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Court to hear 'ghost gun' debate

By MICHAEL MCGAGNONE

CQ-Roll Call
Tribune News Service

WASHINGTON — The Biden administration will defend its regulation of so-called "ghost guns" before the Supreme Court during oral arguments Tuesday, months after the same conservative-controlled court threw out another federal gun control rule.

The case, *Garland v. VanderStok*, is the first of several government attempts to use a decades-old law to curb gun violence nationwide, this time amid a tide of thousands of untraceable guns used in crimes.

The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives issued the rule in 2022 to target the sale of parts kits that can be quickly assembled into functioning firearms, some as quickly as 30 minutes. The rule clarified that those kits qualify as "firearms" that are required to be sold with serial numbers and background checks the same as commercially produced guns.

Challengers to the rule argued the rule went beyond ATF's authority in the Gun Control Act of 1968 and convinced the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 5th Circuit to toss the rule.

Those challengers — two individuals, one producer, one retailer and the Firearms Policy Coalition — argue the 1968 law doesn't give ATF the power to redefine a firearm to include their hobbyist kits.

"It transgresses the line that Congress drew in enacting the GCA between commerce in firearms, which is regulated, and private making of firearms, which is not, and it risks upending the regulation of popular semiautomatic firearms," the challengers argued.

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To the hunt

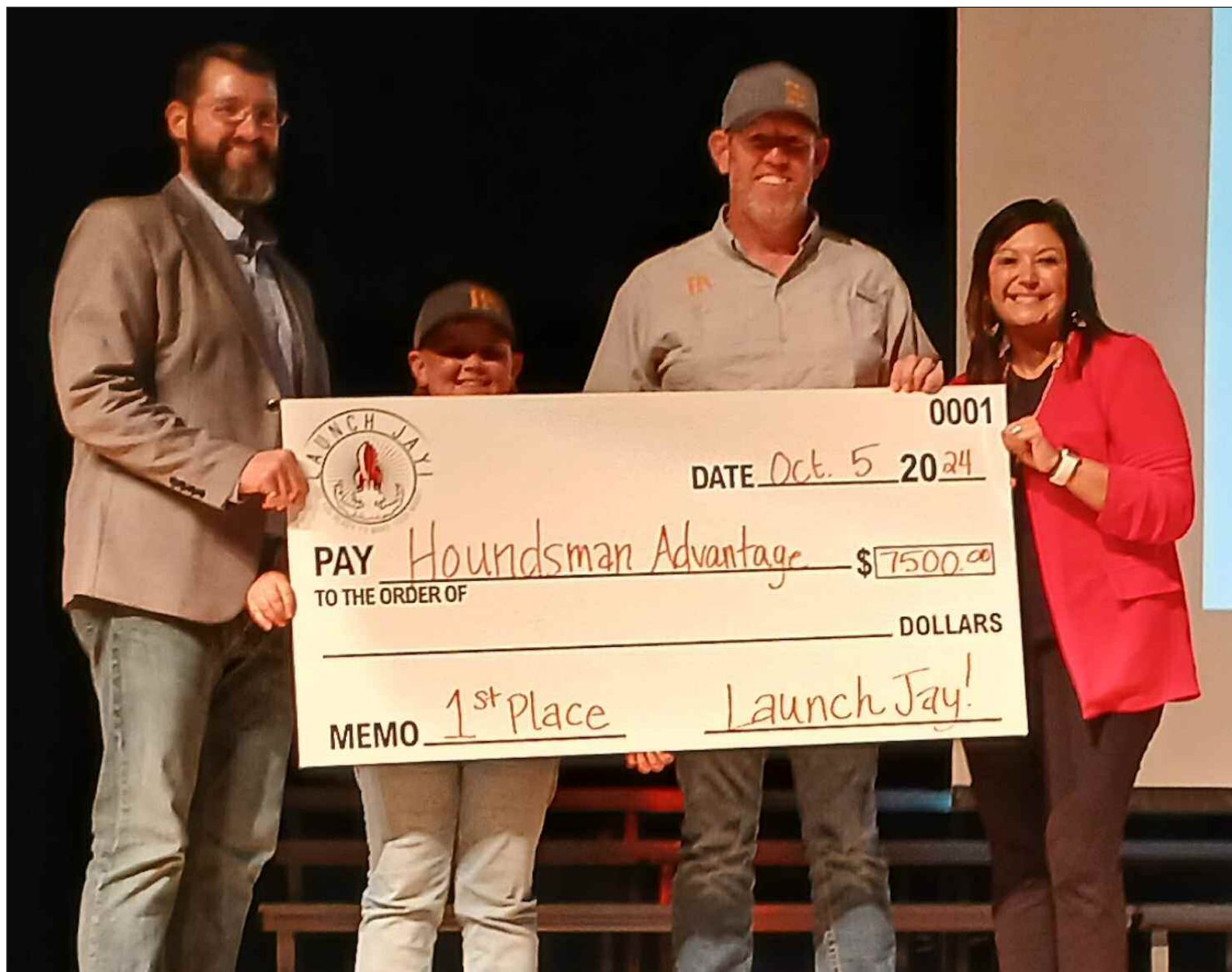


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Matt Lingo of Houndsman Advantage receives his check for winning the Launch Jay! business pitch competition Saturday evening alongside his son Drew at Jay County Junior-Senior High School. Presenting the check are Travis Richards (left) of Jay County Development Corporation and Tabby Sprunger (right) of Jay County Chamber of Commerce.

Lingo's Houndsman Advantage earned top prize during Launch Jay! business pitch competition

By RAY COONEY

The Commercial Review

When it comes to ways to improve hunting, Jay County residents seem to have no shortage of ideas.

For the second time in the four-year history of the Launch Jay! business pitching competition, a hunting-related business took the top prize as Matt Lingo's won the competition for

his Houndsman Advantage app during the competition Saturday evening at Jay County Junior-Senior High School.

"It was pretty exciting," said Lingo. "There was a lot of work that went into it. To come away with something for the hard work is definitely worth it."

"The process of working through everything was pretty beneficial," he added, mention-

ing business plans and financial breakdowns. "Winning definitely makes it that much better."

Lingo took first prize and the \$7,500 prize that went along with it for his app designed to help coon hunters keep score and thus adjust strategy during competitions. His win in the competition sponsored by Jay County Development Corporation and Jay County Chamber

of Commerce follows CRC Manufacturing's victory for its Trinity Tree Stand — it was designed to be safer, as well as easier to carry and assemble — two years ago.

Aaron and Katie Clark's Grind & Grain took the \$3,000 prize for second place while Chad Fifer and Fifer Services finished third for \$2,000.

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Hamas first back at Israel

By HENRY MEYER,
DAN WILLIAMS
and DANA KHRAICHE

Bloomberg News
Tribune News Service

Hamas fired a barrage of rockets toward Tel Aviv after Israel bombed a number of targets connected to the militant group in Gaza, as fighting escalated after a year of war.

The Israel Defense Forces said it intercepted most of the projectiles fired from the Palestinian territory on Monday, with sirens sounding across central Israel. Two people were injured in the attack, according to Israeli health officials.

The military had earlier looked to prevent what it called an "immediate" threat of rocket fire from the Iran-backed organization to mark its attack on the country 12 months ago.

The exchange of fire, alongside Israel's decision to send troops back into parts of northern Gaza over the weekend, underlined the danger Benjamin Netanyahu's government still sees from Hamas. That's despite the militant group suffering huge losses since its

invasion on Oct. 7 last year, with Israeli officials estimating around half its roughly 35,000 fighters are dead.

Almost 42,000 people have been killed by Israel's operations in Gaza, according to the Hamas-run health ministry there, which doesn't distinguish between civilian and combatant casualties. The territory has been devastated by the conflict, with much of the population of more than 2 million people displaced.

In addition to Gaza, Israel is waging a ground and air offensive across its northern border in Lebanon to combat Hezbollah, another Iran-supported group. The IDF said Monday it deployed a third division to the south of the country, where it's carrying out an extensive

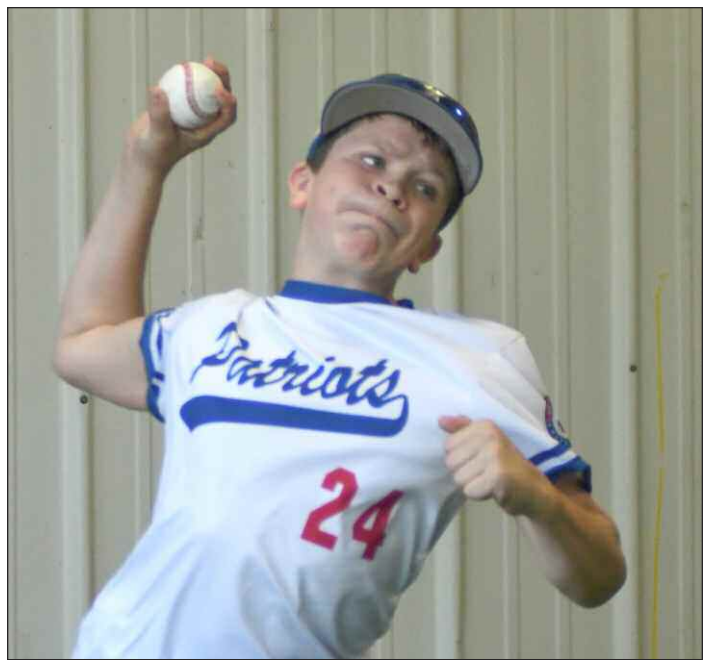
bombing campaign, while keeping up airstrikes on Beirut's southern suburbs.

More than 1,500 people have been killed in Lebanon by Israel's bombings in recent weeks and around one million have been displaced, according to local officials. Meanwhile, Israel is still widely expected to retaliate against Iran for an attack of 200 ballistic missiles last week.

The Israeli prime minister, speaking to troops in the north of the country, vowed to press on with the fights across multiple fronts, saying the country's enemies are on the back foot.

"A year ago we took a terrible blow," he said. "Since then, we have changed the reality across the board. The entire world is astonished by the blows you are landing on our enemies."

Defense forces say they intercepted most projectiles



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Clubhouse toss

Sawyer Smitley winds up to throw a ball into the net to get a read on his velocity Saturday at the Jay County Baseball Club's grand opening of The Clubhouse. The indoor facility has been in the works since 2023 and is officially open for use.

Deaths

Michael Faller, 46, rural Bryant

Details on page 2.

Weather

The high temperature hit 81 degrees Sunday in Jay County. The low was 59.

Tonight's low is expected to dip into the lower 40s. Expect sunny skies Wednesday with a high in the lower 70s.

See page 2 for an extended outlook.

Correction

A "today in history" note in Saturday's newspaper was incorrect.

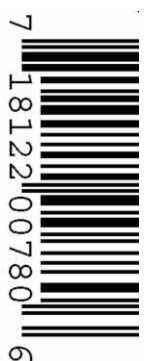
The item should have read: "In 1813, U.S. troops defeated Indian forces under the leadership of Tecumseh and the British army in the Battle of the Thames — it took place in what is now Ontario, Canada — during the War of 1812."

Coming up

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

Thursday — Results from the JCHS boys tennis team at the Noblesville regional.

Friday — Coverage this week's Jay County Council meeting.



Hunt ...

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The audience choice award, with a \$1,000 prize, went to Hatzell Drafting & Interior Design.

An avid coonhunter, Lingo's idea came to him as a way to help himself and others during competitions.

He explained that during competitions, a judge keeps score on paper. The competitors, meanwhile are attempting to hold everyone's score in their memory.

Because scores and standings can impact strategy, forgetting or miscalculating scores can be a problem.

"What I came up with was an

app that each person in a cast can use to keep score, so they know what their score is and the other competitors on the cast," said Lingo, a 1996 Jay County High School graduate who went on to earn his bachelor's degree at Purdue University. "They know kind of where they stand and what their strategy might be."

The prize money from Launch Jay! will be used to expand Houndsman Advantage into squirrel hunts and beagle trials. A long-term goal is to bring a Houndsman Advantage Hunt to Jay County to draw competitors from all over the country and thus boost the local economy.

Lingo developed the Houndsman Advantage app with Dynamic Business Solutions, a Portland business owned by Craig Frazee.

It has been live for a couple of months in both the App Store and Google Play and is currently free to use. Plans are to launch subscriptions soon, with Dynamic Business Solutions working on some final details to make that happen. (Lingo said he pushed to have the free version ready by Labor Day weekend, when there is a big coon hunting event in Richmond.)

"Working with them has been phenomenal," he said, mentioning that Seth Scott has put a lot

of time into the product. "They've taken my vision and ran with it and actually put some things in there that made it even better than I hand't even thought of. Their partnership has been awesome."

Lingo, who works as vice president of administration for FCC Adams in Berne, is the sole owner of the business, though it has become a family affair. His wife, Sarah, lends her artistic abilities, while his daughter, Lina, a senior at Jay County Junior-Senior High School, handles a lot of the social media and marketing. His youngest son, Drew, is his "top salesman," handing out business cards with

QR codes to potential customers.

The Clarks' Grind and Grain business focuses on a couple of local creators. Aaron Clark makes homemade knives while his wife Katie creates crafts from leather.

Fifer Services is in the process of transforming the former Sheller-Globe south property on bridge street into a sawmill. Chad Fifer has expressed a long-term goal of building furniture at the location as well.

Lisa Hatzell of Hatzell Drafting & Interior Design is a custom home designer who recently opened a new storefront in Portland.

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| Sunny skies are on the horizon for Wednesday, when the low at night may dip into the 30s. | Thursday's forecast also shows sunny skies and cool temperatures at night. | More sun is expected Friday, when the low at night may hit the low 50s. | Saturday looks to be warm and sunny with a high of 80 degrees. | There's a slight chance of rain on Sunday under mostly sunny skies. |

| Lotteries | |
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| Powerball Estimated jackpot: \$315 million | 16-21-22-32-33-34-39-42-44-47-48-51-58-59-68-75 Cash 5: 23-30-33-38-44 Estimated jackpot: \$115,000 |
| Mega Millions Estimated jackpot: \$129 million | Ohio Sunday Midday Pick 3: 3-4-5 Pick 4: 4-3-8-7 Pick 5: 5-4-7-0-8 Evening Pick 3: 6-5-1 Pick 4: 3-6-3-7 Pick 5: 3-6-4-8-8 Rolling Cash 5: 1-6-9-17-38 Estimated jackpot: \$480,000 |
| Hoosier Sunday Midday Daily Three: 7-6-5 Daily Four: 3-5-8-1 Quick Draw: 2-5-6-8-9-12-17-22-23-27-28-31-32-43-44-53-56-57-63-78 Evening Daily Three: 5-3-8 Daily Four: 7-8-7-1 Quick Draw: 5-6-12-15- | |

| Markets | |
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Today in history

In 1862, Union forces fought off a Confederate effort to pull Kentucky into the Confederacy in a one-day battle at Perryville. Northern troops seeking to engage again the next day found that Confederate forces had retreated.

In 1871, at least 1,200 people were killed as the result of a fire that destroyed a wide swath of Peshtigo, Holland, Manistee and Port Huron. On the same night, the Great Chicago Fire started in Illinois.

In 1967, the Bolivian army captured Che Guevara and later shot him to death. He had been a Cuban Revolution and

South American guerrilla leader.

In 2007, 2-year-old Lucas Timmerman was found safe in a cornfield about an hour-and-a-half after he went missing. He had wandered off while playing at his grandmother's home in Noble Township. A crowd of more than 100 had gathered to help in the search.

In 2018, the Fort Recovery High School volleyball team swept the second-ranked New Bremen Cardinals, the defending Division IV state champions, to stay in first place in the Midwest Athletic Conference. Cassidy Martin had a dozen kills to lead the Indians.

—The CR

Citizen's calendar

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| Tuesday 2 p.m. — Jay County Commissioners special session, auditorium, courthouse, 120 N. Court St., Portland. | courthouse, 120 N. Court St., Portland. |
| Monday 3:45 p.m. — Jay County Election Board, voting room, courthouse, 120 N. Court St., Portland. | |
| Wednesday 7 a.m. — Jay County Board of Health, health department, 504 W. Arch St., Portland. 6 p.m. — Jay County Council, auditorium, | 4 p.m. — Jay County Public Library Board of Trustees, community room, library, 315 N. Ship St., Portland. |

Obituaries

Michael Faller

Nov. 22, 1977-Oct. 4, 2024

Michael Jason Faller, age 46, of rural Bryant passed away on Friday, Oct. 4, 2024, at his residence.

He was born in Portland on Nov. 22, 1977, the son of Mike and Anita (Sell) Faller. He was married on May 20, 2000, to Toshia Elliott who survives.

Jason had worked for Buckhorn in Bluffton and FCC in Berne. He was a 1996 South Adams High School graduate. He enjoyed going to auctions, working on small engines, camping,

fishing and ATV riding.

Surviving are his wife Toshia; his children, Jared Faller, Megan Faller and Brianna Faller, all of Bryant; his parents Mike and Anita Faller; sister Jamie Faller; father-in-law Tom Elliott (wife: Geri); and mother-in-law Sue Teeple.

Memorial services will be held on Saturday, Oct. 12, 2024, at 11 a.m. in the Baird-Freeman Funeral Home with Pastor Allen Crull presiding.



Faller

Family will receive guests from 9 to 11 a.m.

Memorials can be made to the Jay County Cancer Society.

Condolences may be expressed at bairdfreeman.com.

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.

Capsule Reports

Intersection accident

Multiple people were injured after a Redkey woman crashed the car she was driving into other vehicles at the intersection of Indiana 1 and Indiana 26 about 2:15 p.m. Sunday.

Brianna V. Jordan, 28, Englewood, Ohio, told police she was stopped and facing south in her 2014 Ford F-150 on Indiana

1 and planning to turn east onto Indiana 26. According to a Jay County Sheriff's Office report, she turned on her turn signal and was hit by a 2016 Ford Escape driven by 38-year-old Tina M. Caylor of Redkey.

Jason W. Atkinson, 52, Marion, told police he was driving a 2006 Chevrolet Silverado behind Jordan and stopped behind her

vehicle. Caylor also crashed into the back of his car, according to the report. Caylor told police she didn't see the vehicles stopped in front of her before crashing into them.

Caylor, Jordan and Atkinson, as well as Caylor's passenger, 41-year-old Amanda N. Reynolds of Anderson, complained of pain all over their bodies, according to the report.

Caylor was cited for driving with a suspended license.

The vehicle Caylor was driving is registered to Lori L. Fulton of Muncie, and the vehicle Atkinson was driving is registered to Daves Excavating of Marion. All three vehicles were towed, with damage estimated between \$25,000 and \$50,000.

Ghost ...

Continued from page 1
Biden administration officials contend that a gun parts kit that requires only household tools to assemble is close enough to a firearm to be regulated as one.

The rule "simply ensures that ghost guns are subject to the same straightforward and inexpensive administrative requirements that apply to commercial sales of all other firearms," the Biden administration said in its brief.

The government and gun control advocates also have warned that the flood of untraceable guns would intensify if the Supreme Court stopped the rule. The Biden administration told the justices that federal

authorities have been able to identify fewer than 1 percent of unregistered "ghost guns" sent in by local police.

Experts say the case could hinge on how Chief Justice John G. Roberts Jr. and Justice Amy Coney Barrett interpret the words in the law. The two conservative justices joined the three justices on the court's liberal wing to allow the rule to stay in effect while the court fight plays out.

But last term, those two justices were in a 6-3 majority that struck down a different gun control rule from the ATF that sought to use a machine gun ban in the National Firearms Act to restrict so-called "bump stocks" that can be attached to allow guns to mimic automatic fire.

Andrew Willinger, the executive director for the Duke Center for Firearms Law, said the ghost guns case is "heading in a similar direction" to the bump stock case last term, but the two rules operate under different laws.

Willinger said the law underpinning the ghost gun rule includes language about regulating weapons that could "readily be converted" into firearms, which could be key to the case.

In the bump stock case, the court's conservative majority paid specific attention to the function of a "trigger," which the National Firearms Act used to define a machine gun.

"There's definitely more expansive language here than what we were talking about with the definition

of machine gun in the National Firearms Act," Willinger said.

John Moran, a partner at McGuireWoods, said at a Federalist Society event that just because Roberts and Barrett voted to allow the rule to stay in effect, that doesn't mean they'll ultimately vote to uphold it.

SERVICES

Saturday
Faller, Michael: 11 a.m., Baird-Freeman Funeral Home, 221 N. Meridian St., Portland.

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Anniversary of tragedy breathes new life

By JAMES FULKS
The Commercial Review

Coming up on Oct. 13 for Redkey Nazarene Church is a tragic 30-year anniversary that, at the time, shocked a heartbroken congregation and an entire community.

In 1994, I was still quite new at assisting with local Memorial Day ceremonies, Veterans Day ceremonies and military graveside honor guard funeral details.

I had returned home from active duty in the Pacific fleet of the U.S. Navy in 1989 and began helping the guys at the Redkey American Legion post in any capacity needed.

**Fulksy
Mayhem**



church congregation and the extended community. He was a popular and well-respected man.

On Oct. 13, 1994, he was tragically killed in an accident on U.S. 35 south-east of Muncie.

To say Jack's loss put Redkey Nazarene Church and our entire community into a state of shock would be an understatement.

Jack was an active and engaged pastor and had years of service left to give, beyond any reasonable doubt.

One of the ladies, who was active in the Redkey American Legion Auxil-

iary at our American Legion, post had a 15-year-old daughter at the time who was an active member of the Nazarene Church congregation.

Jack's loss was a heart-breaking milestone in her young life.

We all took Jack's death hard.

This story now takes a twist of fate that only God himself could have possibly foreseen.

Fast forward to Sept. 1, 2024. That little 15-year-old girl is now a mother and a pastor's wife. She has two children of her own that are a bit younger than she was at

the time of Jack's death. She and her husband were assigned to the Union Chapel Nazarene Church Northwest of Fiat, Indiana.

On Sept. 1, Redkey Nazarene Church hosted a welcoming ceremony service for a new pastor and his family.

Yep, you guessed it, that little heartbroken 15-year-old girl, her dedicated husband and two children are now residents of the same church parsonage that Jack and his wife lived in 30 years ago.

Rev. Fred Stevens and Trisha Stevens are now the pastoral family of the

Redkey Nazarene Church and the congregation and community has embraced and welcomed them with open arms.

Jack's widow even attended the dedication service as they took over.

The fine young lady that was once that heartbroken 15-year-old girl told me that it sure seems weird to live in that church parsonage now.

I suppose everything has its own reason and timeline.

On that date in 1994, no one could have possibly foreseen what would come out of such a tragic day.

Details don't add up in couple's yearlong romance

DEAR ABBY: A year ago, I met a wonderful man on a cruise. We hit it off fabulously, and since we live 1,000 miles apart, we stay in touch primarily by phone — talking and video chatting. He has come to visit me four times in the past year, and we have taken two trips together. He has met my friends and neighbors and has spoken to my family on the phone (they live in a different state than I do). He says he loves me and that I'm the woman he's looked for his entire life.

The problem is, I have never been invited to visit him. When I asked why, he told me his daughters, who are in their 20s and live at home, as well as his siblings are opposed to him dating and want him to reunite with his ex. (He has been

**Dear
Abby**



divorced for three years.) That is concerning enough, but I have never spoken to any of his friends on the phone, either.

Something smells fishy. It feels like either I'm nothing more than a "side piece," or perhaps he's ashamed of me and doesn't want me to meet or talk to anyone he knows. Or maybe he's not divorced after all. I don't want to waste precious time on something that isn't going to go anywhere. Are my

expectations too great, or am I an idiot for allowing this to go on as long as I have? — FEELING FOOLISH IN FLORIDA

DEAR FEELING FOOLISH: I don't blame you for being concerned. If, after a year of being "courted," you still haven't been introduced to this wonderful man's friends or family, something doesn't add up. Either the man is spineless, or he hasn't been upfront with you about his circumstances.

If you can't convince him to stand up for himself and make clear to his relatives that he has moved on from his divorce — AND you can control your emotions — pay him a surprise visit. If he has been stringing you along, he deserves to be outed.

DEAR ABBY: I grew up poor. Because of that, I spoiled my daughter rotten. I gave her everything, but it has backfired. When she turned 16, my husband and I bought her a brand-new \$70,000 BMW. I told him I didn't want my daughter to be without anything like I was. She didn't want the \$70,000 BMW; she wanted the \$100,000 one. My husband said it was beyond his budget.

When my daughter received her car, she wasn't happy. She kicked the car and dented it because it wasn't the one she wanted. My husband took it to a body shop and paid to have it fixed. She says that when it gets out of the body shop, she is going to kick it again and then it will be even worse.

I know what you think I should do. But if I take it away and disown her, she will drop out of college, and her life will be ruined. I know that I'm 100% in the wrong. I just need help, and hopefully, you will have an answer that is different than everyone else's. Please help me with another suggestion. — AT MY WITS' END

DEAR AT MY WITS': Gladly! When your ungrateful daughter again damages the car you so generously gave her, DO NOT FIX IT. Instead, let her drive it "as is" and let her experience the consequences of what she has done. If you do, you will be giving her a gift far more valuable than the price of the vehicle. Better late than never.

Community Calendar

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

Today

COMPASSIONATE CONNECTIONS RECOVERY SUPPORT GROUP — A group for anyone with a substance use disorder that helps individuals find connections as they develop long-term recovery meets at noon each Tuesday in the IU Health Jay Outpatient Behavioral Health Center, Entrance C, 510 W. Votaw St., Portland.

BRYANT COMMUNITY CENTER EUCHRE — Will be played at 1 p.m. each Tuesday. The public is welcome.

A BETTER LIFE - BRIANNA'S HOPE — A faith-based recovery group for substance abuse. Meal starts at 6 p.m. and the meeting is from 6:30 to 8 p.m. every Tuesday at the Nazarene Fellowship Building across from the Nazarene church, 249 E. Center St., Dunkirk. For more information, call Amanda Price at (765) 283-2107.

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

Wednesday

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

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

BRYANT/NEW CORYDON SENIOR CITIZENS — Will meet at 11:30 a.m. Wednesday at the Bryant Community Center for a carry-in dinner. Meat is provided.

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

COMMUNITY REINFORCEMENT AND FAMILY TRAINING — A non-confrontational, evidence-

based intervention for helping families affected by addiction meets at 4 p.m. each Wednesday in the IU Health Jay Outpatient Behavioral Health Center, Entrance C, 510 W. Votaw St., Portland.

JAY COUNTY CIVIC THEATRE — Holds its regular meeting at 5:30 p.m. on the second Wednesday of each month in the boardroom at Arts Place, 131 E. Walnut 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.

INDIANA UNIVERSITY HEALTH JAY HOSPITAL OSTOMY SUPPORT GROUP — Will meet at 6 p.m. the second Thursday of each month in Indiana University Health Jay Hospital Conference Room B. The group is for ostomy

and intestinal diversion patients and their friends and family to offer mutual support and learn about the latest products and information.

JAY COUNTY TRAILS CLUB — Will meet at 7 p.m. the second Thursday of each month at Jay Community Center.

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.

Sudoku

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Level: Beginner

Saturday's Solution

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The objective is to fill a nine-by-nine grid so that each column, each row, and each of the nine three-by-three boxes (also called blocks or regions) contains the digits from 1 to 9 only one time each.

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Wanted: Better policy, more immigrants

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Clashes over immigration and control of the U.S. border have already figured prominently in the battle for the presidency. A better policy is certainly needed — one that admits far more workers with skills in short supply, restores an orderly process for accepting other economic migrants and asylum seekers, dissuades those who won't qualify from turning up at the border, and helps states and cities cope with the consequences of failing to get this right.

But as the arguments continue, it would be good to keep one thing in mind: The vast majority of immigrants — including those arriving under the existing ill-suited arrangements — will prove to be national assets, not liabilities. On balance, they'll boost the economy and

Guest Editorial

help mend the country's broken public finances. Although policy can and should be improved, the goal shouldn't be throttling the supply of foreign workers.

A recent report from the Congressional Budget Office sheds some light on the issue. It looks at what it calls the recent "immigration surge" of people entering the U.S., not counting those with lawful-immigrant or temporary-worker status. The number of these irregular or "other foreign national" arrivals — people who entered the U.S. illegally or overstayed their tempo-

rary status, "parolees" awaiting court proceedings, those granted temporary protected status or "deferred action," and others — expanded enormously after 2020, from an average of about 200,000 a year to roughly 1.7 million a year. By 2026, the CBO projects a total increase of 8.7 million, compared with the pre-2020 trend.

Granted, these estimates depend on contestable assumptions about how many of the new arrivals will enter the workforce and when; their age, sex and family structure; their eligibility for benefits such as Medicaid, schooling and child nutrition programs; the direct and indirect effects on government revenue; and more. Some other costs and benefits can't be scored because they'll depend on changes in policy. So the CBO's effort to crunch the numbers

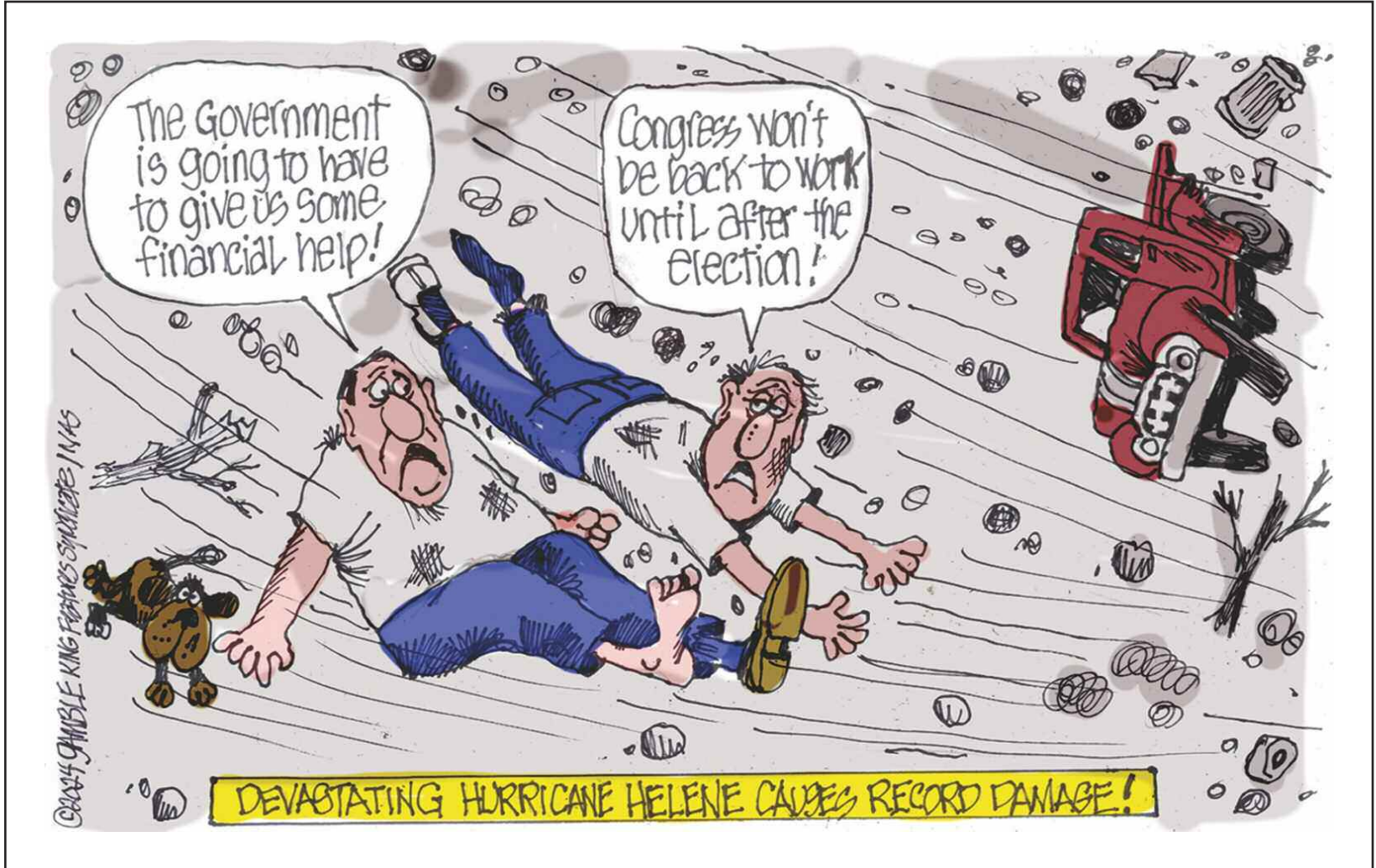
surely won't be the last word. The results are intriguing nonetheless.

The surge after 2020 is projected to add \$1.2 trillion to federal revenue over the next decade — about as much as raising all tax rates on personal income by 1 percentage point. This is mostly because in time the arrivals work and pay taxes, and because a bigger labor force boosts economic growth, adding to others' incomes and taxes. Gross domestic product goes up by \$9 trillion, thanks to the bigger population, higher labor-force participation among the arrivals and higher productivity. Federal spending is projected to rise by about \$300 billion, as the arrivals and their children qualify for benefits.

The net effect is to cut 10-year federal borrowing by \$900 billion. States and cities will see revenue and outlays change, too,

and the balance there is unlikely to be so benign. (The cost of schooling the arrivals' children falls mostly on states.) Still, it would be reasonable to conclude that, at worst, the surge imposes no net costs on U.S. taxpayers. And remember, this is the outcome for "other foreign nationals" — that is, arrivals not selected for educational attainment or the skills most in need.

Make no mistake, the failure to control the border, and the stress on local communities forced to cope with a disorderly influx of people, is lamentable and needs to be fixed. But the claim that even a mismanaged surge of migrants imposes a net financial burden on the economy and its taxpayers is false. The main lesson is that the gains from a better, smarter, well-managed pro-immigration policy would indeed be huge.



Marijuana plans won't sway, but say a lot

By **MICHAEL J. HICKS**

I am not a fan of marijuana in any of its forms. Unlike most baby boomers, I didn't try it as a kid.

From age 18 onwards, I spent more than four decades with a security clearance, which doesn't permit illegal drug use. It seems a bit late to take it up now, so I don't really have a personal interest in legalization. I do have some observations and have seen a fair bit of economic research on the subject.

As a U.S. Army officer, I discharged more than a few folks for using marijuana. I did the same for alcohol use. Employers have every right to demand limits to intoxicants by their employees.

But, as I sat and thought on this column, it occurred to me I never kicked anyone out of the Army for being addicted to marijuana, nor did I kick anyone out for casual alcohol use. The addicts were alcoholics, not pot smokers.

Moreover, as I think about my last four decades as an adult, I don't know anyone who really ruined their life over marijuana use. Sure, I know some people who used it too much and got fired (by me or someone else), but no one whose life spiraled out of control because of it or died from its effects.

Two of my college roommates died in a drunk driving accident while we were in school. That was devastating. The number of people I know who have shortened lives and careers over alcohol abuse is long and distinguished. We regulate and tax alcohol, while prohibiting mari-

Michael J. Hicks



juana use. This just doesn't stand the test of reason.

The Jennifer McCormick-Terry Goodin Democratic ticket has proposed legalization of medical marijuana in Indiana that puts the state on a pathway towards fuller legalization for adults. Their plan has three big components.

First, it would establish a cannabis commission that would be responsible for the regulation, licensing and safety standards for medical marijuana use. Second, they would allow for a legal, regulated medical marijuana production and distribution industry in the state, overseen by the cannabis commission. Finally, using lessons learned from the creation, regulation and oversight of medical marijuana, they propose full legalization for adult use.

This approach is similar to states that have fully allowed marijuana use by adults, including Ohio, Michigan and Illinois, where recreational use is now legal. In Kentucky, medical marijuana use is also legal. In fact, Indiana is one of only 9 states where recreational use is neither legal or decriminalized, and it is the only state entirely bordered by states where it is legal.

Indiana law enforcement does-

n't really interest itself in marijuana use. If it did, our jails would be spilling over. It no longer makes sense to turn a blind eye to marijuana use when we could better regulate it, tax it and shift revenues from criminal enterprises to legal businesses.

The McCormick-Goodin campaign cited several well known studies to document the likely fiscal effects of cannabis legalization. They cited a Tax Foundation study from 2022 that projected a \$172 million tax revenue growth from legalization, and another study that found hemp production today employs almost 12,000 Hoosiers with a total state economic impact of about \$1.8 billion.

I think these estimates are conservative, and the benefits clearly outweigh the costs.

There are costs to marijuana legalization. Making it legal doesn't make it safe, but it might make it safer through regulation of strength and content. Legalization might prompt higher use of marijuana, but research on that is mixed, in part because data on use prior to legalization is poor. In places where marijuana has been legal for a long time, almost 30 years, actual use rates appear similar to other states.

We know that marijuana-related traffic accidents have risen in states after legalization, even though total accident rates are unchanged. This suggests that marijuana legalization results in consumers substituting pot for other drugs.

The best study on this issue examined drug use, crime and alcohol use before and after legal-

ization on both sides of the Washington state border after cannabis was legalized. That study offered what I think is conclusive, quasi-experimental evidence that marijuana use in legal settings is a substitute for use of harder drugs and alcohol.

Most interesting, this study found that both property crimes and rapes diminished in the counties where cannabis was legalized, but not in the adjacent counties where it remained illegal. The authors attributed this to the diversion of policing resources away from cannabis towards property crimes, and the reduced use of violence-inducing drugs and alcohol.

A broader study of legalization saw no increase in crimes due to legalization, looking at every state over a 15-year period. And another study measured the localized effect of retail marijuana locations in Denver after legalization, finding that they reduced neighborhood crime, most likely by depriving dealers of a market. There are many studies that find mixed effects, but these three studies meet much higher analytical thresholds than any other I've seen.

The arguments against legalization continue to fail tests of reason. Many law enforcement officials do not wish it to be legalized, but lack evidence that it would contribute to more crime. Experience and anecdote just do not suffice in this type of environment, where we have good evidence from places that have already legalized marijuana.

Gov. Eric Holcomb has argued that marijuana legalization

should wait for federal action, as cannabis possession and use remains a federal crime. At one time, I was sympathetic to that argument. In light of recent legislation, I no longer find that selective appeals to federalism pass the sniff test. This is a state issue if ever there was one.

The Libertarian Party has long supported legalization of cannabis but has not outlined an implementation plan. That is about the extent of the movement in Indiana, despite fairly strong polling support by citizens. I'd be willing to make a high-stakes bet that marijuana legalization would pass easily through referendum.

I am also swayed by the knowledge that illegal marijuana sales help fuel organized crime in precisely the same way prohibition ushered in organized crime across much of the country. Weakening gangs and discomfiting street dealers is an unalloyed good.

In the end, I don't think a proposal legalization of marijuana will sway many voters. It won't change my mind. But the decision to offer a thoughtful, detailed and pragmatic plan that addresses the key concerns of citizens tells us a great deal about candidates and how they will govern.

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Indiana Michigan Power

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Additional crews from Indiana Michigan Power were sent south last week to join the Hurricane Helene restoration efforts. The crews, pictured working in Kentucky, were assisting Kentucky Power and Appalachian Power Company.

October is Careers in Construction Month

Indiana Gov. Eric Holcomb signed a declaration making October Careers in Construction Month in Indiana.

Careers in Construction Month is an annual initiative that seeks to increase “awareness about the rewarding and diverse career opportunities available in the construction trades.” It is a partnership between Indiana Builders Association and Indiana Construction Roundtable Foundation.

“The Indiana Builders Association appreciates the continued recognition of our industry’s essential role in advancing Indiana’s economy,” said Indiana Builders Association president Kenny Reinbrecht in a press release. “The construction industry offers meaningful, well-paying career paths, yet we face a workforce shortage. Through our partnership with the Indiana Construction Roundtable Foundation, we are working to attract students and adults to this growing field. It’s critical that we expand efforts to make young people aware of the lucrative and fulfilling opportunities that careers in construction provide.”

For more information about careers in construction and training opportunities, visit indianaconstructionfoundation.com.

Joining team

Mercer Health announced last week that cardiologist Dr. Todd Brophy will begin seeing patients in early 2025.

Brophy, a St. Henry High School graduate, specializes in the prevention, evaluation and management of cardiovascular disease. He is currently working in Texas.

Business roundup

He will work out of the Mercer Health Medical Group Cardiology office in Mercer Health’s Marion Campus, 8106 Booster Drive, Maria Stein, Ohio.

Searching

Ivy Tech Community College announced the formation of a presidential search committee.

The committee is made up of board members Andrew Wilson, Kim Emmert-O’Dell, Marianne Glick, Kerry Stemler and Michael Dora, and faculty member Autumn McNichols. They are tasked with the job of identifying the next leader for Ivy Tech.

Current Ivy Tech president Sue Ellspermann has announced that she will be stepping down from the role June 25.

“We are committed to a transparent and inclusive search process,” said board chair Andrew Wilson. “This is an important moment for Ivy Tech, and we are confident that this process will result in the selection of a leader who will continue to build on the College’s legacy of excellence.”

Offering tips

Indiana Michigan Power recently offered tips for winterizing homes to prepare for colder temperatures.

The company is offering chances to win a \$50 gift card to those who take its winterization quiz at

surveymonkey.com/r/IM2024E. It will be available through Oct. 15.

Tips for winterization include:

- Eliminating air leaks by checking problem spots such as attic entrances, ducts, door frames and window frames and using weather stripping if needed.
- Scheduling a heating system tune-up
- Checking furnace filters and handling other routine maintenance
- Clearing gutters of debris to prevent ice damage.

Free home energy check-ups can also be scheduled at electricideas.com or by calling (833) 566-0583.

Session set

Indiana Chamber of Commerce will host a forklift training session from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 7, 2024.

Trainer Bobbi K. Samples, owner of The Safety Firm, will lead the session. The Safety Firm is an OSHA safety and health training company dedicated to providing training designed to help companies obtain, maintain and exceed OSHA compliance standards.

For more information, visit indianachamber.com.

Grant awarded

The U.S. Small Business Administration recently granted \$550,000 through the Indiana State Trade and Export Promotion (IN-STEP) grant program to Indiana Economic Development Corporation to support the export activities of Hoosier small businesses.

The program seeks to help small businesses develop and expand exports. Through the program, companies can

receive reimbursements of costs associated with export-related activities, such as participating in international trade missions, trade shows and export educational programs.

“In Indiana, we’re focused on building a global economy of the future, and our Hoosier entrepreneurs and small businesses will be critical to advancing future-focused innovations and solutions,” said Indiana secretary of commerce David Rosenberg in a press release. “Indiana ranks in the top 10 states for exporting, and the IN-STEP program aims to build on this momentum, helping more Hoosier small businesses reach customers in international markets and find success in the global economy.”

For more information, visit iedc.in.gov/programs.

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First Financial Bank will host a food drive from Oct. 7 through 25.

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Last year, First Financial Bank associates and volunteers donated over 6,600 food items throughout its four states of Ohio, Indiana, Kentucky and Illinois.

Inductees announced

Indiana Manufacturers Association will induct six companies into its Hall of

Fame during a ceremony next week.

The association announced that inductees will be Carman Industries Inc., Jeffersonville; Charleston Metal Products Inc., Waterloo; Balemaster, Crown Point; General Motors, Indianapolis; Hiler Industries, LaPorte; and U.S. Granules Corporation, Plymouth. They will be honored at a luncheon Oct. 16 at the Biltwell Event Center in Indianapolis.

Hall of Fame companies are selected “for their longevity, community impact and economic contributions to Indiana’s manufacturing economy.”

The Indiana Manufacturers Association also announced this year’s award winners:

- Lifetime Achievement Award — Robert Kersey of Rochester Metal Products, Rochester; and ALM/Great States Corporation, Muncie/Marion
- Community Impact Award — Baron Advanced Manufacturing/DeKalb Central High School, Waterloo; and Caterpillar, Lafayette
- Emerging Leader Award — Leah Konrady of Konrady Plastics Inc., Portage; and Heidi Melton of Interactive Design Inc., Indianapolis
- Innovation Excellence Award — Matthew Hendey, THG Automation LLC, Indianapolis
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well-considered play paid off handsomely when declarer next led the six of hearts and played the five on it, thus retaining the lead in dummy. South's third good play came when he ruffed another spade, pursuing his plan to reduce his trump length to that of East's. The effect of these initial plays was that declarer's only remaining trumps were the A-10-9, while East still had the Q-4. South would have preferred to be in dummy at this point in order to ruff still another spade, but he was in his own hand and had to find a way to force West to give him another ruff. He accomplished this by making his fourth good play when he cashed the A-K of clubs, denuding West of his clubs. This was followed by declarer's fifth good play when he exited with the king of diamonds.

The bidding: South 1♥, West 2♦, North Pass, East 3♥. Opening lead — king of spades. How often do you have to make six good plays in a row to make a contract? Surely not often, but here's a case where declarer did just that. West led the king of spades against four hearts, taken with dummy's ace. South now made his first good play when he ruffed a spade with the seven of hearts. South made his second good play when he led the jack of hearts, not the five, to dummy's king. This

West took the king with the ace and cashed the queen of diamonds, but then had to lead a spade or a diamond. South ruffed the return, reducing his holding to the A-10 of hearts and three of clubs, while East had the Q-4 of hearts and jack of clubs. Declarer now exited with a club — good play No. 6 — forcing East to win and yield the last two tricks and the contract.

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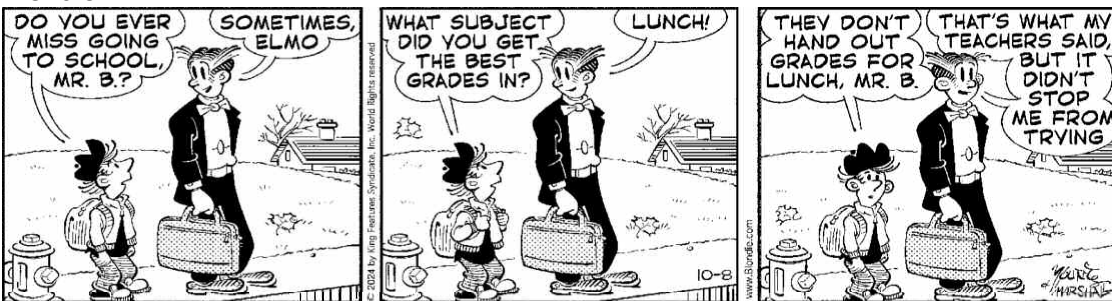
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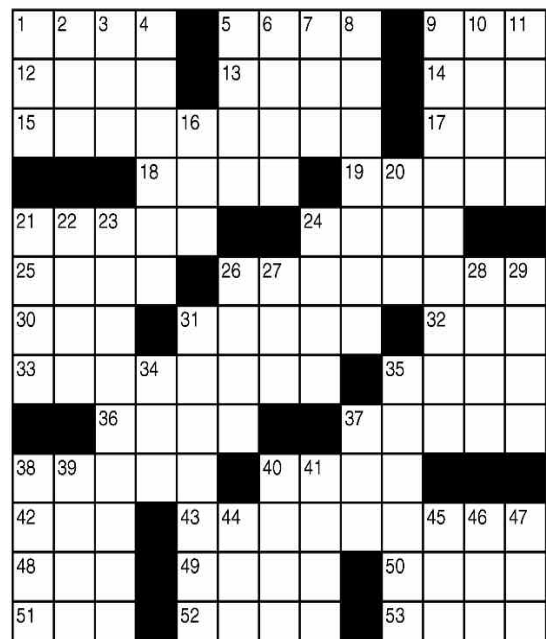
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Sports

Patriot sweep

Both Jay County cross country teams take first at Winchester Invitational

By ANDREW BALKO
The Commercial Review

WINCHESTER — When contact sports are brought up, most people's minds will jump to football, basketball, wrestling and soccer. Some people will even expand it to baseball and softball considering plays on the basepaths.

Cross country isn't one of those sports that athletes particularly expect to take any form of contact.

Dougie Cox wasn't so lucky. Despite getting cut off, causing him to collide with a fence, the freshman remained undaunted. Keeping his poise helped Cox achieve his personal goals and earn a ribbon.

Cox and the other four Patriot boys that scored finished in the top 20, while the girls had eight athletes in the first two decades to power the Jay County High School cross country teams to first-place finishes at the Winchester Invitational on Saturday.

"(Feeling) pretty good," said JCHS coach Bruce Wood. "We're still getting faster and starting to taper, so that's why I think we're starting to see some times come down. I'm pretty excited. I don't know if the boys and girls have won an event at the same time, definitely not in my time."

The boys totaled 38 points for the top spot in the field of nine teams. Centerville had the closest score with a 65.

The girls had a similar margin of victory, as their 40 points beat out Canterbury's 68 for the victory in the seven-team field.

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Natalie Carreno (134), Alexis Sibray (140) and Lizzy Brunswick (132) all take a sharp right turn on Saturday at the Winchester Invitational, that the Jay County High School girls cross country team won 28 points. All three of the pictured Patriots placed in the top 15, with Sibray finishing the highest at eighth.

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Huelskamp makes return to Indians

COLDWATER, Ohio — The Indians had to start the season without their leading returner, after she suffered an injury during the basketball season.

With two regular season meets left, she made her return to the course, and added a needed lift to the Tribe girls.

Makenna Huelskamp made her first appearance for the Fort Recovery High School cross country team on Saturday at the Lions Club Invitational hosted by Coldwater and helped the girls team to a seventh place finish.

The FRHS girls team tallied 226 points to take seventh out of 24 teams. Lincolnview claimed the top spot with 107 points. West Liberty-Salem won the boys race with 46 points, while the Indians fell to 23rd with 629.

Joelle Kaup paced the girls with a 20 minutes, 38.31 seconds time to claim 19th

In her first race back, Huelskamp (21:36.72) had a back-to-back finish with

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Riley Heitkamp (21:36.93), to place 38th and 39th, respectively.

Other scores came from Anna Roessner (22:12.85) in 62nd and Maddie Heitkamp (22:47.85) in 84th.

Reese Diller and Evan Evers both broke 20 minutes to lead the Tribe boys. Diller's 18:47.82 earned him 120th, while Evers took 157th with a 19:32.75.

Rounding out the score were Evan Diller (20:29.37) in 195th, Milo Filey (20:35.76) in 200th and Russell Hart (20:48.58) in 209th.

Spikers swept

FORT LORAMIE, Ohio — Fort Reco, very's volleyball team couldn't keep up with Division VII No. 1 Fort Loramie, which cruised to a 25-8, 25-9, 25-11 beating of the Indians on Saturday.

Despite the loss, the Indians (8-12) were awarded the No. 3 seed in the OHSAA Division VI Southwest District tournament on Sunday.

Fort Recovery will open up with a match against the Yellow Springs Bulldogs (8-11) on Oct. 16 at 5:30 p.m. at Arcanum. A win in the opener sets up a match against seventh-seeded Twin Valley South (10-10) on Oct. 19 at 10 a.m.

The winner moves on to play in Oct. 23's district quarterfinal against the winner of No. 1 seed Arcanum and No. 12 Tri-County North.

The district final will be played on Oct. 26, with potential the potential opponent coming from the South 1 bracket that has top-seeded Miami Valley Christian Academy (14-3), No. 2 East Clinton (15-5), No. 3 Fayetteville Perry (14-5), No. 4 Riverview East Academy (7-8), No. 5 Cincinnati College Prep (5-7) and No. 6 St. Bernard Elmwood (3-10).

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Jones hit with major fine for late hit vs. Colts

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Pittsburgh Steelers offensive tackle Broderick Jones was fined \$11,255 for a late hit on Indianapolis Colts cornerback Chris Lammons in Pittsburgh's 27-24 loss last Sunday.

Jones, who was flagged for unnecessary roughness during the game, earns the Steelers' second fine of the year. Tight end Darnell Washington was fined over \$6000 in the team's win over the Los Angeles Chargers for an illegal blindside block.

Jones can appeal the fine. In 2023, the Steelers were the most-fined team in the entire NFL, but now rank near the bottom of the league through four weeks.

As for the Colts, pass rusher Isaiah Land was flagged for a roughing the passer call on what would have been a

sack. He loaded all of his weight onto Steelers quarterback Justin Fields, and the hit will cost him \$5083.

Those were the only two fines from the game, which ended up being a physical fight in the trenches throughout much of the game.

Notably, Steelers safety Minkah Fitzpatrick was not fined for what was called unnecessary roughness on the field after a hit on Colts wide receiver Adonai Mitchell. Steelers head coach Mike Tomlin said the league office admitted to him that they made the wrong call on the field.

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