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Riding back



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A girl competes as part of the 3 Bar J Rodeo during the 2023 Jay County Fair. Mike Johnson, a Jay County native, runs 3 Bar J out of Union City along with his wife Marcia, their daughter Mary Hanes and other family. The rodeo will return to the grandstand at the Jay County Fair for a show at 7 p.m. Tuesday.

Jay County native and family run 3 Bar J Rodeo, which will be at the grandstand at the fair Tuesday

By BAILEY CLINE

The Commercial Review
Tribune News Service

This isn't the Johnson family's first rodeo.

In fact, the essence of their rural Union City business, 3 Bar J Rodeo, started at a rodeo more than five decades ago when Marcia and Mike Johnson met for the first time.

Mike quickly lassoed Marcia's heart. About a decade later, they decided to try their hand at running rodeos with family.

Their business, 3 Bar J Rodeo,

will return Tuesday to the grandstand at the Jay County Fair.

The rodeo scene has always been in Mike Johnson's blood. In his younger years, he was a competitor.

"I started riding bulls when I was 13 and just always liked it," he said.

Mike Johnson's riding career started with shows in Richmond. After graduating from Jay County High School, he began traveling across the United States, Mexico and Canada.

"Just, when you rodeo, you go everywhere," he said.

He also orchestrated junior rodeos in his youth. About 35 to 40 years ago, Mike Johnson and his family decided to take life by the horns and venture into the larger-scale rodeos. Thus, 3 Bar J Rodeo was born.

Its name is twofold: the 3 and J symbolize the three "J's" involved in the family — Mike and Marcia Johnson and their daughter, Mary (Johnson) Hanes — and the Bar demon-

strates the symbol used in branding animals.

Mary Hanes' husband, Joe, and their sons Quentin and Riely Hanes are also a part of the 3 Bar J crew, helping to keep the show running smoothly. Quentin and Riely Hanes participate in junior bull riding and team roping events.

"It's fun," said Mike Johnson. "You all get to hang together and give each other hell all the time."

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State awards housing funds

Loans total \$51 million to help with infrastructure

By LESLIE

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About a dozen Hoosier communities will split \$51 million in state funding for public infrastructure set to support construction of 2,400 homes.

It's the Residential Housing Infrastructure Assistance Program's first round of awards. Lawmakers authorized the revolving loan fund last year.

"We would have done what we had to do. But this very much helps," Jamestown Clerk-Treasurer Lori Hieston said.

Her Boone County community of nearly 1,000 residents is growing.

"When a house comes up for sale here in town, it gets sold pretty quickly," Hieston said.

The town also wants more local talent to serve a primary employer.

Fukai Toyotetsu Indiana Corp., a Jamestown-based automotive supplier, must largely hire from out of town, per Hieston.

"(This is) providing an opportunity for housing where people can buy a house and live close to where they work," she said.

Jamestown is preparing for a 199-house development, but its sewer system can only take half the prospective addition. The town plans to use its \$1.1 million award to add another tank to the plant.

The program stems from 2023's House Enrolled Act 1005, led by homebuilder Rep. Doug Miller, R-Elkhart.

"I think we're really trying to look at Indiana and say we've got opportunities across the state to help areas that haven't been helped before," he said in committee.

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Starmer vows stability

By ALEX WICKHAM
and AILBHE REA

Bloomberg News
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New British Prime Minister Keir Starmer promised a government of "stability and moderation" after leading his Labour Party to a landslide election victory that ended 14 years of Conservative rule that became characterized by turmoil and infighting.

In a dramatic reshaping of the political landscape, Labour took 412 of the 650 seats in the House of Commons, the most since Tony Blair's 1997 triumph. The Tories garnered 121, their worst ever performance and calling time on Rishi Sunak's stewardship of the country and his party.

Starmer, 61, vowed to "reset" British politics in a speech outside No. 10 Downing Street in London on Friday after he was formally appointed as premier by King Charles III at

Labour Party leader rolls to election victory in UK

Buckingham Palace. "This will take a while, but there is no doubt that the work of change begins immediately." He said his administration would "rebuild Britain with wealth created in every community."

Any Labour euphoria over the size of its win, though, will be quickly overshadowed by the scale of the challenges facing the next government. As well as the task of getting the economy growing more quickly, the election exposed divisions that look more entrenched. Indeed, the emphatic result was down to the splitting of the Tory vote in favor of more

radical forces as much as an embrace of Labour policies.

Starmer has rebuilt his party since his left-wing predecessor Jeremy Corbyn led it to the worst performance in more than eight decades at the last election in 2019, a vote dominated by the U.K.'s tortuous departure from the European Union.

That lingering tension was confirmed by the rise of voices on the right and left fringes, from Brexit architect Nigel Farage's populist Reform U.K. party, to left-wing independents who campaigned against the war in Gaza.

Marshal Bryant

Glen Bryant of Portland waves while representing Jay County Korean War veterans as the grand marshals of Thursday's Jay County 4th of July parade. Festivities following the rainy parade included afternoon activities at Jay County Fairgrounds and fireworks at dusk. For more photos, see page 5.



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Deaths

Carol Hartnagel, 80, Fort Recovery
Details on page 2.

Weather

Jay County had a high temperature of 82 degrees Friday.

Expect a high in the upper 70s today under partly cloudy skies. The high will be in the mid 80s Sunday and high 80s Monday. There is a chance of rain Monday night.

See page 2 for an extended outlook.

At the fair

Today

1 p.m. — Little Miss & Mr. Contest in the Farmer's Building
5 p.m. — Demolition derby at the grandstand

Sunday

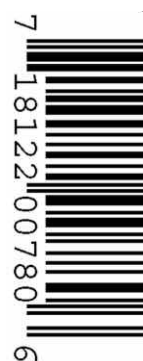
1:30 p.m. — 4-H poultry show at the East Arena
5 p.m. — Figure 8 racing at the grandstand

Monday

3 p.m. — 4-H dairy beef and feeder show
7 p.m. — Autocross at the grandstand

Tuesday

11 a.m. — 4-H beef show in the Show Arena
7 p.m. — 3 Bar J Rodeo at the grandstand



Riding ...

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The business usually does around 32 shows per year, traveling through Indiana and Ohio, as well as occasionally venturing into Kentucky, Michigan and Tennessee. It also takes livestock to International Finals Rodeo each January in Oklahoma City.

"It's very stressful, there's a lot of hours on the road," said Marcia Johnson. "Be sure your vet kits are all filled up in case you need something. Have all your first aid kits available, because you never know what's going to happen ... Never a dull moment."

Mike Johnson, who turned 73 last week, still buys and sells cows, trades equipment, bales hay and works on other ranch-

ing and farming activities just south of Union City. He also cares for 3 Bar J Rodeo's horses and bulls — he estimated he's got probably 30 bulls and 40 horses — on his own land there.

"All my (animals) run out on pasture, and then we feed them every day in the pens," he noted.

Rodeos slated for the coming weeks after Tuesday's competition at the Jay County Fair include Friday at LaGrange County 4-H Fair in LaGrange, July 15 at Whitley County 4-H Fair in Columbia City, July 16 at Wabash County Fair in Wabash, July 19 at Hendricks County 4-H Fair in Danville, July 20 at Delaware County Fair in Muncie, July 23 at Vanderburgh County Fair in Evansville and

July 25 at Clermont County Fair in Owensville, Ohio. Other rodeos on the schedule include Lima Stampede on July 27 in Lima, Ohio, and Union City Cowboys and Cops on Aug. 10 in Union City, as well as performances at Indiana State Fair on Aug. 15 and Aug. 16, Highland County Fair on Sept. 1 in Hillsboro, Ohio, and Dan Patch Days on Sept. 7 and Sept. 8 in Oxford, Ohio.

"This is what we call our Cowboy Christmas," explained Marcia Johnson, pointing out that July is their busiest month. "There's rodeos everywhere."

The just over two-hour rodeo at the Jay County Fair offers eight categories: bareback riding, saddle bronc, bull riding,

steer wrestling, tie down roping, breakaway roping, team roping and barrel racing. With more than 100 participants on the roster — 46 barrel racers alone — for the Mid-States Rodeo Association competition, the Johnsons are ready to get the show on the road.

For them, though, it's not just about saddling up for a good time. It's about the experience with their family and those who have joined their inner circle.

"We enjoy it. We've got so many good friends we've made over the years. It's like family, you know," said Marcia Johnson, 72. "The people you meet, they're just like family. Even in the winter months, everybody keeps touch."

Obituaries

Carol Ann Hartnagel, Fort Recovery, March 19, 1944-July 3, 2024. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, July 9, at Mary Help of Christians Catholic Church, Fort Recovery.

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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

Sunday 7/7	Monday 7/8	Tuesday 7/9	Wednesday 7/10	Thursday 7/11
85/65	89/69	81/65	83/65	85/55
Sunny skies are in the forecast for Sunday, when the high will be around 85 degrees.	Monday's forecast shows sunny skies with a high around 89 degrees.	There's a 50% chance of showers and thunderstorms Tuesday, when the high is 81.	Wednesday has a slight chance of storms. Otherwise, mostly cloudy.	There's another slight chance of storms Thursday under mostly sunny skies.

Lotteries

Hoosier Midday Daily Three: 3-4-2 Daily Four: 3-5-9-4 Quick Draw: 3-4-15-19-21-23-25-27-34-35-42-43-48-53-56-62-71-73-74-77	Pick 5: 8-7-2-3-5 Evening Rolling Cash: 3-15-20-32-35 Jackpot: \$110,000
Ohio Midday Pick 3: 0-0-1 Pick 4: 9-5-3-8	Powerball Estimated jackpot: \$20 million Mega Millions Estimated jackpot: \$162 million

Markets

Cooper Farms Fort Recovery Corn.....3.96 Aug. corn4.01 Wheat5.16	July beans10.85 Wheat5.41
POET Biorefining Portland Corn.....4.02 Aug. corn4.02 Sept. corn3.95	ADM Montpelier Corn.....3.85 July corn.....3.89 Beans11.76 July beans11.46 Wheat5.40
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Today in history

In 1785, the U.S. Congress unanimously set the name of U.S. currency as the "dollar."
In 1942, Anne Frank and her family went into hiding in Amsterdam. The Jewish girl's diary detailed her family's time hiding during the German occupation of the Netherlands. She died in Bergen-Belsen concentration camp in 1945.
In 2002, sisters Serena and Venus Williams met in the women's championship match at Wimbledon. Serena won by a score of 7-6 (7-4), 6-3 for her first Wimbledon singles title. She has since won the tournament six more times.
In 2006, Jay School Board approved a tentative contract agreement with Jay Classroom Teachers Association. The two-year agreement included a freeze in teacher pay in the first year with a 2% raise in the second.
In 2012, Indiana High School Athletic Association released details of a study regarding its class format for basketball. Through 11 public meetings, 68% of those involved favored the state returning to a single-class system. However, athletics directors (79%), athletes (72%) and coaches (55%) voted in favor of keeping the multi-class system that was implemented beginning with the 1997-98 season.
—The CR

Citizen's calendar

Monday 9 a.m. — Jay County Commissioners, auditorium, courthouse, 120 N. Court St., Portland. 10:30 a.m. — Jay County Commissioners special session, auditorium, courthouse, 120 N. Court St., Portland. 1 p.m. — Jay County Personnel Committee, auditorium, courthouse, 120 N. Court St., Portland. 3:45 p.m. — Jay County Election Board, voting room, courthouse, 120 N. Court St., Portland.	4 p.m. — Jay County Public Library Board of Trustees, community room, 315 N. Ship St., Portland. 6 p.m. — Dunkirk Board of Works, city building, 131 S. Main St. 7 p.m. — Dunkirk City Council, city building, 131 S. Main St. 7 p.m. — Fort Recovery Park Board, village hall, 201 S. Main St.
Thursday 4 p.m. — Portland Board of Works, mayor's office, city hall, 321 N. Meridian St.	

Felony court news

Auto theft
A man was sentenced in Jay Circuit Court to prison for auto theft.

Shannon R. Newton, 50, pleaded guilty to the Level 5 felony. He was sentenced to five years in Indiana Department of Correction and given credit for time served. Newton was fined \$1 and assessed \$189 in court costs.

He was ordered to pay \$3,396.11 restitution to the benefit of Jason Bishop. The court recommended Newton for purposeful incarceration, meaning upon completing a substance abuse treatment program it would consider modifying his sentence.

Theft
Two people were sentenced in Jay Superior Court to jail for theft crimes.

Taylor S. Carroll, 31, 619 Washington Ave., Terre Haute, pleaded guilty in Jay Superior Court to theft, a Level 6 felony. He was sentenced to one year in Jay County Jail with all but 20 days suspended and given 20 days credit for time served. Carroll was assessed \$189 in court costs. As part of his plea agreement, a Class B misdemeanor for public intoxication was dismissed.

Travis J. Guntle, 24, 310 E. Elder St., Portland, pleaded guilty in Jay Superior Court to theft, a Level 6 felony. He was sentenced to 180 days in Jay County Jail and given four days credit for time served. Guntle

was fined \$25 and assessed \$189 in court costs.

Narcotic possession

Three people were sentenced in Jay courts to jail for possession of narcotics.

Brooke A. Bennett, 23, pleaded guilty in Jay Superior Court to possession of a narcotic drug, a Level 6 felony. She was sentenced to 545 days in Indiana Department of Correction and given 144 days credit for time served. Bennett was fined \$1, assessed \$189 in court costs and ordered to pay a \$200 drug abuse, prosecution, interdiction and correction fee. As part of her plea agreement, a Level 6 felony charge for maintaining a common nuisance was dismissed.

Charlene Leist-Herald, 56, 329 W. Pleasant St., Dunkirk, pleaded guilty in Jay Circuit Court to possession of a narcotic drug, a Level 5 felony. Leist-Herald was sentenced to three years in Indiana Department of Correction with all of their sentence suspended. Leist-Herald was assessed \$189 in court costs and ordered to pay a \$200 drug abuse, prosecution, interdiction and correction fee. As part of their plea agreement, the following charges were dismissed: a Level 6 felony for maintaining a common nuisance, a Level 6 felony for unlawful possession of a syringe and a Class B misdemeanor for possession of marijuana.

Anthony T.J. Gregory, 35, 902 West

North St., Portland, pleaded guilty in Jay Superior Court to possession of a narcotic drug, a Level 6 felony. He was sentenced to 270 days in Jay County Jail and given 68 days credit for time served. Gregory was fined \$25, assessed \$189 in court costs and ordered to pay a \$200 drug abuse, prosecution, interdiction and correction fee. As part of his plea agreement, a Level 6 felony for possession of methamphetamine was dismissed.

Common nuisance

Two people were sentenced in Jay courts to serve time for maintaining a common nuisance.

Paige N. Curtis, 26, 2510 W. Indiana 116, Geneva, pleaded guilty in Jay Circuit Court to maintaining a common nuisance, a Level 6 felony. She was sentenced to 18 months in Indiana Department of Correction and given credit for time served. Curtis was assessed \$189 in court costs. As part of her plea agreement, a Class B misdemeanor for possession of marijuana and a Class C misdemeanor for possession of paraphernalia were dismissed.

Randy R. Addie, 49, Christiansburg, Virginia, pleaded guilty in Jay Superior Court to maintaining a common nuisance, a Class A misdemeanor. (As part of his plea agreement, the charge was lessened from a Level 6 felony.) He was sentenced to 180 days in Jay County Jail and given 172 days credit for time served.

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Housing ...

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The legislation allows awardees to use the money on sidewalks, curbs, sewer, water and other infrastructure. Such expenses are usually built into the cost of residential development projects, but developer and builder groups testified infrastructure costs can hinder housing projects.

Lawmakers hoped to give residential development a boost with the low-interest loans.

According to an IFA memo, here are the recipients:

- Goshen, \$11 million
- Clarksville, \$8.6 million for two projects
- Auburn, \$5.5 million
- Indianapolis, \$5 million
- Michigan City, \$4.6 million
- Gas City, \$4.5 million for two projects
- Fort Wayne, \$4 million
- Vincennes, \$3.1 million
- Ossian, \$2.5 million
- Churubusco, \$1.1 million

Each community will start repayment within a year of a project's "substantial completion." They

have 20-year fixed interest rates and level annual debt service.

SERVICES

Today

Dirksen, Urban: 10 a.m., St. Paul Catholic Church, 517 Meiring Road, Fort Recovery.

Monday

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

Tuesday

Hartnagel, Carol: 10:30 a.m., Mary Help of Christians Catholic Church, 403 Sharpsburg Road, Fort Recovery.

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Community baby showers

IU Health recently hosted community baby showers in Jay and Blackford counties. Organized through the Healthy Beginnings program, part of the IU Health East Central Region's initiative to improve maternal and infant health outcomes, the events were aimed at supporting expectant families in both counties. It featured a range of giveaways, including strollers, breastfeeding kits, safety supplies, and postpartum care baskets.

'Sound of Music' JCCT auditions are July 29, 30

Auditions for Jay County Civic Theatre's production of "The Sound of Music" are slated for the end of this month.

The local theatre group is hosting auditions from 6 to 8:30 p.m. July 29 and July 30 at Jay County Campus of Arts Place, 131 E. Walnut St., Portland. Performances are slated for 7 p.m. Dec. 5, 6, 7, 13 and 14, and 2 p.m. Dec. 15. Email jaycounty_civic@gmail.com for more information.

Seeking artists

Arts Place is looking for current, new or emerging artists to submit proposals for portable cultural planning studios.

The studios are planned for Jay and Blackford counties in Indiana and Auglaize County in Ohio. Commissioned by Arts Place, the studios will be funded through a National Endowment for the Arts Our Town Grant. Artists

Taking Note

can submit proposals for one, two or all three studios.

The budget is \$8,333 per studio. For more information, visit myartsplace.org. The deadline for applications is 5 p.m. Aug. 2.

Contest open

The Indiana Department of Natural Resources' license card background artwork contest is underway.

Entries will be accepted for the contest through Aug. 2. All work should be Indiana-based and have a nature or wildlife theme. For additional guidelines, visit events.IN.gov/event/DFW_CardContest.

Father, son have yet to bond

DEAR ABBY: My husband of two years was estranged from his children after a nasty divorce. He reconnected with his son "Mack" four years ago and has made every effort to show him he's a good man and is truly sorry for not being there for a time.

The only time my husband gets to spend time with Mack is when he's asked to do a project at Mack's house. He is not invited to any social events. We've asked to take Mack's family to dinner, and he won't give a straight answer. My husband is so hurt. He wants to get to know Mack and his grandchildren, yet he is kept at a distance.

We are at our wits' end trying to figure out why Mack won't let his father into his life. I have never even met him. My husband has expressed his feelings, asked Mack

Dear Abby



destroyed his parents' marriage and took his dad away. He may be unwilling to get closer because he doesn't trust his father or because he's afraid it will hurt his mother. Or, Mack could simply be using his father for the labor he provides on those projects he's invited to work on.

What to do next would be for your husband (and you) to take a long, hard look at what is and isn't going on with Mack, and move on with your lives if necessary.

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

what's holding him back and promised he'd never hurt him or his family. We don't know what to do next. Please help. — NO PROGRESS IN CONNECTICUT
DEAR NO PROGRESS: And ... where is Mack's MOTHER? How long did she keep the children away from their father? To what lengths did she go to alienate them?

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Community Calendar

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

ROAD RIDERS FOR JESUS — Will meet at 10

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

DUNKIRK HISTORICAL SOCIETY — Is open from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on the first and third Saturday of each month in the former W.E. Gaunt Jewelry building, 113. S. Main St., Dunkirk.

MUSEUM OF THE SOL-DIER — Is open from noon to 5 p.m. the first and third Saturday and Sunday of the month. It is located at 510 E. Arch St., Portland.

Sunday

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

Monday

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

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

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

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

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

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

PREGNANCY CARE CENTER — Free pregnancy testing with ongoing support during and after pregnancy. The center is located at 216 S. Meridian St., Portland. Hours are 1 to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. For more information or to schedule an appointment, call (260) 726-8636. Walk-ins accepted.

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

one is welcome.

PORTLAND EVENING OPTIMIST CLUB — Will meet at 6 p.m. the second and fourth Monday of each month at Richards Restaurant.

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

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

Sudoku

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		4			7	5	3	
		9			1			
6								8

Level: Advanced

Friday's Solution

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

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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Stop politics at the water's edge

By NATE LAMAR

As a young lieutenant, I served in an atypical assignment, for which I was sent to the Defense Language Institute in Monterey, California, to learn German, followed by the Individual Terrorism Awareness Course at Fort Bragg (now Fort Liberty), North Carolina.

This was in preparation for being sent to a joint unit at the grassroots level of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO). We were 40 U.S. Army soldiers stationed at a remote site, which was actually a Bundeswehr Kaserne (German Army base) with 2,000 German soldiers. There was no post exchange (PX), nor commissary, nor American housing compound. I lived "on the economy" on the top floor of an apartment building with entirely German neighbors.

Serving as liaison/linguist officer with our German Army hosts, around 80% of my time was spent speaking German.

Nate LaMar



In a position with top secret clearance, I was occasionally in civilian clothing, instead of a uniform, and with longer hair, during and after the Gulf War.

Under the Status of Forces Agreement (SOFA), the Bundeswehr provided each U.S. Army soldier at joint remote sites up to two free train tickets per month anywhere in Germany on the Deutsche Bahn (German Rail) — the best rail system in the world, as it serves almost every corner of the country. On weekends not in the field or serving as duty officer, it allowed me to explore Germany from north to south

(I also visited every neighboring country).

As the Iron Curtain and Berlin Wall had fallen, I often visited Berlin and other parts of former East Germany. Traveling well beyond tourist sites, and often getting out of my comfort zone (i.e. exploring abandoned Soviet bases), gave me a deep appreciation not only for the defeat of Naziism, but also for the defeat of communism in Europe.

Headquartered in Brussels, NATO was founded in 1949 as an alliance to counter the former Soviet Union, and its fellow communist satellite countries in Eastern Europe. Now 32 countries strong, NATO today includes all of these former satellites throughout Eastern Europe, along with some constituent parts of the former Soviet Union itself, such as Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania.

NATO's most recent members include Finland and Sweden, historically neutral countries

spooked by Russia's 2022 invasion of Ukraine who therefore immediately applied for NATO membership. Having an 832-mile border with Vladimir Putin's Russia, Finland is now NATO's "front-line state" (National Defense, June 2024).

Others with NATO membership interest include Bosnia and Herzegovina, Georgia and Ukraine. With exceptions of Cyprus, Kosovo and Russian satellite Belarus, European countries who are not members of NATO are members of NATO's Partnership for Peace, which also includes the three countries of the Caucasus and the five "stans" of former Soviet Central Asia.

As a young lieutenant serving in a joint unit, never did I dream that someday I would represent a civilian employer on NATO's Industrial Advisory Group (NIAG), where we engaged in deep-dive studies of emerging technologies for interoperability among NATO members' mili-

taries. For another previous employer, I dealt with NATO's Support & Procurement Agency (NSPA) in Luxembourg.

This year's 75th NATO Summit will take place in Washington, D.C., from July 9 through 11. The summit will happen amidst the dual specter of isolationism and protectionism infecting a presidential election between two elderly non-veterans representing the extremes of each of their parties.

Politics must stop at the water's edge. We cannot sell out Ukraine, Israel or Taiwan. As I keep a close eye on the proceedings of the summit, I pray that cooler heads will prevail, and that the U.S. will, to paraphrase Matthew 5:14, continue to serve as the shining city on a hill, as leader of NATO and the Free World.

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LaMar, an international director, served as Henry County Council president from 2009 to 2019.

Dollars are on the move

By MORTON J. MARCUS

The two Indiana candidates for governor might hold up their hometowns (New Castle for McCormick and Jasper for Braun) as models for the concerns surfacing lately about small city survival.

In the 50 years from 1970 to 2020, New Castle has seen its population drop by 3,800 from a high of 21,200. Jasper has nearly doubled from 8,600 to 16,700 in the same period. Seymour added 8,200 residents while Logansport has lost 3,300 and Vincennes declined by 4,100.

Both growth and decline are serious issues for places between 10,000 and 20,000 in population.

Instead of focusing on population, let's talk about an economic dimension of counties where data are more readily available than places. Specifically consider the \$77 billion in earnings that counties imported and exported in 2019.

Before the coronavirus pandemic and expanded internet services, money, in form of wages and salaries, moved through commuting. A worker from Warren County went to Tippecanoe County or Montgomery County for a job.

This in-flow of funds benefits Warren County while the place of work gains when the worker is also a customer at several establishments. Further, that worker is not burdening the work county with school children and the attendant costs of a residence.

But in the "new" world, as the commute gives way to the computer, where is the money earned when the employee is in Shelby County and the employer in Henry County?

On balance, in 2019, 20 Indiana counties were net exporters of salaries and wages, leaving 72 counties as net importers of earnings.

Spencer County in southwestern Indiana had an unusual situation. Residents of the county had 88% of their earnings originating outside the county while 82% of the earnings generated in the county left for other areas. If the people who live in a county don't work there, and the people who work there

Eye on the Pie



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don't live there, is this a classic labor market mismatch?

Brown County is more typical: 32% of the earnings generated in the county flow out while 77% of the earnings realized by local residents originate elsewhere. The net result of this strong inflow and comparatively low outflow is that two-thirds of the earnings enjoyed by county residents are dependent on jobs located elsewhere.

In addition to Brown, Ohio, Franklin, Morgan and Union counties were the most impacted by the inflow of earnings relative to the outflow.

The top five counties impacted by the net outflow of earnings were Martin, Marion, Gibson, Elkhart and Vanderburgh.

Do these figures show the labor market is inefficient? Should there be more matching of jobs and housing?

Or is the market working just fine?

People find employment where they can and live where they choose to, subject to their ability to earn.

What do you say? The future of our state may depend on your thoughts. Or, leave it to the political insiders as we have for decades?

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Show support for contraception

Star Tribune

Tribune News Service

South Dakota's senior senator, John Thune, is one of the most powerful elected leaders at the U.S. Capitol. The tall, plain-spoken Republican is now in his fourth term in office and has held a powerful party leadership post since 2019.

So after Republicans in that chamber recently blocked a Democratic bill protecting birth control access, it was initially reassuring to hear Thune vow that another bill like it, one that his party could support, would be forthcoming.

"We will have an alternative that will make very clear that Republicans are for contraception," Thune is quoted as saying in a June 9 USA Today report.

The Star Tribune Editorial Board commends Thune for that commitment and strongly urges to him to follow through. Regrettably, it's unclear if and when Thune intends to put in his words into action.

Thune's office failed to respond to several inquiries over the past week from an editorial writer. Among the questions that remain unanswered: the timing of such a bill, who might carry it, how soon it could reach the Senate floor and whether it could also pass the Republican-controlled U.S. House.

Also unknown: how this legislation will differ from the bill introduced by Sen. Edward Markey, a Massachusetts Democrat. Markey's legislation would have set forth "statutory protections for an individual's right to access and a health care provider's right to provide contraception and related information," according to its congressional summary.

The bill failed earlier this month to reach the 60 votes needed to reach the Senate floor. All but two

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Republican senators voted against it.

Among critics' objections to it: that there is no threat to contraception access, with birth control available in all 50 states. South Dakota Gov. Kristi Noem, a Republican, called the bill "a joke" during a CNN appearance.

The Editorial Board didn't understand her remark and asked Noem to explain why the bill is a "joke." Noem's office replied with a link to her CNN appearance, which sheds little additional light. To see the interview, go to tinyurl.com/NoemBirthControl.

It is true that birth control continues to be legal in Minnesota and elsewhere. "Because of the Affordable Care Act (aka Obamacare), most insurance plans must cover all methods of birth control at no cost to you, including the pill. However, some plans only cover certain brands of pills or generic versions," Planned Parenthood reports.

But current legal protections offer cold comfort to those who care about reproductive health.

There were assurances for years from U.S. Supreme Court nominees that Roe v. Wade was settled law. Then, in 2022, the high court cavalierly cast aside precedent and ruled that it wasn't. Fourteen states now have sweeping abortion bans.

A longstanding U.S. Supreme Court decision, *Griswold v. Connecticut*, also safeguards birth control access. In a 2022 concurring opinion, U.S. Supreme Court Justice Clarence

Thomas wrote that that high court "should reconsider" this ruling and others that protect same-sex marriage and relationships, according to Politico.

A May 21 New York Times story raises further concerns. Former President Donald Trump, who is seeking a second term, "suggested he might support allowing states to place restrictions on contraception, then said amid criticism that he didn't support restrictions."

Clearly, there are legitimate reasons to be concerned about birth control access and distribution. Legislative protections are necessary and urgent.

If Republicans couldn't support Markey's bill, Thune and other party leaders need to act, not simply talk about the party's commitment to contraception.

Iowa Sen. Joni Ernst, a Republican, did recently introduce a bill called the "Allowing Greater Access to Safe and Effective Contraception Act." Its focus: increasing over-the-counter birth control options, greater transparency into how government agencies are spending tax dollars to support women and families, and ensuring that "tax dollars are not being used to destroy life by funding abortions or abortion providers."

If this is the alternative to the Markey bill that Thune has in mind, the legislation provides little confidence that it would prevent states or a future presidential administration from banning birth control.

If Thune and his party are serious about safeguarding birth control access, the work should begin now on improving the Iowa senator's legislation or introducing another bill that would actually contain real protections. A good start: answering questions about what the party intends to do.

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—Thomas Jefferson

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Can't rain on their parade

Light rain fell throughout the Jay County 4th of July Parade on Thursday in Portland, but it didn't serve to dampen any of the holiday spirit. Above, Miss Jay County Fair Queen Molly Muhlenkamp flashes a smile while throwing candy to parade-goers along Meridian Street; at right, Tricia Brown grins while launching a confetti popper while riding on the Southern Thunder Fireworks float; and below, Cruz Darby tosses a handful of candy from a firetruck.



Felony court news

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Addie was fined \$1 and assessed \$189 in court costs. Also as part of his plea agreement, a Level 6 felony charge for unlawful possession of a syringe and a Class C misdemeanor charge for possession of paraphernalia were dismissed.

Meth possession

Multiple people were sentenced in Jay courts to serve time for possession of methamphetamine.

Hunter M. Charles, 27, pleaded guilty in Jay Superior Court to possession of methamphetamine, a Level 4 felony. He was sentenced to 10 years in Indiana Department of Correction and given credit for time served. Charles was assessed \$189 in court costs and ordered to pay a \$200 drug abuse, prosecution, interdiction and correction fee. He was recommended for purposeful incarceration, meaning upon completion of a substance abuse treatment program, the court would consider modifying his sentence. As part of his plea agreement, the following charges were dismissed: a Level 2 felony for dealing methamphetamine and three Level 6 felonies for unlawful possession of a syringe, possession of a narcotic drug

and resisting law enforcement.

Jacqueline P. Curtis, 32, 997 Boundary Pike, Portland, pleaded guilty in Jay Circuit Court to possession of methamphetamine, a Level 6 felony. She was sentenced to 20 months in Jay County Jail and given credit for time served. Curtis was assessed \$189 in court costs and ordered to pay a \$200 drug abuse, prosecution, interdiction and correction fee. As part of her plea agreement, her charge was lessened from a Level 5 felony.

Kimberly A. Sowder, 42, pleaded guilty in Jay Circuit Court to possession of methamphetamine, a Level 5 felony. She was sentenced to three years in Indiana Department of Correction and given credit for time served. Sowder was assessed \$189 in court costs and ordered to pay a \$200 drug abuse, prosecution, interdiction and correction fee. As part of her plea agreement, a Level 6 felony for unlawful possession of a syringe and a Class C misdemeanor for possession of paraphernalia were dismissed.

Nathan E. McClain, 42, 310 E. South St., Pennville, pleaded guilty in Jay Circuit Court to possession of methamphetamine, a Level 5 felony. He was sentenced to four years in Indiana

Department of Correction with two years suspended and given credit for one day served. He was placed on home detention for two years. McClain was assessed \$189 in court costs and ordered to pay a \$200 drug abuse, prosecution, interdiction and correction fee. As part of his plea agreement, the following charges were dismissed: a Level 5 felony for dealing marijuana, a Level 6 felony for maintaining a common nuisance and a Class A misdemeanor for possession of paraphernalia.

Kurt E. Banter was found guilty in Jay Superior Court of possession of methamphetamine, a Level 6 felony. He was sentenced to 730 days in Indiana Department of Correction and given 82 days credit for time served. Banter was assessed \$189 in court costs and ordered to pay a \$200 drug abuse, prosecution, interdiction and correction fee. A Class B misdemeanor for possession of marijuana was dismissed.

Travis J. Guntle, 24, 310 E. Elder St., Portland, pleaded guilty in Jay Superior Court to possession of methamphetamine, a Level 6 felony. He was sentenced to 180 days in Jay County Jail and given 150 days credit for time served. Guntle was fined \$25, assessed \$189 in court costs and

ordered to pay a \$200 drug abuse, prosecution, interdiction and correction fee. As part of his plea agreement, a Level 6 felony for unlawful possession of a syringe was dismissed.

Caytlyn M. Ingram, 24, 432 N Main St., Winchester, pleaded guilty in Jay Superior Court to possession of methamphetamine, a Level 6 felony. She was sentenced to one year in Indiana Department of Correction and given 294 days credit for time served. Ingram was fined \$25, assessed \$189 in court costs and ordered to pay a \$200 drug abuse, prosecution, interdiction and correction fee. As part of her plea agreement, a Class C misdemeanor for possession of paraphernalia was dismissed.

Jimmy R. Sheets, 46, 53 E 2nd St., Peru, pleaded guilty in Jay Superior Court to possession of methamphetamine, a Level 6 felony. He was sentenced to one year in Jay County Jail with all but 60 days suspended and given 32 days credit for time served. Sheets was assessed \$189 in court costs and ordered to pay a \$200 drug abuse, prosecution, interdiction and correction fee. Sheets was also ordered to submit to an evaluation for substance abuse counseling. As part of his plea agreement, a Class A misde-

meanor for driving with a suspended license was dismissed.

Cocaine possession

Two people were sentenced in Jay Superior Court to serve time for possessing cocaine.

Kelli S. Morningstar, 25, pleaded guilty in Jay Superior Court to possession of cocaine, a Level 6 felony, and a habitual offender enhancement. Morningstar was sentenced to six years in Indiana Department of Correction — four of those years were added because of the habitual offender enhancement — and given credit for time served. Morningstar was fined \$1, assessed \$189 in court costs and ordered to pay a \$200 drug abuse, prosecution, interdiction and correction fee. The court recommended her for purposeful incarceration, meaning upon completing a substance abuse treatment program it would consider modifying her sentence. As part of her plea agreement, her charge was lessened from a Level 4 felony, and the following charges were dismissed: three Level 6 felonies for unlawful possession of a syringe, dealing marijuana and maintaining a common nuisance and a Class C misdemeanor for possession of paraphernalia.

Gabriel Sanchez-Her-

nandez, 30, 3718 Smith St., Fort Wayne, pleaded guilty in Jay Superior Court to possession of cocaine, a Level 6 felony. He was sentenced to 545 days in Jay County Jail with all but 90 days suspended and given 18 days credit for time served. He was assessed \$189 in court costs and ordered to pay a \$200 drug abuse, prosecution, interdiction and correction fee. Sanchez-Hernandez was also ordered to submit to an evaluation for substance abuse counseling. As part of his plea agreement, a Level 5 felony charge for possession of methamphetamine was dismissed.

Unlawful possession

A woman was sentenced in Jay Superior Court to prison for unlawful possession of a syringe.

Brooke A. Bennett, 23, pleaded guilty to the Level 6 felony. She was sentenced to 545 days in Indiana Department of Correction and given two days credit for time served. Bennett was fined \$1 and assessed \$189 in court costs.

As part of her plea agreement, a Class A misdemeanor for possession of marijuana was dismissed.

Cases dismissed

Indiana v. Jason W. Davison, Level 5 felony

7-6 CRYPTOQUIP

MBQE KBQ PYNZKP PBNY BGI
G AUR ACNMNOK PGCQ NE GCC
UKP ANGK YGIICQP, UK MGP G
BORQ NGZ IQGC.

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: IF A COBBLER MISPLACES THE SHOE BOTTOM HE NEEDS, HE MIGHT SPEND A LOT OF TIME SOLE-SEARCHING.
Today's Cryptoquip Clue: A equals B

Trivial Review
(Answers are printed below, upside down.)
They're fair questions
1) In what country is the fastest roller coaster in the world located?
2) What company offered a small plastic pickle as a free gift during the 1893 World's Fair?

7-8 CRYPTOQUIP

DE L HTZEQRDRZMLK AZZO
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Saturday's Cryptoquip: WHEN THE SPORTS SHOP HAD A BIG BLOWOUT SALE ON ALL ITS BOAT PADDLES, IT WAS A HUGE OAR DEAL.
Today's Cryptoquip Clue: H equals P

CRYPTO FUN
Solve the code to discover words related to swimming pools.
Each number corresponds to a letter.
(A. 20 10 1 23 19
Clue: Wet stuff)
(B. 11 3 6 15 19 13 9 23
Clue: Pool chemical)
(C. 6 10 7 7 23 19
Clue: Climbing device)
(D. 17 20 13 26 17
Clue: Moves through water)

WORD SCRAMBLE
Rearrange the letters to spell something pertaining to swimming.
SFIRELT

Guess Who?
I am an actress born on July 5, 1963 in New York. I slowly began my acting career by making appearances on shows like "Law & Order." My big break came on a popular show about an Italian-American mob family from New Jersey.

kids' corner
Illustration of school supplies and a laptop.

SCIENCE FACT!
A SHARPER TILT TOWARD THIS CELESTIAL BODY IS WHAT MAKES TEMPERATURES RISE DURING THE SUMMER MONTHS.

How they SAY that in...
ENGLISH: Humid
SPANISH: Húmedo
ITALIAN: Umido
FRENCH: Humide
GERMAN: Feucht

Maze Craze
Can you find your way through the maze?
START FINISH

Did you know?
WHEN IT IS VERY HOT OUTSIDE, IT IS IMPORTANT TO DRINK MORE WATER TO AVOID DEHYDRATION AND HEAT EXHAUSTION.

THIS DAY IN... HISTORY
1901: A LAND LOTTERY BEGINS IN OKLAHOMA.
1914: THE CAPE GOD CANAL OPENS.
2005: ASTRONOMERS ANNOUNCE THEIR DISCOVERY OF THE DWARF PLANET ERIS. IT IS MASSIVE AND THE SECOND-LARGEST KNOWN DWARF PLANET IN THE SOLAR SYSTEM.

New Word
BLAZING
burn fiercely or brightly

DIVE RIGHT IN WORD SEARCH
Find the words hidden vertically, horizontally, diagonally, and backwards.
WORDS: ABOVE GROUND, ALGAE, BACKFLOW, BACKYARD, BROMIDE, CALCIUM, CHLORINE, CLEANER, COVER, DEPTH, DRAIN, FLOCCULANT, FLOW, HEATER, IN-GROUND, LINER, POOL, PUMP, SCALE, SHOCK, SKIMMER, STABILIZER, VALVES.

Contract Bridge
By Steve Becker
Sometimes it pays to worry
North dealer. North-South vulnerable.
NORTH: J 10 8 3, A 8 7 3, Q 6, A 7 5
WEST: Q 10 5, J 10 9 7 2, J 9 6 3 2
EAST: 7 6 4 2, J 9 6 4, A 8 5 4, 10
SOUTH: A K Q 9 5, K 2, K 3, K Q 8 4
The bidding: North Pass, East Pass, South 1 NT, West 3 NT. Opening lead — jack of diamonds.

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

Crossword puzzle grid with clues:
ACROSS: 1 Detox center, 6 Turn, 12 Poolside structure, 13 Target at a fiesta, 14 Language of Egypt, 15 Small stock purchase, 16 Polite query, 17 Low-carb diet trend, 19 Away from WSW, 20 Bjorn of tennis fame, 22 Pallid, 24 Dict. info, 27 Marshy areas, 29 Topped with frosting, 32 Grammy-winning "Drivers License" singer, 35 Conceal, 36 Lady of Spain, 37 Pioneering ISP.
DOWN: 2 Online auction venue, 3 Mideast envoy, 4 Singer DiFranco, 5 Scenic route, often, 6 Lady-bug's feature, 7 Black spider, 8 Hoosier st., 9 Orange variety, 10 British prep school, 11 Overdue, 12 Rotating part, 18 Asian appetizer, 21 Sapporo sash, 23 Tire filler, 24 Homer's cry, 25 Lilly of pharmaceuticals, 26 Acted restless, 28 Gathering for glee club members, 30 Alter —, 31 100 cts., 33 Victory sign, 34 Apply cream, 39 Birch of "American Beauty", 41 Flavor, 42 Jeopardize, 43 Con, 45 Professional gp., 47 Locale, 48 Winter glider, 49 Golf peg, 51 Sleep acronym, 53 Just out.

Contract Bridge By Steve Becker

Contract Bridge
By Steve Becker
Famous Hand
South dealer. North-South vulnerable.
NORTH: J 7 5, Q 8 5, Q 10, A J 10 4 2
WEST: Q 10 8 6 4 3, K 4, J 8 5 3, 9
EAST: 2, 9 6 2, K 9 7 4, K Q 8 6 5
SOUTH: A K 9, A J 10 7 3, A 6 2, 7 3
The bidding: South 1 NT, West Pass, North 2 NT, East Pass. Opening lead — six of spades.
This deal occurred in the 1975 London Sunday Times Invitational Pairs. At five of the nine tables where South got to four hearts, the play followed identical lines. West led a spade, won with dummy's jack. Declarer then took a heart finesse, losing the queen to West's king. West returned a spade, ruffed by East, who exited with a trump to declarer's ace. South then led a club to the ten, putting East on lead in this position.

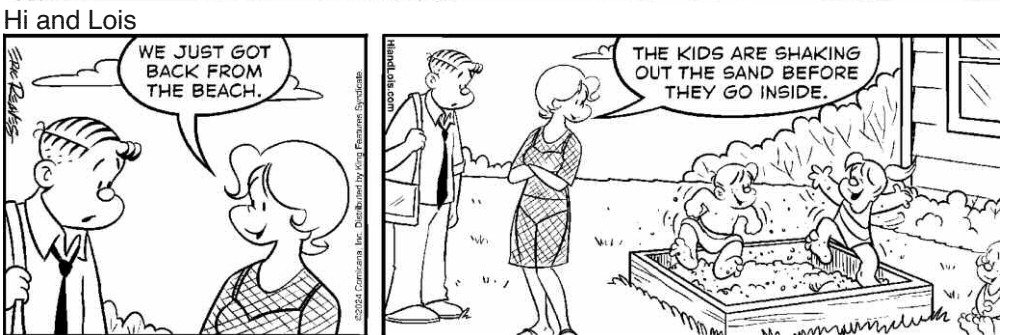
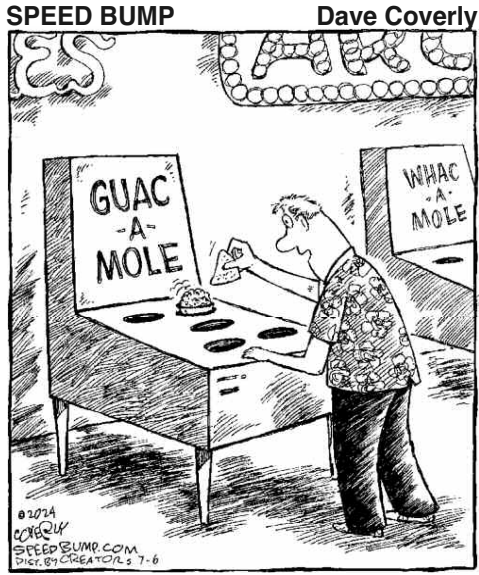
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Crossword puzzle grid with clues:
ACROSS: 1 Work by Maya Angelou, 5 Pugilist's punch, 8 Cruising, 12 "Cogito — sum", 13 Verse form, 14 Cleans the floor, 15 Read quickly, 16 Strong-man of myth, 18 "Shucks!", 20 50th anniversary, 21 Stereo alternative, 23 Born as, 24 Birth-right, 28 Walked (on), 31 Rock producer Brian, 32 Imam's faith, 34 Shoe width, 35 Final Four gp.
DOWN: 22 Leers at, 24 Coop dweller, 25 SASE, e.g., 26 Pothole repairers, 27 Canal inspections?, 29 Not 'neath, 30 Susan of "L.A. Law", 33 Like ganders, 36 Pueblo structures, 38 Pantry, 40 Fed. benefits provider, 42 Cries of discovery, 43 Prefix with conference, 44 Verifiable, 46 MRI forerunner, 47 Lighten, 48 Pvt.'s superiors, 50 Under the weather.

Crossword puzzle grid with numbers 1-57.

Contract Bridge
By Steve Becker
Famous Hand
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Crossword puzzle grid with numbers 1-57.



We Deliver

Maybe it's a chuckle from reading a vintage Peanuts cartoon. Maybe it's a column by a member of The CR staff. But we try to keep our sense of humor.

Laughter

The Commercial Review *We Deliver*

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Public Notice

PUBLIC NOTICE INVITATION FOR BIDS
Notice is hereby given by the Board of Aviation of the City of Portland, that sealed bids will be received at City Hall, 321 North Meridian Street, Portland, Indiana 47371 until 3:00 PM Wednesday, July 17, 2024, for the following:

Annual cash rent of 26.28 tillable acres of farmland at the airport; under a three-year farm lease.

Such rental shall be paid to the City of Portland in two installments. The first being due April 1 and the second shall be due November 1.

Bid forms and a map can be picked up at City Hall, 321 North Meridian Street, Portland 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Bids will be opened at 4:00 p.m. on the 17th day of July, 2024 by the Board of Aviation at the airport, 661 W. 100 N., Portland. The Board of Aviation reserves the right to reject any and all bids or to waive informalities in bidding due to errors.

Lori Phillips
Clerk Treasurer
City of Portland
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Public Notice

NOTICE PROPERTY SOLD AT TAX SALE
The following people have been identified as having a substantial interest of public record in the following real property located in Jay County in the State of Indiana.

ID Number: 38-01-27-404-054.001-011; Common Description: Vacant land E Maple St, Brief Legal: PT A 66' X 103'; Owner: Myers, Jennifer; Purchaser of Tax Sale Certificate: New Ikigai LLC, Tax Sale Certificate No: 382300003; Amount for which certificate was sold at Tax Sale: \$769.00; ID Number: 38-09-08-104-083.000-014; Common Description: 221 E Railroad St, Brief Legal: LOT 5 RAILROAD ADD, Owner: Duty, Donna; Purchaser of Tax Sale Certificate: New Ikigai LLC, Tax Sale Certificate No: 382300025; Amount for which certificate was sold at Tax Sale: \$ 692.00; ID Number: 38-09-08-104-084.000-014; Common Description: 225 Railroad St, Brief Legal: LOT 6 & W 1/2 LOT 7 RAILROAD ADD, Owner: Duty, Donna J & Ellen, Kathleen Jt W/Rights Of Surv; Purchaser of Tax Sale Certificate: New Ikigai LLC, Tax Sale Certificate No: 382300026; Amount for which certificate was sold at Tax Sale: \$ 570.00; ID Number: 38-09-08-402-086.000-014; Common Description: 143 Orange Ave, Brief Legal: LOT 8 EVANS & WILSON ADD, Owner: Rq Tax Lien Investment Inc Richard Quizon; Purchaser of Tax Sale Certificate: New Ikigai LLC, Tax Sale Certificate No: 382300031; Amount for which certificate was sold at Tax Sale: \$ 671.00; ID Number: 38-09-09-203-003.000-014; Common Description: 341 E High St, Brief Legal: LOT 1 - 2 J M SMITH SUB; DIV, Owner: Morehead, Steven Michael; Purchaser of Tax Sale Certificate: New Ikigai LLC, Tax Sale Certificate No: 382300039; Amount for which certificate was sold at Tax Sale: \$ 910.00; ID Number: 38-09-09-302-011.000-014; Common Description: Washington St, Brief Legal: LOT 3: CARLES ADD, Owner: Lowe, Reba G; Purchaser of Tax Sale Certificate: New Ikigai LLC, Tax Sale Certificate No: 382300045; Amount for which certificate was sold at Tax Sale: \$ 286.00; ID Number: 38-09-09-302-010.000-014; Common Description: Washington St, Brief Legal: LOT 4 CARLES ADD, Owner: Jones Lydia, Freeman Elizabeth & Miller Naomi Esther; Purchaser of Tax Sale Certificate: New Ikigai LLC, Tax Sale Certificate No: 382300201; Amount for which certificate was sold at Tax Sale: \$ 333.00;

These real properties were sold at the Jay County Indiana tax sale on March 13rd, 2024. Anyone may redeem this real property. The components of the amount required to redeem this real property include the following items: 1 - Delinquent taxes, special assessments, penalties, and costs due on the real property, the sum of which may be equal to or greater than the minimum bid on the tax sale certificate 10% flat interest on the amount bid on the tax sale; 2 - Taxes and special assessments on the real property paid by the purchaser or purchaser's assignee subsequent to tax sale, plus interest; 3 - Title search expenses, attorney's fee and costs of giving notice paid by the tax sale purchaser or purchaser's assignee. If these real properties are not redeemed prior to the expiration of the redemption period, the purchaser will be entitled to receive tax deed. The purchaser will file a petition for a tax deed to be issued on or after 07/11/2024. For the exact amount required to redeem this real property, contact Jay County Auditor. New Ikigai LLC, PO Box 5081, Lafayette, IN 47903-5081, 765-237-9171 CR 7-6,13,20-2024 - HSPAXLP

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Wish ...

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Lux arrived just in time to watch her two favorite Iowa Hawkeyes alumni play at T-Mobile Arena when the Aces faced the Indiana Fever on Tuesday for the second time this season.

The trip was something of a miracle, made possible by the Make-A-Wish Foundation.

Martin lends support

Lux has a rare and aggressive form of cancer called malignant peripheral nerve sheath tumor (MPNST), which was initially found in her right arm. Her visit to Las Vegas was expedited because of recent complications with her condition.

It would have been difficult for Lux to journey all the way to a major airport. Navigating a packed commercial plane in her wheelchair also would have presented challenges. Make-A-Wish negated all of those concerns, arranging a private plane for Lux, her three older siblings and her father, Kraig Lux. Bailey was scheduled to return to Iowa on Thursday, and Kraig believes a certain Aces player had a role in the accommodations.

"Kate (Martin) had been reaching out," Kraig said. "I think she probably had something to do with the back side of things. She had reached out on Friday and sent me a message saying she wanted to fly us out to the game. I

don't know how much she had to deal with, I know it was difficult to get this done so quickly ... but this is spirit-lifting."

Bailey was diagnosed with cancer in September 2022. The life-long Iowa sports fan met Clark and Martin during a hospital visit shortly after, and they have kept in contact with Bailey and her family ever since.

The teenager is active on social media. She creates fan videos for Clark and Martin on TikTok, and messages with them on Instagram.

"I get to tell people, 'Oh, yeah, I talk to Kate. Me and her are pretty good friends,'" Bailey said Monday, adding that conversations span from basketball to updates about her health.

'No different than any other kid'

Martin and Clark have witnessed the highs and lows of Bailey's battle. She lost her mother, Renee Lux, to ovarian cancer in January. A month later, Bailey would ring the bell and briefly experience being cancer-free before it returned and spread to her lungs.

The former Iowa teammates and best friends met Bailey when they surprised her at the Ronald McDonald House in Iowa City. The visit fell during her initial round of radiation in 2022, right after the team had advanced to



Tribune News Service/Las Vegas Aces

Las Vegas Aces veteran Alysha Clark sits down to talk to Bailey Lux during practice Monday in Las Vegas. Former University of Iowa teammates Caitlin Clark of the Indiana Fever and Kate Martin of the Aces facilitated her trip to Las Vegas through the Make-A-Wish Foundation.

the Sweet 16. Clark remembers playing Mario Kart with Bailey during one of their first encounters.

"She was no different than any other kid, just playing Wii," Clark said Monday. "Obviously I've known her for a while, and I'm just trying to be as supportive as I can. I know this is something she's really looking forward to. Like, this is what her wish was, to

come to this game and to see me and Kate. I think that puts basketball, and even life, into perspective."

Bailey doesn't miss an opportunity to watch Clark or Martin play.

"Every single time they play, that game is on," said her sister Brianna Lux, 21.

She's also been to her fair share of games at Carver-Hawk-

eye Arena. It holds 15,400 and doesn't feel so different from Las Vegas, Bailey said. Tuesday was the Aces' first of two games this season at T-Mobile Arena, which has a capacity of 18,000 for basketball.

"There's not a bad seat in the house here," Martin said. "At Carver, it literally felt like you were a mile away when you were sitting in the top seat."

Sports on tap

Local schedule

Today
Portland Rockets in Portland Firecracker Tourney - TBA

Sunday
Portland Rockets in Portland Firecracker Tourney - TBA

Monday
Jay County summer swim team vs. Yorktown - 6 p.m.

Tuesday
Portland Rockets at Fort Wayne Jackers - 7:15 p.m.

TV sports

Today
7 a.m. — Tennis: Wimbledon (ESPN)
5:30 a.m. — AFL: Carlton Blues at Greater Western Sydney Giants (FS1)
6:30 a.m. — Formula 1s: British Grand Prix (ESPN2)
10 a.m. — NASCAR Xfinity Series: The Loop 110 (USA)
12 p.m. — UEFA Euro 2024 soccer: Switzerland vs. England (FOX)

12:30 p.m. — NASCAR Cup Series: Grant Park 165 (USA)
1 p.m. — MLB: Boston Red Sox at New York Yankees (FS1)
1 p.m. — Tennis: Wimbledon (ABC)
1 p.m. — WNBA: New York Liberty at Indiana Fever (CBS)
1 p.m. — NWSL soccer: Houston Dash at Chicago Red Stars (ESPN)
2 p.m. — Pro Motocross Championship: REdBud National (NBC)
3 p.m. — UEFA Euro 2024 soccer: France vs. Portugal (FOX)
3 p.m. — John Deere Classic (CBS)
3:30 p.m. — NASCAR Xfinity Series: The Loop 110 (NBC)
4:10 p.m. — MLB: Detroit Tigers at Cincinnati Reds (Bally Indiana)
4:30 p.m. — NBA summer league: Los Angeles Lakers vs. Sacramento Kings (ESPN)
6 p.m. — Copa America soccer (FS1)
6:30 p.m. — NBA summer league: Miami Heat vs. Golden State Warriors (ESPN)
7:15 p.m. — MLB: Milwaukee Brewers at Los Angeles Dodgers (FOX)
8:30 p.m. — Boxing: Artem Harutyunyan vs. Shakur Stevenson (ESPN)

9 p.m. — Copa America soccer (FS1)
10 p.m. — USL Championship soccer: Louisville City at Oakland Roots (FOX)
Sunday
7 a.m. — Tennis: Wimbledon (ESPN)
10 a.m. — Formula 1: British Grand Prix (ESPN2)
1 p.m. — Tennis: Wimbledon (ABC)
1 p.m. — Banana Ball World Tour: Firefighters vs. Bananas (ESPN)
1 p.m. — BIG3 basketball (CBS)
3 p.m. — PGA Tour Golf: John Deere Classic (CBS)
3:30 p.m. — WNBA basketball: Dallas Wings at Las Vegas Aces (ESPN)
4:30 p.m. — NASCAR Cup Series: Grant Park 165 (NBC)
6 p.m. — WNBA basketball: Chicago Sky at Seattle Storm (FOX)
7:10 p.m. — Major League Baseball: Boston Red Sox at New York Yankees (ESPN)
8 p.m. — NBA California Classic Summer League basketball: China vs. Charlotte Hornets (ESPN2)
Monday
6 a.m. — Tennis: Wimbledon (ESPN2)

8 a.m. — Tennis: Wimbledon (ESPN)
4:05 p.m. — Major League Baseball: St. Louis Cardinals at Washington Nationals (Bally Indiana)
6:40 p.m. — Major League Baseball: Cleveland Guardians at Detroit Tigers (FS1)
7 p.m. — NBA basketball Salt Lake City Summer League: Oklahoma City Thunder vs. Philadelphia 76ers (ESPN)
7:10 p.m. — Major League Baseball: Colorado Rockies at Cincinnati Reds (Bally Indiana)
9 p.m. — NBA basketball Salt Lake City Summer League: Memphis Grizzlies vs. Utah Jazz (ESPN)
Tuesday
8 a.m. — Tennis: Wimbledon (ESPN)
3 p.m. — Soccer: UEFA Euro 2024 - Semifinal (FOX)
7 p.m. — NBA basketball Salt Lake City Summer League: Memphis Grizzlies vs. Philadelphia 76ers (ESPN)
7:10 p.m. — Major League Baseball: Colorado Rockies at Cincinnati Reds (Bally Indiana)
8 p.m. — Soccer: Copa America - TBD at Argentina (FS1)

9 p.m. — NBA basketball Salt Lake City Summer League: Oklahoma City Thunder vs. Utah Jazz (ESPN2)
Local notes
Soccer camp announced
The Jay County High School boys and girls soccer teams will hold a youth soccer camp July 29 through 31.
The camp is for kids going into first grade up to eighth grade. It will be held from 5 to 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://qrco.de/bf9AoD>. For more information, email kimuhlenkamp@jayschools.k12.in.us or 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@jaycounty-chamber.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.
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Clark, Martin fulfill a wish

Former Iowa teammates bring patient to Vegas

By CALLIE LAWSON-FREEMAN
Las Vegas Review-Journal
Tribune News Service

LAS VEGAS — Bailey Lux always has a smile on her face, Indiana Fever rookie Caitlin Clark said.

During the Aces' practice Monday at T-Mobile Arena, the 14-year-old's resting expression supported Clark's claim.

Lux beamed when Aces rookie guard Kate Martin came by to say hello. After practice ended, Lux's wide grin couldn't even be obscured by the phone she held up to record as the Aces boisterously partook in their customary half-court shot contest, booing at made and missed shots.

"Thanks for coming through! They're not always this serious," Aces coach Becky Hammon told Lux in jest. Of course, Lux smiled in response.

Multiple Aces players would soon approach Lux's courtside table to autograph a gifted official WNBA basketball and ask about her long journey to Las Vegas from Carroll, Iowa.

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Mays winners

Display Craft, pictured above, won the regular-season championship in Portland Junior League Willie Mays baseball. At right are Willie Mays award winners Koda Johnson, Rookie of the Year; Ryker Price, Mr. Baseball; and Beckham Hough, Sportsmanship Award.



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