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Students receive help for college

Foundation awards more than \$160,000 in scholarships

Local students will receive tens of thousands of dollars in support for their education.

The Portland Foundation announced Friday that it has approved \$160,003 in scholarships for 74 applicants in its summer cycle.

Every student who applied received a scholarship.

Chase McFarland was awarded with the largest scholarship of \$5,000. The Jerry R. Pierce Memorial Scholarship is awarded annually, with preference given to employees and descendants of employees of Accelerated Curing, Inc.

Dr. Ara C. and Gay B. Badders Medical Scholarships of \$3,900 for Jay County High School graduates majoring in a doctoral medical program went to Connor Davis, Candler Hedges, Makenzie Ring and Tayler Smeltzer. Receiving Orla and Ruth Tharp Education Scholarships of \$1,825 for JCHS graduates in a master's or non-medical doctoral program were Daniel Bracy, Ashlyn Dow, Erin Emery, Gabrielle Paxson, Olivia Rowles, Rachel Stultz and Bridget Yowell.

Weldon and Dorothy Hamma Memorial Scholarships of \$1,600 were awarded to Crystal Anderson, Katie Robbins, Rachel Stultz and Bridget Yowell, as well as \$1,300 for Shea Bailey, Dustin Harris and Lilly Hedges, and \$1,000 for Samuel Bracy, Grace Brewster, Olivia Bright, Bryce Collins, Heidi Cox, Aidan Garlinger, Mariah Gross, Tricia Ison, Adam Muhlenkamp, Chailey Muhlenkamp, Regina Muhlenkamp, Owen Ransom, Isabel Rodgers, McKenna Vore, Isabelle Wall and Seth Wilson.

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Double victory

The Jay County High School soccer teams swept their home doubleheader Saturday, with the girls beating Woodlan 4-1 and the boys winning 4-3. Pictured above, Patriot senior Jenna Dues high fives classmate Morgan DeHoff after a goal during the girls game. For coverage of the doubleheader, see page 10.

Netanyahu not budging in war

By **ETHAN BRONNER**

Bloomberg News
Tribune News Service

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu is sticking to his hard-line approach on Hamas, in the face of mass protests at home over the killing of six hostages and the suspension of some British arms licenses.

A general strike called by the main labor union on Monday — joined by major companies and small businesses alike — triggered a day of chaos as protesters

Labor union, others, are protesting following the killing of six hostages

blamed Netanyahu for allowing the hostages to die at the hands of their captors. That came as the U.S. pushes Israel's leader to agree to a ceasefire with the Palestinian militant group, while

the U.K. said the use of British components in Gaza risks violating international humanitarian law.

Israeli businesses resumed trading as normal on Tuesday, with the

nation taking a pause from rallies after the funerals of the slain prisoners.

The demonstrators were calling on the government to give more ground in truce talks with Iran-backed Hamas, so a deal

can be struck to bring home the roughly 100 remaining abductees and pause a war that's raged for almost 11 months.

Defense Minister Yoav Gallant shares that view, while many senior military figures say Israel has weakened Hamas sufficiently to pull forces from the border between Gaza and Egypt. That would allow an exchange of hostages for Palestinian prisoners in an initial phase of a wider agreement.



Photo provided

State and national officials unveiled a statue and monument Tuesday honoring Indiana's longest-serving U.S. Senator, the late Richard Lugar, today in Indianapolis. The globe above is encased within the monument's column, signifying Lugar's international legacy.

Monument honors Lugar

By **WHITNEY DOWNARD**

Indiana Capital Chronicle
indianacapitalchronicle.com

A cadre of state and national officials unveiled a statue and monument Tuesday honoring Indiana's longest-serving U.S. Senator, the late Richard Lugar, Tuesday in Indianapolis.

Lugar's decades of public service touched millions of lives, whether through his work on nuclear nonproliferation or reimagining downtown Indianapolis.

The monument will be placed in Lugar Plaza, outside of the Indianapolis City-County Building. Planning for the honor began years ago under the leadership of civic leader Jim Morris, who died in July.

"Of course, the career of Dick Lugar spanned over half a century. And because of that expanse and impact, we had to ... make sure it's part of the monument," said Charlie Richardson. "It comprehends his entire career: a Rhodes

Statue recognizes the contributions of state's longest serving U.S. Senator

scholar, naval officer, school board member, mayor (and) United States senator ... the celebration is of that entire arc and the example it sets for the future."

Richardson, a retired attorney, said he first saw Lugar when he addressed Richardson's college fraternity in 1967, the year he was elected to be mayor of Indianapolis. Richardson was so moved he decided to work with Lugar's administration for two consecutive summers.

Lugar died in 2019 shortly after his 87th birthday and was

buried in Arlington National Cemetery. One of Lugar's most lasting impacts was a program to secure and disarm weapons of mass destruction, which deactivated thousands of warheads and destroyed hundreds of intercontinental ballistic missiles.

"We all wanted to not only remember him, but make sure that people 50 years from now remember the example of Dick Lugar," said Richardson, who is a member of the executive planning committee for the monument.

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Deaths

Ray Affolder, 89, Berne
Details on page 2.

Weather

Jay County had a high temperature of 72 degrees on Labor Day. The low was 54.

Tonight's forecast calls for a low in the upper 50s. Expect sunny skies Thursday with a high in the mid 80s.

See page 2 for an extended outlook.

In review

Tickets are on sale for Jay County Civic Theatre's production of "The Play That Goes Wrong." Shows are scheduled for 7 p.m. Friday, Sept. 27, and Saturday, Sept. 28, and 2 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 29. Advance tickets are \$10 for students and \$12 for adults and are available at myartsplace.org or by calling (260) 726-4809.

Coming up

Thursday — Results from the Jay County/Fort Recovery volleyball match.

Friday — Coverage of Jay County Council's budget review session.

Saturday — Results from the JCHS football game against Southern Wells.



Obituaries

Ray Affolder

March 16, 1935-Aug. 30, 2024
Ray Affolder, 89, of Berne, Indiana, and a lifelong resident of Adams County, passed away peacefully at 9:38 p.m. on Friday, Aug. 30, 2024, at Stillwater Hospice in Fort Wayne, Indiana.

He was born on March 16, 1935, in Berne to the late Edwin and Dorcie Affolder.

Ray was a proud graduate of Geneva High School, class of 1953. On July 14, 1956, he married Phyllis Joan Wolford in Geneva, Indiana, and they shared 68 wonderful years together. Ray was the last surviving family member of

"Affolder Implement," a business founded in 1928 by his father, Edwin. He was deeply committed to his community, with farming and operating his dairy for 43 years as well as serving on the Adams County Farm Bureau board of directors.

In his free time, Ray enjoyed watching college football and basketball. But the true joy of his life was spending quality time with his family and farming.

Ray is survived by his loving



Affolder

wife, Phyllis Joan Affolder of Berne, Indiana; his son, Mark A. (Lee Ann) Affolder of Berne, Indiana; his daughter, Marla J. Lutes of Pennville, Indiana; his grandchildren, Tara McHenry of Denver, Colorado, Michelle Affolder of Bluffton, Indiana, Hannah Parker of Convoy, Ohio, Caleb Lutes of Portland, Indiana, and Christopher Lutes of Portland, Indiana, Brett Affolder and Blake Affolder; six great-grandchildren with another due in late September; and one great-great-grandchild.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Edwin and Dorcie (Broadstock) Affolder; his son, James R. "Jim" Affolder; and

his siblings, Irene E. Schindler, Dale B. Affolder, Edwin "Jack" Affolder, Helen D. Balsiger, Lillian M. Grogg and Howard D. Affolder.

Family and friends are invited to gather and remember Ray at Downing & Glancy Funeral Home, located at 100 N. Washington Street, Geneva, on Thursday, Sept. 5, 2024, from 4 to 5 p.m.

A service to celebrate Ray's life will follow at 5 p.m., with Bill Lepley officiating. Burial will take place at the M.R.E. Cemetery in Berne.

Memorial contributions to Ray's life may be made in honor of his son, Jim Affolder, to the Adams County Cancer Coali-

tion, P.O. Box 215, Decatur, IN 46733.

Arrangements are being handled by Downing & Glancy Funeral Home in Geneva.

Condolences may be expressed at glancyfuneralhomes.com.

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The Commercial Review publishes death notices for those with a connection to our coverage area free of charge. They include the name, city of residence, birth/death date and time/date/location of services.

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

CR almanac

Thursday 9/5	Friday 9/6	Saturday 9/7	Sunday 9/8	Monday 9/9
86/63	81/51	65/42	69/47	74/47
Sunny skies are expected Thursday, when the high will be around 86.	Friday's forecast shows a 60% chance of thunderstorms throughout the day and night.	There's a slight chance of showers of Saturday. Otherwise, mostly sunny, with a low temperature of 42.	Another day of sun is on the horizon for Sunday. The low at night will be in the mid 40s.	Sunny skies and moderate temperatures Monday, when the low may reach 47.

Lotteries

Powerball
Monday
8-42-46-48-53
Power Ball: 22
Power Play: 3
Estimated jackpot: \$93 million

Daily Four: 7-3-3-7
Quick Draw: 4-6-7-12-18-19-25-27-28-41-42-44-49-60-63-64-74-77-79-80
Cash 5: 1-2-11-14-27
Estimated jackpot: \$296,500

Mega Millions
Estimated jackpot: \$681 million

Hoosier
Monday
Midday
Daily Three: 7-1-9
Daily Four: 5-8-5-4
Quick Draw: 2-17-20-27-28-33-35-37-41-46-54-57-62-63-64-67-68-70-71-74
Evening
Daily Three: 1-6-8

Ohio
Monday
Midday
Pick 3: 6-5-6
Pick 4: 6-4-2-5
Pick 5: 8-2-0-2-7
Evening
Pick 3: 8-8-6
Pick 4: 4-8-1-6
Pick 5: 9-5-8-9-6
Rolling Cash: 2-16-22-34-39
Estimated jackpot: \$196,000

Markets

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Today in history

In 2002, Kelly Clarkson won "American Idol," becoming the first winner of the television series. Her second album sold more than 12 million copies, including the hits "Since U Been Gone," "Behind These Hazel Eyes," "Because of You," and "Breakaway."
In 2006, Steve Irwin was killed by a venomous bull stingray. Irwin, a wildlife conservationist, was known for his fame in risk-taking activities on "The Crocodile Hunter" television show and other documentaries.
In 2014, Portland Board of Works entered into a contract with Honeywell Building Solutions to evaluate the way

the city's buildings use energy and find ways to reduce energy usage.
In 2016, Pope Francis I canonized Mother Teresa. Among other accolades, she founded the Order of the Missionaries of Charity. For her efforts she won the 1979 Nobel Prize for Peace.
In 2020, Roger Boyd, a former Jay County Sheriff's Office deputy and Dunkirk police officer, was arrested and preliminarily charged with the murder of James P. Miller of Montpelier. Boyd was convicted of the crime and sentenced just under two years later to serve 53 years in Indiana Department of Correction.

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Citizen's calendar

Today
5:30 p.m. — Jay County Council budget review, auditorium, courthouse, 120 N. Court St., Portland.
Thursday
4 p.m. — Jay School Corporation and Jay Classroom Teachers'

Association public hearing, General Shanks, 414 Floral Ave., Portland.
4 p.m. — Portland Board of Works, mayor's office, city hall, 321 N. Meridian St.
5:30 p.m. — Portland Plan Commission, Community Resource Center, 118 S. Meridian St., Portland.

Students ...

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The Elizabeth Starbuck II Scholarship went to Griffin Mann for \$1,400; Eden Abshire, Mara Bader, Lauren Brewster, Thomas Charles, Hilary Cox, Austin Dirksen, Christopher Farmer, Crosby Heniser, Haylea Hough, Abigail Johnson, Isaac Kunkler, Laci McGinnis, Mabrey McIntire, Trey Nichols, Morgan Reier, Lainey Reynolds, Ana Solis, Sebastian Solis, Alizabeth Stotler, Lauryn VanCise, Jordan Wickey and Ashton Yowell for \$845; and Samuel Bracy, Grace Brewster, Olivia Bright, Bryce Collins, Heidi Cox, Aidan Garlinger, Mariah Gross, Tricia Ison, Adam Muhlenkamp, Chailey Muhlenkamp, Regina Muhlenkamp, Owen Ransom, Isabel Rodgers, McKenna Vore, Isabelle Wall and Seth Wilson for \$300. Haynes Starbuck II Scholarships of \$1,400 were approved for Crystal Anderson, Eliza Bader, Sarah Bowdell, Reid Claycomb, Alex Davis, Gavin Farmer, Nadia Hardman, Mikale Knight, Lindsey McIntire, Gavin Muhlenkamp, James Powers, Katie Robbins, Trevor Shaneyfelt, Kelsey Simmons, Konner Sommers, Makayla Templeton, Jessica Walter and Houston Yowell.

Sarah Bowdell, Samuel Bracy, Olivia Bright, Heidi Cox, Gavin Farmer, Nadia Hardman, Mikale Knight, Regina Muhlenkamp, Katie Robbins, Trevor Shaneyfelt, Kelsey Simmons and McKenna Vore each received \$1,300 Alwyn Carder Scholarships for students majoring in architecture, history

Scholarships were awarded to 74 applicants

or education, and Olivia Bright, Regina Muhlenkamp and Kelsey Simmons received \$1,200 Joyce A. Horn Scholarships for students majoring in elementary education.

Richard L. and Loretta E. (Larry) Zeigler Memorial Scholarships of \$1,200 for those pursuing degrees in education, agriculture or business went to Nadia Hardman, Dustin Harris, Mikale Knight and Katie Robbins. Shea Bailey earned a \$1,500 Marseal T. Deweerd, Edith T. Horn and Virgie M. Brady Memorial Scholarship.

Other scholarships were as follows:

- Janet B. Arnold Memorial Scholarship — \$900 to Nadia Hardman
- Carla E. Horn Memorial Scholarship — \$858 to Chailey Muhlenkamp
- Ruth Whipple Badders Scholarship — \$850 to Sarah Bowdell
- Martha Catharine Rockwell Music Scholarship — \$800 each to Daniel Bracy and Jordan Wickey

- Larry and Maria Hiatt Scholarship — \$700 to Alizabeth Stotler
- Clifford and Nancy Ball Scholarship — \$675 each to Daniel Bracy, Ashlyn Dow, Erin Emery, Gabrielle Paxson, Olivia Rowles, Rachel Stultz and Bridget Yowell

- Linus and Margaret Mescher Scholarship — \$600 each to Daniel Bracy, Ashlyn Dow, Erin Emery, Gabrielle Paxson, Olivia Rowles, Rachel Stultz and Bridget Yowell

- James and Imogene Cowan Memorial Scholarship — \$550 to Megan Sims

- Lola (Louks) Gadbury Nursing Scholarship — \$500 to Chelsea Blankenship

- Shirley Franck Perseverance Scholarship — \$435 to Katie Robbins and \$200 to Bridget Yowell

- Altrusa Club of Portland Scholarship — \$430 to Megan Sims

- Robert Quadrozzi Memorial Scholarship — \$415 to Ana Solis and Sebastian Solis

- Charles & Ruth Joos Scholarship — \$355 each to Eden Abshire, Mara Bader, Lauren Brewster, Thomas Charles, Hilary Cox, Austin Dirksen, Christopher Farmer, Crosby Heniser, Haylea Hough, Abigail Johnson, Isaac Kunkler, Laci McGinnis, Mabrey McIntire, Trey Nichols, Morgan Reier, Lainey Reynolds, Ana Solis, Sebastian Solis, Alizabeth Stotler, Lauryn VanCise, Jordan Wickey and Ashton Yowell

- East Central Opportunities Scholarship — \$300 each to Ana Solis and Sebastian Solis

- John Jay Center for Learning Scholarship — \$140 each to each to Ana Solis and Sebastian Solis

SERVICES

Today
Nuckols, Joseph: Baird-Freeman Funeral Home, 221 N. Meridian St., Portland.

Thursday
Affolder, Ray: 5 p.m., Downing & Glancy Funeral Home, 100 Washington St., Geneva.

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Lugar ...

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Funds for the monument and celebration were raised privately from hundreds of donors, Richardson said, and former U.S. Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice will be the keynote speaker.

Jonathan Hess, a board chairman with Browning Day, recalled Morris' ask two-plus years ago to memorialize Lugar's legacy, which would draw from several stages of his life.

"I'm an architect; I've never done a monument before," Hess said. "So my process is really one where you do your research and you listen carefully."

Prior to his 36 years in the U.S. Senate, Lugar was Indianapolis' mayor from 1968 to 1976 and a school board member.

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Parents handle grief for now

By CHRIS SCHANZ

The Commercial Review
It's inevitable our daughter will experience grief.

She can sit this one out for now.

Charlie, the charter member of the "Chrissy & Chris Rescue Zoo," crossed the rainbow bridge Aug. 19.

The 14-year-old female mix between a Jack Russell terrier and sheltie had been on the decline for about a year.

It all started with a bout of kennel cough we think she might have picked up from a trip to visit our groomer. A couple days after one of her appointments, she developed a throaty cough. A few days later, our other dog, Moose, 12, contracted it as well.

While Moose's ailments subsided over time, Charlie's became more prolonged. An appointment with our veterinarian revealed she had a collapsing trachea, and her incessant coughing was her attempting to alleviate the constricting airway.

Our vet had prescribed her hydrocodone — yes, the Schedule II controlled substance the Drug Enforcement Agency classifies as equal to oxycodone, Adderall, Ritalin, fentanyl and methamphet-

Parental Ponderings



amine — to lessen her symptoms.

After a few months of treating her trachea issue, we discovered Charlie had developed heart disease; an irreversible, yet manageable, affliction in canines. She was prescribed an expensive, twice-daily pill to help with her newest condition.

She was eventually put on short-term steroids, which helped to shrink the size of her heart and also lessen her coughs. But the latter eventually returned. And they were worse than before.

Her attitude changed drastically, too. Often lethargic, she no longer wanted to use her ramp to get on the couch. She stopped using her dog bed at night. If she wasn't sleeping, she was breathing heavily or coughing.

At times it would be frustrating because her fits would wake our napping daughter.

So Chrissy and I had to ask ourselves the question

no pet owner wants to answer: Is it time?

A consultation with our vet on a Thursday afternoon confirmed our suspicion. It would be best to relieve her of her suffering.

Because I wasn't at the appointment, Chrissy decided to postpone the inevitable to give us one final weekend with her.

It was a tough one. We spoiled her as best we could, giving her all of the junk food we had tried hard to limit in recent years.

Charlie had been long unable to go on our nightly walks, so I slightly modified a deep wagon and pulled around the block a couple of times. She smiled the whole walk, nose going a million miles an hour to get in all the sniffs.

Charlie often liked to just lay in the grass and watch the world go by with the breeze running through her hair. We let her have that experience one more time.

Chrissy and I agreed that it was an odd feeling, our final weekend with Charlie. The clock was ticking and we knew the deadline.

Nevertheless, we made the best of those days with Charlie. We cried. We reminisced. We appreciated the times we had together.

I entered Charlie's life when she was 6 years old. Chrissy got her as a puppy — her first dog as an adult.

While I was not there at the beginning, it does not mean I loved Charlie any less than if I was with her throughout her well-lived 14 years. She was still my dog and a big part of our family.

My heart ached for my wife, having to make the decision to put down a dog for the first time and also being there when her first pet crossed over. Having already experienced the latter, I know it's far from easy, even if you're able to say goodbye like we were with Charlie.

And this farewell was probably the hardest of my life, Charlie being "my" sixth dog.

Thankfully, at 5 months old, Baby Schanz didn't have to experience the heartache her parents did.

With four animals remaining in the Chrissy & Chris Rescue Zoo, it's inevitable she'll experience this grief.

But we'll handle it for now.

Rest easy, sweet Charlie.

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Chris Schanz is a former CR sports editor embarking on a new journey as a father. You can reach him at christopher.schanz@gmail.com.

Man develops feelings suddenly

DEAR ABBY: I have been around "Kendra" since she was 4. I am 59 and not married to her mother, although we are good friends. Kendra is 36 now and has an 8-year-old son. She lives with her boyfriend, who is the father. They are not married. We have a great relationship.

For some reason, over the past four months, my feelings for Kendra have grown into an infatuation. I mean, I have always loved her, but now I wish I was with her: I WANT to be with her. My feelings are so strong, I would even marry her. I know she loves me, but I doubt in the way I love her now.

I don't want to destroy what we have, but it's killing me that I can't be with her. I have jealous feelings like a kid. I love her very much and would never do anything to hurt her. I guess I'm just a stupid old man thinking this way, but I can't help it. I can honestly say I'm in love with her. I am confused about what I need to do. — LOVING HER IN THE EAST

DEAR LOVING: What happened four months ago that changed your feelings about Kendra from the paternal ones you have felt for the last 32 years? If you express to her the (lustful) feelings you are

Dear Abby



harboring, you will blow the entire family apart. An appropriate place to examine your feelings would be in the office of a licensed psychotherapist. Please don't wait.

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DEAR ABBY: My husband, "Jake," tells his mother where we plan to go and what we plan to do on our "date nights." On several occasions, she has actually shown up. She pretends to be surprised when she sees us, asking us "what we're up to." She doesn't try to sit with us or hang around, thank goodness, but she's there, watching and listening from a short distance. She has never liked me, and I suspect this is another of her passive-aggressive ways to get under my skin.

Our date nights are an active effort to try to save our marriage. The first

time she showed up, I told Jake I didn't like it and that it better not happen again. He assured me it wouldn't. I also asked him to stop telling her where we're going and what we're going to do. He hasn't done that. He says he "can't" tell his mother to leave because it's a public place, and she has every right to be there, too. What should I do? — HAD IT IN OKLAHOMA

DEAR HAD IT: If you and Jake are serious about saving your marriage and not yet in marriage counseling, start talking with a licensed marriage and family therapist NOW. Jake appears to be a man who can't say no to his mother. Your MIL does have a right to patronize any restaurant she pleases, but she should not be hovering over your shoulders. A therapist may be able to help you get that message across to your husband, whose priorities appear to be skewed.

In the meantime, YOU should take charge of your date nights. Make the reservations and tell no one where you are going — even your husband.

Community Calendar

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

Today
WEDNESDAY MORN-

ING 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.

SINGLES AND SEPARATES SUPPORT GROUP — For anyone who's lost a loved one or has a spouse living in long-term care or suffering from an illness, the group will meet at 2 p.m. the first Wednesday of each month in the Arthur & Gloria Muselman Wellness Pavilion in Berne. For more information, call Sarah Conrad at (260) 589-4496.

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

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.

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.

FORGET-ME-NOT — A support group for parents, friends and relatives who have lost a baby through miscarriage, birth or illness will meet from 7 to 9 p.m. at St. Vincent Randolph Hospital, Winchester, in community room 1. For more information, call Kimberly Sibery at (765) 964-6075 or Nikki Bosworth at (765) 584-6452.

PORTLAND LIONS CLUB — Will meet the first Thursday of the month at Portland Lions Civic Center, 307 W. 100 North. The meal will be served at 6:30 p.m. and the meeting will begin at 7 p.m.

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Saturday's Solution

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Drop off at college sparked stories

Editor's note: This column is being reprinted from Sept. 2, 2004. In the last few weeks, many parents had the experience of dropping their child off at college for the first time. As much had changed between Jack going to Earlham and taking his daughter Sally to Indiana University, even more has changed in the last two decades. The idea of a typewriter is more quaint than ever.

By JACK RONALD
The News and Sun

We were awful. There we were, taking Sally down to Bloomington for her freshman year at Indiana University, and all we could talk about was what it was like — a million years ago — when our parents had taken us off to college.

You could hardly blame us. The contrasts were so obvious, it was impossible not to comment on them.

Back in the Saddle



There was laundry for one thing.

When I headed off for college, one of the odd things I took along was an aluminum, expandable box. Its intended purpose: To send laundry home. Safe to say, it was never used.

I found the laundromat within the first ten days, and despite the usual problem of turning some underwear pink when washed with a red sweatshirt, I did OK.

Then there was the matter of computers.

When Connie and I went off to college, a computer was something larger than a garage.

Today, it's smaller than a ream of paper.

Its pleistocene era equivalent was something that we today quaintly refer to as a "typewriter."

I didn't have a typewriter when I set out for college.

Why? Because my parents were old enough that a typewriter was still classified on the edge of "new-fangled" technology. It was something for offices, for professionals, and certainly not for wooly-headed college kids.

Trouble is, my first week as a freshman at Earlham I was told that I not only had to produce a paper based upon a book I was supposed to read, but also that the course demanded that I have five extra copies of the paper available for classmates in a study group to read.

That sounds easy in 2004. Just hit "5" in the number of copies when you print the document.

But in the typewriter era, it was something else again. One copy for the prof and five copies for other students meant six sheets of paper and five sheets of carbon paper jammed into the carriage of a typewriter.

And I didn't have a typewriter. Few of us did. And those who did soon found themselves sharing with the rest of us. Since many of us were taking the same freshman classes, that also meant that we learned some very basic lessons about the allocation of resources.

Six simultaneous copies of a paper also had a direct impact upon the quality of our scholarship.

None of us who lived in the land of borrowed typewriter time enjoyed the luxury of multiple drafts. We'd do our best to collect our thoughts, build an outline, and then compose.

But when each keystroke goes through six sheets of typing

paper and five sheets of carbon paper, it's almost as if you are chiseling your essay in stone. Bam! A letter. Bam! Another letter. Bam! A typo!

Typos, of course, were a bad thing.

So most of us used a product called "Corrasable" bond paper. That meant we could erase the typo on the top sheet, the one the professor was going to see.

But for the copies, we tended to economize with regular paper.

The result was that the prof might understand what the heck we were trying to say, but our classmates were in the dark. (Sometimes, I think I'm still using the same method of writing today.)

The stories rambled on and on. I'm sure I actually heard Sally's eyes rolling at one point.

But that's OK. She can get her revenge when she takes her own kids off to college many years down the road.

Fed shouldn't stop worrying about inflation

Bloomberg Opinion
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At the recent central-bank symposium at Jackson Hole, Federal Reserve Chairman Jerome Powell delivered a widely expected message on interest rates: "The time has come for policy to adjust." He all but confirmed that the Fed would cut rates by at least a quarter-point when its policymakers next meet in September.

A modest cut makes sense. Inflation remains a little above target but continues to subside — and thanks to a cooler labor market, a lower policy rate would suffice to maintain gentle downward pressure on prices. That said, one of the points Powell made in his address deserves emphasis. Over the coming months, the biggest mistake the central bank could make would be to let investors think its attention is shifting away from inflation.

The Fed has a dual mandate — price stability and maximum employment — and needs to maintain equal weight on both. As Powell said, the upside risk on inflation has diminished and the downside risk on employment has increased. That dictates a policy adjustment, but this shouldn't be construed as unduly prioritizing employment over inflation. A shift in the balance of risks is not the same as a shift in the importance attached to each goal.

This is no mere semantic distinction. Powell's speech drew attention to what's at stake if the Fed is suspected of setting its inflation goal aside.

He asked: How did the Fed succeed in suppressing inflation without tanking the economy? His main answer was that in tightening policy decisively (albeit belatedly) in the spring of 2022, the central bank affirmed its commitment to a 2% inflation target — which, in turn, kept expectations anchored. As a result, the central bank's preferred measure of underlying inflation stood at 2.6% in June, down from its peak of 5.6% in 2022, with (as yet) no substantial increase in unemployment, much less an out-

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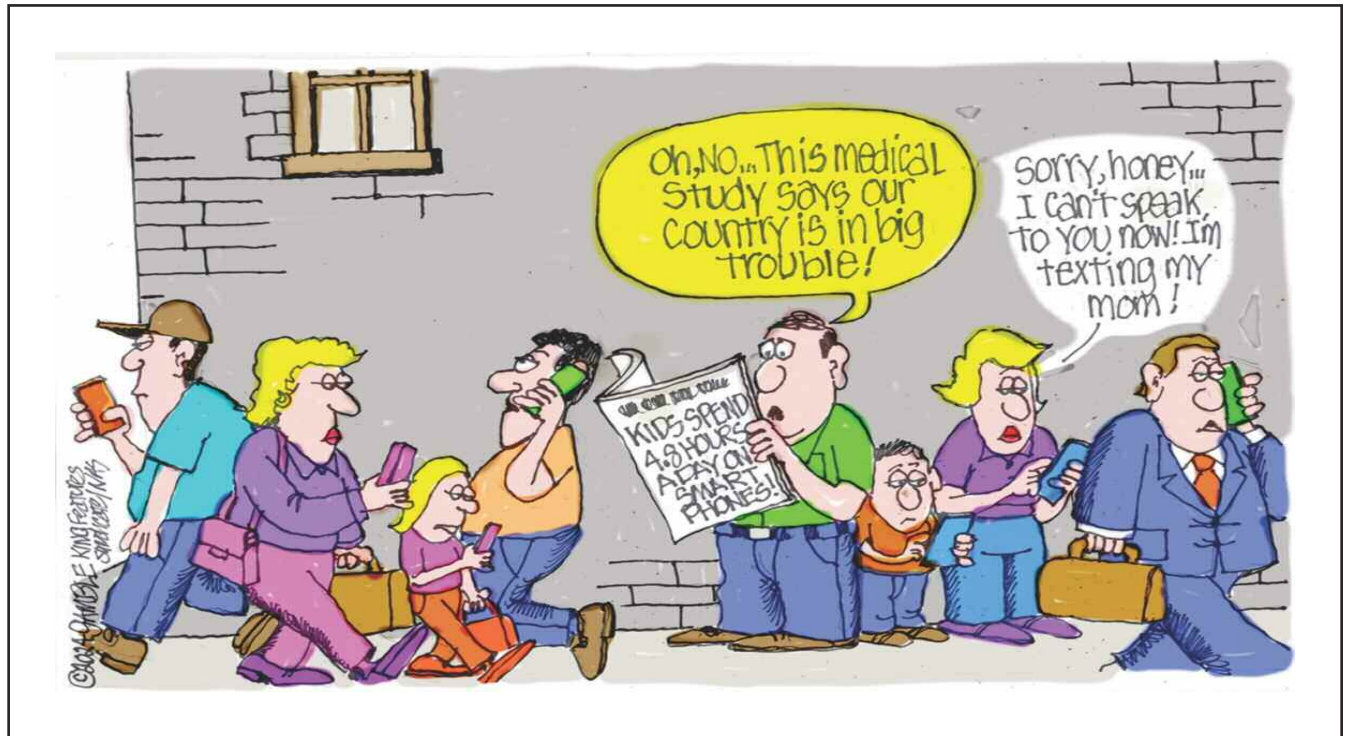
right recession. If the Fed had let expectations rise, a recession might very well have been necessary to get prices under control.

The task of managing these expectations is complicated by the appetite of investors and analysts for momentous turning points — that is, for seeing policy adjustments as shifts from one regime to another, as opposed to being dictated by a single consistent approach. Central banks, anxious not to take investors by surprise, sometimes aggravate this problem by suggesting that a change in interest rates commits them to further changes over the next year or more. This helps explain why the Fed chose not to raise rates in the second half of 2021, and perhaps why it decided not to cut them at its meeting last month: In both cases, the evidence supported a change in rates, but not firmly enough to justify an entirely new path.

There's a lot to be said for changing rates more readily in response to new data while avoiding promises, real or imagined, about what happens later. The commitment should be to the central bank's goals, not to a schedule for future policy. Lately Powell and his colleagues have edged in this direction, putting less weight on "forward guidance" and more on "data dependence" in service of the dual mandate.

That's wise. In its next review of monetary strategy and communications, about to get under way, the Fed should take this thinking further.

As things stand, a small cut in interest rates is warranted. Whether it should be 0.25% or 0.50% can wait for new information on prices and jobs that will be released between now and next month's meeting. After that, whether rates fall, rise or stay the same should depend on the data.



Evidence doesn't support adage

By ZACH STOCK
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"You've got to stand for something, or you're gonna fall for anything!" This Mellencamp lyric made a big impression on me as a kid. A lifelong Hoosier born in one small town and raised in another, I've struggled for years to allow myself the space to change my mind about big questions. Silly as it might seem, the well-worn "Scarecrow" cassette tape in my mind is still the soundtrack to that struggle.

Maybe it's not that silly. Simultaneously playing on innate hopes and fears, the call to stand for something is a powerful rallying cry. We want to fight for "right," and we fear failing to rise to the challenge, of not measuring up. We don't want to be indecisive, weak, or impressionable.

Most people want to be seen as principled. Alexander Hamilton is celebrated for endorsing his political nemesis because "Jefferson has beliefs. Burr has none." And the audience isn't fully onboard with Han Solo until he gives up his roguish ways and commits to the Rebel Alliance.

But standing up can go too far. It can tap deeply and dangerously into tribalist tendencies and calcify thinking. It causes us to rationalize — continuously revising arguments to justify a particular idea, cause, or group irrespective of our doubts or the facts.

This stubborn dedication is fine when rooting for the Hoosiers against the Boilermakers, but it's a problem in the realm of ideas. It's especially problematic in formulating public policy. Standing for something shouldn't require sticking with the same policy year after year expecting a positive result despite overwhelming evidence to the contrary. Some would say this is the definition of insanity.

Tough on crime?

Yet, this often happens when voters and policymakers talk about crime. Tough on crime is the operative

Zach Stock



cliché. According to the Pew Research Center, most registered voters say the current criminal justice system is too soft. This isn't a big surprise. Voters have been saying the same thing for decades, and, as you would expect in a democracy, politicians take the same view. From right (Richard Nixon) to left (Bill Clinton), candidates tell voters that in a so-and-so administration, streets will be safe because every criminal will be guaranteed hard time in prison. The implicit message is that we stand for being tough on crime lest we fall for a more compassionate approach.

Apparently, it goes unnoticed that we have been extremely tough on crime for generations. While prison population numbers are down from their peak, Indiana's incarceration rate is still well above the national (and global) rate. Moreover, time spent in prison has increased for many years. Whatever you think of these numbers, it seems clear that we aren't exactly mollycoddling folks on the wrong side of the law.

Perhaps more to the point, almost zero evidence exists to support the tough-on-crime stance. Even with the recent spike in violence (which is returning to pre-pandemic levels), crime has been trending downward for 30 years. Incarceration has played only a tiny role in this drop, and an important study has concluded that since 2000, the increase in incarceration has played almost no role at all. In other words, we are not standing for something when we wave the tough-on-crime flag. Instead, we're falling for our slogans and rationalizing beliefs.

Reform over incarceration

The good news is that not everyone

is being taken in. Many have led the charge for important reforms. A decade ago, state legislative leaders enacted a major criminal code reform. A few years ago, the supermajority passed juvenile justice reform, and recent efforts to grapple with the long-standing intersection of mental illness and our criminal courts are a true breath of fresh air.

Another positive sign is the recent (albeit sporadic) reluctance to pass criminal statutes and raise penalties for every problem we face. As the Interim Committee on Correction and Criminal Code will soon examine, the tendency to add new crimes and sentences has continued since the 2014 reforms. Some legislators appear to have noticed, and a few might even believe it's counterproductive. Several criminal law bills taking an unjustified tough-on-crime approach — from enhanced sentences for habitual offenders to new varieties of reckless driving — have failed or been sharply curtailed in the last few sessions.

Here's hoping that trend is real and will continue. There is no reason it shouldn't. From poverty reduction measures to evidence-based community violence intervention, we know there are better ways to address crime. We only need the courage to change our minds and the willingness to try new things. Thanks in part to a fear of looking foolish, it took me a long time to come around. But, eventually, the evidence of failure became more important than the unjustified fear.

Those who won't change and continue to preach punishment remind me of another Mellencamp lyric. Chastising the banker foreclosing on the family farm, he says, "Hey, calling it your job ol' hoss, sure don't make it right."

The same can be said for business-as-usual criminal justice policy. The record shows that we can't punish our way out of our problems. Continuing to try, or — what is worse — believing it's your job to stand up for tough policies, doesn't make it right. It's just wishful thinking.

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New ortho clinic opens in Muncie

A new healthcare facility recently opened in Muncie.

IU Health Orthopedics and Sports Medicine – Muncie opened its doors last week at 2701 W. North St.

The clinic is offering same-day orthopedic care with no appointment or referral needed, according to a press release. It will treat medical issues including muscle, bone and joint injuries, sports injuries, broken bones and dislocations.

“As our community’s healthcare needs continue to expand, ensuring accessible, high-quality care in Muncie has never been more critical,” said Kreigh Cook, IU Health east central region chief operating officer, in a press release. “The opening of our new walk-in clinic marks a significant achievement in our ongoing mission to provide expert care that seamlessly fits into our patients’ busy lives.”

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For more information, go online to IUHealth.org/MuncieOrtho.

Ribbon cutting

Jay County Chamber of Commerce will host a ribbon-cutting ceremony Saturday for Jay County Cancer Society.

The ribbon-cutting is scheduled for 10 a.m. at the cancer society’s new site at 227 N. Meridian St., Portland.

Project operating

Invenergy’s El Sol Energy Storage Center has begun operations in Arizona, the company announced last week.

It makes the company’s 10th battery energy storage facility in the state. They

total nearly 200 megawatts of energy.

“The start of commercial operations at El Sol is an exciting milestone for Invenergy, marking our 10th storage project online in the state which helps meet the high customer demand for clean energy in Arizona,” said Jim Shield, senior executive vice president and chief commercial officer at Invenergy, in a press release. “Our investment in clean energy storage nationwide recognizes the growing need for diverse and safe energy sources and infrastructure that provides Americans with more reliable, affordable electricity year-round.”

Invenergy is developing Skycrest Solar in northwest Jay County.

NP joins group

Mercer Health Medical Group has added Derek Jay to its staff.

Jay, a family certified nurse practitioner, has

joined Mercer Health’s Southland office in New Bremen, Ohio. He is a native of St. Marys, Ohio. For more information, visit mercero-health.com.

Named CFO

Tyson Foods has named Curt Calaway as its new chief financial officer.

Calaway has held the position on an interim basis following John R. Tyson, who is on a health-related leave. He has been with the company, which owns and operates Tyson Mexican Original in Portland, for 18 years. He has held various roles with the company, including treasurer, controller, chief accounting officer and vice president of audit and compliance.

“Curt is a proven leader with deep industry knowledge and a wealth of experience in financial strategy and reporting,” said Tyson president and CEO Donnie King. “I am confident Curt will continue to help drive

our operational excellence and shareholder value.”

Selling direct

Eli Lilly last week announced that it will start selling its new weight loss drug direct to consumers.

Lilly, an Indianapolis-based pharmaceuticals firm, plans to begin offering Zepbound in single-dose vials. According to a press release, they will be half price or less compared to other incretin medicines for obesity.

The new offering will make the drug available, with a prescription, to patients who are not covered for it via insurance.

“We are excited to share that the Zepbound single-dose vials are now here, further delivering on our promise to increase supply of Zepbound in the U.S.,” said Patrik Jonsson, Lilly executive vice president, in the release. “These new vials not only help us meet the high demand for our obesity medicine, but also

broaden access for patients seeking a safe and effective treatment option. In a clinical study, the 5 mg maintenance dose helped patients achieve an average of 15% weight loss after 72 weeks of treatment and has been a powerful tool for millions of people with obesity looking to lose weight and keep it off.”

Hosting seminar

Indiana Chamber of Commerce will host a Fall Protection – Competent Person Certification course in October.

The two-day training on Oct. 3 and 4 will include employer responsibility for fall protection, dropped object protection, and rescue solutions and plans. For more information, visit indianachamber.com.

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Judge in Brazil immediately suspends X

By DANIEL CARVALHO and ANDREW ROSATI

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Brazil’s top court determined the immediate suspension of X in the country after its billionaire owner Elon Musk refused to name a legal representative for the social network in Latin America’s largest nation.

The banning of the platform formerly known as Twitter caps a monthslong feud between Musk and Supreme Court Justice Alexandre de Moraes, who is spearheading efforts to combat fake news and hate speech that he says are harming Brazil’s democracy.

X has been contributing to “an environment of total impunity and lawlessness in Brazilian social networks, including during the 2024 local elections,” Moraes wrote in his ruling, saying the company has repeatedly and deliberately disrespected court orders.

“Extremist groups and digital militias” have been using the platform for “massive dissemination of Nazi, racist, fascist, hateful and anti-democratic speeches,” he wrote, adding that anyone using VPN to access X would be subject to daily fines of 50,000 reais (\$8,900).

Minutes after the ruling was published, Musk lashed out at Moraes on his platform. “Free speech is the bedrock of democracy and an unelected pseudojudge in Brazil is destroying it for political purposes,” he wrote. “The oppressive regime in Brazil is so afraid of the people learning the truth that they will bankrupt anyone who tries.”

When asked for comment, X referred Bloomberg to a post

‘Extremist groups and digital militias’ have been using the platform for ‘massive dissemination of Nazi, racist, fascist, hateful and anti-democratic speeches.’

—Justice Alexandre De Moraes

from Thursday evening on its official Global Government Affairs page, which states the company plans to “publish all of Judge de Moraes’ illegal demands and all related court filings in the interest of transparency.”

The social media platform was still available Friday evening as Moraes’ ruling takes some time to take effect. Brazil’s telecommunications watchdog has 24 hours to implement the ban, the ruling said. Apple and Google have five days to block X in iOS and Android and remove the X app from their online stores, while Internet service providers must ban it over the same period of time.

Ahead of the decision, Brazilian celebrities, internet personalities and politicians, including President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva, were bracing for the ban by tweeting social media handles on other networks to their audiences.

Musk shut down X’s office in Brazil earlier this month to protest against orders to remove certain accounts that allegedly

spread misinformation. In response, the court notified the company on Wednesday evening, replying to a post on X, that Moraes had given it 24 hours to name a legal representative in the country or risk having its service suspended.

Brazil has historically been a key market for many of the largest social networking services, X included. It’s estimated that X has tens of millions active users in the country, according to external estimates, and Brazil has long been one of X’s largest hubs outside of the United States and Japan.

Brazil is not the first country where X has been suspended. The service has long been banned in China, Iran and North Korea, among others. In 2022, it was restricted in Russia after President Vladimir Putin invaded neighboring Ukraine. Former Twitter executives had paused advertising in the country, and begun labeling links from all state-backed Russian media outlets, eventually setting up a separate version of the service to

help people access it despite government restrictions.

Democracies around the world are grappling with the effects of social media on their elections and politics. But Brazil has taken some of the most aggressive action to hold companies accountable for content after its 2022 presidential vote.

During the campaign, former President Jair Bolsonaro took to the airwaves and online platforms to sow distrust about his nation’s electronic voting system. Baseless claims of hacking and vote stealing fueled the rage of Bolsonaro supporters that rioted in Brasilia on the false belief that Lula had lost the election.

In April, Moraes included Musk in a broad investigation into so-called digital militias, or organized groups accused of using social media to spread false information and vitriol, and slapped the company with fines for disobeying court orders to remove content.

The move only seemed to escalate the showdown between Brazil’s top court and the world’s richest person. While X initially complied with orders to take down accounts suspected of promulgating falsehoods, Musk later appeared to challenge Moraes, announcing he would lift restrictions even if it hurt his company’s bottom line.

In August, X issued a statement saying it would close operations in Brazil “effective immediately” after Moraes threatened its legal representative with arrest for not following court orders. All the while, Musk continued to rail against the judge on his platform, alleging his

efforts to police content amounted to overreach and censorship.

He responded to the order to name a representative in Brazil by posting picture of a bald man in black robes behind bars — an apparently AI-generated image of Moraes. “One day, Alexandre, this picture of you in prison will be real. Mark my words,” Musk wrote.

A self-declared free speech absolutist, Musk stripped the company of much of its content-moderating infrastructure and personnel since purchasing it in 2022. The company mostly relies on X users to police content for misinformation through Community Notes, a feature that adds labels to posts when users find them misleading.

Musk often uses his platform to rebut critics and chide world leaders, including Brazil first lady Rosangela da Silva, whose X page was allegedly hacked last year. And the clash with authorities has won Musk praise within Brazil’s conservative circles, which have long accused the judiciary of attacking their cause.

If maintained, the judicial ban risks depriving X of one of its largest markets outside the U.S. It strips thousands of candidates of popular campaign tool ahead of local elections taking place in October across more than 5,000 Brazilian municipalities.

A December survey found that 29% of smartphone users in Brazil have X installed. As of the first quarter of 2024, the platform had about 20 million active users in the country, according to Sensor Tower, a data firm, down about 15% from the year prior.



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Crews restore damaged landscape

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Yosemite National Park is famous for towering waterfalls, giant sequoia trees and massive granite cliffs. But at an out-of-the-way spot near the park's western boundary few visitors ever see, a landmark of a different type is taking shape.

Workers are making progress this summer on an ambitious plan to turn a 400-acre property that was used for generations as a cattle pasture back into a healthy Sierra Nevada meadow.

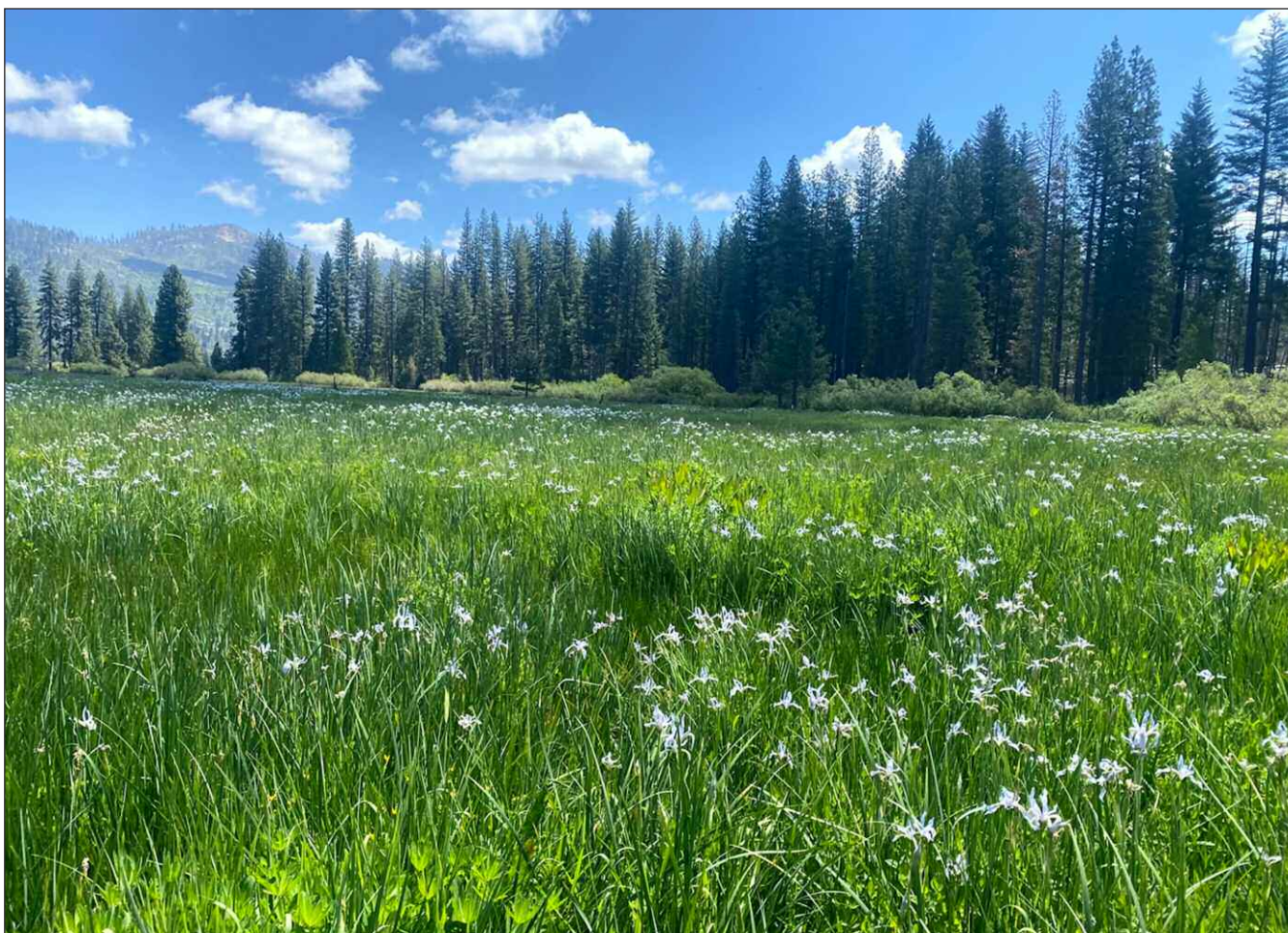
The project at Ackerson Meadow, the largest wetlands restoration in Yosemite's history, involves filling in massive amounts of erosion — including a 3-mile long gully that is 14 feet deep and 100 feet wide — with hundreds of truckloads of dirt and mulch, along with planting 425,000 native plants and more than 700 pounds of wildflower seeds.

The work, by crews overseen by Yosemite officials, began last year and is scheduled to finish next summer. The goal is to restore natural conditions not seen in the scenic meadow

between Yosemite's Big Oak Flat entrance station and Hetch Hetchy Reservoir since before the 1880s, when cattle grazing, logging and homesteading began there.

"It's an amazing location, with amazing resources. This meadow is a rare oasis in the Sierra," said Frank Dean, president of the Yosemite Conservancy, a non-profit group based in San Francisco that is helping fund the \$17.7 million restoration project. "It's an incredibly rich place."

Ackerson Meadow is home to great grey owls, black bears and at least 55 species of birds, including the endangered little willow flycatcher. The proper-



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Wild irises bloom at Ackerson Meadow in Yosemite National Park in spring 2023. Workers are making progress this summer on an ambitious plan to turn a 400-acre property that was used for generations as a cattle pasture back into a healthy Sierra Nevada meadow.

ty is closed to the public during construction but afterward is expected to be open again.

It was included in the original boundaries of the park in 1890, then removed a few years later when Congress made adjustments to the map. Perched on the boundary of Yosemite and Stanislaus National Forest, it remained in private hands for more than a century.

The landscape, at about 4,600 feet elevation, had been coveted by developers for years as the site of a possible resort or other development.

In 2016, the Trust for Public Land, a non-profit group based in San Fran-

cisco, paid \$2.3 million to purchase the property from Robin and Nancy Wainwright, members of a longtime ranching family in the area. The land trust donated the land to Yosemite, and it became the largest expansion of the 750,000-acre park since 1949.

That year in an interview with the Associated Press, Robin Wainwright said his family had turned down a higher offer from developers who planned to build a resort there. He said the property bloomed with vibrant wildflowers in the spring, and he often saw bears wandering through the area and owls gliding overhead.

"To have that accessible by everyone to me is just a great thing," he said. "It was worth losing a little bit of money for that."

The transfer was not without controversy, however. It was opposed some ranchers and members of the Tuolumne County Board of Supervisors.

Shaun Crook, a board member of the Tuolumne County Farm Bureau, said in 2016 when Yosemite announced the deal that the property had been used for logging and to fatten beef cattle.

"That will no longer happen," he said at the time. "I fear we'll lose the value of that meadow."

Yosemite's meadows,

including Ackerson, are home to hundreds of plants and animal species. Only 3% of Yosemite is in meadows, but they are the location of one-third of all of the plant species found in the park, according to the National Park Service. They are also a key source of water for the Bay Area, filtering snow melt that eventually runs into rivers that provide water for San Francisco, the Peninsula, parts of San Jose and the East Bay.

"During the westward expansion of our country, a lot of homesteaders and businesses looked at meadows like this as a place to build and settle," said Guillermo Rodriguez, Cali-

fornia director of the Trust for Public Land.

"This meadow has been actively used for decades upon decades," he said. "The water was diverted and channelized. The natural state was completely changed. The idea of the restoration work is to let nature get back to what it does well."

Meadows act as sponges, soaking up water and allowing plants, insects, birds and other wildlife to flourish. Cattle grazing, dirt road building, logging and other activities over the years caused the soil to be compacted. That led to erosion, which carved the deep gullies. Those lowered the water table, drying out the property.

Crews have been filling the gullies with 150,000 cubic yards of dirt — about 15,000 dump trucks full — from nearby hillsides that burned in the 2013 Rim Fire. To form a mulch, they have been mixing the dirt with wood chips from firs, pines and other trees that have grown overly thick in the nearby Merced Grove of giant sequoias and been selectively removed to reduce fire risk.

"It's a win-win," Dean said.

Funding for the restoration project has come from donations from American Rivers, the Bonneville Environmental Foundation, California Department of Fish and Wildlife, the California Wildlife Conservation Board, Google, the National Park Foundation, the National Park Service, the U.S. Forest Service and the Yosemite Conservancy.

"Ackerson Meadow is a regionally critical wildlife corridor that supports an amazing amount of biodiversity," said Yosemite spokesman Scott Gediman. "The project truly exemplifies what can be achieved with a dedicated partnership."

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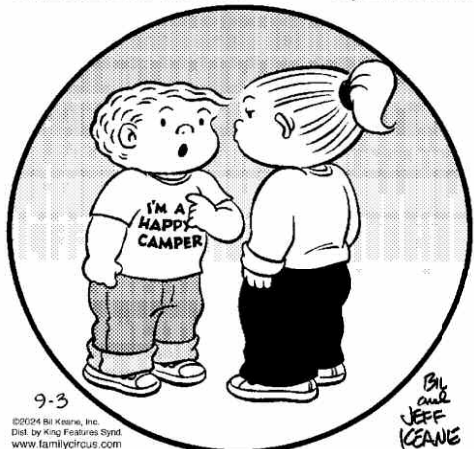
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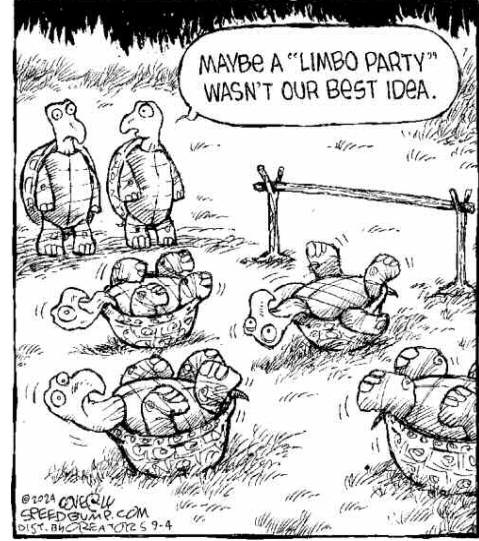


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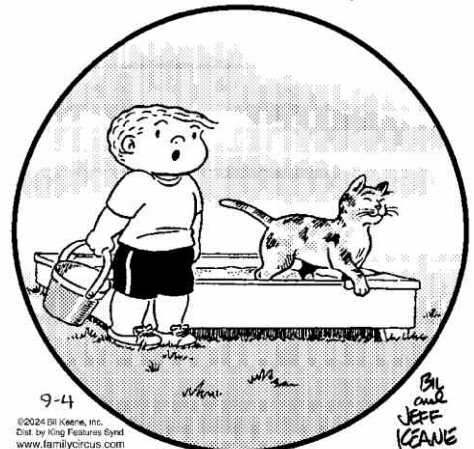


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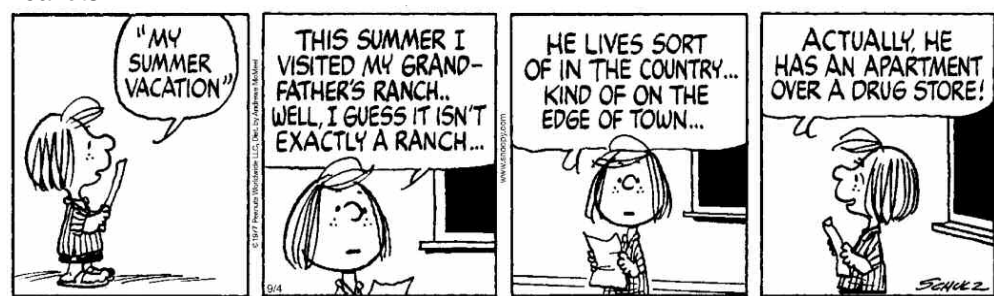
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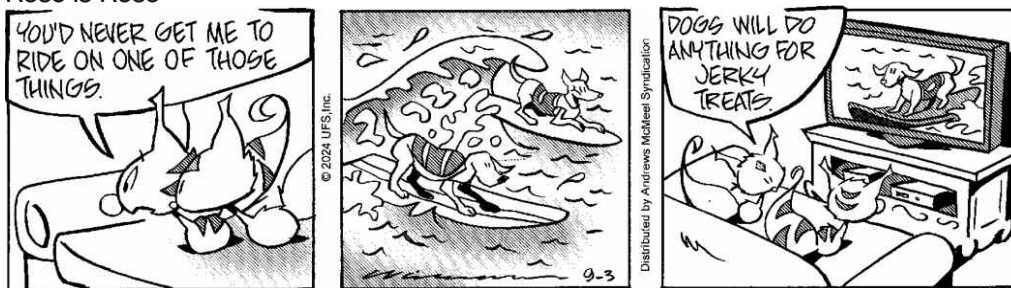
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Contract Bridge By Steve Becker

As ye sow, so shall ye reap

East dealer. East-West vulnerable. NORTH: ♠—, ♥A 10, ♦A 9 8 4, ♣A Q J 10 7 6 3. WEST: ♠9 7 5 4 2, ♥K Q J 8 5, ♦J 7, ♣4. EAST: ♠Q J 10 8 3, ♥9 6 3 2, ♦Q 10 6, ♣5. SOUTH: ♠A K 6, ♥7 4, ♦K 5 3 2, ♣K 9 8 2.

The bidding: East Pass, South 1♣, West Pass, North 7♣. Opening lead — king of hearts.

North's seven-club bid was hardly scientific, but the final contract is certainly reasonable. The only real problem is how to play the hand. Anyone whose nature is to play hastily could easily wind up down one. Declarer might win the opening heart lead with dummy's ace, cross to the nine of clubs and then

cash the A-K of spades, discarding a heart and a diamond from dummy. But, having done this, South would sooner or later lose a diamond trick.

However, declarer would not be putting his best foot forward if he played the hand in this fashion. Certainly, it's correct to win the heart lead and draw the two missing trumps. But when South cashes the A-K of spades, he should discard two diamonds from dummy instead of a heart and a diamond.

Declarer next plays the A-K of diamonds and ruffs a diamond in dummy, establishing his fourth diamond. He then returns to his hand with a trump and discards dummy's ten of hearts on the five of diamonds to make the grand slam.

The key to making the contract lies in not giving in to the initial impulse to try to dispose of dummy's ten of hearts immediately. A moment of reflection should allow declarer to see that the only real chance for the grand slam is to opt for the 68% probability that the missing diamonds are divided 3-2 and proceed accordingly.

Tomorrow: Experts are human too. ©2024 King Features Syndicate Inc.

9-4 CRYPTOQUIP

V D L X T L A V L J V Y B K V L X E
A H J R X G D H Y R A X G G V B D T K J
A X V E L K L K X, A X E X B G V T X E

"H'J DHYHRAXE!"

Yesterday's Cryptquip: WHEN FOLKS TAKE THEIR LEASHED DOGS OUT FOR WALKS, YOU MIGHT SAY THEY'RE STRINGING THEM ALONG. Today's Cryptquip Clue: A equals H

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS 25 "What's superior for me?" 40 Hosp. sections 10 "Eureka!" 12 Lustrous white 4 LL 26 Bitty biter 14 "— fair in ..." 27 Salty 28 Rise 2 Slasher 15 What-ever 7 Garbage barge 30 Young lion 3 Dorm room 20 Speck 8 Novelist Carr 33 Disney teen furniture Sam 10 Arcade pioneer played 4 Barber's 22 Baby, grands, e.g. 11 Islands near by Miley Cyrus 5 Stag 32 "Humbug!" 13 Western capital 36 TV's Dr. Howser 7 Dance move 23 Part of A.D. 16 Chest-beating beast 38 Shell out 8 Scented soap brand (Suff.) 25 Some-what 39 Houston baller, briefly 9 Kitchen gadget 26 Played at a casino 18 Heavy weight 28 More prudent 19 Depend (on) 29 Dilutes 30 Tote 31 "Do — others ..."

Solution time: 23 mins.

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Yesterday's answer 9-4

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Contract Bridge By Steve Becker

On a wing and a prayer

East dealer. East-West vulnerable. NORTH: ♠K J 9 5, ♥Q 10 2, ♦7 3 2, ♣K 7 3. WEST: ♠10, ♥8 6 4, ♦A K Q 10 8 5, ♣Q 10 2. EAST: ♠Q 8 7 6 2, ♥7 5, ♦J, ♣9 8 5 4. SOUTH: ♠A 4 3, ♥A K J 9 3, ♦9 6 4, ♣A 6.

The bidding: East Pass, South 1♥, West 2♦, North 4♥. Opening lead — king of diamonds.

Many things in life are taken for granted without giving them much thought. You know that if you drop something heavy, it will fall down, not up; that the sun rises in the east, not the west; and that two and two is four, not five.

In bridge, you know that there are 52 cards in the deck, 13 in each suit, and that each player is dealt 13 cards. You don't always need to utilize this knowledge, but it's there just the same.

Take this deal where West cashes three diamonds and shifts to a trump. Declarer draws trump and is faced with the task of avoiding a spade loser. It can be seen that if he plays the ace and another spade, he goes down. The planned finesse against the queen goes up in smoke when West shows out on the second spade.

But if South plays his cards more carefully, he can make the contract. Before tackling the spades, he should cash the A-K of clubs and ruff a club. These preliminary plays pay a handsome dividend when South learns that West — who is already known to have started with six diamonds and three hearts — also started with at least three clubs.

It follows, as night the day, that West cannot have more than one spade, so nothing can be gained by cashing the ace of spades first. Instead, declarer should lead the three toward dummy's king, hoping that West's spade, if he has one, is the queen or ten.

When West produces the ten, South has no further problem. He wins with dummy's king and returns the jack, knowing full well that East has the queen and that the finesse will succeed.

Tomorrow: As ye sow, so shall ye reap. ©2024 King Features Syndicate Inc.

9-3 CRYPTOQUIP

C P L Q O V F Z U B J Z L B P L R A
F L J U P L X X V K U V I B O V A C J F Z U,
D V I Y R K P B U J D B P L D A L

UBARQKRQK BPLY JFVQK.

Yesterday's Cryptquip: IF AN ECCENTRIC MAN TOOK LONG NAPS IN HIS FIREPLACE, I THINK HE MIGHT SLEEP LIKE A LOG. Today's Cryptquip Clue: D equals Y

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS 38 Egg (Pref.) 39 Hydro-carbon suffix 5 Turkish title 8 Colony denizens 12 Leer at 13 Collar 14 Be furious 15 Yuletide tune 16 Macabre 18 In a brusque way 20 As good as new, health-wise 21 Rage agency 22 "It's c-c-cold!" 23 "The Climb" singer Cyrus 26 Resentments 30 Omega preceder 31 Soup legume 32 Previously 33 Swiss cheese 36 Greek sandwiches

Solution time: 22 mins.

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Yesterday's answer 9-3

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Raylin Hummer (right) of the Jay County girls soccer team celebrates her first career goal with Jayla Huelskamp in Saturday's 4-1 win over Woodlan.

Redemption ...

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The lone goal of the final 40 minutes came at 14:45, when Hummer sent the ball from the corner to senior Morgan DeHoff, who managed to convert a header right in front of the goal post for the fourth goal of the game.

"I usually take the corners and I feel like we don't know how to crash those yet," DeHoff said. "So having me and Raylin switch, knowing she has a good foot and can get the ball in the air, was good and really helped us crash correctly."
"I was kind of surprised when she (headed it)," Hummer added. "My goal for corner kicks is, I like to look forward a little bit more because normally the goalie is pushed right in the middle, so if the person in front can get it, they can get it right in there, which is what we did."

The pair also connected earlier in the game. With 1:30 left in the half, Hummer got a pass ahead from DeHoff, resulting in a 1-

on-1 with Gerig for the freshman. Hummer finished the play by squeezing the ball between Gerig and the left post for the first goal of her career.

"It (felt) really good," Hummer said. "I was really hoping I'd end up getting it this game, because I just felt good and really wanted to get a goal."

The score put the Patriots up by two.

Woodlan's only goal came 1 minute, 7 seconds, after Huelskamp's score. Savannah Scheumann's physicality helped her keep control of the ball to work down field before the freshman passed to Grace Graber for the score.

With Woodlan taking the wind out of the Patriot's sails, DeHoff knew something needed to happen for Jay County to recover.

"Our team, I feel, can play a little mentally," DeHoff said. "I knew as soon as they scored that goal that our spirits would be down a little bit. So, our main job was to just get another goal in so we

can play how we usually play."

That happened after Huelskamp got fouled at the 30-yard line, giving JCHS a free kick. DeHoff executed the kick over Gerig's head to reclaim the lead and give Huelskamp an assist.

Muhlenkamp was impressed by the play of her young and less-experienced players, as Jay County had to navigate Saturday without defender Emma Hatzell (injury) and midfielder Aixa Lopez (illness). Muhlenkamp specifically complimented the freshman on the front line (Hummer, London Lloyd and Brilyn Willmore), defenders Tessa Frazee and Ariel Beiswanger and defensive midfielder Raylah Newton.

"We've got a lot of new faces that are getting a lot of minutes, after losing our seniors last year," Muhlenkamp said. "They are really allowing us to fit some pieces that are missing and some pieces we didn't have last year."

Sports on tap

Local schedule

Thursday
Jay County — Girls golf at Muncie Central — 4:30 p.m.; Girls soccer at Norwell — 5 p.m.; Boys tennis at Marion — 5:30 p.m.; Boys soccer vs. Norwell — 6 p.m.; Volleyball vs. Wapahani — 6 p.m.; Junior high cross country at Driver — 5 p.m.; Junior high volleyball vs. Driver — 6 p.m.
Fort Recovery — Girls golf vs. Versailles — 4:30 p.m.; Boys golf at Versailles — 4:30 p.m.; Volleyball vs. Parkway (including freshman) — 5:30 p.m.; Middle school football at Coldwater — 5 p.m.; Middle school volleyball at South Adams — 5 p.m.

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Today
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7 p.m. — Grand Slam tennis: U.S. Open (ESPN)
7:40 p.m. — MLB: Cleveland Guardians at Kansas City Royals (FS1)
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10 a.m. — Paralympic wheelchair basketball (USA)
11:30 a.m. — Paralympic swimming (USA)
1 p.m. — Paralympic track and field (USA)
1:10 p.m. — MLB: Houston Astros at Cincinnati Reds (Bally Indiana)
7 p.m. — Grand Slam tennis: U.S. Open (ESPN)
8:20 p.m. — NFL: Baltimore Ravens at Kansas City Chiefs (NBC)

Local notes

Final races
The first of the final three races of the Adams County 5K Challenge is the Catch York Breath While You Dash for Diabetes on Sept. 14. The race will start at Adams Memorial Hospital at 1100 Mercer Avenue, Decatur. Registration will begin at 8:30 a.m. and will cost \$25, with the race starting at 9 a.m. The Callithumpian Center will follow on Sunday, Oct. 4. Preregistration is \$20 and can be done at adamscounty5kchallenge.com. The race will begin with a \$10 fun run at 1:30 p.m. before the 5K at 2 p.m.

Turkey Trot sign-up open
Cooper Farms will be hosting its 17th annual Turkey Trot Saturday, Nov. 2 at the Cooper Farms Turkey Harvesting Plant in St. Henry, Ohio. Participation costs \$15. All proceeds benefit EverHeart Hospice. The race will begin at 10 a.m. There will be splits at each mile of the 3.1-mile course. There will also be chip timing for participants operated by Speedy Feet. Water will be provided throughout the race, as well as a to-go turkey meal at the end.

You can register by visiting bit.ly/cooperfarmsturkeytrot, or search for "Cooper Farms Turkey Trot 5k" on speedy-feet.com.
Classic set
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OWNER: ADAMS COUNTY COMMIS-

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NOTICE TO BIDDERS
Notice is hereby given that the Board of Commissioners of Jay County, Indiana will receive sealed bids until 4:00 p.m. on September 20, 2024 for the sale of the following surplus equipment:
2008 Ford F-150 Supercrew; AS IS
Pre-bid inspection of the property may be had by appointment only. Please call the Jay County Highway Department at 260-726-8701 to schedule an appointment for inspection. Sealed bids should be submitted to the Auditor's Office at 120 N Court St. Ste 202, Portland, IN 47371. Bids will be opened on September 23, 2024 at 9:15 am at the Commissioner's Meeting held at the Jay County Courthouse Auditorium, Portland, Indiana. Sale of the vehicles will be to the highest responsible bid in excess of \$500. Buyer is responsible for removal of the truck within ten (10) days of award of bid.
Emily Franks
Jay County Auditor
CR 9-11-2024 HSPAXLP

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NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE TO THE OWNERS OF THE WITHIN DESCRIBED REAL ESTATE AND ALL INTERESTED PARTIES
By virtue of a certified copy of Decree of Foreclosure to me directed from the Clerk of the Superior Court of Allen County, Indiana, in Cause No. 02D03-2307-MF-000225, wherein 6723 West Jefferson Boulevard Holdings, LLC, is successor by assignment to Plaintiff, Wilmington Trust, National Association, as Trustee for the Benefit of the Registered Holders of JPMBB Commercial Mortgage Securities Trust 2015-C33, and Defendants AT Jefferson Center FW IN Owner, LLC, AT Lima Plaza FW IN Owner, LLC, AT Max FW IN Owner, LLC, AT Pine Valley FW IN Owner, LLC, AT Portland Commons IN Owner, LLC, and Non-Record Claimants and Unknown Owners are the Defendants, requiring me to make the sum as provided for in said Decree with interest and costs, I will expose at public sale to the highest bidder on the 8th day of October, 2024, at the hour of 2:00 p.m. of said day at the Allen County Sheriff's Department, 715 S. Calhoun St., Suite 101, Fort Wayne, IN 46802, the fee simple of the whole body of Real Estate in Jay County, Indiana: COMMENCING AT THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF OUT LOT 8 IN THE WOODLAWN PARK (ADDITION TO THE CITY OF PORTLAND, INDIANA; THENCE AT A POINT WHERE THE WEST LINE OF HICKORY ALLEY INTERSECTS THE NORTH LINE OF NORTH STREET; THENCE WEST ALONG THE NORTH LINE OF SAID NORTH STREET A DISTANCE OF 204.00 FEET TO AN IRON PIN FOR THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE SOUTH 89 DEGREES 30 MINUTES 00 SECONDS WEST (ASSUMED BEARING) ALONG THE NORTH LINE OF NORTH STREET A DISTANCE OF 345.50 FEET TO AN IRON PIN; THENCE NORTH 00 DEGREES 12 MINUTES 10 SECONDS WEST A DISTANCE OF 413.40 FEET TO AN IRON PIN ON THE SOUTH LINE OF VOTAW STREET; THENCE NORTH 89 DEGREES 30 MINUTES 00 SECONDS EAST ALONG THE SOUTH LINE OF VOTAW STREET A DISTANCE OF 314.50 FEET TO AN IRON PIN; THENCE SOUTH 00 DEGREES 12 MINUTES 10 SECONDS EAST A DISTANCE OF 206.70 FEET TO AN IRON PIN; THENCE NORTH 89 DEGREES 30 MINUTES 00 SECONDS EAST A DISTANCE OF 31.00 FEET TO AN IRON PIN; THENCE SOUTH 00 DEGREES 12 MINUTES 10 SECONDS EAST A DISTANCE OF 206.70 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.
Parcel Nos. 38-07-20-201-001.000-034 and 38-07-20-201-025.000-034. Together with rents, issues, income and profits thereof, said sale will be made without relief from valuation or appraisal laws. All sales are subject to any first and prior liens, taxes and assessments legally levied and assessed thereon. Neither the Sheriff nor the Plaintiff in this case warrants either expressly or impliedly any title, location or legal description of any real estate sold at the sale. Any prospective bidder should obtain their own title evidence before making any bid on any properties subject to this sale.
Sheriff of Allen County
Attorney for Plaintiff:
Jared C. Helge, Esq.
Rothberg Logan & Warsco LLP
505 E. Washington Blvd.
Fort Wayne, Indiana 46802
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Public Notice
STATE OF INDIANA COUNTY OF JAY, SS: IN THE JAY CIRCUIT COURT CAUSE NO. 38C01-2407-MF-000013
Nationstar Mortgage LLC Plaintiff, vs. John D Rector, et al. Defendants.
NOTICE OF SUIT SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION
TO: The Unknown heirs devisees, legatees, beneficiaries of John D Rector, and their unknown creditors; and, the unknown executor, administrator, or personal representative of the estate of John D. Rector and The Unknown heirs devisees, legatees, beneficiaries of Carolyn A. Rector, and their unknown creditors; and, the unknown executor, administrator, or personal representative of the estate of Carolyn A. Rector.
BE IT KNOWN, that Nationstar Mortgage LLC, the above-named Plaintiff, by its attorney, Nicholas M. Smith, has filed in the office of the Clerk of the Jay Circuit Court its Complaint against Defendants The Unknown heirs devisees, legatees, beneficiaries of John D Rector, and their unknown creditors; and, the unknown executor, administrator, or personal representative of the estate of John D. Rector and The Unknown heirs devisees, legatees, beneficiaries of Carolyn A. Rector, and their unknown creditors; and, the unknown executor, administrator, or personal representative of the estate of Carolyn A. Rector, upon diligent inquiry are unknown, and that said cause of action is for default on the promissory note and to foreclose a mortgage on the following described real estate in Jay County, State of Indiana, to wit:
Lot Number Twenty-five (25) in South Portland, now a part of the City of Portland, Jay County, Indiana, commonly known as 703 South Meridian Street, Portland, IN 47371. NOW, THEREFORE, said Defendants are hereby notified of the filing and pendency of said Complaint against them and that unless they appear and answer or otherwise defend thereto within thirty (30) days after the last notice of this action is published, judgment by default may be entered against said Defendants for the relief demanded in the Complaint.
Dated Clerk, Jay Circuit Court
Nicholas M. Smith (31800-15)
Stephanie A. Reinhart (25071-06)
J. Dustin Smith (29493-06)
Chris Wiley (26936-10)
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NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE
By virtue of a certified copy of a decree to me directed from the Clerk of the Superior Court of Jay County, Indiana, in Cause No. 38D01-2305-MF-000012, wherein U.S. Bank National Association was Plaintiff, and Emily S. Hicks a/k/a Emily S. Haley and Discover Bank, were the Defendants, requiring me to make the sum as provided for in said Decree with interest and costs, I will expose at public sale to the highest bidder, on the 3rd day of October, 2024, at 10:00 AM of said day, at 120 N. Court Street, Ste. 305, Portland, IN 47371, the fee simple of the whole body of Real Estate in Jay County, Indiana:
Lot Eighty-six (86) in the original Plat of South Portland, now a part of the City of Portland, Jay County, Indiana. 38-07-20-404-046-000-034 and commonly known as: 714 S Shank St, Portland, IN 47371.
Subject to all liens, encumbrances, rights of redemption, easements and restrictions of record not otherwise foreclosed and extinguished in the proceedings known as Cause #38D01-2305-MF-000012 in the Superior Court of the County of Jay Indiana, and subject to all real estate taxes, and assessments currently due, delinquent or which are to become a lien.
Said sale will be made without relief from valuation or appraisal laws. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee, or the Mortgagee's Attorney.
Larry R. Newton, Jr.
Jay County Sheriff
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Warriors wounded

Patriots continue ACAC redemption tour with win over Woodlan

By **ANDREW BALKO**

The Commercial Review

Last year, all four of the Patriots' losses in the Allen county Athletic Conference came by one goal.

So far this year, they're 2-0 with their wins coming by larger margins.

The Jay County High School girls soccer team put itself in strong position to reclaim the ACAC crown for the first time since 2019 as it took down the Woodlan Warriors 4-1.

"Losing to them by one goal (last year), as well as Heritage by one goal, and then beating (Woodlan) 4-1, exactly

how we beat Heritage, we couldn't ask for a better start to conference play," said JCHS coach Kendra Muhlenkamp. "Yesterday, one of the things I mentioned to the girls was, 'Yes, we beat Heritage 4-1, but we have to prove to the ACAC that that wasn't a fluke win. It wasn't a win we got lightly. That it was a message that we're here to play this year and we are going to start strong and end strong.'"

After some early struggles with corner kicks to begin the year, the Patriots (3-1, 2-0 ACAC) mixed things up to have freshman Raylin Hummer take the kicks from the right side. Hummer's first attempt didn't result in an assist, but it did get Jay County on the board. Her kick went to Jenna Dues, but the shot got saved by goalkeeper Lilly Gerig. On the rebound, Jayla Huelskamp put the ball in to give the Patriots a 1-0 advantage with 32:54 left in the first half.

In the second half, the change made a difference.

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Levi Muhlenkamp of the Jay County High School boys soccer team gets a shot past Woodlan goalkeeper Justin Fiedler during the Patriots 4-3 win on Saturday. The senior's second hat trick in three days proved important as the Warriors second-half surge fell short.

Muhlenkamp's second hat trick lifts Jay

By **ANDREW BALKO**

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The Patriots' returning striker has come into the 2024 season hot.

The third goal of his hat trick on Thursday lifted the Patriots to victory with less than a minute left.

His second consecutive hat trick is what the Patriots needed to stave off a late-game comeback by the Warriors.

Levi Muhlenkamp of the Jay County High School boys soccer team netted his second hat trick of the young 2024 season to help the Patriots take down the Woodlan Warriors 4-3, despite late game struggles in the Allen County Athletic Conference opener.

"It took him a minute, but you can see when (Muhlenkamp) gets going he gets going," said JCHS coach Rodney Reynolds. "Man, we rely on him. He knows what he's doing and that's why we feel confident."

"So things don't always go the way we want, but he figures it out. He figures out his game and how to make changes."

Muhlenkamp had the only goal of the first half.

Sophomore Emmitt Reynolds got control of the ball on the left half of the field and passed it up to Muhlenkamp. After one touch, the senior shot from two yards inside the box and got the ball passed Woodlan goalkeeper Keaton Delagrang with 26 minutes, 49 seconds, remaining in the half. Delagrang got shaken up earlier in the half on a collision with Brenden Runyon before getting subbed out with 6:32 left in the half.

Reynolds and Muhlenkamp connected later in the game as they executed a give-and-go in a similar spot to the first goal. This goal pushed Jay County's lead to 4-1 with 20:12 left in the game.

"I'm just focused on getting points on the board for our team, because that's my job and I want to do my best for my team," Muhlenkamp said. "(Reynolds and the midfielders) were big. They always know to look for me because I'll always be there for them. I'll be ready."

Muhlenkamp's other goal came about four minutes into the second half, crashing the goal after a free kick by Dylan Marentes.

The only other goal for the Patriots (4-0, 1-0 ACAC) came from Emmitt Reynolds.

Woodlan (0-4, 0-1 ACAC) just scored its

first goal of the game when Jeremiah Troyer took a shot that arched over Peyton Yowell in the goal after Yowell gave the ball back to the Warriors following a save.

JCHS responded by immediately marching down the field when the ball went out of bounds on the right half. Alan Ortiz threw the ball in to Dylan Marentes, who made a touch pass to Reynolds for the score, giving him two assists and a goal.

After Jay County's final goal from Muhlenkamp, tides started to slowly turn in Woodlan's favor.

"I think that comes from the summer games, where we were down 0-2 and fought back to tie it 2-2," said Woodlan coach Micheal Mast. "So, we still bring that mentality down here. ... Still a little disappointed that we lost, but it was a well fought game for us being down 4-1. We put some fight into it and made the Warriors proud today."

The Warriors found the next for the second time with under 10 minutes remaining. Osmar Gonzales got called for a foul on a hip check of Emmanuel Perez, resulting in a penalty kick. Lucas Gramajo put the ball in the bottom left past the outstretched hand of Yowell to cut the deficit to two goals.

With life breathed back into Woodlan, the Warriors quickly made it's way back down the field with Troyer giving Dylan Fiedler a through ball on the right side. Yowell made an aggressive attempt at the ball, but Fiedler kept possession to put the ball in the net.

"They got the momentum after that PK," Rodney Reynolds said. "I thought we went backwards. Like the defense slacked off and no communication back there and the midfielders weren't there to back them up. At the end of the day, everybody's got to play a position. ..."

"Peyton was all I heard back there and that can't happen. The last three games we've been very (vocal) and you have to have that. We have to back each other up. You can't have the negativity and you have to stay straight headed. You can't let people get into your head and at the end of the day, that's what it comes down to."

Despite the late push, the Patriots hung on to win its first of four ACAC games. The next will come against Heritage on Sept. 9.



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Jay County High School senior Morgan DeHoff prepares to take a header off of a corner kick from Raylin Hummer during the Patriots' 4-1 win over Woodlan on Saturday. DeHoff had two goals and an assist in the match to help Jay move to 2-0 in ACAC play.

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Tribe girls take eighth at Treaty City

GREENVILLE, Ohio —

The Indians didn't have their strongest performance when they raced at Jay County on Thursday.

That warm up helped prep the girls for a strong showing over the weekend.

Fort Recovery High School's girls cross country team claimed eighth place at the City Treaty Invitational at Greenville City Park on Saturday, while the boys took 23rd to avoid the bottom spot.

The girls totaled 220 points to take eighth out of 17 teams, falling 15 points short of Midwest Athletic Conference rival St. Henry. Fort Loramie took the top spot with 77 points. The boys' 555 points beat out Sidney (618) to avoid 24th place, while Versailles finished on top with 39.

Joelle Kaup paced the Indians with a time of 21 minutes, 21 seconds and a 12th-place finish. Riley

FRHS roundup

Heitkamp followed with her career-best time of 22:03.3 for 23rd.

Anna Roessner (22:21.3), Maddie Heitkamp (23:35.3) and Kendall Ranley (25:57.7) rounded out the scoring by placing 34th, 65th and 111th, respectively.

Reese Diller led the boys with an 18:48, good for 59th place. Evan Evers followed in 115th with a time of 20:19.4.

Russell Hart and Milo Filey finished back-to-back in 133rd and 134th with times of 21:10.2 and 21:13.1.

Tribe falls short

ARCANUM, Ohio — The Fort Recovery volleyball team dropped its second match of the season 25-23, 25-17, 14-25, 16-25, 15-11 to the Arcanum Trojans on Saturday.

Karlie Niekamp and Kennedy Muhlenkamp led the offensive attack with 13 kills each, while Cameron Muhlenkamp added 12. Kayla Heitkamp assisted the hitters a career-best 41 times in the match.

The Indians (3-2) had a balanced defense against Arcanum (6-0) as Niekamp, Brynn Willmann and Bridget Homan all had three blocks and five players had double digit digs. Homan led with 20 digs, while Kennedy and Cameron Muhlenkamp followed with 16 and 15.

FRHS and the Trojans played an even match as the Tribe nearly matched Arcanum statistically.