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Time to think

Mayor brings various issues for consideration, include raises and impact of new overtime rules

By RAY COONEY

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Council members have a lot to think about.

Mayor Jack Robbins asked Dunkirk City Council to consider various issues — salaries for city employees, charges for fire runs and housing development — during its meeting Monday.

Robbins laid out various issues for council members Jesse Bivens, Dan Watson, Christy Curts, Randy Murphy and Donna Revolt to think about, including potential raises for city employees. Noting that the council will need to be looking at its salary ordinance soon in order to factor an increase into its 2025 budget, Robbins asked council members to consult with their respective department heads. (Each council member is assigned to act as a liaison for a city department.)

As part of the discussion about salaries, Robbins asked city attorney Wes Schemenaur for clarification about new federal rules regarding overtime.

As of July 1, an

Who will become eligible for overtime pay under the final rule?

Date:	Most salaried workers earning less than:
Currently	\$684/week (\$35,568/year)
July 1, 2024	\$844/week (\$43,888/year)
Jan. 1, 2025	\$1,128/week (\$58,656/year)

Starting July 1, 2027, the eligibility thresholds will be updated every three years, based on current wage data.

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employee must make at least \$43,888 annually in order to be considered exempt from overtime. (The previous threshold was \$35,568.) The number will increase to \$58,656 beginning Jan. 1.

Robbins noted that the changes will have an impact on the city's fire department. He also indicated that there are separate rules for law enforcement, but that adjustments may need to be made for the police chief as well.

The mayor asked council members to think about possible solutions, which include increasing the pay rate to clear the overtime threshold, paying overtime and hiring additional employees in order to avoid the need for overtime. He said he and treasurer Kara Lowe will work together on the financial impact of each of those options.

Robbins also said he'd like to see the city begin the process toward a

housing project, saying that Quincy Place is full and that the city is in need of more housing. He talked about the possibility of Dunkirk Industrial Development Corporation identifying property and purchasing it for that purpose.

The idea led to a discussion about tax increment financing (TIF) districts, with Schemenaur explaining the process of creating the districts that are designed to capture additional tax revenue

in order for it to be used to fund economic development and investment in infrastructure. He pointed out that the process, at its fastest, would take several months.

There was also a brief discussion about annexation.

Robbins indicated that because the process of creating a new housing development can be a long one he'd like to begin efforts as soon as possible.

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Debate set for Oct. 24

By NIKI KELLY

Indiana Capital Chronicle
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All three candidates for Indiana governor have agreed to meet Oct. 24 in a televised debate organized by the Indiana Debate Commission.

A news release Monday evening said the debate between Republican Mike Braun, Democrat Jennifer McCormick and Libertarian Donald Rainwater will be broadcast live, 7-8 p.m. Eastern Time, from the WFYI public television station in Indianapolis. Commission member Laura Merrifield Wilson, a political science professor and host of WICR radio's "Positively Politics," will moderate the debate.

"The Indiana Debate Commission looks forward to hosting a fair and informative discussion of the issues that matter most to Hoosier voters," said Commission President Elizabeth Bennion, a political scientist and long-time debate organizer who was selected last month to lead the group.

"We appreciate the candidates' willingness to participate in a live, televised debate that helps voters statewide understand the candidates' positions and cast an informed vote," she said.

It is the third announced debate for the governor's race so far.

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Director admits operational failure

Gunman spotted 18 minutes before Trump took the stage

By RICHARD WINTON and NATHAN SOLIS

Los Angeles Times
Tribune News Service

In a stunning admission, the embattled director of the U.S. Secret Service said Monday that local authorities observed and photographed the man who shot at former President Donald Trump 18 minutes before he took the stage at a rally in Pennsylvania.

It was one of several security lapses revealed at a congressional hearing into what Secret Service Director Kimberly Cheatle described as the "most significant operational failure" of the agency in decades.

The new information sparked outrage from lawmakers and a rare moment of agreement between committee Chair James R. Comer Jr., R-Kentucky, and ranking member Jamie Raskin, D-Maryland, who called on her to resign.

"I also didn't see any daylight between the members of the two parties today at the hearing in terms of our bafflement and outrage about the shocking operational failures that led to this disaster," Raskin said.

At a campaign event in Pennsylvania on July 13, Thomas Matthew Crooks, 20, fired eight shots at Trump from a rooftop,

injuring Trump's ear and wounding three spectators, one of them fatally. Within 10 seconds of the first shot, he was killed by a Secret Service sniper.

But questions from members of the House Committee on Oversight and Accountability about how a man with a rifle was able to get within firing range of the former president — on a rooftop uncovered by the Secret Service, no less — went mostly unanswered.

"I am here today because I want to answer questions," Cheatle said before being cut off by Rep. Jim Jordan, R-Ohio. "I don't think you've answered one question from the chairman, the ranking member, or me," Jordan said.

The director repeatedly provided vague or nonresponsive answers when pressed for specifics on the number and types of agents assigned to protect Trump at the rally and how the agency has handled earlier requests for additional security staff from the campaign.

"This is gross incompetence," Rep. Byron Donalds, R-Florida, said, calling for Cheatle's resignation and saying he'd get more answers from his kids if they were in trouble. Donalds said he withheld calling for her resignation until he heard her testimony.

By the time the hearing was over, more committee members were calling for her to step down.

"What is depressing is the extraordinary communications gap between the director of the Secret Service and Congress," Raskin said. "I don't want to add to the director's terrible-horrible-no good-very-bad day."

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007 overlook

Noah Walter of the Jay County High School Marching Patriots plays the baritone saxophone, with a silhouette of James Bond looking over his shoulder, during Saturday's Spirit of Sound band contest at Muncie Central High School. JCHS finished fifth in the contest, trailing Muncie Central, Kokomo, Anderson and Richmond. The Marching Patriots, who are at band camp this week, will return for the Drums at Winchester on Saturday. The competition that features 23 bands will begin at 7 p.m. with Jay County scheduled to take the field at 9:53 p.m.



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Deaths

Lillian White, 85, Farm-land
Details on page 2.

Weather

Jay County had a high temperature of 81 degrees Monday. The low was 63.

The forecast calls for showers and thunderstorms tonight with a low in the lower 60s. Expect mostly sunny skies Thursday with a high of 80.

See page 2 for an extended outlook.

In review

Fort Recovery High School's marching band will host its ice cream social from 5 to 7 p.m. Friday at Barrenbrugge Athletic Park. A performance of this year's show will begin at 6 p.m.

Coming up

Thursday — Jay County Early Learning Center preparing to open.

Friday — Dunkirk Junior League is making a comeback.

Saturday — Photos from Fort Recovery High School band's ice cream social.



Think ...

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The mayor and council members also discussed charges for fire department runs outside of Dunkirk city limits. The current ordinance lays out fees for property owners for those fire runs. (In practice, Watson said, such charges have gone through insurance companies and not been assessed to those who are uninsured.) Robbins said he will do more research on the ordinance and asked council members to think about the policy.

Robbins also addressed water

and sewage rates, saying he feels the city needs to increase them in order to keep up with wages and other costs. He proposed 3% increases to each. (The city's master utility plan suggested making small increases each year in order to avoid the need for a large increase in the future.)

Schemenaur will draw up ordinances for 3% increases to go into effect for the first full billing cycle of 2025. Those ordinances will be advertised and be subject to public hearings before council takes a vote.

Lowe proposed the possibility of no longer sending disconnect notices for property owners who are late paying their water bills. She said eliminating the notice would save the city money. Schemenaur suggested reviewing the city's water ordinance before making any such changes.

In other business, council:
•Heard from Robbins that the city is finalizing its updated applications for Regional Economic Acceleration and Development Initiative (READI) 2.0, including the Stewart Brothers

building, the city's five year master plan and the city's five-year park plan. The East Central Region, which includes Jay County, was awarded \$35 million through the initiative.

•Learned from Schemenaur that an ordinance regarding creation of a non-reverting fund for permit fees for street cuts has been sent to the State Board of Accounts for its review.

•Heard from Robbins that a new door for city hall will be ordered through Superior Door, which agreed to honor a quote

that had expired. Once ordered, the door is expected to take three to four weeks for delivery.

•Informally agreed to allow use of the council room in the city building for a Glass Days queen reception from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Aug. 17.

•Heard Curts compliment the paving work recently completed in Quincy Place as well as on Washington and Broad streets.

•Approved a \$400 sponsorship for a 3-on-3 basketball tournament at Dunkirk City Park and payment of claims totaling \$222,033.35.

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Thursday 7/25	Friday 7/26	Saturday 7/27	Sunday 7/28	Monday 7/29
80/58	81/58	84/63	86/68	87/71
Thursday's weather shows a slight chance of rain. Otherwise, mostly sunny.	Sunny skies are on the horizon for Friday, when the low may dip into the 50s at night.	Another day of sun is expected Saturday. The high may reach around 82 degrees.	Sunday's forecast looks to be mostly sunny, with the low sticking in the upper 60s.	There's a chance of thunderstorms Monday, when skies will be mostly sunny.

Lotteries

Powerball Monday 31-36-56-58-69 Power Ball: 20 Power Play: 2 Estimated jackpot: \$114 million	Daily Four: 9-1-0-6 Quick Draw: 3-16-25-28-29-33-36-37-40-48-50-53-55-56-59-63-65-71-74-80 Cash 5: 4-10-15-18-33 Estimated jackpot: \$110,000
Mega Millions Estimated jackpot: \$279 million	Ohio Monday Midday Pick 3: 0-5-5 Pick 4: 3-5-8-6 Pick 5: 1-4-1-5-4 Evening Pick 3: 5-2-8 Pick 4: 2-8-6-5 Pick 5: 8-4-1-5-5 Rolling Cash: 4-9-14-20-25 Estimated jackpot: \$100,000
Hoosier Monday Midday Daily Three: 8-9-1 Daily Four: 5-7-8-9 Quick Draw: 9-10-18-22-30-31-33-36-42-43-46-52-53-54-62-64-71-72-76-80 Evening Daily Three: 0-4-6	

Markets

Cooper Farms Fort Recovery Corn.....3.93 Aug. corn3.97 Wheat4.72	Aug. beans.....11.44 Wheat 5.01
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Today in history

In 1974, the United States Supreme Court ordered president Richard M. Nixon to give transcripts from Watergate tapes to prosecutor Leon Jaworski. Less than a month later, Nixon resigned.

In 1998, "Saving Private Ryan" was released in theaters, earning \$482.3 million in the box office. The drama based in World War II and starring Tom Hanks later secured five Academy Awards, including best director for Steven Spielberg.

In 2012, Jay County's Loblolly wetlands became Indiana's 250th nature preserve. Indiana Gov. Mitch Daniels spoke at a dedication ceremony to the newly named Loblolly Marsh and Nature Preserve. The 440-acre wetland had been drained for farmland in the late 1800s, but it flooded on a regular basis. Ken Brunswick spearheaded efforts to renovate the marsh starting in 1992.

In 2015, Portland Rockets took a 2-0 victory over the Fort Wayne Jackers in the opening game of the World Baseball Congress tournament. Dalton Tinsley singled to open the bottom of the first inning, and after a Brandon Reamon strikeout Collin Affolder came through. Portland took the lead when first baseman Chris Miller crushed a home run. Dan Bollenbacher tossed seven scoreless innings.

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Citizen's calendar

Today 4 p.m. — Jay County Soil and Water Conservation District, USDA Service Center, 1331 W. Indiana 67, Portland. 6 p.m. — Dunkirk Park Board, city building, 131 S. Main St.	Redevelopment Commission, auditorium, Jay County Courthouse, 120 N. Court St., Portland.
Thursday 5 p.m. — Jay County	Monday 9 a.m. — Jay County Commissioners, auditorium, Jay County Courthouse, 120 N. Court St., Portland.

Obituaries

Lillian White

April 14, 1939-July 15, 2024
In memory of Lillian, who passed away surrounded by her family in Farmland. She retired from CTS in Berne after 30 years of work. She loved spending time with all her children and grandchildren. She also loved all animals and took special care of many throughout her life.

She was preceded in death by her husbands, Phillip Caldwell and Russell White Jr.; siblings

Leona, Leon and Leotta; daughter Kimmie Jo Wright; and a grandson, Tristan Vore.

She is survived by three children, Chris Caldwell (Teresa), Tefney Caldwell and Trena Cromeenes (Dave); son-in-law Bob Wright; nine grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren.

There will be a private service. In lieu of flowers, donations to



White

be given to Tara Drumm of Cat Tales in Portland and Spay Away The Strays.

Baird-Freeman Funeral Home is handling the arrangements.

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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.

Felony court news

Battery

A Muncie man was sentenced to jail for battery. Jerrod D.L. Corn, 34, 1214 S. Jefferson St., Muncie, pleaded guilty in Jay Superior Court to battery on a public safety official, a Level 6 felony. He was sentenced to 455 days in Jay County Jail. Corn was fined \$1 and assessed \$189 in court costs.

Domestic battery

Several people were sentenced to serve time for domestic battery. Johnathan Fischer, 26, 610 W. Main St., Portland, pleaded guilty in Jay Circuit Court to the Level 6 felony. He was sentenced to two years in Indiana Department of Correction with all but six months suspended and given credit for time served. Fischer was assessed \$189 in court costs and ordered to pay a \$50 domestic violence fee. Shana Enis, 39, 997 Boundary Pike, Portland, pleaded guilty in Jay Superior Court to the Level 6 felony. She was sentenced to one year in Jay County Jail with all but eight days suspended and given eight days credit for time served. Enis was fined \$25, assessed \$189 in court costs and ordered to pay a \$50 domestic violence prevention and treatment fee. Enis was placed on probation for 357 days.

Ethan N. Bruggeman, 29, 5327 E. 200 North, Portland, pleaded guilty in Jay Superior Court to the Level 6 felony. He was sentenced to one year in Jay County Jail with all but two days suspended. Bruggeman was assessed \$189 in court costs and ordered to pay a \$50 domestic violence prevention and treatment fee. Enis was placed on probation for 357 days.

Residential entry

A Pennville woman was sentenced to jail for residential entry. Coyota N. Rohrer, 32, 565 N. Union St., Pennville, pleaded guilty in Jay Superior Court to residential entry, a Level 6 felony. She was sentenced to 545 days in Jay County Jail with all but 180 days suspended and given 104 days credit for time served. Rohrer was fined \$25, assessed \$189 in court costs and placed on probation for one year.

Nonattorney

A man was sentenced to jail after pleading guilty to practice of law by a non-attorney, a Class B misdemeanor. Chance L. Mata, 26, pleaded guilty in Jay Circuit Court to the crime. He was sentenced to 180 days in Jay County Jail and assessed \$189 in court costs. As part of his plea agreement, two Level 6 felonies for fraud were dismissed.

Theft

Two people were sentenced in Jay Superior Court to jail for theft. Anthony J. Costello II, 41, pleaded guilty to theft, a Level 6 felony. He was sentenced to 730 days in Jay County Jail with all but two days of his sentence suspended and given two days credit for

Not guilty

An Ohio man was found not guilty in Jay Superior Court of non-support of a dependent child. James R. Hagaman, 42, 537 Touvelle St., Celina, was originally charged with a Level 6 felony. A jury found him not guilty of the crime.

Resisting law enforcement

resisting law enforcement were dismissed.

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SERVICES

Today
Bowers, Debra: 11 a.m., Williamson-Spencer and Penrod Funeral Home, 208 N. Commerce St., Portland.
Brumbaugh, Norma: 11 a.m., Green Park Cemetery Chapel, Portland.
Thursday
Steed, Wayne: noon, MJS Mortuaries, 109 S. Meridian St., Redkey.

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EXPLORE CATHOLIC

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- Considering Becoming Catholic?
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- Just Curious or Interested in this topic?

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Class of 1944

Ethelyn Glentzer, pictured above, recently attended the Portland High School reunion banquet. Glentzer graduated from the Class of 1944 and celebrated her 80th year since graduation.

Dad asks how to assign rooms

DEAR ABBY: My 25-year-old son lives with his two girlfriends, who are also romantically involved with each other. They share a single bedroom. One of them has a baby due this week, and the other has made noises about wanting a child.

I don't approve of this arrangement and can't see it ending well. I love my son and I have a good relationship with all three of them, but it flies in the face of my upbringing and beliefs.

My question: How do I deal with this threesome if they come stay at my house? I don't want this going on under my roof, but I don't know how to assign bedrooms. If it were just two of them in a committed relationship, I could suck it up and put them together, but all three?

I think my son knows me well enough to (hopefully) make that decision before coming here. I'm afraid if I assign bedrooms according to my convictions, it will lead to a falling-out. Any advice? — CONFLICTED DAD IN OHIO

DEAR DAD: Discuss your feelings with your son as soon as he tells you he and his "extended family" want to stay at your home. Explain that what goes on in his dwelling is his business, but in your home, you prefer the three of them (or four, once the baby arrives) not share one room, and let HIM decide where everyone sleeps. (This would include staying in a nearby hotel or motel during their visit, which might be more comfortable for them.)

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DEAR ABBY: After 40 years, I just started talking to my daughter again. I explained why I hadn't been in her life, which was not at all what her father had

Dear Abby



more challenging, but you may be able to establish a friendship and visit your daughter in the future.

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DEAR ABBY: A co-worker and I have developed a mutual friendship with a co-worker who lives in a different town. They're a beautiful human with the hugest heart. They escaped an abusive relationship and are currently a single parent to their special-needs child. They're also severely isolated due to the abuse they suffered.

We've all been friends for almost a year and have gone out on the town, but I hadn't seen this particular co-worker's living quarters until recently. The place is horrendous. There's trash and dirty dishes everywhere, food left out and a pungent odor that lingers on your clothes once you've left. I'm not one to judge, as I know there's always another side to the story, but it was easily the worst conditions I've ever seen.

I've chatted with our mutual friend/co-worker. We both want to help as best we can. Given the current disrepair of the house, I feel it'd be easier to pay for a cleaning crew to come than tackle it ourselves. How do we approach that conversation without causing offense? — CONCERNED CO-WORKER IN MICHIGAN

DEAR CONCERNED: You are right to be concerned. It is not healthy for a child to live in the kind of home you have described. Although it is a touchy subject to approach, you and the mutual friend should have a private, face-to-face discussion with your co-worker and volunteer to have a crew come in to help the person handle something that has clearly gotten out of control.

Marriage licenses

Kristen M. Wendel, 20, Portland, and Isaiah M. Riggins, 20, Muncie
Autumn R. Foy, 39, Portland, and Jose L. Romero, 48, Portland
Michael D. Hines II, 30, Portland, and Alexis N. Skirvin, 28, Portland
Karan Bost, 52, Dunkirk, and Gregory L. Mitchey, 61, Geneva
Branden M. Willoughby, 34, Dunkirk, and Brandi N. Willoughby, 33, Dunkirk
Wesley A. Johnson, 38, rural Eaton, and Brenna H. Morrical, 36, rural Portland
Katrina M. Fowler, 37, Parker City, and Joshua J. Zimmerman, 42, Portland
Marvin C.L. Schwartz, 28, rural Portland, and Amanda R. Wickey, 18, Leonidas, Michigan
Lynn M. Johnson, 25, Portland, and Kadon M. Schlechty, 22, Portland
Janae R. Kirby, 23, Portland, and Lucas B. Schmit, 23, Portland

Community Calendar

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

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

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

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

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

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

Entrance C, 510 W. Votaw St., Portland.

LAWYERS IN LIBRARIES — Free and confidential consultations with a lawyer are available from 10 a.m. to noon at Jay County Public Library, 315 N. Ship St., Portland. Consulting is available on topics including divorce, custody, guardianship, tenant-landlord issues, bankruptcy, debt collection, estates and immigration. Those interested in participating should sign up in advance at the library, 315 N. Ship St., Portland, or by calling (260) 726-7890.

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.

DEMENTIA SUPPORT GROUP — Meets at 5:30 p.m. at Persimmon Ridge Rehabilitation Centre, 200 N. Park St., Portland.

Friday
PAST RECOVERY SERVICES — Peer Addiction Support Team recovery support group meets at 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. each Friday at the Jay County Drug Prevention Coalition office at 100 N. Meridian St., Port-

land. For more information, call (260) 251-3259.

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

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

Sunday
A BETTER LIFE - 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. For more information, call (260) 766-2006.

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

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

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

Sudoku

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8	3	5						9
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Level: Intermediate

Tuesday's Solution

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

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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Uncle Fred occupied special place

Editor's note: This column is being reprinted from July 22, 2004. Whether invention or adventure or something else, we all have a story. Jack's great-uncle was the inventor type. Connie's was more the adventurer.

By JACK RONALD
The News and Sun

Uncle Fred never looked better.

At least, I've never seen him looking better. But then, I've never really seen him at all.

Let me explain, or try to.

Uncle Fred isn't really my uncle at all. He was my wife's mother's uncle. I guess that makes him Connie's great-uncle, if I have the nomenclature right.

Back in the Saddle



Their relationship is the equivalent of my relationship to Elwood Haynes, who was my mother's uncle.

At any rate, Uncle Fred was no Elwood Haynes.

Though they lived in roughly the same era, the second half of the 19th century and the first few decades of the 20th century,

their paths were widely different.

While Elwood was an inventor and businessman, Uncle Fred was an adventurer.

In family pictures at the old farm house in upstate New York where my mother-in-law was raised, Uncle Fred is a tall, gaunt figure, usually in some sort of strange surroundings.

Once, in search of gold, he traveled with a band of adventurers to South America, only to be turned back by revolutionary turmoil which made a trip inland impossible.

His machete from that trip is in a family collection in New York.

Later, he traveled West. There are antique photos of him standing beside a sod hut on the high prairies of Wyoming not far from the land which was brought to life in the pages of "The Virginian."

His Colt .45 from that experience, now in a New York history museum, has three notches on the handle.

Family legend recounts that by Uncle Fred's Colt record-keeping "Indians didn't count."

In recent weeks, Uncle Fred's been back on the family radar as Connie worked with her siblings to settle her mother's estate.

A pair of chairs which belonged to him can now be

found at our house, but in some ways the sentimental prize was a pencil sketch Connie's mother made of Uncle Fred when she was an art student in the 1930s.

The face is unclear and partially erased, but Uncle Fred sits in a rocker with a pipe in one hand and his other arm in a sling.

It had been horribly framed, but our framing friend Heather has worked wonders, setting it off like the family relic that it is.

And Uncle Fred now has a new home in Jay County.

It may not be as wild or remote as the Orinoco River or the high plains, but we think it will suit him just fine.

Secret Service must take responsibility

Pittsburgh Post-Gazette
Tribune News Services

Thomas Matthew Crooks should never have been able to get on a roof fewer than 150 yards from former President Donald Trump, let alone take several shots at him — almost killing him, wounding two rallygoers and murdering a third. The shot was an inch away from a national and international catastrophe, and the institutions tasked with securing the event must be held accountable.

Butler County District Attorney Richard Goldinger called the situation "embarrassing," and that's the kindest word he could have used. Public statements by law enforcement agencies are already devolving into subtle blame-shifting. Local police have wondered why the Secret Service agents perched above the rally stage didn't spot the gunman, and the Secret Service has suggested local law enforcement was tasked with securing the area beyond the rally grounds.

And now we know that not only bystanders but other law enforcement personnel saw a man with a gun and identified the risk. The one local officer who climbed up to the roof to investigate was unarmed. The Secret Service countersnipers — who did not need authorization to shoot at an active threat — had the responsibility to protect Trump and the people around him. How is it possible that they still hesitated to take their shot until Crooks had already fired?

Further, how was that roof not secured by law enforcement to begin with? Secret Service director Kimberly Cheatle told ABC News that the sloped nature of the roof made it too dangerous to station officers there. This is ludicrous: It wasn't too dangerous for a 20-year-old novice marksman.

And isn't accepting danger part of being in the Secret Service? Agents put their body between the president and a bullet. They can take the small risk of sliding off a roof. Indeed, the roof where they did station snipers is steeper than the one where they didn't station them.

In the face of these lapses, Biden has rightly called for an independent investigation into his campaign

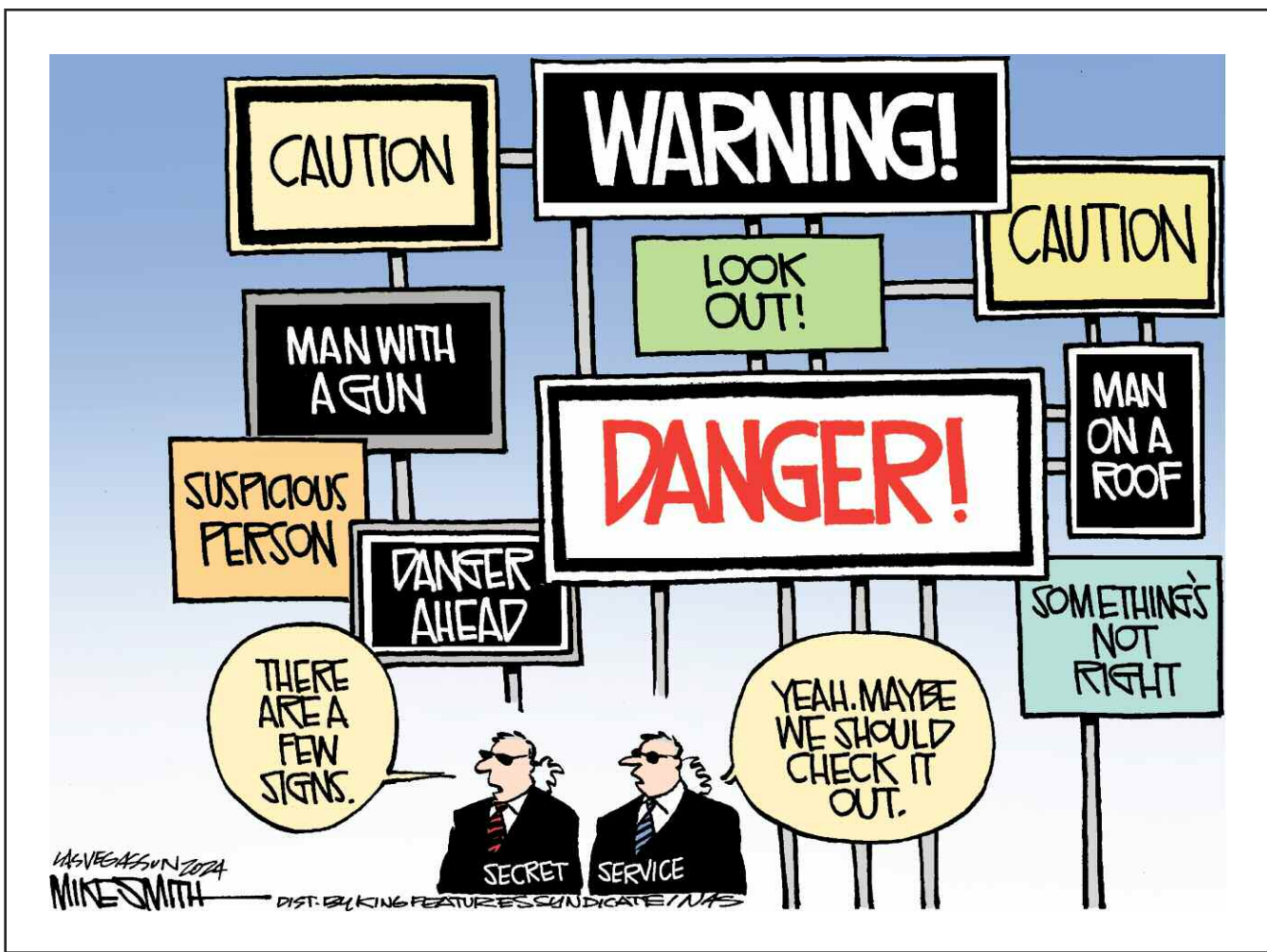
Guest Editorial

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rival's security measures on the day of the rally. This must begin at the Secret Service and include all other agencies that were part of the Butler detail, including the Pennsylvania State Police. The investigators must look very carefully at the thoroughness of planning — why was so obvious a threat left unguarded? — and the efficiency of communication during the event itself.

Even if the Secret Service had given local or state agencies the responsibility for the rooftop, the entire operation is ultimately that agency's responsibility. The Secret Service is the highly trained, highly resourced agency the nation depends upon to protect its presidents and presidential candidates. It is hard to imagine how Cheatle can remain the director.

Crooks was not a master assassin. He was a young man with inscrutable motives who decided to take a shot at the former president. If all it takes is one novice to get inches from plunging America into a historic political crisis, a crisis of competency in the nation's security agencies already exists. This cannot happen again.



There's a better way forward

By RICH HARWOOD
The Fulcrum
Tribune News Service

Earlier this year, Escambia County, Florida, received national attention for banning over 1,600 books, the most by any single county in the entire country. If you've been following book banning efforts, many titles on the list won't surprise you. But these might: multiple editions of the dictionary, various encyclopedias, and "The Guinness Book of World Records."

Meanwhile, less than half of Escambia County third-graders are proficient in reading and multiple elementary schools in the area are in danger of state takeover due to persistent low-performance. Let me be clear: I believe youth success is not simply a school issue, but the responsibility of an entire community.

Saying we want our youth to succeed is easy. Ensuring we focus on what really matters so that they do is proving increasingly difficult. And not just in Escambia County. Culture wars over education are spreading all across California and other states as well.

Now, there are valid discussions to be had over the content we put in front of kids. Communities need to address such issues. But there's a growing trend in our country today of too many communities getting distracted by an array of culture war issues — typically stoked by a small minority — that divide people, diminish hope, and stymie wider progress.

So many community leaders tell me they don't know how to respond effectively to these culture wars. I often see groups and organizations responding to the loudest voices by seeking to match them. They create their own group to oppose and fight existing ones; they raise money to mobilize peo-

ple; they even weaponize their own agendas. As if raising the temperature could somehow quench the flames. The other tendency is for people to retreat entirely, ceding the public square to growing divisive forces. The result is that the community is held hostage, unable to move forward.

When I took my civic campaign — Enough. Time to Build — to Pensacola, the seat of Escambia County, people there, like people across the nation, told me they were exhausted by the culture wars. They were frustrated by a lack of progress on education and other vital community issues. They felt stuck and couldn't see an alternative path forward.

My experience working to transform communities for over three decades proves that there is a better path that can inoculate communities against the culture wars. The way forward is for communities to temporarily set aside culture war issues and commit to coming back to them once their community has forged a new civic path.

What does this civic path look like? It starts with determining what we can agree on regarding issues that really matter to people. This means focusing not on "problems" or utopian visions but rather people's shared aspirations. Then — and this is where I think too many civic initiatives also fall short these days — we must get in motion to take shared action on those issues. Action is key. We



Rich Harwood

must build together. More talk isn't going to get us where we need to go. Only by building together can we restore our belief that we can get things done and get on a more hopeful path.

Let's be clear: Building together doesn't mean we have to agree on everything. It also doesn't mean we have to like each other. But it does mean we must — amid our real differences — find where we can agree and get in motion on things that make a real difference in people's lives. Starting small is key. Starting too big is a recipe for failure. The trick is to grow and spread our efforts over time, provide proof that positive change is possible, and create increasing momentum.

When we forge this civic path, I find there is greater energy in a community to move forward, to avoid distractions and even to realize that the issues we so often get stuck on are no longer of such great importance. But beware: We cannot simply sweep aside people's persistent "culture war" concerns. Our task is to place them in a larger context and tackle them when more civic confidence and trust exists.

When I presented this alternative to a roundtable of leaders in Pensacola, they experienced a new sense of possibility. I wasn't telling them this approach would solve their educational challenges overnight. But I was telling them real, tangible progress could be made. That by embracing a new path, they could inoculate themselves from the culture wars and start to tackle the real issues that were holding them back.

This is how we can get the future of our communities back on the agenda.

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Whoa show

Whoa, Man! performed Thursday night as part of Arts Place's Hudson Family Park Amphitheatre Concert Series. Pictured, Teresa Lyon, one of the band's four rotating vocalists, sings part of "Whatta Man" by Salt-N-Pepa. The band, based in Fort Wayne, is a celebration of women in rock. The next concert in the series will feature Liverpool Lads: A Beatles Tribute at 8 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 8.



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Felony arrests

Drunk driving

An Auburn woman was arrested Saturday for drunk driving.

Stephanie A. Reed, 34, 1042 Susan St., is charged in Jay Superior Court with a

Level 6 felony for operating a vehicle while intoxicated and endangering a person younger than 18 years old.

She was released from Jay County Jail on a \$5,000 bond.

Capsule Reports

Intersection accident

Two people complained of pain after an accident at the intersection of county roads 1150 West and 600 South about 4:06 p.m. Thursday.

Ricky W. Dennis, 65, was driving his 2007 Dodge Caliber east on county road 600 South when he stopped at the intersection. He told police he didn't see the 2009 Chevrolet Silverado, driven by 51-year-old Chad

E. Henry of Muncie, headed south on county road 1150 West, and Dennis continued east into the intersection. Henry told police he wasn't able to avoid crashing into Dennis' car, causing between \$10,000 and \$25,000 in estimated damage.

Henry complained of lower leg pain, and Dennis complained of pain all over his body. Their vehicles were towed.

Felony courts

Continued from page 2 Nonsupport

Two people were sentenced to jail for nonsupport of a dependent child.

Steven D. Pace, 39, 1209 E. 22nd St., Muncie, pleaded guilty in Jay Superior Court to nonsupport of a dependent child, a Level 6 felony. He was sentenced to 730 days in Jay County Jail with all but 32 days suspended and given two days credit for time served. Pace was assessed \$189 in court costs and placed on probation for 698 days.

Rachel N. Posada, formerly known as Rachel N. Kegerries, 35, 710 Devonshire Drive, Celina, Ohio, pleaded guilty in Jay Superior Court to nonsupport of a dependent child, a Level 6 felony. She was sentenced to 545 days in Jay County Jail with all but 180 days suspended and given 142 days credit for time served. Posada was assessed \$189 in court costs and placed on probation for one year.

land, pleaded guilty to the Level 6 felony. He was sentenced to 730 days in Jay County Jail and given credit for time served. Yates was fined \$25 and assessed \$189 in court costs. As part of his plea agreement, a Level 5 felony for possession of methamphetamine and a Level 6 felony for unlawful possession of a syringe were dismissed.

Dealing

Two Portland men were sentenced to prison for dealing drugs.

William J. Kelley, 60, 622 E. Water St., Portland, pleaded guilty in Jay Circuit Court to dealing in a narcotic drug, a Level 5 felony. He was sentenced to 1,095 days in Indiana Department of Correction with all but 267 days suspended and given credit for time served. Kelley was assessed \$189 in court costs and ordered to pay a \$200 drug abuse, prosecution, interdiction and correction fee.

Todd W. Clark, 39, 1147 N. US 27, Portland Inn Room 217, Portland, pleaded guilty in Jay Circuit Court to dealing methamphetamine, a Level 4 felony. Clark was sentenced to six years in Indiana Department of Correction with all but three years suspended and given credit for time served. He was assessed \$189 in court costs and ordered to pay a \$200 drug abuse, prosecution, interdiction and correction fee. Clark was recommended for purposeful incarceration, meaning upon completing a substance abuse treatment program, the court would consider modifying his sentence. His charge was lessened from a Level 2 felony as part of his plea agreement.

Common nuisance

Two men were sentenced to serve time after pleading guilty in Jay Circuit Court to maintaining a common nuisance.

Thomas J. Calvert, 47, pleaded guilty to the Level 6 felony. He was sentenced to 18 months in Indiana Department of Correction and given credit for time served. Calvert was assessed \$189 in court costs. As part of his plea agreement, the following charges were dismissed: a Level 5 felony for possession of a narcotic drug, a Level 6 felony for unlawful possession of a syringe and a Class B misdemeanor for possession of marijuana.

Richard A. Yates III, 36, 1214 S. Miller Ave., Port-

Debate ...

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The commission's April primary debate for Republicans was heavily criticized by candidates and the public. In June, Braun sent a release saying he would participate in only two general election debates, leaving a commission event in doubt.

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

According to the criteria for Fox 59/CBS 4, a statewide candidate must receive 5% in a pri-

mary test poll question — or 10% for a general election poll — and must report at least \$100,000 in contributions, one-quarter of which must be from Hoosier residents.

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

This will be the commission's 12th general election debate featuring Indiana gubernatorial candidates. IDC debates are provided to all media outlets statewide free of charge to broadcast live over-the-air or online.

Admits ...

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"But I will be joining the chairman in calling for the resignation of the director just because I think that this relationship is irretrievable at this point. And I think that the director has lost the confidence of Congress at a very urgent and tender moment in the history of the country and we need to very quickly move beyond this."

Despite multiple committee members joining in calls for her to resign, Cheatle did not offer any indication that she would step down.

Though law enforcement had reported a suspicious person to the Secret Service at the rally two to five times before the shooting, Cheatle declined to provide a specific timeline for when Crooks was first spotted. She said Trump would not have been allowed to take the stage if the Secret Service had known of a specific threat.

"We take what local law enforcement relays to us seriously," Cheatle said. "We're looking into whether or not there was a communication breakdown."

HEALTHCARE

What to know about heatstroke

Fun in the sun is a big part of the appeal of summer. Outdoor recreation and relaxation kicks up a notch each summer, contributing to a vibe that is as welcoming as it is warm.

Summer is indeed all about recreation, but individuals also must remain safe when spending time outdoors. Heatstroke is a potentially deadly condition that can be prevented with some basic knowledge of what it is and how it manifests.

What is heatstroke?

The Mayo Clinic notes that heatstroke is caused by the body overheating. When individuals suffer heatstroke, it is usually because they have been exposed to high temperatures for long periods of time or have been physically exerting themselves in such conditions.

How serious is heatstroke?

The medical examiner's office in Maricopa County, Arizona noted that heat deaths surged by 50 percent

in the city of Phoenix in 2023. Rising temperatures related to climate change have made it less safe to be outdoors on certain days. The risk for heat-related death is serious in places like Phoenix when the mercury rises, but anyone anywhere can succumb to the heat if they are not careful. By no means are deaths due to heatstroke or other heat-related illnesses exclusive to individuals in traditionally warm locales like Phoenix. Despite that vulnerability, various organizations, including the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, note that heat-related illnesses are preventable. Prevention involves recognition of symptoms prior to going outdoors and a willingness to go inside should any symptoms begin to arise.

Symptoms of heatstroke

Heatstroke can manifest in various ways, producing symptoms that may include:

- **Elevated body temperature:** The Mayo Clinic notes that a core body tem-

perature of 104 F or higher is a main sign of heatstroke.

- **Altered mental state:** Someone suffering from heatstroke may begin to feel confused, agitated, irritable, and/or delirious. In addition, such individuals may begin to behave erratically, which can involve slurred speech.

- **Changes in sweating patterns:** People may begin to sweat differently depending on why they are suffering from heatstroke. When heatstroke is brought on by hot weather, a person's skin will feel hot and dry to the touch, notably leading to a lack of sweat. When heatstroke occurs because of strenuous exercise in hot weather, the skin may feel dry and slightly moist.

- **Nausea and vomiting:** Heatstroke can make people feel sick to their stomach and even induce vomiting.

- **Flushed skin:** This recognizable symptom is marked by skin turning red as body temperature spikes.

- **Changes in breathing:** Heatstroke can cause rapid, shallow breathing.

- **Elevated heart rate:**

The Harvard Medical School notes that the heart experiences stress when the human body sheds heat. That stress can cause the heart to beat faster and pump harder.

- **Headache:** Some people with heatstroke experience a throbbing headache.

Preventing heatstroke

The CDC notes that drinking plenty of water, cooling off in air conditioned rooms, limiting time outdoors on particularly hot days, taking frequent breaks if you must be outside, and wearing light-colored, loose-fitting clothing and sunscreen with a sun protection factor (SPF) of 15 or higher are some ways to beat the heat and avoid heatstroke.

Heatstroke is a notable, yet preventable threat. Making an effort to avoid heatstroke while spending time outdoors this summer can ensure the season is safe and fun.

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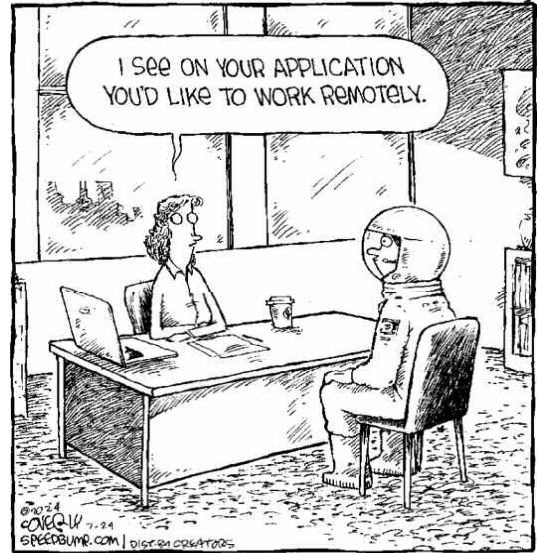
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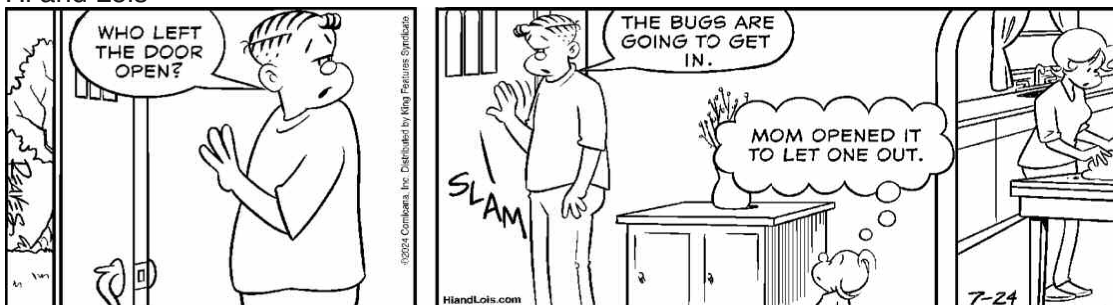
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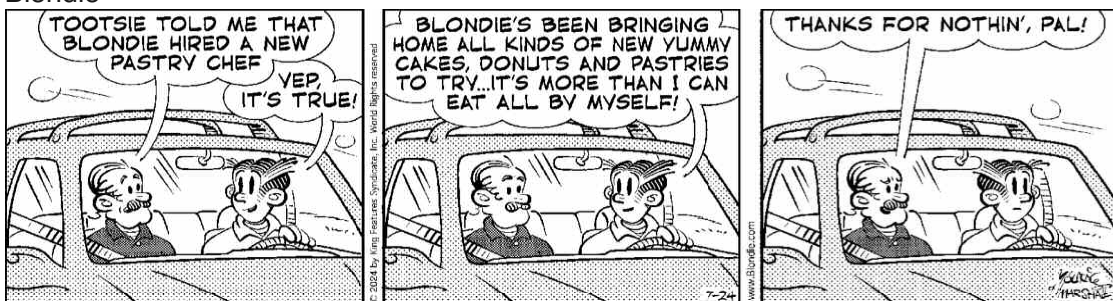
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By Steve Becker

Razzle-dazzle defense

East dealer. Both sides vulnerable. NORTH: ♠ Q 3, ♥ Q J 7 5 4 3, ♦ 7 6 2, ♣ A 10. WEST: ♠ J 8 7 5 2, ♥ 10 6 2, ♦ Q 10 8 3, ♣ 5. EAST: ♠ A K 10 6 4, ♥ A 9 8, ♦ J 5, ♣ 8 7 3. SOUTH: ♠ 9, ♥ K, ♦ A K 9 4, ♣ K Q J 9 6 4. The bidding: East 1♠, South Dble 3♠, West 3♠, North 4♥. Pass. Opening lead—five of spades.

very easily. With a spade continuation, for example, South would ruff and lead the king of hearts, rendering East helpless whether or not he took his ace.

Declarer won the trump return in his hand and led the king of hearts. Again, East made the winning play when he ducked. Had he taken the ace, South would have been able to discard two diamonds on the Q-J of hearts. Declarer could now do no better than lead the A-K and another diamond. He was hoping to find the diamonds divided 3-3 or, failing that, to ruff his fourth diamond with the club ace if the diamonds broke 4-2.

West won the third diamond with the ten—but only for a moment. East ruffed the ten, even though it was his partner's trick, and returned his last trump. This play put the final nail in South's coffin. He had to lose another diamond and go down one. Of course, if East had failed to ruff the diamond ten and lead a trump, South would have gotten home safely.

East's defense was surely of the highest order. Three times he recognized a danger, and three times he found a way to counter it. It was truly a defensive tour de force.

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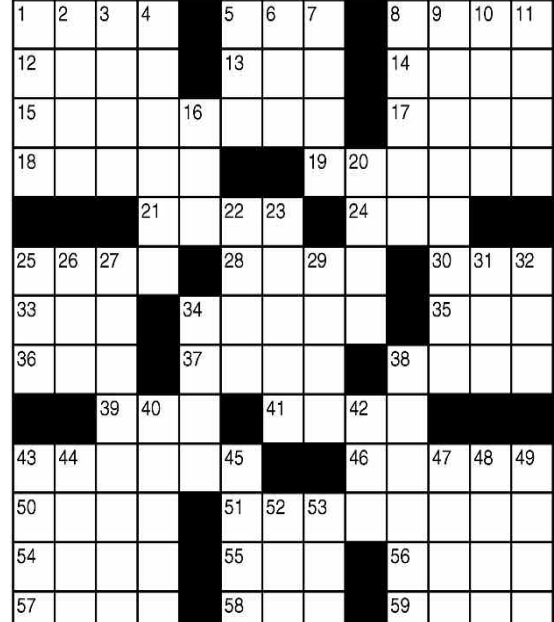
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OHSAA awards FRHS graduate

The Ohio High School Athletic Association recently announced the 2024 class had the largest number of scholarship recipients since it started giving them out 30 years ago.

Among the list of high school student athletes is one from Fort Recovery.

Monday morning, the OHSAA revealed that they are awarding 200 recent high school graduates through its scholarship pro-

gram, including Tieggen Fortkamp of Fort Recovery High School.

This 200 recipients was the most in the 30-year program's history. Each student will receive a \$1,000 scholarship, totalling \$200,000.

Last year, the OHSAA gave out scholarships to 169 student athletes.

Fortkamp was one of 40 recent graduates to be selected from the Northwest District.

Only the Northeast and Southwest districts had more recipients.

While at Fort Recovery, Fortkamp won letters in volleyball and swimming.

In four years for the varsity volleyball team, she earned 536 kills and 128 aces. In 2023, she led the Indians to the district semifinal game and had the most kills (293) and aces (50) on the team. She was also a part of the team in 2020 that made it to

the Division IV regional semifinal.

Fortkamp made the state swim tournament in her freshman, junior and senior seasons.

Her highest individual finish came as a freshman when she swam a 24.61-second 50-yard freestyle to earn 18th place. That same year, she anchored the 200 freestyle relay team that took 16th.

As a junior, Fortkamp swam the backstroke leg for the 200

medley relay team that placed 18th, swam the 19th-best time in the 100 backstroke and finished 21st in the 50 freestyle.

As a senior, she made the state meet in the 100 backstroke and the 50 freestyle, placing 23rd and 29th, respectively.

Fortkamp plans to go on to play volleyball at the University of St. Francis, an NAIA school in Fort Wayne, alongside her older sister Paige Fortkamp.

LeBron James selected as U.S. flagbearer

By **CHUCK SCHILKEN**
Los Angeles Times
Tribune News Service

LeBron James is set to compete in his fourth Olympics.

Like the previous three times, the Lakers superstar will participate in the opening ceremony.

But for the official start of the Paris Games on Friday night, James will have a role that neither he nor anyone else who has played for the U.S. men's basketball team has held before.

James was selected by his fellow American athletes as one of two U.S. flagbearers for the opening ceremony, which will take place in boats along the Seine toward the Eiffel Tower. A woman from Team USA will be announced as the second American flagbearer later.

"It's an incredible honor to represent the United States on this global stage, especially in a moment that can bring the whole world together," James said in a statement Monday from London before the U.S. played its final pre-

Olympics exhibition game against Germany.

"For a kid from Akron, this responsibility means everything to not only myself, but to my family, all the kids in my hometown, my teammates, fellow Olympians and so many people across the country with big aspirations. Sports have the power to bring us all together, and I'm proud to be a part of this important moment."

The NBA's all-time leading scorer, James joins Dawn Staley (2004) and Sue Bird (2021) as the only U.S. basketball players to serve as flagbearers. He was nominated for the honor by Golden State Warriors star Stephen Curry on behalf of the U.S. men's team.

"He has represented what it means to be excellent both on and off the court in his commitment to service and to uplifting the community in all ways that he knows how has been a lifelong passion," Curry said in a video supporting James' nomination. "And the work speaks for itself."

Working through things

Cayden Buckland gets a through ball past Aryan Montes during the Jay County High School boys soccer pre-season practice on Monday afternoon. Buckland finished last season with two goals scored.



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"He's definitely one of those guys who you hear stories about, you read articles (about), and you hear about how great he was, on the field and off the field. Ironic enough, he was also a Colt, which is definitely full circle for me. To be able to be named amongst him, side by side with him in the same realm, it's kind of mind blowing. ... I couldn't have imagined this in a thousand years and I couldn't script this any better. It means a lot to me and hopefully I inspire someone else, and in a few years they're in the same room interviewing (with) you. Maybe they mention me or maybe not, but hopefully I can be that spark that allowed them to go and pursue their dreams as well."

Taylor finished his career at Salem with 4,642 rushing yards, including a New Jersey single-season record of 2,510 as a senior in 2016 to go with a record 35 touchdowns. He was named all-state and the South Jersey Times Offensive Player of the Year.

The Rams went 9-3 that season and reached the South Jersey, Group 1 final before falling to Paulsboro 29-26 in a classic. But to Taylor, the wins and records are not what stand out.

"It's your friends and your family that you grew up with, those are the memories that you don't forget," he said. "Whether it's a dinner before a big game, the celebration after a big game, or the comfort from your family and friends after a loss in a big game, those are the memories you'll remember the most. The wins and losses come and go — some are sweeter than others and some definitely hurt — but it's

those moments that you build with your family and friends throughout that journey that I miss the most and that I remember the most. That's what means the most."

Taylor's senior year also included his second straight Meet of Champions title in the 100 meters that spring. After shining in both sports, he was an obvious choice for South Jersey Times Male Athlete of the Year.

He was asked if he still follows track, especially with the Olympics coming up.

"Absolutely," he said. "It seems like these guys are going faster and faster. I just read an article because I was following along for the previous Meet of Champs, and Malachi (James of Burlington City) ran like a 10.1. I was like, where are these guys coming from? I'm glad they weren't there when I was there, because I definitely would have come in second."

"I love track — track was one of my second loves. I ran track every single year in high school and I got to run one year in college, which was fun, shout out to coach (Paul) Chryst for that. Football is one of the greatest team sports and track has a team component, but when you're out there in that lane, it's really not even you against the person next to you, it's you against the clock. That's all you have to worry about."

"I think it gave me a mental edge in football as well, to learn how to compete with myself (and) translating that to the football field (in terms of) how can I make myself better, how can I be a better team player, how can I be a better running back than I was the day

before? So I'll always love track and I'll always follow it."

Taylor rushed for 6,174 yards and 50 touchdowns in three seasons at Wisconsin before turning pro. He's had two 1,000-yard seasons with the Colts, including 2021, when he led the NFL with 1,811 yards and 18 rushing TDs.

He's battled injuries the past two years but is looking forward to what he can do in a full season with up-and-coming quarterback Anthony Richardson this fall.

"He's been preparing," Taylor said. "I believe in him, I trust him, and I'm going to be there to help him. Like I told him, 'I'm going to be right by your side the whole way.'"

The 2021 Salem football team was also honored Saturday night. Wright led that team to an 11-2 record, the program's first sectional championship since 1983 and the regional title, all in a season in which he lost his beloved mother to COVID-19.

Wright brought over close to 20 players from that team onto the stage with him, along with several assistant coaches, and talked about the support he received from them and the resilience all of them showed as a group.

"When you see these guys, don't just look at them as athletes," Wright said. "A lot of these guys on stage are college students, a lot of guys have great jobs, they're great kids ... and great (sons) to their mothers and fathers."

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Thursday, July 25

10 a.m. to 4 p.m. — Swiss Heritage Village is open
5 p.m. — Crafts, food and amusements open
5 p.m. — Razz M' Jazz dance studio on the main stage
5:30 p.m. — Opening ceremonies on the main stage
6 p.m. — Little Miss Swiss Days Pageant
6 p.m. — Rotary tennis tournament at South Adams Schools
6 to 8 p.m. — Quilt show at First Mennonite Church Family Life Center
8 to 10 p.m. — Trevor Hunt & The Sleepers on the main stage

Friday, July 26

9 a.m. — Craft and food vendors open
9 a.m. — Smith Brothers of Berne Tour
9 a.m. to 4 p.m. — Swiss Heritage Village is open
9 a.m. to 6 p.m. — Quilt show at First Mennonite Church Family of Life Center
10 a.m. — Hitzer, Inc. Tour
10 a.m. — Jay Fox band at Swiss Village auditorium
10 a.m. — Kids tractor pull on Sprunger Street
10:30 a.m. — First Mennonite Church Tour
11 a.m. to 9 p.m. — Swiss Days Fun Zone on Main Street and the chamber of commerce parking lot
Noon — Swiss Brothers of Berne Tour
Noon — Brenda Campbell concert on the main stage
Noon to dark — Vertical Advantage helicopter
1:30 and 2:30 p.m. — Fort Wayne Tanzer Dance Troop on the main stage
2 p.m. to 12 a.m. — Fulton & Main Biergarten in downtown Berne
3:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. — The Jammin' Germans concert on the main stage
5:30 to 8 p.m. — Long toss cornhole competition
6 p.m. — Berne Rotary Club tennis tournament at South Adams Schools
6 p.m. — Horse pull (heavyweight and mini) at Swiss Heritage Village
6:30 p.m. — Hot air balloon tethered rides at the corner of U.S. 27 and Indiana 218
7 p.m. — "The Music Man" at South Adams High School
7 to 10 p.m. — Gabe Bailey concert on the main stage

Saturday, July 27

5:30 to 10 a.m. — Breakfast at the fire station, 1230 Parkway St.
8 a.m. to noon — Das Marit Farmers and Artisans Market
8:15 a.m. — Swiss Days Race on Jefferson Street
9 a.m. — Crafts and food vendors open
9 a.m. — Rotary tennis tournament at South Adams Schools
9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. — Quilt show at First Mennon-

ite Church Family of Life Center
9 a.m. to 4 p.m. — Swiss Heritage Village open
9 a.m. to dark — Vertical Advantage helicopters
10 a.m. — Tower Baby Crawl Contest at Muensterberg Clock Tower
10 a.m. — 3-on-3 basketball tournament at South Adams Schools
10 a.m. — Cornhole tournament at 265 W. Main St.
10 a.m. — Swiss Days Bike Tour
10 to 11:30 a.m. — The Schmidts and First Love on the main stage
10 a.m. to 2 p.m. — 37th Annual Sand Sculpture at Pine Lake
10 a.m. to 4 p.m. — Hoosier Kite Flyers at Swiss Village
11:45 a.m. — Swiss City Dancers on the main stage
Noon to 9 p.m. — Swiss Days Fun Zone on Main Street and the chamber parking lot
Noon to 4 p.m. — Swiss

Days Passport
12:30 p.m. — First Mennonite Church Tour
12:45 p.m. — Die Schweizer Alpenhorner on the main stage
1 to 2:30 p.m. — The Schmidts and First Love concert on the main stage
2 p.m. — Steintoss competition on the Berne Public Library lawn
2:30 p.m. — Die Schweizer Alpenhorner on the main stage
2:50 p.m. — Kalita Magic Show on the main stage
4:30 p.m. — Swiss Days Parade
6 p.m. — Brat eating contest at the main stage
7 to 10 p.m. — The Sweetwater All Stars on the main stage

Sunday, July 28

2:30 p.m. — "The Music Man" at South Adams High School
6:30 p.m. — Community Praise Service at Muensterberg Plaza and Clock Tower

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As the community continued to support this event, we looked for ways to make it bigger and include more local businesses. We also wanted to include the cultural history of Berne, named after Bern, Switzerland, the location where our founding settlers left to find religious freedoms in America.

Now, we have over 100 food and craft vendors, including many downtown businesses and Swiss-style music, games like the Steintoss and so much more.

Come join us and enjoy authentic Swiss costume, great food, craft vendors and merchandise. Residents and visitors alike enjoy the friendly competitions for all ages. From the 5K race to Big Wheel Competition for the younger ones,



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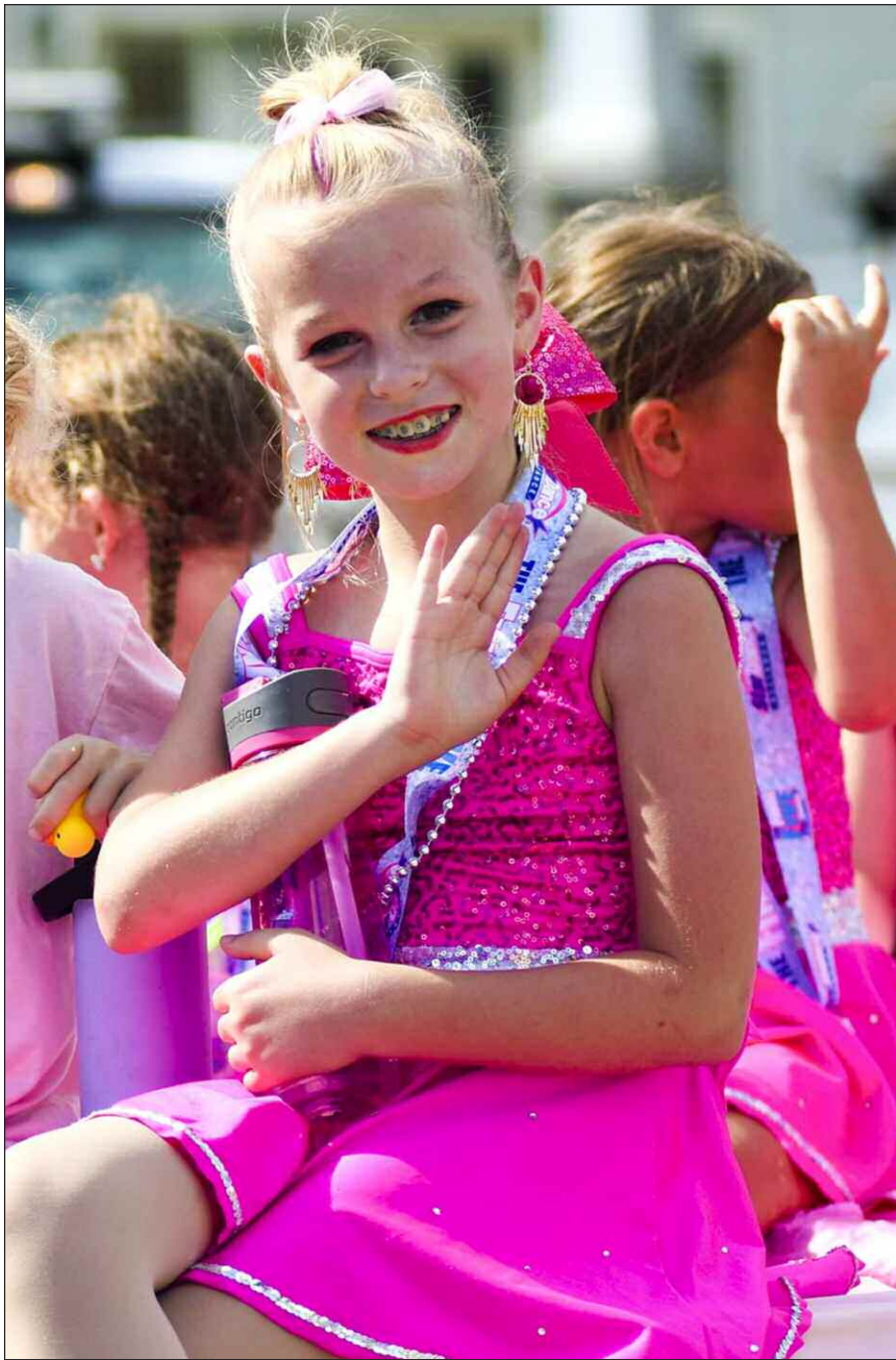
Watch as couples dance the polka to live music on stage. You will see authentic Swiss costumes, hear the polka

music and enjoy the sights of Berne, a little piece of Switzerland.

The festival always includes

the last Thursday, Friday and Saturday of each July.

"Schonen Tag noch." (Have a good day.)



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Willkommen wave

AnnaLynn Felger waves while riding with Swiss City Dance during the 2023 Swiss Days parade in Berne. This year's parade is scheduled for 4:30 p.m. Saturday.

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