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FRLS reviews long-term needs

School HVAC and plumbing will need attention

By BAILEY CLINE

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Fort Recovery Local Schools is putting together a long-term plan for repairs at its facilities over the next 25 years.

Fort Recovery School Board heard from architectural firm Garmann Miller of Minster on Monday about facilities at its buildings in need of repair.

The school board hired Garmann Miller in February to perform a facilities assessment on the district's assets. Superintendent Tony Stahl at the time pointed to the age of both the elementary/middle school and high school buildings and suggested inspections on various elements of school facilities.

Associate principal Andrew Huelsman and project manager and architect Curt South of Garmann Miller shared their findings in a presentation to the board Monday.

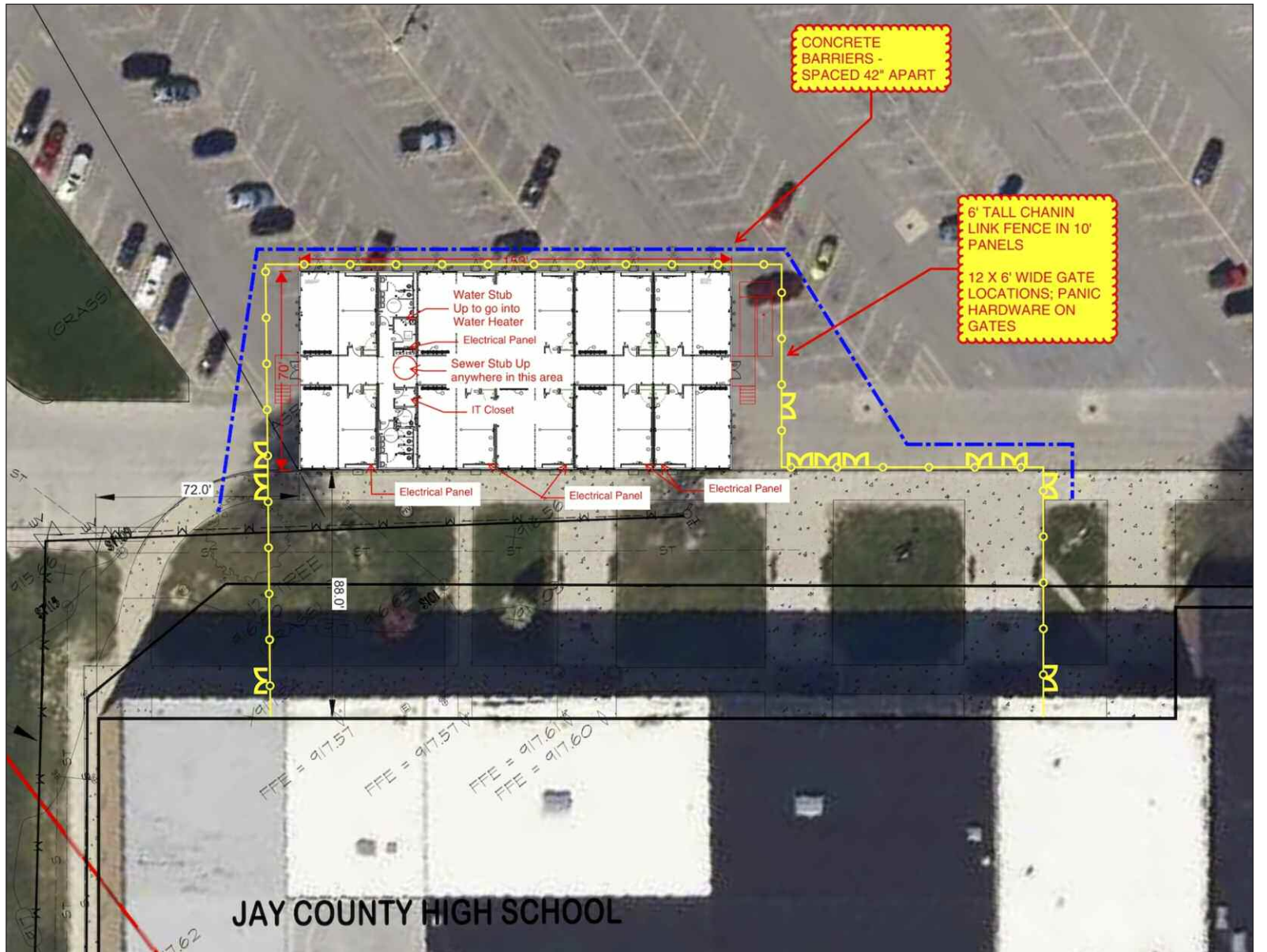
Items marked as needing to be repaired in the future at both the high school and elementary/middle school buildings include components of each structure's heating systems, ventilation and air conditioning units and plumbing.

Garmann Miller also found aspects of the elementary middle school's exterior walls, chimney and playground, as well as aspects of the high school's floors and roof, to be in need of repairs in the next 25 years.

Also, the company suggested resurfacing the track and upgrading stadium lights to LEDs at Barrenbrugge Athletic Park, replacing all doors and converting the stone parking lot to asphalt at the bus barn.

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Mobile, virtual



Jay School Corporation

The above graphic shows the planned location for a group of mobile classrooms that will be set up at Jay County Junior-Senior High School to provide extra space after a Sept. 22 tornado caused severe damage to the junior high/IMC (library) wing of the building. Jay School Corporation superintendent Jeremy Gulley noted that the location, stretching into the north parking lot near the pool and gym, was chosen because of the necessary access to water, sewer and electricity.

Board gets update on temporary classrooms, hears presentation about proposed pilot program

By RAY COONEY

The Commercial Review

Mobile units will be used to replace 10 classrooms lost in last month's tornado.

The school corporation is also looking at a pilot program for a virtual option with a target of launching it next year.

During its meeting Monday, Jay School Board heard an update on plans for utilizing mobile classrooms for the remainder of the 2024-25 school year and learned about an initial concept of creating Jay Virtual Academy.

The board also received an update on the proposed contract with Jay Classroom Teachers Association ahead of a special meeting next week to vote on the agreement.

Jay Schools superintendent Jeremy Gulley updated the board on progress following the Sept. 22 tornado that caused severe damage to the junior high/IMC (library) wing of Jay County Junior-Senior High School.

Mobile classrooms have been delivered to the junior-senior high and as of Monday were staged in the "driving range" parking lot between the softball and baseball fields. They were scheduled to begin being moved to the location where they will be used — stretching from the sidewalk into the north parking lot in the area adjacent near the pool and gym.

Gulley noted that the location was selected because of

the ability to connect to sewer, water and electricity. He added that there will be security fences and concrete barriers around the mobile facility.

He said after the meeting that he expects the mobile units to be in use by Dec. 1, but that timeline may change.

"We're gonna learn something," said Gulley. "We've got a plan. We've got to see how it works. I'm sure there will be adjustments."

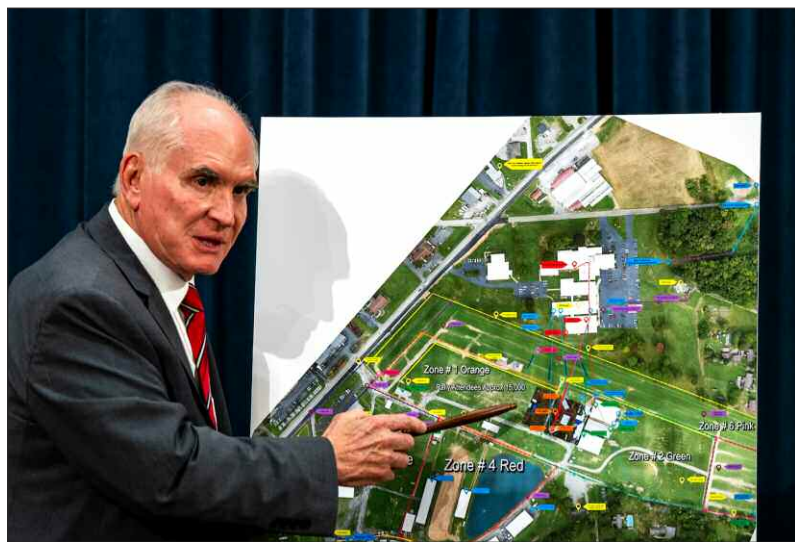
Also related to the tornado, Gulley and business manager Shannon Current pointed out that expenses requested for insurance coverage so far have been approved. (Some items have been submitted and are still awaiting approval.) Thus far, the total amount approved

totals \$1.09 million, with the mobile classrooms accounting for about 59% of that total and related work adding more than \$200,000.

Board members Ron Laux, Phil Ford, Jason Phillips, Marcie Vormohr and Chip Phillips, absent Donna Geesaman and Vickie Reitz, approved the expenditures that have been made thus far as part of the tornado recovery effort.

After talking about the mobile classrooms, the board heard a presentation from director of e-learning Katie Clark regarding the possibility of piloting Jay Virtual Academy beginning with the 2025-26 school year.

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Tribune News Service/Getty Images/Kent Nishimura

Rep. Mike Kelly (R-Pennsylvania) points to a map of site of the assassination attempt of former President Donald Trump as he presides over the first hearing of the House Task Force on the Attempted Assassinations of Donald Trump last month at the U.S. Capitol in Washington, D.C.

Task force faults Secret Service

By CHRIS JOHNSON

CQ-Roll Call

Tribune News Service

WASHINGTON — A congressional task force investigating the near-assassination of Donald Trump on July 13 has concluded inadequate communications between the Secret Service and local law enforcement were key to security failures ahead of the shooting at a rally in Butler, Pennsylvania.

"Put simply, the evidence obtained by the Task Force to date shows the tragic events of July 13 in Butler were preventable," Chairman Mike Kelly, a Republican who represents Butler, posted on social media.

The lack of coordination between federal agents and local officials is central to the findings of the interim report released

Chairman says July assassination attempt on Trump was preventable

Monday, which takes note of insufficient preparation ahead of the rally.

"For instance, USSS did not give clear guidance to the relevant state and local agencies about managing areas outside the secure event perimeter, and there was no joint meeting on the day of the rally between USSS and all state and local law enforcement agencies assisting USSS," the report says.

Among the major findings: the nearby American Glass

Research complex, from which the shooter took aim at Trump, was not properly secured; there was no unified command post to facilitate communications between Secret Service and local officials; and critical information about the shooter was communicated too slowly.

The task force's report places greater emphasis on the lack of coordination with local officials in comparison to findings of other entities.

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Deaths

Lonnie Stephen, 66, Portland

Details on page 2.

Weather

Jay County had a high temperature of 77 degrees Monday. The low was 50.

Tonight's forecast calls for lows to drop into the mid 30s with winds gusting to 20 miles per hour. Skies will be sunny Thursday with a high in the lower 60s.

See page 2 for an extended outlook.

In review

Portland Board of Works has scheduled a special meeting for 4 p.m. Thursday in the mayor's office at city hall. The agenda includes a Head Start lease agreement. Street department superintendent Matt Shauver will also present quotes for a new salt spreader.

Coming up

Thursday — Preview of the JCHS football sectional opener at Bellmont.

Friday — Coverage of the Fort Recovery volleyball district semifinal match.

Saturday — Details from this week's Portland Board of Works meeting.



Needs ...

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Looking at estimates for repairs needed in the long-term, continued Huelsman, the school district could expect to spend \$20 million on the high school building over the next 25 to 30 years.

South noted their estimates are hard costs and are based on OFCC guidelines. Soft costs — they could include architect's fees or surveys — were not included in Monday's figures.

Huelsman added next steps in the process involve Garmann Miller working with Stahl to help the district develop a long-term maintenance plan.

Also Monday, the school board learned about a district pep rally Friday held at Barrenbrugge Athletic Park for kindergartners through high school seniors. In hopes of starting a new tradition, Fort Recovery seniors passed on gifts to kindergartners on the football field. The event served to symbolize the passing down of school spirit, explained principal Ryan Steinbrunner.

In other business, school board members Don Wendel, Nick Wehrkamp, Greg LeFevre, Sean Kahlig and Mitch Fullenkamp:

- Were reminded school board will meet for its five-year financial forecast at 6 p.m. Nov. 18, with its regular meeting to follow.

- Heard elementary school parent-teacher conferences are slated for Thursday, Nov. 7, and Tuesday, Nov. 12. Parents can sign up for time slots by visiting the elementary school's page on fortrecoveryschools.org.

- Were informed sixth graders will be going on local factory tours Oct. 30.

- Recognized Fort Recovery

girls golf team, which had a perfect record in the Midwest Athletic Conference this year to win the league title for the first time. Coach Jeff Vaughn also earned MAC Coach of the Year honors.

- Heard about plans to shift Fort Recovery High School juniors' requirements for earning Student OhioMeansJobs Readiness Seals. Plans are to require students to demonstrate 14 skills — reliability, work ethic, punctuality, discipline, teamwork/collaboration, professionalism, learning agility, critical thinking/problem solving, leadership, creativity/innovation, oral and written communication, digital technology, global/intercultural

fluency and career management — in school, community and workplace settings.

- Learned about how the district spends its annual \$247,000 out of the student wellness and success fund, a resource from the Ohio Department of Education. Dollars are allocated toward partnerships with Mercer County Educational Service Center and Tri County Alcohol Drug Addiction Mental Health Services Board, along with pay for the school district's psychologist and benefits and salaries for school guidance counselors.

- Heard Ohio state representative Angie King sent Fort Recovery Local Schools a letter con-

gratulating the district on receiving a five-star rating on its state report card for the 2023-24 school year.

- Approved the following: junior high and high school sports admission prices as established by the Midwest Athletic Conference and season ticket prices for the current school year; an athletic contract with high school track assistant coach Kierra Wendel for the current school year; hiring Abby Timmerman as a van driver for the current school year; a leave of absence for Clint Kremer during the current school year; the district gifted education plan for the current school year; an overnight field trip May 9 through May 10 for Fort Recovery Band members at Great Wolf Lodge in Mason, Ohio; paying a \$95 invoice from Otis Elevator.

- OK'd Matthew Roessner as a volunteer indoor track coach for the current school year.

- Accepted donations, including \$793.90 from different donors for cheerleading.

Estimate comes in at \$20 million for work on facilities over next 25 to 30 years

Obituaries

Lonnie Stephen

Oct. 16, 1958-Oct. 21, 2024

Lonnie Stephen, age 66, of Portland passed away on Monday, Oct. 21, 2024, in IU Health Ball Memorial Hospital in Muncie.

Born in Portland on Oct. 16, 1958, he was the son of Jacob and Nezzie Jean (Youngblood) Stephen. Lonnie retired from the City of Portland after 31 years. He was a 1977 Jay County High School graduate and enjoyed rummage sales, fishing, rock and roll and listening to PG-14. He is survived by four brothers,

Richard Hodge of Denver, Rick Hodge of Muncie, Jamie Baughman of Muncie and Jackie Baughman (wife: Jacqueline) of Portland; and two sisters, Debra Bullard of Eaton and Kaili Baughman of Arizona.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Brian Stephen.

Graveside services will be held Friday at 10 a.m. in the Antioch Cemetery in Portland. Memorials



Stephen

can be made to the choice of the donor.

Baird-Freeman Funeral Home is handling the arrangements.

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.

CR almanac				
Thursday 10/24	Friday 10/25	Saturday 10/26	Sunday 10/27	Monday 10/28
63/44	72/44	62/35	60/38	69/55
Sunny skies are in the forecast for Thursday, when the high will be around 63 degrees.	Friday's forecast shows a 40% chance of thunderstorms under mostly cloudy skies.	Saturday's low temperature may reach the mid 30s. Otherwise, mostly sunny.	Another day of mostly sunny skies and cold temperatures at night.	Sunny skies are on the horizon for Monday, when the high will be around 69.

Lotteries

Powerball Monday 1-25-57-62-64 Power Ball: 15 Power Play: 2 Estimated jackpot: \$478 million	Daily Four: 0-0-8-1 Quick Draw: 3-6-14-20-22-27-29-31-32-33-38-39-42-43-55-58-59-62-74-77 Cash 5: 20-31-34-41-44 Estimated jackpot: \$317,000
Mega Millions Estimated jackpot: \$205 million	Ohio Monday Midday Pick 3: 2-3-0 Pick 4: 6-9-0-2 Pick 5: 8-0-0-5-3 Evening Pick 3: 4-7-7 Pick 4: 1-6-8-0 Pick 5: 8-1-9-9-2 Rolling Cash: 1-26-30-32-34 Estimated jackpot: \$110,000
Hoosier Monday Midday Daily Three: 7-4-9 Daily Four: 8-5-8-8 Quick Draw: 6-11-15-21-24-26-34-40-44-50-54-57-60-63-67-68-69-74-78-79 Evening Daily Three: 8-3-6	

Markets

Cooper Farms Fort Recovery Corn.....3.76 Dec. corn.....3.96 Wheat.....4.77	Dec. beans.....9.46 Wheat.....5.27
POET Biorefining Portland Corn.....3.78 Dec. corn.....3.96 Jan. corn.....4.14	ADM Montpelier Corn.....3.69 Oct. corn.....3.69 Beans.....9.45 Oct. beans.....9.53 Wheat.....5.17
The Andersons Richland Township Corn.....3.71 Nov. corn.....3.71 Beans.....9.46	Heartland St. Anthony Corn.....3.61 Nov. corn.....3.66 Beans.....9.31 Nov. beans.....9.41 Wheat.....4.97

Today in history

In 1983, approximately 241 United States servicemen and 58 French troops died after suicide bombers drove explosives into a barracks in Beirut.
In 1998, "...Baby One More Time" was released by pop star Britney Spears.
In 2001, the iPod was introduced by Apple. The portable media player became a success, leading to various models over the years.
— The CR

Citizen's calendar

Today 6 p.m. — Dunkirk Park Board, city building, 131 S. Main St.	5 p.m. — Jay School Board special meeting, General Shanks, 414 E. Floral Ave., Portland.
Friday 8 a.m. — Portland Redevelopment Commission, Community Resource Center, 118 S. Meridian St., Portland.	5 p.m. — Jay County Commissioners, auditorium, courthouse, 120 N. Court St., Portland.
Monday 3:30 p.m. — Jay County Solid Waste Management District Board, 5948 W. Indiana 67, Portland.	Tuesday 6 p.m. — Redkey Town Council special meeting, park cabin, 50 Mooney St. 7 p.m. — Pennville Town Council public hearing and meeting, Pennville Town Hall, 105 N. Washington St.

Felony arrests

Drug possession
A Kokomo man was arrested Tuesday for drug possession.
Gregory N. Howell, 38, 3092 Morrow Drive, is charged in Jay Circuit Court with a Level 5 felony for possession of methamphetamine, a Level 5 felony for dealing marijuana and a Class A misdemeanor for driving with a suspended license.
He was being held without bond in Jay County Jail.

Felony courts

Failed to register
A Portland man was sentenced to prison for failing to register as a sex offender.
Carl E. Conner III, 41, 131 N Depo, pleaded guilty to the crime, a Level 5 felony.
As part of his plea agreement, the following charges were dismissed: a Level 6 felony for possession of methamphetamine, a Level 6 felony unlawful possession of a syringe, a Class C misdemeanor for possession of paraphernalia and a habitual offender enhancement.
He was sentenced to 3.5 years in Indiana Department of Correction with six months suspended. Conner was given credit for time served and assessed \$189 in court costs.

Dependent neglect
A Portland woman was sentenced to serve time after pleading guilty in court for neglect of a dependent.
Trista L. Carreno, 35, 2367 West Indiana 26, Portland, pleaded guilty in Jay Superior Court to neglect of a dependent, a Level 6 felony. She was sentenced to one year in Jay County Jail with all but 58 days suspended and given 58 days credit for time served. Carreno was fined \$1, assessed \$189 in court costs and placed on probation for 307 days. As part of her plea agreement, two Level 6 felonies for two counts of neglect of a dependent were dismissed.

Forfeiture
A rural Redkey man was sentenced to prison for driving a vehicle after forfeiting his license for life.
Ernest H. Eicher, 60, 5911 W. 800 South, pleaded

SERVICES

Thursday
Hudson, Janice: 10 a.m., Williamson-Spencer and Penrod Funeral Home, 208 N. Commerce St., Portland.

Friday
Stephen, Lonnie: 10 a.m., Antioch Cemetery, Portland.

Saturday
Bechtol, Kimo: 10:30 a.m., Mary Help of Christians Catholic Church, 403 Sharpshurg Road, Fort Recovery.

Oct. 29
Pendleton, John: 2 p.m., Waters Funeral Home, 501 W. Washington St., Hartford City.

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Hospital retirees

Jay County Hospital retirees met for a luncheon Oct. 7. Pictured above, front row from left, are Sharon Jackson, Jane Jobe, Pat Elick, Wanetta Millett and Vicki Eldridge. In the middle row are Sharon Taylor, Freda Osenbaugh, Becky Bailey, Lana Ninde and Wendy Shuttleworth, and in the back row are Rheta Kaufman, Nancy Jackish, Nan Rowles, Sue Sommers, Claudia Jones, Deb Arnold, Helen Martin and Barbara Nicodemus.

Health screenings are crucial for all

Mayo Clinic News Network
Tribune News Service

Cancer is a leading cause of death among Hispanic people in the U.S., according to the American Cancer Society. Compared to non-Hispanic white people, Hispanic men and women are less likely to be diagnosed with common cancers such as lung, colorectal, breast and prostate cancer, and they are more likely to develop cancers in the liver, stomach and cervix, often linked to infections like HPV.

Early detection through screening can prevent serious health issues. Dr. Jesse Bracamonte, a Mayo Clinic family medicine physician, stresses the need for health-care workers to discuss the importance of health screenings with patients, especially in underserved communities.

"Educating underrepresented groups is very important to prevent cancer," says Bracamonte.

He says some groups of people, including those in the Hispanic community, have higher rates of dis-

ease because they may not be getting the proper screenings.

"Colon cancer screening, breast cancer screening, cervical cancer screening, screening for heart disease are all very important because those things are very predominant in our culture, in our society, and if caught early, it can be prevented," Bracamonte explains.

The type of health screening depends on a person's age and gender.

"For example, colorectal cancer screening is, at age 45, looking for colon cancer. Cervical cancer screenings, such as Pap tests, start at 21 in females," he says.

Breast cancer screening is recommended to start at age 40, and regular blood pressure checks can help monitor overall health.

"One of the most important things that you can do is see your clinician, minimum, probably once a year, based on your age level, which is really important to stay healthy and stay out of the doctor's office," says Bracamonte.

Spouse is unwelcome at family gatherings

DEAR ABBY: Many months ago, a family member's husband was charged with possession of and distributing more than 10,000 items of child pornography. The police and Department of Homeland Security raided their home and seized computers, cellphones and other devices. He was arrested and spent about a week in jail. He hired a very good attorney, and all the charges were dismissed. His wife, our blood relative, stayed by his side. She remains

Dear Abby



married to him and doesn't plan to leave him. She has been keeping us up to date on the legal developments and says his attorneys believe he won't serve any jail time because "he's in his

mid-70s and has no prior convictions of any crimes."

Although the charges were dismissed, we are not comfortable having him in our homes because there are small children at our gatherings. It's important to note that his wife never denied that he was viewing and distributing these materials. She only said, "They're making him out to be a monster." How can we remain supportive of her while at the same time let her know when the time

comes, that he's NOT welcome? This chain of events has been devastating to our entire family. — DEVASTATED IN THE EAST
DEAR DEVASTATED: Your concern is understandable, but I have to question whether you have all of your facts straight. On the one hand, you state that all the charges against this man were dismissed. On the other hand, you say his attorney thinks he won't serve time because of his age, which

makes me wonder if some sort of plea deal happened, and he will be required only to perform community service.

You may want to be emotionally supportive of this family member, but if the parents of minor children feel her husband could present a danger to them, those children must be protected. And, if that means not exposing them to the couple, then so be it.

Community Calendar

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

Today

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

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

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

EUCHRE CLUB — Will meet at 2 p.m. the fourth Wednesday of each month at Chalet Village Health and Rehabilita-

tion in the North Lounge. **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.

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

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

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

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

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.

MISSISSINEWA CHAPTER NATIONAL SOCIETY OF THE DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION — Will meet at 4:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 24, at Jay County Historical Society. For questions, call Kathy Selman at (260) 251-1694 or Sue Sommers at (260) 726-2678.

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

Friday PAST RECOVERY SERVICES — Peer Addiction Support Team recovery support group meets at 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. each Friday at the Jay County Drug Prevention Coalition office at 100 N. Meridian St., Portland. For more information, call (260) 251-3259.

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Level: Intermediate

Tuesday's Solution

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

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Project was not an improvement

Editor's note: This column is being reprinted from Oct. 20, 2004. Jack liked to take on projects. Occasionally, they probably went better than the one he describes here.

By **JACK RONALD**
The Commercial Review

Somewhere along the line I forgot a couple of the basic rules of do-it-yourselfing.

First, you don't know as much as you think you know.

Second, it's never as easy as it looks on television.

For months now, a remodeling job on our kitchen has been 95 percent complete. Just a couple of things needed to be done. Two baseboard radiators needed to be painted, and the backsplash behind the kitchen counter needed to be tiled.

A weekend full of visitors on the calendar gave us all the incentive we needed to take them on. But, as usual with home improvement projects, ambition and confidence weren't all the tools we needed.

Connie zipped through the painting project in no time. But the tiling was another matter. It was something we'd never done and required a leap of faith on our part.

It also required a tile saw. Fortunately, our next-door neighbor — Roger Jonas, the kind of guy who sets world standards when

Back in the Saddle



it comes to do-it-yourself projects — had a tile saw and offered to lend it. More importantly, he offered a few minutes of instruction on how to operate it safely.

(Thanks to Roger, I'm writing this column with all of my fingers intact.)

So, with a deadline ahead, the tiles and tools at hand, and more confidence than good sense, we took on the first tiling project of our lives.

And to our great surprise, it went well.

We plotted things out first together on the counter. Most of the tiles are plain, but there are five we had made by a glassmaker we know in New Hampshire. Our plan was to drop them in pretty much randomly.

Then Connie focused on handling the adhesive and spacers, while I operated the saw and did the measuring.

End result: A tiled backsplash after only a couple of evenings of light work. It looked beautiful.

Except for one thing. It wasn't finished.

The tile was up, but it wasn't grouted.

No problem, we told ourselves, we can handle that.

(In retrospect, it was probably at that moment things got away from us.)

Not knowing exactly what we were doing, we probably bought the wrong grout. We picked up an epoxy grout, figuring that we'd save on labor since it was billed as self-sealing.

By now, the calendar was getting crowded and our weekend full of guests was getting closer and closer.

So we had only one night available to take on the job.

It was almost 6 p.m. as I read and re-read through the instructions. The label said to take part A and mix it with part B, then add part C.

It sounded simple enough. I pulled the stove away from the wall, making sure I'd start the process in a section of backsplash which would be permanently hidden. It was the smartest thing I did all night.

"I think I'd better mix this outside," I said, figuring that the chemicals in part A and part B might give off a stink when mixed. It was about that time I also noticed that the instructions said to mix the different parts

with a special attachment on a variable speed drill.

I didn't have a variable speed drill. I had a paint-stirring stick. And too much self-confidence.

Stepping out the back door with a bucket, a stirring stick, and parts A, B, and C, I walked onto the leaf-covered patio and immediately stepped into a deposit the dog had left behind amid the leaves.

"This stuff sure smells funny," I thought as I stirred. Parts A and B did their thing pretty well, but part C didn't want to blend in. I stirred and stirred and smelled and smelled, oblivious of the mess I'd stepped into which covered the soles of my shoes.

I was equally oblivious when I took the grout mixture back into the kitchen.

"What's that smell?" Connie asked.

I still figured it was the grout and was stirring the stuff as fast as I could, kicking myself for not owning a variable speed drill.

"What did you step in?" she said.

And then I noticed it. The grout — which was gritty and virtually unmixable — didn't smell. My shoes did. So did the tracks I'd made up the back steps, through the back door, and across the kitchen floor.

Because this is a family newspaper, I can't give you an accu-

rate account of what I said at that point. Let's just say I kicked my shoes out the back door into the October darkness and said something appropriate to the dog.

Scurrying back to the tile, I loaded up a float with the not-properly-mixed, probably-the-wrong-kind-for-this-application grout, and did what I'd seen people do a thousand times on HGTV.

Only this time, instead of behaving like grout, the stuff behaved like the material on my smelly shoes. Instead of easing into the cracks, it dropped on the floor with a reproachful "plopping" sound.

Connie, meanwhile, was trying to clean up the dog-induced mess I'd created. The kitchen fan was going full tilt to try to remove the smell.

She was throwing a door mat away and had a mop in her hand.

"This ain't workin'," I said, as if talking like a handyman were going to transform me into a handyman.

"Then quit," she said.

To her credit, she did not add, "before you do any more damage, you idiot."

She didn't have to. I heard the words in my head anyway.

I also heard a third rule of do-it-yourselfing which I'll never forget: Watch where you step.

Havoc is no way to run gun policy

New York Daily News
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Last week, the U.S. Supreme Court overturned a lower court ruling that struck down a Pennsylvania law barring people under 21 from carrying firearms openly during declared states of emergency.

It's hard to really celebrate this as a victory given how basic common sense it is — that judges had found it proper to allow 18-year-olds to walk around with drawn firearms during emergencies.

Yet it's still a small win that was tempered almost immediately by Buffalo Federal Judge John Sinatra who struck down a part of New York State's 2022 gun law that had made it illegal to concealed-carry firearms into private property like stores and restaurants unless those locations affirmatively indicated they accepted such weapons. Once more, a judge has stepped in to toss uncertainty into the already dangerous panorama of U.S. gun culture and regulation.

One thing all this back-and-forth highlights is that it doesn't make much sense to run gun control policy in a way that is constantly subject to reinterpretation at the whim of the courts. In this case, the Supreme Court made the right call; in others, it has gone the opposite way.

The justices then made a nonsensical call in deciding bump stocks — whose very design and sole purpose is devoted to making semi-automatic weapons fire automatically — did not run afoul of a federal law banning automatic weapons.

It seems thus far like the Supremes might make the right choice in the so-called ghost gun case, where they are effectively considering the question of whether a gun sold disassembled is still a gun for purposes of required background checks and serialization. Whatever the decision, the

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fact remains that this is not a particularly sensible way to approach a crucial policy area, with lawmakers, judges, regulators and gun manufacturers and sellers all playing a kind of whack-a-mole.

Congress passes an anti-machine gun law, manufacturers develop a modification to make semi-auto rifles into effective machine guns, regulators reinterpret the law to ban that, judges strike it down, and meanwhile tens of thousands of people a year are killed by gunfire in the United States. Even if the court now sides against the ghost guns, there will already have been a vast number created, with many making their way to crime scenes — the ATF reported 19,000 such guns recovered in 2021 alone.

This is made possible by how wishy-washy our gun controls have become in general, with the Supreme Court itself having opened the door with its expansive views on the Second Amendment, far beyond what had been historically understood to be that 18th century provision's meaning. The courts must stop this activist meddling and let legislators institute gun reforms with real teeth, with the understanding that gun nuts won't be able to just run to the courts to pry open every possible loophole.

The evidence has long been in that, while issues like access to mental health services have an impact, it's the access to guns that drives our sky-high rates of suicides, murders and mass shootings with firearms. Every move to muddy the waters or loosen restrictions means the deaths keep piling up.



Women are making strides in politics

By **CANDY WOODALL**
Baltimore Sun
Tribune News Service

The "Year of the Woman" label is too often thrown around when women break a barrier that should often be the norm. In 1992, it was used when five women were elected to the U.S. Senate. It was used in 2016 when Democrat Hillary Clinton became the first woman to lead a ticket for a major political party. We heard it again in 2018 during the so-called "pink wave," when more than 100 women were elected to the U.S. House. There will likely be temptations to dub 2024 the Year of the Woman, especially if Vice President Kamala Harris wins the White House.

But I tend to agree with something former Baltimore native and U.S. Sen. Barbara Mikulski said decades ago: "Calling 1992 the Year of the Woman makes it sound like the Year of the Caribou or the Year of the Asparagus. We're not a fad, a fancy or a year."

Mikulski had a storied career as one of the longest-serving women in the Senate and the longest-serving senator in Maryland's history. She's among a lot of Maryland women who have broken barriers, defied odds and bucked trends, and this could be another historic year in our state.

After big gains in recent years, there's been a dip in the number of women running for office across the country in 2024. Women hold fewer than a third of all municipal offices and are underrepresented at state and federal levels of politics, except at the position of lieutenant governor.

Maryland Lt. Gov. Aruna Miller is among the women who hold more than half of the lieutenant governor



positions in the country. The state is also poised to send three Democratic women to Congress in 2025, according to the Center for American Women and Politics. That includes Angela Alsobrooks, who could become the first Black woman to represent Maryland in the U.S. Senate. State Sen. Sarah Elfreth is running to represent the 3rd Congressional District in the U.S. House, and April McClain-Delaney, deputy assistant secretary at the Department of Commerce, is running for an open seat in the state's 6th Congressional District.

While Maryland has a long history of voting for Democrats, it's good to see more Republican women growing in politics. That includes Nicole Beus Harris, chairwoman of the Maryland Republican Party and wife of U.S. Rep. Andy Harris. She's one of our 2024 Women to Watch, along with Tammy Stinnett, chairperson for the Baltimore City Democratic State Central Committee.

Here's why it matters that these two women are recognized this year among a talented slate of women who are leading in finance, real estate, nonprofits, science and more. Multiple studies have shown when more women lead in politics, democracy and the economy function better. For example, findings from consulting

firm Oliver Wyman, King's College of London and the University of Korea reveal how a country's overall progress and performance improves when it has a significant representation of women in political leadership.

Women tend to have different viewpoints and priorities than men, the study said, and globally they tend to run on health care, peace, security, education, climate action and fighting corruption.

Despite historic runs and gains in the last 10 years, women are still woefully underrepresented in politics and political leadership. The last time America voted for a president, women led just 20 of 193 nations and held only a quarter of legislative or parliamentary seats around the world, according to Oliver Wyman.

King's College, sounding a lot like Mikulski all those years ago, warned that we need women's representation to be significant, not just symbolic.

Maryland women are primed to have a significant impact in 2024. And that's not just candidates running for office. Voters have huge sway, and perhaps the most decisive will be those who gave Republican Nikki Haley 20% of the state's primary vote. They could be consequential in choosing candidates up and down the ballot, especially in the neck-and-neck U.S. Senate race.

And while we wouldn't encourage a vote for any candidate simply because they're a woman, we know our Women to Watch class shows the incredible talent and leadership abilities of Maryland women.

They're, indeed, not a fad, fancy or a year. They're strong, formidable, and leading every day.

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Mobile ...

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Clark shared data with the board showing that after losing just nine seventh through 12th grade students to online schools in 2020-21 when it offered an online option, Jay School Corporation saw 37 students leave for virtual schools during the 2023-24 school year. The number is at 33 so far this year.

In all, Jay School Corporation currently has 90 potential students (2.8%) who have chosen to instead utilize a virtual option.

"This is not unique to Jay Schools," said Clark, sharing data that shows nearby corporations losing percentages ranging from 1.9% for Southern Wells to 5.9% for Monroe Central.

She brought forth a proposal that calls for a Jay Virtual Academy pilot program of up to 100 students in seventh through 12th grades in collaboration with outside organizations such as John Jay Center for Learning. It would involve implementing graduation pathways, work-based learning experiences and new diploma requirements that are being finalized by Indiana Department of Education.

Such a program could help the school corporation stem the tide of enrollment loss. Since 2015, the Jay Schools student count has dropped by 485 to 2,820. (The state provides 85% of in-person student funding for virtual students.)

Board members raised a few questions about the proposal, including the educational format and the impact on extra-curricular activities. Clark said details are still being explored, including options for reporting to a building, working at home or a mix. She added that existing virtual academies take various approaches to extra-curriculars, ranging from offering none



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Mobile classrooms have been staged in the "driving range" parking lot at Jay County Junior-Senior High School. They were expected to begin being moved into place Tuesday on the north side of the building near the gym and pool. Jay School Corporation superintendent Jeremy Gulley said he expects they will be put into use Dec. 1.

to offering only those not sanctioned by an outside organization (such as the IHSAA) to offering everything.

Gulley said those types of questions are currently being thought through and will be the subject of discussions moving forward.

"We're not reinventing the wheel here," said Gulley. "These models exist. We're looking at them."

"But I do think there's potential value that John Jay can be that career mentor, that financial literacy. Can we do this better than what's happening for these students right now?"

Gulley told the board that administrators have reached an agreement with Jay Classroom Teachers Association on a new contract.

It calls for a 7% increase in the pay scale for teachers. It takes the starting salary for teachers to \$46,003 from the cur-

rent \$43,003 and pushes each step of the scale up accordingly.

The contract, which has already been approved by the teachers' association, will be up for a vote during a special school board meeting at 4 p.m. Monday. The board is also expected to take action on raises for other employees, with Gulley proposing 5% increases for support staff and administrators.

In other business, the board:

•During the Patriot Pride moment, honored Bloomfield Elementary School's student council.

•Heard from special education coordinator Annie Van Horn regarding a proposal for supplemental payment for special education teachers. The proposal calls for giving the superintendent discretion to offer up to \$5,000 for new special education teachers who are fully certified and sign a contract to work for the corporation for at least two years

and for current general education teachers who hold an Alternate Special Education Permit and complete requirements for full licensure within three years. The board is expected to take action on the proposal during its November meeting.

•During discussion of the consent agenda, which includes hirings, contracts and other items, heard again from Vormohr regarding the hiring of teachers who do not have a traditional license. She said she has a problem with paying such employees at the same level as licensed teachers, with Chip Phillips saying he agreed with her assessment. School board attorney Josh Atkinson explained that state law requires that such employees must be paid at the same level as other teachers.

•Got its first look at proposed calendars for the 2025-26 school year. One option is essentially the same as the 2024-25 calendar

while the other pushed fall break back a week to coincide with South Adams. (The schools partner to offer some career and technical education courses.) A vote on the calendar is planned for next month.

•Approved the following: The hiring of high school English teacher David Brewer; a contract with Rehabilitative Services for physical therapy services; setting adult meal prices at \$4.70 for lunch and \$2.85 for breakfast; and renaming a course to "computing foundation for a digital age" to match state standards.

•Heard the financial report from Current showing that both the education and operations funds are expected to break even this year.

•Accepted donations of \$1,000 from Asbury United Methodist Church to East Jay Elementary School and \$500 from Tom and Crystal Laux for Bloomfield Elementary School.

Faults ...

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The report also credits local law enforcement for taking the first shot at would-be assassin Thomas Matthew Crooks, although that round missed. The Secret Service delivered the lethal shot and Crooks was found in the autopsy to have only one bullet wound.

The report's conclusions are consistent with testimony at a hearing on Sept. 26, when local law officials and security experts discussed the failures of communications that led to failures at the rally.

The findings are based off the hearing testimony, as well as 23 transcribed interviews with local law enforcement officials and thousands of pages of documents from local, state and federal authorities, according to a statement.

The interim report is the latest in a series from multiple groups, including an internal Secret Service report;

Findings are based on testimony, transcribed interviews and documents from law enforcement

an investigation by the Senate Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs; and an independent review panel that issued its findings last week.

Unlike those other groups, the bipartisan task force does not make explicit recommendations on a path forward, although a need for communications improvements are strongly implied.

Other entities have found a need

for major changes within the Secret Service, including new leadership from outside the agency.

The interim report indicates the task force has expanded its jurisdiction to examine another apparent failed attempt on Trump on Sept. 15 near Trump International Golf Course in West Palm Beach, Fla. That would take the investigation a step further than other inquiries.

Felony courts

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Battery

A Portland man was sentenced to prison after pleading guilty to battery.

Caleb M. Schlechty, 18, 131 E. Floral Ave, Portland, pleaded guilty in Jay Circuit Court to battery on a public safety officer, a Level 5 felony. He was sentenced to three years in Indiana Department of Correction with all but one year suspended and given credit for time served. Schlechty was assessed \$189 in court costs. As part of his plea agreement, two Class A misdemeanors for theft and resisting law enforcement were dismissed.

Domestic battery

Several Jay County residents were sentenced to serve time after pleading guilty in Jay courts to domestic battery.

Seth N. Mills, 27, 5739 E. 400 South, Salamonia, pleaded guilty in Jay Superior Court to domestic battery, a Level 6 felony. He was sentenced to 545 days in Jay County Jail and given 94 days credit for time served. Mills was assessed \$189 in court costs and ordered to pay a \$50 domestic violence prevention and treatment fee. He was placed on probation for one year.

Jeffery A. Roser, 45, 520 East North St., Portland, pleaded guilty in Jay Superior Court to domestic battery, a Level 6 felony. He was sentenced to 910 days in Jay County Jail

with all but 32 days suspended and given 32 days credit for time served. Roser was fined \$25, assessed \$189 in court costs and ordered to pay a \$50 domestic violence prevention and treatment fee. He was placed on probation for 878 days. As part of his plea agreement, a Class A misdemeanor for resisting law enforcement was dismissed.

Dakota C. Nicklay, 31, 200 E. South St., Pennville, pleaded guilty in Jay Superior Court to domestic battery, a Level 6 felony. He was sentenced to 730 days in Indiana Department of Correction. Nicklay was fined \$25, assessed \$189 in court costs and ordered to pay a \$50 domestic violence prevention and treatment fee. As part of his plea agreement, a Level 6 felony for criminal trespassing was dismissed.

Donald Whittaker Jr., 36, 243 East Highland Ave., Dunkirk, pleaded guilty in Jay Circuit Court to domestic battery, a Level 5 felony. He was sentenced to five years in Indiana Department of Correction with two years suspended and given credit for time served. Whittaker was fined \$1, assessed \$189 in court costs and ordered to pay a \$50 domestic violence prevention fee. The court recommended he be evaluated and treated for mental health concerns.

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Superior Court to domestic battery, a Level 6 felony. He was sentenced to 910 days in Jay County Jail with all but 32 days of his sentence suspended and given 32 days credit for time served. Roser was assessed \$189 in court costs, fined \$25 and ordered to pay a \$50 domestic violence prevention and treatment fee. As part of his plea agreement, a Class A misdemeanor for resisting law enforcement was dismissed.

Burglary

A Redkey man was sentenced to prison after pleading guilty in Jay Circuit Court to burglary.

William A. Lawhorn, 52, 253 E. Bell Ave., pleaded guilty but mentally ill to the Level 4 felony. He was sentenced to eight years in Indiana Department of Correction and given credit for time served. Lawhorn was fined \$1 and assessed \$189 in court costs. He was also ordered to pay \$2,316.42 in restitution to the benefit of Richelle Reynolds. As part of his plea agreement, the following charges were dismissed: a Level 6 felony for residential entry, a Level 6 felony for confinement, a Class A misdemeanor for resisting law enforcement, a Class A misdemeanor for criminal mischief, three Class B misdemeanors for three other counts of criminal mischief and a habitual offender enhancement.



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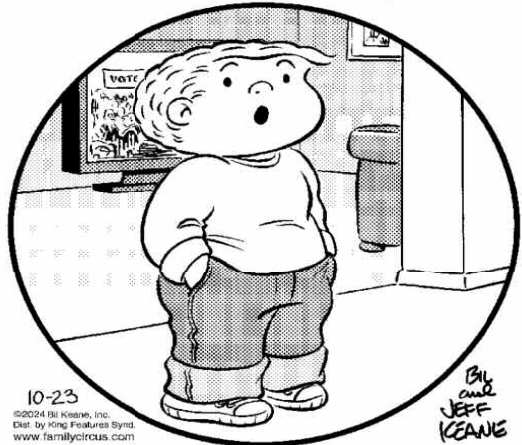
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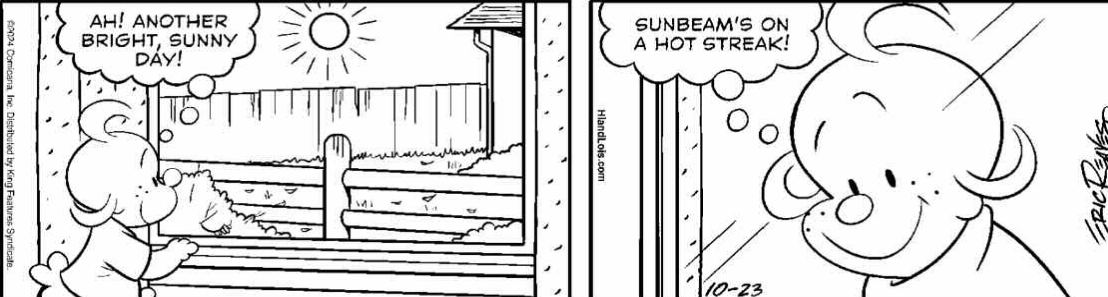
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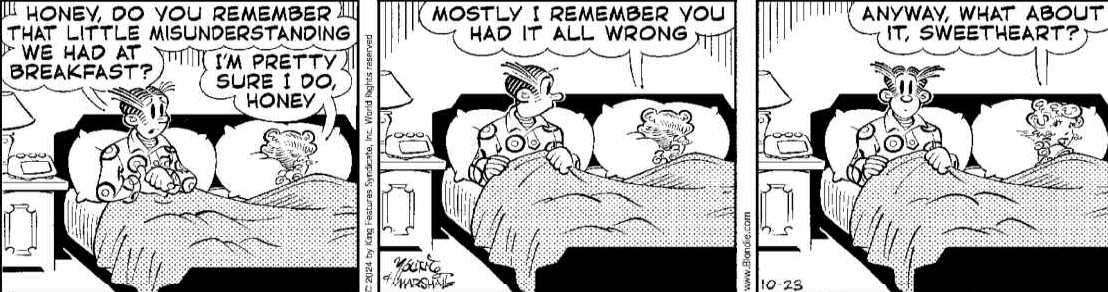
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Beetle Bailey



Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

Look before you leap

South dealer. Neither side vulnerable.

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♥ K Q 10 9 4
♦ J 9 8
♣ 7 6 5

WEST
♠ J 6 4 3
♥ 6 2
♦ K 10 7 5 4
♣ J 9

EAST
♠ Q 10 8 5
♥ A 7 5 3
♦ 3
♣ Q 10 3 2

toward the J-9, hoping to get to dummy and cash three heart tricks. But West went up with the king, leaving South with the A-Q opposite the singleton jack. West then returned a spade, and South finished down one, scoring only eight tricks — two spades, a heart, three diamonds and two clubs.

Declarer could have assured the contract against any lie of the opposing cards had he not fallen asleep at the switch. All he had to do was to win the opening lead with the queen of diamonds rather than with dummy's eight.

Now after East takes the second heart lead with the ace, there is nothing the defense can do to stop the contract. Let's say East shifts to a spade as before. South wins and leads the two of diamonds, taken by West with the king. West leads another spade, but school is out. Declarer takes the spade, leads the diamond six to dummy's jack, cashes three hearts and winds up making five notrump!

While it might seem wasteful to win the first diamond with the queen after dummy's eight holds the trick, it is unquestionably the correct play. If instead you impulsively let the eight win the first trick and then start thinking about what to do next, you discover why the easiest hands are sometimes the toughest.

The bidding:
South West North East
2 NT Pass 3♦ Pass
3♥ Pass 3 NT

Opening lead — five of diamonds. Bridge is admittedly not an easy game, but the sad fact is that the overwhelming majority of mistakes made occur on relatively easy hands, rather than on the difficult ones. Consider this deal where South was in three notrump and West led a diamond. Declarer won the trick with dummy's eight, played a heart to his jack, which held, and continued a heart, taken by East's ace. East shifted to a spade, won by the king, and declarer returned a low diamond from his A-Q-6

Tomorrow: A 4-1 cheat

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26 Carry— (travel bags)			46 Ireland
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Vikings, Colts flexed to SNF

By DANE MIZUTANI

Pioneer Press
Tribune News Service

Originally, the Vikings didn't have many prime-time games on their schedule, largely based on how they were perceived from a national perspective.

Now boasting a 5-1 record, the Vikings have suddenly become appointment television. Naturally, the NFL has reacted accordingly, flex-

ing the Nov. 2 game between the Vikings and the Indianapolis Colts to primetime.

As a result, the Vikings and the Colts will now kickoff at 7:20 p.m. on Sunday Night Football. The matchup was previously scheduled to be played during the noon slate of games.

This is the first time the Vikings have been flexed

this season. It might not be the last time given the way things have played out to this point.

The only other prime-time games the Vikings have on their schedule as of right now is this week's game against the Los Angeles Rams on Thursday Night Football and the Dec. 16 game against the Chicago Bears on Monday Night Football.

Campbell responds to Christie

By NOLAN BIANCHI

The Detroit News
Tribune News Service

ALLEN PARK, Mich. — Detroit Lions head coach Dan Campbell finally responded to the biggest story of last week: Getting called "classless" by ex-New Jersey governor Chris Christie.

Campbell was asked about Christie's comments on Monday and responded to them in a way only Campbell could.

"The last time somebody called me classless, I was drinking wine out of a bottle," Campbell said. "But no, it's all good. I'm not worried about it."

Christie, a Dallas Cowboys fan, went after Campbell last week while appearing on "Mad Dog Unleashed," a radio show hosted by Chris "Mad Dog" Russo. Asked how he felt about the Lions opening their book of trick plays in the blowout, Christie said, "That's Dan Campbell. He's got no class. Never has."

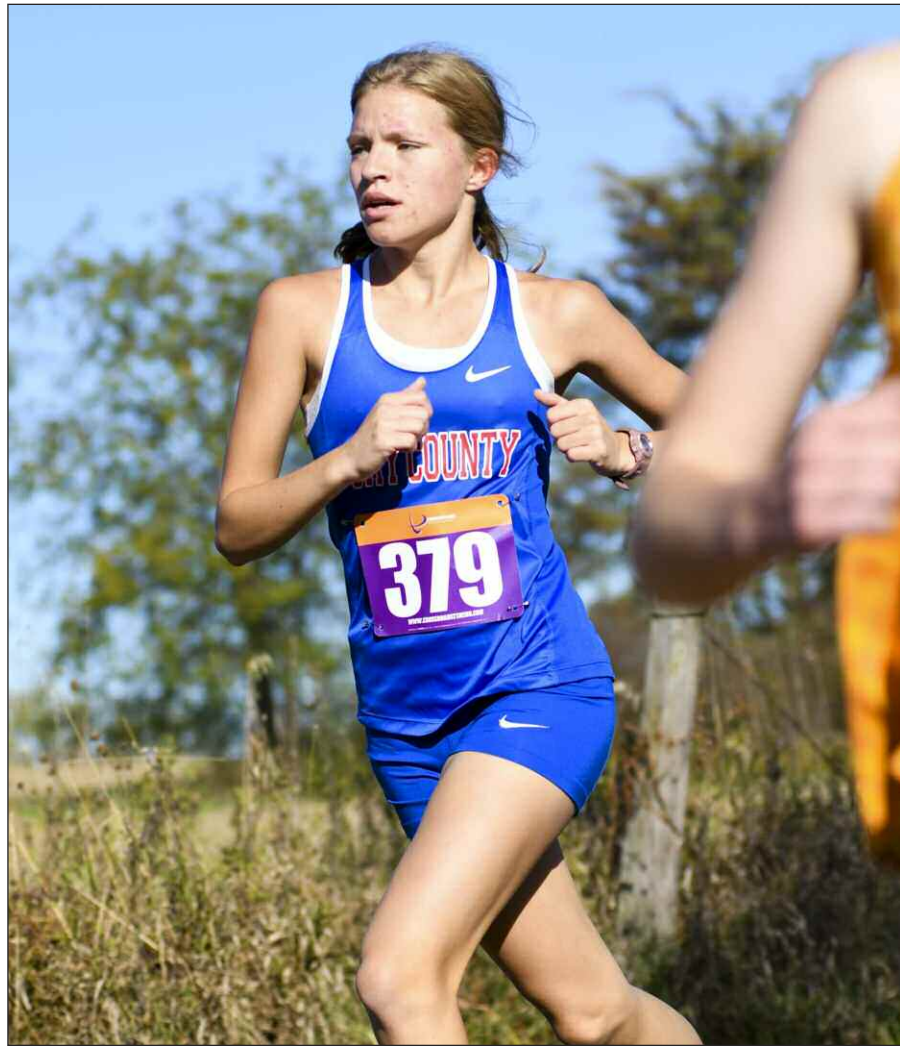
"It's fine. It's fine. Look, Dan Campbell, that's the way he is, and what goes around comes around."

Ultimately, Campbell provided good reasoning for why he didn't take his foot off the gas despite the lopsided scoreboard. When he was interim head coach of the Miami Dolphins in 2015, they played a game against the Houston Texans where Miami took a 41-0 lead at halftime and pulled their starters, only to see Houston score 20 unanswered with 11:27 still left in the game.

Miami won, 44-26, but it was a lesson learned: It's not over until it's over.

"All of a sudden, you're sitting there, and then we had to go get our starters back in," Campbell said. "Once you let off the gas, it's hard to get them back going and accelerate again. It's just kind of the mindset of, you just have to be careful. And it's the same way — you go too conservative too early, and teams in this league, they'll come back on you. All of a sudden, you turn the tides, and you get in a funk you can't get out of."

On his way off the podium, Campbell clarified another lingering question: Red or white wine?



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Top-20 performance

Jay County High School freshman Abby Fifer runs in the sectional meet on Saturday. Fifer finished 14th to help clinch a regional berth.

Sports on tap

Local schedule

Today
Fort Recovery — Volleyball district semifinal at Arcanum — 5 p.m.

Friday
Jay County — Football sectional opener at Bellmont — 7 p.m.
Fort Recovery — Football at Minster — 7 p.m.

TV sports

Today
7 p.m. — NBA: Indiana Pacers at Detroit Pistons (Bally Indiana)
7 p.m. — College volleyball: Ohio State at Purdue (BTN)
7:30 p.m. — NBA: Milwaukee Bucks at Philadelphia 76ers (ESPN)
7:30 p.m. — NHL: Philadelphia Flyers at Washington Capitals (TNT)
7:30 p.m. — College football: Middle Tennessee at Jacksonville State (ESPN2)

7:30 p.m. — College volleyball: Iowa State at Kansas (FS1)
10 p.m. — NBA: Phoenix Suns at Los Angeles Clippers (ESPN)

Thursday
7 p.m. — College football: Georgia Southern at Old Dominion (ESPN2)
7:30 p.m. — NBA: San Antonio Spurs at Dallas Mavericks (TNT)
7:30 p.m. — College football: Syracuse at Pittsburgh (ESPN)

7:30 p.m. — International friendly women's soccer: Iceland at United States (TBS)
10 p.m. — NBA: Oklahoma City Thunder at Denver Nuggets (TNT)

Local notes

Final race
The final race in the Adams County 5K Challenge is the Rainbow Lake 5K Run/Walk, will take place on Nov. 26. Pre-registration can be done at

adamscounty5kchallenge.com.

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.

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Sports



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Getting it over

Jay County High School junior Elizabeth Barnett sends a free ball over during the IHSAA Class 3A Sectional 24 championship match at New Castle on Saturday. Barnett had six kills and 12 digs in the four-set loss.

District 8 season awards announced

With the postseason coming to a close, awards are starting to roll out.

One Indian made an All-District team and two more will play for the All-Star senior teams.

District 8 announced its end of season awards on Monday, and Fort Recovery High School's Cameron Muhlenkamp made the District 8 All-Star Third Team.

While Cameron Muhlenkamp made the third team, Kayla Heitkamp and Kennedy Muhlenkamp have both been selected to play on Team II for the All-Star Senior Match.

Cameron Muhlenkamp led the Fort Recovery (11-13) offense with 201 kills prior to Wednesday's district semifinal at Arcanum. The sophomore also had the third most digs at 250 and aces at 24.

Heitkamp controlled the offense as the setter, assisting hitters 603 times throughout the season. She also added a team-high 43 aces.

Kennedy Muhlenkamp played more of a defensive role, digging out 268 shots and receiving serves 430 times. The senior also added 133 kills, 19 aces and three blocks.

The seniors will play with six other Midwest Athletic Conference players, as players from Marion Local and MAC champion Coldwater were placed with Fort Recovery.

The team will be coached by Coldwater's Nikki Etzler and Ottoville's Lexie Lautzenheiser.

The match will take place at 7 p.m. on Nov. 13 at Coldwater.

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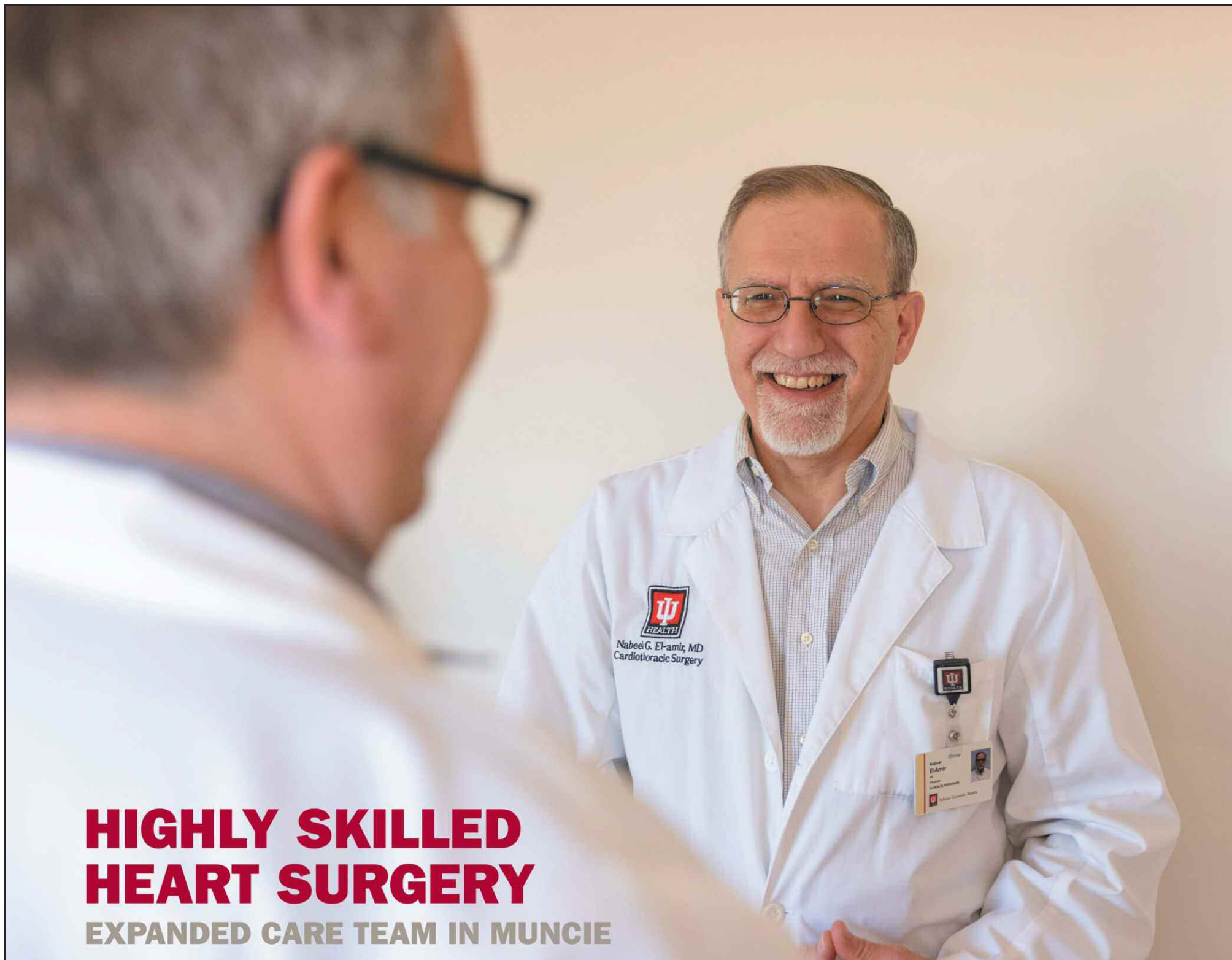
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