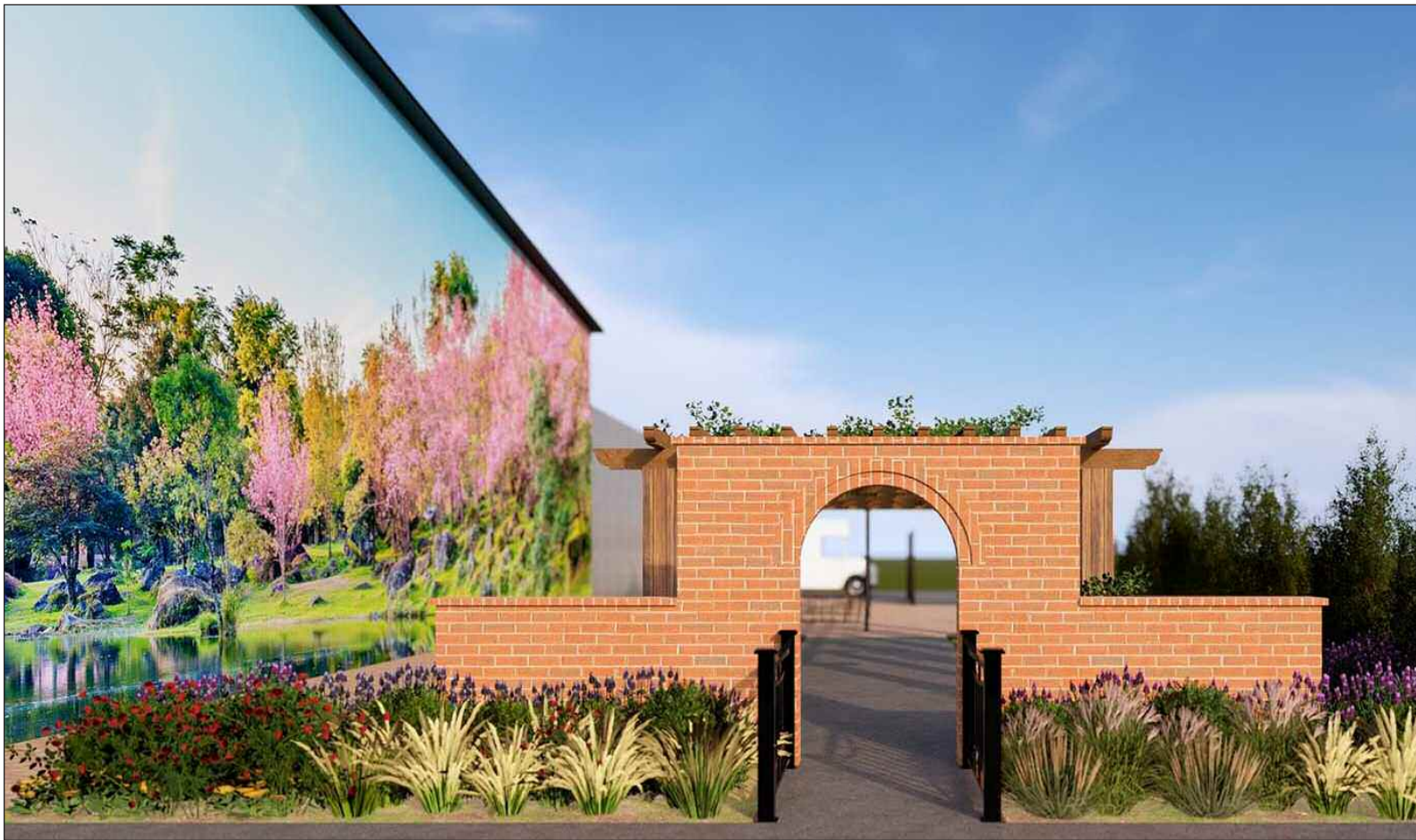


Sale approved



Rendering provided

Above is a conceptual rendering of what a space at 208 and 210 N. Meridian St. could become. LeeAnn Miller, who owns the property to the south of the empty lots, was approved to purchase them on Thursday. She said she would like to have some greenery, seating and other features to create an inviting space downtown.

Miller has plans to create outdoor show area, community space to the north of her business

By **RAY COONEY**

The Commercial Review

A local business owner was approved to purchase a couple of adjacent properties. Portland Board of Works approved the lone bid of \$11,000 from LeeAnn Miller of Reclaiming Design to purchase the properties at 208 and 210 N. Meridian St. Miller was the lone bidder for the properties, which are now vacant after the former Hunt's Building was demolished last year. (It was declared unsafe.) She owns the building to the south of the properties and is in the process of renovating it as the home of her interior design business Reclaiming Design.

She said she was interested in the property for the potential to show outdoor products but also as a space for the community to enjoy. She said she hopes to have some real or artificial grass for greenery, seating, tables and more whimsical elements such as a trellis, lighting and flowers. (Bid specifications for the purchase included providing a plan outlining planned use for the property, a timeline for improvements and a cost estimate.) "I envision that being a nice community space for my business but also the downtown as well," Miller said. She bid \$5,500 for each of the parcels for the total of \$11,000.

Board of works members Jerry Leonhard and Mayor Jeff Westlake, absent Steve McIntosh, approved the sale of the property to Miller. The next step in the process will be for city attorney Wes Schemenaur to draw up the purchase agreement. The board also denied a request from 3D Construction of Muncie for the Blaine Pike street and multi-purpose trail project. The company said it lost time during a water main break on the street. Clerk-treasurer Lori Phillips said at the meeting that water department superintendent Doug Jackson suggested the city deny the request. Leonhard agreed, saying 3D work-

ers did not stop while the water main break was fixed but rather moved to work on a different area of the project. In other business, the board: •Approved the following: the purchase of a new utility truck for the city's water department from Kelley Chevrolet of Fort Wayne for \$40,135 and the installation of a bed by W.A. Jones of Columbia City for \$12,655; spending \$25,318.76 to install police equipment in the department's new vehicles; commercial driver's license reimbursement agreement for city employees Kyle Overla and Matt Arnold; a water bill adjustment of \$718.08 for 825 S. Meridian St. because of a leak.

JEMS director arrested on drug, theft charges

McFarland faces four felony counts, has been placed on leave

By **BAILEY CLINE**

The Commercial Review

One of Jay Emergency Medical Service's directors was arrested Thursday for multiple felonies relating to theft and drugs. John R. McFarland, 48, 805 W. Race St., Portland, was booked into Jay County Jail on Thursday afternoon and preliminarily charged with two counts of possession of a narcotic drug, unlawful possession of a syringe and theft. The narcotic charges are a Level 5 and a Level 6 felony, while the syringe and theft charges are both Level 6 felonies. He was also charged with a Class B misdemeanor for possession of marijuana and a Class C misdemeanor for possession of drug paraphernalia.

He was released from jail on a \$15,000 bond. In addition to his role with Jay Emergency Medical Service, McFarland is also a part-time volunteer teacher for Jay School Corporation and serves on Portland Park Board. According to an Indiana State Police press release issued Friday afternoon, Indiana State Police Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force, LaGrange Police Department and United States Homeland Security Investigations executed a search warrant at McFarland's home in Portland after a five-month investigation. See **Arrested** page 2

Trump keeps pressure on

Bloomberg News

Tribune News Service

Donald Trump kept up the pressure on Ukraine to move ahead with a peace deal as signals emerged that the Kremlin would be willing to accept a temporary truce under certain conditions. As the American president pursues an agreement to end the war triggered by Russia's full-scale invasion of its neighbor three years ago, he's reversed years of U.S. support for Kyiv, instead courting Moscow. "We're doing very well with Russia," Trump told reporters in the Oval Office on Friday. "I'm finding it more difficult, frankly, to deal with Ukraine." Trump's advisers are already sketching out how they might ease the sanctions imposed on Russia because of the war, including a cap imposed on prices for its oil sales, according to people familiar with the discussions. At the same time, U.S. and Ukrainian officials are preparing to meet Tuesday in Saudi Arabia in an attempt to improve relations and restore American arms and intelligence to Kyiv, both of which Trump suspended after

President is pushing Ukraine toward peace deal with Russia

a White House blowup with Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy on Feb. 28. Trump's embrace of Russia has raised fears in Ukraine and among its allies in Europe that he would try to force Kyiv into a deal on terms favorable to the Kremlin. Russian officials conveyed their willingness to consider a short-term truce, provided there was progress toward a final peace settlement, in talks with U.S. counterparts last month, according to people familiar with the matter who asked for anonymity to describe private talks. In order to agree to a cessation of hostilities, there would have to be a clear understanding about the framework principles of the final peace accord, two people with knowledge of the matter

said. Russia will insist in particular on establishing the parameters of an eventual peacekeeping mission, including agreement on which countries would take part, said another person familiar with the issue. Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov didn't immediately respond to a request to comment. Russia stepped up air attacks on Ukraine overnight, officials in Kyiv said, launching hundreds of missiles, drones and other weapons at targets across the country. Still Trump said he's confident Vladimir Putin wants an accord. But early Friday, he threatened in a social-media post to impose more sanctions and tariffs on Russia if it doesn't move forward with talks. See **Pressure** page 2



Tribune News Service/dpa/European Council/Alexandros Michailidis

Ukraine's President Volodymyr Zelenskyy arrives at a roundtable meeting during the European Union summit on Ukraine. U.S. and Ukrainian officials are preparing to meet Tuesday in Saudi Arabia in an attempt to improve relations and restore American arms and intelligence to Kyiv, both of which Trump suspended after a White House blowup with Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy on Feb. 28.

Deaths

Marvin Schwartz, 69, Geneva
Edith Schwartz, 44, Geneva
Details on page 2.

Weather

Jay County had a high temperature of 39 degrees Friday. Today's forecast calls for partly cloudy skies with a high in the low 40s. Skies will be sunny Sunday with a high in the lower 50s. Monday's high will climb into the 60s. See page 2 for an extended outlook.

In review

The Jay County High School show choir will perform their shows on their home stage at 7 p.m. Monday, March 10. Admission will be \$5.

Coming up

Tuesday — Details from Monday's Jay County Commissioners meeting.
Wednesday — Coverage of Monday's Dunkirk City Council meeting.
Thursday — Results from the Jay County junior high swim team.



Arrested ...

Continued from page 1

Authorities discovered and seized narcotic drugs, marijuana and drug paraphernalia, the release says.

The investigation originated from a National Center for Missing and Exploited Children cybertip report. Blackford County Sheriff's Office initially investigated the case before it was transferred to Indiana State Police. The alleged criminal activity was centered in Jay County, according to the release.

Jay County Commissioners

president Chad Aker said Friday that McFarland has been placed on administrative leave with pay from Jay Emergency Medical Service. Commissioners scheduled an executive session for 4 p.m. Monday with a special session to follow at 4:30 p.m. Monday to address the issue.

McFarland has worked for Jay Emergency Medical Service since at least 2012, having served as a paramedic until 2017, when he transitioned to a shift supervisor role, according

to information from the Indiana Gateway website.

McFarland provided EMS certification classes to students at Jay County Junior-Senior High School. Parents of students involved in the EMS certification program were notified of McFarland's arrest immediately after school officials were informed, according to a statement emailed Friday from Jay School Corporation superintendent Jeremy Gulley.

"McFarland has been served with a trespass warning by

school officials," Gulley said in the email. "He is forbidden to enter any school district properties or facilities."

The school corporation "had received no information that these charges involve an enrolled student" at Jay Schools, the release says.

As of Friday, there had been no change to McFarland's status as a member of Portland Park Board.

The case remains under investigation, Indiana State Police said in its press release.

Obituaries

Marvin A. Schwartz, Geneva, Jan. 29, 1956-March 6, 2025. Services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Downing & Glancy Funeral Home, 100 N. Washington St., Geneva.






Edith M. Schwartz, Geneva, May 23, 1980-March 5, 2025. Services will be at 9 a.m. Sunday at the Schwartz residence, 605 E. 800 South, Geneva.

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

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

CR almanac

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| Sunny skies are in the forecast for Sunday when the high may reach the mid 50s. | Monday looks to be sunny with highs in the mid 60s. | Tuesday's weather looks like mostly sunny skies with a low around 40 degrees. | Mostly sunny on Wednesday, when the high may reach the 60s. | Thursday looks to be mostly sunny with a 30% chance of rain. |

Lotteries

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| Hoosier Midday Daily Three: 4-4-3 Daily Four: 1-3-8-0 Quick Draw: 4-9-11-17-22-25-33-36-43-44-45-46-52-59-66-71-75-76-78-80 | Pick 3: 0-0-3 Pick 4: 6-0-0-4 Pick 5: 3-6-1-4-3 |
| Ohio Midday | Powerball Estimated jackpot: \$320 million |
| | Mega Millions Estimated jackpot: \$233 million |

Markets

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Today in history

In 1701, Queen Anne took the throne in Britain. She was the last monarch from the House of Stuart. She had previously agreed to the Act of Settlement of 1701, which would shift the crown to Sophia, granddaughter of King James I or her descendants.

In 1817, the New York Stock Exchange was formally created. It was then known as the New York Stock and Exchange Board, with the current name being adopted in 1863.

In 1884, Susan B. Anthony spoke before the House Judiciary Committee in favor of a Constitutional amendment granting women the right to vote. The amendment would not be ratified for another 36 years.

In 1917, rioting began in St. Petersburg, marking the start of the February Revolution. The

first stage of the Russian Revolution, it overthrew the monarchy and created the Provisional Government, which was overthrown later in the year by the Bolsheviks.

In 1971, boxer Joe Frazier defeated Muhammad Ali by decision in a 15-round fight at Madison Square Garden in New York to retain his world heavyweight title.

In 2007, heavy rain and melting snow led to flooding, with significant issues on Rick Drive in Dunkirk. Other serious flooding was in the area of county roads 800 North and 900 North.

In 2022, a Jay County Republican caucus appointed Emily Franks to fill out the remainder of former county auditor Anna Culy's term. Culy resigned to accept a job with Indiana Department of Local Government Finance.

—The CR

Citizen's calendar

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| Monday 9 a.m. — Jay County Commissioners, auditorium, courthouse, 120 N. Court St., Portland. 4 p.m. — Jay County Commissioners executive session, auditorium, courthouse, 120 N. Court St., Portland. 4 p.m. — Jay County Public Library Board of Trustees, community room, library, 315 N. Ship St., Portland. 4:30 p.m. — Jay County Commissioners special session, auditorium, courthouse, 120 N. Court St., Portland. 7 p.m. — Fort Recov- | ery Park Board, village hall, 201 S. Main St. |
| Tuesday 6 p.m. — Ridgeville Town Council, fire department, 302 N. Walnut St. | |
| Wednesday 1 p.m. — Jay County Sheriff's Office Merit Board, training room, sheriff's office, 224 W. Water St., Portland. 3:45 p.m. — Jay County Election Board, voting room, courthouse, 120 N. Court St., Portland. | |

Pressure ...

Continued from page 1

He didn't mention those threats in his comments later, and it wasn't clear what new restrictions could be imposed given the broad limits already in place on Russia.

In his nightly video address, Zelenskyy cited the latest Russian attacks as evidence that the Kremlin "has to be forced into peace."

He took a conciliatory note with Trump, saying, "Today the most intensive work with President Trump's team ever has been going on all day at various levels."

"Ukraine is very constructive," he added.

Zelenskyy is sending top aides to meet with Trump administration officials in Saudi Arabia on Tuesday. U.S. special envoy Steve Witkoff said the meeting was intended to reach "a framework for a peace agreement and an initial ceasefire."

Russia has said it won't accept the presence of NATO troops on Ukrainian soil, rejecting a proposal by European countries to put together a "coalition of the willing" to help monitor any peace accord.

Since his Jan. 20 inauguration, Trump has overturned U.S. policy on Russia's invasion of Ukraine to try to bring a rapid end to Europe's worst conflict in 80 years.

He held telephone talks with Putin

last month, and they agreed to hold a summit, though no date has been set. Trump abandoned U.S. support for Ukraine's eventual entry into NATO, and his top officials said it was unrealistic to expect a return of all Ukrainian territory seized by Russia since 2014.

After the confrontation with Zelenskyy at the White House, Trump paused military aid to Ukraine and has suspended some intelligence-sharing with Kyiv, shocking European allies who say the U.S. risks rewarding Russia's aggression.

Any easing of sanctions on Moscow would be another divergence in policy with allies, who worked closely with the previous administration to impose the restrictions. Officials in London and Brussels have indicated they wouldn't prematurely lift the limits imposed since the Russian invasion began in February 2022.

An early barometer of the Trump administration's approach to Russia sanctions will come next week when a general license permitting a wind-down in purchases of the country's energy products is set to expire. If the Treasury Department allows the exemption on some transactions to lapse, it could ratchet up pressure on the Kremlin.

Putin has repeatedly brushed aside Trump's bid for a quick halt to the war.

McCray joins field for chair

By WHITNEY DOWNARD
Indiana Capital Chronicle
indianacapitalchronicle.com

The crowded field of candidates vying to succeed outgoing Indiana Democratic Chair Mike Schmuhl got one more entrant on Friday, with psychologist Valerie McCray signaling her interest just ahead of the March 7 deadline.

McCray joins four other contenders: former Allen County Democratic Party Chair Derek Camp; former Indiana Sen. Karen Tallian; at-large Gary Common Council Member Darren Washington; and former attorney general nominee Destiny Wells.

Former gubernatorial

nominee and educator Jennifer McCormick dropped out of the race before the Friday deadline.

McCray ran on the Democratic ticket for U.S. Senate, losing to former U.S. Rep. Jim Banks.

"Business as usual will not work," McCray said in a release. "We must excite, unite, and expand our party to ensure its survival. I am committed to bridging the divide and building a stronger, more resilient Indiana Democratic Party. That starts with a bold plan to control the messaging narrative, robust training programs across our party infrastructure, and organizing at the precinct level."

Capsule Reports

Caught on fire
A truck caught on fire Thursday at Jay County Landfill.

Portland Fire Department and Redkey Fire Department responded to a call at 11:13 a.m. Thursday for a vehicle fire at Waste Management's facility, 5825 W. 400 South, Portland.

Vehicle owner Audrey Muhlenkamp told police her 1997 Dodge Ram 1500 pickup truck caught on fire next to the facility's office building while on the scale. Workers used a front-end loader to push the vehicle away from the building to avoid spreading the fire.

The fire started in the engine compartment of the truck and was extinguished by 11:38 a.m. Thursday.

Nine Portland firefighters and two Portland fire trucks responded to the scene.

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Character Counts

East Elementary School recognized second graders for demonstrating caring. Pictured above in the front row are Taylor Hileman, Daliz Garcia Morales and Eleanor Horine, and in the second row are Xzander Snyder, Greyson Coats, Annabelle Wiggins and Charlotte Hilfiker.

Lies push siblings further apart now

DEAR ABBY: I find myself increasingly less patient with my oldest brother and older sister. They lie incessantly about things they have accomplished, always making themselves out to be the best. It frustrates me to hear them say things that are not true.

For example, while dining in a restaurant, my brother told a group of guys that he was a Top Gun instructor. In reality, he retired in the Air Force, NOT the Navy. My sister claims she paid 100% of her college expenses, even though my parents actually paid two or three years of her tuition, room and board.

My husband says I should let it go because I see them only a few weeks a year. I don't want to spend time with them because of their ridiculous stories. What is the best response when they say things that are simply not true? — CRINGING IN COLORADO

DEAR CRINGING: A way to deal with this would be to take your siblings aside individually and ask privately why they feel the need to do this. Tell them it makes you uncomfortable when you hear them lie, and that they will be seeing even less of you if they continue doing it in your presence.

DEAR ABBY: I am 36 years old. When I was 30, I was engaged to a man who was 50. He was the only man I have ever been deeply in love with. He died unexpectedly from a heart attack, and I am still traumatized. I often relive that day in my mind. We were so deeply in love.

After that loss, I don't see how anyone can ever compare to that. We were so comfortable with each other. He was gone too soon, and I cannot get past the pain. How do I move on, or will I ever? — SAD SURVIVOR IN MICHIGAN

Dear Abby



DEAR SURVIVOR: Please accept my sympathy for the loss of your fiancé. You may need to talk with a therapist or join a grief support group to help you with the trauma of his death. Once you have done that, start socializing. If you open yourself to new relationships, you may meet someone with whom you are also comfortable and can trust.

I remember, years ago, a friend of my mother who was widowed twice and in a long-term relationship after that. One day, she commented, "I can't get over it. My husbands were each so different!" What she meant was each relationship was different, but they were all loving and enjoyable. With luck, this may happen for you as well if you allow it. You are still a young woman and have your life ahead of you. It is within your power to make it a happy one.

DEAR READERS: This is my timely reminder for all of you who live where daylight saving time is observed: Don't forget to turn your clocks FORWARD one hour tonight at bedtime. Daylight saving time begins at 2 a.m. Sunday. I look forward to it each year because it signals longer, brighter days and warmer weather. I find the extra light to be a mood elevator and an energizer. Spring has almost sprung! — LOVE, ABBY

Manage respiratory illness at home

Mayo Clinic News Network
Tribune News Service

According to U.S. health officials, the number of acute respiratory illnesses causing people to seek medical care remains at a high level. Seasonal influenza activity, in particular, remains elevated across the country.

If you or a family member has the flu or other respiratory infection, Dr. Tina Ardon, a Mayo Clinic family medicine physician, says there are ways to manage most respiratory infection symptoms at home.

"Most upper respiratory infections can be managed at home," says Dr. Ardon.

That can start by staying hydrated, which is important part of the body's recovery process.

"If we are feeling sick and we're not drinking enough — maybe we have a high fever or throwing up, we have diarrhea — we are at risk of dehydration. And that may need more urgent evaluation, perhaps in the ER settings," says Dr. Ardon.

Cough is a very common symptom of upper respiratory infections and is usually the last symptom to leave. When it comes to cough, time is the best treatment.

"For the most part, cough will

resolve on its own, but some patients may benefit from using things like honey at home as long as you're over the age of 1."

She says if a cough lasts more than two weeks, that's when you should contact your health care team.

The other thing you can do for your body when you're sick can sometimes be the hardest.

"Take the time to rest. That's one way to help your body recover faster," says Dr. Ardon. "I often find people have a hard time turning things off to be able to rest and recover. So that really is probably key for most patients to recover fastest."

Community Calendar

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

Today

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS — Will meet at 10 a.m. at Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church, 218 E. High St., Portland. For more information, call (260) 251-3336 or (260) 729-7000.

Sunday

A BETTER LIFE – BRIANNA'S HOPE — A faith-based recovery group for all kinds of addictions, will meet from 5 to 6:30 p.m. each Sunday at Fellowship Baptist Church, 289 S. 200 West, Portland. Come early for a meal. For more information, call (260) 766-2006.

Monday

PORTLAND BREAKFAST OPTIMISTS — Will meet at 7 a.m. for breakfast at Richards Restaurant.

PING PONG — Will be played from 9 a.m. to noon each Monday at Jay Community Center.

JAY COUNTY DRUG PREVENTION COALITION — Will meet at noon the second Monday of each month at Jay County Campus of Arts Place, 131 E Walnut St, Portland. For more information, call (260) 251-3259.

EUCHRE — Will be played starting at 1 p.m. each Monday at West Jay Community Center, 125 Hoover St., Dunkirk.

TAKE OFF POUNDS SENSIBLY (TOPS) — Will meet for weigh-in at 4:30 p.m., with the meeting at 5 p.m., at Trinity United Methodist Church, 323 S. Meridian St., Portland. New members welcome.

For more information, call (260) 726-5924.

PREGNANCY CARE CENTER — Free pregnancy testing with ongoing support during and after pregnancy. The center is located at 216 S. Meridian St., Portland. Hours are 1 to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. For more information or to schedule an appointment, call (260) 726-8636. Walk-ins accepted.

DIABETES SUPPORT GROUP — Meets at 3 p.m. on the second Monday of each month at Mercer Health in Coldwater, Ohio.

BREAD OF LIFE COMMUNITY FAMILY MEAL — Will be served from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. at Asbury United Methodist Church, 204 E. Arch St. in Portland. Everyone is welcome.

PORTLAND EVENING OPTIMIST CLUB — Will meet at 6 p.m. the second and fourth Monday of each month at Richards Restaurant.

NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS — Will meet at 6:30 p.m. each Monday 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.

REDISCOVERING JOY — The support group of widows and widowers meets at 6:30 p.m. on the second Monday of each month at R & R Fabrications, 601 E. Washington St., St. Henry, Ohio. For more information, email rediscoveringjoy@yahoo.com.

Tuesday

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.

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.

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Friday's Solution

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

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WHAT'S FOR LUNCH?

For Jay County Elementary Schools
March 10-14

Monday: Main Entrees: Chicken tenders Alternate Entrees: Mozzarella and pepperoni pizza, pizza sauce, PB&J and cheese fun lunch Sides for all meals: French fries

Tuesday: Main Entrees: Beef nachos Alternate Entrees: Mozzarella and pepperoni pizza, pizza sauce, PB&J and cheese fun lunch Sides for all meals: Seasoned refried beans

Wednesday: Main Entrees: Rotini pasta, creamy alfredo sauce, marinara sauce, diced chicken Alternate Entrees: Mozzarella and pepperoni pizza, pizza sauce, PB&J and cheese fun lunch Sides for all meals: Roasted broccoli

Thursday: Main Entrees: Classic cheeseburger in bun Alternate Entrees: Mozzarella and pepperoni pizza, pizza sauce, PB&J and cheese fun lunch Sides for all meals: BBQ baked beans

Friday: Main Entrees: Classic cheese pizza Alternate Entrees: Mozzarella and pepperoni pizza, pizza sauce, PB&J and cheese fun lunch Sides for all meals: Seasoned mixed capri vegetables

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Theurer family offers its thanks

To the editor:
The family of Mandy would like to thank all those who made our fundraising event such a success.
Thank you to Payless Pizza, Vonderhaar's Meat Processing and Delta Theta Tau Sorority for preparing the delicious meal.
Thank you to family and friends who helped serve those who came to eat and helped clean up afterwards.
Jay Community Center was a great host and we thank them.
To the many who donated auction items and those who won the auction, we appreciate your generosity.
And we thank you, the community, for the continued support by way of a kind word about Mandy, a cash donation or just thinking of us in our effort to help others. We are blessed, all of us, to live where we live, in Jay County.
With gratitude for you, Charlene and Roger Theurer Rural Jay County

Letters to the Editor



Billionaires will not come to rescue

By JOHN KRULL
TheStatehouseFile.com
Crazy times make otherwise smart people do foolish things.
Amazon chieftain Jeff Bezos — the second richest man in the world — is but the latest example of this.

In addition to controlling the earth's largest digital shopping mall, Bezos owns The Washington Post.
The Post, of course, is one of the most storied newspapers in history. It has been home to Woodward and Bernstein, Ben Bradlee, Katharine Graham, David Broder and other journalistic icons.
Bezos bought the paper in 2013.
At the time, his purchase seemed like an act of chivalry. Newspapers already were struggling to stay alive and the long-term trend lines looked anything but good.
They needed a miracle — a white knight on a white horse — to save them.
For a time, Bezos seemed

John Krull



to be just that sort of Galahad.
Even though the Post's financial challenges, like those of most big newspapers, were severe, the cost of buying time to figure them out was not a major stressor for a man whose personal wealth fluctuated more from hour to hour than the paper's net worth.
Bezos poured money into the Post and, following the first election of Donald Trump in 2016, he stood firm when a hostile president tried to squelch and squash his journalists' coverage of an often-dysfunctional White House. When a Trump ally tried to blackmail Bezos into softening the paper's coverage by

threatening to release indiscreet photos of him, he made the photos public himself and said he would not be bullied.
Somewhere along the way, though, something changed.
As it became likely that Trump would return to power again — this time with little but retribution for wrongs, real or imagined, done him — Bezos began to hedge his bets.
He directed the Post last fall not to make an endorsement in the presidential race. He said this was a principled move, one designed to return the Post to the days when it did not issue political endorsements.
At least two things made Bezos' explanation problematic.
The first was that the Post had been publishing endorsements all the way through the campaign cycle. To stop doing so only in the season's biggest contest — and during one of

the most heated and competitive presidential elections in U.S. history — made even loyal Post defenders wonder if something else was going on.
Their suspicions were heightened when news broke that Bezos' aerospace company, Blue Origin, had met with Trump just before the decision not to make an endorsement in the presidential race was announced.
Massive numbers of Post subscribers canceled their subscriptions.
Since then, Bezos and Trump have been chummy. Bezos was Trump's guest at the inauguration Jan. 20, along with other plutocrats.
Now comes news that Bezos has decided that the Post's opinion section will focus primarily on two broad topics: free markets and personal liberties.
While he did say that other issues and areas would be discussed, points of view that did not sup-

port those two concepts would have to find other outlets.
In announcing the move, Bezos said the days when a major newspaper should serve as a marketplace of ideas were over. The internet, Bezos argued, now serves that purpose.
As with the decision not to endorse, Bezos' decision produced a firestorm of criticism.
And — as with that earlier decision — Bezos would have been better off if he'd said less rather than more.
As owner, he is within his rights to set the Post's priorities as he wishes. Some people might not like what he wants to do with one of the world's most venerated newspapers, but no one could argue that he didn't have a right to make the decision.
They can argue, however, with his specious logic.
If no news outlet can serve as a marketplace of ideas because the internet exists, why is Amazon sell-

ing products that can be purchased elsewhere?
And if free markets and personal liberties are so essential, why can't they and their defenders stand up to intellectual challenges from critics?
What's more, if Bezos values free markets so much, why is he cozying up with a president who wants to create trade barriers such as tariffs with our closest allies and trading partners?
I don't know why Jeff Bezos did his about-face.
I do know, though, that people — including journalists — who think billionaires will rescue them are dreaming.
Billionaires didn't become billionaires by being white knights.
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We can choose to keep the Dream alive

By KEVIN FRAZIER
The Fulcrum
Tribune News Service
Resist the urge to publish the American Dream's obituary. It's alive, though unwell. It's no secret that the hallmarks of the dream have become unreachable for many Americans. Homeownership seems impossible in communities. Marriage rates have dropped. Families have shrunk. Even lifespans are on the decline. The dream's vital signs are cause for immense concern. There are signs of life — Washington County, Wisconsin is testing two remedies that might just revive the dream there and across the country.
Just north of Milwaukee, Washington County is — in many ways — a surprising source of hope. It faces no shortage of challenges. As county officials will tell you, they're struggling to hold on to their community members. Too few homes, too few jobs, and too few community connections led many residents to look for another place to call home.

Kevin Frazier



County Executive Josh Schoemann, however, refused to let the dream die in his community. He and others joined together to brainstorm novel cures for the disease eating away at prosperity.
Washington County is conducting two experiments of national significance. The first is the Next Generation Housing Initiative. Established in 2021, the program aims to remove five main barriers to increasing the supply of affordable housing: high development costs, expensive down payments, zoning barriers, access to nearby meaningful employment, and community support. They expect that addressing these issues head-on will allow them to build 1,000

homes tailored to middle-class families by 2032. As of early 2025, 210 homes had already been approved for funding, with 56 homes currently under contract or sold.
There's plenty of reason to believe they will continue to succeed and, ultimately, reach their goal. First, they've left politics at home. The coalition behind the initiative includes representatives from a range of communities and stakeholder groups. The county has also held several ad hoc working group events with Realtors, lenders, educators, builders, nonprofit and faith leaders, and planners. In short, county officials have committed themselves to making their county one where people not only stay but one that actively draws more people in.
Second, they made solving basic needs a priority. The county received and accepted recovery funds in the wake of the pandemic and directed them toward recovery efforts on lost revenue. Come 2032, communities around the country should look to Wash-

ington County and see how they can emulate the initiative's success.
Another project will also warrant adoption across the country as an American Dream stimulant. The Heart & Homestead Earned Down Payment Incentive is at once helping people find a place to call home while also helping them build community. The incentive is simple: receive up to \$20,000 in down payment incentive when purchasing a home and, over the next five years, "earn" that support through community service.
The county rightfully recognizes that there's a real financial benefit to a community in which volunteerism is a norm. For every hour of service volunteered at a local nonprofit or religious institution, a homeowner will earn \$25 of the incentive. For every dollar donated to participating groups, \$0.70 is earned. What's more, the whole family can help out — contributions from anyone living in the home go toward the incentive

earnings. In the event the homeowner opts not to take advantage of those volunteer and donation opportunities, the county will receive any portion of the incentive that is not earned over the course of five years upon the eventual sale of the property or transfer of the deed.
Washington County is on to something big. The American Dream is suffering because we've lost focus on its core components: a quality home, a quality job, and a quality community. Communities that dare to prioritize those basics, however, are proving that the dream is not dead but simply neglected. We can choose to build. We can choose to cultivate strong communities. We can choose to place people over politics.
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For additional details about the Next Generation Housing Initiative, visit bit.ly/NGH2025.

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—Thomas Jefferson

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3-8 CRYPTOQUIP

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G R F T E G U B C C W B O C R G U Z M F
T B G U R M F E G F X K K P . F T K O ' X K
G B F M X B C - Z R X G Q T E C C K X P .
Yesterday's Cryptoquip: I RECKON IF A HANDSOME GREEK GOD OF MUSIC WAS SORRY, HE WOULD PROBABLY SAY, "MY APOLLO-GIES!"
Today's Cryptoquip Clue: T equals H

CRYPTO FUN

Solve the code to discover words related to pet sitting. Each number corresponds to a letter. (Hint: 10 = R)

A. 26 22 10 4 12 2 9 4 10

Clue: Babysitter

B. 6 21 6 6 8

Clue: Young dog

C. 16 14 22 10 13 2 7 12

Clue: Overnight animal care

D. 1 10 22 9 4 24

Clue: Vacationing

Answers: A. caregiver B. puppy C. boarding D. travel

WORD SCRAMBLE

Rearrange the letters to spell something pertaining to pet sitting.

W L K A S

Answer: Walks

GUESS WHO?

I am a singer born in England on March 2, 1977. I was once in a band that was booed, but that didn't deter me from pursuing music. My debut album with my current band was a hit, and I've won a total of eight Grammys. Dick Van Dyke recently starred in a music video for one of my band's songs.

Answer: Chris Martin



Food FACT:

True or false? There is no perfect diet for everyone.

Answer: True; experimentation may be needed

How they say that in...

English: Protein
Spanish: Proteína
Italian: Proteine
French: Protéine
German: Eiweiß

3-10 CRYPTOQUIP

C M S K L K S D O E B O E W J Q U N E
B H C W W D W K J H L K H U K R Y C W W
H L H R S Q K R L E W L K R Y S N H
V E R S K O O : V C V C W - U C S M N K R Y .
Saturday's Cryptoquip: SLOTHS DO CLOSE TO NOTHING ALL DAY LONG BUT HANG OUT IN TREES. THEY'RE NATURAL-BORN CHILLERS.
Today's Cryptoquip Clue: O equals F

Math Blocks

Fill in the missing blocks with numbers between 0-20. The numbers in each row add up to the totals on the right. The numbers in each column add up to the totals on the bottom.

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Solution

THIS DAY IN HISTORY

MARCH 8

1910: French aviator Raymond de Laroche becomes the first woman to receive a pilot's license.

1956: Daytona Beach and Road Course holds its first oval stock car race.

1979: The compact disc is demonstrated for the first time.

NEW WORD

REFINED

with unwanted elements removed by processing

Get Scrambled

Unscramble the words to determine the phrase.

E H L T Y H A L M S A E

Answer: Healthy meals

Did You Know?

A combination of various foods, with a good deal of vegetables and fruits, is part of a healthy and balanced diet.

Get the PICTURE?

Can you guess what the bigger picture is?

Answer: Smoothie

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS

1 "Skyfall" actress Judi
6 — de menthe
11 Pop star Gomez
12 Brave
14 Wobble
15 The — Brothers ("Bye Bye Love" duo)
16 Adj. modifier
17 Treasure stash
19 Poetic dusk
20 Must have
22 "— outta here!"
23 Linear, for short
24 Jeans material
26 Pasta brand
28 Navy address
30 Actress Long
31 Letter before pi

35 12-year-old, for one
39 Apprehends
40 "Kidding!"
42 Play opener
43 Enzyme suffix
44 Yule tune
46 Candy heart word
47 Tel Aviv's land
49 Angry rant
51 Checked
52 Sleep aid drug
53 Authority
54 Hide-aways

DOWN

1 One of the Ramones
2 Football team
3 Mosquito barrier
4 Tech news website
5 Wizard Potter
6 V-shaped badge
7 Dream, in Dijon
8 Before
9 Oscar winner
10 Brennan of "Clue"
11 Rise
13 Singer Lauper
18 Not 'neath
21 Platters
23 Maestro Seiji
25 Bygone space station
27 Petty peeve
29 Soccer great
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37 Practice pieces
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Solution time: 26 mins.

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Yesterday's answer 3-8

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Contract Bridge By Steve Becker

The clues point the way

West dealer. Both sides vulnerable.

NORTH

♠ 4
♥ 8 5 3 2
♦ Q 9 7 4
♣ A 8 5 3

WEST

♠ K Q J 7 5
♥ A K J 10 6
♦ 8 3
♣ 2

EAST

♠ A 10 9 3
♥ Q 9 7 4
♦ 5
♣ Q 10 7 6

SOUTH

♠ 8 6 2
♥ —
♦ A K J 10 6 2
♣ K J 9 4

The bidding:

West North East South
1 ♠ Pass 2 ♠ 3 ♦
3 ♥ 4 ♦ 4 ♥ 5 ♦
5 ♥ Pass Pass Dble
Pass Pass Dble

Opening lead — king of hearts.

This deal from a team match produced a huge swing when one declarer made better use of the available clues than did his counterpart. At the first table, South became declarer at six diamonds doubled after the lengthy auction shown.

West led a heart, ruffed by South. Declarer drew trump, then led a club to the ace and another club back and finessed the jack after East followed low. The finesse

worked, but when West showed out, declarer still had to lose a club trick as well as a spade trick and so went down one for a loss of 200 points.

At the second table, the same contract was reached after identical bidding. Again, a heart was led and ruffed and two rounds of trump were drawn. South then also played a club to the ace and a club back.

But when East followed low, declarer finessed the nine! Another club finesse was later taken, and as a result South made the vulnerable slam for a net gain of 1,740 points.

The second South's line of play illustrates how an attentive declarer can take advantage of the bidding to achieve the optimal result.

Ordinarily, the second-round finesse of the nine of clubs with this combination would be a poor play. But South had no difficulty diagnosing the actual situation.

The bidding strongly indicated that West's distribution was 5-5-2-1. It hardly seemed likely that West would bid up to five hearts with a 5-4-2-2 distribution.

Since West had already shown up with two diamonds when the critical decision in clubs had to be made, South had every reason to believe that West had started with a singleton club. The unusual double finesse therefore became the correct play.

Contract Bridge By Steve Becker

Famous Hand

North dealer. North-South vulnerable.

NORTH

♠ J 10 9 7 6 4
♥ 2
♦ K 8
♣ 10 7 6 4

WEST

♠ K 5
♥ 10 9 7 6 5 4
♦ A Q 9 4
♣ 9

EAST

♠ A Q 8 3 2
♥ 8
♦ J 10 7 5
♣ Q 5 3

SOUTH

♠ —
♥ A K Q J 3
♦ 6 3 2
♣ A K J 8 2

The bidding:

North East South West
All Pass! Pass Pass 2 ♠ 2 ♥

Opening lead — jack of spades.

It is usually not wise to bid a lot with a little, nor is it wise to bid a little with a lot. Both principles were clearly violated in this deal played in the 1972 Trials that determined which of two teams would represent the United States in the upcoming world championship.

At the first table, Lew Mathe opened the South hand with a theoretically game-forcing artificial bid of two clubs, and West, John Swanson, overcalled with two hearts. When this rolled around to Mathe, he decided to pass. Obviously, he concluded that under the

circumstances his two-club bid was not forcing upon himself! (Swanson went down three, losing 150 points.) Mathe had bid a little with a lot!

At the second table, where Jeff Rubens was South, partnered by B. Jay Becker, the bidding followed an entirely different course:

North East South West
1 ♠ Pass 1 ♥ Pass
2 ♠ Pass 2 ♠ Pass
2 ♠ Pass 3 ♠ Pass
5 ♠ Pass 4 ♥ Pass

At this table, Becker bid a lot with a little! Even though he had only four high-card points, he never stopped bidding until game in clubs was reached. Rubens had no trouble making 11 tricks after West led the ace of diamonds, eventually ruffing a heart and a diamond in dummy to score 600 points.

If you study Rubens' bidding, you're bound to conclude that he, as did Mathe, also bid a little with a lot! His two-club bid was surely on the conservative side (it was not forcing, and neither was his opening one-heart bid). His three-club bid was also super cautious (he could have held a much weaker hand for the three bids he had made to this point). But it all worked out in the end, thanks to Becker's unflinching persistence with his meager cards.

Tomorrow: A highly unusual discard.
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CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS

1 "Terrifi"
4 Young bloke
7 Beanies
11 "Firebird" composer
Stravinsky
13 Salt Lake athlete
14 Texter's "As I see it"
15 Come-dian Jay
16 Lass
17 Scepters
18 Bistro handouts
20 Platter
22 San Francisco's — Hill
24 Crams
28 Mythical box opener
32 Bygone Olds
33 PC picture
34 Likely
36 Physics bit
37 Blood part
39 On-slaught
41 Friend of Porthos

43 Train alter-native
44 Fore-head
46 Urban transports
50 Unspoken feeling
53 Indian lentil dish
55 Enfold
56 Lab gel
57 Gardner of film
58 Long tale
59 Makes lace
60 Stitch
61 — Kippur

DOWN

1 Motion picture
2 Baseball's Tommie
3 German city
4 Schlep
5 Slightly
6 Sandwich shops
7 Power tools that make the cut?
8 Latin 101 word
9 Prof's degree
10 "Mayday!"
12 Integers that are easy to multiply or divide
19 "Ham-ilton"
actress
Phillipa
21 Depot (Abbr.)
23 Bikini top

25 Greek cheese
26 Toad's kin
27 Not all
28 Tower city
29 Computer brand
30 Asta's care-taker
31 LAPD alert
35 Bar bill
38 Soviet space station
40 Boring routine
42 Fizzy drinks
45 Greet silently
47 MRI fore-runner
48 Shake-speare villain
49 Pesky email
50 Cistern
51 2024 French Open winner
Swiatek
52 Slugger's need
54 Legisla-tion

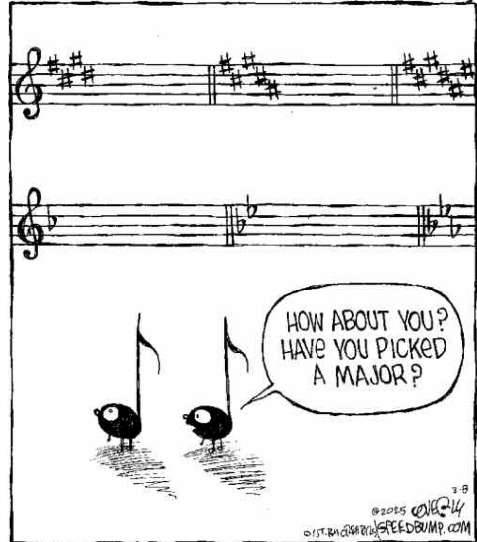
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Saturday's answer 3-10

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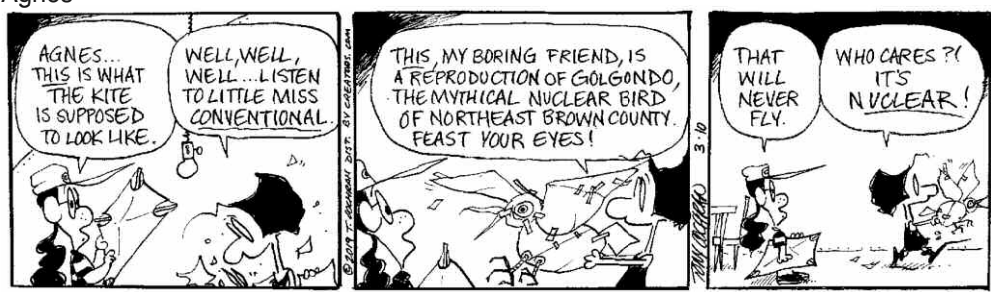
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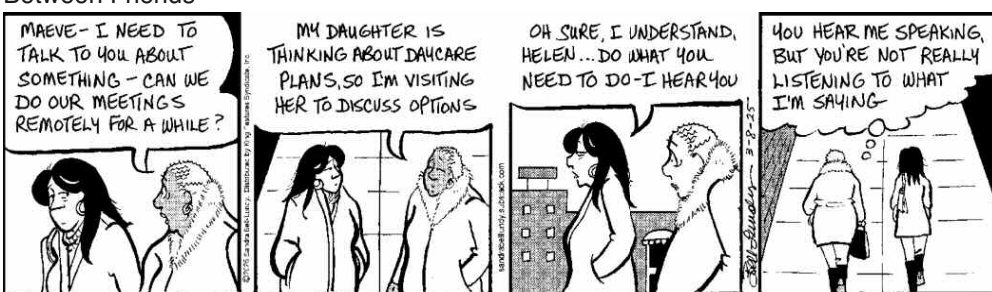
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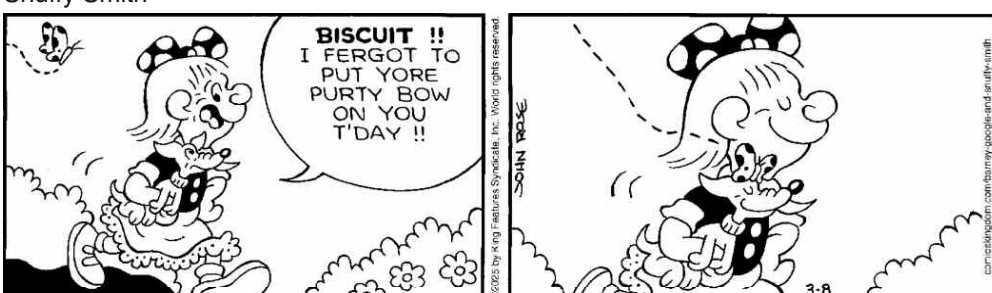
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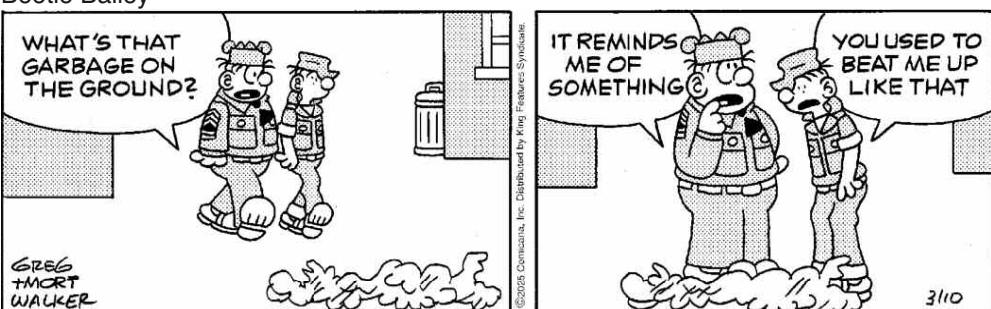
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Laughter

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CAST IRON: Wapak #9, Griswold #8 & #9, Wagner chicken fryer and Sidney griddle;
GRANITE AND PORCELAIN: coffee pots, pans, roasters and other pieces, Carnival Glass, Milk Bottles to include Union City, McCoy pitcher, Fiesta plates, Green Depression Glass, tobacco tins, Edison records, wood pulleys, Pepsi and Coke cases, Quaker State oil can, wood Barrel, CROCKS AND JUGS; #8 Clover, #5 UHL, #3, crock

90 SALE CALENDAR

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Notice is hereby given that the Indiana Finance Authority (the "Authority") will hold a public hearing on March 20, 2025, at 10:00 a.m. Indianapolis time, in the office of the Authority located at One North Capitol Avenue, Suite 900, Indianapolis, Indiana, regarding a proposal by Goodwill of Central & Southern Indiana, Inc., an Indiana nonprofit corporation (the "Borrower") and an exempt organization under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"), for a proposed issuance of one or more tax-exempt series of its Economic Development Revenue Bonds, Series 2025 (Goodwill of Central & Southern Indiana, Inc. Project) (the "Bonds") in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed Twenty-Four Million Dollars (\$24,000,000). Once constructed, the following projects will be owned and operated by the Borrower and the proceeds of the Bonds will be loaned to the Borrower for the purposes of (a) the construction of a new Goodwill store located at 2813 E. Third Street, Bloomington, Indiana, in an amount not to exceed \$4,800,000 (b) the construction of a new Goodwill store located at 11615 Fox Road, Indianapolis, Indiana, in an amount not to exceed \$3,440,000 (c) the construction of a new Goodwill store located at 7705 Brookville Road, Indianapolis, Indiana, in an amount not to exceed \$3,360,000 (d) the construction of a new Goodwill store located at 124 W. Votaw Street in Portland, Indiana, in an amount not to exceed \$1,920,000 (e) the construction of a new Goodwill store located at 5900 W. 96th Street in Zionsville, Indiana, in an amount not to exceed \$3,360,000 and (f) the Goodwill corporate remodel of the headquarters of Goodwill located at 1635 W. Michigan Road, Indianapolis, Indiana, in an amount not to exceed \$6,400,000 (collectively, the "Project") and paying certain ancillary costs associated with the issuance of the Bonds, debt service reserves (if desirable), construction period interest (if any), and costs of issuance. The Bonds will be issued as qualified 501(c)(3) bonds as defined in Section 145 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code") and will be used to finance economic development projects.
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Duke assistant coach leaves team before postseason

By STEVE WISEMAN
The News & Observer
Tribune News Service

DURHAM, N.C. — One of Jon Scheyer's top assistant coaches has a new job, just as the Blue Devils are on the verge of the postseason. Jai Lucas, Duke's associate head coach, signed a deal Wednesday to become the Miami Hurricanes' new head coach, with an official announcement scheduled for Thursday, the Miami Herald reported.

Duke sources confirmed Lucas is taking the Miami job, and that he'll not be with the Blue Devils in the postseason.

A Duke assistant coach since 2022 when he left Kentucky to join Scheyer's staff, the 36-year-old Lucas will be a first-time head coach when he takes over the Hurricanes, who are destined to finish in last place in the ACC this season. Miami (6-24, 2-17 ACC) will not qualify for next week's ACC Tournament in Charlotte, meaning their final game is Saturday at noon against N.C. State.

That means Lucas needs to get to work building his new team. The NCAA Transfer Portal window opens March 24. Duke (27-3, 18-1 ACC) plays its final regular-season game Saturday at North Carolina. Lucas will be on the sideline that night.

The Blue Devils, meanwhile, will be preparing to open their ACC Tournament play Thursday in Charlotte. Scheyer considers Lucas his team's defensive coordinator, and Lucas has helped that defense play as well as anyone in the country this season. Duke is No. 4 nationally in defensive efficiency, according to KenPom.com.

That means the rest of Duke's staff, including associate head coach Chris Carrawell and assistants Emanuel Dildy and Will Avery, will pick up things for the postseason as the Blue Devils chase the program's sixth NCAA championship.

The son of two Durham natives, one being former NBA player John Lucas, Jai Lucas joined Duke after two seasons at Kentucky on John Calipari's staff. He'd previously coached at Texas, where he also played during his college career.

Jay jumper

Jay County High School's Eli Petro lets go of a jump shot from the right block while Yorktown's Jabin Barnes contests Tuesday at New Castle. The Patriots' season ended at the hands of the Tigers 69-45 in the IHSAA Class 3A Sectional 24 opener, marking the third straight season JCHS failed to advance to the semifinal.



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Sports on tap

Local schedule

Monday
Jay County — Junior high swim at Belmont – 5:30 p.m.

Tuesday
Jay County — Junior high swim vs. South Adams – 6 p.m.
Fort Recovery — Softball scrimmage at Houston – 5 p.m.

TV sports

Today
12 a.m. — LIV Golf: Hong Kong (FS1)
7:30 a.m. — Premier League soccer: Nottingham Forest at Manchester City (USA)
10 a.m. — Premier League soccer: Brighton & Hove Albion at Fulham (USA)
11 a.m. — College wrestling: Big Ten Championships (BTN)
12 p.m. — College basketball: St. John's at Marquette (FOX); Kentucky at Missouri (ESPN)
12 p.m. — MLB Spring Training: Washington Nationals vs. St. Louis Cardinals (FDSN Indiana)
12 p.m. — Women's college basketball: Big East Tournament (FS1)
12:30 p.m. — College basketball: Loyola Chicago at UMass Amherst (USA)
12:30 p.m. — PGA Tour: Arnold Palmer Invitational (NBC)
12:30 p.m. — NHL: Seattle Kraken at Philadelphia Flyers (ABC)
12:30 p.m. — Premier League soccer: Brentford at Aston Villa (NBC)
1:30 p.m. — College basketball: Iowa State at

Kansas State (CBS)
2 p.m. — College basketball: Georgetown at DePaul (FS1)
2:30 p.m. — College basketball: Seton Hall at UConn (FOX); Alabama at Auburn (ESPN); Saint Joseph's at La Salle (USA)
3 p.m. — MLB Spring Training: Cincinnati Reds vs. Arizona Diamondbacks (FDSN Indiana)
3 p.m. — NHL: Boston Bruins at Tampa Bay Lightning (ABC)
3:45 p.m. — College basketball: Ohio State at Indiana (CBS)
4 p.m. — College basketball: Providence at Xavier (FS1)
4:30 p.m. — College basketball: Arizona at Kansas (ESPN)
4:45 p.m. — MLS soccer: Seattle Sounders at Los Angeles FC (FOX)
5 p.m. — Women's college basketball: UC Davis at UC San Diego (ESPN2)
6 p.m. — College basketball: Butler at Creighton (FS1)
6:30 p.m. — College basketball: Duke at North Carolina (ESPN)
7:30 p.m. — NBA: Indiana Pacers at Atlanta Hawks (FDSN Indiana)
8 p.m. — College basketball: USC at UCLA (FOX)
8 p.m. — NHRA: Mission Drag Racing Series (FS1)
8 p.m. — College wrestling: Big Ten Championships (BTN)
8 p.m. — UFC fighting (ESPN)
8:30 p.m. — NBA: Los Angeles Lakers at Boston Celtics (ABC)
10 p.m. — College basketball: Houston at Baylor (ESPN)

10 p.m. — USL Champions soccer: Orange County SC at Oakland Roots (FOX)
10:30 p.m. — College basketball: Nevada at San Diego State (FS1)

Sunday
12:30 a.m. — LIV Golf: Hong Kong (FS1)
9 a.m. — Premier League soccer: Chelsea at Leicester City (USA)
11:30 a.m. — PGA Tour: Arnold Palmer Invitational (NBC)
11:30 a.m. — Premier League soccer: Manchester United at Arsenal (NBC)
12 p.m. — NBA: Denver Nuggets at Oklahoma City Thunder (ABC)
12 p.m. — College basketball: Michigan at Michigan State (CBS); Conference Tournament (ESPN2)
12 p.m. — MLB Spring Training: St. Louis Cardinals vs. New York Yankees (FDSN Indiana)
12 p.m. — NHL: New Jersey Devils at Philadelphia Flyers (TNT)
12:30 p.m. — College basketball: Iowa at Nebraska (FOX)
12:30 p.m. — NHRA: Mission Drag Racing Series (FS1)
1 p.m. — College basketball: Minnesota at Rutgers (BTN)
1 p.m. — Women's college basketball: Conference Tournament (ESPN)
2 p.m. — College basketball: North Alabama vs. Lipscomb (ESPN2)
2:10 p.m. — College basketball: Conference Tournament Championship (CBS)
2:30 p.m. — NBA: Phoenix Suns at Dallas Mavericks (ABC)
2:30 p.m. — Women's college basketball:

Conference Tournament (FOX)
2:30 p.m. — NASCAR Cup Series: Shriners Children's 500 (FS1)
2:30 p.m. — NHL: Pittsburgh Penguins at Minnesota Wild (TNT)
3 p.m. — College basketball: Oregon at Washington (BTN)
3 p.m. — MLB Spring Training: Los Angeles Angels vs. Cincinnati Reds (FDSN Indiana)
3 p.m. — Women's college basketball: Conference Tournament (ESPN)
4 p.m. — Women's college basketball: Conference Tournament (ESPN2)
4:30 p.m. — College wrestling: Big Ten Championships (BTN)
4:30 p.m. — Women's college basketball: Conference Tournament (CBS)
5 p.m. — Women's college basketball: Conference Tournament (ESPN); Conference Tournament (FOX)
6 p.m. — College hockey: Notre Dame at Minnesota (FOX)
6 p.m. — Women's college basketball: Conference Tournament (ESPN2)
7 p.m. — NBA: Cleveland Cavaliers at Milwaukee Bucks (ESPN)
7 p.m. — NHRA: Mission Drag Racing Series (FS1)
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8:30 p.m. — College basketball: West Coast Conference Tournament (ESPN2)
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Monday
2 p.m. — Women's college basketball: Confer-

ence Tournament (ESPN2)
3 p.m. — College softball: Lunar Texas at Ohio State (BTN)
3 p.m. — Premier League soccer: West Ham United (USA)
7 p.m. — NBA: Indiana Pacers at Chicago Bulls (FDSN Indiana)
7 p.m. — Women's college basketball: Conference Tournament (FS1)
7 p.m. — Unrivaled basketball: Lunar Owls BC at Mist BC (TNT)
8:15 p.m. — Unrivaled basketball: Vinyl BC at Rose BC (TNT)
9 p.m. — College basketball: West Coast Conference Tournament (ESPN2)
9:30 p.m. — College basketball: Youngstown State at Cleveland State (ESPN2)
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5 p.m. — Women's college basketball: Conference Tournament (ESPN2)
6:30 p.m. — NBA: Milwaukee Bucks at Indiana Pacers (TNT)
7:30 p.m. — CONCACAF Champions Cup soccer: Columbus Crew at Los Angeles FC (FS1)
9 p.m. — College basketball: Conference Tournament (ESPN)
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