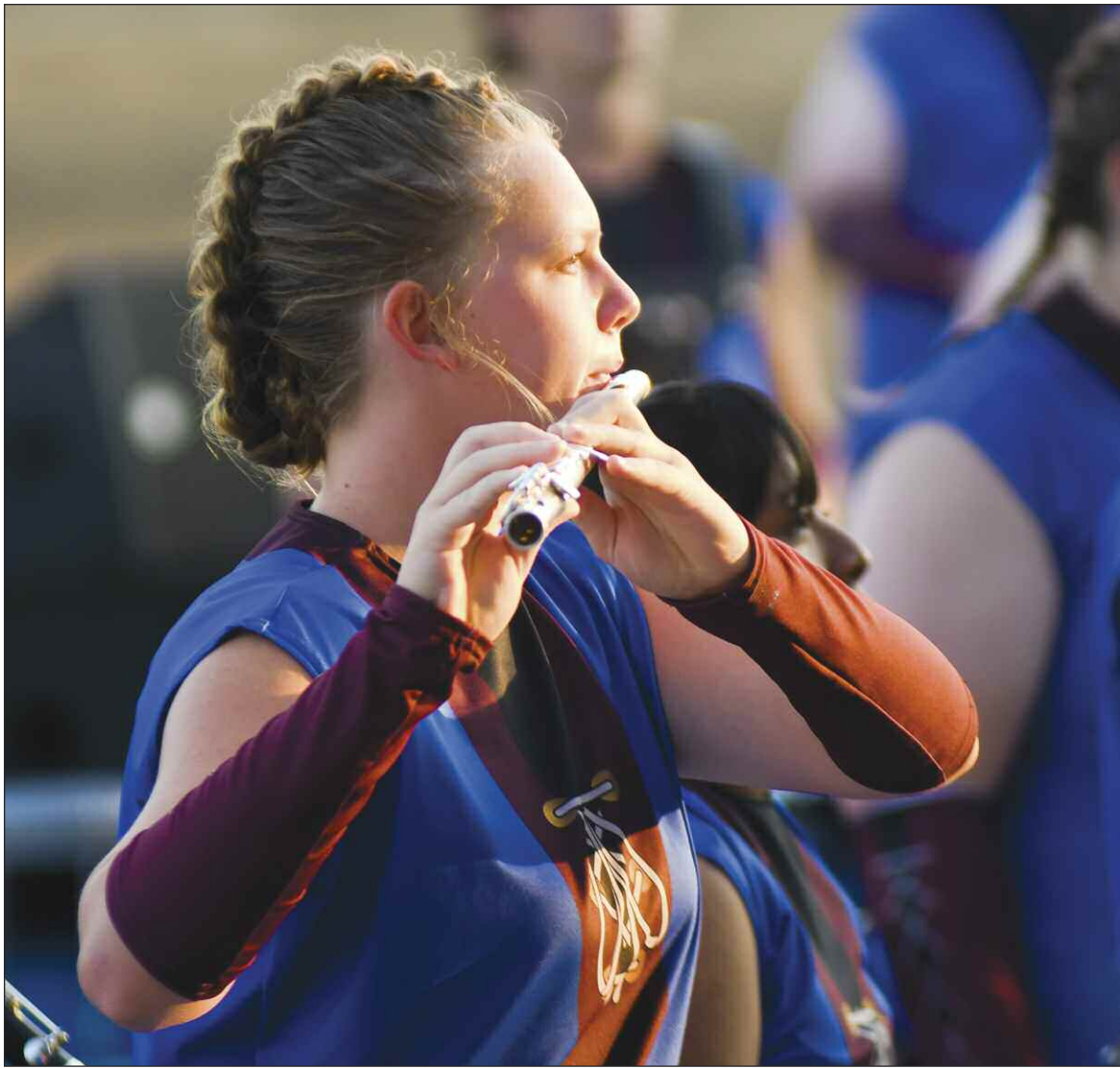


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## Council brings in help, suspends officer, assistant

*Firm will provide oversight; hearing for employees is Wednesday*

**By BAILEY CLINE**  
The Commercial Review

REDKEY — Town officials have decided it's time to bring in some help.

Redkey Town Council agreed during a special meeting Friday to a one-year contract at \$4,500 a month with consulting firm Civitas Strategies.

Council also suspended town marshal Chris Jack and office assistant Billie Hammond, appointed officer Alex Heath as interim town marshal and hired Jessica Fugiett as office manager to oversee utilities billing and financial operations.

Pete Olson, government advisory director with Civitas Strategies, explained he has worked with town attorney Maura Hoff in her roles with other Indiana municipalities. He said she suggested he meet with Redkey town officials as the town goes through changes.

## Shining stand-still

Light shines on the faces of Jay County High School Marching Patriot flute players Brakella Sturgill (above) and Alexa Ridenour (at left) during Friday night's Jay County Lions Band Contest at Jay County Fairgrounds. The competition was held in a stand-still format — only music was judged — after rain earlier in the day left part of the track too soggy for marching. The host Patriots scored 31.525 points (out of a possible 50) to finish third, just 0.225 points behind runner-up Anderson. Muncie Central won with 32.175. Winchester (30.225) and Yorktown (23.95) rounded out the top five in the eight-band field. (Three scheduled bands dropped out after the contest shifted to the stand-still format.)

## Court denies Rokita's motion to dismiss

**By LESLIE BONILLA MUNIZ**  
Indiana Capital Chronicle  
indianacapitalchronicle.com

Indiana's Supreme Court on Friday denied Attorney General Todd Rokita's call to dismiss a second disciplinary action against him — both stemming from public comments made three years ago about his investigation of an Indianapolis abortion provider.

"It is exceptionally rare for respondents to file motions to dismiss disciplinary complaints, and even rarer that we grant them," Justice Derek Molter wrote in the unanimous opinion.

The high court's denial came without prejudice — allowing Rokita to potentially refile — "because we conclude the arguments he makes in his motion are better addressed through the

*Members also appoint three-person panel to hear politically sensitive case*

hearing process and our subsequent review," Molter continued.

The court appointed a three-member hearing panel instead of its typical lone hearing officer, accommodating a proposal from Rokita.

"Appointing three distinguished members of the bench and bar to serve as hearing officers is particularly appropriate

in this case, which involves conduct at the intersection of law and politics," a concurring opinion from Justice Christopher Goff said.

He noted that the political role assumed by many state attorneys general in contemporary America creates tension with licensing obligations that they assume as members of their state's bar.

"When a licensed attorney, entrusted with the full legal power of a state, advocates (or legally implements) divisive policies advocated by national partisans, their statements and actions can, in some circumstances, be both politically popular within their state and violative of its rules of professional conduct for attorneys," Goff said.

"And because the legal power of a state attorney general is so great, such popular but unprofessional conduct can hurt real people and impede official processes. When that happens, people harmed by such conduct will look to the attorney-discipline process for relief," he continued.

Indiana taxpayers have covered more than \$491,000 in legal

bills defending Rokita in multiple disciplinary investigations and formal ethics cases, according to records obtained by the Indiana Capital Chronicle.

**Case's background**

In a 2022 interview with Fox News commentator Jesse Waters, Rokita called Indianapolis doctor Caitlin Bernard an "activist acting as a doctor" and said his office would be investigating her conduct. Bernard, an OB-GYN, oversaw a medication abortion for a 10-year-old rape victim from Ohio in 2022.

That November, in a split decision and public reprimand, the high court justices found that he had violated two of the Rules of Professional Conduct for lawyers:

See **Denies** page 2

Deaths

Myron Love, 82, Montpelier  
Details on page 2.

Weather

The high temperature topped out at 77 degrees Friday in Jay County.  
Scattered showers and thunderstorms are expected today with humid conditions and a high in the mid 80s. Expect more rain Sunday with a high in the lower 80s.  
See page 2 for an extended outlook.

In review

Fort Recovery's National Night Out, which will include free swimming, food and other activities, is set for 5 to 8 p.m. Sunday at Ambassador Pool.  
Fort Recovery Friends of the Arts will host its Community Talent Night at 7 p.m. Sunday at Van Trees Park's Hein Amphitheater.

Coming up

Tuesday — Details from the Portland Rockets' regular-season finale doubleheader.  
Wednesday — Coverage of next week's Jay School Board meeting.  
Thursday — Details from next week's Redkey Town Council meeting.

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# Denies ...

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1. They said Rokita's comments constituted an "extrajudicial statement" that he knew — or reasonably should have known — would be publicly disseminated and would prejudice related legal proceedings.

2. They also said his statements had "no substantial purpose" other than to embarrass or burden Bernard.

Rokita and Indiana's Disciplinary Commission disputed over a third charge — engaging in conduct "that is prejudicial to the administration of justice" — which the commission agreed to dismiss in exchange for "admission to misconduct" on the others.

In a sworn affidavit, Rokita admitted to the two violations and

acknowledged he couldn't have defended himself successfully on the charges if the matter were tried.

But the same day the reprimand was handed down, Rokita called the dispute a "failed attempt to derail our work" in a lengthy and unrepentant news release. He said he had "evidence and explanation" for what he said on air, but chose not to fight the complaint any further to save "taxpayer money and distraction."

The Disciplinary Commission filed a new round of charges against him in January, alleging he wasn't being truthful when he told the court he was accepting responsibility for his actions.

Rokita attempted to dismiss the new complaint in

February, with the Disciplinary Commission opposing his motion.

**Process continues**

The case will now move before a three-judge hearing panel. Members were picked from the northern, central and southern regions of Indiana to "protect against a public perception that political considerations could unduly influence a single officer," according to the opinion.

They include Indiana Court of Appeals Judges Cale J. Bradford and Nancy H. Vaidik, and attorney William G. Hussman.

Bradford and Vaidik currently serve on the Indiana Court of Appeals, and both have been elected by their colleagues to

serve as their court's Chief Judge in the past.

Hussmann is a practicing attorney whose public and private sector experience Indiana Supreme Court includes serving as a U.S. Magistrate Judge, as a deputy attorney general, and as a staff attorney with the Indiana Disciplinary Commission.

The court also encouraged the hearing panel to discuss mediation with Rokita and the commission.

The panel will submit a report, and the court will review the evidence and evaluate the law. Molter noted the court doesn't defer to the report but does give it more emphasis because of the direct observation of witnesses included.

# Obituaries

**Myron D. Love**, Montpelier, the father-in-law of a Portland man, Aug. 30, 1942-July 16, 2025. Services will be at 10 a.m. Monday at Walker & Glancy Funeral Home, 109 W. Windsor St., Montpelier.

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# CR almanac

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Lotteries		
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<b>Ohio</b> Midday		<b>Mega Millions</b> Estimated jackpot: \$100 million

# Markets

<b>Cooper Farms Fort Recovery</b> Corn.....4.64 Aug. corn .....4.69 Sept. corn .....4.64	Aug. beans.....10.00 Wheat .....5.16
<b>POET Biorefining Portland</b> Corn.....4.63 Aug. corn .....4.58 Sept. corn .....4.48	<b>ADM Montpelier</b> Corn.....4.38 Aug. corn .....4.36 Beans.....10.43 Aug. beans.....10.23 Wheat .....5.16
<b>The Andersons Richland Township</b> Corn .....4.51 Aug. corn .....4.51 Beans .....10.43	<b>Heartland St. Anthony</b> Corn.....4.54 Aug. corn .....4.54 Beans.....10.21 Aug. beans.....9.81 Wheat .....4.91

# Today in history

In 1553, Mary I replaced Lady Jane Grey as queen of England.

In 1799, the Rosetta Stone, a tablet with hieroglyphic translations into Greek, was found in Egypt.

In 1848, the Seneca Falls Convention, known as the first such gathering in support of rights for American women, launched in New York. About 300 attended the meeting that resulted in the Declaration of Sentiments, which called for granting women the same rights and freedoms as those afforded to men.

In 1870, French emperor Napoleon III declared war on Prussia.

In 1903, French cyclist Maurice Garin won the first Tour de France in Paris.

In 1941, cartoon characters Tom and Jerry made their first appearance in "The Midnight Snack."

In 1972, Jerry Landess of Portland drove one double-heat winner and tied for first in two other feature harness races at the Clinton County Fair in Frankfort.

In 2021, Jay School Board approved a return to standard operating procedures after in-person classes were called off for the final two and a half months of 2019-20 school year and various rules, including a state mask mandate, were in place throughout 2020-21.

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# Citizen's calendar

<b>Monday</b> 4 p.m. — Jay County Commissioners, auditorium, courthouse, 120 N. Court St., Portland. 5 p.m. — Jay School Board, General Shanks, 414 E. Floral Ave., Portland. 5:30 p.m. — Portland City Council, council chambers, fire station, 1616 N. Meridian St. 6:15 p.m. — Portland City Council public hearing, council chambers, fire station, 1616 N. Meridian St. 6:30 p.m. — Fort	Recovery Local Schools, community room, high school, 400 E. Butler St. 7:30 p.m. — Fort Recovery Village Council, village hall, 201 S. Main St.
<b>Tuesday</b> 6 p.m. — Redkey Town Council, park cabin, 50 Mooney St.	
<b>Wednesday</b> 5 p.m. — Jay County Redevelopment Commission, auditorium, courthouse, 120 N. Court St., Portland.	

# Council ...

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Olson previously met with Hoff and council president Brenda Beaty. Taking feedback from that meeting, he said, he drafted a contract for council to consider. (Per Olson, it can be terminated at any time.)

"What I've done is I've laid out what I think should be a comprehensive look for the next year of municipal management, a part-time municipal manager opportunity, where our team would come in, and we would be available on call for a month, for a little bit better than about 40 hours a month," he explained.

The company's team includes at least nine employees, including project manager Sarah Froderman, formerly of Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs, and director of community and economic development Jack Woods.

The work could also include Olson or another company representative attending town meetings to help facilitate as needed.

"So when you come in, right off the bat, are you going to like, lay down a plan of attack? Start with top priorities first?" asked council member Byron Daugherty.

Olson said he and other team representatives would meet with council members to determine their priorities and create a plan for accomplishing goals.

"We do not want to come in here and dictate what you believe your community needs," he said. "We want you to tell us that we know how we're going to attack this. We

are driven by what you all believe needs to happen."

Beaty asked if the company can help teach officials about the budget, with Olson noting that is one of his specialties.

Council approved the contract with Floyd Life, Jenny Staver, Beaty and Daugherty in favor and "Watermellon" Jim Phillips dissenting.

Also Friday, council, again with Phillips dissenting, suspended Jack and Hammond with pay, effectively immediately.

Redkey Town Council met in executive session prior to the special meeting Friday to discuss employee conduct. Jack and Hammond committed infractions of the town's personnel policy, according to council members. They were each cited for allegedly "committing an act of violence or an act of improper or immoral conduct while employed by the Town," a major infraction.

Council tabled a decision on terminating Hammond at its June 24 meeting, which followed an executive session earlier in the month regarding her alleged misconduct. Clerk-treasurer Gloria May argued then that Hammond's employment decision should be May's choice to make and threatened to fight the issue in court.

Beaty announced Friday that council will host an executive session at 9 a.m. Wednesday to hold hearings for Hammond and Jack in regard to their suspensions.

Relatedly, council appointed police officer Alex Heath as interim town marshal, again with Phillips dissenting.

Heath joined the department as a

deputy in March. Last month, council approved contracts with Heath and Jack for them to attend Indiana Law Enforcement Academy, with their graduation dates slated for Sept. 26.

Also, council hired Fugiett as a full-time employee, approved an emergency resolution appointing Fugiett to carry out utilities billing and financial operations for the town and amended its salary ordinance — Fugiett's job description changed from office assistant to office manager. Phillips dissented in approving the emergency resolution.

Hoff explained that the town needs to undergo a water rate study and is currently unable to do so because of how finances are recorded.

Per the resolution, council "determined that, due to the current state of the billing and financial operations of the Town's utilities, the Town is unable to complete rate studies and financial analyses as required by the holders of the Town's outstanding debt obligations."

The resolution points to potential consequences for defaulting on debt obligations, gives council management and oversight responsibilities for utility billing and financial operations and subsequently appoints the office manager to the aforementioned responsibilities.

Fugiett will serve in the role on a full-time basis at 40 hours a week. She also recorded minutes at the meeting Friday in May's absence.

Council's regular meeting for this month is at 6 p.m. Tuesday.

# DOJ asks court to unseal transcripts

**By CHRIS STROHM and CHRIS DOLMETSCH**  
Bloomberg News  
Tribune News Service

WASHINGTON — The Trump administration asked a federal court to unseal grand jury transcripts related to the case of late, disgraced financier Jeffrey Epstein following claims that government officials were hiding documents and information related to his sex-trafficking case.

Justice Department lawyers made the requests Friday to two judges in Manhattan, where prosecutors handled separate criminal cases against Epstein and his former associate, Ghislaine Maxwell.

"Transparency to the American public is of the utmost importance to this administration," the Justice Department said in the filing, adding that "given the public interest" in the investigations into Epstein, the transcripts should be released.

It's unclear if courts would grant the administration's request or whether the request will satisfy critics, who have demanded more information on the case. Grand jury deliberations are typically kept secret. The judges also could take time to make a decision.

Trump and Attorney General Pam Bondi have come under sharp criticism from fellow Republicans who have been demanding more information about the Epstein case, including details about a purported "client list."

Earlier this month, the Justice Department released a two-page memo saying there was no additional information to release. While the department said Friday it stood by those conclusions, it added that "public officials, pundits and ordinary citizens remain deeply interested and concerned about the Epstein matter."

SERVICES

Today  
**Timmerman**, Roger: 10 a.m., Mary Help of Christians Catholic Church, 403 Sharpsburg Road, Fort Recovery.

Monday  
**Love**, Myron: 10 a.m., Walker & Glancy Funeral Home, 109 W. Windsor St., Montpelier.  
**Vore**, John: 2 p.m., Williamson-Spencer and Penrod Funeral Home, 208 N. Commerce St., Portland.

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Baby contests

Jay County Fair's annual baby contests kicked off June 28. Pictured above at left is the overall winner of the 12 to 18-month-old baby contest, 13-month-old Parker Lawhead with mother Rachel Lawhead of Portland. At right is the overall winner of the 6 to 12-month-old baby contest, 9-month-old Zaxton Newland with mother Lacy Chowning of Portland.

New friendship ends another

DEAR ABBY: After moving into a 55-plus community seven years ago, I became close friends with my neighbors, "Iris" and her husband. She was widowed five years ago, and I began a relationship four years ago, but my boyfriend and I always included Iris and my other girlfriends in our activities.

Iris became friendly with "Barb," a woman at her church, who didn't like me. I was pleasant to Barb but couldn't force a friendship.

Two years ago, Barb, Iris and another friend vacationed near my brother's home. Iris texted me several times a day asking for suggestions for fun activities, restaurants, etc., and I offered many. Barb provided the transportation during their vacation. Barb ignored any suggestion I made and sent me several unkind texts about

Dear Abby



"intruding on her vacation with her friends." I texted Iris telling her I had blocked Barb and was sorry about whatever had happened. Iris never apologized. She and our other friend have become distant from me and now vacation regularly with Barb. They all attend church together and have lunch at least twice a week. Should I be grateful that Iris has shown me who she is and try to move on? — MISSING MY FRIENDS IN INDIANA

DEAR MISSING: You were wrong to expect Iris to apologize for Barb's nasty attitude and unpleasant texts. I agree they were uncalled for, but Iris wasn't responsible for them. These women have likely distanced themselves because you aren't active in their church group, which is what they seem to have in common. For your own sake, please try not to take this personally. Not all friendships are meant to last forever, and it seems the one you had with Iris has run its course.

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 DearAbby.com or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069.

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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.  
**DUNKIRK HISTORICAL MUSEUM** — Is open

from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on the third Friday and Saturday of each month at Webster Depot, 132 W. Railroad St.

**MUSEUM OF THE SOLDIER** — Is open from noon to 5 p.m. the first and third Saturday and Sunday of the month. It is located at 510 E. Arch St., Portland. The website is museumofthesoldier.com.

**Sunday**  
**A BETTER LIFE – BRIDGETT ANNA'S HOPE** — A faith-

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

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

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

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

**TAKE OFF POUNDS SENSIBLY (TOPS)** — Will meet for weigh-in at 4:30 p.m., with the meeting at 5 p.m., at Trinity United Methodist Church, 323 S. Meridian St., Portland. New members welcome. For more information, call (260) 726-5924.

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

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

**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.

**UNDERSTANDING YOUR SUICIDE GRIEF** — Meets from 7 to 8:30 p.m. the third Monday of each month. The support group serves to help individuals who have lost a loved one to suicide. To register, contact Stephanie Patterson at (260) 251-3259.

**Tuesday**  
**JAY COUNTY PASTORS AND CHAPLAINS** — Meet at 8 a.m. on the fourth Tuesday of each month at Richard's Restaurant.

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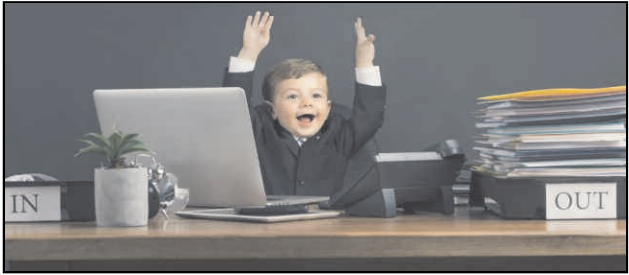
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6	4	1	8	2	5	3	9	7
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The objective is to fill a nine-by nine grid so that each column, each row, and each of the nine three-by-three boxes (also called blocks or regions) contains the digits from 1 to 9 only one time each.



# Being a grandparent is a great gig

By NED SEATON

The Manhattan Mercury (Kansas)  
Tribune News Service

Been trying to get my head around grandparenting, a new gig for me. I've been a parent with kids in the house for 30 straight years; I had two years of overlap, parenting and grandparenting at the same time.

You probably hear all the time that being a grandparent is a great gig, most of the fun with nearly none of the headache. Which is true.

You probably also know — as a parent — the small edge of resentment you feel, dealing

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with the kids after the grandparents load them up with sugar and then dump them in your lap. Get 'em all riled up, then leave. Right?

Yeah. Yes. Fully acknowledge all that. What's the harm in an Oreo, you know?

I'm just getting adjusted to it,

so let me try to explain with an analogy drawn from a movie.

That movie is "About Time," a 2013 yarn about a guy who figures out that he can jump back and forth in time. He learns from his dad, who also has the superpower, how to do it, how to best use it, and what the limits are. Good one, if you haven't seen it.

The kicker — the place it leads you to — is the notion of living every day twice. Once, with all the hustle and worry that we all experience, always. Am I going to be late for work? Is my wife mad at me? Did I remember to put out the

garbage? Is the kid going to be psychologically damaged by the fact that she struck out to end the game?

And then the second time, reveling in the joy of simply being alive, without the attendant worry. Because that second time, you know to a large extent how it's going to turn out, or at least you know that you don't really need to sweat all that stuff. What you end up spending your mental energy on is just enjoying everything — the way the clerk smiles when she hands you the coffee, the chance to sit in the shade at a ballgame, the way the toddler looks at you

when she wakes from the mid-day nap. For that matter, taking a mid-day nap!

That's really it. You get to experience the joys of childhood without sweating all the small stuff. You hardly sweat anything. Somebody else does all the sweating.

That's enormously different from parenting. I'm sure it lacks many of the high highs, too. Vicarious living is dangerous stuff, but it has its rewards, too. I don't think grandparenting offers that particular reward. Which is fine by me.

Because I get a chance to live it again, reveling in the joy.

## Microretirement? It's just a vacation

Chicago Tribune

Tribune News Service

It's July, and many Midwesterners are flocking to the lake, driving south to go to the beach, or simply sticking around to enjoy the fleeting hot weather at their local pool.

Even Pope Leo XIV, arguably one of the busiest and most important people in the world, is taking a summer vacation. (True, his break includes six weeks off, something most of us can only dream of.)

That's why we were intrigued to see a new Gen Z term crop up.

A "micro-retirement" refers to the growing trend of taking unpaid time off when younger workers haven't yet accrued sufficient paid vacation days. According to the Fast Company article that catapulted the trend to the national spotlight, this can take a few different forms. You might quit a job and re-enter the workforce only when you're ready, or you might arrange with your employer to take regular, unpaid breaks from work. If you're an entrepreneur, it might mean stepping away from your business periodically and letting others do the work.

It's so popular that 1 in 10 Americans are doing it, if you believe a recent study by Sidehustles.com, a gig and part-time job board.

Hustlers reading this may be perplexed, scratching their heads, unable to fathom how someone can be a successful entrepreneur while walking away and unplugging. People without sufficient savings or financial support likely aren't so comfy with quitting a job without knowing there might be another role waiting when they are ready to go back to work.

All of this is to say, the need for new branding is confusing to many of us. A vacation is temporary rest from work. Retirement is a permanent exit from it. Gen Z's "micro-retirements" land somewhere in between — and that's part of the confusion.

Rather than roll our eyes, we ask: Why do Gen Zers feel the need to rebrand vacation? Are they uncomfortable taking time off? Are they even getting enough of it? Or is something deeper going on?

Younger generations are less likely to use their vacation time even when they have it. Research shows Gen Z and millennials take about one week

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less vacation each year than workers 55 and older. And instead of using vacation to recharge, many Gen Z workers are taking paid time off to care for loved ones.

This paints members of Gen Z in a more nuanced light than they're often given credit for. While older generations tend to see these younger Americans as the TikTok generation, it may be that technology and our country's increasing tendency to saddle younger generations with economic uncertainty may be taking its toll.

It's possible the micro-retirement trend is actually a cry for help.

For a long time, there's been a nagging sense among younger American generations that they won't be able to retire the same way their parents did, or will sometime soon. That's especially true for Gen Z. A 2024 report from the TIAA Institute and UTA's NextGen Practice found that many adults under 27 don't expect to retire in the traditional sense — echoing earlier data showing nearly half either don't want to retire, can't afford to or haven't thought about it.

In Illinois, many of today's retirees were able to quit working at age 55, living for decades on public pensions and making as much as they did during their career if they were, say, public school teachers. That will not be normal in 20 or 30 years when millennials and Gen Z are in their 50s. Still, both generations are saving for retirement, with Gen Z doing so at a surprising clip. Which leads us to believe they understand what "retirement" means.

Please, let's preserve the discreet meanings of both terms: Vacations are a necessary and useful break that keep us invigorated, able to be in our careers for the long haul, and leave us happier and more productive. Retirement is the last big adventure, a respite and release before, well ... you know.

We stand with Merriam-Webster, which had this to say about "micro-retirement" on the social platform X:

"'Vacations.' The word is 'vacations.'"



## We can all be Americans

By JOHN KRULL

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The latest telling of the Superman story hits movie theaters at a moment fraught with tension.

In the fevered atmosphere of comic-book culture, there was a large contingent of fans with allegiances to previous versions of the hero's adventures who were and are eager to dislike director and writer James Gunn's film. Pop-culture loyalties often achieve fervency at the cost of reason or balance.

But Gunn's "Superman" also provoked strange reactions from areas beyond the comics shops and chat rooms.

Cultural critics from MAGA world worried that the movie would be too "woke" — too supportive and embracing of diversity, equity and inclusion. They feared that this version of Superman's tale would be too kind to women, to racial and ethnic minorities, to people from other nations and cultures and to outsiders.

But how could a true Superman movie not be all those things?

Superman's origin story often is thought of as simple.

It isn't. It resonates after more than 80 years of telling and retelling on the printed page, over the radio, on television and on movie screens because, like all great myths, it reverberates with us.

All the lasting superhero characters do.

Batman speaks to our need to believe that we can make a world in which every institution and guardrail have been broken continue to make sense. Spider-Man's credo — "with great power comes great responsibility" — could have been slipped seamlessly into the inaugural address of John F. Kennedy, the man who was president when the webslinger came to life. The Hulk's creation from a

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quasi-nuclear explosion gone wrong spoke to our fears that technology and science were outracing morality and caution.

And the greatest, most famous superhero of them all?

Well, Superman — "the strange visitor from another planet" who became the embodiment of "truth, justice and the American way" as the old TV show put it — is the ultimate immigrant success story. He came here from far, far away and he believes in our national verities not because he was born into them, but because he opted to embrace them.

Converts of his sort are always the most devout. Because their faith is a matter of choice rather than inheritance, it becomes a matter of willed — rather than unthinking — commitment.

But Superman's devotion always came with a kind of yearning.

His adopted identity was not that of the superhero, but that of the ordinary citizen — "the mild-mannered reporter from a great metropolitan newspaper," as, once again, the old show put it. Clark Kent was his attempt not to stand out but to fit in.

To belong. His desire to be part of his new world is all-embracing. It is the reason that, no matter how heinous the actions of Lex Luthor may be, Superman does not resort to ultimate sanctions. No matter how great the provocation, he does not kill.

It also is the reason he, perhaps alone among the great superhero

figures, gives his heart without hesitation.

Superman's great love, of course, is Lois Lane, his fellow reporter at The Daily Planet. She has evolved into being one of the great female characters in comics, a bright and courageous woman who also is sensitive and savvy enough to see the man inside the Superman.

She always begins her story arc by being awed by Superman's power but that awe gradually surrenders to her love for Clark Kent's decency, his determination to always try to do the right thing and to treat everyone fairly.

Often, their relationship inverts traditional notions of male-female relationships. She more often than he is one who sees the world as it is and anticipates threats before they arrive. She is his protector as frequently as she is a damsel in distress.

That is one of the many things Gunn's movie gets right about Superman.

The courtship between Clark and Lois shows two people who respect each other and each other's differences — and who are trying to forge an intimate partnership. It's a fairytale romance grounded with real-life feelings.

But by far the best thing about this latest telling of the Superman story is that it understands the message of the "strange visitor's" saga.

That message? No matter who we are or where we come from, we're all human.

And if we choose to — if we believe hard enough — we all can be Americans.

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Yesterday’s Cryptoquip: INCREDIBLE BEVERAGE THAT GIVES PEOPLE TONS OF ENERGY TO SHRED ANY TYPE OF CHEESE: GRATER-ADE.

Today’s Cryptoquip Clue: A equals K

Trivial Review

(Answers are printed below, upside down.)

Big things

1) The super class of what type of stars includes Antares and Betelgeuse?

2) What is the second-largest city in the largest (by area) of the United States?

1) Red giants  
2) Fairbanks

7-21CRYPTOQUIP

UYBKURHW GBMK RFUR

WHRUBMC U MUPDH-CQUMH

CHUPQF RN MNQURH QNKHBUY

EFBMBEC: “GBYWBYD HKN.”

Saturday’s Cryptoquip: IF THE HORSE RIDDEN BY SIR LANCELOT HAD BEEN FEMALE, YOU COULD THINK OF IT AS A KNIGHT MARE.

Today’s Cryptoquip Clue: D equals G

CRYPTO FUN

Solve the code to discover words related to air conditioning. Each number corresponds to a letter. (hint: 22 = O)

A. 9 22 22 24 18 25 17  
Clue: Make less warm

B. 5 21 25  
Clue: Circulates air

C. 18 25 1 22 22 13 4  
Clue: Inside

D. 13 26 16 21 18 13 4  
Clue: Fixes

WORD SCRAMBLE

Rearrange the letters to spell something pertaining to air conditioning.

SNVTE

Answers: A. cooling B. fan C. indoors D. repairs

kids' corner

Animal FACT

When enjoying parks, it is important to avoid close encounters with these.

Answer: Wild animals

STAY COOL WORD SEARCH

Find the words hidden vertically, horizontally, diagonally, and backwards.

WORDS

AIRFLOW CAPACITY COIL CONDENSATE CONDENSER COOL DAMPER DIFFUSER DUCTWORK EFFICIENCY EVAPORATOR FAN FILTER HANDLER HEAT PUMP HUMIDITY HVAC REFRIGERANT SYSTEM TEMPERATURE THERMOSTAT VAPOR VENTS ZONES

Crossword Puzzle

ACROSS

1. Figure out the route

5. Area of land

6. "City of Angels" (abbr.)

7. Breakfast food

8. Green areas used for recreation

9. Opposite of "yes"

DOWN

1. Plants, animals and the landscape

2. Person who lives in a village

3. Vacations, trips

4. Pathways to hike

Answers:

1. Nature 2. Village 3. Outings 4. Trails

5. Lot 6. LA 7. Egg 8. Parks 9. No

THIS DAY IN HISTORY

1850: Vega becomes the first star (other than the Sun) to be photographed.

1902: Willis Carrier creates the first air conditioner in Buffalo, NY.

1955: Disneyland is dedicated and opened by Walt Disney in California.

NEW WORD FUND

money for a particular purpose, like conservation

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS

1 Pallid

4 Now, on a memo

8 Smooch

12 "As I see it," in a text

13 Dream, in Dijon

14 Terse denial

15 Pester

16 Postal delivery

17 Coup d' —

18 The world, via electronic media

21 Billboards

22 Cartoon frame

23 Winter wear

26 Avril follower

27 Smidgen

30 Alpha-betic sequence

31 Martini liquor

32 Scarce

33 — out a living

34 Eggy quaff

35 Disney pooch

36 — de cologne

37 Guest's bed

38 California community known for its film studios

45 Romantic gift

46 Repair product

48 "Star Wars" actor

49 Diminutive suffix

50 Docs' bloc

51 For fear that

52 Reedy

53 NFL pass throwers

23 Season opener?

24 Request

25 Hwy.

26 Russian jet

27 Eastern "way"

28 Canine greeting

29 Susan of "L.A. Law"

31 Epicure

32 Campus mil.

34 Scot's refusal

35 50th anniversary

36 Tennis star Chris

37 "Pretty please?"

38 Russian river

39 Alaskan city

40 Egyptian deity

41 Son of Adam and Eve

42 Persian Gulf land

43 Mausoleum

44 Pro votes

DOWN

1 Pegasus

2 Lawyer

3 NASA

4 Fleet

5 Barking mammals

6 Tel —

7 Louisiana bird

8 Ring

9 Greek vowel

10 Male deer

11 Locus

19 Capital of Azerbaijan

20 Floral necklace

Solution time: 26 mins.

H A M H P S T H E R E  
I D E E R E H E L I O  
J A L R E C L U S I V E  
A T E A N T E S  
B E E R U S A I S L A  
E M P R E C O I L  
A D O B E N I X E S  
R E C U R S U T E  
M E T S W A N R E F S  
S A U C Y D A T  
R E C T A N G L E G U Y  
E M A I L E E N A R E  
C O M E T R S S R E S

Contract Bridge By Steve Becker

A giveaway plan

North dealer. East-West vulnerable.

NORTH

♠ 8 5 2

♥ A J 10 4

♦ A J

♣ A K Q 2

WEST

♠ K Q J 10 6

♥ 8

♦ K 9 7 3

♣ 7 6 4

EAST

♠ 3

♥ 6 3

♦ Q 8 6 5 4 2

♣ J 10 9 3

SOUTH

♠ A 9 7 4

♥ K Q 9 7 5 2

♦ 10

♣ 8 5

The bidding:

North 1 ♠

East Pass

South 1 ♥

West 1 ♠

Opening lead — king of spades.

Appearances can sometimes be deceiving. For example, take this case where South gets to six hearts and at first glance it seems that he must lose two spade tricks and go down one.

However, declarer can make the slam — and, furthermore, should make it. He can capitalize on the knowledge provided by West's one-

spade overall, which informs him that West almost surely has five spades and East only one.

Declarer goes on from there to theorize that East, who has 12 unknown cards, is very likely to have more clubs than West, who has only eight unknown cards.

Having projected this distribution, declarer shapes his play accordingly. He wins the spade lead with the ace, draws two rounds of trump, cashes the ace of diamonds and ruffs a diamond.

Next, he plays the A-K-Q of clubs, discarding a spade, and continues with the deuce of clubs, on which East plays the jack. But instead of ruffing the jack, which seems the natural thing to do, South discards another spade!

This leaves East in bad shape. He is forced to return a diamond, on which South discards his last spade as he ruffs in dummy, and the slam is home.

The outcome is not surprising, for once it is granted that West has five spades and East only one, the odds are that East has more clubs than West. This in turn means that South is a favorite to make the slam by playing in the recommended fashion.

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Contract Bridge By Steve Becker

Famous Hand

West dealer. Both sides vulnerable.

NORTH

♠ A 9 8 4

♥ A K J 5

♦ J 5

♣ 7 6 4

WEST

♠ J 7 3

♥ 3 2

♦ —

♣ A K Q J 8 5 3 2

EAST

♠ 6

♥ 10 9 8 4

♦ A K 10 7 6 4 2

♣ 10

SOUTH

♠ K Q 10 5 2

♥ Q 7 6

♦ Q 8 3

♣ 9

The bidding:

West 1 ♠

North Dble

East 3 ♦

South 4 ♠

Opening lead — two of clubs.

There is a lot of luck in bridge — even in duplicate bridge — but there is also a lot of skill. For example, consider this deal, which occurred in a national women's pair championship some years ago.

There were many different results at the various tables, but our story concerns itself only with the table where the bidding went as shown and South got to four spades.

West, on lead, realized that as a

defender she had a very weak hand. She also realized that her partner must have limited high-card strength for her pre-emptive three-diamond bid over North's double. West therefore concluded that the contract could not be stopped with normal defense. Accordingly, she led the deuce of clubs!

East won the trick with the ten — much to her surprise — and quickly cashed the K-A of diamonds, on which West discarded first the three and then the deuce of hearts, indicating a doubleton. So East returned a heart, West ruffed, and the contract went down one, thanks to the sparkling defense.

With any lead but a low club, South would have made four spades.

Note that North-South did nothing wrong during the bidding or play and yet wound up with a very poor result. It was their misfortune to run into the wrong pair at the wrong time, proving that you can be unlucky even in duplicate bridge.

Nevertheless, East-West deserve full credit for finding the only defense that could stop the contract. Unfortunately, they achieved their goal at the expense of a pair of totally innocent victims.

Tomorrow: More to it than meets the eye.

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CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS

1 Eastern path

4 Immune system agent

9 Science room

12 Globe

13 Michael Caine title role

14 Pie — mode

15 Emily Post's expertise

17 Nemesis

18 — -la-la

19 Faux

21 Nissan, formerly

24 Cabinet dept. head

25 Promising words?

26 Concorde, e.g.

28 Sword fights

31 Stare stupidly

33 Singer Cassidy

35 Texter's sign-off

36 Mascara mishap

38 Director Lee

40 Capote nickname

41 Caustic cleaners

43 Singer's bane

45 Swimsuit brand

47 2024 French Open winner

48 — King Cole

49 Deep-fried roll

54 Flight stat

55 "Let's make it — Daily Double, Ken!"

56 Haw preceder

57 "My word!"

58 Ritzy spreads

59 Longing

DOWN

1 Water tester

2 Skill

3 Kimono sash

4 Zodiac bull

5 Sanitize

6 Newt

7 Lo-cal beers

8 Glanced side-ways

9 Indiana city

10 Oodles

11 Folk singer Joan

16 Gal. fractions

20 Bunny's tail

21 Really enjoys

22 Cain's dad

23 Moist wipe

27 FDR project

29 Vega's constellation

30 Insult

32 Comic actor Danny

34 Collector's buy

37 Porter

39 French dances

42 In a way, slangily

44 Dundee denial

45 Hose woe

46 Ashen

50 Scar

51 Your

52 Golf prop

53 Still, in verse

Solution time: 21 mins.

W A N A S A P K I S S  
I M O R E V E N O T I  
N A G M A I L E T A T  
G L O B A L V I L L A G E  
A D S C E L  
P A R K A M A T T A D  
R S T U G I N R A R E  
E K E N O G G O O F Y  
E A U C O T  
U N I V E R S A L C I T Y  
R O S E M E N D R O E  
A M I R E T T E A M A  
L E S T T H I N Q B S

Yesterday's answer 7-19

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11

12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31 32 33 34 35 36 37 38 39 40 41 42 43 44 45 46 47 48 49 50 51 52 53

Saturday's answer 7-21

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11

12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31 32 33 34 35 36 37 38 39 40 41 42 43 44 45 46 47 48 49 50 51 52 53 54 55 56 57 58 59



**SPEED BUMP** Dave Coverly



NOW A PROCEDURE! SOMEONE SUGGEST A PROCEDURE!

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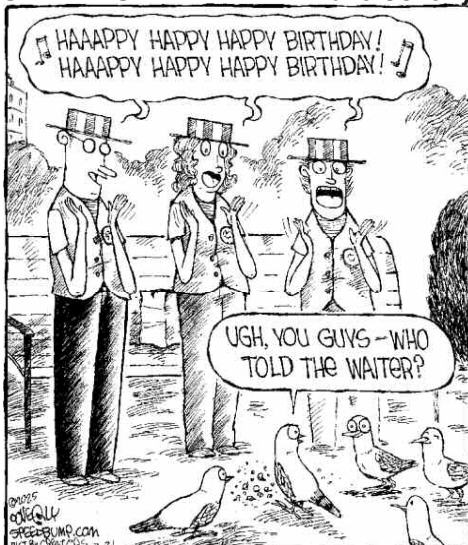
**THE FAMILY CIRCUS** By Bil Keane



7-19

“Hi, love! I'd give you a kiss, but there doesn't seem to be any room for it.”

**SPEED BUMP** Dave Coverly



HAAAPPY HAPPY BIRTHDAY! HAAAPPY HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

UGH, YOU GUYS - WHO TOLD THE WAITER?

**THE FAMILY CIRCUS** By Bil Keane



7-21

“REAL friends don't hafta keep talking all the time.”

**Peanuts**



YOU'RE ASKING OUR FAMILY TO ADOPT THIS DOG?!

WHY NOT? HE'S SNOOPY'S BROTHER! HE'S A GOOD DOG

HE'S A FULL-BLOODED BEAGLE

THAT'S WHAT YOU SAY

I SAY HE'S PART BEAGLE AND PART DISASTER!

**Peanuts**



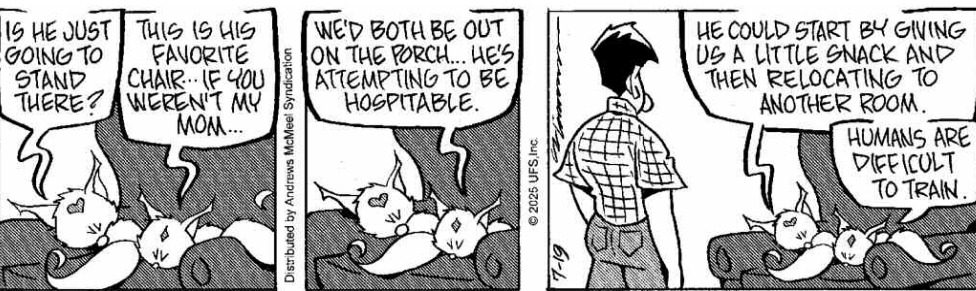
GOOD MORNING! I'M TRYING TO FIND A HOME FOR THIS BEAUTIFUL DOG

WHAT'S HIS BACKGROUND?

HE'S BEEN LIVING JUST OUTSIDE NEEDLES WITH A BUNCH OF COYOTES

I THINK I'D RATHER HAVE ONE OF THE COYOTES!

**Rose is Rose**



IS HE JUST GOING TO STAND THERE?


THIS IS HIS FAVORITE CHAIR... IF YOU WEREN'T MY MOM...

WE'D BOTH BE OUT ON THE PORCH... HE'S ATTEMPTING TO BE HOSPITABLE.

HE COULD START BY GIVING US A LITTLE SNACK AND THEN RELOCATING TO ANOTHER ROOM.

HUMANS ARE DIFFICULT TO TRAIN.

**Rose is Rose**



NO OUTDOOR KISSING. WHY NOT?

THE WOODLAND SMOOCH-PEEPERS WILL BE WATCHING. THEY DON'T EXIST.

WE ABSOLUTELY EXIST.

**Agnes**

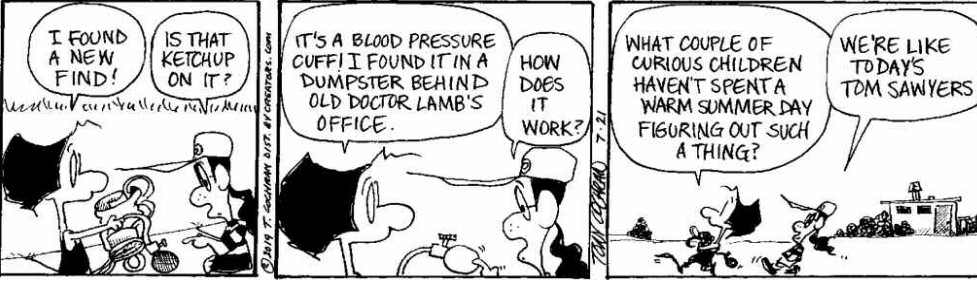


OK! I PUT ON MY SCULPTOR CLOTHES. THE LIGHTING IS SUPERB. AND MY CREATIVE CHAKRAS ARE UNBLOCKED!

WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO CARVE WITH?

MIGHT WANT TO GET A COUPLE OF BOOKS ON THAT SORT OF STUFF.

**Agnes**



I FOUND A NEW FIND! IS THAT KETCHUP ON IT?

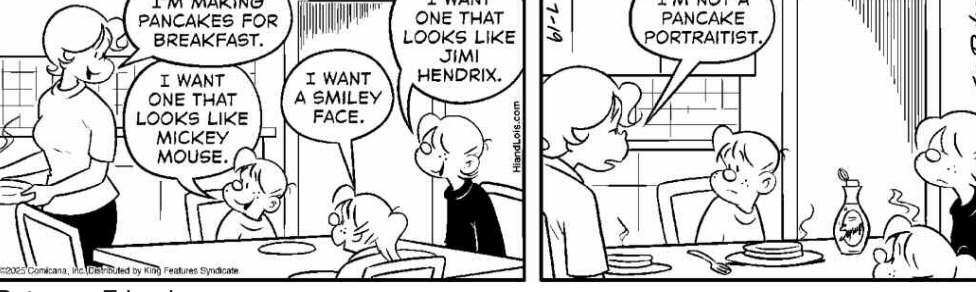
IT'S A BLOOD PRESSURE CUFF! I FOUND IT IN A DUMPSTER BEHIND OLD DOCTOR LAMB'S OFFICE.

HOW DOES IT WORK?

WHAT COUPLE OF CURIOUS CHILDREN HAVEN'T SPENT A WARM SUMMER DAY FIGURING OUT SUCH A THING?

WE'RE LIKE TODAY'S TDM SAWYERS!


**Hi and Lois**



I'M MAKING PANCAKES FOR BREAKFAST. I WANT ONE THAT LOOKS LIKE JIMI HENDRIX. I WANT ONE THAT LOOKS LIKE MICKEY MOUSE. I WANT ONE THAT LOOKS LIKE JIMI HENDRIX. I WANT ONE THAT LOOKS LIKE MICKEY MOUSE.

I'M NOT A PANCAKE PORTRAITIST.

**Hi and Lois**



MY MOMMY AND DADDY ARE THE BEST PARENTS EVER!

OF COURSE, I DON'T HAVE MUCH TO COMPARE THEM TO.

**Between Friends**



I'M ON A SIX-MONTH CONTRACT WHILE THIS COMPANY GETS UP TO SPEED ON MY OLD COMPANY'S TECH

I WAS THE DISTRIBUTION DIRECTOR AT MY OLD JOB... DECLAN DOESN'T SEEM TO NEED MY HELP VERY MUCH, SO HE SENDS ME HERE TO THE COFFEE LOUNGE

HM-WELL... THAT SOUNDS LIKE CLASSIC DECLAN

IT DOES? SO IT'S NOT ME? IT'S HIM? DON'T ASK QUESTIONS, SUSAN... DON'T... DON'T

OH?

**Between Friends**



WOW... THIS WOMAN REALLY DOESN'T LIKE MY SUPERVISOR, DECLAN

I ASSUMED DECLAN WAS IGNORING ME BECAUSE HE KNOWS I'LL BE GONE AT THE END OF MY CONTRACT AND THERE'S NO POINT IN INTEGRATING ME INTO THE OFFICE

- BUT ACCORDING TO CINDY, IT DOESN'T SOUND LIKE I'M THE ISSUE... THE ISSUE IS MY SUPERVISOR IS A JERK

THAT WOULD MAKE ME FEEL SO MUCH BETTER IF IT DIDN'T MAKE ME FEEL SO MUCH WORSE

**Blondie**



NED AND NORA NOSYMAN SAID THE NOISE FROM ALEXANDER'S BAND PRACTICES RATTLES THEIR CHANDELIER

REALLY?

I ALSO HEARD THAT KATHY KLUMP THINKS BLONDIE'S NEW PASTRY CHEF'S DESSERTS ARE TO DIE FOR!

BOY, EVERYBODY KNOWS EVERYTHING SINCE THEY STARTED THAT NEW NEIGHBORHOOD FACEBOOK PAGE!

**Blondie**



UNFORTUNATELY, THERE'S ONLY SO MUCH I CAN DO WITH YOUR HAIR, SO DON'T EXPECT A MIRACLE

I'M NOT LOOKING FOR A MIRACLE, JUST A HAIRCUT

GOOD... I JUST WANT YOU TO KEEP YOUR EXPECTATIONS AS LOW AS I DO

**Snuffy Smith**



THAT ELMER SHORE IS AN ODD ONE, AIN'T HE?

NOT REALLY, LUKEY!!

HE'S ONE'A THOSE FELLERS THAT'S JEST ALWAYS GOTTA BE DIFF'INT JEST T'BE DIFF'INT!!

**Snuffy Smith**



YONDER COMES ONE'A MY FAV'RIT SAYIN'S, LUKEY...

"BETTER HIM THAN ME!!"

**Beetle Bailey**



I HEARD TODAY THAT BY THE YEAR 2050 NINE BILLION PEOPLE WILL INHIBIT THE EARTH

HA HA! YOU MEAN INHABIT!

GREG! MORT WALKER

ACTUALLY, YOU'RE BOTH RIGHT

**Beetle Bailey**



I'M ON PERMANENT K.P.?!

THAT'S NOT FAIR!!

OKAY, I'LL GIVE YOU A DAY OFF AT THE END OF THE MONTH



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2025 girls track  
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Graphic Printing Company  
Track Athlete of the Year  
Anna Roessner

Fort Recovery High School senior

Anna Roessner was selected as the inaugural Graphic Printing Company Athlete of the Year for girls track. “I’m really thankful,” said Roessner. “It means a lot to me anytime I get recognized at all from people coming to me and just supporting in general because I put so much work into track and it means so much to me. Seeing the hard work pay off, I’m just so thankful everything worked out in my favor.”

Roessner dominated throughout the regular season, as she rarely had any competition outside of Coldwater’s Izzy Zahn pose a threat. She got the Indians into seventh place at the Midwest Athletic Conference meet by claiming the MAC title in the 100-meter dash and earning the runner-up spot to Zahn in the 200 and 400 dashes.

She breezed through the postseason, setting meet records at the district in the 100, 200 and 400 dashes, swept all three championships in the regional and medaled in all three at the OHSAA Division III state meet. She set the state record for Division III in the 100 dash at 11.75 seconds, leading to a state title. She finished as the state runner-up in the 200 dash and finished third in the 400.

Both Roessner and FRHS coach Christy Diller attributed a large portion of her success to the confidence she gained from the indoor track season, in which she claimed state titles in the 60 dash and 400 dash.

“Knowing this was my last season, I really wanted to go out with a bang,” said the Hillsdale College commit. “The indoor season really prepared me for the outdoor season and gave me so much confidence going into it..”

“The experience that she brings, the dedication and the hard work sets a great example for younger kids,” said Diller, who is also Roessner’s aunt. “And she’s an all-around good kid. ... For her to go (to state) by herself, it’s hard. I’ve done it and it’s hard to get up for the races when you don’t have your team around you. ...

“The experience of her this season is easily one of the pinnacles of my athletic career, whether it be coaching or participating myself. Being able to have a front row seat to that is just so neat and amazing.”

Honorable mention

- Haileigh Allen, Junior, Randolph Southern
- Ariel Beiswanger, Sophomore, Jay County
- Ava Cook, Sophomore, Wapahani
- Lexi Dobbs, Sophomore, Wapahani
- Glory Ellis, Senior, Union
- Jordyn Hutzler, Senior, Jay County
- Kinlie Lester, Freshman, Monroe Central

All-Graphic Printing Company first team

- Sprinter - Anna Roessner - Fort Recovery senior - 11.75 in 100-meter dash, 23.89 in 200 dash, 55.57 in 400 dash
- Sprinter - Mia Bollinger - Delta junior - 26.12 in 200-meter dash, 13.03 in 100 dash
- Distance - AnnMarie Gibson- Wapahani junior - 5:32.76 1,600-meter run, 2:28.04 in 800 run
- Hurdles - Jillian Barr - Delta junior - 14.94 in 100-meter hurdles, 48.37 in 300 hurdles, 18 feet, 4.75 inches long jump
- Jumps - Lilyana Mayberry - Winchester sophomore - 5 feet, 3 inches in high jump, 13.12 in 100 dash
- Jumps - Reece Backus - Delta freshman - 18 feet, 5.5 inches in long jump, 13.15 in 100 dash
- Throws - Karlie Niekamp - Fort Recovery senior - 122 feet, 3 inches in discus, 30 feet, 11 inches in shot put

Sports on tap

Local schedule

Today  
Portland Rockets doubleheader vs. South Bend Royals – 1 p.m.

TV schedule

Today  
5 a.m. — The Open golf: The Open Championship (USA)  
5:35 a.m. — AFL: Melbourne Demons at Carlton Blues (FS1)  
7 a.m. — The Open golf: The Open Championship (NBC)  
9 a.m. — MotoGP: Grand Prix of Czechia (FS1)  
10 a.m. — NFL: Flag football Championships (ESPN)  
10:30 a.m. — IndyCar: Ontario Honda Dealers Indy Toronto (FS1)  
12:30 p.m. — Horse racing: Saratoga Live (FS1)  
12:30 p.m. — The Basketball Tournament: The Ville at Boston vs. Cancer (FOX)  
3 p.m. — Pro Motocross Championship: Washougal (NBC)  
3 p.m. — UEFA Women’s Euro soccer: France at Germany (FOX)  
4 p.m. — The Basketball Tournament: Assembly Ball at Fail Harder (FS1)  
4:10 p.m. — MLB: Cincinnati Reds at New York Mets (FDSN Indiana)  
5 p.m. — Horse racing: Saratoga Live (FOX)  
6 p.m. — The Basketball Tournament: Boehm’s Army at Herkimer Originals (FS1)  
6:15 p.m. — UFC fighting (ESPN2)  
7:15 p.m. — MLB: Boston Red Sox at Chicago Cubs (FOX)  
8 p.m. — Athletes Unlimited Softball: Volts at Bandits (FDSN Indiana)  
8 p.m. — UFC fighting (ESPN)  
8 p.m. — Copa America Femenina soccer: Colombia at Paraguay (FS1)  
8:30 p.m. — WNBA: All-Star Game (ESPN)

10 p.m. — USL Championship soccer: Orange County SC at Las Vegas Lights (FOX)

Sunday

4 a.m. — The Open golf: The Open Championship (USA)  
7 a.m. — The Open golf: The Open Championship (NBC)  
8:30 a.m. — IndyCar: Ontario Honda Dealers Indy Toronto (FS1)  
12 p.m. — IndyCar: Ontario Honda Dealers Indy Toronto (FOX)  
12 p.m. — NFL: Flag football Championships (ESPN)  
1:40 p.m. — MLB: Cincinnati Reds at New York Mets (FDSN Indiana)  
2 p.m. — NASCAR Cup Series: Autotrader EchoPark Automotive 400 (TNT)  
3 p.m. — BIG3 basketball: Triplets at LA Riot (CBS)  
4 p.m. — NFL: Flag football Championships (ABC)  
4 p.m. — BIG3 basketball: Miami 305 at Power (CBS)  
4:30 p.m. — NHRA: Muckleshoot Casino Resort Northwest Nationals (FOX)  
5 p.m. — BIG3 basketball: Detroit Amps at Trilogy (CBS)  
7:10 p.m. — MLB: Detroit Tigers at Texas Rangers (ESPN)

Monday

5 p.m. — Copa America Femenina soccer: Argentina at Peru (FS1)  
6:45 p.m. — MLB: Cincinnati Reds at Washington Nationals (FDSN Indiana)  
8 p.m. — Copa America Femenina soccer: Chile at Ecuador (FS1)

Tuesday

5 p.m. — Copa America Femenina soccer: Colombia at Bolivia (FS1)  
6:45 p.m. — MLB: Cincinnati Reds at Washington Nationals (FDSN Indiana)

ton Nationals (FDSN Indiana); Boston Red Sox at Philadelphia Phillies (TBS)

7 p.m. — Athletes Unlimited Softball: Volts at Talons (ESPN2)  
8 p.m. — WNBA: Indiana Fever at New York Liberty (ESPN)  
8 p.m. — Copa America Femenina soccer: Paraguay at Brazil (FS1)  
10 p.m. — WNBA: Atlanta Dream at Las Vegas Aces (ESPN)

Local notes

**Tickets available**  
Jay County Junior-Senior High School will begin selling its super and season tickets on Monday, July 21 from 8 a.m. until noon and from 1 p.m. until 7 p.m.

After July 21, tickets will be available during the high school’s office hours which are between 7:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m.

Regular season tickets for individual varsity events will cost \$7, while admission to JV, freshman or junior high events will be \$6 for adults.

The Patriot Pass, which gets you into all high school and junior high events costs \$115. The Senior Patriot Pass for those 65 and older will be \$70.

Other deals are as follows:  
• High School Adult Super tickets - \$90  
• Senior Super Tickets - \$55  
• Pre-Paid Sports Pass - \$60  
• Basketball season pass - \$60  
• Football season pass - \$25

**Next race set**  
The next race in the Adams County Challenge series is the Swiss Days Race in Berne on Saturday, July 26 at 8:15 a.m.

There will be a 1-mile kids run and a 5K race. To register, visit [adamscounty5kchallenge.com](http://adamscounty5kchallenge.com).

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Rockets get seventh straight victory over FW

FORT WAYNE — The Rockets already locked up the top seed, but they didn’t take their foot off the gas pedal.

The Portland Rockets stretched its win streak to seven games after beating the Fort Wayne Jackers 7-4 on Thursday.

Garrison Brege gave up a run in the bottom of the first inning, but the Rockets (22-7) struck back in the third with a Crosby Heniser single and a passed ball.

Fort Wayne tied the game up twice after the initial lead, but Portland finally got some separation in the seventh.

A pair of runs came in on a Joel Kennedy single and a passed ball to give the Rockets a 6-4 lead. Jayden Simpson gave them one more insurance run in the eighth inning on a pinchy-hit double.

Kennedy led the offense with three hits, including a double and two RBIs. Heniser and Trey Pullins each scored twice.

Brege picked up the win after tossing six innings and giving up four runs on seven hits and four walks. Simpson earned the save by covering the final three innings without giving up a run.

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