

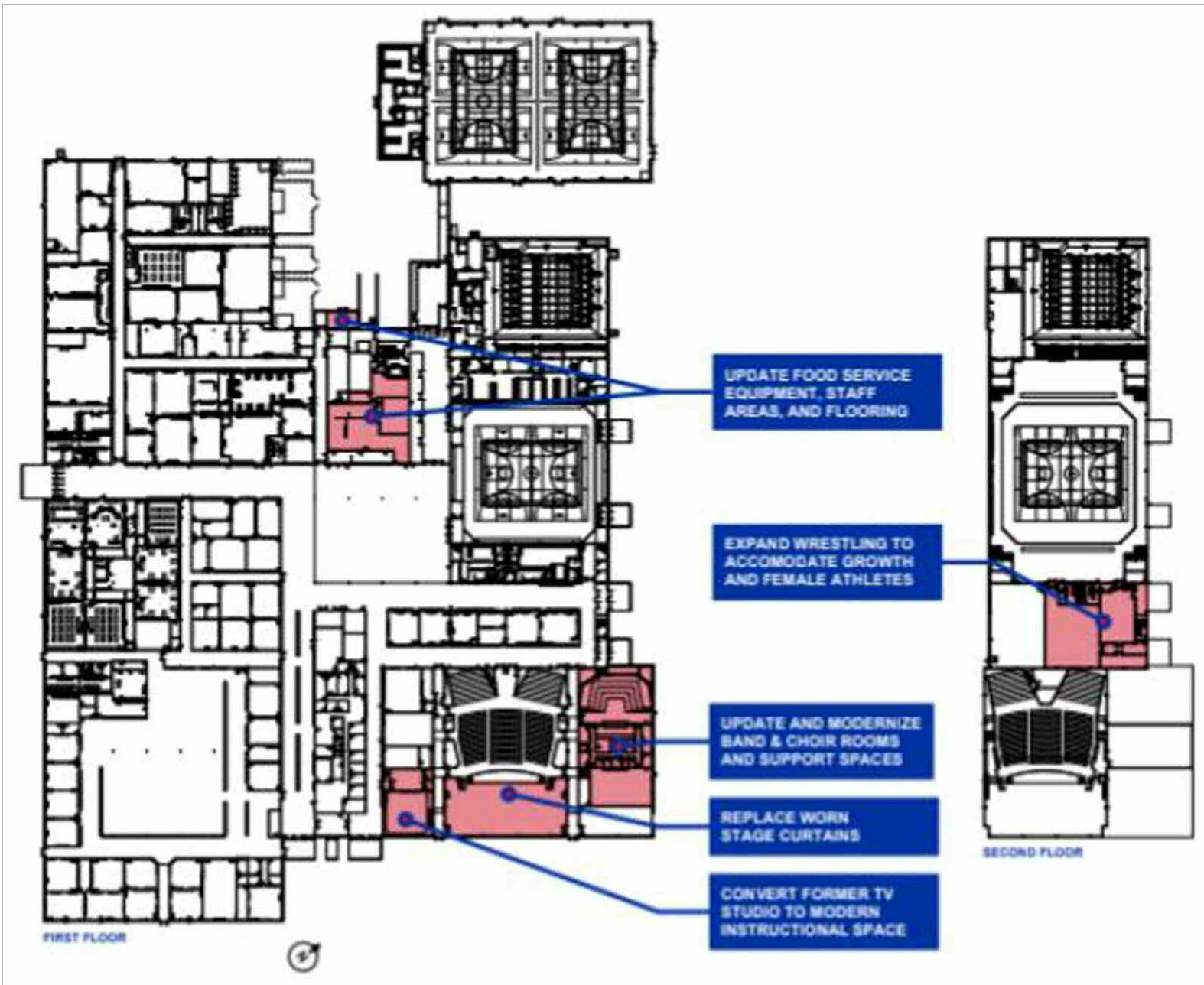
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Project planning



Barton Coe Vilamaa

The above graphic from architecture and engineering firm Barton Coe Vilamaa shows some of the areas being considered for a capital project at Jay County Junior-Senior High School. They include the food service area, the band and choir rooms, the theatre curtains, the TV studio and the wrestling practice area. Jay School Board will hold a work session at 5 p.m. Monday to discuss potential projects and set a timeline for the rest of the decision-making process.

Work session is set for Monday

By RAY COONEY
The Commercial Review

Athletic practice space.
Electrical.
Food service.
HVAC.
Performing arts areas.
Pool equipment.
Stadium grandstand.
Water mains.
All of those areas and others will be among those Jay School Board will discuss Monday during a work session dedicated to looking at potential capital improvements for Jay County Junior-Senior High School.

Monday's agenda includes a look at the timeline on the potential project both previously and moving forward, school needs, preliminary options, cost estimates, updated details about financing and information about the tax/fiscal impact of such a project. Objectives for the meeting are listed as gathering facts, evaluating long-term objectives, developing preliminary project options and creating a process and timeline.

In addition to the items listed above, other areas to be discussed include curbs and side-

walks, tennis courts, the track and water mains. The agenda also lists some exterior work for the junior-senior high building.

The work session — such sessions are intended for the board to focus on a specific topic with no action to be taken — is part of an ongoing process to make decisions regarding a capital project for the facility.

The board discussed opportunities for a capital improvement project during its Jan. 20 meeting, with Lindsay Simonetto of accounting and consult-

ing firm Baker Tilly explaining that multiple debt payments are scheduled to end over the next few years. The school corporation's annual debt service is expected to drop from \$5.73 million in 2024 to \$3.3 million in 2028. For that reason, the school corporation could take on additional capital projects — she estimated up to \$6.6 million for a “non-controlled” project or up to \$18.285 million for a project that would be subject to a remonstrance — without increasing the total debt service or tax rate.

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Braun appoints a new access chief

Indy lawyer Ruby will take over counselor position

By LESLIE BONILLA MUNIZ

Indiana Capital Chronicle
indianacapitalchronicle.com

Indiana Gov. Mike Braun on Friday announced business-focused Indianapolis attorney Jennifer Ruby will take over the state's vacant public access counselor role.

“Transparency for Hoosiers is important for a healthy state government, and Jennifer Ruby brings decades of legal expertise to serve Hoosiers as Public Access Counselor,” Braun said in a news release. “She will do a great job promoting public trust through transparency and accountability.”

Ruby said she was “honored” to be chosen for the job — and to “uphold the values of government transparency and accountability.”

“Public access is essential for effective governance, and I look forward to serving our state in this role,” she added.

Ruby is president, CEO and lead attorney at her Indianapolis-based firm, Ruby Law. She counsels clients on estate and succession planning; real estate issues; contracts and “general business issues,” according to her LinkedIn — although her “favorite areas of interest” are identified as life sciences, information technology, education and business development. She also is a mediator.

Ruby holds a law degree and a master's degree in planning from Indiana University, and an undergraduate degree in biochemistry from Purdue University.

See **Access** page 2

Quake kills nearly 150

dpa

Tribune News Service

BANGKOK — At least 144 people have been killed and more than 700 are injured in Myanmar after powerful earthquakes struck Southeast Asia on Friday, the country's military leadership said on state television.

Tremors from the quakes were also felt in several neighboring countries, including Thailand, where images shared online showed workers fleeing as a high-rise building under construction collapsed.

Thai officials reported three deaths and 68 injuries, while media reports said dozens of workers remained missing hours after the quakes.

The United States Geological Survey reported that a 7.7-magnitude earthquake hit at around 12:50 p.m. local time. Readings

Myanmar was hardest hit in Southeast Asia

from other services have varied. USGS said the epicenter was about 10 miles from the city of Sagaing in northwestern Myanmar. A few minutes later, the USGS registered another earthquake a little to the south with a magnitude of 6.4.

In Myanmar, media reports citing rescue workers and witnesses said that buildings have collapsed, trapping people beneath the rubble.

A rescue worker told dpa that hospitals in Mandalay, a city

near the epicenter, were overwhelmed by the number of injured.

He reported scenes of chaos and that there were too few volunteers to help free the number of people trapped beneath the debris.

Getting information from the situation in Myanmar has been difficult as the country has been in political turmoil since a military junta seized power in a 2021 coup.

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Tribune News Service/cleveland.com/David Petkiewicz

Tax protest

A couple dozen protestors gathered outside the Cuyahoga County administrative headquarters in downtown Cleveland on Thursday morning to rally against rising property taxes in Cuyahoga County.

Deaths

Lois Beck, 95, Portland
Details on page 2.

Weather

Jay County had a high temperature of 78 degrees Friday. Skies will be cloudy today with rain expected and wind gusting to 25 miles per hour. More rain is in the forecast for Sunday morning with a chance of thunderstorms in the afternoon.
See page 2 for an extended outlook.

In review

Jay County Commissioners will meet at 9 a.m. Monday in the auditorium at Jay County Courthouse. The meeting was moved from the commissioners' regular date because of a scheduling issue.

Coming up

Tuesday — Coverage of Monday's Jay County Commissioners meeting.

Wednesday — Reporting from next week's Jay School Board meeting.

Thursday — Results from the FRHS baseball game against Franklin Monroe.



Planning ...

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The school corporation's overall debt is currently at its lowest mark — \$31.8 million — in the past 15 years. It was as high as \$53.7 million in 2009 following another major renovation at what was then solely a high school. It involved a new pool, new heating ventilation and cooling systems, and updates to other areas.

The building was renovated again in 2019 as part of an overall school consolidation project that saw it become a junior-senior high. (A \$2.23 million project for repairs to the junior high wing of the building following the September tornado was approved at the board's March 17 meeting. That work is being covered by insurance.)

At the same meeting, architecture and engineering firm Barton Coe Vilamaa presented an evaluation of all of the school corporation's buildings. It broke down recommendations to items of high, medium and low importance, with cost estimates for each. Among high-importance needs for the junior-senior high were replacing wire glass with safety glass, updating handrails and guardrails that

are not ADA compliant, upgrading kitchen equipment and resurfacing the north parking lot (also known as the driving range). The parking lot is the most expensive of those items, estimated at \$1.39 million. (Carpet replacement, listed as medium importance, is estimated at \$780,670.)

Jay Schools superintendent Jeremy Gulley noted the need for renovations in part to keep

building — it is the largest in the corporation — viable for the long term and also to address the changing needs of junior-senior high students.

"Programs change, curriculum changes," he said.

The board held a special meeting March 3 at the junior-senior high school to tour areas of the facility being considered for renovations. Those included the band and choir

rooms, the TV studio that is currently housing the library, the wrestling practice area, the pool and the kitchen.

Gulley noted at the time that areas visited were not necessarily guaranteed to be part of a project and that other items could be added.

"There's a process to these things," he said. "We're exploring, we're communicating, we're visiting."

In addition to those meetings, a school facility and project committee has met multiple times over the last few months.

Gulley has previously said May would be the earliest date for which the board could make a decision on a potential project. That timeline will be discussed again Monday.

Bonds from previews projects are scheduled to be repaid in the next couple of years

CR almanac

Sunday 3/30	Monday 3/31	Tuesday 4/1	Wednesday 4/2	Thursday 4/3
73/47	51/32	49/42	69/59	65/49
Sunday has a 90% chance of rain with thunderstorms also possible.	Mostly cloudy on Monday with a 70% chance of showers.	Tuesday looks to be mostly sunny with highs in the upper 40s.	There's an 80% chance of rain Wednesday with highs in the upper 60s.	Thursday has a 70% chance of rain. Temperatures may be in the mid 60s.

Lotteries

Hoosier Midday Daily Three: 1-0-9 Daily Four: 8-3-6-7 Quick Draw: 2-4-11-18-31-33-34-39-43-46-49-51-56-58-59-60-65-70-73-74	Pick 3: 4-5-5 Pick 4: 1-2-5-4 Pick 5: 9-8-3-0-7
Ohio Midday	Powerball Estimated jackpot: \$515 million
	Mega Millions Estimated jackpot: \$20 million

Markets

Cooper Farms Fort Recovery Corn.....4.53 May corn4.57 June corn4.66	April beans10.26 Wheat4.83
POET Biorefining Portland Corn.....4.73 April corn4.73 May corn4.73	ADM Montpelier Corn.....4.59 April corn4.59 Beans10.23 April beans10.23 Wheat4.88
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Today in history

In 1790, John Tyler was born in Charles City, Virginia. He became the 10th president of the United States following the death of William Henry Harrison just 32 days into his term.

In 1848, an ice dam formed at the source of the Niagara River on the eastern shore of Lake Erie. It brought a stop to the flow of water over Niagara Falls for a day before the waters of Lake Erie broke through the blockage.

In 1867, the Dominion of Canada was created as the British colonies of Canada,

Nova Scotia and New Brunswick were united via the British North American Act. The legislation also split the province of Canada into Quebec and Ontario.

In 1918, Samuel Walton, founder of Walmart, was born in Kingfisher, Oklahoma.

In 2022, Mara Pearson broke her own Fort Recovery High School record in the long jump during the opening meet of the season at Marion Local. She went on to break her record two more times and finished seventh in the state in the event.

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Citizen's calendar

Monday 9 a.m. — Jay County Commissioners, auditorium, courthouse, 120 N. Court St., Portland. 3:45 p.m. — Jay County Solid Waste Management District Board, 5948 W. Indiana 67, Portland.	tion Board, Community Resource Center, 118 S. Meridian St., Portland. 5:30 p.m. — Portland Park Board, council chambers, fire station, 1616 N. Meridian St. 6:30 p.m. — Portland City Council executive session, council chambers, fire station, 1616 N. Meridian St.
Tuesday 4 p.m. — Portland Board of Works executive session, mayor's office, city hall, 321 N. Meridian St. 4 p.m. — Jay County Development Corpora-	7 p.m. — Salamonina Town Council, Schoolhouse Community Center. 7 p.m. — Pennville Town Council, town hall, 105 N. Washington St.

Obituaries

Lois Beck

Jan. 14, 1930-March 26, 2025
Lois J. Beck, age 95, a former resident of Portland, passed away on Wednesday, March 26, 2025, at IU Health Ball Memorial Hospital in Muncie.

Lois was born Jan. 14, 1930, in Portland, Indiana, the daughter of Floyd and Treva (Arnold) Hutchens. Lois retired from Jay School Corporation and was a Portland Optimist Club member and Red Hatter. Lois was a member of the Salamonina Church of Christ where she was a song leader for many years. She graduated from Portland High School in 1948.

Lois married Ralph Knapschafer

on Sept. 29, 1950, and he passed away on June 9, 1972. Lois then married Roger Beck in 1974, and he passed away on June 8, 1994.

Survivors include:

A daughter — Christine Whitenack (husband: Don), Portland, Indiana
A son — Joe Knapschafer (wife: Mary), Portland, Indiana
Five grandchildren and five great-grandchildren

She was preceded in death by two sisters, Maxine Cummins and Faye Rammel.

Visitation will be held on Tuesday, April 1, from 1 to 3 p.m. at the



Beck

Williamson-Spencer and Penrod Funeral Home in Portland. Funeral services will follow at 3 p.m. at the funeral home, with Pastor Bruce Phillips officiating. Burial will follow at Green Park Cemetery in Portland.

Memorials may be directed to JRDS or Portland Optimist Club.

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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.

Capsule Reports

Intersection crash

A Hartford City man crashed the car he was driving into a Portland woman at the intersection of Indiana 26 and county road 200 West about 12:49 p.m. Friday.

Daniel R. Brown, 19, was driving a 2024 Nissan Kicks south on county road 200 West when he stopped at its intersection with Indiana 26. He told Jay County Sheriff's Office he saw a west-bound 2017 GMC Terrain driven by 82-year-old

Carol D. Smith of Portland on the highway and thought there was also a stop for Indiana 26 traffic at the intersection. (There is no stop for Indiana 26 traffic at the crossing.)

He drove into the path of Smith's vehicle, causing between \$5,000 and \$10,000 in estimated damage.

The vehicle Brown was driving is registered to O'Reilly Automotive Store of Springfield, Missouri.

SERVICES

Today
Duke, Joyce: 10 a.m., Baird-Freeman Funeral Home, 221 N. Meridian St., Portland.

Monday
Smith, Marilyn: 1 p.m., Williamson-Spencer and Penrod Funeral Home, 208 N. Commerce St., Portland.

Tuesday
Beck, Lois: 3 p.m., Williamson-Spencer and Penrod Funeral Home, 208 N. Commerce St., Portland.

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Access ...

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The Office of the Public Access Counselor provides guidance on state public records and open meeting laws: it responds to informal inquiries on the laws, issues non-binding advisory opinions, recommends improvements to the Indiana General Assembly, educates officials and Hoosiers on rights and responsibilities, and more, according to the office's website.

Felony arrests

Criminal trespassing
A Dunkirk man was arrested Friday for criminal trespassing.

Kyle C. Hunt, 37, 31 W. Leisure Lane, was preliminarily charged with a Level 6 felony. He was being held on a \$3,000 bond in Jay County Jail.

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Woman wants gal pals

DEAR ABBY: As I approach my mid-30s, many friends have paired off and gotten married. How do I manage friendships in which I'm close with one friend but don't enjoy spending time with their new spouse? While they are not overtly offensive, they're just not fun to socialize with.

Should I slowly pull away from the relationship over a couple of years, or do I confront my friend about the issue of not wanting to spend time with their significant other? It seems abrasive to say, "I don't like hanging out with your husband." Any advice on how to navigate this sticky situation would be appreciated.

— KNEW THEM WHEN
DEAR KNEW THEM: Women navigate these sticky situations by getting together for "girls lunches," spa days (if it's in the budget) and exercise. I do not recommend telling a newlywed her husband isn't fun to socialize with, because not only will it not be well received, it's also guaranteed to get you stricken from their guest list.

DEAR ABBY: My husband is soon to have his first book published. We have both waited a long time for this moment and are thrilled that he'll finally have this achievement under his belt.

While I never had any real expectation about a possible dedication, I thought I might get a short mention. Instead, the dedication went to someone he didn't know personally, and I was com-

Dear Abby



pletely left out. His co-author took the opportunity to acknowledge their spouse in addition to other people, and now I am sad that he wouldn't acknowledge my support.

I'm not sure if I should say anything to him about it. If I do and he changes the dedication, it won't really be from him. If I wait, I will continue to feel slighted. He is a dedicated husband and supports me in everything I do, so is this a big deal just because I feel like it is? What to do, if anything? — UNACKNOWLEDGED IN THE EAST

DEAR UNACKNOWLEDGED: I am sure your husband had his reasons for dedicating the book the way he did. Because this is a big deal for you, point out the effect the omission has had on you. Communication is important in healthy marriages, and if you stuff this, it will continue to fester.

DEAR ABBY: Two months ago, I began seeing a male friend. He's involved with my close female friend, but she treats him like garbage. I've witnessed it myself. I'm not sorry for dating him; she deserves to be alone. They have no children. I'm not trying to be foolish about this situation. Do you

think I'm a terrible person? — IT'S COMPLICATED

DEAR COMPLICATED: No, but your soon-to-be former friend will as soon as the news reaches her. And if you think she treats her fella like garbage, batten down the hatches — because a load of it is coming your way.

DEAR ABBY: My friend invites me for dinner often, and I keep coming up with vague excuses about why I cannot come. The reason for my reluctance is her poor kitchen hygiene. The fridge always has old food and spillage, and her kitchen counters and sink are littered with dirty dishes and leftovers. She doesn't wash her hands before cooking, either.

I have helped her clean her kitchen many times while visiting, thinking she perhaps just needed guidance, but her old habits stick. It feels awkward and inappropriate to tell her the reason for my continuous cancellations. How would you proceed? — FRIEND IN STICKY SITUATION

DEAR FRIEND: You aren't going to change her. The way to handle this would be to invite her over to your place for dinner, agree to have your meals at a restaurant or bring carryout to her place.

Dear Abby is written by Abigail Van Buren, also known as Jeane Phillips, and was founded by her mother, Pauline Phillips. Contact Dear Abby at Dear-Abby.com or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069.

JCCT 'Legally Blonde' auditions are in May

The next chance to audition comes in May.

Jay County Civic Theatre will hold auditions for its September production of "Legally Blonde The Musical" from 6 to 8:30 p.m. Monday, May 5, and Tuesday, May 6, at the Jay County Campus of Arts Place, 131 E. Walnut St., Portland.

Auditions are open to anyone. Participants may come at any time on either day of auditions.

Attendees are asked to prepare about 30 seconds of a musical theatre song to show their vocal ability. They may also be asked to read from the script. Be prepared to attend call backs from 5 to 9 p.m. Thursday, May 8, if requested.

Those who are unable to attend the auditions but still want to be part of the show should contact director Brad Younts at bmyounts@gmail.com. For more information, visit jay-countycivic.org or email info@jaycountycivic.org.

Taking Note

Thursday, April 10, at the Innovation Connector in recognition of Autism Awareness Month.

The session will include information about the experiences of autistic employees, best practices for workplace accommodations and strategies for self-advocacy. Panelists include Courtney Jarrett of Ball State University, Rhonda Jo Wood of Easterseals Crossroads and Melanie Wright of Ivy Tech Community College.

The event is free and lunch will be provided. Those interested in attending should register at shafferleadership.com/events/autism-at-work.

Volunteer meals

There's a chance to support two local fire departments and get a few meals on April 5.

Redkey Volunteer Fire Department will kick off the morning partnering with Redkey Fireworks Committee for a pancake, sausage and egg breakfast from 7:30 to 10:30 a.m. The cost is \$8 per person, with children 6 years old and younger eating for free. Proceeds will go toward fireworks in Redkey for Independence Day.

Pennville Volunteer Fire Department will host its annual beef and noodles dinner from 4 to 7 p.m. or until sold out, with dine-in and carry out options available. The meal — free will donations are accepted — will consist of mashed potatoes, green beans, bread, desserts and drinks.

Police participating

Police in Indiana are participating in the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's campaign to curb speeding and distracted driving.

Additional patrols to look for offenders will be in place from April 5 through 19.

"Distracted driving isn't just risky, it's deadly," said Indiana Criminal Justice Institute traffic safety director James Bryan in a press release. "Taking your eyes off the road for even just a few seconds can change a life forever. No text, call, or notification is worth the cost of a crash."

Shaffer to host

Shaffer Leadership Academy will host "Autism at Work: Awareness, Accommodations, and Advocacy" at 11:30 a.m.

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 BREAK-

FAST 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.

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.

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.

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.

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. 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.

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.

Sudoku

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

Level: Advanced

Friday's Solution

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

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 31-April 4

Monday: Main Entrees: Classic chicken sandwich **Alternate Entrees:** Cheesy Italian pull apart, marinara sauce, Cheddar BLT salad, croutons **Sides for all meals:** Smile potatoes

Tuesday: MANAGERS CHOICE

Wednesday: Main Entrees: Whole grain waffle, scrambled eggs, syrup **Alternate Entrees:** Cheesy Italian pull apart, marinara sauce, Cheddar BLT salad, croutons **Sides for all meals:** Hash brown patty

Thursday: Main Entrees: Mashed potato & chicken bowl **Alternate Entrees:** Cheesy Italian pull apart, marinara sauce, Cheddar BLT salad, croutons **Sides for all meals:** Seasoned corn

Friday: Main Entrees: Classic pepperoni pizza, classic cheese pizza **Alternate Entrees:** Cheesy Italian pull apart, marinara sauce, Cheddar BLT salad, croutons **Sides for all meals:** Seasoned peas and carrots

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Misinformation has tragic results

San Antonio Express-News
Tribune News Service

Bexar County Commissioner Grant Moody is taking heat for stating the obvious.

As a measles outbreak has spread across West Texas, with a 6-year-old unvaccinated girl dying from complications of measles in February, Moody recently posted on Facebook, "Tragic and completely avoidable death of a 6 yr old girl in W TX. This is where the medical misinformation road can

Guest Editorial

lead... Vaccines and preventative screenings are 2 of the greatest successes of modern medicine. Protect your child. Do the shots."

The post has gained significant media attention, and

Moody, the sole Republican on Commissioners Court, was flooded with comments, many from people who oppose vaccines.

But there is nothing controversial about Moody's post. It's true that vaccines protect against infection. It's also true that vaccines and preventive screenings are wonderful inventions that save lives.

We expect parents to place young children in car seats to help keep them safe in case of

a vehicle accident. The state doesn't allow people to smoke until they are 21, due to health concerns.

These are policy choices to keep kids safe. Vaccines are not mandatory in Texas, but they sure can prevent sickness and heartbreak.

As of this writing, 327 measles cases have been reported in West Texas and 40 patients have been hospitalized.

It's been well-documented

that the MMR vaccine — measles, mumps and rubella — is 97% effective against the disease.

The measles outbreak in West Texas is an avoidable tragedy.

A public official who acknowledges this — in a noble effort to boost the health and safety of children — should be praised, not pilloried on social media. But common sense is not an antidote for misinformation.

Are we really lazy, corrupt, inefficient?

By JOHN M. CRISP
Tribune News Service

The conventional wisdom — really, it's an Article of Faith for the Republican Party — is that the federal bureaucracy is a hopeless swamp of waste, fraud, and inefficiency staffed by lazy, incompetent idlers.

But is it? It's a question worth considering, since it's the rationale that drives the chainsaw — or wood chipper — that the Trump administration has allowed Elon Musk to wield against the bureaucracy with haphazard abandon.

Let's stipulate that it's simply in the nature of things that any large organization — the Walmart Corporation, Harvard University, the U.S. Army, the Rotary Club — is going to harbor a certain amount of waste and inefficiency, even fraud and corruption, as well as some goldbricking freeloaders.

But how much? Seventy percent? Forty-five? Twenty? Two percent? We don't really know, do we?

In fact, our estimation of the level of waste and inefficiency in government depends largely on two unreliable sources:

First, conservatives have always promoted the notion that the government, at all levels, is too big; the corollary contention that the government is also inefficient serves that narrative.

Of course, the definitions of "too big" and "inefficient" are subject to considerable interpretation. Furthermore, the current Republican administration is intent on cutting both taxes and spending, a goal that is well supported by the proposition that the federal government is bloated with waste.

Second, our perception of government is influenced by our personal experience. Waiting 20 minutes in line at the Post Office may obscure the fact that the P.O. delivers around 115 billion pieces of mail every year with remarkable efficiency and is probably the best in the world.

In short, our estimation of the efficiency of the federal government is largely based on a couple of fairly doubtful sources: A political party that has an interest in sowing skepticism about institutions that it would like to weaken or destroy; and our own anecdotal perceptions, which, let's face it, may not be entirely accurate: We're much more likely to remember an annoying highway construction delay than the amazing efficiency with which we can traverse the entire country on the Interstate

John M. Crisp



Highway System. Thanks, Uncle Sam!

But there's more to this: Men such as Musk and President Donald Trump often have an inherent suspicion of and contempt for working people, that is, anyone "below," say, their companies' vice presidents and high-level managers.

I can't prove this, of course, but it helps explain how Trump can allow Musk to treat American federal workers with such dismissive disrespect. The assumption is that they are lazy, inefficient and essentially useless and can thus be fired with no regard for their actual performance or value to running the bureaucracy, a significant part of which is actually essential.

It also helps explain the cruelty that Musk and Trump have imposed on the thousands of federal workers that they have fired or forced out.

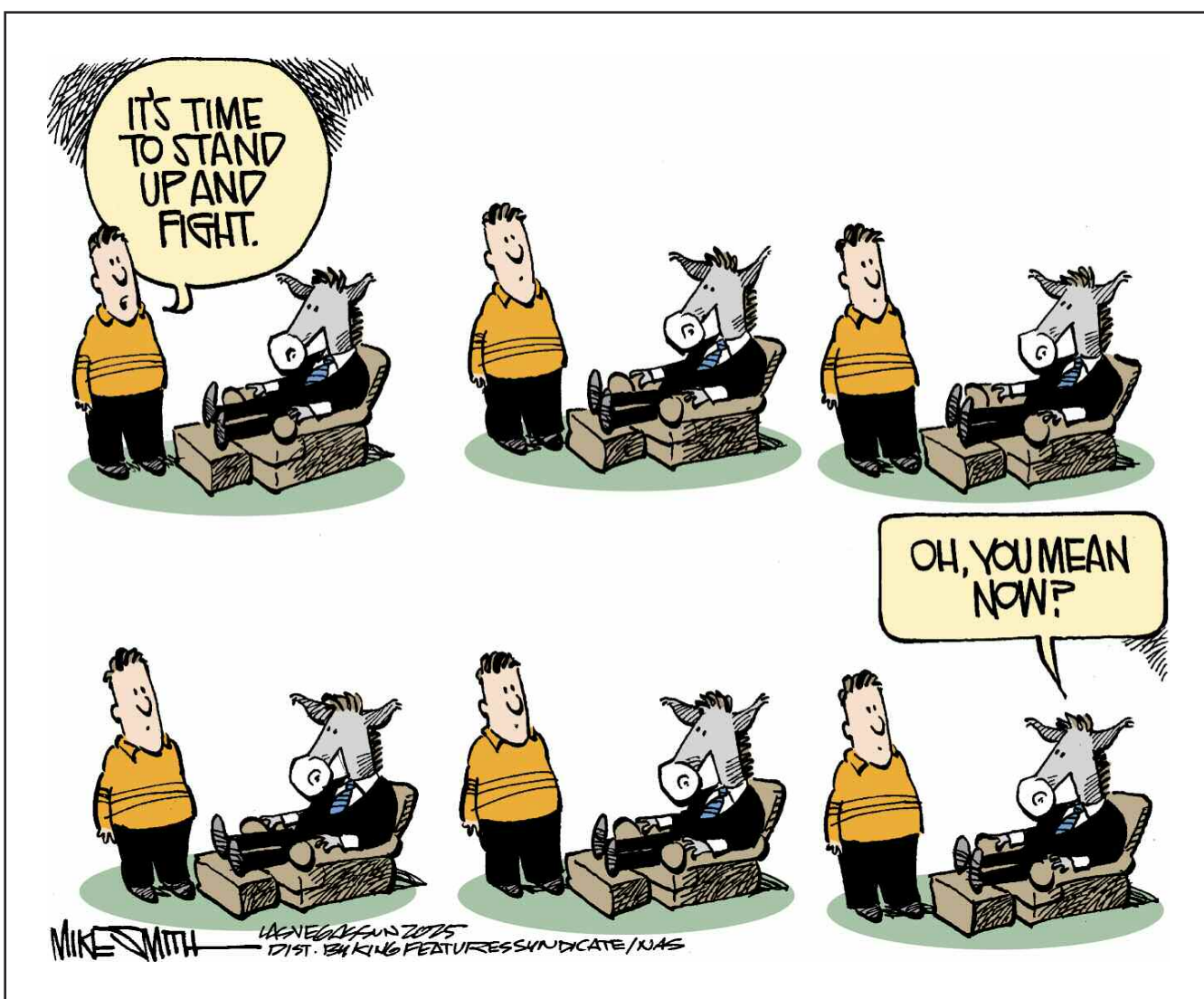
I have a little more faith in the American worker, though I'll concede that some of my perceptions are based on anecdote rather than data.

Consider my old dad: He was a federal employee for 44 years. His shift began at the U.S. Post Office every day at 6:15 a.m. His walking route was about 12 miles long, and his leather P.O. satchel was designed to carry 35 pounds of mail. And neither rain nor snow nor sleet nor hail kept him away from his appointed rounds, nor, more to the point, did South Texas heat. He retired with 3,700 hours of unused sick leave, because he always went to work and did his job, as best he could.

My mail still gets delivered dependably. My Social Security check arrives without fail. During my single exchange with the I.R.S., they were nice to me. I just drove a thousand miles to Wichita, Kansas, and back on a well-designed and well-maintained interstate highway. I'm protected by the best military in the world. I can drink the water nearly anywhere in the U.S. with confidence.

So when Musk and Trump tell me that the government is hopelessly corrupt and inept, I don't automatically believe them. Maybe you shouldn't either.

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Bayh and Lugar were tough, kind

By JOHN KRULL
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The morning former U.S. Sen. Birch Bayh, D-Indiana, died, I talked with former U.S. Sen. Richard Lugar, R-Indiana, by phone.

I'd called Lugar to see if he'd be willing to talk about Bayh over the air on a radio show I hosted at the time.

Lugar couldn't make the scheduling work — he had a speech to give at the same time my show ran — but he agreed to record some comments.

What Lugar said about Bayh was gracious. He said Bayh was one of the great senators not just in Indiana's history, but in America's history. Lugar lauded Bayh for being the only lawmaker in U.S. history to author two constitutional amendments and for being the father of Title IX.

He said Bayh was a giant. The thing that seems remarkable about Lugar's praise now is that the two men had a history. They ran against each other for the U.S. Senate seat Bayh held in 1974.

That was an election year fraught with free-flowing partisan rage and resentments. The Watergate scandal had reached its climax with the resignation of President Richard Nixon and his subsequent pardon by his successor, President Gerald Ford.

Americans felt hurt. Betrayed. Angry. Bayh and Lugar could have given free rein to that anger when they campaigned against each other.

But they didn't. That's because they respected each other.

And they respected their country.

They knew that, once the votes were counted, we all would have to find ways to live together. They

John Krull



who'd won four straight mayoral elections in Indiana's largest city.

Bayh's response to Hudnut's impending loss was compassionate.

Bayh said that almost all political careers end in defeat. What mattered, he said, speaking softly, were not the wins and losses, but the people one helped along the way — the ways that a leader encouraged people to make their communities, their states and their country better, kinder places.

Bayh lost his last campaign for office. It hurt him, he said, because no one likes to lose.

But he added that, as time went on, he thought more about the good he'd been able to do when he was in office than he did about that final sting of defeat.

He hoped, he concluded, that Bill Hudnut would come to take satisfaction in the people he'd helped when he had the chance, rather than linger on any loss at the ballot box.

Birch Bayh and Richard Lugar were Indiana's two U.S. senators from 1977 to 1981. Reasonable people can and do argue about which one of them was the finest senator in the state's history, but there's no serious dispute about who belongs in the top two.

They were very different men, but they were alike in at least two important ways.

They were both tough enough to be kind.

And strong enough to be generous.

At one point, they helped us find the best in ourselves.

Maybe remembering them can help us find it once again.

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Book dives into Lollapalooza history

By CHRISTOPHER BORRELLI

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CHICAGO — If you're a music fan of a certain age, "Lollapalooza: The Uncensored Story of Alternative Rock's Wildest Festival," a new oral history of the 34-year-old bacchanal, assembled from hundreds of interviews by music writers Tom Beaujour and Richard Bienstock, will swing from bittersweetly nostalgic to hedonistic to coldly rational. It begins, as so many festivals once did, with ambitious dreams of cultural utopias, and it concludes, as so many music festivals now do, in spreadsheets and brand marketing.

That's where Lollapalooza currently stands, as a corporate, and civic, behemoth, so entrenched with local leadership that the 2025 festival already announced it will close most of Grant Park to the public for nearly a month this summer. Now that's influence.

Though as the authors make depressingly obvious: It used to be about the music, man!

Indeed, if you are either too old or too young to realize, Lollapalooza was pretty cool — decades ago, for a short time. Wayne Coyne of the Flaming Lips says in the book, tracing Lolla's trajectory: "At some point, the party is just about people who like to party."

"It's a long slog," former Tribune music critic Greg Kot



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Muse's performance at Lollapalooza in Grant Park on Saturday, Aug. 4, 2007. "Lollapalooza: The Uncensored Story of Alternative Rock's Wildest Festival," is a new oral history of the 34-year-old bacchanal.

explains in the forlorn final pages. "So, kids do drugs and pick up girls, or girls pick up guys, or guys pick up guys, and it becomes something other than the music. It becomes this other thing altogether."

My favorite story in the book is about the contemporary Chicago incarnation (which gets addressed briefly, as an addendum to the traveling festival). It's told by Stuart Ross, a former Lolla accountant and tour director. Because he also handles Tom

Waits, a representative from C3 Presents (Lolla's Austin, Texas-based producer) called one year to ask if Waits would play the festival. Ross said Lolla "skews a little young" now, besides C3's financial offer was "absurdly low" — Waits could make more playing a single show in a Chicago theater. C3's reply? "I don't know how much you know about Lollapalooza ..."

See, by 2005, by the time Lolla impresario Perry Farrell decided to anchor the festival annually

in Grant Park, a lot of generational knowledge, and taste, was tossed aside.

Few remember, but Lollapalooza was conceived as a farewell tour for Farrell's band, Jane's Addiction. He wanted something special, a kind of traveling happening, part Rolling Thunder Revue, part Freakout. The proposal came at a time when the concert industry was still shaking off images from the '60s and '70s of naked, stoned, sometimes rioting audiences taking over small towns for week-end-long music festivals. Farrell wanted to bring exactly this image to every region of the country, for a day or two at a time. Lolla founder after Lolla founder said the same thing: They didn't know what they were doing. Still, the premise was eye-popping for 1991: Ask tens of thousands of edgier-minded rock fans to converge on a location, let them get wasted, let them crowd surf, offer them pamphlets and petitions from progressive causes, give them better-than-usual food and expose them to hours of bands they probably didn't know that well.

Lollapalooza offered a smoothed-over taste of risk, rebranded as "alternative." But the tours themselves, the interviews reveal, were straight from a decades-old lifestyle: Drugs and more drugs, with much less sex

than before, some pranks and plenty of ego.

Cracks spread through the festival's brain trust, and whatever tension exists between faux-alternative and real alternative came to a head when megastars Metallica headlined in 1996. It's a quaint thought today: Metallica has headlined several times since, and Lolla is now too much part of the mainstream to offer a lineup that's anything less than mercenary. The history plays this pretty neutral but the point is glaring: Farrell hand-selects lineups at first. By the time the festival arrives in Grant Park, C3 is citing brand studies that claim Lollapalooza is one of the most recognized brands in the world.

As with any rock history, eventually you feel the energy drain and the bones calcify. The irony is that Lollapalooza rages on, even stronger, as part of the machine. Bienstock and Beaujour offer a lively peek at what was, however vague it was. Times change. Culture shifts. Lolla became much broader to survive, says festival cofounder Marc Geiger. It no longer reflects a niche or a movement anymore because, in the age of streaming, no decade, genre or sensation gets more relevant than any other. Time is a flat circle. A lot of purists still pine for that old idealistic Lolla, he says. "But there's people who want record stores, too."

'The Bachelor' faces overhaul

By GREG BRAXTON

Los Angeles Times
Tribune News Service

Grant Ellis, star of ABC's "The Bachelor" this season, was stressed out. Narrowing his initial dating pool of 25 women down to two had been tough enough. But grappling with the dilemma of whom he would choose as his wife was agonizing.

Working through his indecisiveness by the end of Monday's finale, Ellis proposed to client services adviser Juliana Pasquarosa, breaking the heart of the other finalist, venture capitalist Litia Garr.

Ellis — the second Black male star of the reality series — wasn't alone in facing a tough decision.

As the curtain closes on Season 29, "The Bachelor" franchise has a bad case of formula fatigue, facing a cloudy future after being rocked by a stream of misfires and controversies, including lackluster love stories, sloppy vetting, insensitive handling of contestants of color, charges of traumatizing contestants and, most recently, leadership upheaval.

When it premiered in 2002, the reality dating series was considered a novel concept, attracting millions of viewers at its peak. But despite maintaining a loyal base of Bachelor Nation fans during its more than two decades on air, the franchise has failed to keep pace with cultural shifts and fast-moving social trends.

Now, in the wake of a streaming revolution which has transformed how we watch television, and a new stable of provocative and sexy competitors, the show has been bounced from the ranks of elite reality series.

"The Bachelor" has the most uncertain future it's ever had, even in its early years," said Andy Dehnart, creator of and TV critic for realityblurred.com. "I wouldn't say that about any other longstanding broadcast reality franchise. Sure, there is declining viewership on broadcast, but 'Survivor,' 'Big Brother,' 'The Amazing Race' and 'Hell's Kitchen' aren't going anywhere."

Others are more blunt: "The quality of the show is not good," said Ashley Tabron, a North Carolina high school teacher who started watching the show in 2017 when Rachel Lindsay made history as the first Black "Bachelorette." "It's not that much fun to watch. I think it's at a crossroads to keep up with the other shows."

Illustrative of the decline is Ellis' season — average viewership has hovered about 2.4 million, down nearly a million viewers from the previous season of "The Bachelor," which featured professional tennis instructor Joey Graziadei.

Insiders privately acknowledge the difficulties and admit it's time for a refresh and reset of the aging franchise. Producers have already put an indefinite pause on moving forward with the next installment of "The Bachelorette," which usually follows a season of "The Bachelor." (Announced during Monday's finale, "Bachelor in Paradise" will air this summer and include contestants from "Golden Bachelor" and "Bachelorette.")

"The Bachelor" for years had the mantle of being the top headline, tabloid headline-generating and drama-producing franchise, but it's lost that standing to 'Love Is Blind' and other shows on streaming networks," Dehnart said.

"The Bachelor" had little competition when it premiered in March 2002. The show's premise — a group of young single women all competing for the attention of one man who would propose at the end of the season — was an instant hit, attracting 10 million viewers in the first episode. That viewership skyrocketed to 18.2 viewers by the season's conclusion.

The fairy-tale concept of romance and roses inside a tightly-controlled bubble proved irresistible for those viewers looking for escapist fare or an upbeat love story. The cast spotlighted attractive men and women, often in revealing clothes that showed off their toned and athletic bodies. The show traveled internationally to gorgeous locations.

While some of those attributes have carried over into newer dating reality series, compared to "The Bachelor," they feature far more cultural diversity and participants of varying body size. The failure to become more diverse is a key component behind the franchise's fall from grace, said Dehnart.

"The show lost its way because of its failure to diversify over so many years," he said. "By parading the same brand of white male year after year after year, it became boring. They've done a little bit better in recent years in finding new faces, but then did an absolutely horrible job of producing them and making outrageous drama out of racism and bad choices."

HEALTHCARE

Habits that can prove harmful to your kidneys

The kidneys are vital bean-shaped organs located on each side of the spine just below the rib cage. Without proper kidney function, a person's body will perish because the kidneys are responsible for filtering blood, regulating blood pressure and removing waste from the body, according to the National Kidney Foundation®. The kidneys also help to balance important vitamins and minerals and facilitate production of red blood cells.

The kidneys filter about 200 quarts of fluid from the blood each day, most of which is cleaned and returned to the body. Only two quarts of the filtered fluid is turned into urine. Keeping the kidneys healthy and functional can prevent chronic kidney disease. The Mayo Clinic warns that kidney disease, also known as kidney failure, involves a gradual loss of kidney function that can progress to end-stage kidney failure, which is fatal without dialysis or a kidney transplant. Certain lifestyle behaviors increase the risk of chronic kidney disease.

Overdoing it with sodium

Too much sodium can lead to increased blood pressure, which strains the kidneys, says Piedmont Healthcare. The daily maximum sodium intake is 2,300 mg, which equals about a teaspoon of salt. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention says 75 percent of the sodium Americans consume is from processed food and restaurant meals, and comes in well above the recommended limit.

Abusing painkillers

Many over-the-counter pain medicines like NSAIDs (ibuprofen, naproxen etc.) and analgesics can harm the kidneys if they are taken in excess.

Drinking soda

The American Kidney Fund notes a recent study suggests that drinking two or more carbonated sodas (diet or regular) each day may increase the risk for chronic kidney disease. Carbonated beverages and energy drinks have both been linked to the formation of kidney stones.

High-protein diets

A certain amount of protein is necessary for optimal health, but eating too much animal protein can place a heavy burden on the kidneys. Piedmont says diets high in animal protein from meats and dairy products can be difficult to metabolize. Opting for more

plant-based proteins can be beneficial.

Too much sugar

Consuming a lot of sugar is a risk factor for obesity, which can increase the risk of developing high blood pressure and diabetes, which are two major contributors to kidney disease.

Smoking

People who smoke tobacco products are likely harming their kidneys. Kidney Research UK says smoking can lead to poor blood flow to the kidneys, causing kidney damage over time. Also, smoking can increase one's risk of developing some kidney cancers.

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Today's Cryptoquip Clue: S equals C

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WORD SCRAMBLE
Rearrange the letters to spell something pertaining to finance. QTYUIE

GUESS WHO?
I am a singer born in New York on March 28, 1986. I attended an all-girls school in Manhattan from age 11. Since releasing my debut album in 2008, I have won multiple Grammy Awards and have become known for fashion stunts.

kids' corner

Book FACT:
This famous author is celebrated each March for his many contributions to children's literature.

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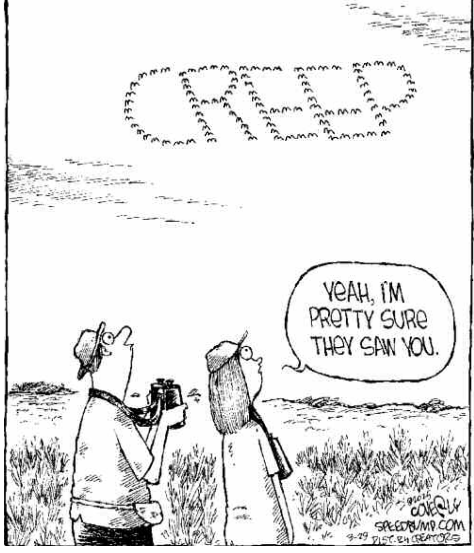
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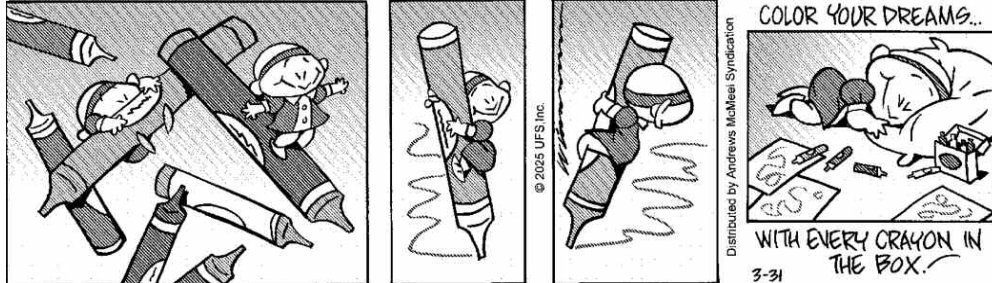
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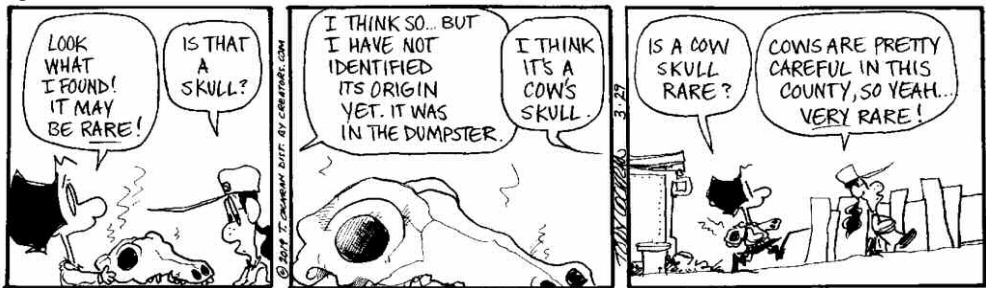
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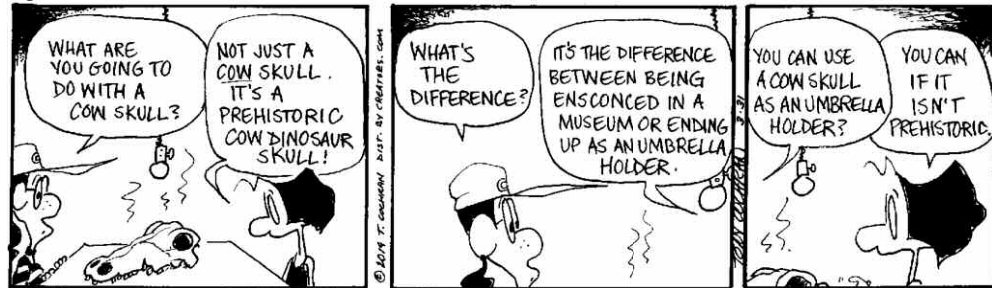
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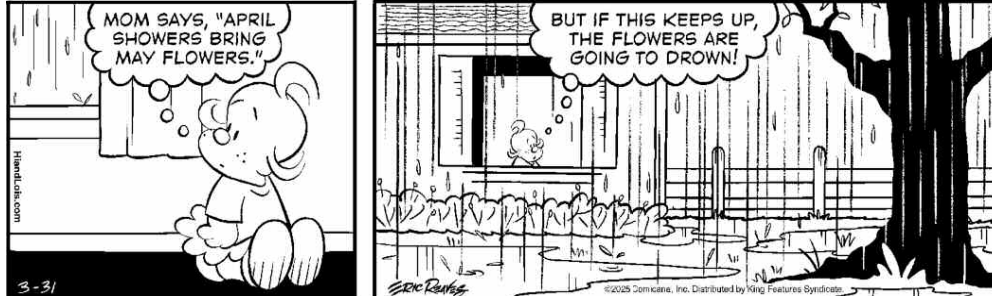
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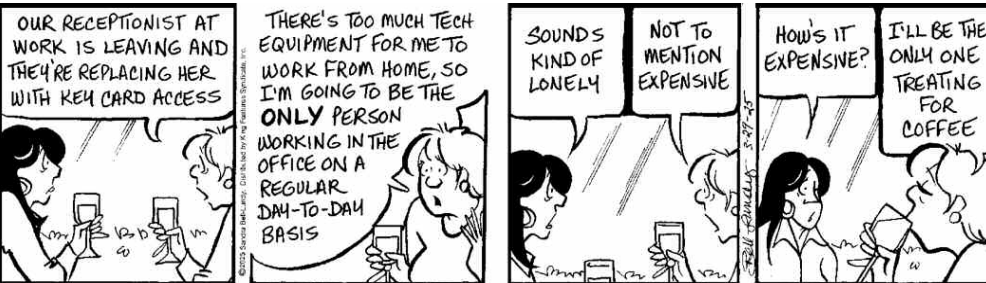
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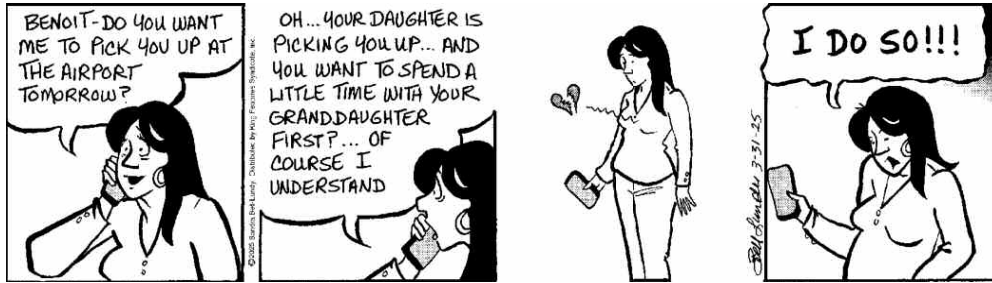
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APRIL 5, 2025
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APRIL 5, 2025
9:30 A.M.
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4 pc. queen size bedroom suit; table with 6 chairs and 2 leaves; buffet; (2) occasional chairs; wing back chair; flat screen TVs; **WICKER:** settee, (2) chairs, coffee table, stand, and dresser; full size bed; 3 drawer dresser with mirror; lighted china cabinet; Coca Cola chrome table with 3 chairs; small grandfather clock; world globe on stand; metal patio table and 2 chairs; Coca Cola animated Santa; card table with 4 chairs; day bed; mirrors; rugs; baskets; flowers; lamps; punch bowl; Fire King set of dishes; Tiara goblets; Spode Bone china; cake plate; statues; books; plasticware; pillows; linens; bedding; stuffed animals; toys; lamps; porcelain pans; pictures; air conditioner; Pfaltzgraff set of dishes; figurines; alarm clocks; measuring cups; pie plates; Insta Pot; baking dishes; Anchor Hocking cookware; Pumpkin cookie jar; cannister set; cake stands; punch bowl; Home Trend dishes, service for 8; flatware; utensils; Corning Ware; collector plates; Bunn coffee maker; Fenton candy dish; **TOY TRUCK BANKS:** Do It Best Garden Center, Car Quest Auto Parts and Atlantic Refining Co. Kidde Kar Classics; #24 Dupont, #7 Exide Batteries, #4 Kodak and #2 Fleetwood toy race cars; Coke and Ally semis; John Deere 6930 tractor; many other toys not listed. Longaberger baskets; dolls; Cuisinart coffee maker; crock pot; lamp; stand; sewing machine; sweeper; fans; suitcases; large assortment of decorations; canning jars; Little Giant ladder; sprayers; Timberlin Millenium tandem bicycle; folding ladder; step ladders; shop vac; electric hedge trimmers; Wagner Power Roller; insect fogger; Coleman ½ hp sump pump; jig saw; pruners; Earth Way spreader; power cords; coolers; baskets; Christmas tree; car seat; and many other items not listed.
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LOCATED: 9514 N 100 W, Ridgeville IN
SATURDAY APRIL 5th, 2024
10:00 A.M.
SUV – GOLF CART – TRACTOR - TOOLS
2011 Ford Escape XLT w/ 80,000 miles. Club Car Gas Golf Cart w/ Carryall. Ford Golden Jubilee Tractor. Bush Hog 5' 3pt Mower. 3pt Carryall. (2) Hustler Fastrak 52" zero turn Mowers. Troybilt Self Propelled Mower w/ Bagger. Woods Belly Mount Mower. Craftsman Table Saw, Planer, and Radial Arm Saw. Bellsaw 12" Planer. Buffolo Drilling and Milling Machine. 5hp Upright Air Compressor. ATV Sprayer. 200 gallon Overhead Fuel Tank. Hog Panels. Log Chains and Binders. Aluminum 30" Extension Ladder.
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Fort Recovery High School first baseman Alexis Grisez comes down with the second-to-last out behind the bag during the softball team's 6-5 victory over Memorial on Thursday. Grisez also drove in the go-ahead run as part of the sixth inning rally.

Winning ...

Continued from page 10
Two more runs came in on a Kayla Heitkamp single to the left side and a Van De Keere wild pitch put the Tribe up 6-3.

The Roughriders (0-2) didn't go down easy in the seventh. Calianna Bond-Awls led off with a blooper to shallow center field before Homan struck out Ryleigh Berg. They scored their first run of the inning after Hirschfeld's single got past Kyla Dues in left field. The second run came during the next at bat as Hirschfeld scored on a passed ball.

While the Indians' young defenders struggled with errors on the day — they finished with five — they came through at the end.

The second out came when Alexis Grisez, a sophomore, ranged back behind the bag at first base to catch a short fly ball in the rain. Homan walked Van De Keere before intentionally walking Klosterman to put the tying run on second and the winning run on first. On the first pitch, Ayden Young sent a groundball to freshman second baseman Layla Armstrong who put the game away with a throw to first.

"Even though we had the errors that we had, the fact that we could finish the way we did was huge," Schoen said. "That speaks volumes for these kids. Hopefully it shows them that they can do it and shows them that they've got to be gritty and work for every out."

Homan pitched all seven innings, striking out eight batters and giving up three earned runs on five hits and five walks.

Memorial got on the board first after Cadence Hirschfeld opened with a single, got moved to second, stole third base and scored on a throwing error.

The Indians (2-0) wasted no time with a response.

Ava Grisez grinded through the second at bat

in the bottom of the first inning. She forced Van De Keere to throw seven pitches before poking the eighth through the left side of the infield for a single and advancing to second on an error by Taylor Meyer in left field. Jenna Homan followed by attacking the first pitch for an RBI single to the right side. Homan advanced to third on a throw to home plate that got away from Young and scored on Post's single.

After winning the first inning 2-1, both teams were quiet in the second before Ava Grisez manufactured another run in the third. This time the senior got down 0-2 in the count before smacking a single to center. She stole second base with ease and had to wait to advance to third until shortstop Hirschfeld fielded the ball and threw it to first. Klosterman tried to turn a double play by getting Ava Grisez out at third, but threw the ball away allowing the Indian to score.

"I was just trying to be as aggressive as I can because I knew they would be a tough team to beat," Ava Grisez said. "Those things were really big to keep the momentum up and stay up the whole game."

Fort Recovery 13, Bradford 3

A four-run first inning put the Tribe in position for a 13-3 win against the Bradford Railroaders on Friday.

FRHS got going right away, starting with back-to-back singles from Ava Grisez and Homan. Ava Grisez scored off an error by catcher Caitlynn Shroyer to put the Indians on the board.

Schoen then drew a walk before Post knocked both runners in with a double to left field. A pair of passed balls allowed Post to score to cap off the inning.

Fort Recovery scored three more unanswered

Box score					
Memorial Roughriders vs. Fort Recovery Indians					
Memorial (0-2)					
	ab	r	h	bi	
Hirschfeld ss	4	2	2	0	
Smith 3b	4	0	0	0	
Van De Keere p	2	0	1	0	
Caffee cr	0	1	0	0	
Klosterman 1b	3	1	1	2	
Young c	3	0	0	0	
Meinerding cr	0	0	0	0	
Turner cf	2	0	0	0	
Meyer lf	3	0	1	0	
Bond-Awls 2b	3	1	1	0	
Berg rf	3	0	0	0	
Totals	27	6	7	2	
Fort Recovery (2-0)					
	ab	r	h	bi	
Will cf	4	0	0	0	
AvGrisez ss	3	2	2	0	
Homan p	3	2	2	1	
Schoen 3b	3	1	1	0	
Post c	2	1	1	1	
Klenke cr	0	0	0	0	
AlGrisez 1b	3	0	0	1	
Heitkamp rf	3	0	1	1	
Dues lf	2	0	0	0	
Armstrong 2b	3	0	0	0	
Totals	26	6	7	4	
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Memorial					
Vn De Kr	6	7	6	4	2 5
Fort Recovery					
Homan	7	6	5	2	5 7

runs against the Railroaders (1-3).

The first run came in the third inning on a sacrifice fly by Schoen. The other runs came in the fourth on an Emma Will single and a Homan double.

A trio of singles finally got Bradford on the board in the top of the fifth, but the Indians answered in the form of an Armstrong single in the bottom half.

A dropped third strike aided BHS, which scored two more runs in the sixth on a Hayven Evans single and a fielder's choice.

A five-run sixth inning ended the game via mercy rule. The final five runs were driven in by a Post groundout, a Heitkamp home run and an Armstrong single.

Homan went the distance in the circle, striking out seven batters, while only giving up five hits and the two earned runs.

Sports on tap

Local schedule

Today
Jay County — Indoor track state tournament at Indiana State Fairgrounds — 3 p.m.
Fort Recovery — JV softball at Houston — 11 a.m.

Monday
Fort Recovery — Softball vs. National Trail — 5 p.m.; Baseball at Celina — 5:30 p.m.; JV baseball vs. Celina — 5 p.m.; Middle school track six-team meet at home — 4:30 p.m.;

Tuesday
Fort Recovery — Track quad meet at Marion Local — 4:30 p.m.; Baseball vs. Franklin Monroe — 5 p.m.; Softball at Russia — 5 p.m.; JV softball at Russia — 5 p.m.

TV sports

Today
4:35 a.m. — AFL: Geelong Cats at Brisbane Lions (FS1)
12 p.m. — College lacrosse: Maryland at Penn State (BTN)
12 p.m. — NWSL soccer: Orlando Pride at San Diego Wave (ESPN)
1 p.m. — PGA Tour: Houston Open (NBC)
1 p.m. — Women's NCAA Tournament Sweet 16: Notre Dame vs. TCU (ABC)
2 p.m. — College lacrosse: Michigan at Johns Hopkins (BTN)
2:15 p.m. — MLB: Minnesota Twins at St. Louis Cardinals (FDSN Indiana)
3 p.m. — World Figure Skating Championships (USA)
3:30 p.m. — Women's NCAA Tournament Sweet 16: Tennessee vs. Texas (ABC)
4 p.m. — UFL: San Antonio Brahmas at Arlington Renegades (FOX)
5:30 p.m. — Women's NCAA Tournament Sweet 16: Oklahoma vs. UConn (ESPN)
6:09 p.m. — NCAA Tournament Elite 8: Florida vs. Texas Tech (TBS)
8 p.m. — NBA: Indiana Pacers at Oklahoma City Thunder (FDSN Indiana)
8 p.m. — NHL: Boston Bruins at Detroit Red Wings (ABC)
8:49 p.m. — NCAA Tournament Elite 8: Duke vs. Alabama (TBS)
7:15 p.m. — MLB: New York Mets at Houston Astros (FOX)
7:30 p.m. — Women's NCAA Tournament Sweet 16: Kansas State vs. USC (ESPN)
9 p.m. — World Figure Skating Championships (NBC)
10 p.m. — LOVB volleyball: LOVB Austin at LOVB Madison (ESPN2)
10 p.m. — USL Championship soccer: Oakland Roots at Las Vegas Lights (FOX)

Sunday
12 p.m. — College softball: Georgia at Alabama (ESPN2)
12 p.m. — UFL: Michigan Panthers at Memphis Showboats (ESPN)
1 p.m. — Women's NCAA Tournament Elite 8: TBD vs. TBD (ABC)
2:15 p.m. — MLB: Minnesota Twins at St. Louis Cardinals (FDSN Indiana)
2:15 p.m. — MLS soccer: St. Louis City at Austin (FOX)
3 p.m. — NASCAR Cup Series: Cook Out 400 (FS1)

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3 p.m. — Women's college lacrosse: Michigan at Penn State (BTN)
3 p.m. — UFL: Birmingham Stallions at D.C. Defenders (ESPN)
3 p.m. — Women's NCAA Tournament Elite 8: TBD vs. TBD (ABC)
7:10 p.m. — MLB: Atlanta Braves at San Diego Padres (ESPN)
8 p.m. — NHL: Toronto Maple Leafs at Anaheim Ducks (FOX)
10 p.m. — NHL: San Jose Sharks at Los Angeles Kings (ESPN)

Monday
3 p.m. — College Basketball Crown tournament: Butler vs. Utah (FS1)
3:05 p.m. — MLB: Colorado Rockies at Philadelphia Phillies (NBC)
5 p.m. — College softball: Purdue at Nebraska (BTN)
5:30 p.m. — College Basketball Crown tournament: Boise State vs. George Washington (FS1)
7 p.m. — NBA: Sacramento Kings at Indiana Pacers (FDSN Indiana)
7 p.m. — Women's NCAA Tournament Elite 8: TBD vs. TBD (ABC)
7 p.m. — College softball: Indiana at Ohio State (BTN)
7:30 p.m. — NBA: Boston Celtics at Memphis Grizzlies (TNT)

Tuesday
2:45 p.m. — Premier League soccer: Wolverhampton Wanderers at West Ham United (USA)
3 p.m. — College Basketball Crown tournament: Cincinnati vs. DePaul (FS1)
5:30 p.m. — College Basketball Crown tournament: Oregon State vs. UCF (FS1)
6:30 p.m. — High school girls basketball: McDonald's All-American Game (ESPN2)
6:40 p.m. — MLB: Texas Rangers at Cincinnati Reds (FDSN Indiana)
7 p.m. — College Basketball NIT: UC Irvine vs. North Texas (ESPN)
7:05 p.m. — MLB: Arizona Diamondbacks at New York Yankees (TBS)

7:30 p.m. — NBA: Phoenix Suns at Milwaukee Bucks (TNT)
8 p.m. — NHL: Detroit Red Wings at St. Louis Blues (FOX)
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Local notes
Registration open
Registration for the 35th annual Flat 50 Plus bicycle ride in Adams County is now open. To register, visit RunSignUp.com.
There are rides ranging from 20 to 100 miles long.
The event will be held at 7 a.m. Saturday, June 21. It will start at Belmont high school and will have stops in Willshire, Geneva and Monroe with refreshments.

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Winning the inning

The Tribe outscored Memorial in the first six innings to pull out 6-5 victory

By **ANDREW BALKO**
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FORT RECOVERY — The Indians annihilated their opponent in the season opener, holding over a 10-run lead after the first inning.

In the home opener, the Tribe proved it can win a close game as well, providing an answer for every punch the Roughriders threw.

A sixth-inning rally gave the Fort Recovery High School softball team just enough breathing room to beat the Memorial Roughriders 6-5 on Thursday's home opener at LeFevre Family Field.

Fort Recovery's first game of 2025 ended up as a 30-2 rout of Franklin Monroe in four innings on March 22.

"Super proud of the girls, that was a hard fought battle," said FRHS coach Carrie Schoen. "It's always a hard fought battle with Saint Marys. ... For Jenna to throw the way she did right at the end of the game, she threw great the whole game, but to really come through at the end, for the defense to just hang tight and then to have that inning towards the end to open up where we got three runs was huge."

The Indians (3-0) held a 3-1 advantage before an Adyson Van De Keere and an Ava Klosterman blast to deep left field tied the game in the sixth inning.

Homan quickly made up for it with her bat, starting the sixth-inning rally with an infield single to the left side. Ella Schoen and Kylie Post followed with a single and a walk to load the bases.

Alexis Grisez broke the tie with a chopper to third base that allowed Homan to score despite Kailey Smith's attempt to get her out at home.

"Obviously I let the home run get through, so I had to do my best to get back what I lost," Homan said. "I always go into an at bat having a good mindset, knowing that I'm going to hit the ball."

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Kayla Heitkamp of the Fort Recovery High School softball team runs in to catch a shallow fly ball during the Indians' 6-5 victory over Memorial on Thursday. Heitkamp delivered an RBI single as part of a three-run sixth inning to keep FRHS undefeated on the season.

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Two Flipsters move on

MERRILLVILLE — The gymnasts had no shortage of competition, but that didn't stop them from getting four girls into the top 10.

The JC Flipsters gymnastics team had nine girls compete at the Xcel State Championships, which included teams from Indiana, Ohio, Michigan, Illinois and Kentucky, over the third weekend in March in Merrillville, and had two girls climb to the top three and two more in the top 10.

Emma Robinson had one of the highest finishes out of the Xcel Silver division in Child C. An all-around score of 37.9 points landed her in third place. The vault was her top event as a 9.4 put her in third. She supported the performance with a fourth-place finish on the floor (9.625) and a 9.35 on the beam for 10th.

Jordyn Champ matched Robinson for third place in the Gold Xcel division in Senior B, with a 36.925 all-around score. She finished third on the beam (9.35) and seventh on the vault (8.9) to power the performance. She made the top 10 on the bars with a 9.375 while falling to 11th on for her 9.3-point floor routine.

Champ's showing earned her a trip to the Region 5 Xcel Regional Championship held in Westfield in early May. Joining her will be Aubree Shannon, who finished ninth in the Gold Xcel division in Senior C with an all-around score of 36.55 points. Shannon's top finish came on the bars with a 9.475 that earned fifth.

The other top-10 finish came from Paxton Hirschy in the Xcel Bronze division in Child C. Hirschy's 37.6 all-around points earned her seventh place. Hirschy finished first on the bars with 9.8 points.

Other competitors were:

- Carlie Runkle, who placed 16th in the Silver Xcel division Senior A

- Aubree Forman, who placed 17th in the Silver Xcel division Junior C

- Paylin Vance, who placed 19th in the Silver Xcel division Junior A

- Emalee Miller, who placed 20th in the Bronze Xcel division Child C

- Charli Stephens, who placed 21st in the Gold Xcel division Junior C

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