

The Commercial Review

New vet clinic planned

Abatement requested for building renovations

By RAY COONEY
The Commercial Review

A new veterinary practice is planning to open. Portland City Council referred a tax abatement request from NAC Holdings for \$250,000 in renovations to 1609 N. Meridian St. to the city's tax abatement advisory committee. Plans are to utilize the building for the new Nose-to-Tail Animal Clinic.

CeAnn Bales, executive director of Jay County Development Corporation, presented the application for a three-year tax abatement. It would save the property owners about \$14,000. The project is expected to create four to five new jobs.

Scott Kohler of NAC Holdings explained that plans are to convert the site at the north end of the shopping center — it was previously the home of Balloon Elations — into a veterinary clinic with animal boarding. He said plans are to have room to house 8 to 10 dogs, with the possibility of expanding in the future. (The immediate focus will be on the front two-thirds of the building, he explained.)

The goal is for the clinic to be completed late this year.

Council members Kent McClung, Michele Brewster, Matt Goldsworthy, Dave Golden, Mike Aker, Ashley Hilfiker and Ron May agreed to send the request to the city's tax abatement advisory committee for review.

Also Monday, McClung encouraged his fellow council members to think about where they stand on the county's effort to create a mixed-use development on 68 acres on the city's west side. Plans call for commercial space along Votaw Street with housing to the north on property the county purchased in early 2023.

Funding for the project has been on the agenda for several local governmental organizations recently. The county is also awaiting an official decision on funds it requested through the state's Regional Economic Acceleration and Development Initiative (READI) 2.0.

"I know that this thing came about in the last couple years, maybe kind of under a cloud that we weren't asked as a city to come into this project early on," said McClung. "But we're being asked probably now. ...

"So, if housing's a big part of what we need and if someone came in today and asked us, 'What would you do?' or 'How much would you pay to get this kind of housing project in Portland?' what would that number be? And I think that's what we need to be thinking about.

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Seniors honored



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Jay County High School senior Lina Lingo hugs Angela Paxson after receiving the First Bank of Berne scholarship during Honors Night on Monday. JCHS seniors were presenting with nearly \$1.8 million in scholarships and awards.

Jay students receive \$1.78 million

Jay County High School's seniors were awarded almost \$1.8 million in awards and scholarships Monday during its annual Honors Night.

Of that total, \$372,090 came from local sources, including \$296,990 through The Portland Foundation.

The Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship came to \$154,350 for Aubrey Millspaugh. (Other finalists were Madelynn Snow, Morgan DeHoff, Ella Stockton and Coryn Blalock.)

The remaining \$1.3 million came from colleges, universities and technical schools.

"To our exceptional students, your commitment to excellence in academics, leadership and service is truly inspiring," said assistant principal James Myers. "Congratulations on all you've accomplished."

The following is a list of scholarships and awards presented Monday night at JCHS:

Academic Honors Diploma
Alyssa Aker, Ramses Anaya Aparicio, Brenna Bailey, Sean Bailey, Coryn Blalock, Alexa Bravo, Rose Carter, Melanie Cavanzon, Dylan Chalfant, Keira Corwin, Olivia Cox, Kadon Craig, Ellie Darnell, Morgan DeHoff, Adriene Denney, Eli Dirksen, Meredith Dirksen, Jenna Dues, Gretchen Elliott, Jasmine Esparza, Megan Faller, Maliah Fosnaugh, Caden Gambill, Tucker Griffin, Trenten Hamilton, Courtney Harris, Jayla Huelskamp, Kenzie Huey, Blake Kahlig, Alexis Kirk, Abriona Lawhead, Kayden Lawhead, Emma LeMaster, Lina Lingo, Gretchen Link, Jaelynn Lykins, Dylan Marentes, Aubrey Millspaugh, Audrey Muhlenkamp, Daisy Muhlenkamp, Austin (A.J.) Myers, Jade Nuckols, Cameran Paxson, Gabe Pinkerton, Ciara Priest, Emma Ransom, Layne Reidt, Adamaris Ruiz-Herrera, Inara Sanderson, Peyton Shannon, Jozey Shimp, Sophia Shumaker, Breanne Siegrist, Kenleigh Smith, Madelynn Snow, Rylee Sollars, Sophia Sprunger,



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Brenna Bailey (left) and Coryn Blalock laugh together on stage Monday after receiving their cords for completing the Ivy Tech Community College Core.

Ella Stockton, Zedrian Vazquez, Tatianna Ventura-Willis, Emily Walker, Preston Watkins, Heavyn Willoughby, Mallory Winner

Technical Honors Diploma
Chloe Alexander, Adam Alig, Rhyanne Baldauf, Carter Barton, James Brunswick, Griffin Byrum, Benjamin Crouch, Luke Fugiett, Brady Hess, Jordyn Hutzler, Austyn LeMaster, Savannah Lugar, Dustin Muhlenkamp, Levi Muhlenkamp, Carlene Shaneyfelt and Carter Wellman

Honor Section 3.8+
Adam Alig, Brenna Bailey, Rhyanne Mckenna Baldauf, Coryn Blalock, Alexa Bravo, James Brunswick, Melanie Cavanzon, Keira Corwin, Olivia Cox, Kadon Craig, Ellie Darnell, Morgan DeHoff, Adriene Denney, Eli Dirksen, Meredith Dirksen, Jenna Dues, Luke Fugiett, Trenten Hamilton, Courtney Harris, Brady Hess, Jayla Huelskamp,

Kenzie Huey, Blake Kahlig, Kayden Lawhead, Emma LeMaster, Austyn LeMaster, Gretchen Link, Savannah Lugar, Jaelynn Lykins, Aubrey Millspaugh, Levi Muhlenkamp, Audrey Muhlenkamp, Dustin Muhlenkamp, Daisy Muhlenkamp, Cameran Paxson, Gabe Pinkerton, Ciara Priest, Emma Ransom, Layne Reidt, Adamaris Ruiz-Herrera, Carlene Shaneyfelt, Peyton Shannon, Jozey Shimp, Sophia Shumaker, Breanne Siegrist, Madelynn Snow, Rylee Sollars, Ella Stockton, Zedrian Vazquez, Carter Wellman, Heavyn Willoughby and Mallory Winner

Early College – Ivy Tech Indiana College Core
Adam Alig, Ramses Anaya, Brenna Bailey, Sean Bailey, Coryn Blalock, Alexa Bravo, Melanie Cavanzon, Keira Corwin, Olivia Cox, Kadon Craig, Ellie Darnell, Morgan DeHoff, Adriene Denney, Meredith Dirksen, Jenna Dues,

Gretchen Elliott, Jasmine Esparza, Luke Fugiett, Caden Gambill, Tucker Griffin, Courtney Harris, Kenzie Huey, Blake Kahlig, Kayden Lawhead, Austyn LeMaster, Emma LeMaster, Dylan Marentes, Aubrey Millspaugh, Audrey Muhlenkamp, Dustin Muhlenkamp, Levi Muhlenkamp, Cameran Paxson, Emma Ransom, Layne Reidt, Adamaris Ruiz-Herrera, Inara Sanderson, Peyton Shannon, Jozey Shimp, Breanne Siegrist, Madelyn Snow, Rylee Sollars, Ella Stockton, Zedrian Vazquez, Tatianna Ventura-Willis, Emily Walker, Preston Watkins, Heavyn Willoughby and Mallory Winner

Early College – Certificates
Chloe Alexander (CNA), Courtney Harris (CNA), Jordyn Hutzler (Animal Agribusiness), Abriona Lawhead (CNA), Dustin Muhlenkamp (plant production), Kenleigh Smith (CNA) and Mallory Winner (CNA)

Early College – Associates degrees
Keira Corwin, Morgan DeHoff, Meredith Dirksen, Cameran Paxson, Madelynn Snow, Emily Walker and Mallory Winner

National Honor Society
Adam Alig, Brenna Bailey, Rhyanne (McKenna) Baldauf, Coryn Blalock, Alexa Bravo, Melanie Cavanzon, Keira Corwin, Ellie Darnell, Morgan DeHoff, Adriene Denney, Meredith Dirksen, Jenna Dues, Luke Fugiett, Courtney Harris, Brady Hess, Kenzie Huey, Blake Kahlig, Kayden Lawhead, Austyn LeMaster, Gretchen Link, Jaelynn Lykins, Aubrey Millspaugh, Audrey Muhlenkamp, Daisy Muhlenkamp, Dustin Muhlenkamp, Levi Muhlenkamp, Austin (A.J.) Myers, Cameran Paxson, Gabe Pinkerton, Emma Ransom, Adamaris Ruiz-Herrera, Jozey Shimp, Madelynn Snow, Ella Stockton, Zedrian Vazquez, Heavyn Willoughby and Mallory Winner

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Deaths

Diane Camp, 70, Portland
Phyllis Franklin, 83, Fort Wayne
William Manning, 90, Geneva
Details on page 2.

Weather

Jay County had a high temperature of 63 degrees Monday. The low was 49, and there was 0.4 inches of rain.
Tonight's low will be 50. Expect mostly cloudy skies Thursday with a high in the lower 60s. The low will dip into the upper 30s.
See page 2 for an extended forecast.

In review

Jay County Public Library will host How to Grow Salsa at 4 p.m. Thursday, May 8. The event in partnership with Jay County Farm Bureau will include a lesson about growing peppers and tomatoes as well as creating a mini greenhouse for herbs. Registration is requested by visiting the library or calling 9260) 726-7890.

Coming up

Thursday — Details from this week's Portland Park Board meeting.

Saturday — Results from the JCHS girls tennis match against Union City.

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Obituaries

Diane Camp

May 3, 1955-May 4, 2025

Diane Camp, age 70, a resident of Portland, passed away on Sunday, May 4, 2025, at Per-simmon Ridge in Portland.

Diane was born May 3, 1955, in Portland, Indiana, the daughter of James and Mary (Guntle) Myers. She married James Camp on Feb. 14, 1988, and he passed away in 2017.

Diane was a member of the Portland American Legion Auxiliary. She was an avid Elvis Presley fan and served as an administrator online for several Elvis groups. She worked for the Pennville Restaurant, Jinny's Café in Bryant, Tom and Rod's in Portland and Olan Mills Photography. She also worked with Bob McVay, an Elvis impersonator.

Survivors include:

Her parents — James and Mary Myers, Pennville, Indiana

Daughter — Michaela Camp, Portland, Indiana

Sister — Debra Butler (husband: Dova), Pennville, Indiana

Brother — James Myers, Portland, Indiana

Six grandchildren

Three great-grandchildren

She was preceded in death by her daughter, Felicia Myers; and two grandchildren, Rainbow and Gabrielle.

Visitation will be held on Thursday from 3 to 7 p.m. at Williamson-Spencer and Penrod Funeral Home in Portland. Funeral services will be held on Friday at 11 a.m. at the funeral home. Pastor Hugh Kelly will officiate and burial will follow



Camp

CR almanac

Thursday 5/8	Friday 5/9	Saturday 5/10	Sunday 5/11	Monday 5/12
63/40	67/43	76/51	78/53	81/61
Mostly cloudy skies on Thursday when the forecast shows in the lower 60s.	Friday's weather looks to be sunny with lows at night dipping to the low 40s.	Another day of sun is in the forecast for Saturday when the high will be in the mid 70s.	More sun is expected Sunday, when the high will reach the mid to upper 70s.	Warm temperatures Monday under mostly sunny skies. The high may hit 81.

Lotteries

Powerball Monday 16-34-40-45-66 Power Ball: 19 Power Play: 2 Estimated jackpot: \$65 million	Daily Four: 7-0-4-6 Quick Draw: 8-15-21-22-27-28-33-37-38-39-41-43-44-46-52-55-58-61-77-79 Cash 5: 8-10-28-30-44 Estimated jackpot: \$90,000
Mega Millions Estimated jackpot: \$90 million	Ohio Monday Midday Pick 3: 8-9-8 Pick 4: 7-6-3-3 Pick 5: 4-7-3-3-6 Evening Pick 3: 5-7-7 Pick 4: 0-3-0-8 Pick 5: 9-6-0-8-1 Rolling Cash: 2-14-18-25-35 Estimated jackpot: \$157,000
Hoosier Monday Midday Daily Three: 8-8-3 Daily Four: 1-5-7-8 Quick Draw: 2-4-6-8-16-18-24-27-30-33-43-46-51-56-60-64-71-74-78-79 Evening Daily Three: 9-7-4	

Markets

Cooper Farms Fort Recovery Corn.....4.66 June corn4.68 July corn.....4.71	June beans10.58 Wheat 4.97
POET Biorefining Portland Corn.....4.72 June corn4.76 July corn.....4.79	ADM Montpelier Corn.....4.63 June corn4.63 Beans10.47 June beans10.49 Wheat4.87
The Andersons Richland Township Corn4.65 June corn4.60 Beans10.53	Heartland St. Anthony Corn.....4.69 June corn4.71 Beans10.28 June beans10.28 Wheat4.82

Today in history

In 1274, the Second Council of Lyons opened in France to regulate the election of the pope.

In 1429, Joan of Arc broke England's siege of Orleans.

In 1901, American actor Gary Cooper was born.

In 1972, the Portland Rockets opened Eastern Indiana Baseball League play with a 9-2 loss to Muncie Texaco.

In 2000, Vladimir Putin became president of Russia.

In 2021, Rieleigh Brewster hit a two-run home run and Haleigh Clayton went the distance on the rubber to lead the Jay County High School softball team to a 4-2 win over Adams Central.

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Citizen’s calendar

Thursday 3:30 p.m. — Jay County Commissioners executive session, auditorium, courthouse, 120 N. Court St., Portland. 6 p.m. — Jay County Plan Commission, Community Resource Center, 118 S. Meridian St., Portland.	3:45 p.m. — Jay County Election Board, voting room, courthouse, 120 N. Court St., Portland. 4 p.m. — Jay County Public Library Board of Trustees, Community Room, library, 315 N. Ship St., Portland. 6 p.m. — Jay County Country Living Advisory Board, living facility, 1194 E. 200 North, Portland. 7 p.m. — Dunkirk City Council, city building, 131 S. Main St.
Monday 9 a.m. — Jay County Commissioners, auditorium, courthouse, 120 N. Court St., Portland.	

Local/Nation

at Gravel Hill Cemetery, west of Bryant.

Memorials may be directed to the Jay County Heart Fund.

Condolences may be expressed at williamsonspencer.com.

Phyllis Franklin

Phyllis Franklin, 83, passed away Saturday, May 3, 2025, in Fort Wayne.

She was born in Portland, Indiana, to the late Merle and Geraldine Strock.

Phyllis was a nurse at Harlan Elementary School for 10 years until she transitioned to becoming an ICU nurse at Parkview for 30 years. She enjoyed spending time with her children and grandchildren. She enjoyed genealogy and history, traveling, and visiting with family and friends.

She will be deeply missed by her many friends and family.

Phyllis is survived by her two sons, Brad Franklin (Jill) New Haven, Indiana, and Brian Franklin (Christina), Fulton, Indiana; grandchildren Megan Lough (Clint), Chelsea Romines (Brad), Austin Franklin, Morgan Beard (Daulton), Jesse Minick (Francisca), Jamie Rozzi (John) and Cody, Cory, Josh (Brittney) and Jake Franklin; 13 great-grandchildren; and two sisters, Sharon Brew and Barbara Swaim.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Jay Franklin.

A public visitation will take place on Wednesday, May 7, 2025, at FairHaven Funeral Home, 6557 N. Clinton St., Fort Wayne, from 4 to 7 p.m. A funeral service will take place on Thursday, May 8, 2025, at Taylor Chapel Ministries, 10145 Maysville Road, at 11 a.m. with calling starting one hour prior

at 10 a.m. A private urn burial will take place at a later date.

Memorials may be made to the Juvenile Diabetes Association or Indiana Donor Network.

To sign the online guestbook, go to fairhavenfortwayne.com.

William “Bill” Dale Manning, Geneva, Sept. 20, 1934-May 4, 2025. Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Monday, at Downing & Glancy Funeral Home in 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.

Honored ...

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All-Allen County Athletic Conference Academic

Coryn Blalock, Keira Corwin, Morgan DeHoff, Aubrey Millsbaugh, Maddy Snow, Mallory Winner, Eli Dirksen, Blake Kahlig, Levi Muhlenkamp and Carter Wellman

Academic Competition Award

Keira Corwin, Trenten Hamilton, Audrey Muhlenkamp, Cameran Paxson, Adamaris Ruiz-Herrera and Ella Stockton

Advanced Manufacturing 2 Certifications

Makenzie Cox, Tyler Ellsworth, Ethan Gillum, Carlene Shaneyfelt and Lucas Strait



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Alcove Artist Award

Alannah Hurley

American Legion Post 211 Honor Guard Scholarship

Chloe Alexander, Morgan DeHoff and Emily Walker

American Red Cross Leaders Save Lives Scholarship

Madelynn Snow, Morgan DeHoff, Emma Ransom and Cameran Paxson

Blake Kahlig, a Jay County senior, accepts a scholarship from Marianne Valentine during Honors Night.

Athletic Letter Blanket

Morgan DeHoff, Meredith Dirksen, Jenna Dues, AJ Myers, Maddy Snow, Sophia Sprunger and Mallory Winner

Beta Theta Chapter of Tri-Kappa

Daisy Muhlenkamp, Ella

Bryant High School Alumni Association Scholarship

Daisy Muhlenkamp

Charlotte Ann Wilmore Memorial Scholarship

Alyssa Aker

Chris Jackson Memorial Scholarship

Madelynn Snow

Compass Wealth Solutions Scholarship

Alexa Bravo

Crown City Cruisers

Morgan DeHoff

Dan Orr Scholarship

Austyn LeMaster

Daughters of the American Revolution, Mississinewa Chapter

Madelynn Snow

Delta Theta Tau Zeta Alpha Redkey

Luke Fugiett, Heavyn Willoughby, Elizabeth Shutz and Jozey Shimp

Dr. H.L. Shroyer Christian Love Scholarship

Heavyn Willoughby and Morgan DeHoff

Dunkirk Kiwanis Club

Heavyn Willoughby

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“They’re at a point in the project that in the near future they’re going to be wanting to know where we’re at as a city.”

In other business:

•McClung brought up the city’s sidewalk improvement program, through which the city will provide labor to install a new sidewalk if the property owner pays for materials. He suggested that council think about a way to work with property owners who cannot afford the cost of materials. The suggestions stemmed

from a resident expressing concern to McClung regarding the state of some of the sidewalks along Meridian Street on the south side of the city.

•Golden relayed positive comments from constituents regarding recent street paving. He also brought up two issues he has mentioned before — installing a handrail at the Hood Building and vacating the alley adjacent to Jay County Democrat headquarters.

•Approved an additional appropriation of \$174,500 for a new trash truck.

•May donated \$200 to Jay County Special Olympics. Troy Atkinson of the organization said it serves at least 30 athletes and also accepts donations of equipment.

•Hilfiker asked a question about golf carts not triggering the new traffic lights in downtown Portland. Mayor Jeff Westlake said it is likely that the vehicles are not heavy enough to trigger the system.

•Westlake reported that a manhole on Meridian Street near CVS has been lifted so that it is at the same level as the street.

Administration offers \$1,000 to immigrants who leave voluntarily

By **VERONICA EGUI BRITO**
Miami Herald
Tribune News Service

The Trump administration is offering \$1,000 and a free flight home to undocumented immigrants who go back their own countries voluntarily, the Department of Homeland Security announced Monday.

The immigrants who use the CBP Home App — the same mobile platform previously used under the Biden administration to facilitate lawful entry appointments at the U.S.-Mexico border — to notify U.S. immigration authorities of their departure will receive the money once their arrival in their country of origin is confirmed.

“Self-deportation is a dignified way to leave the U.S. and will allow illegal aliens to avoid being encountered by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement,” a Homeland Security press release said. “Even with the cost of the stipend, it is projected that the use of CBP Home will decrease the costs of a deportation by around 70%. Currently

the average cost to arrest, detain and remove an illegal alien is \$17,121.”

DHS said the app has already been used this week by an immigrant from Honduras who returned voluntarily to his home country from Chicago. The agency also noted additional departures are scheduled in the coming weeks.

A senior Homeland Security official confirmed to the Miami Herald that the agency’s travel assistance includes a complimentary one-way plane ticket out of the United States on top of the \$1,000 payment. The payment will only be issued after the migrant’s departure has been confirmed, and is limited to undocumented immigrants without criminal records.

“If non-criminal illegal aliens use the app, the federal government can purchase the one-way departure ticket,” the official said.

“If an individual is present in the United States without legal authorization, voluntary return through the CBP Home App is now a safe,

practical, and taxpayer-efficient option,” DHS Secretary Kristi Noem said. “This program supports our law enforcement personnel, ensures humane treatment, and offers eligible individuals a dignified process for returning home.”

Immigrants who submit an “Intent to Depart” notification through the app will be “deprioritized” for enforcement actions during the departure process, said DHS. “Participation may also positively influence future eligibility for legal entry into the U.S.”

Since taking office, President Donald Trump has pursued a strategy aimed at pressuring immigrants into what his administration refers to as “self-deportation.” Federal agencies have moved to revoke legal protections from hundreds of thousands of immigrants currently residing in the U.S. and have launched public messaging campaigns urging undocumented individuals to voluntarily return to their countries of origin and avoid detention and forced removal.

SERVICES

Today

Plodzien, James: 7 p.m., Baird-Freeman Funeral Home, 221 N. Meridian St., Portland.

Thursday

McEldowney, Gregory: 10:30 a.m., St. Paul Catholic Church, 517 Meiring Road, Fort Recovery.

Franklin, Phyllis: 11 a.m., Taylor Chapel Ministries, 10145 Maysville Road, Fort Wayne.

Friday

Teagle, Dorothy: 11 a.m., Walker & Glancy Funeral Home, 109 W. Windsor St., Montpelier.

Camp, Diane: 11 a.m., Williamson-Spencer and Penrod Funeral Home, 208 N. Commerce St., Portland.

Muhlenkamp, Sheryl: 11:30 a.m., Holy Trinity Catholic Church, 7321 E. Indiana 67, Bryant.

Monday

Manning, William: 10:30 a.m., Downing & Glancy Funeral Home, 100 Washington St., Geneva.

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DAR program

Mississinewa Chapter, National Society Daughters of the American Revolution regent Kathy Selman, left, stands with Indiana Daughters of the American Revolution central district director Brenda Cotton. She gave a program on “Women of the Revolution” at the Mississinewa Chapter meeting in April.

Parents, daughter struggle for balance

DEAR ABBY: I haven’t had a holiday with my grown daughter, “Charly,” since she left the state 12 years ago. When she came out as a lesbian, I wasn’t very accepting and didn’t handle it well. I have since apologized.

Charly and her partner refuse to visit here unless I allow them to share the same bed in my house. I say they can’t tell me what to do in my own home, just as I can’t tell them what to do in theirs. I stayed with them once, and they slept in the same bed. Now they no longer invite me to stay there. Charly told me her partner is uncomfortable with anyone staying there.

I haven’t spoken to my daughter about their relationship in many years. My heart is broken. I don’t get any holidays with them, but her partner’s parents are there every year and live in the next neighborhood. I don’t understand. Any suggestions? — MISSING HER IN TEXAS

DEAR MISSING HER: I do have one. If the three of you can decide to be civil with each other during a visit, tell your daughter you would be willing to stay in a hotel while you’re there. Frankly, it might be more comfortable for everyone if they agree to it.

DEAR ABBY: I was married for 19 years. We are divorced and have no

Dear Abby



assuming he has proposed, you would be wise to have a LONG engagement to be absolutely sure that gentle, loving Grayson is exactly who he seems to be.

DEAR ABBY: I had been developing feelings for my co-worker/boss. I believed those feelings may have been reciprocated. Then, I was fired because of a conflict with another co-worker. This happened more than a month ago. I still think about the guy from time to time. I would like to reach out and let him know, without it being embarrassing or seeming creepy, but I’m not sure how. I really care about him. — FORMER EMPLOYEE IN CONNECTICUT

DEAR FORMER EMPLOYEE: If your feelings for your former boss had been reciprocated, he would be reaching out to you, which hasn’t happened. That said, if you’d like another conversation with him, contact him and ask if he’s willing to be a job reference if he’s contacted by any prospective employers.

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

Community Calendar

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

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

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

PORTLAND ROTARY CLUB — Will meet at noon

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

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

COMMUNITY REINFORCEMENT AND FAMILY TRAINING — A non-

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

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

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

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

Thursday
SMART RECOVERY — A group for those struggling with addiction that focuses on motivation, coping with cravings, managing thoughts, feelings and behavior, and living a balanced life meets at 11 a.m. each Thursday in the IU Health Jay Outpatient Behavioral Health Center, Entrance C, 510 W. Votaw St., Portland.

CELEBRATE RECOVERY — A 12-step Christian recovery program meets at 10 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. each Thursday at A Second Chance At Life Ministries, 228 S. Meridian St. in Portland. For more information, call Brenda Eads at (260) 726-9625 or Dave Keen at (260) 251-8792.

INDIANA UNIVERSITY HEALTH JAY HOSPITAL OSTOMY SUPPORT GROUP — Will meet at 6

p.m. the second Thursday of each month in Indiana University Health Jay Hospital Conference Room B. The group is for ostomy and intestinal diversion patients and their friends and family to offer mutual support and learn about the latest products and information.

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

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

Minnetrista to host garden fair Saturday

Minnetrista Museum and Gardens will host its Garden Fair from 4 to 8 p.m. Friday, May 9, and 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, May 10.

The free event will feature plants, landscaping tools and crafts for gardening projects. There will also be a live Bob Ross public demo as well as Bob Ross painting workshops. Maybelle Music Fest performers will provide live music, and there will be activities for children.

Minnetrista will also host a torchworking workshop from 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, May 7, and Thursday, May 8.

Additional Bob Ross painting workshops are scheduled for May 16, 22 and 29, and June 13 and 27.

Minnetrista is located at 1200 N. Minnetrista Parkway, Muncie.

For more information, visit minnetrista.org.

Tailgates set

Second Harvest Food Bank will host tailgate food distributions next week.

Distributions are scheduled for:

•10 a.m. Saturday, May 3, at Second Harvest Food

Taking Note

Bank, 6621 N. Old State Route 3, Muncie

•10 a.m. Wednesday, May 7, at Jay County Fairgrounds, 806 E. Votaw St., Portland

•10 a.m. Thursday, May 8, at Muncie Mall, 3401 N. Granville Ave.

•10 a.m. Friday, May 9, at First Baptist Church, 709 S. Memorial Drive, New Castle

•10 a.m. Friday, May 9, at Goodrich Park, 701 N. Union St., Winchester

Programs scheduled

Charles W. Brown Planetarium at Ball State University will host a series of programs.

The events in May include Kit’s the Cat’s SuperMoon Adventure, which is intended for families and groups with children ages 6 and older. It will run at 5 p.m. Friday, May 9, and 3:30 p.m. Saturday, May 10.

For more information, visit bsu.edu/planetarium.

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Mowing lawn was a waiting game

Editor's note: This column is being reprinted from May 6, 2005. Weather in Indiana can be unpredictable, 40 degrees one day, 70 the next. Always a 50% chance of rain.

By **JACK RONALD**
The Commercial Review

It looks as if I won't be needing a scythe.

Thanks to Sunday's sunshine, I was finally able to mow the lawn, a fact which should give our neighbors — who have been much better about mowing this spring than I — some comfort.

But it almost didn't happen. Our old lawn mower has been on its last legs. It had been a great mower, a Lawnboy that I bought from Wayne Imel years ago. And while Wayne was alive, any problems were solved pretty quickly.

Last summer, however, the machine was apparently overtaken by some sort of small engine demon. It roared out of control, overheated quickly, and resisted numerous attempts at repair. With Wayne gone and the

machine having given us its all for more years than I'd like to admit, we came to the obvious conclusion that a replacement was in order.

Actually, my wife and youngest daughter came to that conclusion long ago. But as long as I was doing the mowing, they weren't going to press the issue.

This month, however, with another overseas assignment looming a few weeks down the road for me, that meant they were going to have to mow. There was some pressure to come up with a better solution. As in, spend some money and buy a new mower.

That was a pretty straightforward process.



Back
in the
Saddle

But then there was the matter of putting it together.

On the showroom floor, mowers all look beautiful. But you tend to forget that the thing is coming home in a box.

In fact, so faulty was my memory that I asked to have the mower delivered, picturing it showroom fresh and ready to go.

I needn't have bothered. The box that Don Enyart of Community Home Improvement dropped off would have fit in the back of my wife's Jeep.

If Don recognized my disappointment that the machine wasn't fully assembled, he didn't show it. Instead, he remembered mowing our yard when he was a kid and Lou and Eula Wasmuth lived where we live today.

Like most folks, we had caught the spring fever bug early during that spate of wonderful weather a few weeks back. That was mower-buying weather if there is such a thing.

But within minutes of the

arrival of the boxed mower at our house, the weather turned cold. To be precise, it turned nasty.

The box sat on the patio, opened and examined, with the instruction manuals removed and read, but with the machine not ready yet to run.

And days passed. And the grass grew taller.

Violets appeared in our front yard in abundance one morning. A few days later, when I came home at noon, the same space was full of dandelions.

Later still and a crop of spring beauties had popped up.

It was colorful, but it wasn't much of a front lawn.

Procrastination wasn't the problem; the weather was. Every night I'd come home just as the rain started to fall. Just as it appeared as if things might dry out, there'd be another cloudburst turning low spots into puddles.

And the days passed. And the grass grew taller.

It grew especially tall where our dog — and visiting dogs — had been fertilizing. The effect was a bit like a bad haircut.

Finally, on Thursday, I'd had enough. Though it was still too wet to mow and it was still cold, I did the minimal amounts of assembly required, putting on the wheels, hooking up the starter pull, and adjusting the handle. I was ready to mow, but the weather still wasn't ready to cooperate.

On Sunday, however, the sun came out.

Sure, it was still chilly. I felt as if I should be wearing gloves when I hauled the new machine out of the garage.

But for the first time on a weekend afternoon since the new mower had been delivered, it was OK to mow.

The dandelions are still there. The violets are still there. And the spring beauties are still there.

But at least they're shorter than they were before.

We must protect Head Start program

By **STEPHANIE SCHMIT**
OtherWords

All of us want our kids to get a fair start in life. And for millions of American families, that start has come from the federal Head Start program.

But unfortunately, President Trump has frozen Head Start funds, laid off many federal Head Start employees, and closed numerous regional Head Start offices across the country. Now a leaked draft of the president's budget proposes eliminating Head Start altogether.

This would be a catastrophic decision for children, families, Head Start workers, and the entire economy. Since its founding 60 years ago, Head Start has provided early education and comprehensive services for whole families and employed millions of teachers and staff.

The program was founded as part of the War on Poverty and has made life better for countless children and expecting parents from low-income families suffering from poverty and discrimination.

Head Start "was a cornerstone for my education, especially since I didn't speak English when I started school," one former participant told us. "My bilingual teachers highlighted the significance of education. Their examples left a lasting impact, motivating me to continue my studies."

Without Head Start, the nearly 800,000 children and pregnant people enrolled in the program would lose access to stable, high-quality child care and early education. Another 250,000 educators and providers would lose their jobs and ability to provide for their families.

These numbers are even more significant in light of the country's child care crisis, with families of every socioeconomic status struggling to find and afford reliable, accessible care. Eliminating Head Start will only worsen the crisis, especially among communities of color, families with low incomes, rural communities, and other struggling populations.

But Head Start does more than provide child care and early education. Without this program,

Stephanie
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families will also lose access to valuable services like prenatal education, help finding affordable housing and paying rent, job training, and more.

Without Head Start, "I would not have been able to attend college due to the high cost of child care," one single mother said. "Head Start enabled me to further my education and career opportunities while my children were benefiting from the structure and socialization that the program provides."

Eliminating Head Start will have effects far beyond the families it serves.

For many Head Start families, losing these services may mean having to leave school or the workforce, creating economic instability for their entire community. With the U.S. already reeling from nationwide federal layoffs and tariff threats, the aftershocks of laying off Head Start workers and forcing parents to leave the workforce will only lead to greater economic destabilization.

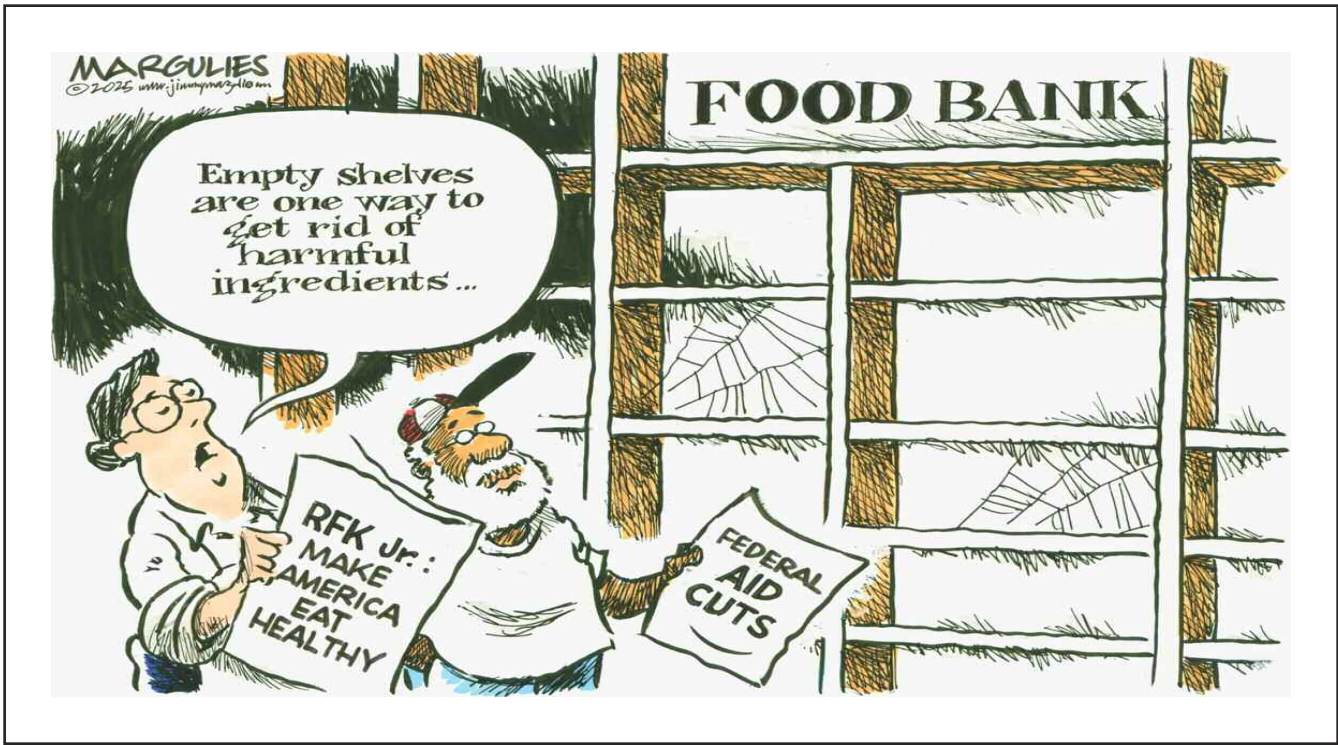
Head Start is essential to this country and the well-being of children and families. We must act now to prevent this vital program from going away.

My organization, CLASP, and many others are fighting back every day. For example, the ACLU, parent advocates, and Head Start provider groups filed a complaint just recently to stop the Trump administration from dismantling Head Start.

Families can't afford to lose access to care for their children. Providers can't afford to lose their valuable jobs. And the economy can't afford to have less stability and care for children.

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Are there storms ahead?

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Illinois farmers are busy these days planting corn and soybeans and keeping a watchful eye on storms blowing in — from Washington, D.C.

President Donald Trump's trade wars have sidelined China and discouraged other important customers of American agriculture, setting the Grain Belt on edge.

At the same time, cutbacks at the U.S. Department of Agriculture have disrupted long-standing programs, which has complicated spring planting. Plus, a potentially bitter battle looms over reauthorizing the 2018 Farm Bill that expired in 2023.

Despite the uneasy times, farm country has reason to expect a financial rebound this year. Unlike many other independent businesses hurt by tariff battles, government layoffs and unpredictable policy changes, the agricultural sector — especially corn and soybean producers — stands to benefit from an increase in taxpayer-funded subsidies.

In late December, even before Trump took office, Congress approved legislation that provides \$10 billion in economic assistance for farmers, which was intended to make up for low crop prices and high input costs. Billions more were allocated for losses from natural disasters.

Earlier this year, the USDA predicted that net farm income, a broad measure of profits, would shoot up more than 30%. That would help to push household income on the average farm to more than \$100,000, while large producers would make many times that amount.

The biggest swing factor by far is direct government payments, which the USDA has pegged at \$42.4 billion for 2025, up an astonishing 355% from last year. And here's the kicker: Those USDA estimates from early February don't yet account for the fat checks a Trump-controlled Congress could very well dole out in the future to compensate farmers for the trade war's impact.

Guest Editorial

Federal agricultural policy continues to reflect the political leverage of favored constituencies. For others left without similar support, the costs of trade disruptions often fall harder and without relief.

We've seen this movie before: During Trump's first presidency, the administration championed a series of bailouts for farmers hurt by trade battles with China and other key export customers.

Aid for agriculture jumped by tens of billions from 2018 through 2020, a level of support that some in the industry referred to as "Trump money." Thousands of operators got more than \$100,000 each.

Who can blame them for demanding more of the same in 2025? Trump has already adapted his policies to accommodate Big Tech, automakers and other clout-heavy industries, and farmers strongly backed the president in the 2024 election.

Contrary to the evidence, Trump has promised they'll have a "field day" selling their crops domestically this year. He has also told them to expect "a little bit of an adjustment period," with the implication that Uncle Sam's checkbook is wide open to lessen the sting.

Most other small-business owners, lacking comparable political clout, have seen far less federal support in response to the same economic headwinds. While large companies typically have the advantage of substantial cash cushions and the market power to negotiate prices with suppliers, small-time entrepreneurs are mostly stuck absorbing the damage, scrambling to cut costs and putting expansion plans on hold.

No wonder economic forecasters

say the arrow is pointing down for economic growth and up — again — for inflation.

Still, small-business operators whom Trump has left to fend for themselves shouldn't feel too jealous of their brethren on the farm. Even if Trump were to back off today from the tariffs he has chaotically imposed, the administration's trade wars stand to do lasting damage to American agriculture. Over time, that's likely to translate into lower incomes than U.S. farmers enjoyed for many years under pro-free-trade regimes.

During Trump's first term, China turned to South America for soybeans it otherwise would have purchased from North America. Brazil, especially, expanded its planted acreage in response, and the U.S. never fully recovered those lost sales. The European Union, Japan, Canada and other big customers of American grain and oilseeds also are seeking to shift their purchases to more reliable suppliers.

Beyond trade, U.S. farmers worry about Trump's efforts to deport agricultural laborers. Mass deportations would raise costs and potentially disrupt food supplies. Agricultural research is under siege as well. The Trump administration is especially keen to target anything connected to climate change, which many farmers know firsthand is not only real, but potentially an existential threat to their operations.

Support in the rural heartland reportedly remains solid for Trump and his goal of busting up global trade, which the president contends is unfair to America. That support will continue, we expect, as long as government funds keep rolling in at massive levels.

As for everyday taxpayers, get ready to treat yourselves to a big bushel of No. 2 yellow corn. With so much of America's traditional trade partners backing away, there should be plenty of Illinois grain available around harvest time.

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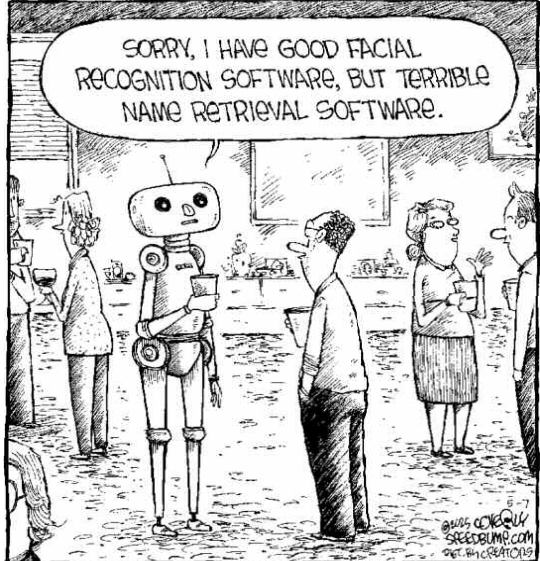


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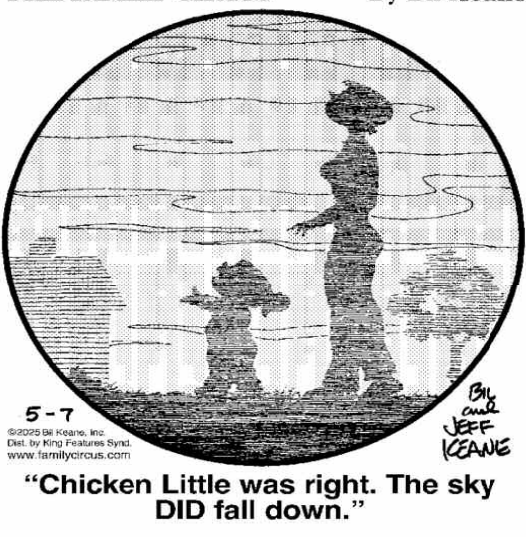
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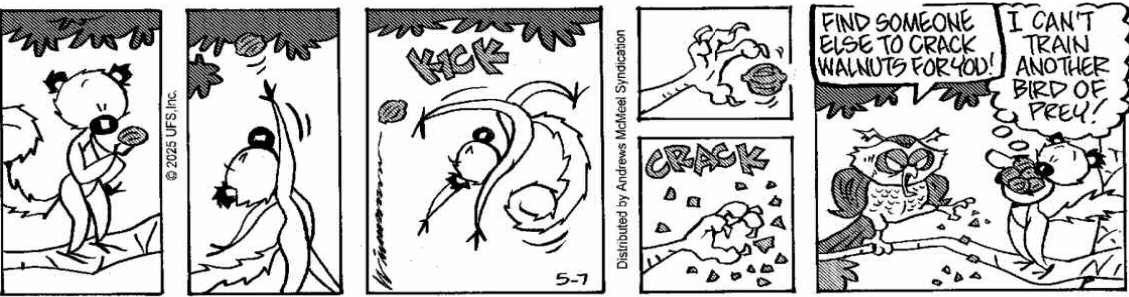
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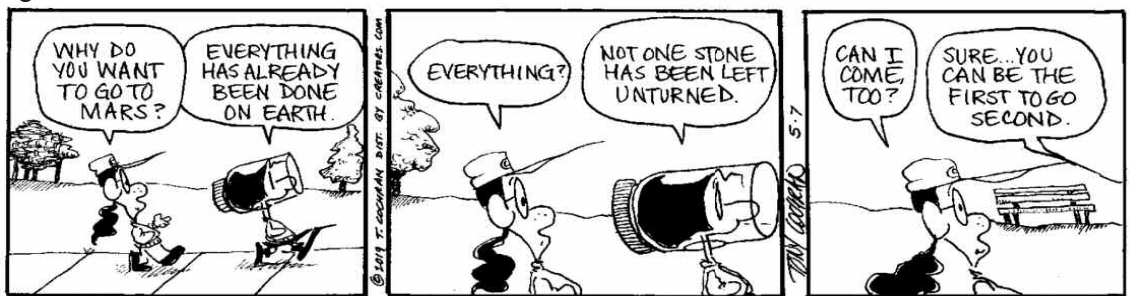
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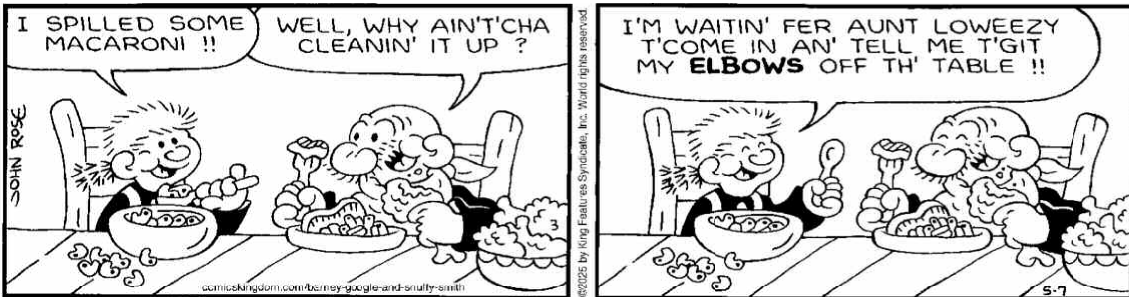
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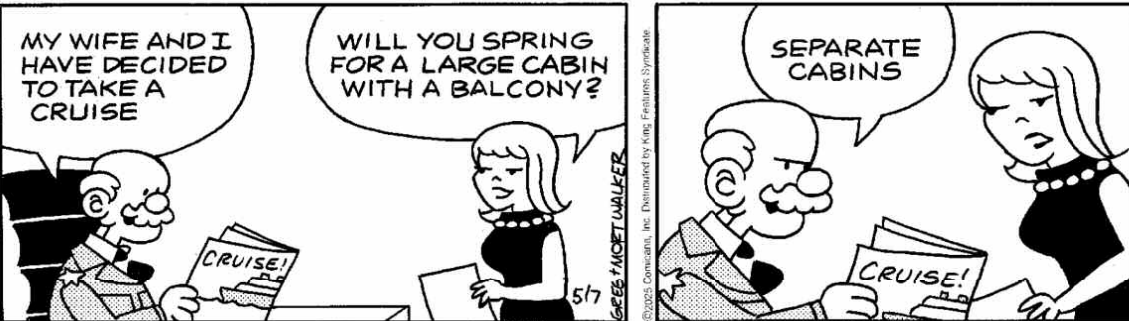
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Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

The one and only way

North dealer.
Both sides vulnerable.

NORTH
♠ J 9 7 4
♥ Q 10 8 7
♦ A K Q 10
♣ 4

WEST
♠ Q 3
♥ A J 5 4 2
♦ 7 4
♣ J 10 8 3

EAST
♠ 10
♥ K 6
♦ 9 8 6 3 2
♣ A 7 6 5 2

SOUTH
♠ A K 8 6 5 2
♥ 9 3
♦ J 5
♣ K Q 9

The bidding:
North East South West
1 ♠ Pass 1 ♠ Pass
2 ♠ Pass 4 ♠ Pass
Opening lead — jack of clubs.

Just as declarer sometimes must assume that the opposing cards are divided in a certain way in order to make his contract, so must the defenders assume that their cards are distributed in a way that will allow the contract to be defeated. Consider this case from a team contest, where first one defender and then the other had to make just such an assumption. West led the jack of clubs to East's ace, and East

paused to take stock of the situation. In view of dummy's good trump support, strong diamonds and singleton club, it was clear that the only hope for the defense lay in the heart suit. Essentially, if South had the ace of hearts, the contract could not be beaten. East therefore had to assume that his partner had the ace of hearts, in which case a ruff might be negotiated. So at trick two East did what any red-blooded East would do: He laid down the king of hearts and, when it held, he continued with a heart to West's ace. It was now West's turn to do some prognosticating. Both East and South were out of hearts, so there seemed no point in continuing the suit, since declarer could overruff East. But with no further tricks available in any of the side suits, the defense could not prevail without scoring a trump trick. Since declarer was virtually certain to hold the A-K of spades, there was only one legitimate hope — that East had the ten of spades. So at trick four, West returned a heart, East ruffed with the ten, and, just like that, West's queen of spades came into its own as the setting trick.

Tomorrow: Pressure point.
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ACROSS
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5 Tax-collecting org.
8 LAPD alerts
12 Jai —
13 Witticism
14 Series of courses
15 Domino's delivery
17 "Peter Pan" dog
18 TV detective Remington
19 Polar buildup
21 Flop
22 Snack
23 Drink holder
26 Ryan of "Top Gun"
28 Exhausted
31 "Dedicated to the — Love"
33 Slump
35 Opera set in Egypt
36 Church donation

38 Wager
40 Prom suit
41 "The Mule" actor
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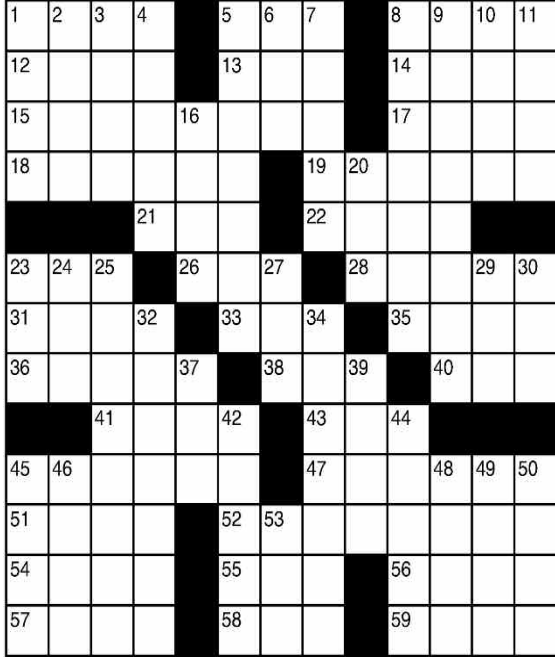
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59 Party giver
DOWN
1 Knocks
2 Landed
3 Fixed look
4 Evaluated, with "up"
5 Obstructs
6 King, in Cannes
7 Beer mug
8 Memory loss
9 Stone fruit
10 Eric of "Troy"
11 Duel prompter

16 Grad source
20 Milk
23 Camp bed
24 Half of bi-
25 Personal bugaboo
27 Talk on and on
29 College URL
30 Shepherd of "Parthenood"
32 "Amen, bro!"
34 Brief vacation
37 Finale
39 Rain-delay cover
42 Jellied entree
44 Sacred scroll
45 "I did it!"
46 Some HDTVs
48 Actor O'Shea
49 Crumb carriers
50 RBI, for one
53 Celestial altar

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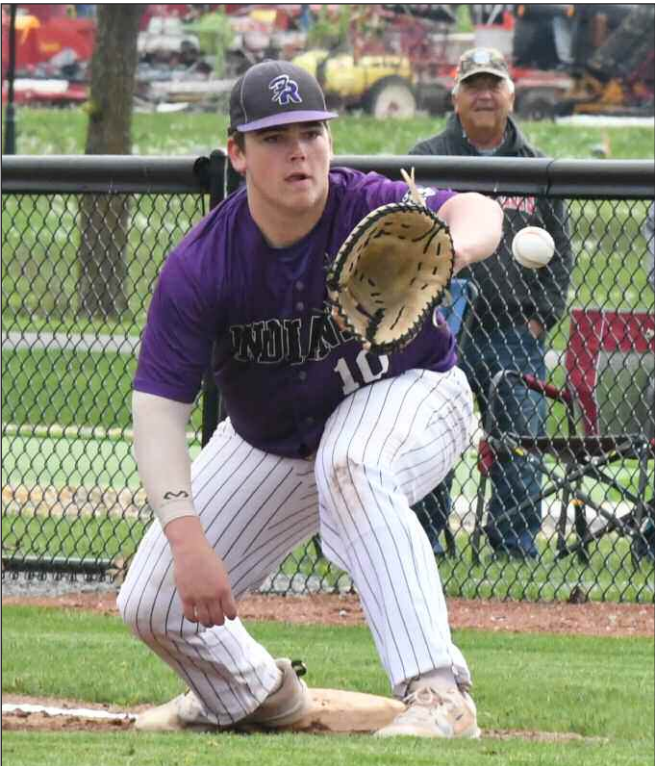
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“Hitting wise, that’s what we were hoping to do. That’s what we need to be doing going into the final weeks here.”

Klenke started the game with a small hiccup against Perry Schwieterman. The FRHS junior worked a 2-2 count on the Parkway first baseman before giving up a single through the left side of the infield.

Klenke immediately focused back in to strike out Brayden Bruns and Jacoby Triplett in three pitches each. It appeared as if Klenke would put a second runner on base as he fell behind 3-1 against Lennox Boroff. He got Boroff to swing at the fifth pitch of the at bat before he ended the inning with a low fastball that caught Boroff looking.

“I felt like (giving up the leadoff single) put the nerves away,” Klenke said. “Then I could breathe and go from there.”

Klenke continued to roll in the second inning, striking out the side a second time. He walked Schweiterman to start the third inning, but a passed ball rebounded off the backstop back to Brody Hart, allowing the catcher to gun



The Commercial Review/Andrew Balko

Fort Recovery first baseman Caden Homan receives a throw down from catcher Brodie Hart during the Tribe’s 10-0 victory Monday.

him down at second base. He finished the inning with two more strikeouts.

Fort Recovery’s starter hit the first batter of the fourth inning before getting a pair of outs on balls hit to Caden Grisez at third base. The inning

ended with Klenke’s ninth strikeout of the day.

He made quick work of the fight inning with a swinging bunt that Hart fielded and fired to first base, a flyout to Mason Diller in right field and a 10th strikeout.

Klenke wrapped up his performance with two more strikeouts and a ball hit back at him, which he knocked down before tossing to Caden Homan at first base.

Klenke’s final line included 12 strikeouts and just one hit over the six innings of work. He allowed three base runners in total, none of which made it past second base, to earn the win. “My curveball and some changeups here and there were (working well),” Klenke said. “I was just trying to change the locations I pitched. Sometimes I’d try to throw the curveball outside, sometimes inside or spike it even.”

The Indians (11-5, 3-4 Midwest Athletic Conference) gave Klenke some early run support as three crossed in the first inning and a fourth reached home plate in the second.

Reece Wendel reached base on an infield single, followed by a double from Diller. While Grisez didn’t manage to reach base, his groundout drove Wendel home. Gaerke doubled to deep center field to plate Diller, and made his way around the bases on a passed ball and a dropped third strike.

FRHS scored the fourth

run on the Panthers (6-12, 1-7 MAC) on a single from Wendel.

“It helped out with the whole game and tore them down in the beginning,” said Gaerke, who led the Indians with three RBIs. “We kind of took it off (in the middle) but then we put it back on them at the end and it felt great.”

The Tribe piled on six more runs in the sixth inning to end the game early. After an initial flyout, the next eight Indians reached base.

Klenke helped his own cause with a two-RBI single, Wendel brought one home on a double and Grisez walked with the bases loaded to account for the first four runs of the inning.

With the bases loaded, Gaerke poked a single between the third baseman and the shortstop drive in Wendel and Diller to walk off the game.

Seven of the Indians in the starting lineup managed to either score a run or drive one in. One of the two who didn’t, reached base before Cody Klenke pinch ran and made his way around to score.

“We’ve kind of been missing that,” Eyink said. “The top of the order has been getting on and scoring runs, but the bottom

Box score

Parkway Panthers
vs. Fort Recovery Indians

Parkway (5-10, 0-6 MAC)				
	ab	r	h	bi
Schwieterman 1b	2	0	1	0
Bruns ss	2	0	0	0
Triplett cf	2	0	0	0
Boroff 2b	2	0	0	0
JYoder dh	2	0	0	0
Hanner c	2	0	0	0
Kirby p	2	0	0	0
Conn rf	2	0	0	0
RYoder 3b	2	0	0	0
Totals	28	0	3	0

Fort Recovery (11-5, 3-4 MAC)				
	ab	r	h	bi
Wendel cf	4	2	3	2
Diller rf	3	2	1	0
Grisez 3b	3	0	0	2
Gaerke ss	4	1	2	3
Hart c	3	0	1	0
Homan 1b	3	0	0	0
CKlenke pr	0	1	0	0
Evers lf	1	1	0	0
Muhlenkamp dh	1	2	0	0
DKlenke p	3	1	2	2
Totals	25	10	9	9

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LOB — Parkway 2, Fort Recovery 3, 2B — Fort Recovery 5 (Wendel, Diller, Gaerke, Hart, DKlenke). SB — Parkway 1 (Schwieterman).

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Parkway						
Kirby	5.1	7	8	7	3	3
Beveridge 0	2	2	2	2	0	0

Fort Recovery
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of the order, we’ve had guys on and are not getting them in. So, it was good to see everyone contribute today.”

Sports on tap

Local schedule

Thursday

Jay County — Boys golf tri meet at home – 4:30 p.m.; Girls tennis vs. Adams Central – 5 p.m.; Baseball vs. Bluffton – 5:30 p.m.; Softball vs. Bluffton – 5:30 p.m.; JV baseball at Bluffton – 5 p.m.; JV softball at Bluffton – 5 p.m.; Junior high golf vs. Driver – 4:30 p.m.; Junior high baseball vs. Yorktown – 5 p.m.; Junior high track at Adams Central Relays – 5 p.m.; Junior high softball at Elwood – 5:30 p.m.
Fort Recovery — Track county meet finals at Coldwater – 4:30 p.m.; Baseball vs. St. Henry –

5 p.m.; Softball at St. Henry – 5 p.m.; Middle school track County Meet at Coldwater – 4:30 p.m.

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1:30 p.m. — College softball: Indiana at Washington (BTN)

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4:30 p.m. — College softball: Wisconsin at Michigan (BTN)
7 p.m. — NBA Playoffs: New York Knicks at Boston Celtics (TNT)

7 p.m. — NHL Playoffs: Florida Panthers at Toronto Maple Leafs (ESPN)
7 p.m. — College softball: Purdue at Northwestern (BTN)
7:15 p.m. — MLB: Cincinnati Reds at Atlanta Braves (FDSN Indiana)
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at Oklahoma City Thunder (TNT)
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Klenke's Ks



Dylan Klenke, a junior on the Fort Recovery High School baseball team, hurls a pitch during the Indians' 10-0 win over Parkway on Monday. The FRHS lefty struck out 12 Panthers while only allowing one hit, one walk and hit one batter in the career performance.

By ANDREW BALKO
The Commercial Review

FORT RECOVERY — After pitching a gem of a game through the first six innings, Tribe coach Kevin Eyink was prepared to send Dylan Klenke back out onto the mound for the seventh inning.

It ended up not being needed as the Indians' offense finished the Panthers off in the sixth inning.

Klenke had a career night on the mound for the Fort Recovery High School baseball team, striking out 12 Parkway Panthers before Alex Gaerke walked the

FRHS junior strikes out 12 in 10-0 win

game off for a 10-0 victory in the sixth inning on Monday.

"That's what we were hoping to happen," Eyink said. "Dylan's been doing a nice job so we gave him another shot and he pitched extremely well. He threw a ton of strikes with good command and good pace, so he did a great job.

See **Klenke's** page 7

IHSAA edits transfer rules

Transferring just got simpler and a new sport is emerging.

The Board of Directors of the Indiana High School Athletic Association formally adopted rule changes surrounding first-time transfers, declared girls flag football as an emerging sport and allowed a proposal that would give schools the opportunity to enter into co-op arrangements to die on Monday.

There are three key pieces to the transfer rule changes.

First, students who are transferring from one IHSAA member school to another will maintain full eligibility if they do so within the first six semesters of high school.

Second, any subsequent transfers or transfers coming from non-IHSAA member schools will still be handled similarly to the previous years.

The third key point is that if a second-time transfer is returning to the IHSAA member school that they originally attended, they will retain full eligibility after 365 days of their enrollment at the previous school.

Also on Monday, the board added girls flag football as an emerging sport. It will begin the process in the 2025-26 school year, joining girls lacrosse, which was approved in late August.

Girls wrestling and boys volleyball previously went through the process of being an emerging sport before becoming an official IHSAA sport with a state tournament.

For a sport to become officially recognized, at least 50% of the membership must be participating in the sport. (There are currently 409 IHSAA member schools.)

Shannon, Champ compete in Westfield Regional

WESTFIELD — The JC Flipsters Xcel Gold team competed in the Region 5 Xcel Regional Championships at Grand Park Sports Complex over the weekend for Team Indiana.

The competition included teams from Indiana, Illinois, Kentucky, Michigan and Ohio.

Aubree Shannon led the Flipsters by finishing seventh all-around with a score of 37.3 points in the Senior C division.

Shannon performed the best during her floor routine, where she finished sixth with a 9.525.

She placed ninth on the vault with a 9.175, while finishing 10th on the bars (9.5) and the beam (9.1).

Jordyn Champ earned 11th all-around with 36.775 points out of the Senior A division.

Champ climbed all the way up to second place on the floor, scoring 9.65 points.

She fell to 14th on the beam and the vault, netting 9.075 and 8.8 points, respectively.

Her day rounded out with an 18th-place finish on the bars as she was awarded 9.25 points.

Moore suspended for weeks 3 and 4

By TONY PAUL and ANGELIQUE S. CHENGELIS
The Detroit News
Tribune News Service

DETROIT — Michigan head football coach Sherone Moore is expected to be suspended for two games early in the 2025 season as part of self-imposed sanctions in the wake of the sign-stealing scandal that marred the Wolverines' run to the national championship in the 2023 season.

A source close to the situation confirmed the planned sanctions, but told The Detroit News it has not been "finalized." The source spoke to The News anonymously because the university hasn't made an official announcement.

ESPN first reported on the sanctions Monday morning.

Moore is expected to miss Week 3 and 4 games against Central Michigan and at Nebraska.

Moore, 39, was Michigan's offensive coordinator in 2023, when the scope of

low-rung staffer Connor Stalions' alleged sign-stealing scheme came to light. Stalions was alleged to have sent a network of people to stadiums across the country to record future opponents' sidelines from the stands.

Moore also is facing potential penalties, including a suspension, for allegedly deleting text messages with Stalions. The NCAA investigation into a sign-stealing scandal led to the allegation that Moore deleted 52 messages with Stalions, potentially violating NCAA rules. The deletion occurred around the time media reports revealed Stalions' involvement in the scheme.

The Big Ten suspended then-head coach Jim Harbaugh for the final three games of the 2023 regular season, when Moore filled in as interim head coach, including for wins over Penn State and Ohio State.

The NCAA has been investigating the Stalions' scandal since.



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