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## 'He's the guy'



Jay County Democrats elected former Portland mayor Randy Geesaman (below) as their new party chair during a reorganization meeting Friday. Former Redkey Town Council member Doug Stanley (left) was also a candidate for the post but withdrew in support of Geesaman. "He's the guy," he said.



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## New laws take effect Monday

*New rule calls for holding back students who fail exam*

By MIA HILKOWITZ  
Indiana Capital Chronicle  
indianacapitalchronicle.com

From reading skills to happy hour, all or parts of nearly 150 laws will take effect July 1 in Indiana. Other key topics include wetlands, higher education oversight and more.

Senate Enrolled Acts 1 and 6 address one of the most heavily debated topics of the 2024 legislative session: reading skills and proficiency among Indiana youth. Many legislators promised to tackle the issue after the IREAD results revealed nearly one in five Indiana third graders struggle to read, which Education Secretary Katie Jenner labeled a "crisis."

SEA 1 — authored by Sen. Linda Rogers, R-Granger — requires schools to hold back third graders who fail the state reading proficiency exam. The law provides exemptions for English language learners, students who have individualized education plans or excel in the math portion of the state's assessment. The law also requires schools to start administering proficiency testing in second grade and offer additional tutoring, resources and summer courses to students at risk of failing the IREAD exam.

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## Geesaman elected to chair party

By RAY COONEY

The Commercial Review

The local Democrats have a new leader.

His face is a familiar one in local government.

The Jay County Democrats elected former two-term Portland mayor Randy Geesaman as their new chair during a reorganization meeting Friday evening. Indiana Democratic

Party 3rd District Chair Chad Wierzbinski led the meeting.

Also Friday, Jay County Democrat precinct committeemen elected Fred Bailey as the party's new secretary.

"We have a lot of great people in our party and we have a lot of great ideas, and an agenda that is an alternative to our other party," said Geesaman following his election. "My goal is

to allow people to know the difference between us, and get along ...

"There are good people there. There's good people on our side. And I just want to promote us the best we can here locally ..."

He takes over as chair from Joel Bowers, who resigned his post shortly after being placed on administrative leave from his teaching job at Jay County

Junior-Senior High School after school officials received a report involving an allegation of misconduct. (Jay School Corporation superintendent Jeremy Gulley referred to "allegations of conduct in violation of JSC Policy 3213 Student Supervision and Welfare.") Bowers has since resigned from the teaching position.

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## Biden, Trump show disdain for each other

By JAMES RAINEY and SEEMA MEHTA

Los Angeles Times  
Tribune News Service

President Joe Biden and former President Donald Trump hammered each other in their first debate Thursday night, with furious exchanges about immigration, foreign policy and abortion dominating a discussion between two men who clearly loathe each other and insist the other poses a mortal threat to America.

Abundant disdain between the two men overflowed at several moments over a little more than 90 minutes before a national television audience during their first face-off this election year. The Republican challenger called the Democratic president a "criminal" and an incompetent, who he said couldn't pass a cognitive test. Biden called Trump a "sucker" and a "loser" — labels that one of Trump's

former staff members said he had once applied to veterans killed in war.

The two men also presented diametrically opposite views of the condition of the country. Trump depicted America as beset by crime, overrun by murderous immigrants and mocked by leaders overseas. Biden said the U.S. was on the right track, recovering from the dark days of the COVID-19 pandemic and Trump's divisive leadership.

Trump said repeatedly that America was being "destroyed" by Biden and

had become an "uncivilized" place — an outcome he suggested was largely due to foreign countries sending former prisoners and mental patients to the U.S. There has been no evidence presented to prove that any nation has emptied lockups or psychiatric hospitals and sent those released to America.

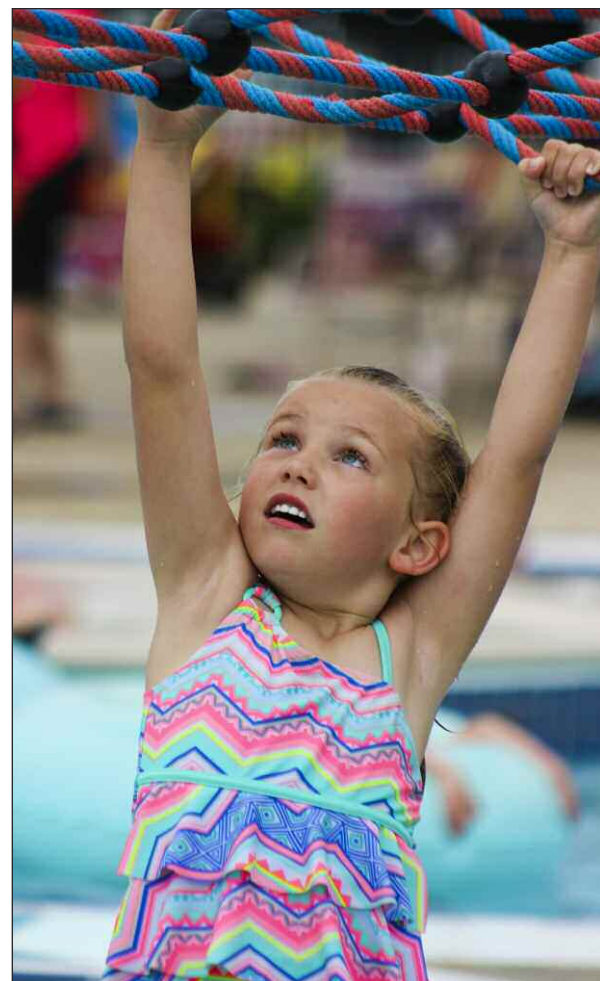
Biden countered that America remains "the most admired country in the world," adding, "There's nothing beyond our capacity."

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### Presidential candidates spar over issues including immigration, abortion and foreign policy

## Kassidy crosses

Kassidy Kirby, 5, crosses the lily pad obstacle course Friday during Portland Water Park's free swim day. The park opened for free to the public from 4 to 8 p.m. Friday, an event sponsored by Southern Thunder Fireworks of Portland.



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### Deaths

Verna Loper, 86, Portland  
Sara Thornton, 88,  
Rochester, Michigan  
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### Weather

Jay County had a high temperature of 86 degrees Friday. Today's forecast calls for showers with a chance of thunderstorms, winds gusting to 25 miles per hour and a high in the mid 80s. More rain is possible tonight with a low in the lower 60s.  
See page 2 for an extended outlook.

### In review

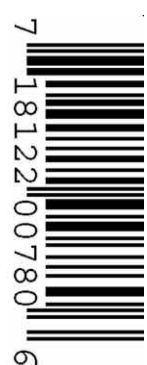
Portland Board of Works will meet in executive session at 4 p.m. Tuesday. Also Tuesday, Jay County Development Corporation's board will meet at 4 p.m. at Community Resource Center, 118 S. Meridian St., Portland.

### Coming up

Tuesday — Results from the Portland Rockets' games at Bethel University.

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

Friday — Reporting from next week's Portland Park Board meeting.



Obituaries

Verna Loper

July 3, 1937-June 27, 2024 Verna Loper, age 86, a resident of Portland, passed away on Thursday, June 27, 2024, at Persimmon Ridge in Portland.



Loper

Verna was born July 3, 1937, in Fort Wayne, Indiana, the daughter of Robert and Loretta (Barton) Hilbish. She married Charles Loper Jr. on June 8, 1974, and he passed away on Nov. 24, 2015.

Verna worked for Portland Veterinary Clinic and The Commercial Review in Portland as an advertisement consultant, carrier manager and in the circulation department. Verna was a member of The Rock

Church in Portland and Women of the Moose.

Survivors include:

Her children — Patricia “Patty” Laub (husband: Dennis), Fort Wayne, Indiana, David Baldwin, Greenville, Tennessee, Barbara Stone (husband: Rick), Columbia, Maryland, William “Bill” Baldwin (wife: Renee), Portland, Indiana, Charles “Chip” Loper (wife: Robin), Bright, Indiana, and Susan Fortner, Lafayette, Indiana

Sister — Jean Hartman, Fort Wayne, Indiana

Thirteen grandchildren and several great-grandchildren She was preceded in death by her stepson, Scott Loper.

Visitation will be held on Monday from 4 to 7 p.m. at Williamson-Spencer and Penrod Funeral Home in Portland.

Funeral services will be held on Tuesday at 11 a.m. at Williamson-Spencer and Penrod Funeral Home in Portland. Pastor Matt Ransom will officiate and burial will follow at Green Park Cemetery in Portland.

Memorials may be directed to Jay County Humane Society.

Condolences may be expressed at williamson-spencer.com.

Sara Thornton

April 11, 1935-March 11, 2024

Sara (Pratt) Thornton, 88, a native of Portland, Indiana, an graduate of Portland High School, most recently residing in Rochester, Michigan, passed away on Monday, March 11, 2024.

She was born on April 11, 1935, in Portland, Indiana, and was the daughter of Horace and

Gladys Pratt. She was united in marriage to Elwood “Woody” Thornton, who passed away in 2022.

Surviving are two daughters, Thornton Tracy (Danny) Barron of Mission Viejo, California, and Tamara (Michael) Stachecki of Oakland Township, Michigan; along with five grandchildren, Caroline and Joshua Barron, and Elizabeth, Jacob and Abigail Stachecki.

Sara received her bachelor of education degree from Ball State University in Indiana and her master’s in education degree from Saginaw Valley State University in Michigan. She was employed as a music and elementary education

teacher for Roseville Schools in Michigan.

Sara was active in the Episcopal church, travelled extensively and could always be found with a good book in her hands. Her biggest blessings, though, were her family, her friends, and her best friend and husband Woody.

Funeral arrangements will be handled by Baird Freeman Funeral Home in Portland, Indiana.

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

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

CR almanac

Table with 5 columns: Day, Forecast, High/Low, and weather icons. Days: Sunday 6/30, Monday 7/1, Tuesday 7/2, Wednesday 7/3, Thursday 7/4.

Lotteries

Lottery information for Hoosier Middy, Ohio Middy, and Mega Millions, including Pick numbers and Jackpots.

Markets

Market prices for various crops like July beans, Wheat, ADM Montpelier, POET Biorefining, etc.

Today in history

In 1613, the Globe Theatre in London was destroyed by a fire... In 1767, the British Parliament passed the Townshend Revenue Act... In 1964, the Civil Rights Act passed... In 1972, Indiana State Board of Tax Commissioners held a public hearing...

Citizen's calendar

Calendar of community events: Monday 5 p.m. Portland Economic Development Income Tax Advisory Committee... Tuesday 4 p.m. Jay County Development Corpora-

Guy ...

Continued from page 1 Two candidates had declared their candidacy for the party chair position ahead of Friday's meeting. However, former Redkey Town Council member Doug Stanley withdrew his candidacy and backed Geesaman.

“When I found out Randy was running, I choose to decline and turn my support for Randy,” Stanley said. “He’s the guy.”

Geesaman was subsequently elected unanimously by a voice vote. (Democrat precinct committeemen in attendance were Blake Watson, Fred

experience in local government qualifies him well to lead the party. “I believe this position is a public relations position and I think I fit that mold to try to get the word out as to ... what the Democrat party stands for,” said Geesaman, who first was appointed Portland’s clerk-treasurer before being elected to two terms as mayor as he served from 2012 through 2019.

He addressed the lack of local Democrats running for election. (Watson was the only Democrat this year to file for a county-level office.)

He added that he feels his

Laws ...

Continued from page 1 A companion law, SEA 6, also requires the Indiana Department of Education (IDOE) to identify students in fourth through eighth grade who are not reading proficiently. The IDOE will also need to develop guidelines for schools to support these students.

However, some policy makers expressed concern about the law — specifically the policy requiring schools to hold back students — arguing it could negatively affect students’ social and emotional development.

HEA 1086 is bringing “happy hour” drink sales back to Indiana, reversing a nearly 40-year ban on selling drinks at reduced prices during certain hours.

The state legislature passed this ban in 1985 to try to reduce drunk driving.

Starting July 1, bars and restaurants can sell drinks at a reduced price for up to four hours a day and 15 hours a week. However, the law prohibits them from selling

reduced drinks between 9 p.m. and 3 a.m. Holcomb signed the bill into law at a local watering hole, praising lawmakers in the warm, crowded pub.

“But this is really about the consumer and the small business person who is grinding it out every single day,” Holcomb said. “July 1, happy days are here again,” he quipped from behind the bar, amid clapping.

Another controversial law from this past session set to take effect July 1 is SEA 202, which increases the legislature’s oversight of public colleges and universities.

The new law requires university boards of trustees to create policies that would prohibit faculty members from receiving tenure or promotions if they are deemed unlikely to “foster a culture of free inquiry, free expression, and intellectual diversity within the institutions” or unlikely to expose students to different “political and ideological frameworks.” However, it does not specify what constitutes these cultures or frameworks. The

law also requires boards of trustees to review its tenured professors every five years to see if they meet these requirements.

Proponents of the bill argue the law will increase “intellectual diversity” among the state’s higher education institutions. Sen. Spencer Deery, R-West Lafayette, who authored the law, said during a February education committee meeting the legislature needs to address “the increasing number of students who just don’t feel like higher ed is a place for them.”

“I also believe it will improve the quality of education they receive, because we all benefit — no matter your political beliefs — from being challenged and exposed to new scholarly ideas,” Deery said.

However, the law has faced high levels of scrutiny and opposition from faculty, administrators and students statewide.

“We have to build for the future,” said Geesaman, who now teaches at Jay County Christian Academy. “It’s just kind of building from scratch to try to start all over as a party.”

Bailey, a former party chair, won the secretary’s seat in a vote against Carol Geesaman, Randy’s wife.

The Democrats will need to caucus again within 30 days following the resignations of vice chair Michelle Penrod and treasurer Kelly Stipp. (Ten days’ notice of the vacancies is required before the caucus can be held.)

This story was edited for length. To read the full version, visit indianacapitalchronicle.com.

Disdain ...

Continued from page 1 “We have the finest military in the history of the world. ... No one thinks we’re weak. No one wants to screw around with us.”

The two men bickered over everything from who helped the economy more to who was better in golf. After an exchange about their relative skills on the links, Trump muttered: “Let’s not act like children.” Retorted Biden: “You’re the child.”

The only small measure of civility was the relative lack of interruptions and cross talk that prevailed in their first debate four years ago. This time, they abided by the time limits.

The debate, the earliest between major-party candidates for president, was broadcast by CNN from its Atlanta studios, with anchors Jake Tapper and Dana Bash moderating.

In a departure from the first debate four years ago, Trump adhered to the rules and, unlike the repeated interruptions of 2020, even asked for permission to respond to one of the first questions. Biden also stayed within the two-minute limit for answers and one minute for rebuttals.

Trump lied repeatedly during the debate, saying at one point — for example — that Biden had directed the criminal prosecutions against him, though there has been no evidence to support that assertion. Trump also made the false claim that Biden was one of

many Democrats who favor late-term abortions — even suggesting that some babies might not be allowed to live after they were born.

Trump also asserted that Americans overwhelmingly supported his position on abortions and allowing individual states to set policy. Multiple polls have shown that Americans opposed the overturn of Roe vs. Wade and blame Trump for making abortion much less accessible in many states.

The abundant disdain between the current president and his predecessor became evident from the opening moments, with Trump going on the offensive first and often putting Biden on his heels with fierce attacks on Biden’s leadership.

Tapper opened the night with a question about the

toll from inflation, saying that groceries that had cost \$100 four years ago now went for \$120.

Biden blamed the condition of the economy on Trump.

“We had an economy that was in free fall,” the president said. And “a pandemic that was so badly handled. Many people were dying. All he said was, ‘Inject a little bleach in your arm, you’ll be all right.’”

“So what we had to do is try to put things back together and that’s exactly what we began to do,” Biden added, before quickly attempting to whip

through a series of statistics to prove the economy was on the right track. He gave stats on job creation and then segued into a discussion of drug prices, noting that his policies had cut the prices overall and reduced insulin to “\$15 a shot.”

Trump scoffed at those assertions. He said that he had created “the greatest economy in the history of the world,” adding at another point that everything in America was “rocking good” when he was in the White House. He blamed Biden’s pandemic policies, in part, for triggering inflation.

SERVICES Tuesday Loper, Verna: 11 a.m., Williamson-Spencer and Penrod Funeral Home, 208 N. Commerce St., Portland.

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### Class reunion

Portland High School's Class of 1954 celebrated its 70th reunion June 22. Pictured above, front row, are Pat (Griesinger) Iliif, Pat (Hudson) Elick, Audrey (Ellsworth) Rudduck, Ginger (Lykins) Black, Vera (Imel) Jackson and Jane Ann (Smith) Thompson. In the back row are Rosemarie (Schmidt) Grapner, Merylin (Starr) Strohl, Betty (Snow) Haffner, Glen "Bud" Finch and Russell Smith.

## Violence tears family apart

DEAR ABBY: My elderly father died recently. Although he had a variety of ailments, including heart disease, his death was unexpected. He spent many years of his life trying to save my drug-addicted, criminal sister from herself. Despite occasional periods of sobriety, she has invariably returned to her evil ways.

*Dear Abby*



Three days before Dad passed, he was again trying to bail her out of a situation involving people she knew who stole her car. While Dad was driving her, she lost her temper (again) and struck him multiple times as my mother (on the phone) begged her to stop. Dad died a few days later, perhaps not from the assault, but his body just said, "Enough!"

**in your vicinity and invite your mother to go with you to some of the meetings. It is a 12-step program for family and friends of addicts. You can find the information at nar-anon.org. If you do, it could save not only your sister's life but also your mother's.**

My sister is now sinking her teeth into my mother like she did my dad, and I don't know what to do. I want Mom to cut her out of her life before this happens again, but Mom says, "She's still my daughter." Please advise. — BETTER SIBLING IN NEW JERSEY

DEAR ABBY: I have worked with a guy in some capacity for more than 25 years now. He thinks he's a comedian and plans elaborate schemes to deploy his jokes (or pranks), which fail 100% of the time. Worse, he repeats them in case you didn't hear them.

**DEAR BETTER SIBLING: Your sister IS still your mother's daughter as she was her father's. Point out to Mom that in spite of all the years your father spent bailing your sister out, her behavior never improved. Often when we love someone, our instinct is to try to rescue them. Unfortunately, as your sister's addiction problem has proven, that rarely works. Please find where the chapters of Nar-Anon are located**

I find this all annoying, but I don't want to be unkind to him. He's a good person overall, but this is truly taxing. I have stopped fake-laughing and walk away when I can, but it's getting harder and harder to tolerate. What should I do? — NOT FUNNY IN THE EAST  
DEAR NOT FUNNY: The next time this happens, DO NOT REACT. If you remain stone-faced, it may discourage him. Alternatively, when he repeats a joke, tell him you heard it the first time.

## Purdue Extension offers events

The Purdue Farm Management Tour will be held in Randolph County on July 17. The event, which will begin at 9 a.m., will feature tours of Clements-Miller Farm, rural Lynn, and Union Go Dairy, rural Winchester. There will also be a master farmer reception and panel discussion at 4 p.m. at Willow's Edge, 627 W. 100 South, Winchester. Registration is required for the

free event by visiting [purdue.ag/farmtour](http://purdue.ag/farmtour). Purdue University Extension will also host an Unmanned Aerial Vehicle Technology program from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Tuesday, July 30, and Wednesday, July 31, at 310 E. Park Ave., Hartford City. It is for those interested in becoming commercial unmanned aerial vehicle remote pilots. The course will cover topics regarding cameras, Federal Aviation Administration regulations and emergency preparation. To register, visit [event.me/95zozk](http://event.me/95zozk). The cost is \$200. For more information, contact Mark Carter at [carte264@purdue.edu](mailto:carte264@purdue.edu) or (765) 348-3213. Also, the Purdue Farmland Value & Cash Rent Survey is underway. The university is gathering information to put together into a report. To provide details, visit [bit.ly/PFVCRS2024](http://bit.ly/PFVCRS2024).

## Community Calendar

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

**Today**  
LOCAL'S MARKET — Will be held from 8 a.m. to noon each Saturday in June through October in the parking lot at Jay Community Center in Portland. For more information, contact Bill Cook.

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 BREAK-

FAST OPTIMISTS — Will meet at 7 a.m. for breakfast at Richards Restaurant.

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

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

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

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

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

tion or to schedule an appointment, call (260) 726-8636. Walk-ins accepted.

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

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

**Tuesday**  
COMPASSIONATE CONNECTIONS RECOVERY SUPPORT GROUP — A group for anyone with a substance use disorder that helps individuals find connections as they develop long-term recovery meets at noon each Tuesday in the IU Health Jay Outpatient Behavioral Health Center, Entrance C, 510 W. Votaw St., Portland.  
BRYANT COMMUNITY CENTER EUCHRE — Will be played at 1 p.m. each Tuesday. The public is welcome.

A BETTER LIFE - 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. Includes activities and devotional time.

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

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

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.

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### Friday's Solution

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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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# Your fire chief is a warrior

To the editor:  
On Saturday, June 22, Portland's fire chief was off duty but came to the aid of my husband, who had passed out.

Mike Weitzel was able to get my husband to the ground in an attempt to revive him. Even after the ambulance arrived, Mr. Weitzel refused to leave our sides until the situation was resolved.

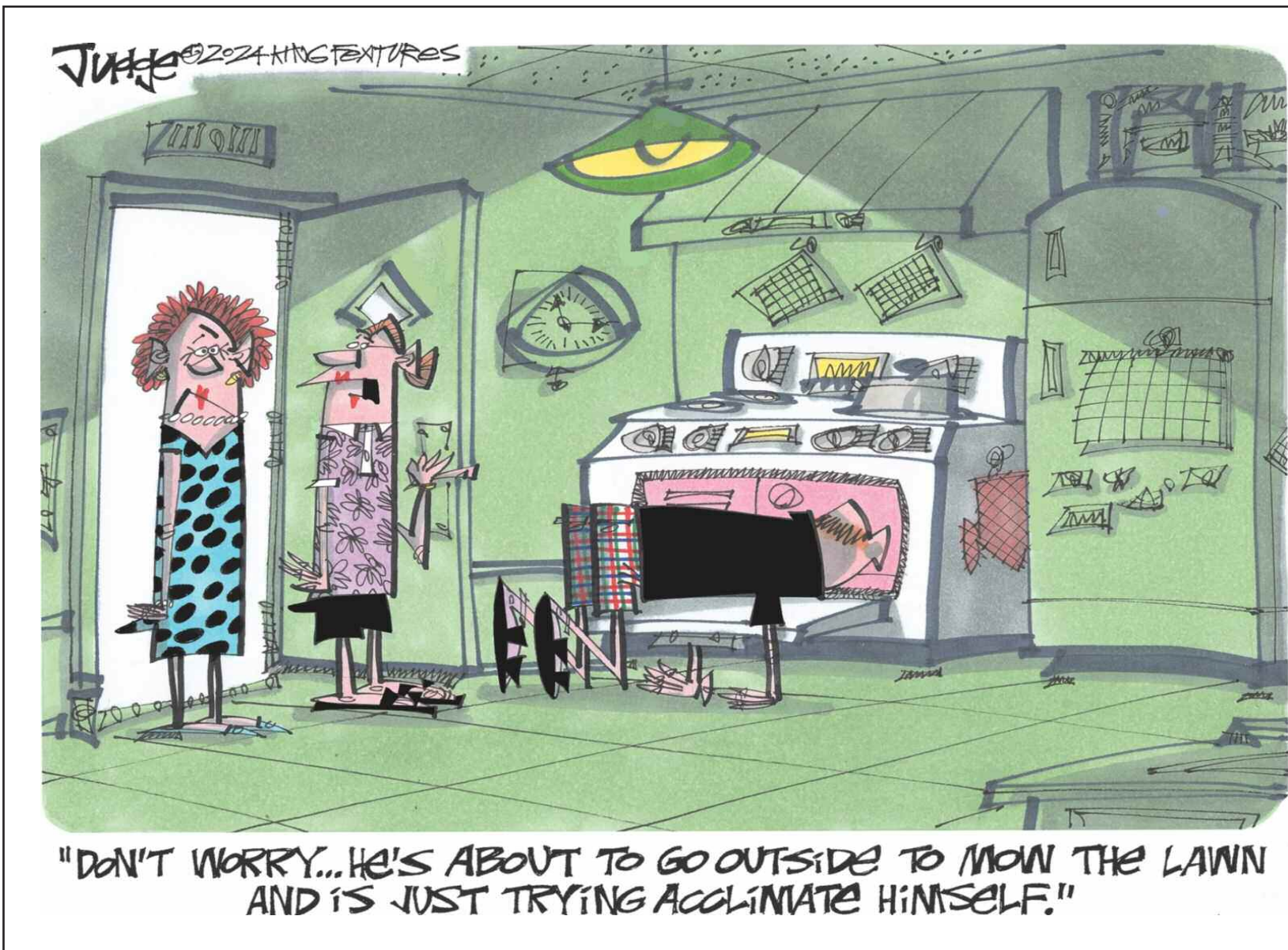
Was he done and resumed his bike ride?

No. Mike went back to the campground, got his truck, loaded us and our bicycles into his truck and escorted us to our home.

I am happy to say my husband is fine and we are both beyond grateful for this fine young man whom you are fortunate to have in the midst of Portland.

Kim and Peggy Schamerloh Bluffton

## Guest Opinion



"DON'T WORRY... HE'S ABOUT TO GO OUTSIDE TO MOW THE LAWN AND IS JUST TRYING ACCLIMATE HIMSELF."

# Prepare for AI emergency

By KEVIN FRAZIER  
The Fulcrum  
Tribune News Service

Artificial intelligence is advancing at a speed and in ways that were unanticipated even by the foremost AI experts.

Just a few decades ago, AI was largely theoretical, existing primarily in the realms of science fiction and academic research.

Today, AI permeates nearly every aspect of our lives, from the algorithms that curate social media feeds to the autonomous systems that drive cars. This rapid advancement, while promising in many respects, also heralds a new era of uncertainty and potential peril.

The pace at which AI technology is evolving outstrips our ability to predict its trajectory.

Breakthroughs occur at a staggering rate, often in areas previously deemed infeasible or far-off. For instance, the development of GPT-3, an AI language model capable of producing human-like text, astonished even seasoned AI researchers with its capabilities and the speed at which it surpassed its predecessors.

Such rapid advancements suggest that the future of AI holds both immense potential and significant risks.

One of the most pressing concerns is the increased likelihood of emergencies exacerbated by AI. More sophisticated AI could enable more complex and devastating cyberattacks, as malicious actors leverage AI to breach security systems that were previously impenetrable.

Similarly, advances in AI-driven biotechnology could lead to the creation of more deadly bioweapons, posing new and unprecedented threats to global security.

Moreover, the rapid automation of jobs could lead to widespread unemployment, causing significant social disruption. The displacement of workers by AI could further entrench economic inequality and trigger unrest, as societies

## Kevin Frazier



struggle to adapt to these changes.

The likelihood of an AI emergency paired with our poor track record of responding to similar emergencies is cause for concern. The COVID-19 pandemic starkly highlighted the inadequacies of our constitutional order in emergency responses.

The pandemic exposed deep flaws in our preparedness and response mechanisms, demonstrating how ill-equipped we are to handle sudden, large-scale crises.

Our fragmented political system, with its layers of bureaucracy and competing jurisdictions, proved unable to respond swiftly and effectively. This deficiency raises serious concerns about our ability to manage future emergencies, particularly those that could be precipitated by AI.

Given the profound uncertainty surrounding when and how an AI accident might occur and the potential damage it could cause, it is imperative that AI companies bear a significant responsibility for helping us prepare for such eventualities.

The private sector, which stands to benefit enormously from AI advancements, must also contribute to safeguarding society against the risks these technologies pose. One concrete step that AI companies should take is to establish an emergency fund specifically intended for responding to AI-related accidents.

Such a fund would serve as a financial safety net, providing resources to mitigate the effects of AI emergencies. It could be used to support rapid response efforts, fund research into preventative measures, and assist individuals and communities affected by AI-driven disruptions.

By contributing to this fund, AI companies would acknowledge their role in creating technologies that, while beneficial, also carry inherent risks. This approach would not only demonstrate corporate responsibility but also help ensure that society is better prepared to respond to AI-related crises.

The establishment of an emergency fund for AI disasters would require a collaborative effort between the private sector and government. Congress could mandate contributions from AI companies based on their revenue or the scale of their AI operations.

This would ensure that the financial burden of preparing for AI emergencies is shared equitably and that sufficient resources are available when needed. To safeguard the proper use of the funds, Congress should establish an independent entity tasked with securing contributions and responding to claims for reimbursement.

In conclusion, the rapid advancement of AI presents both incredible opportunities and significant risks. While we cannot predict exactly how AI will evolve or what specific emergencies it may precipitate, we can take proactive steps to prepare for these eventualities.

AI companies, as key stakeholders in the development and deployment of these technologies, must play a central role in this effort. By contributing to an emergency fund for AI disasters, they can help ensure that we are equipped to respond to crises in a legitimate and effective fashion.

AI models are being built. Accidents will come. The question is whether we will be prepared to respond in a legitimate and effective fashion.

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# What defines an Indiana Republican?

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Following Micah Beckwith's surprising lieutenant governor nomination and Jim Bopp's startling assessment of how it impacts the governor's race, I have seen a lot of shade thrown about establishment Republicans and RINO's.

Hearing Bopp — the Hoosier most directly responsible for Indiana's anti-abortion moves in the last two decades and an ultra-conservative powerhouse lawyer — called a "Republican in name only" shocked me.

I wondered: what exactly is a Hoosier Republican these days and why are party members so divided?

So, I spent the last few days talking to delegates from the state convention to understand the split that has resulted in two consecutive repudiations of key GOP candidates.

First, delegates in 2022 nominated Diego Morales over Gov. Eric Holcomb's appointee, sitting Secretary of State Holli Sullivan. And this year, the delegates chose Beckwith over Rep. Julie McGuire, the choice of Republican gubernatorial nominee Mike Braun.

I spoke to around 20 delegates from around the state: large cities to rural towns; men and women; old and young. And I came away with four takeaways about the state of the Indiana Republican Party.

## A personal touch

It was clear that Beckwith used a much more personal approach with delegates. This was buoyed by being able to campaign for months rather than weeks.

More than one delegate said they had multiple phone calls and in-person meetings with him. And when Beckwith saw them on the convention floor Saturday, he addressed them by name.

Couple that with the fact that Beckwith gave a strong speech, while Braun and McGuire were flat at best.

"I never really knew where Julie stood on those issues. Think about the floor speeches. Beckwith laid it out plain as day. Julie didn't give a reason to vote for her other than she was Braun's pick," one delegate said.

## Generational divide

A number of longtime Repub-

## Niki Kelly



licans believe the divide is somewhat generational.

The old guard are more polite and avoid harsh criticism, while younger Republicans are adopting a more aggressive nature. Donald Trump is an example of that, though several I talked to are not necessarily supporters of him. But they do think it's time for a more outspoken GOP.

## Policy basics

More than any other issue that arose in my talks was that the party's establishment is focusing too much on growth and economic development and not enough on values, farmland, personal freedom and more. The controversial LEAP project is the poster child for this but certainly not the last of it.

"The establishment is focused on economics over the issues which Hoosier Republicans care most about," one delegate said. "How about we focus those billions the IEDC is spending on small town/rural private businesses here in Indiana? We'd get a bigger bang for our buck and Hoosier families would benefit, not corporations."

## No respect

My last takeaway was brought up the most often by delegates unhappy with the recent Republican party leadership. But it has nothing to do with public policy.

Delegates described a top-down approach, in which they're told by county chairs to get in line and not given respect for the grassroots efforts they make. They see the leaders of the party as bought and paid for by corporations and businesses.

Beckwith was an outsider with no allegiance to that inner sanctum and delegates liked that.

"Many in the GOP don't want to be led around by the nose. That doesn't mean there is a 'divide,' it means the people are standing up for what they believe in, which should make our party stronger, not weaker, moving forward," one delegate told me.

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Yesterday's Cryptoquip: IN WHAT WAY MIGHT YOU REFER TO THE PLANET'S TALLEST PLATEAU? AS THE HIGHEST FORM OF FLATTERY.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: C equals N

### Trivial Review

(Answers are printed below, upside down.)

#### Fourth questions

- John Adams and Thomas Jefferson died on July 4, 1826. What other president also died on July 4?
- What company is the largest consumer of fireworks in the world?

Answers: 1) James Monroe (2) Disney

## 7-1 CRYPTOQUIP

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VLXCZWL CFIC VLIWWD WZULR  
WQYOEZOE IPQYC ZO PIGU  
VQIKR: IO IWWLD-EICQV.

Saturday's Cryptoquip: NO, BELOVED, I DON'T BAKE FLAKY-CRUSTED DESSERTS FOR OTHER PEOPLE. I ONLY HAVE PIES FOR YOU.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: E equals G

### CRYPTO FUN

Solve the code to discover words related to the great outdoors. Each number corresponds to a letter. (Hint: 14 = R)

- 25 11 4 7 25 25 14 1**  
Clue: Areas outside
- 18 24 4 11 14 3**  
Clue: External world
- 12 22 14 7 1**  
Clue: Winged animals
- 4 14 3 3 1**  
Clue: Tall plants

### WORD SCRAMBLE

Rearrange the letters to spell something pertaining to the great outdoors.

WFRSLEO

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### Guess Who?

I am an entrepreneur born in South Africa on June 28, 1971. I attended the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania, where I studied economics and physics. I am an engineer who became a billionaire with my many innovative projects.

Answer: Elon Musk

### kids' corner



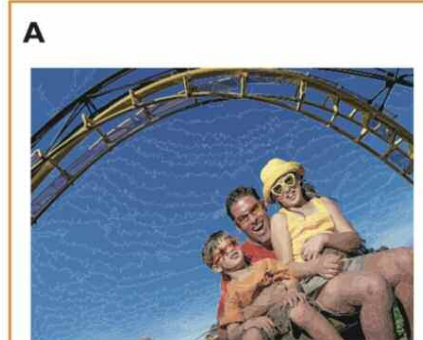
PEOPLE ENJOY RIDING ON THESE THRILLING ATTRACTIONS AVAILABLE AT THEME PARKS ALL OVER THE WORLD.

ANSWER: ROLLER COASTERS


### What's the Difference?

There are four differences between Picture A and Picture B. Can you find them all?

**A**



**B**



Answers: 1. Man's hair is different. 2. Ferris wheel in background. 3. Boy wearing heart glasses. 4. Girl has hand stamp smiley face.

### GREAT OUTDOORS WORD SEARCH

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

**WORDS:** ANIMAL, BACKPACKING, BOATING, BREEZE, CANOE, CLIMBING, CYCLING, FISHING, HORSEBACK, JOGGING, KAYAK, LAKE, MOUNTAIN, NATURE, PHOTOGRAPHY, RECREATION, RUNNING, SAILING, SKY, SPORTS, SUNSHINE, SURF, TOURISM, TRAILS

### How they SAY that in...

**ENGLISH:** Ticket  
**SPANISH:** Boleto  
**ITALIAN:** Biglietto  
**FRENCH:** Billet  
**GERMAN:** Karte

### Did You Know?

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### THIS DAY IN... HISTORY

JUN 27

- 1898: JOSHUA SLOCUM OF NOVA SCOTIA COMPLETES THE FIRST SOLO CIRCUMNAVIGATION OF THE GLOBE.
- 1950: THE UNITED STATES DECIDES TO SEND TROOPS TO FIGHT IN THE KOREAN WAR.
- 2007: TONY BLAIR RESIGNS AS BRITISH PRIME MINISTER. A POSITION HE HAD HELD SINCE 1997.

### New Word

**INCLINE**

a slope on a road or a railway

### CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

**ACROSS**

- Cabbage choice
- Young horses
- Ebb
- Jennifer Lopez hit of 2001
- Mom's bros
- Hang loose?
- Canonized Fr. woman
- "Deadly sins" count
- Hollywood's Thurman
- Crooned
- Pitcher Maglie
- Poet Khayyam
- Chose
- Lends an ear
- French salt
- Lush
- Swiss cereals
- Jam-packed
- Division term

**DOWN**

- Use a straw
- Campus mil.
- Learning group
- Perpendicular, at sea
- Scale note
- "Seinfeld" role
- Mama (rum cocktail)
- Attack verbally
- Carve, as a statue
- Tarot card
- Camp shelters
- Solution time: 26 mins.
- Author Rushdie
- Rene of "Ransom"
- TV's Norman and kin
- Kimono sash
- English chanel?
- Point gallery
- London gallery
- Powdered hairpiece
- JFK guesses
- Olympic figure skater Cohen
- Significant worry
- Bird (Pref.)
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Yesterday's answer 6-29

### Contract Bridge By Steve Becker

#### So near and yet so far

South dealer. North-South vulnerable.

**NORTH**

♠ J 7 4 3  
♥ A 10 9 7 2  
♦ A 9 4  
♣ 9 4

**EAST**

♠ 9 6 2  
♥ 10 9 8 5  
♦ Q J 6 3  
♣ 7 2

**SOUTH**

♠ A K Q 10 5  
♥ A K Q 6  
♦ 8  
♣ A K 5

The bidding: South West North East  
2♠ Pass 2♦ Pass  
2♥ Pass 3♦ Pass  
3♥ Pass 4♥ Pass  
4NT Pass 5♦ Pass

\*forcing, artificial. Opening lead — queen of clubs.

Hand patterns tend to repeat themselves, and it is normal for players to plan the play of many hands in accordance with their previous experience. But similar hands should not always be treated the same way, as even the slightest difference in the setup might warrant a different approach.

Consider this deal where South won the club lead with the king and cashed the A-K of trump. Had the trumps divided 3-2, he would have

made the rest of the tricks by drawing the missing trump and ruffing a club in dummy.

But when West failed to follow to the second trump lead, South stopped drawing trump, played the ace of clubs and ruffed a club with dummy's seven. East overruffed, and the grand slam went down the drain.

South was certainly unlucky to find the hearts divided 4-1 and the clubs 6-2, but he should have made the contract anyway.

After discovering the 4-1 trump division, declarer should have recognized the potential risk of trying to ruff a third round of clubs in dummy. Instead, he should have led a diamond to the ace at trick four and ruffed a diamond in his hand at trick five.

Then, after cashing the queen of trump and leading a spade to the jack, he could draw East's last trump with dummy's jack and discard the five of clubs on it. He would then score the rest of the tricks with the A-K-Q-10 of spades and ace of clubs.

In effect, South's club loser is made to disappear by reversing the usual procedure of trumping a loser in dummy and instead trumping one of dummy's losers in his hand. There is nothing unusual about the hand — except the difficulty of resisting the more familiar pattern of play.

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### Contract Bridge By Steve Becker

#### Famous Hand

South dealer. Both sides vulnerable.

**NORTH**

♠ 8 6 3  
♥ Q 3  
♦ Q 8 2  
♣ A K J 8 2

**EAST**

♠ A 9 7  
♥ 6  
♦ A 10 9 3  
♣ 10 7 6 4 3

**SOUTH**

♠ K Q J 10 4  
♥ A 5 4 2  
♦ K 7 5  
♣ Q

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

Opening lead — nine of clubs.

This remarkable deal occurred many years ago in a duplicate game at the Wellesley Club in London. The declarer was John Collings, well-known British expert. Collings wound up in four spades doubled after the auction shown, and West led the nine of clubs.

Although it appears there are more than enough tricks to make the contract, Collings recognized immediately that taking even 10 tricks might prove to be a very difficult assignment. He won the club lead with the queen and led the king of spades to East's ace. East

then returned the six of hearts.

Declarer had little doubt that the six was a singleton. West's double of two hearts, plus the fact that Collings was looking at all the heart spots lower than the six, made it clear that East did not have a doubleton. If he ducked the heart, therefore, West would take the king, return a heart for East to ruff, and the ace of diamonds would score the setting trick.

So Collings went up with the ace and cashed the queen of spades. Then he made a most peculiar play: Instead of cashing a high spade to draw East's last trump, he led the four of spades!

East was astonished to find himself winning a second trump trick with the nine, but his exuberance was short-lived. The trouble was that he now had to lead something, and whatever he chose would hand South the contract.

If East returned a club, Collings would discard three hearts and a diamond on dummy's A-K-J-8 of clubs, leaving the ace of diamonds as his only remaining loser. A diamond return would do him no better: If East cashed the ace, declarer could claim, while a low diamond would be taken by dummy's queen. South would then discard three hearts on the A-K-J of clubs, after which a diamond lead toward the K-7 would bring the defense to the same unhappy ending.

Tomorrow: The correct discard.

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### CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

**ACROSS**

- Do something
- Director Craven
- Sports-caster Albert
- Pacific island
- "Give — rest!"
- Acknowledge
- Italian wine region
- Petrol
- Triangular sails
- Shelled out
- "Scram!"
- Globe
- Rub the wrong way
- Egyptian amulets
- Less friendly
- Frost
- Scoundrel
- Baltic feeder
- Farm units
- Short snoozes
- Swabbed

**DOWN**

- Turkish officials
- Point gallery
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**Solution time: 21 mins.**

Saturday's answer 7-1

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1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

11 12 13 14

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### Peanuts



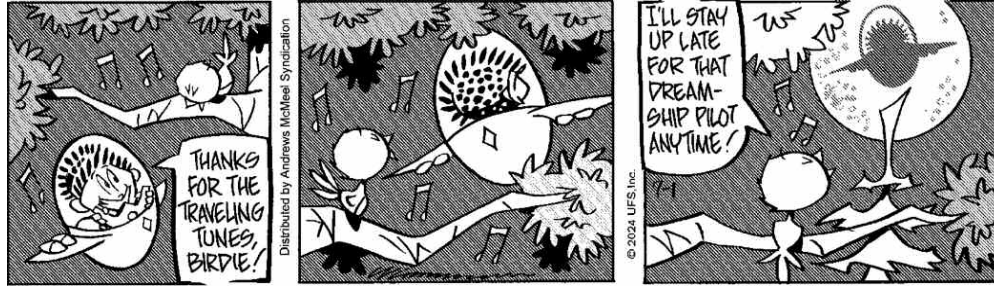
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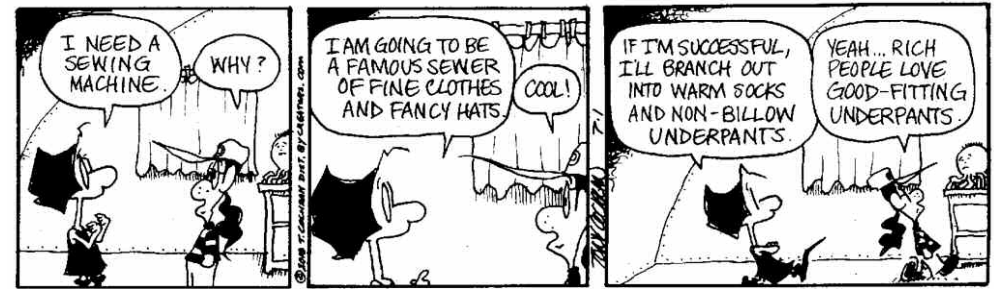
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### Hi and Lois



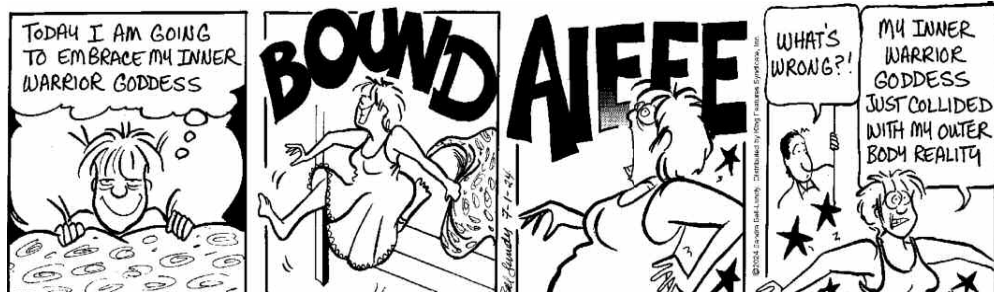
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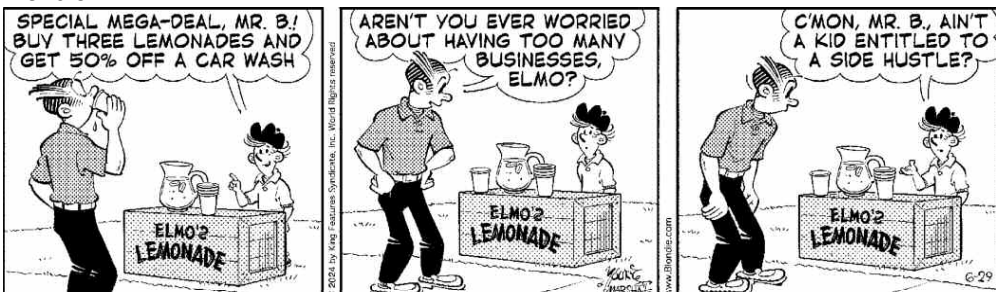
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### Blondie



### Snuffy Smith



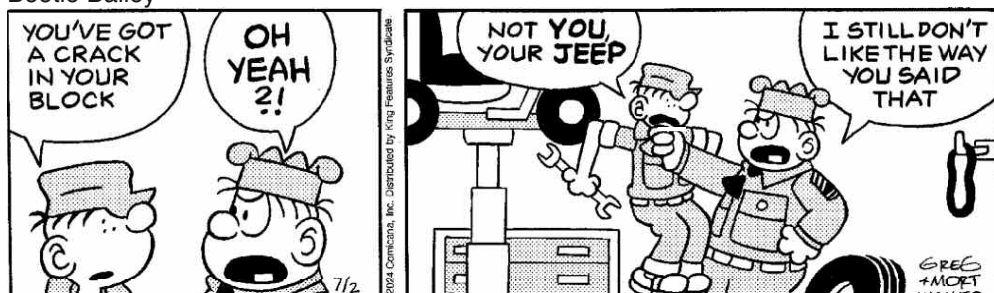
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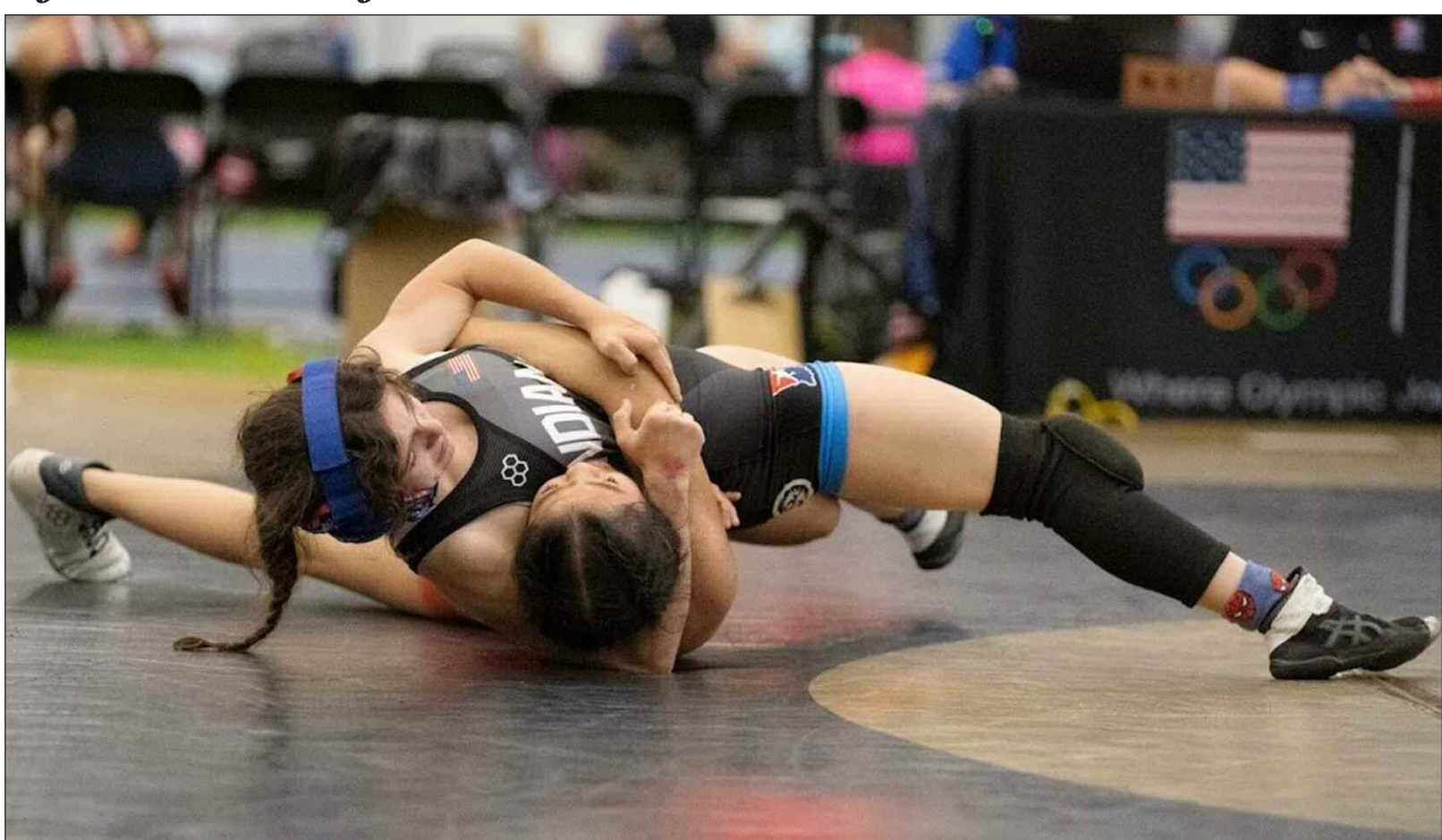
# National appearance

## Katie Rowles finished 7-1 for Team Indiana in the National Duals

**By ANDREW BALKO**  
The Commercial Review

WESTFIELD — Katie Rowles has reached the state wrestling tournament in the 2023. She missed out on competing on the highest high school level this past season after getting upset in the semi-state tournament.

She's making it up in the summer by competing against some of the top competition in the nation.



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Jay County High School's Katie Rowles puts Kylee Tran of Oklahoma in a headlock during the USA Women's Wrestling National Duals in Westfield for Indiana's 16-and-younger team. Rowles won the match 11-5 and split another pair of matches against Tran throughout the rest of the week.

Rowles competed for the Team Indiana 16-and-under girls wrestling team in the USA Women's Wrestling National Duals at Grand Parks Event Center in Westfield from June 18-22. The team competed in a pair of team-focused tournaments competing with one being freestyle wrestling and the other greco-roman.

"It was a great experience to be with all those girls," Rowles said. "It was the 16U girls and the 14U girls, so the younger girls kind of looked up to us a little bit, but a lot of them had been wrestling for as long or longer than me. So, it was just great to hear their stories from different tournaments and get to know more of the better girls wrestling in Indiana right now."

To qualify for team Indiana, wrestlers competed in the Indiana State Wrestling Association Freestyle State Finals and the winners were picked for the team. Rowles got the opportunity to wrestle in the 88-pound weight class as opposed to the 100-pound division in high school — which is the lowest weight class available.

"It's a whole different level playing field," Rowles said. "Now I get to go out there knowing they are going to be the same size as me. I'm not going to be wrestling up 10 pounds and it's completely different. It feels great knowing I can go out and compete against girls from other states and do well."

Over the pair of tournaments, Rowles wrestled in eight matches, earning a 7-1 record. She went 3-0 in the freestyle tournament and earned victories by forfeit six times to help Team Indiana to a second-place finish

in pool C and fifth overall. In the greco-roman style tournament, Rowles went 3-1 and won by forfeit twice as Team Indiana finished second in pool D and seventh overall.

Rowles didn't have an opponent for the first four matches of the freestyle tournament until she finally got on the mat against Kylee Tran of Oklahoma. Rowles came out on top in an 11-5 decision against Tran to start the tournament off right. Team Indiana still fell to Team Oklahoma 34-32.

The Jay County High School junior got her first pin in the opening round of the finals. She put California's Emily Darer on her back in 53 seconds, but again Team Indiana fell in a close match 34-33.

Rowles sat out the second and

third round of the finals without an opponent to face before she matched back up with Tran. She narrowly beat Tran in a 6-4 decision to help Team Indiana to a 36-33 victory over Team Oklahoma to take fifth place.

In the greco-roman tournament, Rowles' first match came in the third round against Darer. Rowles again pinned the California native — this time in 1 minute, 46 seconds — but California still came out on top 35-32.

In the first match of the finals, Rowles got a new opponent in Oliva Whitlach of Ohio. Despite Rowles' 15-6 technical fall victory, Team Ohio topped Team Indiana 43-28.

In the third round, Rowles matched up with Tran for a third time, but couldn't pull off the hat trick as she fell in a 7-4 decision.

Rowles' tournament finished with an 8-0 technical fall win against Ariel Mendoza of the Texas Blue team in the third round of the finals. Team Indiana fell 34-33 in the match before beating Team Kansas 34-33 — Rowles won by forfeit — to place seventh.

"I can't say enough about that girl," said Indiana State Wrestling Association women's director and coach Jason DeLois. "Her spirit, her attitude, her eagerness, it's just everything. ... Even when she loses, her attitude is just golden. ... Katie's just awesome."

While she kept a good attitude all throughout the weekend, Rowles said her loss to Tran was the match that stood out the most. She mentioned that she allowed Tran to get an

early lead and just couldn't recover, but will look to use the match as a learning experience.

Her first match against Tran ended up being Rowles' favorite. She hit Tran with three headlocks, a move she didn't particularly attempt much during the high school season.

Rowles will also get to wrestle in the USWA 16-and-younger Women Fargo National tournament in Fargo, North Dakota in mid July.

"I'm just really glad girls are getting these opportunities now," Rowles said. "To be able to go and wrestle on this team with girls spread out from throughout the same state and meeting girls from other states is just really fun and I'm glad we get this opportunity."

# FR ACME dominates Parkway in opener

ST. HENRY, Ohio — The Fort Recovery High School baseball team made a run in the postseason.

Now that it's the summer, a new set of Indians are looking to go on their own.

## Local roundup

tance in the short game, striking out six batters and surrendering five hits.

Luke Fortkamp and Hayden Siefring stood out with their bats by collecting two hits apiece and driving in two runs each. Both mashed doubles in the game, along with Alex Gaerke, Caden Grisez and Dylan Klenke. Gaerke and Klenke both drove in a pair of runs as well.

The Indians will face the No. 2 seed Marion Local in the quarterfinal.

## JC wins handily

The Jay County swimmer trounced

the Catalina swim team for a 722-440 victory at Portland Water Park on Thursday.

Jay County dominated the middle age groups with two triple-event winners in the 11-12-year-old and 13-14-year-old divisions.

Sophie Warvel earned wins for the 11-12-year-old girls by claiming the butterfly, breaststroke and short freestyle. Sam Benirschke handled the boys side with first-place finishes in the long freestyle, backstroke and breaststroke.

Both sides had representation in the 13-14-year-old age group as well in Brooklyn Byrum and Cooper Glentzer. Byrum won the backstroke breaststroke and short freestyle, while Glentzer pulled off wins in the butterfly, backstroke and individual medley.

Jay County had a pair of younger triple-event winners as well. Maddie Theurer claimed wins in the girls 8-and-younger IM, breaststroke and short free. Addisyn Champ picked up victories for the 9-10-year-old girls in the long freestyle, backstroke and breaststroke.

## Eels fall short

GREENVILLE, Ohio — The Fort Recovery swim team dropped its meet against the Darke County Stingrays 686-541 on Thursday.

The girls garnered 407 points, backed by Maddy Timmerman, Liza Knapke, Livy Timmerman and Joelle Kaup, but the boys could only manage 134.

Maddy Timmerman's wins came in the 11-12-year-old girls 25-meter freestyle, 25 breaststroke and 50 freestyle.

The 13-14-year-old division was handled by Livy Timmerman's wins in the 50 freestyle, 50 backstroke and 100 freestyle and Knapke's in the 50 butterfly and 100 individual medley. Knapke also won the open 200 freestyle.

Kaup provided wins in the 15-and-over 50 butterfly, 50 backstroke and 100 freestyle.

Ivan Boeckman led the boys in points. He won the 8-and-younger 25 butterfly, 25 backstroke and 50 freestyle.

## Hemmelgarn wins it

Harvey Hemmelgarn delivered the walk-off triple to push the No. 2 seed POET Bioprocessing past third-seeded Pioneer Packaging 13-12 in the Portland Junior League Rookie baseball semifinal on Thursday.

POET Bioprocessing

entered the bottom of the sixth inning trailing Pioneer Packaging before Hemmelgarn's triple pushed a pair of runs across the plate. Hemmelgarn finished the game with three triple and a single, while scoring three runs to lead POET Bioprocessing.

Corbin Hutzler provided a significant lift as well with a home run, a double and a single while scoring twice.

Pioneer Packaging's offense was more evenly distributed with Nathan Fullenkamp, Jett Johnson and Kase VanSkyock all hitting a triple and scoring two runs. Lake Willmann also had a strong day with two doubles and two runs scored.

POET Bioprocessing earned a spot in the championship game against top-seeded Cook's Nursery.

# Sports on tap

## Local schedule

- Today**  
Portland Rockets vs. Battle Creek Merchants at Bethel University - 1 p.m.
- Sunday**  
Portland Rockets vs. South Bend Royals at Bethel University - 1 p.m.
- Monday**  
Jay County summer swim team at Fort Recovery - 6 p.m.
- Tuesday**  
Portland Rockets at Muncie Chiefs - 7 p.m.

- Louis Cardinals (Bally Indiana)  
2:50 p.m. — NASCAR Cup Series: Ally 400 (USA)
- 3 p.m. — Olympic gymnastics trials (NBC)
- 3 p.m. — UEFA Euro 2024: Denmark vs. Germany (FOX)
- 3 p.m. — PGA Tour: Rocket Mortgage Classic (CBS)
- 4 p.m. — NWSL soccer: Bay at Racing Louisville (ESPN)
- 4:10 p.m. — MLB: Chicago Cubs at Milwaukee Brewers (FS1)
- 5 p.m. — NASCAR Xfinity Series: Tennessee Lottery 250 (USA)
- 6 p.m. — Copa America soccer: Peru vs. Argentina (FS1)
- 7:15 p.m. — MLB: Texas Rangers at Baltimore Orioles (FOX)
- 8 p.m. — Olympic track and field trials (NBC)
- 8 p.m. — UFC fighting (ESPN)

- 1 p.m. — NWSL soccer: OL Reign vs. Gotham FC (ESPN2)
- 2:15 p.m. — MLB: Cincinnati Reds at St. Louis Cardinals (Bally Indiana)
- 3 p.m. — PGA Tour: Rocket Mortgage Classic (CBS)
- 3 p.m. — UEFA Euro 2024: Georgia vs. Spain (FOX)
- 3:30 p.m. — NASCAR Cup Series: Ally 400 (NBC)
- 7:10 p.m. — MLB: Texas Rangers at Baltimore Orioles (ESPN)
- 7:30 p.m. — Olympic track and field trials (NBC)
- 8 p.m. — Copa America soccer: Ecuador vs. Mexico (FOX)
- 8 p.m. — Copa America soccer: Venezuela vs. Jamaica (FS1)
- 8:30 p.m. — Olympic women's gymnastics trials (NBC)

- Tuesday**  
12 p.m. — UEFA Euro 2024: Netherlands vs. Romania (FS1)
- 3 p.m. — UEFA Euro 2024: Türkiye vs. Austria (FOX)
- 7 p.m. — MLB: Cincinnati Reds at New York Yankees (Bally Indiana)
- 7 p.m. — WNBA: Minnesota Lynx at New York Liberty (FOX)
- 9 p.m. — Copa America soccer: Colombia vs. Brazil (FS1)

## Local notes

**Soccer camp announced**  
The Jay County High School boys and girls soccer teams will hold a youth soccer camp July 29-31. The camp is for kids going into first grade up to eighth grade. It will be held from 5-6:30 p.m. at the old soccer field behind the baseball diamond.

Admission is \$30 per child and each additional child from the same household will cost only \$20.

To sign up visit <https://qroo.de/bf9AoD>. For more information, email [klimuhlenkamp@jayschools.k12.in.us](mailto:klimuhlenkamp@jayschools.k12.in.us) or [rreynolds@jayschools.k12.in.us](mailto:rreynolds@jayschools.k12.in.us).

Payment can be sent to the high school front office by July 12th.

**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](mailto: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](mailto:director@cadcinfo.org).

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1 p.m. — BIG3 basketball (CBS)  
2:15 p.m. — MLB: Cincinnati Reds at St.

- Sunday**  
12 p.m. — UEFA Euro 2024: Slovakia vs. England (FOX)  
12:30 p.m. — PGA Tour Champions: U.S. Senior Open (NBC)  
1 p.m. — LPGA Tour: Dow Championship (CBS)

- Monday**  
12 p.m. — UEFA Euro 2024: Belgium vs. France (FOX)  
3 p.m. — UEFA Euro 2024: Slovenia vs. Portugal (FOX)  
9 p.m. — Copa America soccer: Uruguay vs. United States (FS1)