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Fair shifts dates

By RAY COONEY
The Commercial Review

Get ready for a patriotic fair. Jay County Fair Board announced Thursday morning that the 2025 Jay County Fair will run from June 28 through July 5 and partner with carnival company Kissel Entertainment for its midway.

Though the fair has shifted dates over its 150-plus years, it has been slotted in the week following Independence Day in recent years. For 2025, the Fourth of July will fall during fair week.

The fair board noted that it is working with the Jay County 4th of July Committee to continue to offer its annual holiday events at the fairgrounds during the fair. Jay County 4-H will also shift its schedule, with its activities beginning June 26 and concluding

2025 event will include 4th of July

ing with the auction on Thursday, July 3.

"We are incredibly excited about the 2025 Jay County Fair," said fair board president Aaron Loy. "Our goal is to create a memorable experience for everyone who attends, and we're working hard to ensure that this year's fair will be filled with fun, excitement and community pride. We are combining the two

largest local community events into one and feel this will be one of the best fairs to date."

The date change came in part to allow the fair board to partner with Kissel, which will be at the Bartholomew County Fair in late June before coming to Jay County and Fort Wayne's Three Rivers Festival the following week.

Kissel is playing at the Kentucky State Fair this week.

"We are thrilled and honored to work with the great Jay County Fair, a cherished institution that has been entertaining its community since 1872," said Kissel Entertainment's R.A. Kissel in a press release. "Our team is excited to bring our innovative attractions and exceptional service to the wonderful people of Jay County. We look forward to ... contributing to the continued success of this historic fair."



Photo provided

Alien Abduction is one of the rides offered by Kissel Entertainment, which will be the carnival company for the 2025 Jay County Fair. Kissel also works the Kentucky State Fair and the Three Rivers Festival in Fort Wayne.

Primetime Carnival Company provided the midway attractions for the Jay County Fair for the last three years.

Kissel Entertainment (KisselFun.com) was founded by

Russel and Ralph Kissel in 1932 when they began offering pony rides at a Coney Island amusement park near Cincinnati.

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2024 Tri-State Antique Engine and Tractor Show

Model hobby



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Al Renken exclaims while shaping toothpicks for his latest model design Thursday morning at Jay County Fairgrounds. Renken, a Bluffton resident and member of Indiana Covered Bridge Society, has been building bridge models out of toothpicks for six years. He attends festivals through Indiana, including the Tri-State Antique Engine and Tractor Show in Portland this week, to share his collection.

Bluffton resident 'picked' up his craft during his time as a carpenter and contractor

By BAILEY CLINE
The Commercial Review

Al Renken stood as a couple walked up to his stand Thursday at the Tri-State Antique Engine and Tractor Show.

They had been admiring his bridge marble tower. The structure — it's made out of tooth-

picks and resembles a roller coaster — allows for marbles to be inserted and make their way through various types of bridges connected to six towers.

"You're never too old to play with marbles," Renken said with a smile, handing a marble to the couple to try it out.

Renken, a member of the Indiana Covered Bridge Society, makes various toothpick bridge models. He sets up his collection at shows and festivals throughout Indiana, including Redkey's Gas Boom Days, Portland's Heritage Days and, this week, at the show at Jay County Fairgrounds.

A carpenter and former contractor, his interest in the hobby dates back to 1987. He recalled walking into his architect's office to see three model bridges on the wall.

"I said someday, I'm going to do that," he said.

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Tout ride

Karsen Tout, 5, gets behind the wheel of a John Deere 1010 on Wednesday afternoon at the Tri-State Gas Engine and Tractor show. This year marks the 59th iteration of the annual event that has participants from across the nation, Canada and around the world.



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Fly-in, Young Eagles are on schedule

Airport offering various flight opportunities

By RAY COONEY
The Commercial Review

It's time to fly. Portland Municipal Airport is offering several opportunities to get a bird's eye view of the community in the coming weeks.

Airport manager Hal Tavzel reminded Portland Board of Aviation on Wednesday that the facility's annual pancake breakfast and fly-in is scheduled for Saturday and it will be hosting a Young Eagles flying event next month.

The pancake breakfast will run from 6 to 10:30 a.m. at the airport in partnership with the American Legion Riders. The cost is \$7.

As part of the event, pilots will also be offering plane rides for \$20 per person from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Also, Tavzel noted that Goodfolk & O'Tymes Biplane Rides planned to have a 1930 New Standard open-air biplane at the airport Thursday through Saturday. (He said it is one of only seven of its kind in existence.) It will offer 15-minute flights for \$80 on Thursday evening and from 9 a.m. until dark Friday and Saturday.

The airport will host a Young Eagles event from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 7. Free plane rides will be offered for ages 8 through 17 to give them an introduction to aviation.

Young Eagles is an Experimental Aircraft Association program launched in 1992 that has provided more than 2.3 million free flights to youth.

Board members Faron Parr, Clyde Bray, John Ferguson and Caleb Lutes also reviewed the current version of the airport's capital improvement plan. It will need to be updated and turned in to the Federal Aviation Administration by Dec. 1.

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Deaths

Henry D. Scott, Marietta, Georgia
Esther Shaneyfelt, 67, Portland
Details on page 2.

Weather

Jay County had a high temperature of 70 degrees Wednesday. The low was 50.

The forecast calls for a low around 60 tonight. Expect partly cloudy skies Saturday with a high in the mid 80s. The high will be in the 80s again Sunday before climbing to 90 Monday. See page 2 for an extended outlook.

In review

Jay County Solid Waste Management District will have recycling trailers available Saturday. Trailers will be open from 9 a.m. to noon in the shopping center at 220 Lincoln St., Portland, and Dunkirk City Park.

Coming up

Saturday — Results from the JCHS football season opener at Blackford.

Tuesday — Coverage of Monday's Jay County Commissioners meeting.

Wednesday — Results from the JCHS boys tennis match against Union City.



Obituaries

Harry D. Scott

Sept. 14, 1946-Aug. 20, 2024
Harry D. Scott, 77, formerly of Portland, Indiana, passed away peacefully on Tuesday, Aug. 20, 2024, in Marietta, Georgia. Harry was born on Sept. 14, 1946, in Clarksville, Tennessee, to Robert and Edith Wall Scott. Growing up, Harry enjoyed helping his grandfather on his farm and working with his hands. After graduating from Austin Peay University, Harry served his country honorably as an army staff sergeant in Vietnam. Harry married the love of his

life, Carolyn, in 1972. Together, they built a life centered on family, faith and community. Harry and Carolyn were blessed with three children, and later as a grandfather Harry found immense joy in spending time with his three grandchildren. He was a proud "Papa," cherishing every moment with them. He served as an active member for many years at the First Presbyterian Church of Portland and the Portland Lions



Scott

Club. He was employed by The Jay Garment Corporation, G.W. Bartlett Company and FCC (Indiana), where he retired from in 2011. He is survived by his wife of 52 wonderful years, Carolyn Scott; his children Dana (Gabriel) Frederick, Angie (Carlos Lopez) Scott and Daniel (Susanna) Scott; three grandchildren, Elijah and Nathaniel Frederick and Theo Scott; sister Gayle (Jerry) Knickerbocker; and brother David (Mary) Scott; and many nieces, nephews and friends. He was preceded in death by his parents Robert (1995) and

Edith (2013) Scott; and brother Robert Scott (2022). A memorial service to honor Harry's life will be held at 11 a.m. Monday, Aug. 26, 2024, at Hughart, Beard & Giles Funeral Home with Pastor Paul Bunger officiating. Military honors will follow at Kentucky Veterans Cemetery West. Visitation will be Monday from 9 a.m. until the service hour. Hughart, Beard & Giles Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made in memory of Harry Scott to the First Presbyterian Church of

Portland or Honor Flight of Northeast Indiana. **Esther Marie Shaneyfelt**, Portland, May 25, 1957-Aug. 21, 2024. Services will be at 11 a.m. Monday at Williamson-Spencer and Penrod Funeral Home in Portland. ***** *The Commercial Review publishes death notices for those with a connection to our coverage area free of charge. They include the name, city, birth/death date and time/date/location of services. There is a charge for obituaries, which are accepted only from funeral homes or mortuary services.*

CR almanac

Saturday 8/24	Sunday 8/25	Monday 8/26	Tuesday 8/27	Wednesday 8/28
85/67 Mostly sunny skies are expected Saturday. The highs again will be in the 80s.	87/68 Sunday's forecast shows mostly sunny skies as well, with the high around 87.	90/69 More sun is on the horizon for Monday, when the high will be in the 90s.	90/65 Sunny skies are expected Tuesday, when the high will be around 90.	86/65 Wednesday's forecast calls for sunny skies with a high in the mid to upper 80s.

Lotteries

Powerball 27-31-33-38-67 Power Ball: 3 Power Play: 2 Estimated jackpot: \$34 million	Daily Four: 0-1-3-0 Quick Draw: 2-5-6-10-20-29-32-33-41-45-46-52-55-59-64-65-70-75-78-80 Cash 5: 12-16-25-30-44 Estimated jackpot: \$130,500
Mega Millions Estimated jackpot: \$527 million	Ohio Wednesday Midday Pick 3: 7-6-1 Pick 4: 9-9-0-3 Pick 5: 8-7-3-9-0 Evening Pick 3: 2-7-8 Pick 4: 7-5-6-1 Pick 5: 6-3-6-9-9 Rolling Cash: 6-17-19-21-37 Estimated jackpot: \$130,000
Hoosier Wednesday Midday Daily Three: 6-9-0 Daily Four: 2-8-2-1 Quick Draw: 7-11-18-19-21-26-31-40-42-47-48-52-53-57-63-65-70-74-77-79 Evening Daily Three: 1-6-4	

Markets

Cooper Farms Fort Recovery Corn.....3.42 Sept. corn3.50 Wheat4.10	Sept. beans9.16 Wheat4.61
POET Biorefining Portland Corn.....3.52 Sept. corn3.59 Oct. corn3.54	ADM Montpelier Corn.....3.44 Sept. corn3.44 Beans.....9.54 Sept. beans9.51 Wheat4.68
The Andersons Richland Township Corn3.47 Sept. corn3.47 Beans.....9.26	Heartland St. Anthony Corn.....3.37 Oct. corn3.49 Beans.....9.31 Oct. beans9.11 Wheat4.42

Today in history

In 1972, 100 visitors attended Farm Power Day at Haynes Park in Portland. Sponsored by the Jay County Co-op petroleum department, it featured the presentation of new tractors by local equipment vendors. In 2021, Jay School Board approved a resolution stating that any local public health orders "should originate" from Jay County Health Board, but that the board reserved the right to vote on any such orders before they were implemented in schools. (The Commercial Review reviewed Indiana Code and found no indication that the school board would have the authority to override or ignore any such orders.) The resolution was in reference to any future mask, contact tracing or quarantine orders related to the coronavirus pandemic. —The CR

Citizen's calendar

Thursday 6 p.m. — Redkey Town Council, park cabin, 50 S. Morgan Drive, Redkey.	Development Corporation, Community Resource Center, 118 S. Meridian St., Portland. 5:30 p.m. — Jay County Country Living Advisory Board executive session, Jay County Country Living, 1194 E. 200 North, Portland. 6 p.m. — Jay County Country Living Advisory Board, Jay County Country Living, 1194 E. 200 North, Portland.
Friday 4 p.m. — Portland Board of Works, mayor's office, city hall, 321 N. Meridian St.	6 p.m. — Dunkirk Board of Works, city building, 131 S. Main St. 7 p.m. — Dunkirk City Council, city building, 131 S. Main St.
Monday 9 a.m. — Jay County Commissioners, auditorium, courthouse, 120 N. Court St., Portland. 3:30 p.m. — Jay County Solid Waste Management District, 5948 W. Indiana 67, Portland. 4 p.m. — Jay County	

Hobby ...

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About six years ago, Renken was diagnosed with prostate cancer. He said he's underwent approximately 15 bladder surgeries, having to go through the procedure approximately every 130 days. He endured 12 weeks of intensive chemotherapy, and in March — it was about two weeks after finishing the treatment — he underwent neobladder surgery.

"I'm happy to be here, in many ways," said Renken, a Bluffton resident and disabled Army veteran.

Throughout his medical treatment, he decided it was time for him to pick up the toothpick-building hobby.

Renken has built 101 wooden bridges over the last six years, varying in size and style. Some are less than a foot long, others span an entire tabletop.

That's a lot of toothpicks. Usually, he doesn't keep count.

Two of his largest designs, one modeled after the George Washington bridge over the Hudson River between New Jersey and New York and the other a trestle bridge inspired by a similar bridge in Wyoming, sit in displays on either end of his setup. They're the only two he kept a running count of toothpicks used in them — George Washington bridge has 3,960 toothpicks, and the trestle bridge has 3,780 toothpicks.

"These are my tools," explained Renken, showing off filed-down tweezers and a pair of nail clippers. He uses his tools to cut and shape the toothpicks before gluing them into place. His craft involves a



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Renken's latest design pictured above, the bridge marble tower, resembles a roller coaster. The toothpick creation whirls marbles around six different towers, passing through a few styles of bridges on the way. Folks passing by Renken's stand may donate \$1 to purchase four marbles to use on the tower and to keep afterward.

lot of trial-and-error, as toothpicks are flimsy and can break easily.

Still Renken is up for this challenge. His expertise with wood comes as a result of his career. Now retired, Renken previously served as a general contractor, installing theatrical curtains and building stages in the southwestern part of

the United States. Some of his work included stages for Disneyland, the University of Arizona and the University of New Mexico.

Formerly a resident of Tucson, Arizona, he visited Angola several years ago to deliver a heavy motor. The greener grass and milder temperatures convinced Renken to move to Indiana.

Airport ...

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The current plan calls for design of a pavement rehabilitation project for the facility's original 4,000 feet of runway — a project to extend the runway to 5,500 feet was completed in 2022 — in 2025 with construction the next year. (Construction of a new snow removal equipment building is also planned for 2025.) Design for reconstruction of the existing airport apron is slated for 2027, followed by construction in 2028. Design of a wildlife control and security fence is planned for 2029.

"This is your wish list of how you intend to use FAA funds," Jason Clearwaters of engineering firm Butler, Fairman & Seufert reminded the board.

The plan will need to be extended to 2030, with Clearwaters suggesting construction of the wildlife fence for that year.

He also noted that the plan includes the construction of new T-hangars through a state program that has not traditionally been funded but may become available.

The board will discuss the plan again next month with final approval scheduled for November.

Clearwaters reported to the board that he expects to hear back on approval of an infrastructure bill grant request this month and a request for traditional FAA funding next month. Both would be used toward construction of the airport's apron expansion.

In other business, the board: •Received an Aviation Indiana updated. Portland Municipal Airport hosted the organization's quarterly meeting for the first time Aug. 8 with 52 aviation officials from across the state in atten-

dance. "I felt like it couldn't have gone much better," said Tavez. The Aviation Indiana annual conference is scheduled for Oct. 15 through 17 in Terre Haute.

•Heard from Tavez that the airport sold 13,700 gallons of fuel in July for \$59,624.40. That's up from 10,798 gallons in July 2023.

•Awarded a project to install concrete floors in three T-hangars at a cost of \$21,600.

•Learned from Portland clerk-treasurer Lori Phillips that Carson Hartzell agreed to the crop restrictions for his bid to rent 26.28 acres of airport-owned farmland. (Certain areas of the property are limited to low-lying crops for safety reasons.) The board agreed last month to accept Hartzell's bid of \$302.50 per acre, pending his agreement to the restrictions.

•Paid claims totaling \$3,224.88.

Dates ...

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Fair board members visited the Bartholomew County Fair in June to see Kissel in action.

"They're probably the top ride company in the Midwest," said Loy. "It's a clean operation. They provide their own ground entertainment throughout, benches, tent throughout to provide shade for people. They say they try to be like Disney, and I would say they are very similar to being a Disney-type operation where they're trying to make it a whole experience for the family."

The fair board said additional details about event schedules and tickets will be released in the coming months.

SERVICES

Saturday

Brock, Kenny: 1 p.m., Millard Brown American Legion Post 156, 112 W. Green St., Montpelier.

Monday

Shaneyfelt, Esther: 11 a.m., Williamson-Spencer and Penrod Funeral Home, 208 N. Commerce St., Portland.

Scott, Harry: 11 a.m., Hughart, Beard & Giles Funeral Home, 2504 S. Virginia St., Hopkinsville, Kentucky.

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New members

Portland Breakfast Optimists recently inducted several new members. Pictured above are sponsor Scott Benter, new member Adam Westgerdes and president Rodney Miles. At left are Miles and new member Brian Ison.

Retired husband lives with pain

DEAR ABBY: My husband has been retired from law enforcement for five years. I can't retire, as I am self-employed. I was always the one who had to take time off work to care for him with his back and hip surgeries, his mom, his dad and my mom for the past 15 years. I also took care of his kids during weekend visits.

He has spent his retirement in chronic pain. He stays in bed until 11 a.m., and has reconnected with his high school and college girlfriends. All of them cheated on him or stole from him and broke his heart. One was convicted of felony larceny for stealing from a charity fundraiser.

He promised initially that he would give these women up, but for the last three years he has lied to me about being in contact with them. He says he shouldn't have to give them up because "they were an important part of his life." Abby, they gave him STDs and abandoned him, while I have stupidly been loyal and faithful.

I know he probably suffers from PTSD and has anger issues, because he is mean to me. But I so looked forward to having a "real" marriage once the stress of his job was over. He intermittently packs his belongings and leaves, but he returns after a few hours. He confides in these women, and they speak

Dear Abby



badly about me because of his lies. I don't want their energy in my marriage. What can I do? — BEWILDERED IN CALIFORNIA

DEAR BEWILDERED: Consult a lawyer. Then, finally, put your foot down. Tell your husband you are appalled by his ingratitude after the years of love and care you have given him, and that unless he agrees to marriage counseling, he will be spending his retirement without you.

While you're at it, tell him his emotional affairs (if that's all they are) with women who have abused him are sick, and you will no longer tolerate his constant lying about them. Then prepare to leave, because he is unlikely to change, and you deserve much better.

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

Community Calendar

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

Today

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

Saturday

LOCAL 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 5 to 6:30 p.m. each Sunday at Fellowship Baptist Church, 289 S. 200 West, 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.

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

Tuesday

JAY COUNTY PASTORS AND CHAPLAINS — Meet at 8 a.m. on the fourth Tuesday of each month at Richard's Restaurant.

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.

JAY COUNTY CANCER SUPPORT GROUP — Will meet from 5 to 6:30 p.m. in conference room C at Indiana University Health Jay Hospital. Open discussion for cancer patients, survivors, family members or anyone interested in helping with the group. For more information, contact Linda Metzger at (260) 726-1844.

A BETTER LIFE - BRANNA'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.

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

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

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

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

Sudoku

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	5			8			1	
			9	8				2
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	9							3

Level: Advanced

Thursday's Solution

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

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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First day pictures are appreciated

By NED SEATON

The Manhattan Mercury (Kansas)
Tribune News Service

There are lots of reasons to despise Facebook. I've nearly quit it several times over the years, but it has some value for my job.

My favorite thing about it? It's the unofficial holiday we're currently experiencing: The first day of school.

People share pictures of their kids heading off to first grade, or their first day as a high school freshman, or their "last first day" shots as high school seniors.

Then the kids send home pics of themselves in front of

Ned Seaton



their fraternity letters, heading off to class, which the parents then post.

What I love about them is the lack of pretension, which makes them the antithesis of everything else on Facebook.

Facebook, and for that matter Instagram and probably Snapchat and TikTok, operate

on one fundamental premise, and that is: "Look at me!"

People post pictures and/or words there to draw attention to themselves for one reason or another. Usually at root it's a call for affirmation — "You go, girl!" or "I'm so jealous" or "Stunning!" or "You da MAN!" — and that is, of course, basic humanity. It's part of why people dress up, work out, put on jewelry, learn the guitar. It's part of why people, ahem, write newspaper columns. Nothing inherently wrong with it.

It just gets old, day after day, shots of kids with trophies, drinks with umbrellas, people

on boats. I mean, I'm glad you're happy. Does anybody ever, I dunno, have toenail fungus, or kids who lose or get busted with six Cayman Jacks in the passenger seat? Does anybody ever have nuanced thoughts about politics, or do they lose faith?

Yes, of course they do. But they don't post about that. The world as viewed through the posts is entirely different, and it just wears thin.

All that is a set-up to what I'm about to say: First day of school pics are, by definition, not any of that. It's just: Here's a picture of my kid, going to school. No trophy, no claim on larger

meaning, no bid for affirmation — or at least not a galling one.

You get a lot of information — how old the kid is, what grade she's in, what he looks like, how he chooses to dress. They're worth a thousand words, the saying goes.

My second-favorite element of Facebook: Birthday wishes. People just being nice to each other is really refreshing.

Anyway, I'm enjoying the momentary breaks from the political rants, the ads and the usual narcissism, which of course have all continued unabated. Soon that'll be the whole thing again. But for this moment, I appreciate the updates.

Schools should ban cellphones

Los Angeles Times
Tribune News Service

This year's hottest back-to-school trend is one most students won't like: cell-phone bans.

A growing number of districts across the country have enacted, or plan to enact, prohibitions on students using their mobile phones during school hours starting this academic year. That includes some of the biggest districts, including Los Angeles Unified and New York City, which intend to ban phones in early 2025.

Several states, including Florida, South Carolina and Louisiana, have passed laws requiring school cell-phone bans. And several more, including Indiana, Minnesota and Ohio, have ordered districts to develop rules that limit kids' cell-phone use at school. Gov. Gavin Newsom sent a letter to California districts last week urging them to limit student smartphone use.

The 2024-25 school year may be the tipping point when adults act to curb kids' phone addiction and regain their attention. It's about time.

It should be obvious by now that having a pocket-size entertainment center that constantly buzzes with alerts and enticements is not great for kids' ability to focus and learn. (It's not great for adults either.)

Simply having a phone nearby with notifications coming through can cause students to lose focus on the task at hand, according to one study. Once distracted, it can take as long as 20 minutes to refocus. Other studies have found that keeping a phone close by during a lecture impairs attention and reduces memory retention.

Nearly three-fourths of high school teachers surveyed last fall said that students being distracted by their cellphones in the classroom was a major problem, according to the Pew Research Center. And more than half of those teachers said school policies restricting cellphone use in the classroom were difficult to enforce. (Middle school and elementary teachers had it a little easier, with their students less distracted and more compliant with restrictions.)

In addition, excessive social media heightens the risk of anxiety, depression and cyberbullying, and students use their phones during the day to coordinate drug purchases and fights. It's clear that the presence of cellphones on campus is more harmful than helpful. Kids need an

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intervention, and schools are right to rein in this technology now before another generation suffers.

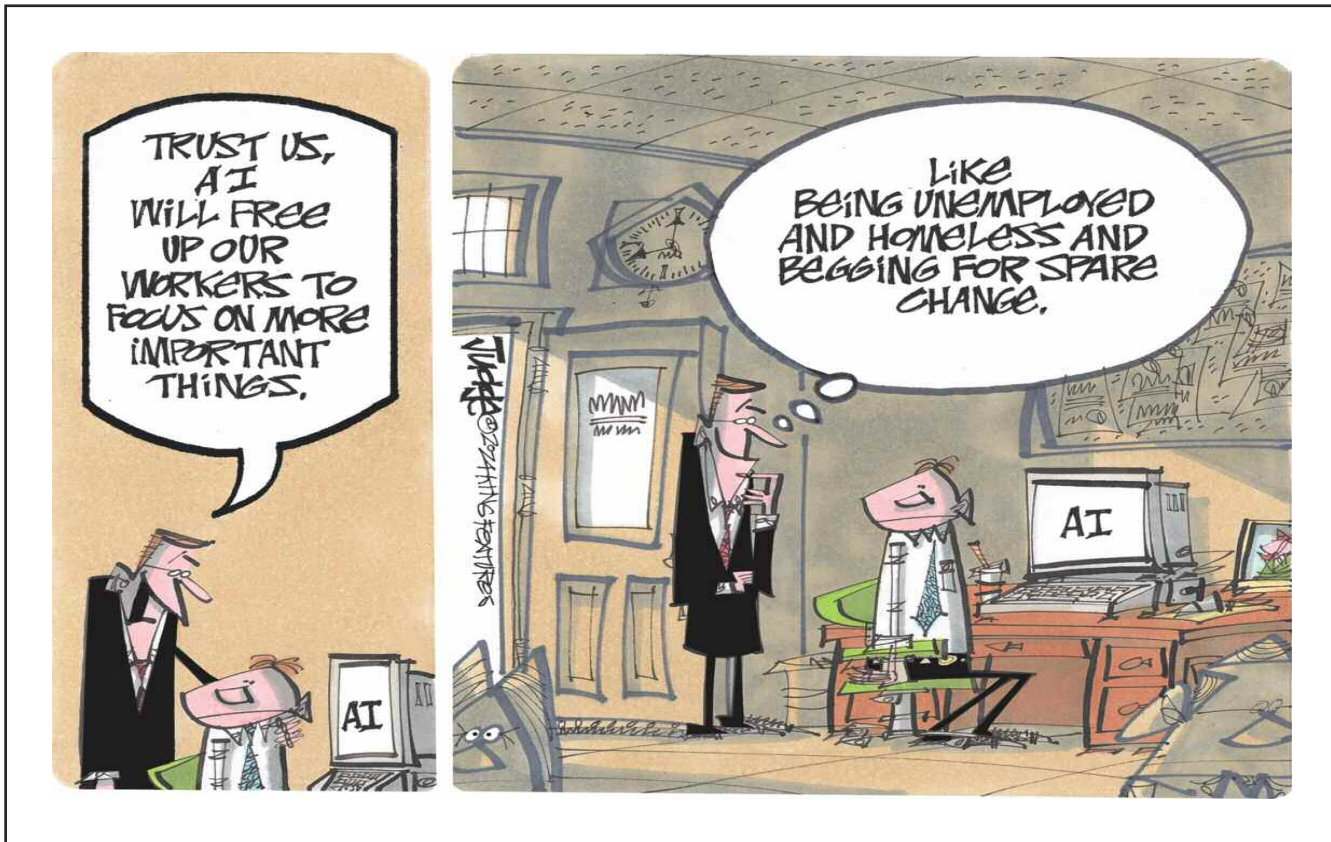
"It's our responsibility in loco parentis to act as the responsible adult who protects them" during the school day, Los Angeles schools Superintendent Alberto Carvalho said.

Los Angeles Unified is now consulting with administrators, parents, students and experts about the details of the proposed cellphone ban. The district is still studying the options — other districts have required students to keep phones in their lockers, sealed in lockable pouches or checked into phone cubbies — and the method may differ from campus to campus.

The goal, Carvalho said, is to have a policy that is implemented consistently across schools. District staff will make recommendations to the Board of Education in December, with the goal of having the ban take effect when students return from winter break in January.

Yes, it will be difficult to change the behavior of both students, who are loath to part with their phones, and their parents, who are accustomed to being able to reach their kids at any time of the day. Yes, some students will try to evade the rules. The first weeks and months of a cellphone ban will be challenging for teachers, administrators, students and parents. This will be a major culture change, but a worthy one.

And it's quite possible that by the end of the school year, students and educators will look back and think, "Why didn't we do this earlier?"



Walz puts teachers in spotlight

By MARY MCNAMARA

Los Angeles Times
Tribune News Service

As the daughter of a gun-owning, gun-control-supporting veteran and progressive social studies teacher whose calm, exasperatingly informed, "bulls---"calling rebuttal of political speeches predated the recent media trend of "live fact-checking" by several decades, I find myself personally thrilled by Kamala Harris' decision to select Minnesota Gov. Tim Walz as her running mate.

Not only do the two men share the same devastating "you can't be serious" sense of humor, it's about damn time K-12 teachers got the respect and political prominence they deserve.

Teachers are the unsung heroes of democracy and Walz, who taught social studies for nine years at Mankato West High School, is a walking, gone-viral-talking reminder of that.

A reminder this country sorely needs.

Famous people love to praise their favorite educators from podiums, in interviews or while receiving awards. Remember when Tom Hanks outed his drama teacher after winning best actor for "Philadelphia," which spawned the film "In & Out"?

And certainly Hollywood loves a good teacher story — from "Welcome Back, Kotter" to "Abbott Elementary," "Dead Poets Society" to "Precious," the importance of educators is regularly celebrated on screen with pathos and passion. Indeed, as the small-town teacher/football coach who became advisor to his school's first LGBTQ club, and a former NRA member who became a gun-control advocate after the 2018 Parkland school shooting, Walz himself has a backstory that seems an easy sell in any pitch meeting: "Friday Night Lights" meets "Mr. Smith Goes to Washington."

Still, teachers, particularly those at public schools, remain absurdly underpaid and overwhelmed, their profession honored by a national appreciation day and little else, unless you count a higher burnout rate than any other profession.

Here's hoping Walz will help change that. As he said in his first campaign rally with Harris in Penn-

Mary McNamara



sylvania on Tuesday, while introducing his wife, Gwen, "a 29-year public school educator": "Don't ever underestimate teachers."

Obviously, he brings many other things to the ticket. He is a six-term congressman and a two-term governor who leaped into national prominence in recent weeks with take-downs of former President Donald Trump and GOP vice-presidential candidate JD Vance, whom Walz famously referred to as "just weird."

"These are weird people on the other side," Walz said in an interview on MSNBC. "They want to take books away, they want to be in your exam room. That's what it comes down to, and don't get sugarcoating this: These are weird ideas."

Whether clad in a suit or a "Dad hat" and T-shirt, he talks to people rather than at them and seems capable of making his case in a way that is both deeply informed and easily understood. His remarks went viral because they eschewed political jargon and explained the situation with the same "come on now" ease that he used to deliver a tutorial on how to change out a burned-out headlight harness on a 2014 Ford Edge.

Which is precisely what the best teachers do.

If there is anyone who can deliver large amounts of complicated information in a way that educates and inspires a large group of disparate, distracted and fractious individuals, it's a teacher.

Anyone who has stood in front of a classroom of high school students at pretty much any hour of the school day knows there is no tougher constituency, or audience, in the world.

You need someone to stare down bratty antics or blow up misinformation? As Walz has already proved, a good teacher can do it mid-sentence,

without blinking, before returning to a lecture on westward expansion.

The hours of prep, the verbal facility needed to get and keep students' attention, the vision to see both the entire class and the individual student, the patience to handle the inevitable disruptions, the diplomacy involved in many parental interactions, not to mention the increasing responsibility for classroom safety: Is it any wonder that teachers experience twice the amount of stress of the general workforce?

Walz has said he decided to go into politics after he took a group of students to a rally for then-President George W. Bush and they were asked to leave because one of the students had a John Kerry sticker. As origin stories go, it's a great anecdote, but teaching was far from just a stepping stone for Walz. In office, he's continued to champion public education as a key to maintaining a successful democracy.

After Harris announced Walz as her vice-presidential pick, he was quickly endorsed by both the American Federation of Teachers and the National Education Association.

"Walz successfully passed legislation providing free school meals to every Minnesota student, ensuring no child will have to learn on an empty stomach," NEA President Becky Pringle said in a statement. "He increased education spending by billions of dollars, raised teacher pay, enacted paid family and medical leave for all families, provided unemployment insurance to hourly school workers, and expanded the collective bargaining rights of Minnesotans."

The media will, no doubt, lean into Walz's experience as a football coach — in 1999 he helped Mankato West win a state championship and political wonks love a good sports metaphor. But coaching a team involves harnessing a preexisting love of the sport. Being a teacher means showing up day after day to help a group of people, who often would rather be anywhere else, learn the things they need to know.

Whether it's the danger of banning books and restricting women's right to choose, or how to change a burned-out headlight harness.

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What does farming's future hold?

Editor's note: This is the second half of a story regarding the impact of the aging farming population. The first part ran Aug. 16.

By **ANGELA PALERMO**
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Much of Idaho's farm loss over the last few decades has been in the Treasure Valley, especially in Ada County, the home of Boise, Meridian, Eagle, Kuna, Garden City and Star.

Jan Roeser, an economist at the Idaho Department of Labor, said during the webinar that Meridian was once a big producer of dairy. Now, it's a big producer of subdivisions. Roeser herself grew up on a small farm in southern Idaho.

Ada County, which had over 430,000 acres of farmland at its peak in 1945, now has just one-fourth that much, about 110,000 acres. Canyon County, the home of Nampa, Caldwell, Middleton, Parma, Greenleaf, Melba and Notus, remains far more agricultural, but it has lost a third of the more than 390,000 acres of farmland it had in 1992. It has just shy of 280,000 acres now.

Those statistics cover all operated farmland, including leased and owned land. Johnson, the federal statistician, said that many farmers lease land, often to other family members as they retire.

"It's not good to see falling farm numbers," Johnson said.

Ada County lost over 13% of the farms it still had in 2017 by 2022. It has 1,142 farms left. Canyon County has the most farms in Idaho (Twin Falls County ranked second, followed by Ada County) at 2,311, up from 2,289 in 2017 but down overall from 2007.

Roeser said the recent increase in the number of Canyon County farms could be because of a growing number of small farms operated by hobby farmers — people who enjoy farming but make their primary living doing something else.

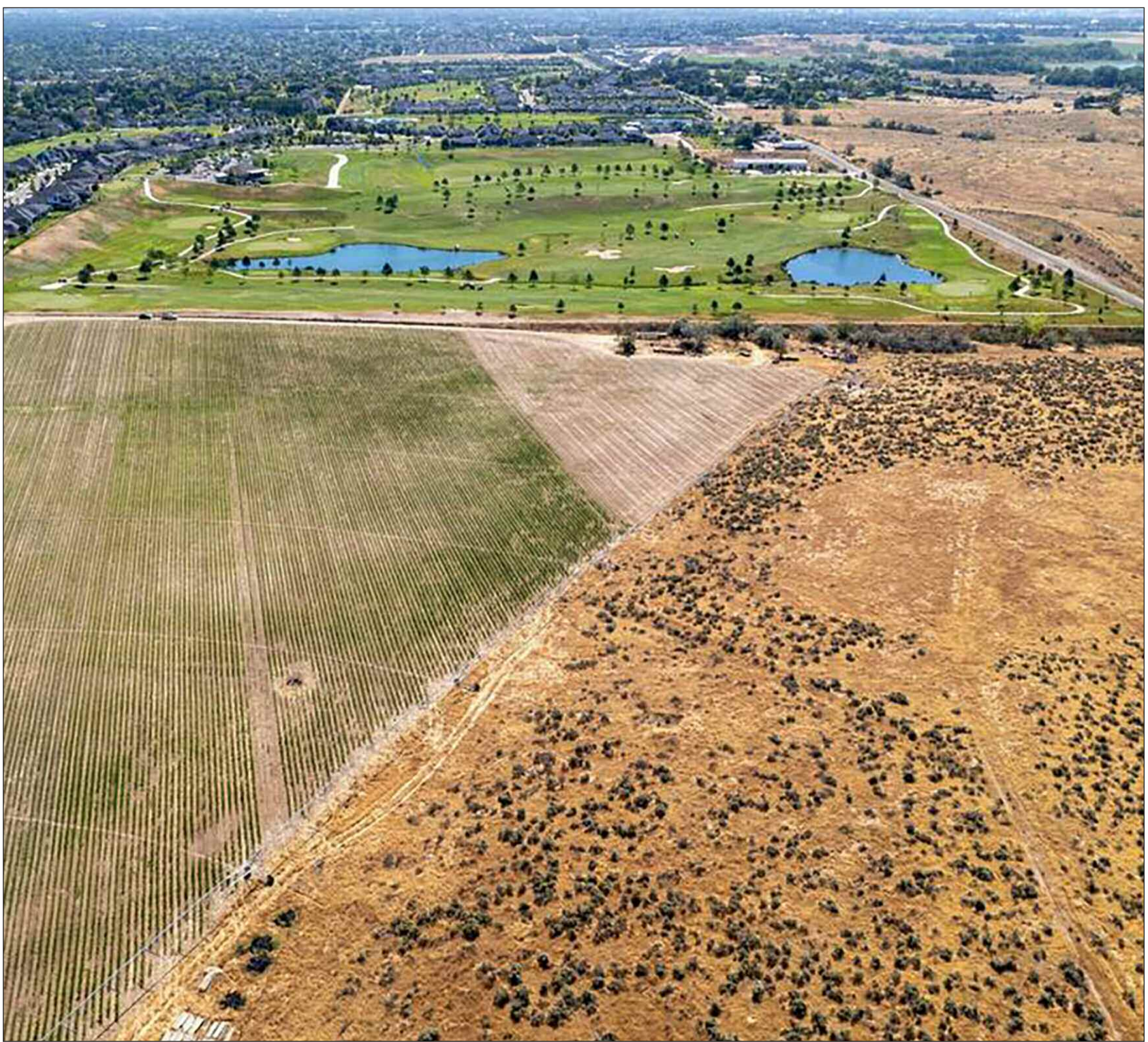
The decrease in Ada County shows some evidence of consolidation, which is when large farms acquire land from smaller ones. As the number of farms went down, the average farm size went up. The average farm in Ada County covers 99 acres, up from 86 acres in 2017.

Food supply?

Farms are an integral part of Idaho's economy. And though farming is hard work, for most farmers the pay is modest. The average income per farm in Idaho in 2022 was \$42,336 a year.

Roeser said that if the state loses its farmers and farmland too quickly, it could spur price increases at the grocery store.

She said the state's No. 1 agricultural export is



Tribune News Service/Idaho Statesman/Sarah A. Miller

Wissel Farms's corn field backs up to a golf course in Nampa. Matt Wissel has seen new development in Nampa crowd out and replace existing farmland. Ada County, which had over 430,000 acres of farmland at its peak in 1945, now has just one-fourth that much, about 110,000 acres. Canyon County, the home of Nampa, Caldwell, Middleton, Parma, Greenleaf, Melba and Notus, remains far more agricultural, but it has lost a third of the more than 390,000 acres of farmland it had in 1992.

dairy, followed by potatoes. The state also produces a significant amount of hay, wheat, sugar beets and corn. Much of the corn is used in cattle feed.

"Everybody knows Idaho for its spuds," Roeser said. "There's a huge supply chain that feeds into it. We don't produce food in Idaho just to feed us. A lot of our exports go out the door."

Johnson said that keeping production up is an ongoing challenge.

He said that while many farmers are struggling financially, they're getting more innovative with the land they have, whether that's finding improved ways to get rid of pests, conserving water or utilizing drones. He noted that agritourism has increased in the last five years.

"There's some hard things to take away from this data, but there's some good things, too," Johnson said.

Migrants fill gap

Idaho farms employ an estimated 44,000 hired

workers, 21,000 unpaid workers and 5,000 migrant workers.

Roeser said the migrant category includes farm laborers imported through the federal H-2A visa program, which allows foreigners to temporarily work in the U.S. Agriculture jobs can be hard to fill, and migrant workers serve an important role in filling that gap. But migrant workers in the H-2A visa program are required to work seasonal jobs and therefore don't qualify to work some agricultural jobs, like those at Idaho's dairies.

"We know that there are certain workers that are working under the radar and are not documented to work in the U.S.," Roeser said. "It's believed that a lot of them migrate to the dairy industry, because they need so many workers. Everybody goes to great lengths to try to ensure that doesn't happen, but it's really hard."

The unpaid category includes family members

of farmers, mainly farmers' children, she said.

Average is rising

The average age of Idaho farmers has been slowly creeping up for decades.

More than a third of farmers in the state are over age 65. In 2022, the average farmer was 56.6 years old, up slightly from 56.4 in 2017. The average age was 55.8 in 2002. It was 50.6 in 1982.

No plans to stop

Wissel, while just past the nation's traditional retirement age of 65, said he has no plans to retire.

"I don't," he said. "There's two ways I answer that — No. 1, I don't feel like I've ever had a job. I've spent 50 years just kind of getting up and running my own show. The other problem is that there's really nothing in retirement that appeals to me."

What happens if he becomes weary? Or physically unfit? Last spring, a tractor tire fell on Wissel's ankle. He continued walking on

and streamline regulations.

"It's not something you just pop into," Roeser said. "Part of farming is financing all of the equipment, and you have to have the land. They almost have to have it in their family to make it worthwhile. But I think a lot of farmers have found that the next generation has other ideas about how they want to spend their working days."

Wissel's future

Wissel, who has no sons, said his three daughters are active with helping out where they can. But they also all have careers in other places, he said. One is a doctor in Portland. Another, his youngest, helps with the farm's social media presence even though she lives in New Jersey.

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it for two weeks, telling his wife and daughters that he thought he only sprained it. Finally, his wife took him to Saint Alphonsus in Boise for an X-ray. He left in a wheelchair.

"They wouldn't even let me walk out of there," he said.

After surgery, where his doctor installed a metal plate, Wissel spent nearly seven weeks getting around with the help of a peg-leg mobility scooter.

"It slowed me down a little bit," he admitted.

He said he could see a future where his daughters, sons-in-law and their children continue the family farm in some way.

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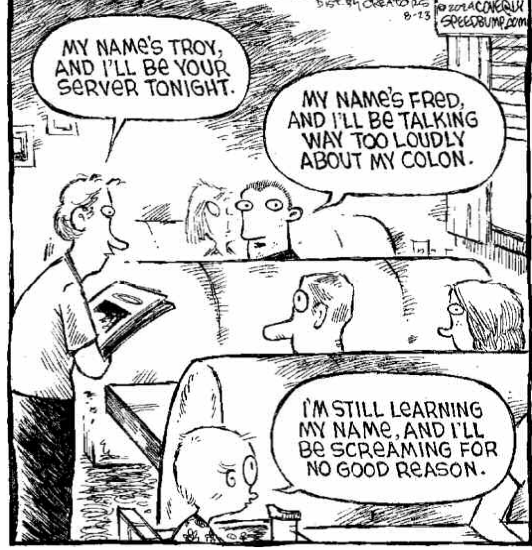
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Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

Test your play

1. You are declarer with the West hand at Six Hearts, and North leads the five of spades. How would you play the hand?

- West: ♠AJ7, ♥AKQJ94, ♦10874, ♣A. East: ♠8752, ♥A953, ♦A9843, ♣A.

2. You are declarer with the West hand at Three Notrump, and North leads the five of hearts. South covers the eight with the ten, and you win with the queen. How would you play the hand?

- West: ♠QJ93, ♥AQ4, ♦A, ♣KQJ108. East: ♠10, ♥J98, ♦QJ10984, ♣A53.

late yourself on a fine performance in making a poor slam contract, as you were a 2-1 underdog when play began.

2. You start with eight tricks, and the problem is to find a ninth. Oddly enough, you are sure to make the contract — regardless of how the adverse cards are divided — if you invoke a very unusual play.

Let's first suppose you tried to establish your ninth trick by leading a low spade to dummy's ten at trick two. You would go down if South won the spade and returned a heart and it turned out that North started with five hearts to the king and the remaining spade honor.

This outcome can be avoided if you play the ace of diamonds at trick two, cash three club tricks ending in dummy, then lead the queen of diamonds and discard the ace of hearts!

Once you do this, the contract is assured. The defense cannot avoid either putting you in dummy with a heart or diamond to score nine tricks or putting you in your hand to achieve the same result with your clubs and spades. You give away a trick by discarding the ace of hearts, but it comes back with interest. The only tricks you can lose on this line of play are two spades, a diamond and a heart.

1. There is very little chance of making the slam unless the missing clubs are divided 4-4, so you should plan from the start to try to establish the club nine as your 12th trick.

Trump the spade lead in dummy, ruff a club, cash the ace of hearts, trump the jack of spades, ruff another club, trump the ace of spades and ruff a third club.

Draw trump, lead a diamond to the ace and cash the ace of clubs, discarding a diamond. If both opponents follow to the ace of clubs, cash the nine and discard another diamond. Then congratu-

Tomorrow: An unexpected complication.

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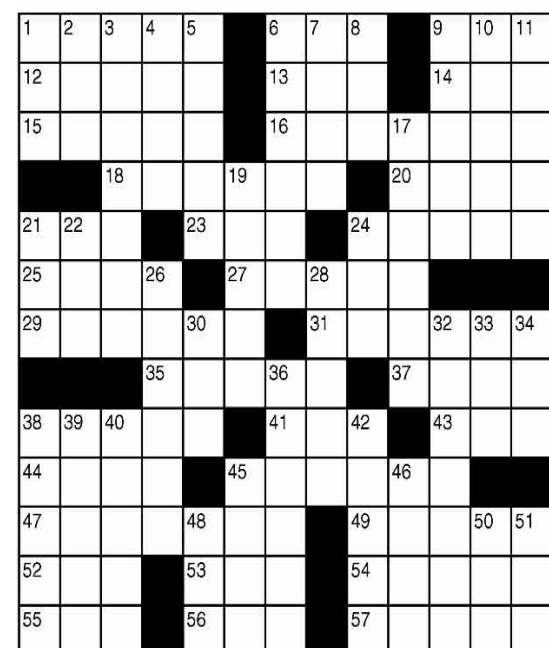
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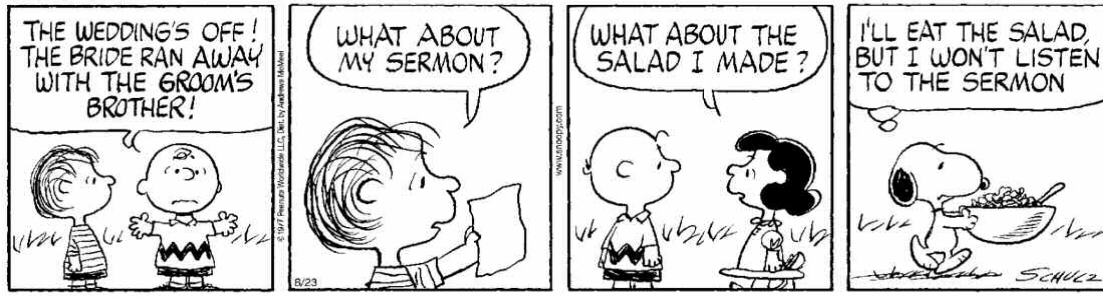
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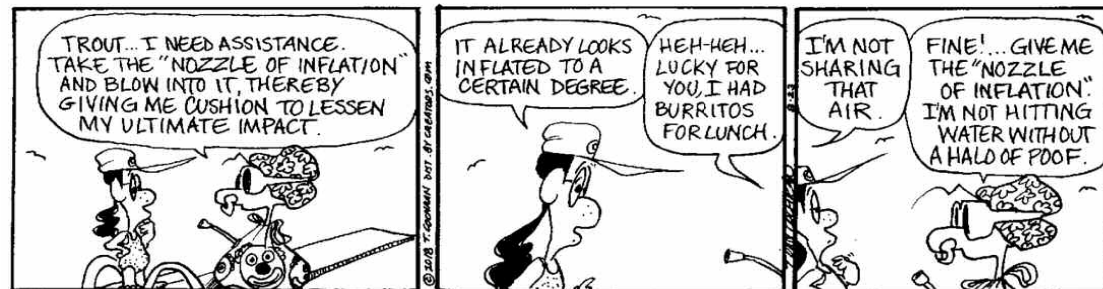
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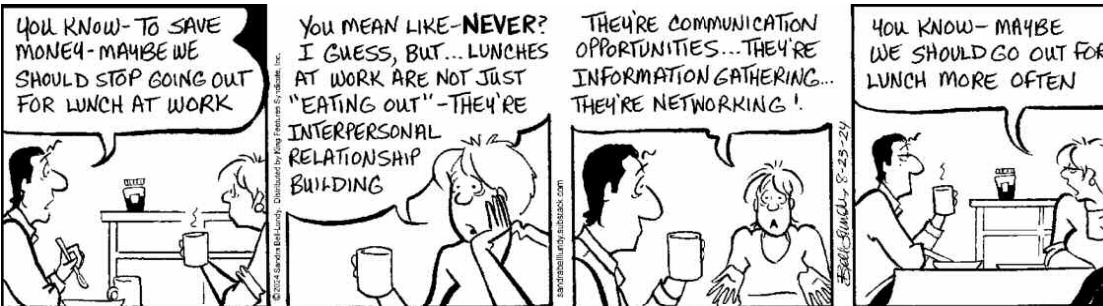
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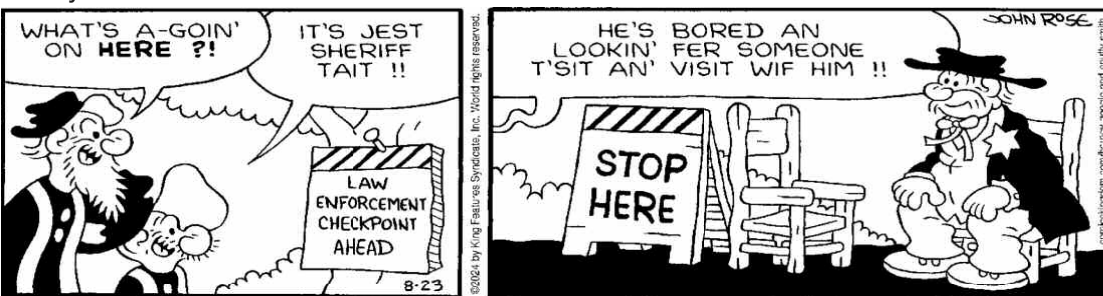
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Under control

Midfielder Cayden Buckland of the Jay County High School boys soccer team moves into position to control a loose ball during the Patriots' 1-0 win over Muncie Central on Tuesday.

Carroll ...

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It wasn't long before Carroll reached the NFL's pinnacle, vindicating his departure with a Super Bowl win in 2014 behind the Seattle Seahawks' "Legion of Boom" defense. But as he rose to the top of the NFL, USC football slid into a dark era defined by turmoil and scandal.

Carroll, 72, still was in Seattle until last January, when the Seahawks chose to part ways with the accomplished coach. He hadn't spoken with the media until this week.

In that radio interview, Carroll was asked if he had any desire to return to coaching.

"I could coach tomorrow," Carroll said. "I'm physically in the best shape I've been in in a long time. I'm ready to do all the activities that I'm doing and feeling really good about it. I could, but I don't really — I'm not desiring it at this point. This isn't the coaching season. We'll see what happens. I'm not waiting on it at all. I'm going ahead. I've got other things that I want to do that I'm excited about, and I'm going to see how all that goes. I'm not thinking that I'm holding my breath and that kind of thing. If it's been 40-something years, 48 years or whatever coaching, and that's it, I'll feel OK about that."



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Jay County Patriots



Portland, 0-0

Coach: Grant Zgunda, fourth year (27th overall)
Conference: Allen County

Last season: The Patriots had their best start since 1985, as they won their first three games against Blackford, Huntington North and Southern Wells. Adams Central halted the run, and Jay County only managed one more win (at Woodlan) to finish off the season 4-6. Jay County's season ended against Kokomo in a 21-14 defeat.

Returning leaders: Passing — Sean Bailey — 57-of-112 for 887 yards, 10 touchdowns and three interceptions. Rushing — A.J. Myers — 203 carries for 939 yards and 11 touchdowns. Receiving — Benson Ward — 13 catches for 212 yards and four touchdowns. Defense — Carter Barton — 81 tackles.

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Blackford Bruins



Hartford City, 0-0

Coach: Randy Sehy, ninth year (20th overall)
Conference: Central Indiana

Last season: The Bruins saw similar offensive numbers but struggled to a 0-10 season. Their closest game was a 22-12 loss to Elwood at Indiana Wesleyan University. Blackford's season came to an end by the hands of Tipton in a 35-0 loss.

Returning leaders: Passing — Morgan Randall — 8-of-30 for 128 yards, one touchdown and four interceptions. Rushing — Carter Clouse — 81 carries for 287 yards and three touchdowns. Receiving — Carter Clouse — seven catches for 107 yards. Defense — Daniel Ludwig — 77 tackles.

Starts ...

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"It was a hassle just to get back. But, I mean, I'm back, trying to work my way up, trying to work my way back in shape, stay in the playbook. You know, just do everything I can do."

A second-round draft pick of Miami in 2020, Davis signed a two-year, \$14 million contract with the Colts as a free agent in March after four seasons with the Dolphins.

But Davis had spent a

good portion of his first training camp riding an exercise bike and watching his new teammates practice.

"I can't just be like it wasn't, like, a problem," Davis said. "I can't sit here and act like it wasn't a big deal. But, I mean, I handled it well. I just stayed patient, worked out, do what Hammer and them said to do and just get my way back out here. ..."

"I was still in meetings now, so I wasn't missing

everything. I was still around during walk-through. I just wasn't capable to be on the field. That was it."

Indianapolis signed Davis to provide depth for its interior defensive duo of DeForest Buckner and Grover Stewart.

"We're going to dominate," Davis said of the Colts' defensive line. "Ain't no: What we can do? We're going to dominate. We're going to for sure dominate."

The Colts and Bengals will kick off the final week of the NFL's preseason schedule at 7 p.m. CDT Thursday at Paycor Stadium in Cincinnati. Prime Video will televise the game.

Indianapolis will start its regular-season slate with an AFC South game against the Houston Texans on Sept. 8.

"Hell yeah, I'm ready to go," Davis said when asked if he'd be up to speed in time."

Sports on tap

Local schedule

Today
Jay County — Football at Blackford — 7 p.m.
Fort Recovery — Football vs. Wayne Trace — 7 p.m.

Saturday
Jay County — Cross country at Celina Rotary — 9 a.m.
Fort Recovery — Cross country at Bob Schul

Invite at Milton Union — 8:15 a.m.; Boys JV golf MAC meet at home — 9 a.m.; Middle school cross country at Bob Schul Invite at Milton Union — 8:15 a.m.; Middle school volleyball at St. Henry — 9 a.m.

TV sports

Today
6:30 a.m. — Formula 1: Dutch Grand Prix (ESPN2)
7 a.m. — LPGA Tour: Women's British Open (USA)

2:30 p.m. — Bundesliga soccer: Bayer Leverkusen at Borussia Monchengladbach (ESPN2)
3 p.m. — NASCAR Xfinity Series: Wawa 250 Powered by Coca-Cola (USA)
5 p.m. — NASCAR Cup Series: Coke Zero Sugar 400 (USA)

7 p.m. — High school football: American Heritage at Milton (ESPN); Bellaire at Buckeye Local (FOX)
7 p.m. — Bannan Ball World Tour baseball (TruTV)

7:30 p.m. — NASCAR Xfinity Series: Wawa 250 Powered by Coca-Cola (USA)
10 p.m. — MMA: Professional Fighters League (ESPN)

Saturday
3:30 a.m. — National Rugby League: Dolphins at Melbourne Storm (FS1)
5:30 a.m. — Formula 1: Dutch Grand Prix (ESPN2)
7 a.m. — LPGA Tour: Women's British Open (USA)

12 p.m. — College football: Florida State at Georgia Tech (ESPN)
12 p.m. — LPGA Tour: Women's British Open (NBC)

12:30 p.m. — Premier League soccer: Arsenal at Aston Villa (USA)
1 p.m. — PGA Tour: BMW Championship (NBC)
1:30 p.m. — Horse Racing: Saratoga Live (FS1)
2:30 p.m. — NWSL soccer: Portland Thorns at Gotham FC (CBS)

Last meeting: Jay County got off to a hot start, scoring 20 points in the first quarter en route to a 47-7 victory. Blackford's only score came on a 4-yard pass to Carter Clouse with less than a minute left in the game. The Patriots cruised the rest of the way through, scoring three more TDs before the final buzzer.

Game notes: This is the 50th meeting all time between Jay County and Blackford. The Patriots hold a 35-14 advantage in the series, including victories in each of the last 13 meetings. Blackford's last win against Jay County came by a 46-41 score in 2008 ... The Patriots are looking to turn the corner this season to reach or exceed the 0.500 mark ... CalPreps.com predicts Jay County to win, 42-3.

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Nicole Delaney, whose mailing address is Dunkirk, IN 47336, in the Jay County, Indiana, hereby gives notice that Nicole Delaney has filed a petition in the Jay County Court requesting that her name be changed to Nicole Dheel. Notice is further given that the hearing will be held on said petition on September 24, 2024 at 11:30am
Nicole Delaney, Petitioner
7/30/2024
JON EADS
CR 8-23,30,9-6-2024-HSPAXLP

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Notice is hereby given that MICHAEL L. HOUSER was, on the 2nd day of August, 2024, appointed personal representative of the estate of RICHARD LEE HOUSER, deceased, who died on May 22, 2024, and was authorized to administer said estate without court supervision.
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. The date of the first publication is August 20, 2024.
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CITY OF PORTLAND ZONING ADMINISTRATION PORTLAND BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS
PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT The Pregnancy Care Center of Jay County has filed with the City of Portland Board of Zoning Appeals two (2) petitions, #Var2024-08-15(1) and #Var2024-08-15(2) requesting Use Variance's to the zoning regulations, to wit:
Parcel ID: (1) 38-07-29-104-054.000-034 & (2) 38-07-29-104-048.000-034
Location of Property Affected: 1203 & 1209 South Shank Street, on the East side, Wayne Township, Section 29
Description of Action Requested: To relocate The Pregnancy Care Center of Jay County to both properties; to revitalize both buildings interior and exterior for use of their services to the public to include events, seminars, training, family fairs, fundraisers, etc. This type of business located on a residential zoned property requires Use Variance approval from the Board of Zoning Appeals. The potential to purchase the properties is contingent on the approval from the BZA. A public hearing will be held by said Board on September 10, 2024 at 5:30 pm in the Community Resource Center, 118 S Meridian Street, Portland, Indiana. At that time, all interested persons will be given the opportunity to be heard in reference to matters set out in the petition. The petition and file on this matter are available for public inspection at the Jay/Portland Building & Planning Department, 118 S Meridian Street Ste E, Portland, Indiana 47371.
If unable to attend the meeting, the Department will accept letters from the public prior to the meeting date. Letters may be sent or taken to the Jay/Portland Building Department. City of Portland Board of Zoning Appeals
John Hemmelgarn
Zoning Administrator/Director
Date: 09/19/24
CR 8-23-2024-HSPAXLP

Sports

Colts' Raekwon Davis starts finally practicing

By MARK INABINETT

Defensive tackle Raekwon Davis practiced for the first time in training camp with the Indianapolis Colts on Tuesday, and he got right down to business by working against the Cincinnati Bengals' offensive line. The NFL teams held a joint practice in advance of their preseason meeting on Thursday night.

"I feel great, man," Davis said. "Just to be back in this environment with them boys, you know. Just to be back out here working with them. It was a tough one today. A little rusty, but I'm getting there. ..."

"It's a great opportunity to come out here just before

Defensive tackle was dealing with blood pressure issue

even the season comes, just to work on that technique. I mean, them guys got me better, the reps I had today. It was fun, just working my way back."

The former Alabama standout had been held out of practice because of his blood pressure. His training-camp physical showed it was too high, and Davis didn't receive medical clearance to return to the field until Monday.

"I'm so grateful for (director of sports medicine Erin Barill) and them and (senior head athletic trainer Dave) Hammer and (head athletic trainer) Kyle (Davis) just to catch that type of problem," Davis said, "because we've been seeing so much with high blood pressure, with heart attacks and things like that, so it's a great thing they caught that."

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Pete Carroll to teach at USC

By RYAN KARTJE

Los Angeles Times

Tribune News Service

LOS ANGELES — Pete Carroll is coming home to USC.

Though, this time the legendary Trojans football coach will be back in a much different capacity.

As Professor Pete.

Fourteen years after he left USC to coach in the NFL, Carroll is returning to teach during the university's spring semester, a school spokesperson confirmed to The Los Angeles Times. The university didn't offer any further details and did not specify Carroll's role on campus.

"We are excited to welcome Pete Carroll home to USC in a new capacity in which he can, as a legendary coach and leader, share his knowledge and experience with our students," the school said in a statement.

Carroll first shared his plans to teach at USC in an interview with Seattle radio station 93 KJR-FM, though he also didn't

Former Trojan coach returns after 14 seasons in NFL

share details about what he'd be teaching in his return.

"I'm looking forward to that," Carroll said. "It's going to be a really exciting endeavor when it's finalized and all that."

Carroll initially left the school in January 2010, months before the NCAA slapped USC with significant sanctions stemming from an investigation into the Reggie Bush extra-benefits case. In a news conference following his departure, Carroll said he thought he'd be at USC "forever," but the opportunity to coach in the NFL — with total control — was one he couldn't pass up.

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Top pair

Kurt Hess (left) and Heath Alexander of Jay County Barbell Club stand atop the podium after claiming first place in the men's intermediate division of the Mo'Town Throwdown CrossFit Competition at Kokomo on Saturday. Teams from Indiana, Ohio and Illinois participated in the event.



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