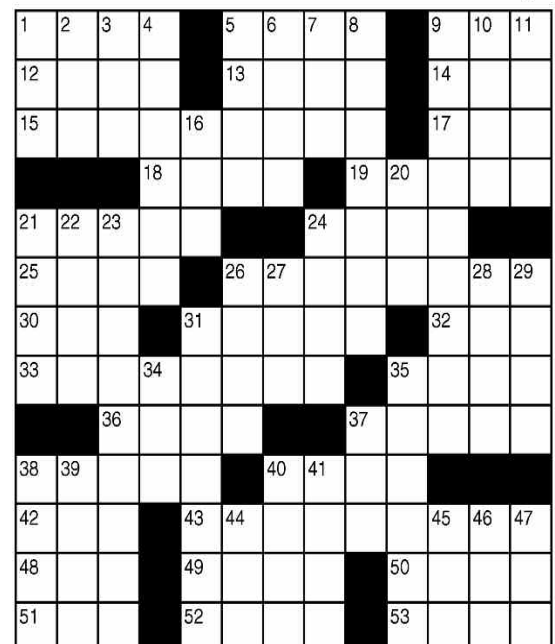
CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

- ACROSS: 1 Bath powder, 5 Tennyson poem, 9 - Moines, 12 Hum-drum, 13 Taj Mahal site, 14 Slangy suffix, 15 Purchases with cell phones, 17 "The Voice" network, 18 D.C. baseball team, 19 Abhors, 21 "Star Wars" baddie, 24 Gunk, 25 Israeli airline, 26 Winter hat features, 30 "Kidding!", 31 Decorator's theme, 32 PBS funder, 33 Intensified. DOWN: 1 Sched. place-holder, 2 Pie - mode, 3 Long, 4 Chic, 5 Beer ingredient, 6 Turkish officials, 7 Coffee vessel, 8 Write quickly, 9 "Stay calm", 10 North Sea feeder, 11 Pouchlike parts, 16 Standard, 20 "You've got mail" co., 21 Peddle, 22 Skin cream ingredient, 23 Tropical trees, 24 Cross-word diagram, 26 Billions of years, 27 Devoured, 28 High point, 29 Back talk, 31 Gad about, 34 Greek letter, 35 Patted baby on the back, 37 Bit of ink, 38 Lima's land, 39 Floral rings, 40 El - , Texas, 41 New newts, 44 Arctic explorer John, 45 Here (Fr.), 46 Michael of "SNL", 47 Decks in the ring.

Solution time: 22 mins.



Yesterday's answer 6-18



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The Commercial Review/Andrew Balko

Ian Kaehr shoots during the Patriot Sportswear Hornets' 2-0 win on Saturday.

Roundup ...

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Jax McClain and Liam Thompson scored for the Cheetahs.

Gabrielle Gibson scored two goals to lead the Penrod Monument Jaguars past the Portland Insurance Cougars 3-1. Brielle McConnell accounted for the other point for the Jaguars.

The Cougars' lone score came from Lyle Beiswanger.

The Jellisons pushed the Pennville General Store

Tigers past the Cheetahs 3-2. Blake Jellison scored twice while Luke Jellison did once.

McClain and Zylar White found the goal for the Cheetahs in the loss.

Guggenbiller tops

MUNCIE — Six members of the Jay County Winter Swim team competed in the 2024 in the CARD Summer Splash Invite at Tuhey Pool over the weekend.

Carysn Guggenbiller dominated the girls 9-10-

year-old competitions, taking first place in the 50-yard freestyle, 200 individual medley, 100 breaststroke, 100 backstroke and 50 butterfly.

Jaley Knapschafer also swam in the 9-10-year-old events. She earned top-10 placements in six events, including third place in the 100 butterfly.

Cooper Glentzner was the top performer of the day for the boys 13-14-year-old division, winning the 100 and 400 freestyles.

Grant Glentzner finished as the runner-up in the 400 freestyle and 200 backstroke and was third in the 100 freestyle.

Grady Warvel competed in the same age range, earning three top-10 finishes including second in the 100 breaststroke and the 200 IM.

Aubrey Millsbaugh represented Jay County in the girls 15-and-older division with three top-10 finishes.

Sports on tap

Local schedule

Today
Fort Recovery ACME baseball at Celina – 6 p.m.

Wednesday
Portland Rockets vs. Grand Lakes Mariners – 7 p.m.
Fort Recovery ACME baseball vs. Coldwater – 6 p.m.

TV sports

Today
3 p.m. — UEFA European Championship 2024: Czechia vs. Portugal (FOX)
7 p.m. — MLB: Baltimore Orioles at New York Yankees (TBS)
8 p.m. — NHL Stanley Cup: Edmonton Oilers at Florida Panthers (ABC)

Wednesday
9 a.m. — UEFA European Championship 2024: Albania vs. Croatia (FS1)

12 p.m. — UEFA European Championship 2024: Hungary vs. Germany (FS1)
3 p.m. — UEFA European Championship 2024: Switzerland vs. Scotland (FOX)
7 p.m. — Athletes Unlimited softball: Team orange vs. team gold (ESPN2)
7:45 p.m. — MLS: Philadelphia Union at FC Cincinnati (FS1)
8 p.m. — Olympic swimming (NBC)
9:30 p.m. — Athletes Unlimited softball: Team blue vs. team gold (ESPN2)
10 p.m. — USL Championship: El Paso Locomotive at Oakland Roots (FOX)

Local notes

Meet booked
The Jay County Chamber Classic golf outing is set for Friday, July 19, at Portland Golf Club. The deadline to register is July 10, and it's limited to 20 teams. Awards of \$400, \$200 and \$100 will be given out to first, second and third place, respectively.
Golf will begin with a shotgun start at 10 a.m. To register, email tabby@jaycountychamber.com. For more information call (260) 726-4481.

Date set

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. All proceeds will go to the Cancer Association of Darke County. For additional information or an entry form call (937) 548-9960 or email director@cadcinfo.org.

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HOUSEHOLD GOODS-OLD ITEMS
Oak wall telephone (Chicago Supply Co., Elkhart, IN), 3 drawer marble top dresser with mirror,
1941 US Navy boat clock, Coca Coal Cooler, Aladdin green base lamp, Noritake Gold

90 SALE CALENDAR

Stein china, old newspapers, organ stool with glass ball feet, Indy 500 mugs, Smith Bros. 3 cushion sofa, golf clubs, and many other items not listed.
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF
JAY COUNTY, INDIANA.
In the matter of the Estate of Francis H. Hall, deceased.
Estate Docket:
38C01-2404-ES-000003
Notice is hereby given that on June 5, 2024, Stacy L. McGuyre was appointed the Personal Representative of the Estate of Francis H. Hall, deceased, who died intestate on the 21st day of January, 2024, a resident of Jay County, Indiana. All persons who have claims against this Estate, whether or not now due, must file the claim in the office of the Clerk of this Court within three (3) months from the date of the first publication of this notice, or within nine (9) months after the decedent's death, whichever is earlier, or the claims will be forever barred.
Dated at Portland, Indiana, this June 5, 2024.
Jon Eads
Clerk, Jay Circuit Court
Probate Division
Stacy L. McGuyre, I.D. #31064-32
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ability to obtain a Water and Sewage License (CDL) within 3 years of employment; High school diploma or equivalent; Fluent in English (speaking and writing); Valid Indiana Driver's License - Ability to obtain a Commercial Driver's License (CDL); Ability to pass pre-employment and random DOT drug and alcohol screenings, as well as a background check. Preferred Experience: Grounds maintenance - Street maintenance - Heavy equipment operation. Interested applicants should submit their resumes to: Gloria May, Redkey Town Hall 8922 IN-67 Redkey, IN 47373. For more information, please contact Brenda Beaty, Town Council President, at 419-203-9081.

JAY COUNTY CONSERVATION CLUB is accepting resumes for the position of Caretaker. This position includes rent-free living quarters on the club property with electric, propane, and phone included. Responsibilities include setting up rentals, mowing club property, cleaning the clubhouse, and basic maintenance repairs. Please forward all resumes to: lrce1220@gmail.com or mail to: Jay County Conservation Club c/o Jennifer Bailey 4897 E. SR 26 Portland, IN 47371. Please submit all resumes no later than Monday June 24th, 2024.

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STATE OF INDIANA
COUNTY OF JAY, SS:
IN THE JAY CIRCUIT COURT
CAUSE NO: 38C01-2406-PL-000013
ROBERT BROWN
Plaintiff
vs.
JAMES PHILLIPS, RODNEY FUGIETT, GLYNN AND KELLIE BARBER, and All Others Who May Claim Any Lien on or Interest in the Real Estate Described Herein,
Defendants
SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION
This summons is to the Defendants above named and to any other persons who may be concerned. You are notified that you have been sued in the Jay Circuit Court, Jay County, Indiana, in the case set forth in the caption above, by the person named above as Plaintiff. This summons by publication is specifically directed to the Defendants named above and all others who may claim any lien on or interest in the Real Estate described below.
The named Plaintiff is represented by Joshua A. Atkinson, 940 N. Meridian St., Portland, IN 47371.
The nature of this suit against you is to quiet title in Plaintiff to the Real Estate described below against the named Defendants and the world and the Real Estate is located in Jay County Indiana:
The West one-half being twenty-five feet off from Lot numbered Thirty-Four (34) in the Original Plat of the Town of Redkey, Indiana.
ALSO, the second story of the two-story brick business room situated on the East half of Lot numbered Thirty-Four (34) in said Original Plat of the Town of Redkey, Indiana.
EXCEPTING THEREFROM: Commencing at the southeast corner of the West half of Lot numbered Thirty-Four (34) in the Original Plat of the Town of Redkey, Indiana, and running thence North Eighty-Two (82) feet to the north line of the Main Brick building now on said Lot numbered Thirty-Four (34), thence West Four (4) feet; thence North Forty (40) feet to the north line of the brick addition to said Main building; thence West Four (4) feet; thence North Twelve (12) feet; thence West Two (2) feet; thence North Ten (10) feet, more or less, to the alley, thence West to the northwest corner of said Lot numbered Thirty-Four (34); thence South to the southwest corner of said Lot numbered Thirty-Four (34); thence East to the place of beginning and being a part of the West half of Lot numbered Thirty-Four (34) in the Original Plat of the Town of Redkey, Indiana. An answer or other response in writing to the complaint must be filed either by you or your attorney within thirty (30) days after the last notice is published and if you fail to do so, judgment by default may be rendered against you for the relief demanded by the Plaintiff.
If you have a claim for relief against the Plaintiff arising from the same transaction or occurrence, you must assert it in your written answer or response.
Dated: 6/4/2024
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REQUEST FOR STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS
JAY COUNTY, INDIANA

In order to assure compliance with the Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs (OCRA) and related requirements regarding competitive negotiation of professional Engineer / Home Inspection services. Jay County is seeking Statements of Qualifications for the procurement of professional Engineer / Home Inspection services related to an Owner Occupied Rehabilitation project in which the County has received funds through the Indiana Office of Community & Rural Affairs (OCRA) Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) HELP program. The firm selected will be involved in the following activities on behalf of the community for approximately 60 houses:

- Description of Services Needed
- The scope of services for the project entails reviewing homeowner submitted applications to identify improvements requested. Improvements could be HVAC, electrical improvements, hot water heater, roof, or ADA accessible ramp.
 - Based on the application the firm selected will conduct an inspection of each house to determine the current condition and needed improvements requested.
 - The firm selected will develop detailed bid specifications for the required improvements on each house
 - Prepare bid documents based on the developed specifications.
 - Coordinate a pre-bid meeting
 - Assist in the bidding process including answering potential bidders' questions.
 - Review submitted bids for completeness and compliance with the specifications.
 - Make a formal recommendation regarding the award of the contract to the most suitable bidder.
 - Evaluate submittals and request for changes
 - Conduct final inspections of completed work to ensure compliance with bid specifications and industry standards.

Type of Contract
Jay County will execute either a firm, fixed-price contract, or a cost-reimbursement contract for these services that is contingent on the final commitment of grant funding.

Federal Requirements
Prospective offerors should note the successful proposer must meet the following terms and conditions:

- 24 CFR Part 85.36.
- Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964.
- Conflict of Interest (24 CFR Part 570).
- Access to records.
- Executive Order 11246 - Equal Employment Opportunity
- Executive Order 12138 - Women Business Enterprise Policy.
- Architectural Barrier Act of 1968.
- Age Discrimination Act of 1975.
- Section 3 Clause - Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968.
- Section 504 - Rehabilitation Act of 1973.
- Retention and Custodial Requirements (24 CFR Part 85.42).
- Executive Order 11063.
- Affirmative Action Program / Plan.
- Davis Bacon and Related Acts.

Grant Support has a 10% MBE/WBE goal for all projects funded with Community Development Block Grant Funds.

Rate of Qualifications
The proposal must include sufficient information regarding qualifications and determine that the respondent is qualified and has relevant experience. Do not include a proposed fee as this is a qualification-based selection process. The statement of qualifications should include the following:

- A description of expertise, experience, and resources directly relevant and available for the proposed project.
- A list of similar projects previously completed.
- A list of references.
- Resumes of professional staff members that will work on this project.
- Name of person to be in charge of project.
- Description of scope of services as per "Description of Services Needed".
- A project timeline.

The statement of qualifications shall also provide the following information: name, title, address and telephone number of individuals with authority to negotiate and bind the proposer contractually, and who may be contacted during the period of evaluation.

Award of Contract
Evaluation criteria shall include:
Award of Contract
Proposal Evaluation criteria shall include:

- Specialized experience or technical expertise of the organization and its personnel in connection with the scope of services to be provided and complexity of the project. (25%)
- Past record of performance on contracts, including quality of work, timeliness and cost control. (25%)
- Capacity of the organization to perform the work within time limitations, taking into consideration the current planned workload of the firm. (25%)
- Familiarity of the organization with this type of project or problems applicable to the project. (25%)

The proposal should include the following:
1. A description of expertise, experience, and resources directly relevant and available for the proposed project.

- A list of similar projects previously completed.
- A list of references.
- Resumes of professional staff members that will work on this project.
- Name of person to be in charge of project.
- Description of scope of services as per "Description of Services Needed" and proposed prices as per "Type of Contract".
- A project timeline.

The proposal shall also provide the following information: name, title, address, and telephone number of individuals with authority to negotiate and bind the proposer contractually, and who may be contacted during the period of proposal evaluation.

Award of Contract
Proposal Evaluation criteria shall include:

- Specialized experience or technical expertise of the organization and its personnel in connection with the scope of services to be provided and complexity of the project. (25%)
 - Past record of performance on contracts, including quality of work, timeliness, and cost control. (25%)
 - Capacity of the organization to perform the work within time limitations, taking into consideration the current planned workload of the firm. (25%)
 - Familiarity of the organization with this type of project or problems applicable to the project. (25%)
- If you are interested in providing the required services, please submit three (7) copies of the Statement of Qualification to the following: Kleinpeter Consulting Group, LLC, Attention: Mike Kleinpeter; 1381 W. Smokey Row Road, Greenwood, IN 46143 no later than 12:00 p.m. (Noon) local time on July 19, 2024. All proposals must be clearly identified on the outside envelope as "Jay County - Owner Occupied Improvement Project. SOQ for Services." Each Statement of Qualification will be reviewed for completeness and clarity according to the above criteria. Interviews are expected to be held at the end of July.

The County may or may not negotiate the fee schedule with one or more offers. The County reserves the right to reject any and/or all responses. The County is an Equal Opportunity Employer. The contract is tentatively scheduled to be announced in August of 2024. Offerors may desire additional information, a site visit or clarification regarding the Statement of Qualification. If so, please contact the Grant Administrator, Mike Kleinpeter, Monday-Friday, between 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. local time at (812) 525-7080.
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Leonhard's five goals lead Wasps

Mabel Leonhard had a big week for the Wasps. Despite five goals on the day putting her atop the leaderboards, she could only lead her team to a split.

Local roundup

Leonhard's five goals surpassed Kenna Penrod for the highest in the Pennville Soccer Club Stinger division and led the A Place to Grow Wasps to a 6-0 win over the AgBest Express Bees, but couldn't overcome the Patriot Sportswear Hornets for a 3-1 loss.

Leonhard scored four goals in the 6-0 victory over the Bees. She also got two goals of support from Harper Love.

Leonhard found the net for the 11th time of the season against the Hornets, but two goals from Grant Cosner and another by Ian Kaehr overtook Leonhard's efforts.

The Hornets took down the Bees earlier in the day by a score of 3-0. Cosner had two goals and Kaehr had one in that game as well.

Still undefeated

The Bro Shadow Meteors' 4-2 win over the Ohio Valley Gas Stars keeps them undefeated in Pennville Soccer Club's Space division.

The league's two leading scorers, Neymar Carreno and Liam Phipps, both found the goal in the win. Phipps scored three times

while Carreno netted the ball once.

Wesson Laurence and Vinny New both scored once for the Stars.

The Stars picked off the New Beginnings Holiness Church Rockets 2-0 later in the day thanks to goals from New and Jude Cline.

The Vinson Rental Properties Galaxy and the Dave's Heating and Cooling Asteroids ended in a 3-3 draw.

Raul Martinez had a game-high two goals for the Galaxy and Nery Molina provided the other score.

Three players scored for the Asteroids, those being Owen Ehrhart, Addi McClain and Jordan Wendel.

Peters leads

Charlee Peters led the Pennville Soccer Club Wild Cat division with three goals on Saturday.

Peters scored all three goals in the WPGW Lions' 7-2 victory over the POET Biorefining Cheetahs. Karsen Kuhn had two goals for the Lions, while Payson Rickard and Jackson Westerges each found the net once.

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Paisley Murphy takes a shot late in the New Beginnings Holiness Church Rockets' 2-0 loss to the Ohio Valley Gas Stars on Saturday in the Pennville Soccer Club Space division. Vinny New and Jude Cline both scored for the Stars, who split on the day with a 4-2 loss to undefeated Bro Shadow Meteors.

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Jones Jr. is giving Jayson Tatum fits

By BRAD TOWNSEND

The Dallas Morning News
Tribune News Service

BOSTON — Born 19 years apart, Shawn Marion and Derrick Jones Jr. before this season had little in common beyond the fact that both played one season at UNLV and began their NBA careers in Phoenix.

Marion was a No. 9 overall draft pick; Jones went undrafted.

Marion is overdue for induction into the Naismith Basketball Hall of Fame; Jones is a journeyman.

They are intertwined now, though, 6-foot-7 Marion as the all-around defensive stalwart of the Mavericks' 2011 NBA championship run; 6-foot-5 Jones as the versatile stopper of this current Mavericks journey to Game 5 of the NBA Finals.

As the Mavericks enter Monday night's Game 5 in TD Garden trailing 3-1, but coming off a 38-point destruction of Boston in Game 4, Jones has played admirably as the primary defender of Celtics leading scorer Jayson Tatum; much as Marion did against Miami's LeBron James in 2011.

Marion told The Dallas Morning News he's closely watching Jones and the Mavericks.

"He's definitely a shuffle piece that you can put him in different places because he's very athletic," Marion said of Jones. "He's mobile. And he's tall. So he's got the length. He's a versatile defender."

Tatum is averaging 20 points per game on 36.5% shooting in the Finals, well under his regular-season averages of 27 points and 47.1% shooting.

James averaged 17.8 points and 47.8% shooting in the 2011 finals, well below his season averages of 26.7 points and 51% shooting.

As in 2011 against James

Brad Townsend



sions guarded directly by Jones and 74:06 minutes of partial possessions guarded by Jones — has scored six points, shot 14.3% from the field and 25% from 3-point distance.

In four games of these finals, Tatum has had games of 16, 18, 31 and 15 points. Tatum was a minus-33 during 27 minutes of court time in Game 4.

"A year ago this time, we were down 0-3 [in the Eastern Conference finals] and we were essentially fighting for our lives," Tatum said of the Mavericks' Game 4 performance. "So, yeah, we understand what it's like from their point of view and they came out super aggressive."

Unless the Mavericks make history by becoming the first NBA playoff team in 157 tries to successfully rally from a 3-0 series deficit, Jones' and the Mavericks' defense against Tatum and the Celtics won't be remembered in the way Dallas throttled the Heat's Big Three in 2011, but Marion is impressed.

"This is different basketball now," he said. "These days it's all iso and pick and roll; there's no plays being called, so it's feast or famine. With that being said, [Jones'] ability and athleticism definitely help."

"You can't compare this style of basketball, but I'll tell you what: I'm comparing their tenacity and their energy and effort on the floor and the camaraderie as a group. This is a special group. Man, I'm just in awe of it."

UNLV's Shawn "Matrix" Marion and Derrick "Airplane Mode" Jones Jr. haven't had similar NBA careers, but they've brought similar mindsets to NBA Finals 13 years apart.

"We are just going to keep fighting," Jones said of the Mavericks' 3-1 hole. "That's the type of team we are. That's what we do."

and Dwyane Wade, other players have taken turns guarding Tatum and Jaylen Brown and the Mavericks likewise have employed double teams — but Jones' stretches of on-ball defense on Tatum have stood out as did Marion's on James.

"When I got old enough to watch basketball, of course I followed Shawn Marion throughout his career," Jones told The News.

That includes, he said, the 2011 championship run, during which Marion guarded the likes of Portland's Brandon Roy in the first round; the Los Angeles Lakers' Lamar Odom and Kobe Bryant in the second round; Oklahoma City's Kevin Durant and Russell Westbrook in the third round; and then James and Wade.

"He just guarded whoever they put him in front of," Jones said. "Because that's just the way he was. He took on every matchup whenever his number was called."

That sounds a lot like a certain current Maverick. A Maverick who early in the playoffs raised eyebrows, and induced laughter, by declaring "I fear no man."

How's this for a playoff gauntlet? Jones during the first round against the Los Angeles Clippers primarily was matched against Paul George; in the second round OKC's Shai Gilgeous-Alexander; in the third round Minnesota's Anthony Edwards; in the finals Tatum.

According to NBA.com advanced tracking, Tatum — during 15:17 of posses-