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Engine finale

Stella Tumbleton, 14, of Wells County pours oil into a Muncie Oil Engine Company engine while working with her family on the machine Saturday during the Tri-State Antique Engine and Tractor Show at Jay County Fairgrounds. The 59th annual event closed Saturday.

County will look at its security policies

By BAILEY CLINE
The Commercial Review

The state has identified cybersecurity as a priority moving forward.

County officials are taking a step toward meeting those requirements.

Jay County Commissioners OK'd creating a task force Monday to update the county's cybersecurity plan.

They also talked about disbanding local volunteer emergency service Rescue 19.

Jay County Emergency Management Agency director Samantha Rhodehamel explained new state legislation regarding cybersecurity takes effect July 1, 2025.

Per the new statute (Indiana Code 4-13.1-4), public entities may adopt a policy regarding cybersecurity, a policy clarifying employees' use of the public entity's technology resources and a mandatory training program related to technology and cybersecurity.

Public entities connecting to "technology infrastructure of the state" after July 1, 2027, must complete a cybersecurity assessment and regularly complete cybersecurity assessments at least once every three years; "if identified as a state agency or political subdivision have an 'in.gov' or '.gov' domain name; and have a secondary end user authentication mechanism."

"I think we want to (make) some changes in the county," noted Rhodehamel, specifically pointing to potentially switching to an in.gov domain name for county employee emails.

"(That's) depending on what they deem 'technology infrastructure of the state,'" she added.

The county's website is jaycountynet, and department heads currently utilize emails ending in co.jay.in.us.

Rhodehamel noted per the statute the county will need to undergo a cybersecurity assessment and implement secondary end user authentication. She added that county attorney Wes Schemenaur has also suggested revising employee policies in relation to technology use.

She said it was determined the current cybersecurity plan is lacking, and she asked commissioners' permission to put together a team to devise a new plan.

"Several counties around us have been hit recently by cybersecurity issues," Rhodehamel noted. "I just want us to be on track toward being able to mend the issue."

Schemenaur added that the new cybersecurity requirements likely impact most county offices. He mentioned the county's personnel policy, which will need to be adjusted per the new statute to prohibit employees from using county technology resources to engage in lobbying, engage in illegal activity or violate cybersecurity policy, as well as creating disciplinary procedures for violating those rules.

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Candidates talk issues in area visits

Republicans gathered at Prescott Farms

By RAY COONEY
The News-Gazette

WINCHESTER — Republican candidates and officials shared their views with area residents Saturday during what has become an annual event at Prescott Farms.

U.S. Rep. Jim Banks, lieutenant governor candidate Micah Beckwith, Indiana Secretary of State Diego Morales, State Sen. Jeff Raatz and State

Rep. J.D. Prescott, who hosted the event, discussed various issues and pushed for continued GOP leadership in Indiana and the return of former president Donald Trump to the White House.

(Indiana Attorney General Todd Rokita and District 3 candidate for U.S. Representative Marlin Stutzman were scheduled to visit as well but were unable to do so because of last-minute schedule changes.)

Among their agenda items, they advocated for state tax reform and fiscal responsibility, strengthening election laws, ending abortion, securing the southern border and deporting those living in the country illegally, opposing transgender issues and fighting the "woke agenda."

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McCormick spoke at dinner in Hartford City

By RAY COONEY
The New Times

HARTFORD CITY — Protecting reproductive rights.

Making healthcare affordable.

Supporting education.

Raising wages.

Improving quality of life.

Democrat candidate for governor Jennifer McCormick discussed all of those issues during her visit Saturday to the Roosevelt Truman Dinner at the Elks

Lodge in Hartford City. In doing so, she pushed another belief — that if voters who care about those issues go to the polls in November, she will be successful in her bid to lead the state.

"Our issues are right aligned with 80% of the Hoosiers," said McCormick. "They want healthcare, they want education, they want jobs ...

"This is our moment. It is our time. It's our fight. And if we fight, we win."

Kiley Adolph, who is running for the U.S. House of Representatives in District 3, also spoke at the event. Candidates John Bartlett for state representative in District 33 and Dana Turner for county recorder were also in attendance. (Turner currently serves as the Blackford County treasurer.)

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Rock and Kathy Fuqua of Dunkirk chat with U.S. Rep. Jim Banks (R-Indiana), left, during an event Saturday at Prescott Farms in rural Randolph County. Banks is running for the U.S. Senate seat being vacated by gubernatorial candidate Mike Braun.



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Democrat Jennifer McCormick, who is running for Indiana governor, gestures while speaking Saturday night during the Roosevelt Truman Dinner in Hartford City. McCormick, the former superintendent of Yorktown Schools, spoke extensively about supporting education.

Weather

Jay County's high temperature reached 90 degrees Sunday. The low was 66.

A heat watch is in effect today. Tonight's low will be in the lower 70s.

Expect partly cloudy skies with a chance of showers and storms Wednesday and a high in the lower 90s.

See page 2 for an extended outlook.

In review

Portland Historic Preservation Commission and Portland Facade Committee will meet at 9 a.m. Thursday at Community Resource Center, 118 S. Meridian St.

Coming up

Wednesday — Coverage of this week's Dunkirk City Council meeting.

Thursday — Results from the JCHS volleyball match against Winchester.

Friday — Coverage of the Jay County Redevelopment Commission meeting.



Republicans ...

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Prescott, who is seeking his four term as a state representative against Democrat John Bartlett of Blackford County, called for Republicans to be aggressive in using their supermajority if governor candidate Mike Braun and Beckwith are elected. His top proposal is to eliminate property taxes and replace them with a 7% sales tax on services, with exemptions for the medical and education sectors. He called for changing to a "consumption-based system."

The rural Union City resident also pushed for reducing health-care costs, parental rights in relation to transgender issues and strengthening election laws.

Each of Prescott's guests at the family farm 4 miles north of Winchester spent a few minutes sharing their thoughts on political issues with those in attendance.

Jim Banks
The current U.S. Representative, who is running for the U.S. Senate seat currently held by Braun against Democrat Valerie McCray and Libertarian Andy Horning, spent the beginning of his comments complimenting the rest of the Republicans in attendance and others, calling governor candidate Mike Bruan "the most conservative governor we're going to have in my lifetime" and Rokita the best attorney general. He touted Prescott's fiscal conservatism and efforts to keep Chinese money out of the state.

Banks also spoke against biological males competing in girls sports, calling it a common-sense issue and praising Indiana's ban.

"I'm very proud of my state, this great state," he added.

Banks called this election the most important in our lifetime, pushing issues including securing the border and fixing inflation. He spoke in support of mass deportation of those in the country illegally and of a Trump commitment "to institute the death penalty for anyone who performs sex changes on minors."

He called former House Speaker Nancy Pelosi (D-California) "the most evil, wicked woman I've ever met in my life." He said the difference between the parties is that Republicans believe America is great and Democrats don't.

Micah Beckwith

Beckwith, a pastor, spoke to the crowd about his selection as Braun's running mate over State Rep. Julie McGuire, who was endorsed by both Braun and Trump. He said he felt it was

right for the decision about the lieutenant governor candidate to be put in the hands for the delegates at the Republican State Convention. (Braun is running against Democrat Jennifer McCormick and Libertarian Donald Rainwater.)

Like Banks, he spoke against biological males competing in girls sports and said life begins at conception. He expressed his support for Prescott's tax plan — "It's really not your property if you have to pay the government rent to stay there," he said — and additionally pushed for property tax relief for those 65 and older.

Beckwith said Hoosiers are seeing a movement of individuals that will be strong and bold.

"I think Indiana is poised," he said. "We are poised to bring vision to the nation. ..."

"We are going to work with the General Assembly and we are going to say Indiana knows what

truth is and Indiana is not afraid to defend truth."

He referred to states including California and New York as "liberal cesspools of woke-ism."

Diego Morales

Morales, who others repeatedly referred to as the hardest-working man in Indiana politics, noted that he visited all 92 Indiana counties during his first three months in office. He urged others to make similar efforts.

He also touted House Bill 1264 from the last legislative session in Indiana that addressed various election issues including asking voters for proof of citizenship. He also praised efforts to keep foreign money out of state elections.

Morales left voter registration forms on each table and encouraged folks to visit indianavoters.com.

He is not up for election this year.

CR almanac

Wednesday 8/28	Thursday 8/29	Friday 8/30	Saturday 8/31	Sunday 9/1
93/68	91/68	90/62	84/57	83/54
There's a chance of showers and thunderstorms throughout the day.	Thursday has a slight chance of rain. Otherwise, partly sunny and hot.	Friday's forecast shows a 40% chance of showers under mostly cloudy skies.	Sunny skies are expected Saturday, when the high will be in the mid 80s.	Another day of sun is on the horizon for Sunday, when the low at night will be 54.

Lotteries

Powerball Estimated jackpot: \$44 million	48-50-54-63-67-68-72-77 Cash 5: 3-20-21-33-43 Estimated jackpot: \$178,500
Mega Millions Estimated jackpot: \$575 million	Ohio Sunday Midday Pick 3: 4-4-6 Pick 4: 7-0-2-6 Pick 5: 1-7-0-7-2 Evening Pick 3: 2-2-7 Pick 4: 9-6-9-8 Pick 5: 3-0-1-6-8 Rolling Cash 5: 17-21-23-30-31 Estimated jackpot: \$120,000
Hoosier Sunday Midday Daily Three: 2-5-5 Daily Four: 9-7-2-7 Evening Daily Three: 2-7-2 Daily Four: 6-0-1-0 Quick Draw: 3-14-18-19-21-22-26-30-38-42-43-44	

Markets

Cooper Farms Fort Recovery Corn.....3.31 Sept. corn.....3.36 Wheat3.99	Sept. beans9.32 Wheat 4.75
POET Biorefining Portland Corn.....3.33 Sept. corn3.46 Oct. corn3.41	ADM Montpelier Corn.....3.33 Sept. corn3.33 Beans.....9.61 Sept. beans9.51 Wheat4.54
The Andersons Richland Township Corn3.36 Sept. corn3.36 Beans.....9.42	Heartland St. Anthony Corn.....3.26 Oct. corn3.31 Beans.....9.47 Sept. beans9.27 Wheat4.28

Today in history

In 2007, the Jay County High School girls golf team defeated South Adams 199-242 with two golfers turning in career-best efforts. Senior Trisha Champ had her best round at Portland Golf Club with a 2-over-par 37 while junior Jennifer Hunt posted a career-best total of 50.

In 1964, the movie musical "Mary Poppins" made its world premiere in Los Angeles. It was also the screen debut for Julie Andrews, who played the title character.

In 2011, Hurricane Irene made landfall in North Carolina. The storm resulted in more than \$7 billion in damage.

In 2018, Jay County Commissioners agreed to partner with the City of Portland, Jay County Fair Board and Tri-State Gas Engine and Tractor Association to run a new sewer line on the north section of the fairgrounds to alleviate problems with a lift station. The project was intended to also allow the fairgrounds to open new camping sites.

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Citizen's calendar

Tuesday 5 p.m. — Portland Economic Development Income Tax Advisory Committee, council chambers, fire station, 1616 N. Franklin St., Portland.	6 p.m. — Dunkirk Park Board, city building, 131 S. Main St.
Wednesday 5 p.m. — Jay County Redevelopment Commission, auditorium, courthouse, 120 N. Court St.	Thursday 9 a.m. — Portland Facade Committee, Community Resource Center, 118 S. Meridian St., Portland.
	9 a.m. — Portland Historic Preservation Commission, Community Resource Center, 118 S. Meridian St., Portland.



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Breakfast batter

Danny Ingram pours pancake batter onto a griddle during the Portland Municipal Airport pancake breakfast and fly-in Saturday morning. The event was a partnership between the airport and the American Legion Riders.

Security ...

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Rhodehamel pointed out cybersecurity plans may not be disclosed to the public — that is stated in the statute — and that may make it difficult to look to other counties for examples. She confirmed she should be able to get a template for Jay County to utilize while creating the new plan.

Commissioner Rex Journey asked how much the county's cybersecurity insurance alone costs annually. County auditor Emily Franks said it came in at just over \$53,000 for this year.

Also Monday, commissioner president Chad Aker noted he and Rhodehamel met with fire chiefs from the county's

six fire departments regarding the future of Rescue 19. Currently, the service has three active members and three inactive members.

"The fire chiefs, their unanimous feelings on this was that Rescue 19 was great when it was started, it's served it's purposes, and at this time

it's really not needed," said Aker.

Answering a question from Aker, Rhodehamel said the group has had about 15 runs this year.

Aker noted fire chiefs from the county's fire departments have confirmed they have the necessary equipment to do extraction and rescue calls.

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McCormick ...

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During her speech, McCormick — she is running against Republican Mike Braun and Libertarian Donald Rainwater — said it's been too long since Indiana has had a governor who would:

- Fight for women's reproductive rights and freedoms
- Advocate for affordable health care for everyone
- Prioritize education and believe in teachers
- Push to raise wages
- Support unions

"We're not asking for much. We're not," said the New Castle native, referencing that Indiana ranks 47th in the nation for annual wage growth. "We're asking for health care we can afford and have access to. We're also asking for quality education, including child care and university pre-K."

McCormick spent a chunk of her time discussing education. She referenced that there are currently 3,300 unfilled teaching positions in Indiana, up from 1,800 a year ago.

She said that gap has developed because of the attitude the Republican-controlled statehouse has taken toward teachers and education. She said the General Assembly has pushed the narrative that teachers are "horrible people" and "groomers" who teach history inaccurately and don't know how to teach reading.

"Teachers are tired of it," said McCormick, who was elected State Superintendent of Public Instruction in 2016 when she ran as a Republican.

She said educators are leaving teaching because they can make the same or more money elsewhere for less work and less hassle.

"And our economy is based upon our education," she added. "We can't attract good-paying jobs if we don't have an educated and healthy workforce. ..."

"It's not hard. It's hard work. It's a reflection of leadership.

"And no more, no more, are we going to be a state that says, 'You know what, someone did it for our generation, but we're not going to do it for someone else's.'"

McCormick said her polling numbers look good and Republicans know it. But she acknowledged that there is a lot of work left to be done if a Democrat is to win the governorship for the first time since Frank O'Bannon defeated David McIntosh in 2000.

She encouraged those in attendance to continue the momentum

she felt from last week's Democratic National Convention. She encouraged them to check her website and Adolph's and to look at candidates like Bartlett and Turner. She pushed them to talk to their family and friends, to ask them to research candidates, to encourage them to vote and then make sure they follow through and do so.

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- What do you need?

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Lens of history may cast different light

By JAMES FULKS
The Commercial Review

Last month, following the announcement by President Joe Biden that he was dropping out of the race for the presidency, a former U.S. Navy air traffic controller colleague sent me this.

With his blessing I'll share it here, and I quote him directly.

"I write this without reservation or hesitation and a simple expression of gratitude.

"Thank you Joe Biden for

**Fulksy
Mayhem**



years of dedicated service to our great country.

"Though I agreed more with Biden the senator and less as Biden the president, you stepped in when called upon.

"When you served in the

senate, you worked toward finding a middle ground. I felt you knew opposite ends of the political spectrum were not good for our country.

"I missed that Joe Biden. "Nonetheless, you had a good run.

"Not always perfect, but then again no one is.

"May your retirement be enjoyed with your family and filled with peace and comfort."

I couldn't possibly agree more.

Years ago, fate placed me

in Concordville, Pennsylvania.

I lived so close to Delaware that we would routinely do our shopping in Delaware because the state had no sales tax.

I was invited to a huge annual airshow put on by the DuPont family in the late 1980s. Sen. Joe Biden attended and our group met him. I can assure you that he was literally "rock-star popular" with the fine folks of Delaware and was a beloved figure by his constituents.

In recent years, seeing all of the ill will and negativity directed his way sure was more than a little disconcerting to those of us who genuinely recall a hugely popular guy who was engaging and effective senator back in the good old days when our government actually governed and didn't endlessly investigate each other.

As president, although I personally did not vote for him, I always wished him well, as I have all of them. I will never grasp the

mentality of wishing for any president to fail. It's as stupid and ridiculous as wishing for the pilot of the aircraft you're a passenger in to fail.

I sincerely wish him fair winds and following seas in the golden warm September of his years.

I sincerely believe the lens of history will cast him in a far more favorable light than what we've been led to believe in recent years about the man and his lasting legacy.

Co-worker fight impacts multiple relationships

DEAR ABBY: I've been seeing a man, "Barry," who worked with my younger brother. They had an altercation at work, and Barry was terminated for misconduct. My brother, "Rob," is upset with me because I still see him. Barry did reach out to Rob to apologize and see if they could move on. While my brother has forgiven Barry, he has chosen to have no contact with him, and continues to want to control the narrative.

Am I wrong for going against my brother and continuing the relationship? I was in prior abusive relationships that Rob wasn't concerned about. But when it is about him, he lets me know he's "disappointed" or worried about my well-being. I have set bound-

**Dear
Abby**



aries with them both, but that altercation was between them, not me. — TORN IN SOUTH DAKOTA

DEAR TORN: The altercation between your brother and Barry must have been a doozy for him to have lost his job. You mentioned that you have been in "prior abusive rela-

tionships," which tells me your man-picker may be somewhat skewed. Barry may have anger management issues that need to be addressed.

Like it or not, your brother is right that Barry could be dangerous. The altercation may have been between them, but what's to prevent your boyfriend's volatile temper from erupting on you? Your relationship with Barry could be hazardous to your health, which is why I am urging you to move on and find someone more stable.

DEAR ABBY: I'm in a loving relationship with my wife, who is 10 years older. Last year, we dis-

cussed her retiring from the workforce. She's 63 and has worked her whole life. We weren't 100% prepared for this move financially, but I'm happy to see her happy. Here's the rub: She gets bored sometimes. When she gets bored, she spends money and arranges things for us to do that I dislike — like going camping. I still work full time, and I enjoy my weekends at home relaxing. I think it'd be helpful for her to find a part-time job. I have suggested it, but then she gets hostile and asks if I think she's wasting her time.

Any suggestions about what I can say so I won't tick her off while helping her realize she could find something else to keep

her busy and contribute financially? — TRYING TO KEEP UP IN ARIZONA

DEAR TRYING: Tell your wife you are happy she is enjoying her retirement, but you are still fully employed. Then remind her that when she decided to leave the workforce, you weren't fully prepared for it financially. Explain that for the time being, you need the weekends to rest. And while you're at it, mention that you know she enjoys shopping, and a part-time job would give her more discretionary money to do it. I don't think that any of those statements should be inflammatory.

Community Calendar

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

Today

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 - BRIANNA'S HOPE — A faith-based recovery group for

substance abuse. Meal starts at 6 p.m. and the meeting is from 6:30 to 8 p.m. every Tuesday at the Nazarene Fellowship Building across from the Nazarene church, 249 E. Center St., Dunkirk. For more information, call Amanda Price at (765) 283-2107.

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS — Will meet at 7 p.m. at Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church, 218 E. High St., Portland. For more information, call (567) 279-8352 or (260) 729-7000.

Wednesday

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

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

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

EUCHRE CLUB — Will meet at 2 p.m. the fourth Wednesday of each month at Chalet Village Health and Rehabilitation in the North Lounge.

COMMUNITY REIN-

FORCEMENT AND FAMILY TRAINING — A non-confrontational, evidence-based intervention for helping families affected by addiction meets at 4 p.m. each Wednesday in the IU Health Jay Outpatient Behavioral Health Center, Entrance C, 510 W. Votaw St., Portland.

PORTLAND EAGLES — Will meet at 6 p.m., on the second and fourth Wednesday of the month at the Eagles' lodge, 320 N. Meridian St., Portland.

AL-ANON FAMILY GROUP — New Beginnings, a support group for friends and families of alcoholics, will meet at 6:30 p.m. each Wednesday in the Zion Lutheran Church, 218 E. High St., Portland. For more information, call (260) 726-8229.

A BETTER LIFE - BRIANNA'S HOPE — A faith-based recovery group for all kinds of addictions, will meet from 6:30 to 8 p.m. each Wednesday at Redkey United Methodist Church, 122 W. Main St. 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.

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.

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

Saturday, Aug. 31 LOCAL'S MARKET — Will be held from 8 a.m. to noon each Saturday in June through October in the parking lot at Jay Community Center in Portland. For more information, contact Bill Cook.

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS — Will meet at 10 a.m. at Zion Evangelical

Lutheran Church, 218 E. High St., Portland. For more information, call (260) 251-3336 or (260) 729-7000.

Sunday

A BETTER LIFE - BRIANNA'S HOPE — A faith-based recovery group for all kinds of addictions, will meet from 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.

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.

Sudoku

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

Level: Beginner

Saturday's Solution

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

JOB OPENING

FULL TIME HEALTH DEPARTMENT IMMUNIZATION CLERK
JAY COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT SALARY: \$34,470.80

DUTIES

- Schedules/coordinates appointments for clients and sends out reminder/recall notices regarding upcoming and/or missed appointments.
- Maintains patient immunization records and enters immunization data into Children and Hoosier Immunization Registry Program (CHIRP).
- Conducts billing to insurance and Medicaid companies for vaccines administered.
- Maintains current knowledge of CDC guidelines and immunization/vaccination standards and attends educational training/seminars as necessary.
- Issues certified birth and death certificates to authorized individuals.
- Receives/receipts monies for permits, certificates, and immunizations and files reports as necessary.
- Answers telephones and greets office visitors, responding to inquiries, providing information and assistance.

REQUIREMENTS

- High School diploma or equivalent.
- Possession of or ability to obtain TB skin testing certification and CPR/AED certifications.
- Possession of or ability to obtain Notary Public License and National Incident Management (NIMS) Certifications.
- Ability to serve the public with diplomacy and respect, including occasional encounters with difficult persons.
- Ability to problem solve and collaborate as a team player.
- Ability to operate standard office equipment.
- Ability to travel off-site (active Indiana driver's license).
- 35 hours weekly (Monday through Friday from 8:30 am -4:30 pm).
- Occasional evening and weekend hours as needed for department operations and out of town meetings.
- Follows the Jay County government office holiday schedule.

All interested applicants can submit their resume to the Jay County Health Department at:
504 W. Arch St., Portland, IN 47371
Ph. 260-726-8080 Fax 260-726-2220 Environmental@jaycountyhealthdept.org
Applications will be accepted until September 20, 2024

Keep working to end homelessness

By EMMY HILDEBRAND

Our partners at the Coalition for Homeless Intervention and Prevention (CHIP) recently released the results of the 2024 Point in Time Count.

The Point in Time Count is conducted every January as required by the Department of Housing and Urban Development. This count allows communities to better understand the number of individuals experiencing homelessness. While not a perfect tool, this data is relied upon to develop, fund and implement programs and to measure progress in the effort to end homelessness around the country.

I want to highlight a few data points from this year's count:

- 1,701 individuals experiencing homelessness, which is a 5% increase from 2023

Emmy Hildebrand



- 170 veterans experiencing homelessness, which is a 7% decrease from 2023

- 339 individuals living unsheltered

- 53% of veterans counted were African Americans, compared to 30% of Marion County residents

Of the 170 veterans counted on Jan. 24, 28 were living unsheltered. Veterans remain overrepresented among those experiencing homelessness in Indianapolis.

Ten percent of those experi-

encing homelessness in our community are veterans, while only 5.9% of Marion County residents served in the military. It's important to note that any veterans of the National Guard or Reserve who have not served in an active-duty status were not included as veterans for the purposes of this count.

There is also similar racial disparity among veterans experiencing homelessness. 53% of veterans experiencing homelessness in our community are African American.

Helping Veterans And Families is an active participant in a community goal to reduce the number of Black Indianapolis residents experiencing homelessness by 35% by 2025. We have been part of collective efforts to review assessment and referral processes to ensure

access to housing is equitable in our community. Internally, we've reviewed all our screening and enrollment documents to remove any bias, and our Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Committee is working with program staff to implement a review process to ensure all households served by HVAF are offered the same level of services.

Other key takeaways from this year's report include that 90% of those living unsheltered were Indianapolis residents when their homelessness began. And lack of income and job loss were the top contributing factors.

So, what does this data really mean?

While there is some good news with the reduction in veteran homelessness, there

remains much work to do to end veteran homelessness in Indianapolis. Comprehensive strategies are needed to address the lack of affordable housing, mental health and substance use crisis, and unemployment for the most vulnerable veterans in our community.

Thankfully, with your support, we are making great progress.

Last year, Helping Veterans And Families served 1,349 veterans in our housing, employment, mental health and basic needs assistance programs. But there is still work to be done. We are grateful for your partnership in offering housing, hope and self-sufficiency to homeless and at-risk veterans in Indiana.

Hildebrand is CEO of Helping Veterans And Families.

Mom, daughter taught each other

By NIKI KELLY

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A lot has been said about family and children in this election season, and all of that is resonating in my head as I prepare to see my daughter marry the love of her life Saturday.

So, I hope you can forgive me a bit of a departure from all things policy and politics to instead focus on life and love.

I can already feel the tears starting as my husband prepares to walk his little girl down the aisle.

She came into my life when she was a precocious five-year-old. Yes, that means I didn't give birth to her. But I survived the teen years, so I hope J.D. Vance thinks that's enough to give me full voting rights.

One surprising, unexpected thing about parenting: she taught me just as much as I taught her.

Teaching me

My daughter has always been herself and encourages me to care less about what other people think — whether that's my hair or clothes or life in general. She has never been fake for the sake of fitting in. She wears what she wants when she wants, and has crafted her own authentic style and personality.

She has also taught me patience. Parenting hasn't always been easy and anyone who tells you otherwise — even for step-parents — simply isn't being honest. She had to make mistakes on her own to learn a lesson. It didn't matter the warnings or advice we gave. But that's the way she learns and I needed to understand that.

Another big lesson she taught me is to be open and accepting of people, regardless of backgrounds or life experiences. She doesn't pre-judge people and sometimes would gently point out that I needed to get to know people without pre-conceived labels.

Now, I hope I also taught her a few things.

Teaching her

The first is just a zest for knowledge. We have always encouraged open debate in our house and sometimes would have

Niki Kelly



some hefty political discussions over chicken nuggets. I took her to her first political rally and voted with her the first time.

Her Dad and I have always stressed the need to work hard. College wasn't her path and she is still trying to find what really fulfills her professionally. But as long as she works hard, she will have a life full of promise.

Another lesson is forgiveness. Everyone makes mistakes. God knows I did when I was growing up, and still do as an adult. It's not healthy to keep fomenting anger, even if you are in the right. So, I try to be the bigger person and give people second and third chances.

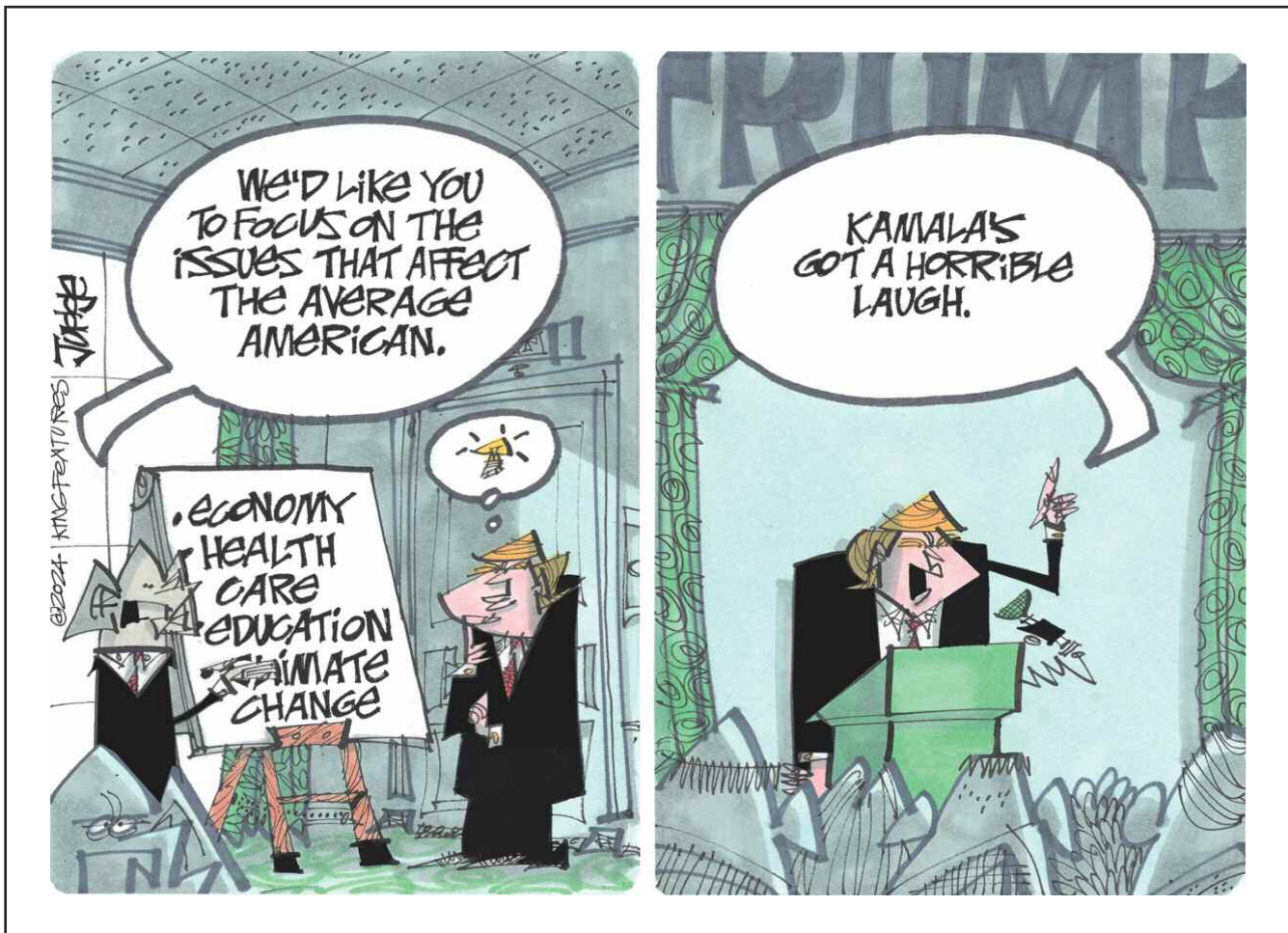
And speaking of mistakes, don't be afraid to make them in the name of trying new things. That's the only way to learn if something is right for you.

And last, but not least, don't ever give up on the Cincinnati Bengals. She has joined me in my love of the team — though I think Joe Burrow had a little bit to do with that.

The fact is I don't know if she and her new husband will stick around in central Indiana, or even the Hoosier State. They might soon want to branch out on their own and try a new locale. I know she has become a bit disillusioned living here. She values the ability to make reproductive choices, and she would love a place that is more welcoming to everyone for who they are.

No doubt she will be beautiful when she walks down the aisle. But more importantly, she is just as beautiful on the inside. I am proud to be her mom.

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California should lead regulation

Los Angeles Times
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The release of OpenAI's ChatGPT in late 2022 was like the shot of a starter pistol, setting off a race among big tech companies to develop more and more powerful generative AI systems. Giants such as Microsoft, Google and Meta rushed to roll out new artificial intelligence tools, as billions in venture capital rolled in to AI startups.

At the same time, a growing chorus of people working in and researching AI began to sound the alarm: The technology was evolving faster than anyone anticipated. There was fear that, in the rush to dominate the market, companies might release products before they are safe.

In the spring of 2023, more than 1,000 researchers and industry leaders called for a six-month pause in the development of the most advanced artificial intelligence systems, saying AI labs were racing to deploy "digital minds" that not even their creators could understand, predict or reliably control. The technology presents "profound risks to society and humanity," they warned. Tech company leaders urged lawmakers to develop regulations to prevent harm.

It was in that environment that state Sen. Scott Wiener, D-San Francisco, began talking to industry experts about developing legislation that would become Senate Bill 1047, the Safe and Secure Innovation for Frontier Artificial Intelligence Models Act. The bill is an important first step in responsible AI development.

While state lawmakers introduced dozens of bills targeting various AI concerns, including election misinformation and protecting artists' work, Wiener took a different approach. His bill focuses on trying to prevent catastrophe damage if AI systems are abused.

SB 1047 would require that develop-

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ers of the most powerful AI models put testing procedures and safeguards in place to prevent the technology from being used to shut down the power grid, enable the development of biological weapons, carry out major cyberattacks or other grave harms. If developers fail to take reasonable care to prevent catastrophic harm, the state attorney general could sue them. The bill would also protect whistleblowers within AI companies and create CalCompute, a public cloud computing cluster that would be available to help startups, researchers and academics develop AI models.

The bill is supported by major AI safety groups, including some of the so-called godfathers of AI who wrote in a letter to Gov. Gavin Newsom contending, "Relative to the scale of risks we are facing, this is a remarkably light-touch piece of legislation."

But that hasn't stopped a tidal wave of opposition from tech companies, investors and researchers, who have argued the bill wrongly holds model developers liable for anticipating harm that users might cause. They say that liability would make developers less willing to share their models, which will stifle innovation in California.

Last week, eight members of Congress from California chimed in with a letter to Newsom urging him to veto SB 1047 if it's passed by the legislature. The bill, they argued, is premature, with a "misplaced emphasis on hypothetical risks" and lawmakers should instead focus on regulating

uses of AI that are causing harm today, such as the use of deepfakes in election ads and revenge porn.

There are plenty of good bills that address immediate and specific misuse of AI. That doesn't negate the need to anticipate and try to prevent future harms — especially when experts in the field are calling for action. SB 1047 raises familiar questions for the tech sector and lawmakers. When is the right time to regulate an emerging technology? What is the right balance to encourage innovation while protecting the public that has to live with its effects? And can the genie be put back in the bottle after the technology is rolled out?

There are risks to sitting on the sidelines for too long. Today, lawmakers are still playing catch-up on data privacy and attempting to curb harm on social media platforms. This isn't the first time big tech leaders have publicly professed that they welcome regulation on their products, but then lobbied fiercely to block specific proposals.

Ideally the federal government would lead on AI regulation to avoid a patchwork of state policies. But Congress has proved unable — or unwilling — to regulate big tech. For years, proposed legislation to protect data privacy and reduce online risks to children have stalled out. In the absence of federal action, California, in particular because it's the home of Silicon Valley, has chosen to lead with first-of-its-kind regulations on net neutrality, data privacy and online safety for children. AI is no different. Indeed, House Republicans have already said they will not support any new AI regulations.

By passing SB 1047, California can pressure the federal government to set standards and regulations that could supersede state regulation and, until that happens, the law could serve as an important backstop.

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—Thomas Jefferson

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Ribbon cutting

Jay County Chamber of Commerce held a ribbon-cutting ceremony Aug. 17 for the new AgBest Express in Dunkirk. The gas station and convenience store constructed a new building at its location at 110 S. Main St., Dunkirk.

Ford is retiring from CrossRoads

A longtime credit union employee is retiring next week.

Jeanna M. Ford will retire from CrossRoads Financial Federal Credit Union on Friday, Sept. 6. A retirement reception is scheduled for 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Friday, Aug. 30, at the CrossRoads main office, 1102 W. Votaw St., Portland.

Ford serves as marketing director and human resources manager for CrossRoads. She started her career as a bookkeeper in 1989 before becoming member services manager. She was named marketing director in 2000 and later added the human resources manager title.

In 2020, Ford was named a vice president.

Staff added

East Central Indiana Small Business Development Center announced that it has hired three new employees, including program specialist Clint Albert.

Albert has worked as an insurance agent for a decade as well as in leadership roles in retail and coaching. He is planning various events, including QuickBooks workshops, an Exporting 101 course and a seminar regarding starting a business.

Claudia Metzger is the development center's new ecosystems navigator. She has a bachelor's degree in interpersonal communication studies and sociology and a master's in information and communication sciences. Her role "aims to foster an environment that supports small business growth and success by connecting entrepreneurs to resources."

Lisa Green will serve as the new office administrator.

Registration open

Anyone with a business idea can now sign up for the chance at funding assistance.

Registration is open for Launch Jay!, a business pitch competition put on by Jay County Development Corporation and Jay County Chamber of Commerce.

Business roundup

The "Shark Tank"-style business pitch competition offers entrepreneurs the opportunity to earn funding for their ideas for a new business or expanding an existing business. Participants will go through a series of workshops leading up to the live pitch competition on Oct. 5.

Applications are available at Community Resource Central, 118 S. Meridian St., Portland, or by emailing JCDC executive director Travis Richards at trichards@jaycodev.org.

For more information, call (260) 726-9311.

Named to list

Forbes last week named Ivy Tech Community College to its 2024 America's Best In-State Employers list.

Forbes works with market research firm Statista to survey employees as part of the process of selecting employers. Ivy Tech has been on the list for three consecutive years.

"Ivy Tech is Indiana's workforce engine, and we could not deliver on that commitment without the dedication of our faculty and staff. Our people are what make us great, and it's why we strive to create a culture where everyone feels valued, empowered and driven by a deep sense of purpose and belonging," said Sue Ellspermann, president of Ivy Tech, in a press release. "This recognition reflects the impact of our efforts to engage our employees, invest in their growth and enhance our policies and programs to support their success in work and life."

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Does your business have news to share? Email us at news@thecr.com to be included in our weekly business roundup.

Security ...

Continued from page 2 (Rhodehamel also confirmed that, pointing to grant funding each fire department has used recently.) Aker also pointed to Portland and Dunkirk fire departments having 24-hour service.

Commissioner Brian McGalliard asked for Schemenaur's

thoughts, with Schemenaur noting it's been difficult in years past to get volunteers involved.

Commissioners briefly discussed what the county should do with the department's truck and response equipment. Schemenaur noted the law likely requires that they offer the equipment to local responder agencies before

putting it up for sale. Commissioners asked Rhodehamel to look into details regarding the Rescue 19 vehicle and create an inventory list of equipment owned by Rescue 19.

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

ArtWorks

at Jay County Campus & Blackford County Arts Center



A full list of ArtWorks classes is available at myartsplace.easybooking.site/
We have an exciting Fall Semester planned!

Jay County Campus - September:

- Open Studio - Ceramics (\$50)
- Oil Painting: Session 1 with Scott Anderson: 9/3/24 - 10/8/24; Tuesdays 6-8pm (\$110)
- Beginner Wheel Throwing with John Gibson: 9/4/24 - 10/9/24; Wednesdays 4-6pm (\$90)
- Cookies & Canvas with Lindsay Edwards: 9/12/24; Thursday 6-8pm: Apple Basket (\$25)
- Advanced Wheel Throwing: Session 1 with Kim Anderson: 9/14/24 - 10/19/24; Saturdays 10am-12pm (\$125)
- Elementary Homeschool Art with Lindsay Edwards: 9/19/24 - 10/31/24; Thursdays 1-2:30pm (\$60)

Jay County Campus - November:

- Open Studio - Ceramics (\$50)
- Basket Weaving with Connie Retter: 11/7/24 & 11/14/24; Thursdays 6-8pm (\$30)
- After School Art Club 3rd/4th graders: Lydia Rowles: Thanksgiving Fabric Scrap Wreaths: 11/6/24; Wednesday 4-5pm (\$5)
- After School Art Club 5th/6th graders: Lydia Rowles: Thanksgiving Fabric Scrap Wreaths: 11/13/24; Wednesday 4-5pm (\$5)
- Cookies & Canvas with Lindsay Edwards: 11/14/24; Thursday 6-8pm: Fall Wreath (\$25)

Blackford County Arts Center:

- Cookies & Canvas with Lindsay Edwards: 10/3/24; Thursday 6-8pm: Black Cat Trio (\$30)
- Cookies & Canvas with Lindsay Edwards: 11/7/24; Thursday 6-8pm: Pumpkins (\$30)
- Cookies & Canvas with Lindsay Edwards: 12/5/24; Thursday 6-8pm: Snowman (\$30)

Jay County Campus - October:

- Open Studio - Ceramics (\$50)
- Cookies & Canvas with Lindsay Edwards: 10/10/24; Thursday 6-8pm: Hocus Pocus (\$25)
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Jay County Campus - December:

- Open Studio - Ceramics (\$50)
- After School Art Club 3rd/4th graders: Lydia Rowles: Self Portrait Ornaments: 12/4/24; Wednesdays 4-5pm (\$5)
- After School Art Club 5th/6th graders: Lydia Rowles: Self Portrait Ornaments: 12/11/24; Wednesday 4-5pm (\$5)
- Cookies & Canvas with Lindsay Edwards: 12/12/24; Thursday 6-8pm: Snowman (\$25)

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You can view the list of ArtWorks classes and register with this QR code:



These programs are sponsored by the National Endowment for the Arts, the Indiana Arts Commission, and the Community Foundation of Randolph County.

SPEED BUMP

Dave Coverly



THE FAMILY CIRCUS

By Bil Keane



Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

Bad luck is not always fatal

North dealer. Neither side vulnerable.

NORTH
 ♠ K 7 6
 ♥ J 9 7 3
 ♦ A 9 8 4
 ♣ A Q

WEST
 ♠ 10 9 2
 ♥ Q 10 4
 ♦ 10 6 3
 ♣ J 10 9 3

EAST
 ♠ A Q J 3
 ♥ —
 ♦ Q J 7 5
 ♣ 8 6 5 4 2

SOUTH
 ♠ 8 5 4
 ♥ A K 8 6 5 2
 ♦ K 2
 ♣ K 7

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

Opening lead — jack of clubs.

The outcome of most deals depends largely on how the defenders' cards are divided. Declarer's job is to take advantage of a favorable lie of the cards, and, equally important, to overcome an unfavorable lie should one develop.

Consider this case where South is in four hearts and West leads the jack of clubs. Declarer wins with dummy's queen and plays a trump to the ace, on which East shows out. This is a very disappointing development, since a 2-1 division with three cards missing is a 78% probability.

With a trump loser now certain, the fate of the contract appears to rest entirely on the location of the ace of spades. But to lead a spade toward the king at this point, hoping to find West with the ace, would be relying too much on the element of luck. In the actual case, such a move would prove fatal.

Instead, declarer should adopt an approach that offers a chance to make the contract regardless of which defender has the spade ace. After cashing the king of trump, the K-A of diamonds and ruffing a diamond, he leads the club king to the ace and plays dummy's last diamond. East plays the queen, but instead of ruffing, South discards a spade!

Poor East is now well and truly endplayed. A spade return establishes dummy's king, while a club return allows South to discard another spade as dummy ruffs.

By adopting this line of play, declarer gives himself an extra chance to get home safely. He does not know which defender has the diamond length, or where the ace of spades is actually located, but it costs nothing to try to endplay East.

Tomorrow: Uncanny approach.
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Yesterday's Cryptoquip: IF YOU MADE AN INDIAN DISH THAT CAME OUT UNBEARABLY SPICY, YOU PROBABLY CURRIED IT TOO FAR.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: F equals L

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS

1 — mater ore
 5 Uber alternative
 8 Floor cleaners
 12 500 sheets
 13 Nabokov novel
 14 Vicinity
 15 "I try" singer
 17 Heroine in a Hardy title
 18 Fourth-yr. students
 19 Zodiac animal
 20 Inverness residents
 21 Wrestling surface
 22 "Hum-bug!"
 23 Commence
 26 Turnable fastener
 30 Thor's father
 31 "Caught ya!"
 32 Swiss river
 33 Like pound cake

DOWN

2 Mad king of theater
 3 PC alternatives
 4 "The Joy Luck Club" author
 5 Gem weight
 6 Leading man?
 7 Inlet
 8 Gene Rayburn's TV show, with "The" shaped cookie
 9 Discarded
 10 Nuisance
 11 Cheeky back talk
 16 Mom's mom
 20 — Diego

Solution time: 22 mins.

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Yesterday's answer 8-27

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Yellow Jackets stun No. 10 Seminoles

By CHAD BISHOP
The Atlanta Journal-Constitution
Tribune News Service

DUBLIN — What a day for a dub in Dublin.
Aidan Birr's 44-yard field goal as time expired gave Georgia Tech a win for the ages Saturday, a 24-21 triumph over No. 10 Florida State at Aviva Stadium.
Birr, who missed from 51 yards earlier on the opposite end of the field, let his right-footed boot fly with five seconds on the clock. Those seconds ticked away as the ball sailed through. The Yellow Jackets stormed the field. The Seminoles (0-1) fell to the ground in disbelief.
Birr's kick capped a 12-play drive that covered just 49 yards but ate up the final 6:33 of clock.
Tech got 75 yards rushing and two touchdowns from running back Jamal Haynes. Haynes King threw for 146 yards and rushed another 54. The Jackets racked up 190 yards on the ground and averaged 5.3 yards per carry.
Tech (1-0) returns home to host

Georgia State (0-0) at 8 p.m. ET next Saturday.
The Jackets' afternoon didn't start the way it ended. The Seminoles took the opening possession and gashed Tech's defense to the tune of 11.6 yards per carry and scored on Lawrence Toafili's 28-yard run down the right side of the field.
FSU tight end Brian Courtney ran in a two-point conversion making the score 8-0, less than five minutes into the game.
But the Jackets came right back — and quickly.
Zach Pyron's 1-yard touchdown run up the gut made it an 8-7 game at the 7:26 mark. That drive was highlighted by a slip-screen completion by King to Malik Rutherford that went for 42 yards into the red zone.
Ryan Fitzgerald kicked a 52-yard field goal for FSU with 11:06 left in the second quarter making the Noles' lead 11-7.
The Jackets put on a clinic on the ensuing drive. They ran 14 plays over 75 yards and bled 7:53 off the clock before Haynes scored from a yard out

on third down. Tech finished the drive with eighth consecutive runs and took a 14-11 lead with 3:13 left in the half.
Fitzgerald made a 59-yard kick as time expired to end the first half making the score 14-11.
Tech was outgained by 20 yards in the first two quarters but averaged 6.7 yards per play and 5.6 yards per rush. King threw only five passes, while Uiagalelei was 12-of-14 passing for 96 yards.
After a scoreless third quarter, one that included Birr missing a long field-goal attempt, and Tech guard Keylan Rutledge recovering a botched handoff, the Jackets opened the final period with a 2-yard touchdown run from Haynes to go up 21-14. That score capped a drive that swallowed 6:22 of clock over 11 plays.
The Seminoles responded with a 15-play drive that lasted more than eight minutes and included two Uiagalelei completions on fourth down to keep the series alive. That score made the score 21-21 with 6:33 to go, setting the stage for the finish.

Tribe ...

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Following were Anna Roessner in 42nd (22:36.8), Maddie Heitkamp in 72nd (23:52.3) and Kendall Ranley in 118th (26:04.5).
Also computing, Nichole Braun ran a time of 26:57.4 to place 134th.
Reese Diller led the boys for the second meet, finishing the race in 18:53.2 to claim 85th place.
Evan Evers claimed the second-best time for the Tribe at 19:47.7 to earn 126th.
Other scores came from Milo Fiely in 184th (21:04.4), Russell Hart in 201st (21:32.4) and Evan Diller in 211th (21:43.7).
Henry Jutte and Charlie Stammen finished together to take up scores in the sixth and seventh places for Fort Recovery, by netting times of 23:04.3 and 23:04.7 for 262nd and 263, respectively. Mason Laux and Chase Filey also finished with Jutte and Stammen, securing 264th and 265th with times of 23:40.8 and 23:04.9, respectively.

Freshmen ...

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Bellmont was the only other school from Indiana to compete, taking fifth (142) in the boys competition and eighth (172) in the girls.
Brooklynn Byrum and Jessie Homan paced the girls team. The pair of freshmen ran nearly the whole race side-by-side with each other, only separating once the finish line came into sight.
"We usually try to use each other and keep pace with each other, which I think we did a good job of doing," Homan said. "We know you just have to keep getting faster and it helps to have someone from your team right there."
"I feel like when we helped pace with each other, it helped us catch other people and speed up as the race progressed," Byrum added.
The entire girls team started near the back of the pack out of the box, and by just after the one-mile mark, Byrum and Homan had separated to sit in 21st and 22nd, respectively. Midway through the third mile, they sat in 18th and 19th about 10 yards back from a group of runners in 12th-17th.

Over the last 150 meters, Byrum pulled ahead to cross the finish line 14th in 22 minutes, 25.1 seconds. The finish earned her some hardware as the first-place finisher got a plaque, 2nd-15th got medals and 16th-30th received ribbons.
"It feels really nice," Byrum said. "I'm happy and thankful that I've gotten this good at just running three miles."
Homan followed in 18th with a time of 22:27.4.
Abby Fifer and Alexis Sibray both earned ribbons for their performances. Fifer finished 25th with a time of 22:49.7, while Sibray came in 27th after 23:02.3.
Ava May rounded out the team score with a 31st-place finish in 23:10.9. Taking up the final two spots were Lizzy Brunswick (24:46.6) and Lyla Kunkler (25:27.5) at 43rd and 51st.
Caleb Garringer claimed the top spot for the boys team. His time of 17:32.5 left him 1.4 seconds short of his goal to place in the top 10. Despite missing that goal, Garringer said he was happy with his time.
Freshman Dash Thacker provided the second score, finishing 18th in

18:00.1. He ran over a minute faster than in his varsity debut.
"Caleb has put in a lot of work," Wood said. "It's not really surprising to me. He's putting the work in and doing it out on the course and racing well."
"Dash is figuring things out still. He's a freshman in his second high school race. His first one, he had a little trouble pacing early and it bit him late. Seeing him get under 18 is great."
Other scores for Jay County came from Max Klopfenstien (20:01.7) in 58th, Dougie Cox (20:07.9) in 61st and Beckett Brandonburg (21:51.9) in 90th.
Not scoring, but taking up the other two places were Lukes Powers (21:57.1) in 93rd and Cooper Glentzer (22:03.2) in 96th.
Six other Patriots ran on Saturday as well. For the girls, Paityn Wendel (26:54.7) finished 64th, Natalie Carreno (27:29.3) placed 68th and Alyvia Muhlenkamp (32:37.6) finished in 106th. For the boys, Alex Rivers (23:10.5) placed 104th, Ethan Powers (24:07.5) crossed the line in 114th and Isaac Hawbaker (31:39.9) placed 136th.



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JCHS junior Max Klopfenstein runs along with two Bryan runners during the Celina Rotary Invite on Saturday. Klopfenstein finished 58th with a time of 20 minutes, 1.7 seconds, in his first race of the year.

Sports on tap

Local schedule

Today
Jay County — Girls golf vs. South Adams — 4:30 p.m.; Volleyball vs. Winchester — 6 p.m.; Boys soccer vs. New Castle — 7 p.m.; Junior high cross country at Delta — 5 p.m.; Junior high football at Blackford — 5:30 p.m.
Fort Recovery — Middle school volleyball vs. Marion Local — 5 p.m.

Thursday
Jay County — Cross country vs. Fort Recovery — 5:30 p.m.; Girls soccer at Coldwater — 6 p.m.; Volleyball at Muncie Central — 6 p.m.; Boys soccer vs. Delta — 7:30 p.m.; Junior high cross country at Belmont — 5 p.m.
Fort Recovery — Boys golf vs. New Knoxville —

4:30 p.m.; Girls golf at Russia — 4:30 p.m.; Cross country at Jay County — 5:30 p.m.; Volleyball (including freshmen) at Marion Local — 5:30 p.m.; Middle school football vs. Minster — 5 p.m.

TV sports

Today
12 p.m. — Grand Slam tennis: U.S. Open (ESPN)
6:40 p.m. — MLB: Oakland Athletics at Cincinnati Reds (Bally Indiana); Houston Astros at Philadelphia Phillies (TBS)
7 p.m. — College volleyball: Nebraska at Kentucky (ESPN2)
9 p.m. — College volleyball: Wisconsin at Louisville (ESPN2)

Wednesday
12 p.m. — Grand Slam tennis: U.S. Open (ESPN)
6:45 p.m. — Grand Slam tennis: U.S. Open (ESPN)
7 p.m. — WNBA: Connecticut Sun at Indiana Fever (Bally Indiana)
10 p.m. — College girls soccer: BYU at UCLA (BTN)

Local notes

Next up
The Adams Memorial/Kekionga Greenway Gallop 5K is the next race in the Adams County Challenge Series.
The race will be held on Saturday, Aug. 24. It will begin at Riverside Center in Decatur at 4:30 p.m.

The races cost \$25. Registration can be found at adamscounty5kchallenge.com.
For more information contact Linda Morris at (260) 724-2604.

Season tickets for sale
Jay County High School began selling season tickets Monday, July 22. Tickets can be purchased during office hours from 7:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.
The Patriot Pass and Senior Patriot Pass (for those 65-and-older) cover all high school and junior high events. The former costs \$105 while the latter is \$60.
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Four freshmen score for Patriot girls in second ever varsity meet

By ANDREW BALKO

The Commercial Review

CELINA, Ohio — The youngest set of Patriots found plenty of success at the junior high level.

With an extra two kilometers in high school races, there were some natural questions about how the freshmen would adjust at the varsity level.

Early in the season, the young Patriots don't seem to be having any problem.

The freshmen-heavy Jay County High School girls cross country team fell just one point short of the runner-up spot at the 2024 Celina Rotary Cross Country Invitational at Wright State University - Lake Campus on Saturday, while the boys had a runner finish just outside the top 10.

The girls tallied 105 points to trail Eaton by one for the runner-up spot. Fort Loramie - which took fourth at the OHSAA Division III state tournament in 2023 - dominated the field to finish with 48 points.

"I'm super happy with it," said JCHS coach Bruce Wood. "The girls stacked up pretty well and we've got a pretty good group of five there. ... We're still really early in (our training cycle), so



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Jay County High School freshmen Brooklynn Byrum (left) and Jessie Homan run together midway through the third mile of the Celina Rotary Invitational at Wright State University - Lake Campus Saturday. The pair led the Patriots with 14th and 18th-place finishes, respectively.

these times are really good. I think we can still get another 30 seconds to a minute off on some of these times and we'll be in good shape."

Despite a pair of top-20 finishes, the boys ended with 209 points to finish eighth out of 12 teams, including four that com-

peted at state in Ohio. Van Wert, one of the teams that made it to state, scored 36 points to claim the top spot.

The Patriots were without one of their returning leaders, Joseph Boggs, who has now missed the first two meets of the year with an illness.

"For the boys we still had one that was ill today that would be in our top five, that I think would get us up there team-wise and make us feel good about where we're at," Wood said. "I think we'll have a really solid top five, top seven."

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Kaup, Diller lead the way for Tribe runners

WEST MILTON, Ohio — The girls team is holding strong after losing three scoring seniors.

The boys are starting to form a consistent top five.

The Fort Recovery High School cross country teams competed at the Bob Schul Invitational on Saturday at Lowry Track Complex XC Course.

The girls climbed half way up the standings to finish eighth with 244 points. Summit County Day school earned the top spot with 62 points, just six more than fellow Midwest Athletic Conference school Minster. The Indians finished behind two more MAC teams as Versailles scored 168 and St. Henry with 228.

The boys claimed 23rd place out of 28 teams. The Indians finished with 593 points, while Versailles' 56 dominated the field for first place.

Joelle Kaup paced the girls, finishing 22nd in 21 minutes, 43.6 seconds. Freshman Riley Heitkamp claimed the second-best time for the Indians at 22:26.1. She finished 38th to score 36 points for FRHS.

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Indian JV golfers place fourth in MAC

The Indians won the MAC championship in 2023.

With Caleb Smith, the individual MAC champion, moving up to varsity in 2024, the Tribe couldn't repeat.

The Fort Recovery High School junior varsity boys golf team hosted the JV midwest Athletic Conference tournament at Portland Golf Club on Saturday, finishing in fourth.

St. Henry claimed the conference crown, shooting a 180. The Coldwater Cavaliers and Minster Wildcats also broke 200 to beat the Indians. Coldwater ended as the runner-up with 191, while Minster shot a 196.

Fort Recovery ended with 208 strokes to claim the fourth spot of nine teams.

St. Henry also had the top individual

golfer, as Logan Schmitz shot a 40.

Carson Fullenkamp finished as the Indians' top golfer. The junior shot a 47, tying with St. Henry's Keith Sieftring for the fifth best score in the match.

Four pars, including three in a row on the third, fourth and fifth holes, powered Fullenkamp's round.

Will Faller provided the second best score for FRHS with a 51. His only par came on the fourth hole, while also shooting a bogey on No. 6.

Garrett Diller added a 53 with pars on the first and ninth holes.

Will Westgerdes rounded out the team score with a 57. He made bogey three times, all on par-4s.

Hoyt Schmitz's 59 and Reed Albers' 60 did not play into the final.

Judge makes history in Yankees win over Rockies

By PETER SBLENDORIO

New York Daily News

Tribune News Service

NEW YORK — Aaron Judge continues to rise up the record books.

The scorching-hot Yankees slugger hit his MLB-leading 50th and 51st home runs of the year during Sunday's 10-3 win over the Colorado Rockies in the Bronx, making him the fifth player ever with three 50-homer seasons.

His second home run of the afternoon came sandwiched in between solo shots by Juan Soto and Giancarlo Stanton, marking the first time the powerful trio has gone back-to-back-to-back.

Judge repeatedly heard MVP chants from a rowdy crowd of 41,324.

Those frenzied fans watched Judge join an exclusive club that also includes Babe Ruth, Sammy Sosa and Mark McGwire, who each recorded four 50-homer seasons, and Alex Rodriguez, who achieved the feat three times.

Judge's 50th home run of the year came on an 0-2 changeup from Colorado starter Austin Gomber,

which he sent 431 feet over the wall in left-center to put the Yankees up, 2-1, in the bottom of the first.

The two-run shot was Judge's 18th first-inning home run of the season, tying an MLB record held by Rodriguez, who hit the same number of homers in the opening frame with Texas in 2001.

The Yankees' next power surge came in the seventh inning, when Soto connected on his 37th homer of the year, boosting what is already a career-high total for the 25-year-old. Soto is now three home runs away from the 200th of his career.

Judge hit his second home run of the day on the very next pitch. It was the sixth time he and Soto have gone back-to-back.

Stanton's drive to straightaway center, meanwhile, clinched the first instance of the Yankees hitting three home runs in a row since Sept. 17, 2020.

Sunday's back-to-back-to-back blasts came against Rockies reliever Jeff Criswell.

Judge is now on pace for 63 home runs, which would beat his own American

League single-season record of 62 in 2022.

The Yankees have 31 more games for Judge to add to his historic statistics.

He now boasts 47 home runs over his last 102 games. If he were to remain at that pace over the next 31 games — rather than at his season-long pace — Judge would finish with 65 home runs.

Judge's first 50-homer season came in 2017, when he hit 52 for what was then a rookie record. Earlier this month, the 32-year-old Judge became the fastest in MLB history to reach 300 career home runs in terms of games (955) and at-bats (3,431).

Sunday's eruption came a day after Rodriguez returned to Yankee Stadium for his first Old-Timers' Day and marveled at Judge's season, calling him a "unicorn."

Judge also leads MLB hitters with 122 RBI and a 1.201 OPS, while his .333 average ranks second.

Gleyber Torres added a three-run homer in the eighth inning Sunday, giving the Yankees five homers for the day.