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Hispanic health fair

Nurses hand a woman paperwork to fill out during the Hispanic Health Fair at IU Health Jay on Saturday. Dozens of people visited the hospital Saturday morning for the health fair, which offered health screenings, informational booths, access to mental health care, breakfast and other resources. Event organizer and Progressive Del Toro Office Products owner Adolfo Solis noted the language barrier can present a challenge for Hispanics seeking health care. "(Today) worked out good, and we're looking forward to the next year," he said.

Portland man was killed in crash Monday

Motorcycle went off of Indiana 26 near Division Road

By BAILEY CLINE
The Commercial Review

A Portland man died early Monday in a motorcycle crash.

John A. Arnold, 54, was pronounced dead at the scene after his motorcycle left Indiana 26 and crashed in a field about 12:15 a.m. Monday.

Arnold was thrown from his motorcycle, ending up 17 feet away. He suffered fatal head trauma that likely killed him on impact, said Jay County coroner Michael Brewster. He was not wearing a helmet.

Arnold was driving his 1992 Harley Davidson FLSTC Heritage Softail east on the highway near Division Road when it left the south side of the road. Kimberly Pinkerton, a rural Portland resident driving behind Arnold, told Jay County Sheriff's Office that Arnold had been driving in the center of the road as he maneuvered through curves.

Pinkerton told police she lost sight of Arnold coming out of the curves but noticed lights shining from a field south of the road. She backed up to find Arnold and his motorcycle in the field. Pinkerton also said there was loose stone in the road.

The motorcycle was towed, with damage estimated between \$10,000 and \$25,000.

Jury sees videos of Delphi suspect

By KIM DUNLAP
Kokomo Tribune
Tribune News Service

DELPHI — For a little over two hours Saturday morning, the jury in the trial against Delphi murder suspect Richard Allen watched 15 separate videos of his time spent inside the Westville Correctional Facility in the spring of 2023.

Allen first went to WCF shortly after his November 2022 arrest, and he was placed inside that facility after being given a "safe-keeping" designation.

Allen is charged with the 2017 murders of two teenage girls

In all, Allen spent 13 months at WCF, where Delphi investigators say he made over 60 alleged confessions — stating he killed teenagers Libby German and Abby Williams in February 2017 — to prison staff, other inmates, his psychologist and his family.

Those confessions were introduced to the jury earlier in the trial, both in the form of witness testimony

and calls Allen initiated to his wife and mother using the prison's phone system.

But throughout the case, the defense has argued Allen made those alleged confessions under severe distress at being housed inside WCF.

It was a situation that Rozzi has previously likened to a "prisoner of war," stating Allen had reportedly been "entombed" in a cell "no larger than that of a dog kennel," was forced to sleep on a concrete floor, was only allowed showers once

or twice a week, was not allowed to visit with his wife and family and was not provided adequate outside time, according to earlier court filings.

And on Saturday, the jury was able to see it firsthand. The 15 videos — which contained no audio — on Saturday were not seen by the gallery.

Defense Attorney Bradley Rozzi explained that was mostly out of respect for his client's "dignity," as four of them contained nudity.

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Expect counting to last beyond today

State rules complicate when winner is likely to be named

By SEEMA MEHTA
Los Angeles Times
Tribune News Service

LOS ANGELES — Unless polling that portends a paper-thin margin between Vice President Kamala Harris and former President Trump is completely wrong — a possibility because of dizzying changes in how voters cast ballots as well as a pandemic-prompted overhaul of election laws — Americans should plan on going to bed tonight without knowing who won the White House.

Election experts argue that a delay in knowing the result, in part because of the patchwork of rules that dictate how votes are counted, notably in battleground states, is proof of bal-



Tribune News Service/Getty Images/Kamil Krzaczyński

People wait in line during early voting at a polling station Sunday at Ottawa Hills High School in Grand Rapids, Michigan. Experts say it is unlikely that an election result will be announced tonight, in part because of vote-counting rules in key battleground states.

lot-counters' vigilance about accurately tabulating the vote. But they also worry that any delay will feed the growing skepticism many Americans have about the sanctity of the nation's electoral process.

"People are accustomed to turning on their TV late election night and seeing a winner splashed across the screen," said Jessica Levinson, an election law professor at Loyola Law School. "I think that's

largely a thing of the past. It's hard to think about how that could happen in a race this close."

She pointed to changing behavior among voters about how they cast their ballots, as

well as varying rules about when mail ballots can be tallied as well as how late mail ballots that are postmarked on election day will be accepted. But she also worries that in today's polarized climate, election officials doing their due diligence to properly count the vote will be misinterpreted as opportunities for fraud.

"Everybody knows what a photo finish is," Levinson said. Expecting a clear result on election night "is kind of like declaring victory before you can develop the film. Or it's like declaring victory before you do the last lap, because honestly the last lap is the counting."

Charles Stewart III, the director of the MIT Election Data and Science Lab, said ultimately it will come down to the margin of victory in the race.

"In all of these states, part of the answer really depends on how close the election actually is," he said. "I say that because it really only matters if the election really is close."

More than 76 million Americans have voted as of Sunday, either through mail ballots or in-person early voting, according to a tracker by the University of Florida's Election Lab.

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Deaths

Edward Mast, 67, Guyton, Georgia
Details on page 2.

Weather

Jay County had a high temperature of 70 Sunday. The low was 39.

Expect rain tonight with a low in the lower 50s and winds gusting to 30 miles per hour. The forecast calls for partly cloudy skies Wednesday with a high in the lower 60s.

See page 2 for an extended outlook.

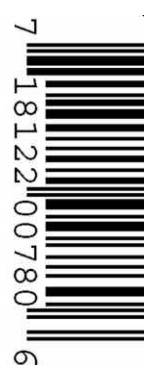
In review

United Way of Jay County and Second Harvest Food Bank will partner for a free food tailgate from 10 a.m. to noon Wednesday at Jay County Fairgrounds. Income verification is not required.

Coming up

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

Thursday — Results from Election Day, including the Jay County Commissioner race.



Obituaries

Edward Mast Jr.

Aug. 31, 1957-Oct. 12, 2024 Edward Everett Mast Jr. ,67, of Guyton, Georgia, passed away Octo. 12, 2024, at St. Joseph's Hospital in Savannah, Georgia.

A native of Portland, Indiana, he was the son of the late Edward E. Mast Sr. and Maudie E. Potter Mast.

In addition to his parents, he is preceded in death by his loving wife of 20 years, Barbara Elaine Skinner Mast; sisters Diane Romine and Deborah Osborn; brother Ralph Mast; and several half-siblings.

Survivors include his chil-

dren, Stephanie Harris, Stacy Bennett, Jeffery Mast (Suzanne), Kellie Potter (Jacob), Tim Ray (Shelly), Brian Ray (Lone) and Mark Ray (Betsy); sister-in-law Donna McCutchen (Steve Lingle); brother-in-law Gerald Skinner; and numerous grandchildren, great-grandchildren and even a great-great-grandchild; as well as nieces, nephews and cousins, and his beloved dog, Angel.

Edward spent many years as a pilot driver, traveling as an



Mast

escort to truck drivers with oversized loads. He was a member of Winchester Masonic Lodge #56 in Winchester, Indiana, where he served as Worshipful Master and Past Master. After relocating to Guyton, he became a member of Springfield Masonic Lodge # 440 in Springfield, Georgia. He was an active member of the Alee Shrine of Savannah, where he was a member of the Alee Mobile Unit. He was also a member of Effingham Shrine Club.

He was passionate about fishing, hunting and spending time with his family, which he loved dearly. He will be remembered for his caring kindness and

willingness to help anyone in need. He was a member of Bethesda Methodist Church, Guyton, Georgia and a former member of Countryside Christian Church in Winchester, Indiana.

A memorial service was held on Oct. 27 at Bethesda Methodist Church, Guyton.

Indiana Services will be at 1 p.m. Nov. 9, 2024, at Countryside Christian Church, Winchester, Indiana. Calling will be from noon until the time of the service.

Ed will be missed by many.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Alee Shrine Temple Morris Slotin Fund at

P.O. Box 14147 Savannah, GA 31416, or aleeshriners.org

Please sign the online guestbook at bakermccullough.com

Services have been entrusted to Baker McCullough Funeral Home Garden City Chapel, 2794 W. U.S. 80, Garden City, Georgia.

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

Table with 5 columns: Wednesday 11/6, Thursday 11/7, Friday 11/8, Saturday 11/9, Sunday 11/10. Includes weather icons and temperature forecasts.

Lotteries

Table listing lottery results for Powerball, Mega Millions, Hoosier, and Ohio.

Markets

Table listing market prices for Cooper Farms Fort Recovery, ADM Montpelier, POET Biorefining Portland, and The Andersons Richland Township.

Today in history

In 1605, what became known as the Gunpowder Plot occurred when Robert Catesby led a group of Roman Catholics in an attempt to blow up Parliament, the king and his family. In 1838, Honduras declared its independence from the United Provinces of Central America. In 1844, Democrat James K. Polk won the U.S. presidency as he defeated Henry Clay of the Whig Party. In 2007, Portland City Council approved the installation of new street

lights for Penn Street and Williamson Drive. Polk had risen to the Democratic nomination after former president Martin Van Buren opposed the annexation of Texas.

In 2013, India launched its first interplanetary spacecraft, sending an orbiter to Mars.

In 2019, Democrat Jack Robbins defeated incumbent Republican Gene Ritter in the race for Dunkirk mayor. Robbins scored a 264-194, winning both of the city's precincts by 35 votes.

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Citizen's calendar

Table listing community events for Today, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday.

Counting ...

Continued from page 1 Several states have reported record-breaking early returns, including two that could tip the presidential race — Georgia and North Carolina.

More than 4 million Georgians had cast ballots as of Friday, according to the secretary of state's office. The number far eclipses prior elections.

"Georgia voters know we've made it easy to cast a ballot. It's really that simple," Secretary of State Brad Raffensperger, who famously fought Trump's effort to increase his 2020 vote count in Georgia, said in a statement.

Some states changed voting rules because of the pandemic, including California, which now mails ballots to every registered voter, or in the aftermath of the contentious 2020 election. That includes a number of the battleground states that will determine who is elected president. Additionally some of these states have restrictions on when mail ballots can be received by or tallied.

In 2020, then-President Trump spoke out against mail ballots — historically a voting practice favored by Republicans. The end result was voters seeing candidates who appeared to be leading after the polls closed on election day losing once all the votes were counted. This led to widespread and false conspiracy theories in states like Michigan about the undulating vote count.

If today's election is similarly close, there will likely be a repeat of this scenario.

"If the race comes down to a couple thousand ballots in a key state, it could be days or weeks before we know the winner of the presidential election," said Rachel Orey, director of the Bipartisan Policy Center's Elections Project. "It really comes down to the margin of victory."

Rick Hasen, a campaign-finance law professor at UCLA whose latest book is "A Real Right to Vote: How a Constitutional Amendment Can Safeguard American Democracy," said the rules in Pennsylvania, Wisconsin, Nevada and Arizona could hinder the declaration of a winner in a particularly tight election.

"If it comes down to those states, there could be a delay for a few days for different reasons," Hasen said. "Pennsylvania and Wisconsin don't allow the processing of absentee ballots before election day. Wisconsin moves faster because it's smaller, but the bottleneck is Milwaukee."

"Nevada is a different problem, they allow ballots to arrive four days" if they are postmarked on election day, he said. "And in Arizona, they just have a ton of mail ballots and it takes a very long time, like California."

Another complication in Arizona is that voters in Maricopa County, the state's most populous, are being asked to complete the longest ballot they have seen in nearly two decades, Orey said. That could lead to delays at voting centers as voters take longer to cast their ballots, slow down tabulation and potentially create paper jams in counting

machines because the ballot is two pages, front and back

However, there are bright spots in other key states, he said. Georgia and North Carolina count votes relatively quickly, and Michigan changed its rules and is likely to be faster than it was four years ago.

A key question is whether the election turns on a small number of votes in one state, such as what occurred during the 2000 race between Al Gore and George W. Bush.

"If it comes down to a few hundred or a few thousand votes in one state, it could be protracted for weeks," Hasen said, noting the chances of a repeat of that deeply contentious election that was eventually decided by the Supreme Court are small but not impossible. "Then all bets are off ... It will be battling ballot-by-ballot, trench warfare."

Stewart added that both Harris' and Trump's campaigns have been preparing for this possibility.

"They are loaded for bear, as they say," he said. "Hundreds of lawyers and hundreds of briefs are ready to go."

Hasen's advice to anxious voters: Recognize once the polls close today that delays in learning the results are a sign that the system is working, and to remain calm.

Tonight, "Everyone needs to take a breath, have some patience, have a glass of wine, and get up the next day and do it all over again," he said. "Maybe at the end of the week, we know what the answer is. Unless it's a blowout."

Capsule Reports

On a delay

Jay School Corporation classes will be on a planned two-hour delay Wednesday. The delay time is to be utilized by staff for professional development.

Bills due

Property tax bills are due Tuesday, Nov. 12. The Jay County Treasurer's Office at Jay County

Courthouse will be open from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. this week to accept payments. They can also be placed in the drop box on the south side of the courthouse or paid at First Bank of Berne or Farmer's and Merchants Bank.

The courthouse will be closed on Monday, Nov. 11, in observance of Veterans' Day.

Jury ...

Continued from page 1 Each video was also anywhere from a minute to nearly an hour in length, all taken with a camcorder as part of the process for documenting Allen's time at WCF.

Rozzi added the videos were also only taken while Allen was outside his cell at the facility, such as during transport, and each video falls into the timeframe of April 2023 to June 2023.

The defense also plans to play "in cell" videos — from that same timeframe — during their evidence portion next week.

It was on Feb. 14, 2017, that the bodies of Williams and German were found near the Monon High Bridge area, a day after they were reported missing after not returning to their pickup spot.

Five years later, on Oct.

31, 2022, investigators announced they had charged Allen with two felony counts of murder connected to the girls' deaths.

SERVICES

Thursday

Hofstetter, Charles: 1 p.m., Downing & Glancy Funeral Home, 100 Washington St., Geneva.

Saturday

Mast, Edward: 1 p.m., Countryside Christian Church, 1212 E. 100 South, Winchester.

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Daughter finally meets foreign family

By CHRIS SCHANZ

The set is complete for Baby Schanz.

She's finally met all of her family members.

Our daughter doesn't have a big extended family; two grandmothers, one grandfather, four uncles, four aunts and two cousins.

In the days after she was born, she met everyone on my side of the family as we're all in Saginaw. Meeting the family on her mom's side, however, was going to be more challenging — one of her aunts is an ocean away.

Originally planned for May — about a month after Baby Schanz was

Parental Ponderings



born — Lori (Chrissy's sister) and her husband John were supposed to fly from Ireland to see their new niece.

But they had to postpone the trip.

In the meantime, we communicated via video chat on WhatsApp every couple weeks or so. It was a way for Lori and John to see her and try to interact with her, but we also wanted to establish

that form of communication so Baby Schanz could have her Irish relatives part of her life. I have aunts, uncles and cousins I hardly saw growing up, and I didn't want the same for my daughter.

But as the COVID-19 pandemic taught us, video chats just aren't the same as in-the-flesh interactions.

A couple weeks ago, Lori and John arrived in Michigan ready to finally meet their niece.

Most of their visit was during the work week, but I saved up some vacation days to burn while they were here in an effort to maximize our time together.

We packed as much as we could into the six days they were here. We visited the Bavarian-inspired town of Frankenmuth to kickstart our many shopping excursions. We took a cookie decorating class for the holiday, learning how to work with royal icing.

Baby Schanz wasn't having it that day, though. She was cranky and irritable, so Uncle John was a champ and spent time in the car with her. This allowed Chrissy, Lori and I to enjoy our time decorating the spooky-themed cookies as it was intended to be a birthday gift for me.

We put Baby Schanz in her first Halloween cos-

tume — a lady bug — and went to Zoo Boo at the Saginaw Children's Zoo.

(Chrissy dressed as a bee and I had a total Dad shirt that said "I'm with the ladybug.")

We took them to a couple of our favorite restaurants.

Chrissy's and Lori's parents also visited for a night.

Lori soaked up all the time she could with her niece, whom she affectionately calls "Nugget."

It was a jam-packed schedule, and frankly it wasn't long enough. Visiting with them never is, and it's usually for two weeks at a time when we fly to the Emerald Isle.

But this wasn't neces-

sarily about showing Lori and John around our little slice of Michigan. We can do that another time.

This was about them finally getting to meet our wonderful daughter.

Although nearly five months after originally planned, it was long overdue.

Thankfully, we don't have to wait so long to see them again as we've booked flights to jump across the pond early next year.

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Chris Schanz is a former CR Sports Editor embarking on a new journey as a father. You can reach him at christopherschanz@gmail.com.

Money intended for shower goes to cruise

DEAR ABBY: My sister recently lost her husband, who passed away after a brief fight with cancer. Her daughter, my niece, was scheduled to be married later this year. They struggle with finances, and my brother-in-law's death exacerbated the situation. In order to help out, my wife and I quietly gave them \$1,000 to put toward my niece's shower so they could have it at a nice place. My sister was appreciative, but we unfortunately heard nothing from my niece.

Fast-forward a couple months, and the wedding is now called off. My sister and her daughter recently went on a cruise and have told me they have booked another. There has been no mention about returning our \$1,000. My wife is becoming increasingly frustrated and wants to say something to my sister, which will create a family feud. While I agree the money should be

Dear Abby



returned, I am inclined to just write it off rather than stir up a mess. I would love to hear your perspective. — GENEROUS IN THE EAST

DEAR GENEROUS: My perspective is that where your sister and her daughter are concerned, you should firmly close your wallet. The money is gone, and you are right that raising the issue will cause ill will. Your generosity should have been acknowledged, and when the wedding was called off, your money should have been returned rather than applied to a mother/daughter

vacation. If your niece does manage to get married in the future, remember that you have already given her a "wedding gift."

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DEAR ABBY: Our family is having its first reunion since my mother and father have been gone. We three brothers are now the oldest generation. My older brothers are planning the event. They are inviting my ex-wife of 21 years, but none of my three nephews' exes. This is upsetting to me and my wife of 20 years.

I feel strongly that when you marry, you marry into the family, and when you divorce, you divorce "out" of the family. My ex-wife and two sisters-in-law have remained close friends since our divorce and have shunned my present wife.

Should we be upset about the invitation? Should we not attend if my ex comes? One brother says she is still "part of the fam-

ily" and should be included. My wife and I are furious. Who is right here? — PARTY POOPER IN IOWA

DEAR PARTY POOPER: Did your parents include your former wife at previous family reunions? If they did, I can understand why she would be welcomed at this one. However, if they did not, I can understand your feelings, in light of the fact that your siblings' wives have shunned your wife of 20 years.

That said, not all divorces are the same. Some former couples manage an amicable severance, and you cannot and should not dictate who your relatives choose to maintain relationships with. If you and your wife would feel more comfortable skipping the reunion, I wouldn't blame you.

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DEAR ABBY: I will turn 18 in six months. I know I should be happy, but to be completely honest with you, I'm scared to become an adult. I don't feel I'm ready to grow up and leave my childhood behind. What should I do? What CAN I do? — UNHAPPY BIRTHDAY

DEAR UNHAPPY: What, precisely, are you afraid of? All people do not mature at the same rate. It takes some individuals until they are well over the age of 21 to assume the responsibilities of being an adult. Others are ready at 18, provided they have already been given some responsibilities by their parents. The insecurities you are experiencing are things you should be talking about with them. You might also discuss this with a trusted teacher or counselor at school. If you do, you may realize that you are far from alone in the feel-

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.

PORTLAND ROTARY CLUB — Will meet at noon

each Wednesday in the cafe at John Jay Center for Learning, 101 S. Meridian St., Portland.

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

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

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

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

will meet from 6:30 to 8 p.m. each Wednesday at Redkey United Methodist Church, 122 W. Main St. Come early for a meal. 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.

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

Sudoku

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Level: Beginner

Saturday's Solution

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

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McFlurry machine move is a win

Chicago Tribune
Tribune News Service

With an E. coli scare linked to some of its Quarter Pounders, likely the slivered onions thereupon, McDonald's and its franchisees have had a rough go of late, as reflected in its share price gyrations. But this week brought some good news for the Chicago-based fast-food giant.

The notoriously fickle McFlurry stations, otherwise known as soft-serve ice cream machines, can now be legally repaired by the franchisees' own handy staffers. They no longer have to wait for someone to come from the manufacturer, Taylor Co., to show up and decipher the weird error codes on the machine.

And which entity made this happen? Believe it or not, the

Guest Editorial

U.S. Copyright Office, which announced, in essence, that it approved of allowing retail-level food preparation machines to bypass digital locks without being considered to have violated copyright, a new exemption category that includes the McFlurry devices.

Donald Trump, a fan of the chain, had already claimed on X that, should he be elected, he'd see to it that the machines were kept in working order, presumably Making the McFlurry Great

Again. But the nonpartisan U.S. Copyright Office actually beat Trump to the swirl.

Why does this matter? It's not just because McDonald's has been playing a weirdly large part in the presidential election, especially when it comes to social media and employment records. It's to do with the consumer-friendly right of repair, a concept we have written about before, which is designed to limit manufacturers from copyrighting the very processes that allow their machines to be put back in working order, giving them an effective monopoly on repairs.

The Copyright Office's exemption ruling was narrow (joint petitioners Public Knowledge and iFixit had hoped for a far broader exemption for industri-

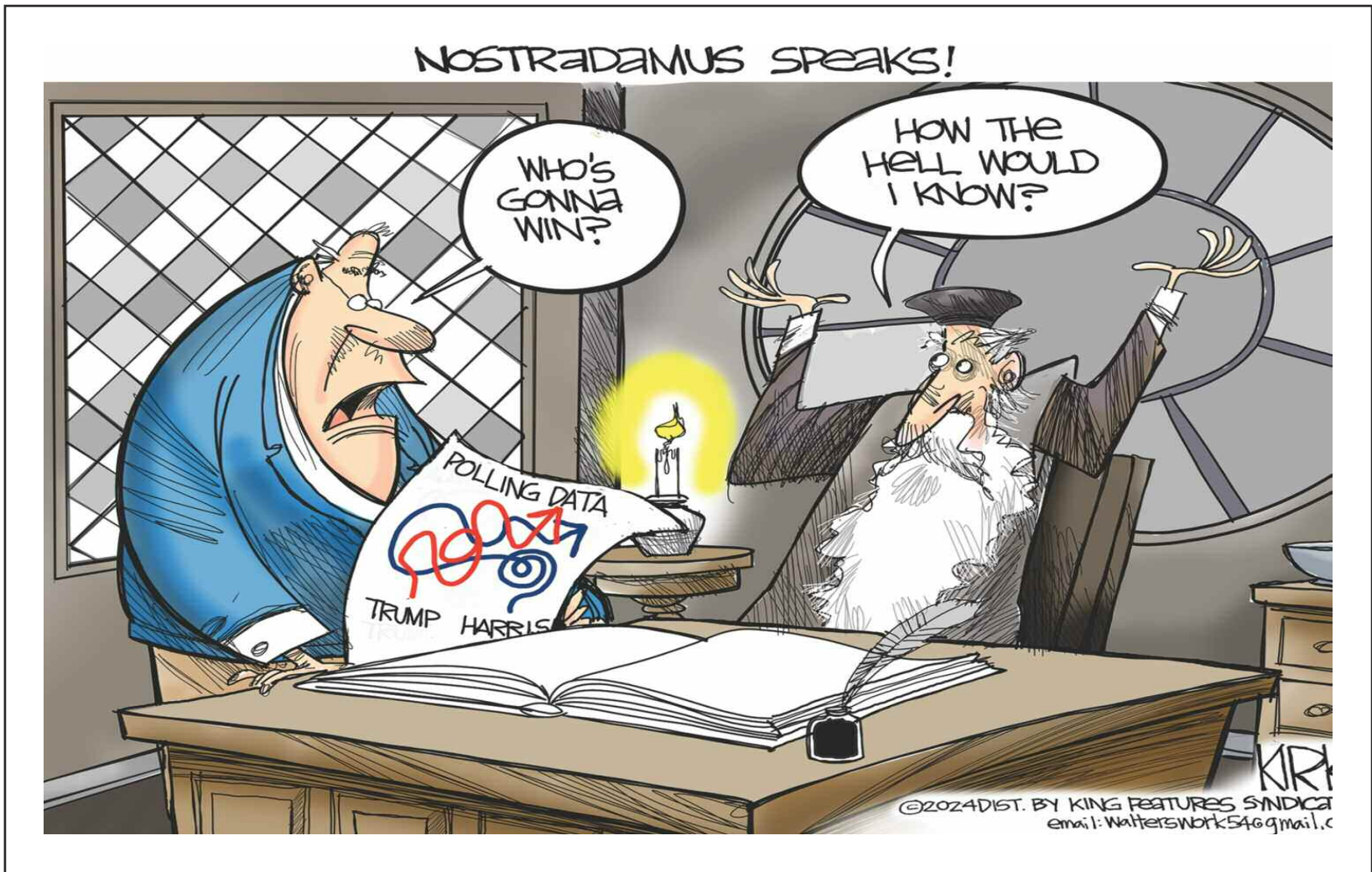
al equipment), but you can see the importance of this for everyone from independent auto services to appliance repair shops, some of which already benefit from state laws. There are business implications, obviously, but also environmental ones: If something is not easily repairable, it's more likely to hit the landfill.

In the case of the frozen treats at McDonald's, the machines routinely threw off digital error codes, now a familiar concept with most things we buy. But if you weren't from Taylor, you struggled to figure out what they meant. And McDonald's franchisees complained that Taylor repair people did not exactly arrive lickety-split.

Some McDonald's franchisees took matters into their own

hands, sparking a McFlurry of lawsuits, especially pertaining to an outside company, Kytch, that grew up specifically to help franchisees work around a problem that was forcing them to halt ice cream sales. Adding to the complexity were the contracts between machine maker Taylor and McDonald's corporate offices, which led some franchisees to suspect that the company had competing agendas when it came to keeping the old soft-servers pumped.

So this is a victory for the many small-bore McDonald franchisees and some large ones too. On a broader scale, we're all for the loosening of these kinds of regulations, in this case helping businesses better serve their customers and consumers enjoy a deftly blended frozen dessert.



City of Logansport gets an apology

By MICHAEL J. HICKS

Last month I wrote about immigration policy and mentioned Logansport, Indiana. I did so because that small Hoosier city is well known as an immigration success story in the Midwest.

Sadly, my column brought unwelcomed coverage of the city. A couple of news stories, which may be charitably characterized as indifferent to facts, painted the city as an immigrant hellscape. In one of these, Micah Beckwith called for the deportation of legal immigrants, specifically targeting Haitians for some inexplicable reason.

For what it's worth, this deportation would be a violation of both the 4th and 14th amendments to the Constitution. Having already disavowed the 1st Amendment, it appears he's working his way through the whole document.

I apologize to the good people of Logansport for stirring a hornets' nest in this season of hateful lies. I also wish to set the record straight with facts, not conjecture, polemics or ill-researched half-truths. Here are some facts.

Cass County, where Logansport is located, has been subject to three waves of immigration since it was first settled in the 1830s. The first, and largest of these, was a strong wave of German immigration that began shortly before the Civil War and ended in World War I. The second was a Hispanic wave that was much shorter and smaller and peaked a decade ago. The third is an even smaller number

Michael J. Hicks



of Haitians and Hmong immigrants arriving in recent years.

The vast majority of these immigrants arrived legally and were sponsored to move to Cass County, where they work and make a life.

Ironically, the slowest group to assimilate was the Germans. The last German-language newspaper printed in Cass County closed in 1918, 70 years after the first German immigrants fleeing the European revolts of 1848 arrived in Indiana. As a reminder, the 1848 revolts in Germany were the launching points of international Marxism. The revolts were unsuccessful, so many of the Germans who fled to Cass County were early Marxists sympathizers.

The children of the Hispanic, Haitian and Hmong immigrants learn English in school, and there are no thriving Spanish-, French- or Hmong-language publications in Cass County. It is worth noting that these immigrants are fleeing gangs and dictators whom every American government has opposed for three decades.

If the German Marxists weren't a problem, and they obviously were not, the Haitian or Guatemalans looking for the blessings of peace and capitalism cannot be. Several decades of careful research makes it clear

that immigrants are today assimilating faster than ever before in our nation. That should be no surprise given the globally dominant American culture.

These immigrants came to Cass County for freedom and economic opportunity — German, Hispanic, Haitian and Hmong. That's a good thing. Without the Germans, the farms and cities of early Cass County would never have grown. Without immigration by Hispanics, the Cass County population would be 25 percent lower today than in 2000, marking it as among the worse performing counties in the nation.

The news reporting, and Beckwith's un-Christian and anti-American deportation proposals, paint Logansport as a hellscape of crime and poverty wrought by immigration. There is not a single data point to suggest that is true. In fact, recent immigration has brought new prosperity to Cass County and Logansport. A minimally honest journalistic effort would have revealed that. The list is startling.

Per resident nutrition assistance benefits (SNAP) are down 56 percent since 2010. Unemployment claims are less than 5 percent of what they were in 2010, saving businesses more than \$625 per resident each year.

It is true that Medicaid spending is up, as are many other items like refundable tax credits, military healthcare and other items. But the Department of Commerce reports all government transfer payments except Social Security, and the result is stunning.

On a per capita basis, non-Social Security transfer pay-

ments in Cass County for health, welfare, income maintenance, education and everything else is down substantially in every year since 2010. Between 2010 and 2022, transfer payments per resident in Cass County, excluding Social Security, dropped by a whopping 59.8 percent.

In contrast, Social Security benefits in Cass County rose by 16.6 percent from 2010 to 2022. This is due to an aging native population. Immigrants gave Cass County its first population increase in decades last year, with a slight bump of 0.34 percent, or 129 souls. And all other economic indicators are doing well. GDP is up, the unemployment rate is near record lows and average earnings are up 13 percent — and all these data are adjusted for inflation.

Lies about Logansport should infuriate every Hoosier, none more so than those about schools, hospitals and crime.

Logansport school enrollment has risen by only 4.36 percent from 2010 to 2024. Like most Indiana schools, their standardized test scores are down over the past decade. But Logansport public schools outperform most charter and private schools that reported test scores in 2024.

These new students aren't forcing students out, as the New York Post and Fox News have claimed. Rather, they are saving the school corporation by bringing more than \$7.1 million per year in state funding. Without the extra enrollment provided by immigrants, at least one elementary school in Logansport would have already closed, perhaps more.

Crime in Logansport is down,

not up. The quarterly crime rate peaked in May 2015 at 118 violent crimes per 100,000 residents. As of December 2023, the most recent data, violent crime was down by 9.2 percent, well below the state and national averages.

Cass County's population peaked in 1974 — a half-century ago. Without immigration, Cass County and Logansport will shrink. That means fewer schools, fewer physicians, a hospital at risk of closing, fewer groceries and restaurants. If there were waves of Ohioans moving to Logansport, everyone would be applauding the city's success. Let Logansport take the win. The residents deserve it.

It must be said that Indiana suffered a wave of anti-immigration hysteria that led to the rise of the Ku Klux Klan in the 1920s. That wave of anti-immigration furor stunted economic and population growth in dozens of Hoosier counties for three generations. At its height, 1 in 3 Hoosier men joined the KKK, leaving millions of Hoosier families to take great pains to hide their family's involvement with the Klan.

Now, I don't think folks like Beckwith, who tell anti-immigrant lies today, are Klan sympathizers. But I have no doubt where they'd have stood in 1924, and neither do you.

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Bank donates

First Bank of Berne recently made a \$3,000 donation to Youth For Christ, which works with youth in their local churches as well as other partners. Pictured, from left, are the bank's Berne manager Kaitlyn Roby and Portland manager Tracy Carpenter, Brock Meyer, Lee Johnson, Liz Johnson and Rhonda Beall of Youth for Christ, and the bank's Bluffton manager Erica Bennett and Decatur manager Jessica Zuercher.

Ag news outlet changes leadership

Hoosier Ag Today recently announced a new leader as part of a restructuring of its management.

Eric Pfeiffer will become president of Hoosier Ag Today beginning Jan. 1. Also, founder and current president Gary Truitt will become chairman of the board.

Pfeiffer has been with Hoosier Ag Today for six years.

"I am truly excited about the new management team that will provide outstanding leadership for the company," said Truitt. "Their passion for agriculture and outstanding talent will build on the successes the company has made over the past 18 years."

The company will also move its headquarters to West Lafayette from its current location in Zionsville.

Ready to open

Adams Health will host a ribbon-cutting ceremony and open house at noon Wednesday, Nov. 6, at the new Great Heights and Adams Health Pediatric Rehabilitation location at 514 S. 13th St., Decatur.

Adams Health plans to have all of its pediatric patients at the new location for physical therapy, occupational therapy and speech therapy.

"We are so excited to continue to expand the services that we can offer to Decatur and the surrounding communities," said Great Heights CEO Dr. Amy Cooper. "It's so important to have convenient access to high-quality care, and we are delighted to be partnered with Adams

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Health to help make that happen."

Tours will be available following the ribbon-cutting ceremony.

Those who plan to attend should RSVP by emailing susan.sefton@adamshealthnetwork.org or calling (260) 223-4059.

Breaking ground

Ball State University will host a groundbreaking ceremony at 4:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 14, for its new Performing Arts Center and The Cantio Hotel at the corner of McKinley and Ashland Avenues in Muncie.

The two new facilities — the performing arts center will cover 65,000 square feet with a 45-seat theater — are part of the university's Village revitalization project.

"I am grateful to celebrate the construction of this transformative project, which will nurture the artistic growth of our Theatre and Dance students while enriching The Village and the broader Muncie community," said BSU president Geoffrey S. Mearns in a press release. "The Performing Arts Center and The Cantio Hotel represent our commitment to create a vibrant district that combines arts, education, and hospitality for students, faculty and staff, residents, and visitors alike."

Construction is expected to be complete by summer 2026.

Screenings offered

Bluffton Regional Medical Center will extend its imaging hours Nov. 9 for National Lung Cancer Screening Day.

The facility that is part of Lutheran Health network will offer lung cancer screenings from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 9. To schedule an appointment, call (833) 546-4968.

"National Lung Cancer Screening Day is a great opportunity to raise screening awareness and encourage eligible individuals to get screened," said Dr. Harish Ardeshta, Bluffton Medical Center's chief of staff, in a press release. "Many people must work during the week, which makes it difficult for them to get screened. That's why National Lung Cancer Screening Day is on a Saturday — to make it easier for people to take more control of their health by getting screened when it's convenient. Get screened so we can help reduce disparities, promote equity, and save more lives."

IPR makes changes

Indiana Public Radio has made some changes, including debuting its new station — 89.5 The Note — on Oct. 28.

The expansion includes a revamped schedule that features new shows, more news coverage, in-depth interviews and music programming. The new station, based out of Anderson, will feature classical music 24 hours a day.

"This change is founded on

our 2022 Audience Engagement Survey, in which listeners told us that they wanted more news, while also wanting more music," said Phil Hoffman, general manager of Ball State Public Media. "Once we identified what our community wanted, we set to work to make that happen."

Indiana Public Radio is available on 92.1 FM of Muncie, 90.9 FM of Marion and 91.1 FM of Hagerstown/New Castle.

Adding item

Scoter's Coffee has partnered with Red Bull to add new drinks to its menu.

The business will offer the Red Bull Winter Edition Iced Vanilla Berry and Iceberry Ignite Red Bull Infusion. Both are available for a limited time.

Awards are scheduled

The Indiana Chamber of Commerce annual awards dinner is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 13.

The dinner will be held at the Indiana Convention Center in downtown Indianapolis. NBC chief political analyst Chuck Todd will be the guest speaker.

To register, visit indianachamber.com.

Also, the chamber's 2025 Indiana Safety and Health Conference has been scheduled for Feb. 24 through 26 at the Indiana Convention Center. The event will feature the Indiana forklift rodeo, various speakers, educational breakout sessions and an innovation showcase featuring safety tools and products. Continuing education credits will be

available for wastewater operators.

To reserve a spot, visit insafetyconf.com/registration.

Grants available

Indiana Grown announced last week that \$25,000 in grant funding is available for members interested in exhibiting at trade shows.

Grants are available for \$5,000, \$3,000 and \$1,000 and can be used to reimburse the costs of booth space rental, booth design, building, shipping and installation and other trade show expenses. To be eligible, Indiana Grown members must have a commercially ready product with existing sales and be a small business as defined by the U.S. Small Business Administration.

For more information, visit indianagrown.org.

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.

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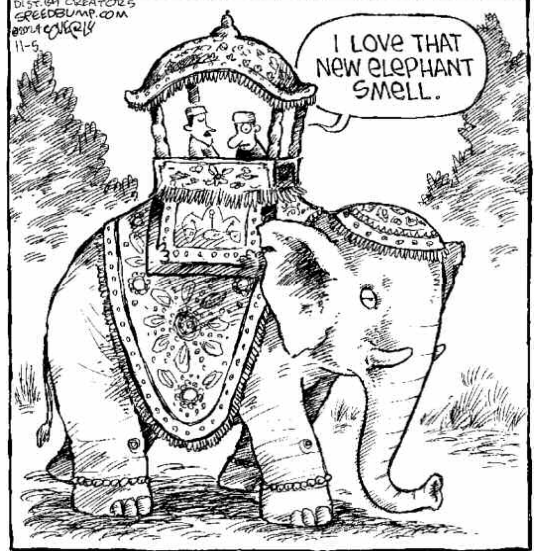
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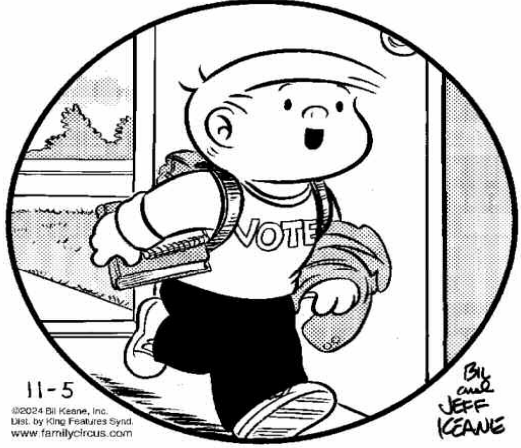
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Contract Bridge By Steve Becker

Two for the price of one

South dealer. Neither side vulnerable.

NORTH: A K 7 4, 7 3, Q J 4, A J 4 3. WEST: 9 6 5, K J 6 2, 5 3, 8 7 6 5. EAST: Q 10 8 3, 10 9 4, 9 8 6 2, 10 2. SOUTH: J 2, A Q 8 5, A K 10 7, K Q 9.

The bidding: South West North East 1 Pass 1 Pass 2 NT Pass 6 NT Pass. Opening lead — eight of clubs.

Here is a typical example. South is in six notrump, gets a club lead and has a golden opportunity to exercise his skill. He counts his sure winners and sees there are only 11. If he is by nature an impatient sort, he immediately attempts the heart finesse and goes down one.

But if South is a more thoughtful player, he realizes there is no reason to put all his eggs in just one basket. Instead, he adopts a line of play that gives him two chances instead of just one to make the slam.

He wins the first club with dummy's jack and leads the four of spades toward his hand! As it happens, this one play solves all of South's problems. Since East has the queen of spades, declarer is now sure to score three spade tricks instead of two and so make the slam. But the great advantage of this play is that even if West turns up with the queen of spades, declarer still has the heart finesse to fall back on.

The only way the declarer can go down, if he uses this approach, is when East has neither the queen of spades nor the king of hearts. The odds are about 3-to-1 that East was dealt one or both of these cards, so South can raise his chances from 50% to 75% by leading a low spade from dummy at trick two.

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Peanuts



Rose is Rose



Agnes



Hi and Lois



Between Friends



Blondie



Snuffy Smith



Beetle Bailey



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WDFBDZ "KCNHKFZSN"? Yesterday's Cryptoquip: WHEN THE CROOK WAS ATTEMPTING TO MAKE AN ESCAPE, THE OWL ON GUARD SHOUTED, "STOP OR I'LL HOOT!" Today's Cryptoquip Clue: V equals H

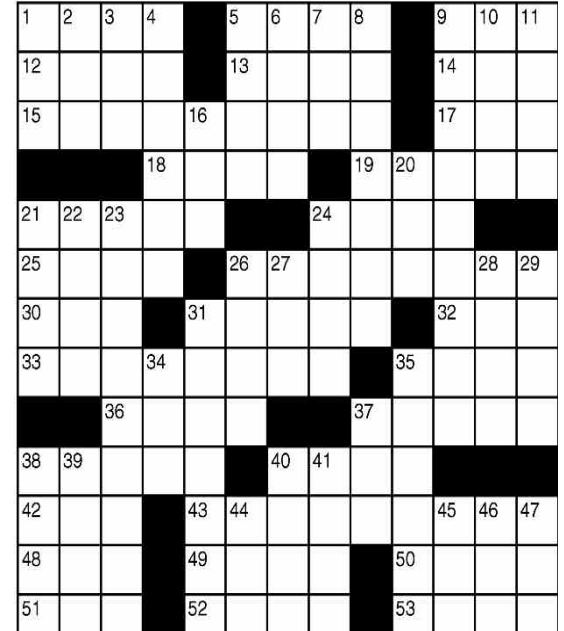
CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

- ACROSS: 1 Pen pals?, 5 Calendar squares, 9 "So there!", 12 From the top, 13 "Excited" (Pointer Sisters hit), 14 Hoppy brew, 15 Hydro-power producer, 17 Fish-fowl insert, 18 Pro votes, 19 Milk dispenser, 21 Social division, 24 Help in a heist, 25 Allows, 26 Window casings, trim, e.g., 30 NPR's Shapiro, 31 Wartime riveter, 32 Tri-umphed, 33 Toil away. DOWN: 1 Furry foot part, 2 — bind, 3 Retrieve prefix, 4 Workout wear, 5 Ten-cent piece, 6 "Lucky Jim" author, 7 Designer monogram, 8 Like salt in H2O, 9 Small wiper, 10 Lotion additive, 11 Frau's mate, 16 Deli bread, 20 Lawn coating, 21 Hammer, 22 Aviation, 23 Prepared in a wok, 24 "Put — on it!", 26 Castle defense, 27 Medit. nation, 28 Memory method, 29 Leg joint, 31 Beats, 34 Japanese pond carp, 35 Like does and mares, 37 Big mouth, 38 Citi Field squad, 39 "Frozen" snow queen, 40 Sextet half, 41 Revise, 44 Have the flu, 45 Bit of advice, 46 Away from WSW, 47 Numbered rd.

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Rays ...

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I've made pleas like this one before. I know I did it when Hannah Williams was on her run as one of the best gymnasts — particularly on the balance beam — in the state of Indiana. I've probably done it a few times since then.

Maybe some of you have paid attention. I think most haven't.

But that's not going to stop me from beating the drum when we have special athletes in our midst. Mallory is special.

She was undefeated as a freshman en route to the 160-pound state championship.

Her only two high school losses came as a sophomore recovering from a broken leg, but by the end of her year she was a repeat champion.

With weight classes changing, she once again ripped through an unbeaten season to the 155-pound state title as a junior.

This kind of excellence is rare. It is unprecedented at Jay County High School. In almost 50 years, no one else has accomplished what she has.

And she's not done yet.

You should take the opportunity to come out and watch her wrestle while you can.

I hope to see you there.



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Mallory Winner of Jay County High School makes a move at Rhaigyn "Turtle" Trenary's (Eastside) legs during the 155-pound 2024 girls wrestling state championship. Winner beat Trenary 6-0 to claim her third state title and will look to win her fourth, the first as an official IHSAA sport, this season.

Sports on tap

Local schedule

Today
Jay County — Girls basketball scrimmage vs. Huntington North — 6 p.m.

Thursday
Jay County — Girls wrestling at North Miami — 6:30 p.m.

TV sports

Today
7:30 p.m. — College football: Bowling Green

at Central Michigan (ESPN2)
8 p.m. — College football: Miami (OH) at Ball State (ESPN)
8 p.m. — NHL: Tampa Bay Lightning at St. Louis Blues (FDSN Indiana)
10 p.m. — College basketball: UC Davis at Washington (BTN)
10 p.m. — College volleyball: Nebraska at Oregon (BTN)

Wednesday
6 p.m. — College basketball: Wagner at Rutgers (BTN)
7 p.m. — College football: Northern Illinois

at Western Michigan (ESPN2)
7 p.m. — NBA: Orlando Magic at Indiana Pacers (FDSN Indiana)
7:30 p.m. — NBA: Golden State Warriors at Boston Celtics (ESPN)
8 p.m. — College basketball: SIU Edwardsville at Indiana (BTN)
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9 p.m. — College basketball: UT Rio Grande Valley at Creighton (FS1)
10 p.m. — NBA: Philadelphia 76ers at Los Angeles Clippers (ESPN)

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.
Preregistration 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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HOUSEHOLD GOODS - OLD & COLLECTORS ITEMS
Samsung refrigerator, like new, GE Profile washer & dryer, like new; Oak 5 place gun shelf (decorative & nice); Lane cedar chest; Hull basket, McCoy; Portland forge anvils; wood sleigh; Star Wars figurines and play-set; Boyds bears; LARGE ASSORTMENT OF HULL OVEN PROOF; Coke glasses; Farmall sign; Elgin clock; Cast iron pot; and many other items not listed.

GUNS-TRAILER-BOAT-TOOLS
Ruger model 10-.22 long rifle with Simmons scope; Ithaca Model 37-12 gauge shotgun; Sport King 22 long rifle with Simmons scope; Lefever trap gun; Jennings #7006 Special Crossbow with Tasco scope; 8' x 12' trailer, no title; 12' V bottom boat; Toro Power Lite electric start 16" snowblower; Cub Cadet 5 hp chipper/shredder; Toro 22" push mower; and other items not listed.

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COUNTY OF JAY, SS: CAUSE NUMBER: 38C01-2408-JC-000067
IN THE MATTER OF:
AC - DOB 4/25/2022
A CHILD ALLEGED TO BE
A CHILD IN NEED OF SERVICES
AND
HAILEY CURTS (BIOLOGICAL MOTHER) AND
ANY UNKNOWN ALLEGED FATHERS
SUMMONS FOR SERVICE BY PUBLICATION & NOTICE OF
CHILD IN NEED OF SERVICES HEARING
TO: Any Unknown Alleged Father
Whereabouts unknown
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to Any Unknown Alleged Fathers, whose whereabouts are unknown, that the Indiana Department of Child Services has filed its Verified Petition Alleging the child to be in Need of Services, in accordance with I.C. 31-34-9-3, and that an adjudication hearing has been scheduled with the Court. YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear before the Judge of the Jay Circuit Court, 120 N. Court Street, Portland, IN 47371 - 260-726-4044 for a(n) Review Hearing on 4/4/2025 at 8:30 AM. At said hearing, the Court will consider the Petition and evidence thereon and will render its decision as to whether the above named minor child is child in need of services and shall enter adjudication accordingly. Your failure to appear after lawful notice will be deemed as your default and waiver to be present at said hearing. UPON ENTRY OF SAID ADJUDICATION, A DISPOSITIONAL HEARING will be held in which the Court will consider (1) Alternatives for the care, treatment, or rehabilitation for the child; (2) The necessity, nature, and extent of your participation in the program of care, treatment, or rehabilitation for the child; and (3) Your financial responsibility for any services provided for the parent, guardian or custodian of the child including child support. YOU MUST RESPOND by appearing in person or by an attorney within thirty (30) days after the last publication of this notice, and in the event you fail to do so, an adjudication on said petition, judgment by default may be entered against you, or the court may proceed in your absence, without further notice.
Jon Eads, Clerk
Yvonne Spillers, 30144-02
Attorney, Indiana Department of Child Services
1314 N. Meridian Street
Suite 100
Portland, IN 47371
CR 10-29.11-5.12-2024 -HSPAXLP

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COUNTY OF JAY, SS: CAUSE NUMBER: 38C01-2410-EU-000031
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DAVID MARTYNE, Deceased
NOTICE OF
ADMINISTRATION
Notice is hereby given that Chris Campbell and Angelina Koenig were, on the 1st day of November, 2024, appointed Personal Representative of the estate of David Martyne deceased, who died on October 25, 2024. All persons who have claims against this estate, whether or not now due, must file the claim in the office of the Clerk of this Court within three (3) months from the date of the first publication of this notice, or within nine (9) months after the decedent's death, whichever is earlier, or the claims will be forever barred.
Dated at Portland, Indiana, this 1st day of November, 2024.
HINKLE, RACSTER & SCHEMENAUR
121 W. High Street
Portland, IN 47371
Attorney
Jon Eads
Clerk of the Circuit Court,
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Rays of insight



You'll want to watch Winner this winter

By RAY COONEY

The Commercial Review

In about 25 years writing about sports, this marks the first time I've written a column nine months in advance.

That should say something about how I feel about the importance of the sentiments I'm about to express.

I started dictating it on my phone just before midnight Jan. 12 after finishing up work on the evening that Mallory Winner won her third consecutive Indiana High School Girls Wrestling state championship.

Just about an hour earlier, I was telling reporter Bailey Cline that at this point Mallory is probably the most accomplished athlete in the history of Jay County High School. Previously, I explained, it had to have been Kerri McClung, a 2000 JCHS graduate who was a two-time state champion and two-time state runner-up in the shot put.

But three state championships, that probably put Mallory at the top of the list.

So, as Mallory and her fellow Patriots prepare to start their 2024-25 season Thursday, Nov. 7, I ask you this question: Have you ever seen her wrestle?

For those of you who are a part of the Jay County wrestling community, and there are plenty of you, the answer is yes. Many of you probably saw her wrestle when she was in elementary school.

But for many, many more of you, the answer is no.

I challenge you to change that in the coming weeks and months. Come and see Mallory wrestle.

Here are your opportunities, right here in Jay County:

• Thursday, Nov. 21, against Columbia City

• Tuesday, Dec. 10, versus Delta, Yorktown and Winchester

• Thursday, Dec. 12, against New Haven

• Tuesday, Dec. 17, versus Norwell

• Monday, Dec. 23, as the Patriots host the East Central Indiana Classic

You don't have to drive far to make this happen. You don't have to spend a lot of money.

Some of you may be sitting back right now and saying:

• "But I don't care about wrestling."

• "I don't understand wrestling."

• "I don't like wrestling."

None of that matters.

The only thing that matters is that arguably the most accomplished athlete in the history of Jay County High School, which will celebrate its 50th anniversary next year, is about to begin competing in her final season as a Patriot.

Take advantage of this opportunity so that sometime down the road, when Mallory is wrestling for championships in college, being inducted onto the Jay County Wall of Fame, when she becomes an Indiana High School Wrestling Hall of Famer — all of which will surely happen — you can look back and say, "I saw her when."

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Making stops

Jay County High School's Austin Schoenline looks to wrap up Daryea Williams during the sectional final game that the Patriots dropped 41-8 on Friday. While Schoenline didn't manage the tackle, he slowed Williams down enough for Garrett Bennett to come in and complete the stop.

Vikings right ship in second half to beat Colts

By BEN GOESSLING

The Minnesota Star Tribune Tribune News Service

MINNEAPOLIS — The Vikings' sixth win of the season, which began with sour notes against a .500 opponent that had a history of peculiar games at U.S. Bank Stadium, lacked the polish of the home victories that propelled their 5-0 start.

After two NFC losses in five days, though, they needed a win that would help them keep pace in the NFC North standings. They also hoped for a performance that would recapture some of the foundation they'd built early in the year. The second half of their victory over the Indianapolis Colts on Sunday night provided a few call-backs to what had helped them early this year.

Three second-half touchdown passes from Sam Darnold, and an unceasing pass rush that short-circuited the Colts' passing game, helped the Vikings overcome a sloppy first

Minnesota trailed 7-0 at halftime

half and end a two-game losing streak with a 21-13 win over Indianapolis.

All three of the Vikings' sacks came in the fourth quarter, and the Vikings allowed Joe Flacco to throw for just 117 yards on his 17 second-half attempts. Though the Colts intercepted Sam Darnold twice and scored their only touchdown on a controversial fumble return, Darnold completed 12 of his 15 second-half passes for 152 yards and three scores.

Justin Jefferson caught seven passes for 137 yards, but Darnold hit eight other receivers, throwing touchdown passes to three of them.



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