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County denies funding without contract

JCDC and commissioners continue to be at odds

By BAILEY CLINE
The Commercial Review

If Jay County Commissioners and Jay County Development Corporation can't agree on a contract for this year soon, funding may not be allocated to the organization in 2025.

For now, this year's funding is still being withheld.

Commissioners heard a request Monday from JCDC board president Angie Paxson and executive director Travis Richards to disburse county funds for the first half of 2024. The county and JCDC have yet to come to a contract agreement for this year.

In May, commissioners shared additional stipulations regarding a potential contract with JCDC. The list includes a reduction in JCDC board's voting membership to between nine and 11, requiring the board to meet monthly or as needed and stipulations about Richards' and community coordinator Nate Kimball's duties.

Paxson explained Monday that JCDC board's membership is in line with partners in six other counties and two other organizations. She noted it has identified two board members that have had issues with attendance and shared other updates, pointing out that the board is ready to form a subcommittee to discuss the stipulations in detail.

She requested the disbursement of county funds for the first half of 2024 as a good-faith gesture.

Commissioners president Chad Aker noted the county OK'd funding in 2023 on similar terms prior to putting a contract in place and expressed a desire to come to an agreement before committing funds.

Both Paxson and Richards noted a few times during discussion Monday that JCDC has shared a signed contract with commissioners, but commissioners decided not to move forward with it.

Aker reminded Paxson and Richards that the county shared its new stipulations in May.

He said the group could host special meetings instead of waiting for its regularly scheduled meetings to discuss the items and facilitate the process more quickly. Aker pointed out the county has to develop its budget for 2025 soon.

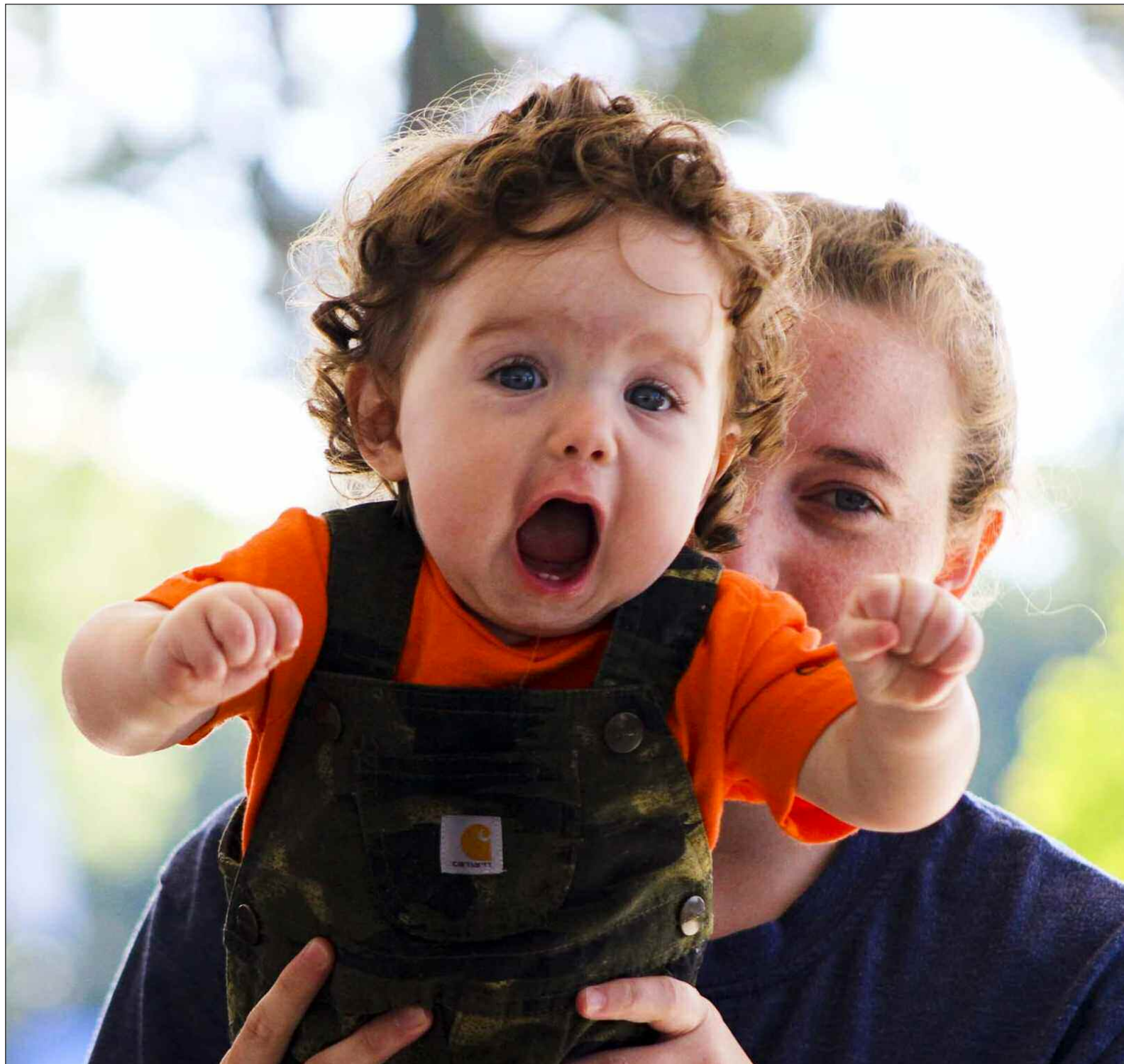
Richards asked what next year's budget has to do with this year's funding.

"Are you saying that you don't look to put anything in the 2025 budget if we don't come back with these 13 things by August?" asked Richards.

"That's what I'm saying is, if you're not willing to come into a contract with us, we've got to look at different avenues," responded Aker.

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2024 Jay County Fair



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Baby, mini

There was plenty for youngsters to get involved in over the weekend at the Jay County Fair.

Pictured above, Cash VanSkyock, 9 months old, and her mother Tessa VanSkyock sit in front of the audience and judges Saturday during the baby contest in the Farmer's Building.

At right, Silas Ault gets eye-to-eye with his cow during the mini 4-H showmanship portion of the beef show Sunday afternoon in the Show Arena.

For more photos, see page 6.



The Commercial Review/Ray Cooney

Intern has given fair a boost

By RAY COONEY
The Commercial Review

Kaden Khayyata has been out of high school for less than two months.

Even before he walked across the stage in Illinois, he was helping out in Jay County.

Khayyata is the sponsorship intern for the Jay County Fair, with his duties expanding far

beyond reaching out to potential businesses to seek funding for the annual event.

"He's been a great addition," said fair board president Aaron Loy. "He's kind of just jumped right in wherever he's needed. He's not afraid to get his hands dirty and do whatever needs to be done."

Khayyata fell into the

new role with the Jay County Fair by a bit of happenstance. He had started working with Illinois-based Leon Edwards Marketing and had proposed the idea of being a sponsorship intern. The company, in turn, suggested connecting him with a fair.

He had two choices: Champaign County, Illi-

nois, and Jay County, Indiana.

He chose Jay, in large part because of his familiarity with the community.

Khayyata's grandparents Tom and Margaret Warren lived in Jay County, farming south of Bluff Point. (His family continues to own the property in the area of county road

100 East between county roads 800 South and 900 South.) His paternal grandmother, Marian (Vinson) Orr, was Miss Jay County in 1958.

"So I've always been kind of around Jay County," said Khayyata, whose family moved to Illinois when his father Michael got a job there.

See **Intern** page 6

French election leaves no majority

By ALAN KATZ
and WILLIAM HOROBIN

Bloomberg News
Tribune News Service

France is heading into an extended period of political gridlock after a shock defeat for Marine Le Pen's far right in Sunday's elections produced a divided parliament with no clear majority.

A left-wing alliance including the far-left group France Unbowed

will be the biggest group with 178 out of 577 seats in the lower house, but still way short of the 289 required for an absolute majority. President Emmanuel Macron's group was second with Le Pen's National Rally trailing in third place.

In the runup to the vote, investors had been concerned about the prospect of a far-right takeover after Le Pen's crushing

victory in last month's European parliamentary elections. But some analysts were even more worried about Jean-Luc Melancon's France Unbowed leading the next administration, since he has made spending promises that would destabilize the public finances and risk a market crisis.

The result means that neither Melancon nor Le Pen will be able to put their plans into action and

makes the formation of any effective government extremely difficult.

"The extremes have been averted," said Antonio Barroso, a political analyst at advisory firm Teneo. "But the problem is that there is no easy path to a government."

French bonds and the euro were little changed as traders digested the results.

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Deaths

Jack White, 91, Dunkirk
Thomas Hemmelgarn, 77,
St. Henry, Ohio
Details on page 2.

Weather

Jay County had a high temperature of 84 degrees Sunday. The low was 61.

Tonight's forecast calls for a low in the upper 60s with rain after midnight. Showers, with thunderstorms possible, are in the forecast for Wednesday. The high will be in the mid 70s.

See page 2 for an extended outlook.

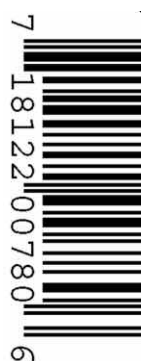
At the fair

Today

Noon — Rides open for Kids' Day
2:30 p.m. — Silly Safaris animal show in the Farmer's Building
4 p.m. — 4-H small animal supreme showmanship in the Show Arena
7 p.m. — 3 Bar J Rodeo at the grandstand

Wednesday

9 a.m. — 4-H dairy show in the Show Arena
3 p.m. — Cincinnati League Senior Citizen Recognition in the Farmer's Building
4:30 p.m. — 4-H sheep show in the Show Arena
7 p.m. — Truck and tractor pull at the grandstand



Obituaries

Jack White

June 23, 1933-July 3, 2024

Jack Eugene White, 91, of Dunkirk, Indiana, joined his Lord and Savior in glory on Wednesday, July 3, 2024, peacefully while in the company of his wife.



White

Jack was born in Redkey, Indiana, on June 23, 1933, a son of the late Luvina Mae (Silvers) and James Robert White. He was a 1952 graduate of Redkey High School, proudly served his country in the United States Army and was employed as a mold maker for Ball Inc. Glass Manufacturing until his retirement in 1992.

Jack was the loving husband of Carolyn Sue (Smith) "Susie" White, who he happily married on June 14, 1957. He was a member of the Dunkirk American Legion and AMA, attended First Baptist Church of Dunkirk, and

enjoyed fishing, gardening, old cars, playing and watching professional golf, reading, camping, time with his coffee group, traveling to the lakes, spending time with family and supporting his grandchildren's activities. Jack was a devoted husband, dependable father, loyal friend, hard-working man of his word, with a true Hoosier work ethic, didn't stand for idle hands, never said a bad word and taught us with a quiet strength and a deep spirituality, what it is to live and die with grace.

He is survived by his wife Susie White; three children, Steve White (Suzette), Rita Kight (Norman) and Bruce White (Leslie); seven grandchildren, Ryan, Justin and Travis Bone, and Derek, Taylor, Steven and Hannah White; six great-grandchildren, Keegan, Hallie, Aila, Raylan, Ellison and Stevie Rose Bone; and 1 sister, Beverly Schindler.

Jack was preceded in death by his parents James and Luvina White.

Visitation will be held on Tuesday, July 9, 2024, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at MJS Mortuaries - Redkey Chapel. Funeral services will follow at 1 p.m. with Pastor Norman Kight officiating. Burial and military honors will be held in Dunkirk IOOF Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Operation Smile (operationsmile.org).

Arrangements have been entrusted to MJS Mortuaries - Redkey Chapel.

Thomas Hemmelgarn

June 3, 1947-July 5, 2024

Thomas H. Hemmelgarn age 77, of St. Henry, Ohio, died Friday, July 5, 2024, at The Gardens at St. Henry.

Tom was born June 3, 1947, in Celina, Ohio, to the late Cletus J. and Agnes (Knapke) Hemmelgarn. Surviving family members include Tom's siblings and in-laws Marlene and Patrick McKinney of Fort Wayne, Indiana, Judy and Bill Schoenlein of Portland,

Indiana, Jane and Randy Thobe of New Bremen, and Dan and Mary Ann Hemmelgarn of St. Henry, as well as numerous nieces and nephews and great-nieces and great-nephews.

In addition to his parents, Thomas was preceded in death by an infant brother, Ken Hemmelgarn.

Tom was a member of St. Henry Catholic Church, the St. Henry Knights of Columbus and the St. Henry Athletic Boosters. He graduated from St. Henry High School, Class of 1965. Tom first worked at Rutschilling's Sawmill in St. Henry, then moved on to Mersman's Table Co. in Celina for over 30 years. He later worked at Rindler Truss, and finally as a paper delivery man for The Daily Standard. Tom was one of St. Henry's biggest fans and he held a season pass for the Redskin's boys basketball for 58



Hemmelgarn

years. He also enjoyed the Cincinnati Reds and the University of Dayton Flyers.

A Mass of Christian burial will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday, July 10, at St. Henry Catholic Church. Following the funeral mass, burial will take place in St. Henry Cemetery. Family and Friends may call from 3 to 8 p.m. on Tuesday, July 9, or 9 to 10 a.m. on Wednesday at the Hogenkamp Funeral Home in St. Henry.

Memorial contributions may be made to the St. Henry Athletic Boosters.

Condolences for the family may be expressed in person, or online at hogenkampfh.com.

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

CR almanac

Table with 5 columns: Wednesday 7/10, Thursday 7/11, Friday 7/12, Saturday 7/13, Sunday 7/14. Includes weather icons and forecasts.

Lotteries

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

Markets

Table listing market prices for Cooper Farms, ADM Montpelier, POET Biorefining, and The Andersons.

Today in history

In 2001, the original British version of "The Office" made its premiere. In 2018, Fort Recovery School Board hired Bill Overla as its new high school principal. In 2022, Jay County Fair Board announced on the opening day of the 150th Jay County Fair...

Citizen's calendar

Table listing events for Thursday, Monday, and Tuesday.

Funding ...

Continued from page 1. McGalliard noted there are other avenues for economic development.

Paxson repeatedly expressed frustration that commissioners continue to offer new stipulations and requests in a contract with JCDC. Richards voiced similar concerns.

"This is not the only list we've had, we've had multiple lists from you all of things you would like us to change," he said. "So, where does it end?"

Aker said the recommendations commissioners shared in May are their final requests. McGalliard later expressed other desires of the group, saying he would like to see "serious change" of the organization before approving a contract with it.

"You understand why I'm confused," said Paxson. "What I'm afraid of, we put the time in for these 13 points, present you the contract, have (county attorney Wes Schemenauer) revise it ... and then you're going to list something different."

After a lengthy discussion, Journay made a motion to grant Paxson's request. His motion died on the floor for lack of a second.

Earlier in the meeting, commis-

sioners also aired concerns about items they would like to see JCDC working toward.

McGalliard shared a compilation of labor force statistics he said came from Indiana Department of Workforce Development. Comparing the numbers from 2014 to 2024, he noted the labor force has dropped by just over 1,500 people.

"What are we doing to get our labor force back?" he asked.

Richards explained that as the population declines, so does the workforce. He mentioned quality of life aspects, such as expanding reliable internet, childcare and working on infrastructure. He referenced state funding programs the county is pursuing, such as the Regional Economic Acceleration and Development Initiative (READI) 2.0, Broadband Equity, Access and Deployment program, and other local projects, such as expanding Penn Township Library.

McGalliard suggested JCDC take labor force statistics into consideration for future plans in the county.

Referencing the housing shortage, Aker and McGalliard pointed out the housing task force has not met since the county purchased 68 acres

of land on the western edge of Portland along Indiana 67 in early 2023.

Aker asked JCDC to work with the county regarding the development of the 68 acres, which is a project that was submitted for funding through READI 2.0. (East Central Indiana Regional Partnership was awarded \$35 million through READI 2.0 to be distributed throughout the region.)

"It would be great to work together," responded Richards.

Later in the meeting, McGalliard noted the county needs to submit a final application for its READI 2.0 project prior to Aug. 2. He pointed out a section in the application asking for how many public, private or philanthropic funds have been secured to date for the project, and he suggested the county would have a better chance of securing more dollars if it committed other funding toward the project. He shared plans to get cost estimates later this week for the project and emphasized county officials act on the matter quickly.

For more news from Monday's commissioners meeting, see Wednesday's newspaper.

Election ...

Continued from page 1. The CAC 40 was up 0.3% in Paris trading, adding to last week's rebound. The French equity benchmark has erased almost half of its losses of recent weeks and remains 3.8% lower than it was before the election was called on June 9.

The leftist alliance, known as the New Popular Front, struck a deal with Macron's centrists ahead of the second round of voting in order to prevent Le Pen's from clinching a majority. Le Pen's National Rally won the biggest share of the vote in the first round but wound up with only 143 seats while Macron's group took 156, according to the French interior ministry.

"The scenario of political deadlock in France, with an assembly divided into three blocs, is the least worst-case scenario," said John Plassard, a director at Mirabaud & Cie.

Macron had said that the snap election he'd called following his defeat in the European election was meant to clarify the political situation in France. Instead, it's kicking off what looks like weeks of negotiations to try to come up with a formation that can govern.

Although the electoral rules of the Fifth Republic were designed to avoid gridlock, France is facing the same political fragmentation that have seen parliaments across Europe plunged into extensive and complex negotiations in order to form majorities.

Dutch Prime Minister Dick Schoof was sworn in this month, almost eight months after his country's election. Spanish Premier Pedro Sanchez is governing with the support of seven different parties after the conservatives, the biggest parliamentary group, failed to form a majority. Olaf Scholz is leading Germany's first

three-way coalition in more than half a century.

In France, the most likely outcome is a government with a minimal set of policies that can keep the country running without aiming at any major changes, say constitutional and political experts. There are major differences between the three main blocs.

That's an extraordinary outcome in large part because the current French constitution, brought in under Charles de Gaulle in 1958, was created in order to try to avoid the kind of parliamentary paralysis that France experienced following World War II.

Melody Mock-Gruet, a constitutional expert at SciencesPo university, said you have to go back to the presidency of Vincent Auriol from 1947 to 1954 to find a similar situation.

"He would meet with each group in parliament and try to find the least common denominator with them in order to try to build a government," she said. "This is going to take weeks at least."

SERVICES

Today Hartnagel, Carol: 10:30 a.m., Mary Help of Christians Catholic Church, 403 Sharpshurg Road, Fort Recovery. White, Jack: 1 p.m., MJS Mortuaries, 109 S. Meridian St., Redkey.

Wednesday Hemmelgarn, Thomas: 10:30 a.m., St. Henry Catholic Church, 272 E. Main St., St. Henry.

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Nome made for a good Memorial Day

By HANK NUWER
Experiencing an adventure in Nome, Alaska, across from mainland Russia, was on a bucket list for my wife Gosia and me.

Last Memorial Day weekend, we flew to this historic western city where Wyatt Earp ran the Dexter Saloon during the Gold Rush Days of 1900.

Bering Sea ice clung to the shore as a late spring departed. The ice contained a patch of discarded Christmas trees that locals term "Nome's national forest."

Nome's 3,654 citizens are a plucky lot, enduring many winter days with sub-zero temperatures.

Business only recently picked up after the COVID closings, plus the storm surge of Typhoon Merbok that drowned the city on Oct. 21, 2022.

Recent fires also shuttered several Nome restaurants, according to the friendly manager at

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From
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Milano's Pizzeria where we enjoyed tasty teriyaki chicken. The Bering Sea Bar now has rebuilt after an inferno destroyed it in 2022.

During our stay at the comfortable Dredge No. 7 Inn, we cooked three of four breakfasts with fixings from a well-stocked Safeway. Our initial meal at the Polar Café provided a great view of the Bering Sea but our bacon and eggs were overcooked.

Over four days, we ate all lunches and dinners out. We enjoyed fresh sushi and a tasty vegetarian pizza at family owned Airport Pizza and at Pingo Bakery & Seafood House, a super haddock burrito each.

During a dinner at Husky Restaurant, I savored spicy Korean pork, but Gosia's American fish and chips were so overcooked she abandoned her portion.

Whenever we had a Nome question, we stopped at the Nome Visitor Center where clerk Leon Boardway, "seven months sober," proved a human encyclopedia. He's the author of a collection of Gold Rush stories in "The Tale of the Golden Billiken," a book on Amazon for \$10.

Boardway told us about some crazy Nome traditions like its bathtub (on wheels) races down Front Street. He directed us to a Monday Memorial parade and service at the Nome ceremony. Gosia and I attended to pay homage to my late World War II veteran a father.

Finally, he directed us to highways out of town lead-

ing to Teller, Alaska, a village of Native Alaskans, and to a roadhouse at Safety, Alaska, which serves as the final checkpoint for the Iditarod.

Along the roadway, with stops on several remote side roads, we stopped to admire returning birds, including a Bristle-thighed curlew.

Best of all, we located musk ox herds. Gosia took photos with her zoom lens.

I kept the Jeep's door open in case the herd leader became jumpy.

Last December, a horned musk ox gored to death an Alaska court services officer on that same Teller Road.

At Safety, all the lights in the Roadhouse were on, but the doors were locked. We peered inside the old-timey saloon's windows to spy hundreds of dollar bills tacked to walls and ceilings. West of Safety, we located the remains of a

rusty narrow-gauge locomotive and cars.

During our Nome excursion, we stopped for a Saturday visit to the "headquarters of the Sin City of Nome," the historic Board of Trade Saloon (BOT). Gosia and I took a tour and admired its historic Nome photos.

"I'll have a draft," I said to the friendly bartender. "My wife will just watch."

"He's the designated drinker," Gosia explained. "I'm his driver."

Right then, a pool player began shouting and acting odd. The bartender firmly ordered him to leave.

"You know that behavior isn't allowed," the bartender said.

The buffoon's departure proved a better outcome than occurred on April 17, 1964, when then-BOT owner James D. West savagely beat intoxicated Richard Nershak for putting his hands on West's

wife. Nershak, a carpenter and ivory carver in poor health due to alcohol abuse, died even as a policeman drove him for help.

All in all, Gosia and I loved Nome, especially meeting its warm-hearted people. We flew back to Fairbanks with an Inuit carving of a walrus purchased at Maruskiya's well-stocked gift shop.

We hope to return to Nome in March when Iditarod dogsled teams streak across the finish line.

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Nuwer, a former Randolph County resident, is writing full-time as he completes a biography of Kurt Vonnegut in Fairbanks, Alaska. He has also taught journalism during his career, including for Ball State University and Franklin College in Indiana. See Nome for yourself by webcam at visit-nome.alaska.com/nomecam.

Woman believes sister has stepped over boundaries

DEAR ABBY: My sister has bullied and controlled me most of my life. She has said many very unkind things, and I have reached a place in my life where I need peace and distance from her. Because of this, I have blocked her from texting or calling me.

The problem I'm having is that my sister texts and sends pictures and presents to my in-laws. I feel this is inappropriate. She's married and has her own in-laws to grow a relationship with. I feel she does it to stay relevant in my life and also to show my in-laws that she's a nice person.

I know she's an adult and can have relationships with whomever she chooses, but it

**Dear
Abby**



feels to me that she is overstepping boundaries. I can't breathe or have a life outside of her. My husband's family are MY in-laws, not hers. Are my feelings unreasonable? — SMOTHERED IN PENNSYLVANIA

DEAR SMOTHERED: Your in-laws can have a relationship with anyone they wish. You cannot control who

sends them texts, photos and gifts, particularly if they enjoy them. You may feel your sister has no place in their lives, but unless they agree, you are out of luck.

Of course, your feelings are your feelings and, from what you have written about your sister's past treatment of you, you're entitled to them. But to allow her to take up any more space in your head than you already have is counterproductive.

Talk with a therapist about this, if necessary, to help you quit obsessing about her. The problem isn't her — it is how you continue to react to her.

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DEAR ABBY: Growing up, my best friend was a female. We had a strong platonic friendship for many years. Our primary method of communication was letter-writing. We wrote hundreds of letters and emails to each other before we drifted apart during college.

We recently reconnected after 10 years and quickly began talking like we used to. I'm excited to write to my fellow letter-writer again, but we are both married now, and I want to be respectful of the spouses involved.

Is there a right way to revive our constant flow of letters and emails, like in the old days? The letters are respectful, and we write about a wide variety

of topics that interest us. — CAUTIOUS IN CALIFORNIA

DEAR CAUTIOUS: Letter-writing is fast becoming a dying art, and it's a shame. I hope you and your friend have been saving the correspondence you've exchanged because they are valuable keepsakes that reflect your activities and opinions as you both have matured.

I see nothing wrong with continuing the exchange of letters as long as your spouses are aware of it and don't object. More people should consider doing what you are doing. I have been told by friends (pre-"Abby") that they have kept mine and enjoyed rereading them.

Community Calendar

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

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

Will meet at 11:30 a.m. Wednesday at the Bryant Community Center for a carry-in dinner. Meat is provided.
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.
PORTLAND EAGLES — Will meet at 6 p.m., on the second and fourth Wednesday of the month at the Eagles' lodge, 320 N. Meridian St., Portland.

AL-ANON FAMILY GROUP — New Beginnings, a support group for friends and families of alcoholics, will meet at 6:30 p.m. each Wednesday in the Zion Lutheran Church, 218 E. High St., Portland. For more information, call (260) 726-8229.
A BETTER LIFE - BRIANNA'S HOPE — A faith-based recovery group for all kinds of addictions, will meet from 6:30 to 8 p.m.

each Wednesday at Redkey United Methodist Church, 122 W. Main St.

Thursday
SMART RECOVERY — A group for those struggling with addiction that focuses on motivation, coping with cravings, managing thoughts, feelings and behavior, and living a balanced life meets at 11 a.m. each Thursday in the IU Health Jay Outpatient Behavioral Health Center, Entrance C, 510 W. Votaw St., Portland.
CELEBRATE RECOVERY — A 12-step Christian recovery program meets at 10 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. each Thursday at A Second Chance At Life Ministries, 228 S. Meridian St. in Portland. For more information, call Brenda Eads at (260) 726-9625 or Dave Keen at (260) 251-8792.

INDIANA UNIVERSITY HEALTH JAY HOSPITAL OSTOMY SUPPORT GROUP — Will meet at 6 p.m. the second Thursday of each month in Indiana University Health Jay Hospital Conference Room B. The group is for ostomy and intestinal diversion patients and their friends and family to offer mutual support and learn about the latest products and information.

Sudoku

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			2	6	5	3		
3	5			8		2		

Level: Beginner

Saturday's Solution

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

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Youth who age out need your help

By **MAGGIE STEVENS**

Young people aging out of foster care face countless barriers in their lives often preventing them from meeting their basic needs. Summer can be a vulnerable and lonely time as they may not be in school or a job training program, and they may need extra support.

Right now, there are young people aging out of foster care in Indiana who don't have reliable transportation to get to work, are dealing with food insecurity or may be facing eviction due to a lack of resources and adult support.

Thankfully, these young people can rely on Foster Success for support. For the last two years, we've worked to meet our young adults' basic needs through a program that helps

Maggie Stevens



them access the resources they need to become self-sufficient.

Foster Success's Basic Needs program helps solve their immediate needs by, diving into the underlying causes of their emergency and provides support and connection to resources to increase personal and financial stability.

The three pillars of our Basic Needs program are Solve, Support, and Sustain:

Solve — First, a Foster Success team member will work to

solve the immediate emergency that needs attention. This could be eviction, homelessness, lack of childcare, transportation challenges, and much more. If available, Foster Success will provide funds to support a young person to alleviate their current emergency.

Support — Then, a Foster Success team member will dive deeper into the cause of the emergency. For example, is the young person late on rent due to low wages, an inability to work due to lack of childcare, or other unforeseen circumstances? By taking the time to work with young people to solve the bigger issues, Foster Success can direct them to the appropriate resources.

Sustain — Lastly, a Foster Success team member will

guide the young person in accessing education programs to earn a degree or credential, enrolling in workforce programs to upskill or find better-paying jobs, or engaging with financial empowerment programs to learn how to manage finances and get access to financial guidance and resources.

Rosie Ferguson-Walton is one of the young adults who has received support through the Foster Success Basic Needs program. Two years ago, when she was just 21 years old, the Northwest Indiana student received funds through our Basic Needs program to pay for groceries and her cell phone bill. The emergency help was invaluable, she said.

"It took a lot of pressure and stress off my chest because I

knew I wasn't doing it alone and I knew I had all the help I needed," Ferguson-Walton said.

Sometimes a little help is all someone needs to continue on their journey to success. However, we cannot ensure that our Basic Needs program can meet the needs of young adults aging out of foster care without support from our community. Especially right now, during the summer, these young adults, like Rosie, need you. Please consider making a tax-deductible financial donation today or becoming one of our volunteers around the state.

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Stevens is the president and CEO of Foster Success, an Indiana-based nonprofit that prioritizes the voices of older foster care youth.

Implications of ruling are troubling

Los Angeles Times
Tribune News Service

In ruling that Donald Trump and other former presidents enjoy immunity from prosecution for "official acts," the Supreme Court on Monday gave a shockingly short shrift to the principle that no one is above the law. It did so, moreover, in a ruling that divided Republican and Democratic appointees at a time when the court must contend with complaints that its members are politicians in robes.

It was also frustrating that it took the court so long to hand down a ruling, more than six months after special counsel Jack Smith asked justices to expedite review. Monday's decision, which came more than two months after oral arguments, doesn't give Trump everything he wanted and doesn't derail the federal prosecution of the former president for his outrageous attempts to overturn the results of the 2020 election.

But Chief Justice John G. Roberts Jr.'s majority opinion makes such a prosecution more difficult. It also makes it almost certain that Trump won't be put on trial before the November election. If Trump wins that election, he could move to abort the prosecution. In that event, justice delayed truly would be justice denied.

Roberts concluded that a former president is "absolutely immune from criminal prosecution for conduct within his exclusive sphere of constitutional authority" and also possesses a "presumptive immunity" for acts "within the outer perimeter of his official responsibility." Prosecutors could rebut presumptive immunity by proving that prosecuting a former president for a particular action would pose no danger of intrusion on the authority and functions of the executive branch.

But the court declined to say whether several actions allegedly taken by the former president would be immune from prosecution, though it did find that Trump enjoyed immunity for one course of conduct described in the indictment — his discussions with Justice Department officials about investigating purported election fraud and sending a letter from the department to various states.

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The status of other actions by Trump in furtherance of his scheme will be decided by a lower court. These include his efforts to persuade Vice President Mike Pence to refuse to certify validly cast electoral votes. Roberts said that a lower court must decide whether prosecuting Trump for his lobbying of Pence would pose a danger of intrusion on executive branch authority. A trial court will also decide where other actions by Trump fall along the line between "official" and "unofficial." The country would have been better served if the court had wrestled with these questions itself to expedite a Trump trial.

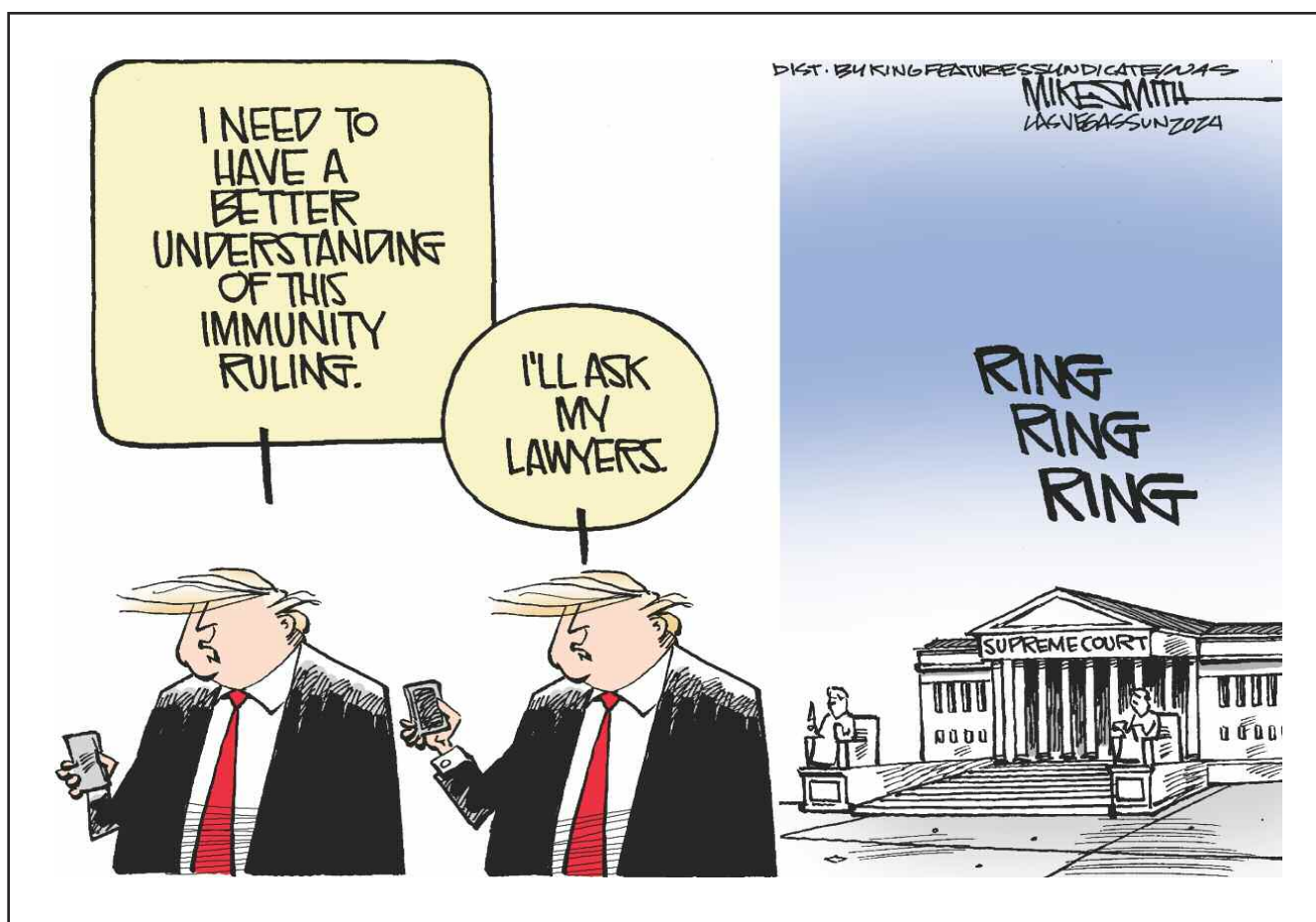
Even if Smith is able to prosecute Trump for "unofficial" acts, Roberts said prosecutors couldn't introduce as evidence testimony or documents related to official acts that were also part of the alleged illegal scheme. (Justice Amy Coney Barrett, a Trump appointee who said Roberts' opinion was mostly "consistent with my view," rejected that conclusion.)

This decision comes after the court last week ruled that an obstruction statute used against Jan. 6 defendants — which also figures in the charges against Trump — had been interpreted too broadly. (It's unclear whether that decision will hobble the case against Trump.)

Roberts expressed strong support in his opinion for presidential prerogatives and worried that a president might shy away from taking decisive action for the good of the country out of fear of being charged with a crime upon leaving office.

That concern seems exaggerated, and it is outweighed by the principle that no American is above the law. As Justice Ketanji Brown Jackson pithily put it, the majority "accepts as a basic starting premise that generally applicable criminal laws do not apply to everyone in our society."

Whether or not Trump faces a jury of his peers in this case, that is a dangerous idea.



Leaders need better data

By **MIHIR SHARMA**
Bloomberg Opinion
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It isn't hard to understand that global warming is already changing how we live. In India's capital, New Delhi, this summer has been so hot — above 40 degrees Celsius (104 Fahrenheit) even at night — that people are gasping, the tap water is scalding, and the walls of their homes emit heat like radiators.

The Saudi Arabian authorities said that 1,300 pilgrims have already died on this year's Hajj. Players at the European soccer championships are collapsing due to exhaustion.

And yet economists — clearly able to keep cool heads when everybody else is losing theirs — are in the middle of a fresh debate about the real costs of climate change. A new working paper from two academics at Harvard and Northwestern, and published by the National Bureau of Economic Research, argues that the macroeconomic damage from climate change might be as much as six times higher than previously estimated.

Their model predicts that a single degree increase "in global mean temperatures leads to a gradual decline in world GDP that peaks at 12% after six years and does not fully mean-revert even 10 years after the shock." They point out that this makes unilateral climate action worth it for countries like the U.S.; that argument must surely also hold countries that are poorer but far more exposed to climate change, such as India. Is it possible to add a couple more countries here?

The paper has set off a storm of furious criticism, and not just from economists. The climate scientist John Kennedy argues that its methodology may be flawed. He isn't sure, for example, that we can easily extrapolate from the historical record of 0.3-degree shocks to global temperature to the larger, one-degree

changes associated with climate change.

It's clear that global warming is already having a malign effect on human health and livelihoods. We just need more clarity on how much.

Discussion of the real costs of climate change, to human welfare and to national economies, have been going on for decades. But we no longer need such estimates to make the case that it is real, and a problem. Instead, we need them as inputs into policymaking — similar to employment or price data.

Policymakers are still short of objective, sector-specific and precise estimates of current and possible future costs. That shortage is a growing problem — because climate policy is beginning to bite. Billions of taxpayer dollars are being directed to sectors that promise to curb emissions; consumers are paying more for carbon-intensive goods and services; and pressure to follow a net zero strategy has complicated decisions for companies and institutional investors.

These should all count as successes in the fight against climate change. When money moves, however, people begin to ask pointed questions. It isn't just various Republican politicians attacking "woke capital" to get in the headlines. Serious macroeconomic decision-makers, accustomed to evidence-based policy, are beginning to ask exactly what global warming's costs and benefits are for their particular countries.

India's chief economic adviser, for example, asked earlier this year if we

were irrationally scared of the health effects of global warming. It is true that we in India are more exposed to heat stress than most. But, he pointed out, large-scale studies suggest that far more people die in India as a consequence of "moderate cold" than from extreme heat.

Delhi's temperature might stay above 40 degrees for weeks on end, with all the negative effects on public health and economic activity that entails; but would other Indians actually live longer if average temperatures rose? Do we have real evidence for the aggregate effect of higher temperatures on mortality in India and the rest of the developing world?

These are real questions that deserve real answers. But the data we currently have is insufficient. And that lack of data might lead to erroneous conclusions. Some scholars in India have noted that those most exposed to heat stress are manual laborers, construction workers and farmers — marginalized groups whose illnesses and deaths the country's public health system might not properly record.

It's vital that we put more resources into identifying and analyzing the effects of warmer temperatures. Some efforts have already begun: Last year, the World Health Organization released a framework to quantify the economic value of the health outcomes of climate-related investments.

Countries like India must also begin to quantify the many indirect effects of climate change on their macroeconomic fundamentals: from greater variability in farm output to less productive physical investments. We can't make evidence-based policy for the greatest global problem of our time without more high-quality data.

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Meeker offers thoughts on AI

A Portland native has issued her thoughts on AI in her first report issued in four years.

Mary Meeker, a Jay County High School graduate known as the Queen of the Internet, encouraged cooperation moving forward.

“This is a critical time for industry, government and higher education to work together,” the forward of the report reads. “We have the chance to leverage our advantages and augment freedom and democracy, not diminish them. This is the time to step back — understand the global dynamics and risks at work — and to determine how we can best grow/use artificial intelligence for the good of the country and the world. We are in an intelligence arms race for hearts, minds and power. For the sake of democratic values, it’s crucial for those who uphold these principles to lead, not lose.”

The report projects that the next five years are key and that higher education must take a leadership role along with industry and government. It also foresees a future in which universities will transform and that lifelong learning will be more important than ever.

Business roundup

Meeker is a principal with BOND Capital. The full report is available at bondcap.com/reports/aiu.

Invenergy purchases

Renewable energy firm Invenergy last week announced that it has acquired nearly 600 megawatts of wind energy projects in Brazil.

The company purchased the operations from ContourGlobal and Eletrobras in partnership with Patria Investments, which will own a 90% stake. Invenergy will hold the other 10% and provide operations and maintenance services.

“This first-of-its-kind transaction for Invenergy Services in Brazil expands our O&M portfolio of managed assets and makes Invenergy an owner of installed wind capacity in the country for the first time,” said Steve Dowdy, executive vice president at Invenergy.

“The work we do at Invenergy Services is guided by our ‘owners’ mindset,” and this opportunity reflects our commitment to excel-

lent service at every project we operate.”

Invenergy is planning Skycrest Solar in northwest Jay County.

Mortherson raises

Samvardhana Mother-son, parent company of MSSL Wiring of Portland, has raised more than \$350 million by selling five-year bonds to overseas investors, The Economic Times reported.

SMRC Automotive Holdings Netherlands, a subsidiary of Samvardhana Mother-son, sold the bonds. “The success of this transaction is a testament to the Mother-son Group’s adherence to its prudent financial policies, underscored by recent rating upgrades by various international rating agencies,” Mother-son Group vice chairman Laksh Vaaman Sehgal said in a press release.

The transaction is the first for the company in eight years, having raised \$300 million through a similar bond sale in 2016.

Training scheduled

ServSafe training is held at John Jay Center for Learning in Portland.

The next session is scheduled from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday, July 30.

Additional sessions are set for 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Tuesdays Aug. 20, Sept. 24, Oct. 29 and Nov. 26.

The certification course is open to all food service employees and emphasizes safe food- and beverage-handling practices to minimize the risk of food-borne illnesses.

For more information, or to register, call (260) 729-5525.

Grant awarded

Ball Brothers Foundation announced a \$2.5 million grant last week for the new performing arts center adjacent to the Ball State University Campus.

The grant was one of 33 announced by the foundation.

The foundation awarded the funds for the Eric Foss Championship Performance Center, saying in a press release that it will stimulate additional development in the area known as the Village. “The potential and promise of the revitalization of the Village with a performing arts center at its heart will be transformative,” said Jud Fisher, president and CEO of Ball Brothers Foundation, in a press release. “This will provide a dynamic gateway to campus, and conversely to the community that will attract community members and visitors. And it will help to better

physically connect the city of Muncie and Ball State University.”

Drug approved

Eli Lilly’s Alzheimer’s drug donanemab earned approval from the U.S. Food and Drug Administration, the Indianapolis-based pharmaceuticals firm announced last week.

The FDA has OK’d the drug for use in adults with mild cognitive impairment or early Alzheimer’s disease, Lilly said. It will be sold under the brand name Kisunla.

Courses offered

Indiana Chamber of Commerce will offer a pair of OSHA general compliance courses in August.

A 10-hour course will be held Aug. 20 and 21. A 30-hour course will run Aug. 20 through 23. The courses will result in two to four credits toward Safety Compliance Specialist Certificates.

The chamber is also offering a Safety Leadership Principles seminar Sept. 19 and 20 in Indianapolis. The seminar will focus on helping attendees improve their skills related to worksite analysis, accident investigation, the impact of stress on safety, key performance indicators and employee involvement.

For more information, call or email (800) 824-6885 or events@indianachamber.com.

Limited sauce

McDonald’s is adding the Special Grade Garlic Sauce to its menu beginning today.

The sauce is inspired by the Black Garlic Sauce from McDonald’s Japan and features notes of garlic and soy sauce. It is part of a promotion in conjunction with the anime series JUJUTSU KAISEN.

Eliminating

UKG, a software firm, announced last week that it will eliminate about 2,200 jobs, including some in Indianapolis.

The cut represents 14% of the Massachusetts-based firm’s workforce.

“These changes mean we have made the difficult decision to say goodbye to ~14% of our colleagues,” said UKG CEO Chris Todd in an email. “A top priority through this change is treating those leaving with care, dignity, and respect, and providing support to make their transitions as smooth as possible.”

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Study shows affordability gap is widening

By WHITNEY DOWNARD

Indiana Capital Chronicle
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The housing affordability gap for Indiana’s minimum wage workers grew according to the latest “Out of Reach” report, finding that those Hoosiers would need to work 122 hours per week to afford a Fair Market Rate two-bedroom apartment.

“The new Out of Reach 2024 report finds that Indiana’s 2024 Housing Wage of \$22.07 needed to afford a two-bedroom rental unit is an increase of \$3.07 per hour above the 2023 Housing Wage. However, the average Hoosier renter’s wage of \$17.92 per hour in 2024 increased by only \$0.06 over the past year,” said Aspen Clemons, executive director at Prosperity Indiana. “To address Indiana’s growing housing affordability crisis, state and local policymakers must bridge the growing gap between rents and incomes by using all available policy tools.”

In order to afford that unit, valued at the Fair Market Rate of \$1,148, a full-time Hoosier working only 40 hours a week would need a “Housing Wage” of \$22.07 — far above the state’s minimum wage of \$7.25 and above the average renter’s wage. The findings, from an annual report jointly published by the

Indiana falls below national housing wage

National Low Income Housing Coalition and Prosperity Indiana, included data on all 50 states and concluded that Indiana had dropped from 43 to 34 in terms of affordability between 2021 and 2024.

Indiana still falls below the national Housing Wage, which is \$32.11 per hour for a two-bedroom apartment.

The Housing Wage is calculated by keeping the cost of a Fair Market Rate two-bedroom apartment and utilities at 30% of a household’s income — meaning that a Hoosier household needs to earn \$3,826 monthly or \$45,913 annually.

Findings

Prospects are slightly better for renters seeking a one-bedroom apartment, which would cost someone \$949 monthly. That would require 101 hours of minimum wage work weekly. But

renters living in more populated areas have even higher costs — including the Indianapolis-Carmel area and Louisville area, which have a housing wage of \$25.94 and \$25.02, respectively.

The average Hoosier wage falls short in 88 of 92 counties and in 25 of the state’s 26 metro areas, according to the report. Additionally, many of Indiana’s core job sectors don’t pay wages high enough to cover the Fair Market Rate for a two-bedroom apartment.

“For the first time in recent history, less than a third of Indiana’s Top 20 largest occupations pay wages sufficient to meet the state’s Housing Wage,” said Andrew Bradley, the senior director of Policy and Strategy at Prosperity Indiana. “Only a quarter of Hoosiers working in the state’s most popular occupations earn enough on average to afford rent. This is not helping Hoosiers get ahead. With the cost of housing

increasingly out of reach for Indiana families, we need coordinated efforts by our federal, state, and local policymakers to raise wages and increase the supply of safe, stable, and affordable housing for all Hoosiers.”

Just six of Indiana’s 20 most common occupations paid a full-time wage enough to afford a two-bedroom rental unit, down from 10 occupations in 2023. These poorly paid occupations employ 843,720 Hoosiers, more than a fifth of the state’s workforce, and are frequently held by women or Hoosiers of color.

Such jobs included home health and personal care aides, with a median hourly wage of \$14.79 — almost \$8 less than the full-time housing wage of \$22.07.

Homelessness

“With the cost of rent growing further out of reach for those with the lowest incomes, and absent an adequate housing safety net, it is no surprise that homelessness has been on the rise,” the report concluded.

The national January 2023 Point-In-Time count, a method of counting the number of people experiencing homelessness, identified roughly 653,000 people — the highest number ever recorded and a 12% from 2022.

In Indiana, the count found 4,398 Hoosiers experiencing homelessness outside of Marion County, which conducts a separate count. Notably, the U.S. Supreme Court last week ruled that local law enforcement agencies could arrest homeless people for sleeping outdoors even if their city doesn’t have adequate housing resources.

A potential solution could be federal intervention and the report explicitly names bills authored by Indiana Sen. Todd Young to expand housing choice vouchers. Young has identified housing affordability as one of his priorities, authoring bills to incentivize investments in distressed neighborhoods nationwide and cutting “burdensome” local regulations.

In particular, advocates highlighted the “Family Stability and Opportunity Vouchers Act” introduced last year to create 250,000 new housing vouchers for low-income families with young children. Another, the “Eviction Crisis Act,” would build upon Indiana’s Emergency Rental Assistance program to create a “permanent stabilization fund for renters facing temporary financial setbacks,” according to the release.



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Shows, straw races and a derby

It was a busy opening weekend of the Jay County Fair with 4-H livestock shows, a demolition derby, figure 8 racing, straw racing and a variety of other activities.

Pictured, clockwise from upper right:

Wyatt Alley focuses on the judge while participating in Monday morning's swine show in the Show Arena.

Miss Jay County Fair Queen Pageant first runner-up Inara Sanderson sets a bundle of straw down onto the platform in the second half of the straw race at the grandstand on Sunday as the Jay County Fair court competed as a team.

Smoke pours from a pair of vehicles during the opening demolition derby Saturday evening at the grandstand.

Chloe Homan, 10, leads her dog, Lucy, through the agility course during the dog show Saturday in the Show Arena.

Allison Tipton holds her rabbit during the showmanship portion of the rabbit show Saturday afternoon at the East Arena.



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Intern ...

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He played baseball, was student body president and worked in the athletics office and student activities office at Buffalo Grove High School. (It is located in the suburbs north of Chicago, about a 255-mile drive from Portland.) He graduated May 22.

While he was still in high school, Khayyata was working remotely to reach out to local businesses on behalf of the fair. Since arriving in Jay County, he's met with potential sponsors in person. Those efforts included three "Business After Hours" sessions on Zoom last month in an effort to reach out to those who might be unavailable during the regular work day.

One of the new sponsors he worked to bring in was IOM Grain, which has signs on the fairgrounds as well as advertising on the fair's website and social media.

Khayyata said his goal was to find and meet potential sponsors' needs — community support, access to event tickets, advertising, publicity, marketing, etc.

"So it's really looking at their situation and seeing



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what exactly do you want out of this sponsorship, and matching them with the best opportunity," he said. "We have a great array of different sponsorships available for them."

For the fair board, it's been helpful to have someone who is available to meet with business representatives during the day. Most of the current

fair board is not of retirement age, so they're working full-time jobs.

"It's been really nice to have some boots on the ground, essentially going out and having face-to-face conversations with businesses," said fair board secretary Dillon Muhlenkamp. "Kaden's been incredible. He's really assisted us in our sponsorships."

Jay County Fair sponsorship intern Kaden Khayyata reviews some of his photos during the baby contest Saturday morning at the Farmer's Building. In his intern role, Khayyata helped to secure sponsors for the fair and this week is acting as a junior fair board member.

Khayyata has helped out in other ways as well, including working in the fair office leading up to this week. He also spent time hanging up banners, mowing and weeding.

With the fair underway, he's been fulfilling the role of a junior fair board member. That has included picking up trash, counting cars during the Figure 8 racing and participating

in the straw races. He's also had a camera in his hand, helping out with fair publicity.

"Since my grandpa passed away I've been really trying to find ways to get back more involved in Jay County, since we don't live here," Khayyata said. "This is one of those ways."

"I've loved it. It's been awesome. It's so much different than anything I've ever done before."

"You can see the pride everybody has in the work here, the pride of the community. This is the week for Jay County. It's really neat to see everybody out here having a good time and being with their friends and family."

In the fall, Khayyata will head to Ball State University to pursue a degree in sports administration. He hopes to become an athletics director at the collegiate level.

While he's at BSU, he wants to continue to be involved in the fair.

"As long as they'll have me, I'll be here," he said. "I appreciate the fair board taking a chance on me. I'm glad they trusted me to do that. I'm glad they had that faith in me."

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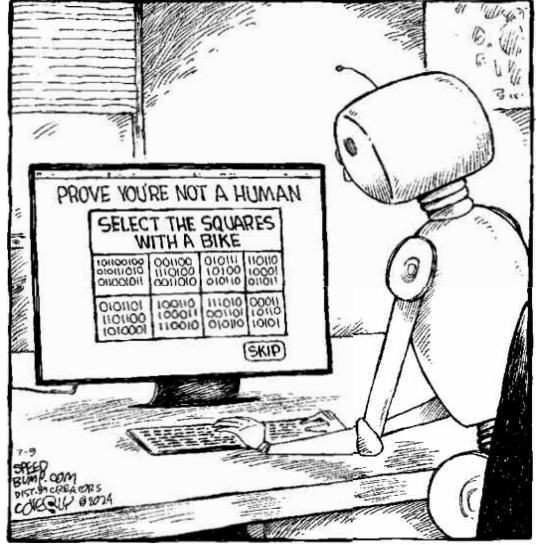


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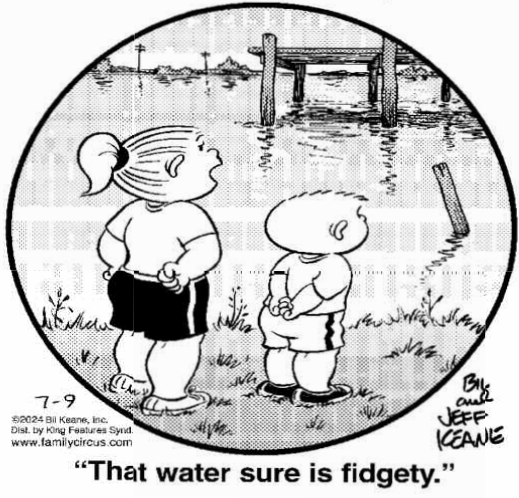
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all, West could have had the king of clubs. But if you study the situation objectively, you should conclude that the club finesse is the wrong play. This is because you have a much better chance to make the contract by playing the ace of clubs at trick two! In the actual deal, you'd eventually wind up with 10 tricks. The best the enemy could do would be to win the diamond, cash the king of clubs and shift to a heart. You win, lead a diamond to the ace, ruff a diamond high, play the A-K of trump and ruff another diamond high. After leading a trump to the jack, you discard a heart on the established ten of diamonds to make your game.

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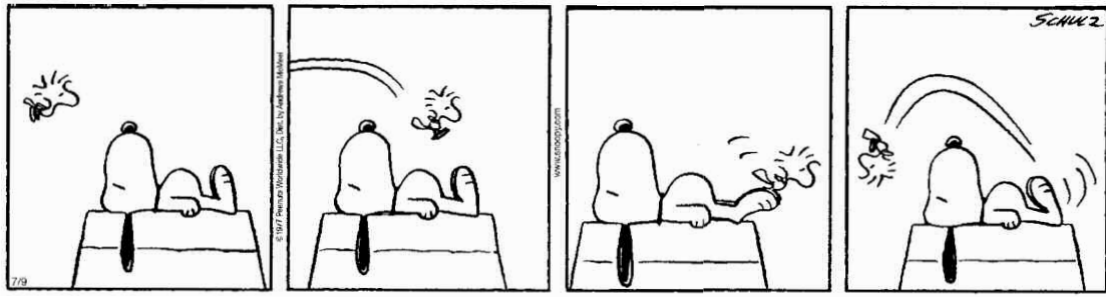
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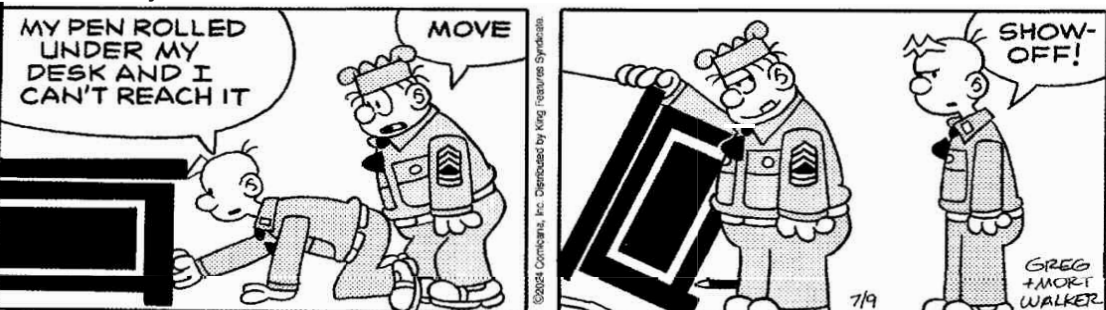
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Rain ...

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The fence just feet away from the track along Columbus Drive was completely lined by fans long before the race's start.

Marie Rushing, 35, claimed a spot there ahead of her first NASCAR race. The Oak Lawn resident scored tickets at racer Bubba Wallace's "block party" event Friday in Douglass Park, she said.

Her 3-year-old son, Kenzo, played with a toy car on her lawn chair as she waited for her husband to return with earplugs. Behind her, a few thousand fans listened as Australian country music star Keith Urban performed to a mostly empty field.

"I'm really excited to see how fast the cars are, up close and personal. And to see the excitement on my son's face," she said.

Earlier in the day, Joliet resident Dawn Firlit said she took the train alone into the city as she walked through the open-to-the-public "NASCAR village" in Butler Field.

Firlit has seen plenty of big races, including the Indy 500 and Daytona 500, but Chicago's contest, in only its second year, already has a special place in her heart.

"You can't beat the race in Chicago," Firlit said. "It's a road course — it's so different. I've just been taking pictures of everything — the skyline, the cars."

Dean Rottman, 13, who lives near O'Hare International Airport, convinced his parents to bring him to the race last year. Despite the weather, "it was a blast," the racing-obsessed teen said, listing the kinds of tires race cars use in the rain. His parents say he's an encyclope-

dia of NASCAR knowledge.

Rottman's parents are not NASCAR fans, but they've attended two years in a row to support their son and have gotten hooked on the sport.

"I wasn't sure if it was just a passing fad," said his mother, Jill Rottman. "It turns out he's a legitimate fan. So, what he's interested in, now I'm gonna be interested in."

Now, she's rooting for Cup Series leader Kyle Larson, although her son is a Chase Elliott fan.

"That's what adds a little spice to the family," she added.

Larson won the pole for the Cup Series race Saturday, earning him Sunday afternoon's starting spot.

As the race began, Mayor Brandon Johnson came out to cheers and jeers.

"Enjoy Chicago, enjoy the weather, enjoy the food," John-

son said to the crowd moments before the rain began.

Johnson quickly changed out of a long-sleeve shirt into a full driver-style fire suit to ride in a pace car at the start.

The big race wasn't the only thing drawing visitors to downtown Chicago. As fans checked the sport's stars, some visitors took a pit stop to get a look at other, unrelated big names — like Claude Monet, Grant Wood and Georgia O'Keeffe. It was business as usual inside the Art Institute of Chicago.

Museum visits rose 20% this year for the race weekend, an Art Institute spokesperson said. In the Impressionist galleries, crowds lingered by Georges Seurat's "A Sunday on La Grande Jatte." Visitors appeared undisturbed by the commotion of the race, while outside the museum, NASCAR fans filed by, a few stopping in the Art Institute's

lobby to take a break from the heat.

The Sunday race marked an important test for both NASCAR and Chicago. When the skies finally cleared for the Cup Series race last year, 4.8 million viewers tuned in to see cars zip below the city's skyline as the sun set.

The race, NASCAR's first on city streets, was widely hailed by fans as a thrilling change-up and became NBC's most-viewed NASCAR race in six years. The city agreed to host the race a second year despite pushback from nearby businesses and Loop residents who decried street closures, blocked park space and noise.

NASCAR chipped in \$2 million to help pay for expensive police overtime needed to run the race and cut six days of street closures. The city and racing authority have the option to host the race for another year.



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Tourney winner

After finishing as the runner-up in the regular season, PG14 won the Portland Junior League Willie Mays baseball tournament. They beat regular-season champion Display Craft to take the championship game.

Sports on tap

Local schedule

Today
Portland Rockets at Fort Wayne Jackers — 7:15 p.m.

Thursday
Portland Rockets vs. Muncie Chiefs — 7 p.m.

TV sports

Today
8 a.m. — Tennis: Wimbledon (ESPN)
3 p.m. — Soccer: UEFA Euro 2024 Semifinal — France vs. Spain (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 — Canada vs.

Argentina (FS1)
9 p.m. — NBA basketball Salt Lake City Summer League: Oklahoma City Thunder vs. Utah Jazz (ESPN2)

Wednesday
8 a.m. — Tennis: Wimbledon (ESPN2)
8:30 a.m. — Tennis: Wimbledon (ESPN)
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7 p.m. — NBA basketball California Classic Summer League: Miami Heat vs. Los Angeles Lakers (ESPN2)
7:05 p.m. — Major League Baseball: Los Angeles Dodgers at Philadelphia Phillies (ESPN)
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Local notes

Classic set
The 11th Annual Adams Health Foundation Golf Classic is set to be held on Sept. 13 at Wabash Valley Golf Club.
Teams of four can participate for \$400, with tee times at either 7:30 a.m. or 1 p.m.
Included are an 18-hole round of golf, a best, non-alcoholic beverages, a cooler bag and lunch.
All proceeds go to school healthcare scholarships and community health. For more information, contact Kim Trombley by emailing kim.trombley@adamshealthnetwork.org or by calling (260) 724-2145 ext. 13062.

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://qroo.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@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@cadcinco.org.
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All persons who have claims against this estate, whether or not now due, must file the claim in the office of the Clerk of this Court within three (3) months from the date of the first publication of this notice, or within nine (9) months after the decedent's death, whichever is earlier, or the claims will be forever barred. Dated at Portland, Indiana, this 7th day of June, 2024. Jon Eads Clerk of the Jay Circuit Court James S. Forcum (6917-05) FORCUM LAW OFFICE 300 South Jefferson Street Post Office Box 430 Hartford City, Indiana 47348 765-348-1858 CR 7-29-2024 HSPALXP</p> <p>Out The CR Classifieds www.thecr.com</p>	<p>250 PUBLIC NOTICE</p> <p>Public Notice</p> <p>The Town of Bryant is accepting proposals for trash removal. Proposals should be sent to the town no later than July 22, 2024 by noon. Proposals will be opened on July 22, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. at the regular town council meeting held at the Town Hall located at 107 E. 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Sports

Rockets fall in championship to Royals

The Rockets made it to the championship game. They even secured a win to force a second game to determine the winner of the tournament.

They just couldn't stop the Royals from having a pair of big innings.

The Portland Rockets went 3-2 over the weekend to finish as the runners-up to the South Bend Royals in the 2024 Portland Firecracker Classic at Runkle-Miller Field.

The Rockets opened the tournament with a 10-0 victory over the Spring Armadillos in five innings on Friday night. Saturday began with a 13-5 defeat at the hands of the Royals in the top semifinal game before Portland's 11-3 victory over the Indy Orioles to secure a rematch with the Royals in the championship.

The Rockets beat South Bend 10-7 on Sunday to force a second championship game because of double-elimination rules, only to fall 12-6.

Jared Holley struggled through the first 2 1/2 innings on the mound of the final game, giving up six earned runs on six hits and three walks. A walk and a home run scored two in the second inning before a single, a walk and another home run plated three in the third. Another run came around to score on a one-out single in the third inning.

A pair of doubles and singles pulled the Rockets (13-14) within a run of the Royals, before the game

got put out of reach via a four-run sixth inning.

The only other Rockets loss also came at the hand of the Royals. In the semifinal game, South Bend scored a seven-run inning thanks to a bases-loaded walk, a hit-by-pitch, a single and a bases-clearing triple. Garrison Brege suffered the loss.

Portland had a seven-run inning of its own on Friday to walk off the Armadillos in the fifth inning. Back-to-back-to-back singles by Cade Meade, Gavin Gleason and Brege pushed the first three runs across. Kenny Bailey doubled to right field to add a fourth run before Peyton Smith ended the game with a three-run single. Mitch Waters secured the win without giving up a run.

Kade Muth provided a lift for the Rockets in the win over the Orioles. His first contribution came in the fifth inning by hitting a three-run home run. Muth was also the fourth straight batter to walk in the sixth inning, forcing the game to end by mercy rule. Camden La Fuze went the distance on the mound with only two earned runs.

A hot start gave the Rockets the victory in the first championship game as they scored two runs in the first inning, three in the second and five in the third.

Muth again provided a lot of offense for Portland. He opened the game with a leadoff home run and plated two runs on a single in the third to help secure the lead.



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Nick Bailey slings in a pitch during the Portland Rockets' 13-5 loss to the South Bend Royals in the Portland Firecracker Classic semifinal at Runkle-Miller Field on Saturday. The Rockets made their way to the championship game against the Royals on Sunday, taking the first game 10-7 before falling 12-6.

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Rain spoils Grant Park 165 for second year in a row

By JAKE SHERIDAN AND MOLLY MORROW
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CHICAGO — Fans — and once again, rain — flooded downtown Chicago Sunday for the NASCAR Chicago Street Race weekend's main event, the Grant Park 165.

Thousands watched as race cars roared by on the city streets between lengthy delays caused by intermittent downpours. Rain fell hard as the race's start was delayed half an hour and picked up again early into the competition, bringing out the caution flags, slip-ups and ponchos.

Many fans left Grant Park as the race came to an early, temporary halt.

Berwyn resident José Fernando, a towel covering his head, was among the soaked crowd members heading for the exit. The dry Saturday undercard race was "awesome," the 25-year-old new racing fan said. But he didn't want to stick around in the gloomy, wet conditions.

"I'm not trying to experience that from last year," Fernando said at his second, rainy NASCAR race. "Hopefully, it turns out better next year. I really had high hopes for this."

But lots of fans stuck around until the race started up again around 7:20 p.m.

Michael Wilson and his family, all of whom were clad in rain ponchos as they stood under an awning, had come prepared.

"Anytime it says sunny, bring your poncho," Wilson laughed. He and his family came out to NASCAR as casual fans and planned to wait out

the rain as long as they could.

Esha Patel, 35, and her husband, Rick Patel, 36, who live in the West Loop, also hid out under the same awning. The couple withstood the heat of the early afternoon and then hunkered down for the downpours.

They made the decision to get tickets for the race this morning, having checked the forecast for rain.

"Rain or shine, he loves it," Esha Patel said about her husband. "As long as he's here, I'm here," she said.

The stands emptied just minutes after former Chicago Bear Matt Forte and race grand marshal shouted for drivers to "start their engines." Viewers grumbled as they found cover, some recalling the torrential downpours that hit the 2023 race. But the fans returned moments later after most teams put rain tires on their cars.

NASCAR officials declined to comment on whether the race was affected by an incident involving a pro-Palestinian protester who climbed a fence and handcuffed himself to it before first responders took him down.

Driver Shane van Gisbergen, who won the inaugural Grant Park race last year and the undercard Xfinity Series race Saturday, took the lead early in the race. He radioed in early to complain about the conditions as water puddled on the road and mist sprayed behind cars.

"We can hardly drive here," van Gisbergen told his pit crew. "It's nearly undrivable."

Moments later, van Gis-

bergen's car was struck by another driver. The crash wrecked van Gisbergen's car and took the favorite out of the race well before the halfway mark. Shortly afterward, race officials stopped the competition to get standing water off the track.

A massive crowd camped out at the corner of Balbo Drive and Columbus Drive during the wet start. Their lawn chairs, as close to the fence just a few feet away from the track as possible, were abandoned.

But most fans were undeterred. The rain wasn't as bad as last year's, said Marshall Velasco, of Logan Square. Velasco sat under a tree on Columbus nonplussed and said he planned to stick it out.

"I wasn't watching the weather close enough, so I didn't bring any ponchos," he said.

The 71-year-old said this is his second year coming with his brother and son, and they've made it a tradition.

"I like the smell of the fuel," Velasco said, laughing. "I used to work at the airport."

Thousands of fans continued to brave the weather as the smell of rain and burnt rubber fell over downtown Chicago. They held onto the spots they staked out along the 2.2-mile, 12-turn track built atop Michigan Avenue, Columbus and DuSable Lake Shore Drive.

Last year, many of the weekend's concerts and sideshows were canceled amid torrential rain. But the event got off to a smoother start Sunday amid sunny, warm weather before the conditions took their dark, wet turn during the main event.

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