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Prom is on



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Jay County High School and Fort Recovery High School will both hold a prom this year after the events were canceled in 2020 because of the ongoing coronavirus pandemic. Pictured above, Amanda Ferguson is crowned queen during the 2018 promenade. Flanking Ferguson, from left, are Brianna Muhlenkamp, Breea Liette and Kendra Muhlenkamp.

Jay County and Fort Recovery will hold dances in modified formats because of ongoing pandemic

By RAY COONEY
The Commercial Review

Buy the dresses and rent the tuxedos. Make the appointments to get your hair done. Get ready to dance.

Prom is back. After the ongoing coronavirus pandemic forced the cancellation of proms last year, Jay County and Fort Recovery high schools are both preparing to host the annual event in a couple of weeks. Both schools made

holding a prom a priority.

“Obviously the end of the year stuff, prom, graduation, awards banquets, things like that, are stuff we didn’t have last year and are culminating events that people look forward to,” said first-year FRHS principal Tony Stahl, whose school will host its dance April 23.

“We’re grateful that we’re getting a chance to (have a prom),” said Christie Sommers, the

junior class advisor for JCHS, which will follow with its event April 24.

With the pandemic continuing, the events at both schools will look different from previous years.

While tickets aren’t being limited to the dance itself, promenade will not be open to the general public as it has been in the past. At both schools, students will get a limited number of tickets to distribute to family and friends.

For Fort Recovery, doors will open at 5:30 p.m. with promenade at Fort Site Fieldhouse to follow at 6 p.m. For Jay County, doors will open at 7:30 p.m. with promenade to follow at 8 p.m. In both cases, the schools will live-stream promenade, including the crowning of the prom king and queen, on their Facebook pages.

The other significant change for the public from previous years

will be that family and friends gathering on the gym floor for pictures following promenade will not be allowed.

“We can’t do it,” said Sommers, referencing social distancing rules related to the pandemic. (While most state restrictions in Indiana were lifted this week, they remain in effect on school grounds for the remainder of the 2020-21 school year.)

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Young trial moved to July

Woman faces charges related to son’s death

By RAY COONEY

The Commercial Review

The trial for a Portland woman who faces charges related to her son’s death has been moved.

Jay Circuit Court Judge Brian Hutchison on Thursday moved the trial start date for Jennifer F. Young, 35, Portland, to July 12. It had been scheduled to begin April 29.

Young is charged with neglect of a dependent resulting in death, a Level 1 felony. She also faces charges of possession of methamphetamine, a Level 5 felony, and possession of paraphernalia, a Class C misdemeanor.

A separate trial for Ryan Markle on the same charges is scheduled to begin May 17.

Hayden Markle, the 3-month-old son of Ryan Markle and Young, died March 6. An autopsy determined acute methamphetamine intoxication to be his cause of death.

Portland police and Jay Emergency Medical Service were called March 6 to an upstairs apartment at 221 S. Meridian St., Portland, where a 3-month-old child was not breathing. Hayden Markle was then transported to IU Health Jay, where he was later pronounced dead.

Indiana State Police, Indiana Department of Child Services, Jay County Coroner’s Office and Jay County Prosecutor’s Office investigated the boy’s death, resulting in the April 15 arrests of Young and Ryan Markle.

In Indiana, Level 1 felony charges carry a sentence of 20 to 40 years in prison and up to a \$10,000 fine.

Retrospect

JCH hosted open house

Twenty-five years ago this week, Jay County Hospital was getting ready to show off its new look.

The April 12, 1996, edition of The Commercial Review featured a story about the remodeled, redecorated and reorganized Jay County Hospital, which was planning an open house for the approaching weekend.

The construction project at the hospital had just been completed after about a year and a half of work. In addition to celebrating its completion, the community was set to celebrate Jay County Hospital’s 90th anniversary.

Remodeling work began in October 1994 after the community donated more than \$500,000 toward the \$2 million project. The work included adding a specialty referral center, renovating and redecorating the emergency room, creating a new entrance and conference room area, upgrading the radiology department and remodeling the obstetrics department, nursery and nursing stations on the second floor.

“We want to thank the people of the community for donating the money for the project,” said hospital CEO Tom Valerius. “It had been 18

years since the hospital was built and it was time to give it a facelift. It was already a very nice building and the additions and decorating make it more attractive.

The weekend celebration was to include an invocation and opening ceremony, tours, musical performances, hot air balloon rides, finger painting and displays featuring hospital history, the HealthQuest Van and Samaritan helicopter. In addition to the hospital itself, tours were also available of the new Jay Emergency Medical Service facility and the medical office building east of the hospital.



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This was the entrance to the specialty referral center at Jay County Hospital in 1996. The referral center was one of the new or renovated areas at the hospital that were slated to be on display during an open house to show off the facility.

Deaths

Naomi Taylor, 86, Pennville
Linda Runyon, 77, Portland
Rick Gettinger, 76, Union City
Rick Breisch, 73, Decatur
Details on page 2.

Weather

Jay County had a high temperature of 77 degrees Friday. Showers and thunderstorms are expected today with a high of 71 and winds gusting to 25 miles per hour. Sunday will cool down with a high of 53 and rain expected in the afternoon.
See page 2 for an extended outlook.

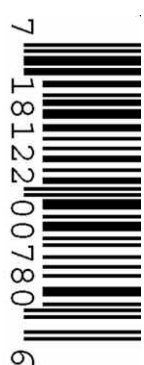
In review

Jay County Treasurer’s Office mailed out tax bills Friday. They are due May 10 and Nov. 10. Payments can be made in person at Jay County Courthouse, via the drop box outside the courthouse, online at jaycounty.net and at First Bank of Berne, First Financial Bank and Farmers and Merchants State Bank.

Coming up

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

Thursday — An update on the coronavirus pandemic in Jay County.



Prom ...

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At FRHS, students will leave immediately for Romer's Catering in St. Henry for the dinner and dance. (The dinner has been held at the school commons in recent years, but previously had been held at Romer's.)
The number of students at each table for dinner will be limited to allow for social distancing. Masks will be required when social distancing cannot be maintained.

Jay County students will head directly to the auxiliary gym after the crowning of the king and queen. (The dance is typically held in the commons area, but the auxiliary gym offers about 19,000 additional square feet to allow for social distancing.)
Students will be limited to four per table for social distancing. They will not be required to wear a mask when at the table or when dancing alone

with their date, but will need a mask while moving around the auxiliary gym or dancing in groups.
Principals at both schools noted that prom is the first of the major culminating events of high school and that it's important that rules be followed so that others — honors and awards nights, graduation, etc. — will be allowed in the coming months.
"This is the first big thing

we've done," said Sommers. "We've got graduation. We've got the junior high dance. Senior honors night. If we can't go by these (rules) ... We're kind of the guinea pigs. ...
"We've got to do what we've got to do."
Added JCHS principal Chad Dodd: "The alternative is we don't get to do it."
As for the students, they're excited to be able to have the prom experience, even though

they're not thrilled about some of the restrictions.
"I'm very happy that we can have a prom," said JCHS junior Lucas Lyons. "It's very good to have a school event, because we haven't had one this big in a long time."
"I think everyone's going to be excited either way, whether they have to wear masks or whether they don't," added Jay County senior Mariah Gross. "Everyone is going to have fun anyway."

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Sunday 4/11	Monday 4/12	Tuesday 4/13	Wednesday 4/14	Thursday 4/15
56/45	68/43	60/40	57/39	61/40
60% chance of rain under mostly cloudy skies during the day. Mostly clear skies at night.	Small chance of rain but otherwise cloudy with some sun. Temperatures may reach the 70s.	Mostly sunny skies. Winds may reach between 10 and 15 mph.	Another day of mostly cloudy skies. Otherwise cooler temperatures for the rest of the week.	Mostly cloudy with 10 to 15 mph winds during the day. Some clouds at night.

Lotteries	
Hoosier Midday Daily Three: 8-5-6 Daily Four: 8-1-2-8 Quick Draw: 1-7-9-11-16-19-21-24-26-37-38-43-48-51-56-60-64-66-69-75	Pick 4: 2-4-5-1 Pick 5: 5-5-8-4-5
Ohio Midday Pick 3: 6-2-2	Powerball Estimated jackpot: \$55 million
	Mega Millions Estimated jackpot: \$120 million

Markets	
Cooper Farms Fort Recovery Corn.....5.89 Wheat6.16	Central States Montpelier Corn.....5.79 May corn.....5.80 Beans14.23 Sept. beans12.18 July wheat 6.10
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Today in history

On April 10, 1947, Brooklyn Dodgers President Branch Rickey purchased the contract of Jackie Robinson from the Montreal Royals.
In 1912, the British liner RMS Titanic set sail from Southampton, England, on its ill-fated maiden voyage.
In 1932, German President Paul Von Hindenburg was reelected in a runoff, with Adolf Hitler coming in second.
In 1963, the fast-attack nuclear submarine USS Thresher (SSN-593) sank during deep-diving tests east of Cape Cod, Massachusetts, in a disaster that claimed 129 lives.
In 1971, Portland High School's boys track team edged Van Wert 61-57 with Stan Smith earning victories in the long jump and pole vault.
In 1972, the United States and the Soviet Union joined some 70 nations in signing an agreement banning biological warfare.
In 1981, imprisoned IRA hunger striker Bobby Sands was declared the winner of a by-election to the British Parliament.
In 1992, comedian Sam Kinison was killed in a car crash outside Needles, California, at age 38.
In 1998, the Northern Ireland peace talks concluded as negotiators reached a landmark settlement to end 30 years of bitter rivalries and bloody attacks.
In 2005, Tiger Woods won his fourth Masters with a spectacular finish of birdies and bogeys.
In 2010, Polish President Lech Kaczynski, 60, was killed in a plane crash in western Russia that also claimed the lives of his wife and top Polish political, military and church officials. "Designing Women" co-star Dixie Carter, 70, died in Houston.
In 2015, the Apple Watch made its debut.
In 2019, scientists released the first image ever made of a black hole, revealing a fiery, doughnut-shaped object in a galaxy 53 million light-years from earth.

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Citizen's calendar

Monday 9 a.m. — Jay County Commissioners, commissioners' room, courthouse, 120 N. Court 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, Community Room,	library, 315 N. Ship St., Portland. 6 p.m. — Jay County Regional Sewer District, commissioners' room, courthouse, 120 N. Court St., Portland. 6 p.m. — Dunkirk Board of Works, city building, 131 S. Main St. 7 p.m. — Dunkirk City Council, city building, 131 S. Main St.
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Obituaries

Naomi Taylor
Sept. 8, 1934-April 8, 2021
Naomi Taylor, age 86, a resident of Pennville, passed away Thursday, April 8, 2021, at her daughter's home in Upland, Indiana.
Naomi was born Sept. 8, 1934, in Farrville, Indiana, the daughter of Noel and Beatrice (Needler) Bennett. She retired in 1995 from Ball Glass Factory in Dunkirk, Indiana, after 40 years of service.
Naomi married Claude Taylor on May 4, 1953, he passed away on Oct. 26, 2008.
Survivors include: One daughter — Gloria Daugherty (husband: Robert), Upland, Indiana. Seven grandchildren and several great-grandchildren.



Taylor

She was preceded in death by her daughter, Rita Andrews; and a brother, Hugh Bennett.
Visitation will be held from 3 to 7 p.m. Tuesday in the Pennville Chapel of the Williamson-Spencer and Penrod Funeral Home.
Funeral services will be held on Wednesday at 11 a.m. at the chapel in Pennville. Pastor Evan Guse will officiate the services and burial will follow in the I.O.O.F. Twin Hill Cemetery in Pennville.
The family requests memorials be directed to Heart to Hospice.
Condolences may be expressed at williamson-spencer.com.

Linda Runyon
Dec. 11, 1943-April 5, 2021
Linda Dianne Runyon, 77, Portland, passed away Monday.
She was born Dec. 11, 1943. She was married to Gary Keith Runyon.
Linda was retired from Marsh, where she worked as a deli manager. She had also worked at Embers restaurant and Walmart.
Surviving are two sons, Brandt Runyon (wife: Misty Loyd) and Jon Mark Runyon (wife: Carla Brotherton); five grandchildren, Markie (Runyon) LeMaster, Katie Stout, Nadlie Runyon, Whitney Runyon and Bowen Runyon; seven great-grandchildren, Daila Siefring-Runyon, Jolee and Remi LeMaster, Kadi Lynn and Otis Stout, and Eleanor Horine; brothers

Jim, Ken (wife: Cindy), Mike (wife: Jinny), Craig and Jeff; and sisters Rose (husband: Bob) Snow, Sandy Lingo, Deb (husband: Matt) Bost, and Kristy (husband: Dale) Ainsworth.
She was preceded in death by her husband; great-grandson Jonathan Stout; brothers Alan, Gary and Rick; and sister Rita (husband: Floyd) Cline.
A celebration of life will be held at a later date.

Rick Gettinger
April 12, 1944-April 7, 2021
Richard A. "Rick" Gettinger, 76, passed away Wednesday, April 7, 2021, at Reid Health in Richmond after a battle with Parkinson-Plus.



Gettinger

He was born April 12, 1944, in Union City, Indiana, the son of the late Carl O. and Mae Louise Elwell Gettinger.
Rick was a lifelong member of the Wesley United Methodist Church, graduated with the Union City Wayne High School class of 1962, was a member of the Lions Club and the Union City McDonalds Gang, and worked at the UCBC/WH for 47 years.
Rick found pleasure in the simple things — travel, golf, pizza, his front porch swing, riding the golf cart and watching his children and grandchildren pursue their dreams. More than anything, Rick loved spending time with his high school sweetheart.

Survivors include his wife of 57 years, Connie Overholser Gettinger; children Melissa (David) Taylor of Portland, Indiana, and Angie (John) Cross and Ryan Gettinger, both of Union City, Indiana; grandchildren Caitlin (Jeremy) Spradlin, Dr. Megan Taylor, Kelsey Cross, esq., Wil (Laurann) Taylor, Kyle Cross and Peyton Gettinger; great-grandchildren Ayden Spradlin, Mac Taylor and Eve Taylor; two nieces, Leigh Schlegel and Christy ConStande; and his canine companion, Bogie.
He was preceded by his parents; and siblings, Marcia Jo and Allan Dye, and Ramon Gettinger.
Visitation is 5 to 7 p.m. Monday, April 12, 2021, at the Reichard Funeral Home Inc., 400 W. Deer-

field Road, Union City, Indiana. Services will follow at 7 p.m. Burial will be held later at the convenience of the family.

Memorial contributions can be made to the Wesley United Methodist Church or P.A.W.S. Animal Rescue with envelopes available at the funeral home.

Condolences may be expressed at reichardfh.com.

Rick Breisch
Feb. 3, 1948-April 8, 2021
Richard E. "Rick" Breisch, 73, of Decatur, Indiana passed away Thursday evening, April 8, 2021, at his residence following an extended illness.

He was born Feb. 3, 1948, in Fort Wayne, Indiana, to Paul E. and Marjorie L. (Joy) Breisch. Rick married Donna S. Miller on Oct. 10, 1970, in Winchester, Indiana.

He served his country in the United States Air Force from 1967 to 1971, serving during Vietnam in Thailand.

Rick was a member of the American Legion Post #43 in Decatur.

He was a graduate of Petroleum High School in 1966 and retired from Central Soya in Decatur with 35 years of service.

He enjoyed camping and visiting casinos.

He is survived by his wife, Donna S. Breisch of Decatur, Indiana; daughter Micki J. (Ernie) Bieberich of Decatur, Indiana; son Todd R. Breisch of Paulding, Ohio; three sisters, Jane (Ray) Searles of Bluffton, Indiana, Bonnie (Michael) Foreman of Portland, Indiana, and Connie (Michael) Love of Van Buren, Indiana; a brother, William (Dawn) Breisch of Fort Wayne, Indiana; four grandchildren, Justin Prater, Brandon (Candice Robb) Prater, Michael Breisch and Anthony (Arralina) Breisch; great-grandchild Huxton Prater; and a great-grandchild due in October 2021.

He was preceded in death by a brother, J Lee

Breisch; and a daughter-in-law, Kristie Breisch.

Family and friends will be received from 2 to 6 p.m. Wednesday, April 14, 2021, at Zwick and Jahn Funeral Home in Decatur. Military Honors will be conducted by the American Legion Post #43 of Decatur following visitation at the funeral home at 6 p.m.

Memorials may be made to American Legion Post #43.

Arrangements are being handled by Zwick and Jahn Funeral Home, in Decatur, Indiana.

To sign the online guest-book, visit zwickjahn.com.

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.

SERVICES

Today
Shetler, Sylvia: 9 a.m., Shetler residence, 2406 W. 350 South, Berne.
Ellsworth, David: 11:30 a.m., Green Park Cemetery, Portland.
Tighe, Dustin: 2 p.m., Baird-Freeman Funeral Home, 221 N. Meridian St., Portland.
Haley, Melodi: 3 p.m., Baird-Freeman Funeral Home, 221 N. Meridian St., Portland.

Monday
Hudson, Ruth: 2 p.m., Baird-Freeman Funeral Home, 221 N. Meridian St., Portland.

Wednesday
Taylor, Naomi: 11 a.m., Williamson-Spencer and Penrod Funeral Home, 190 S. Union St., Pennville.

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WHAT'S FOR LUNCH?

For Jay County Schools April 12-16

Monday: Main entrees: Walking beef taco Alternate entrees: PB&J fun lunch, ham and cheese chef salad, saltine crackers, light ranch dressing Sides for all meals: Mexican style refried beans
Tuesday: Main Entrees: Chicken nuggets Alternate entrees: Strawberry parfait with granola, ham and cheese chef salad, saltine crackers, light ranch dressing Sides for all meals: Baked crinkle fries
Wednesday: Main entrees: Hawaiian pineapple chicken bowl, vegetable egg roll, fortune cookies Alternate entrees: PB&J fun lunch, ham and cheese chef salad, saltine crackers, light ranch dressing Sides for all meals: Seasoned corn
Thursday: Main entrees: Beef hot dog on whole wheat Alternate entrees: Strawberry parfait with granola, ham and cheese chef salad, saltine crackers, light ranch dressing Sides for all meals: Baked crinkle fries
Friday: Main entrees: Classic cheese pizza Alternate entrees: PB&J fun lunch, ham and cheese chef salad, saltine crackers, light ranch dressing Sides for all meals: Savory green beans

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Sorority donates

Delta Theta Tau sorority recently donated \$2,000 to Jay County 4-H in honor of Mandy Theurer. Pictured with Beth Stephen (left) and Dru Mercer (right) of Jay County 4-H are Charlene Theurer, holding a photo of Mandy, and Cassie Alexander.

Registration is open

Jay School Corporation's enrollment process for kindergarten for the 2021-22 school year is underway. The process begins online by filling out a registration form at jayschoolcorp.org. After filling out the form, parents will be contacted in may about setting up a kindergarten assessment. For that session, parents will need to bring a copy of their child's birth certificate and social security numbers.

Marriage licenses

April E. Parker, 51, Bluffton, and Heaven S. Redkey, and Matthew G. Moore, 26, Redkey
Gore, 48, Redkey Robert M. Curtis, 32, Dunkirk, and Ashton M. Mangas, 27, Redkey
Tyler J. Huelskamp, 31, Coldwater, Ohio, and Alison K. Jutte, 22, Portland
Shaman D. Phillips, 43, Dunkirk, and Nicole B. Harmon, 41, Dunkirk
Dan L. Mosier, 66, Willshire, Ohio, and Sharyl D. Harrington, 66, Willshire, Ohio
Craig M. Imel, 37, Portland, and Mindy K. Bergman, 37, Portland
Kyle A.L. Lawson, 22, Jamestown, Ohio, and Rachel L. Stidd, 26, Portland
Kyndal R. Miller, 22, Pennville, and John M. Crosby, 22, Pennville
Nicholas W. Tressler, 32, Portland, and Brandi N. Paris, 31, Portland
Jerry E. Girod, 21, Geneva, and Mary E.S. Jasper C. Price, 22, Portland, and Emilee N. Morgan, 20, Portland
Eric S. Fields, 28, Portland, and Savanna B. Mace, 22, Portland
Steven E. Limbert, 43,

Man weighed down by separation sadness

DEAR ABBY: I've been separated from my wife for about four years, at her request. It was justified. I wasn't the best husband. I wasn't abusive, but I was sad and feeling sorry for myself, like now.

I took her for granted and didn't show her the affection she deserved, but I have been going to therapy to work through issues that I had suppressed for decades that contributed to me being a bad husband. I wanted to try counseling with her, but she was done and refused, which I'm still saddened by.

As of today, she has a new boyfriend but still hasn't filed for divorce. I'm struggling because she and her new boyfriend hang out with people I grew up with. It's my own hang-up, I know, but it makes me feel embarrassed and like I

Dear Abby



can never hang out with my friends again. I get upset when I see posts on Facebook with her and her boyfriend that my family have added heart emojis or nice comments to.

Am I wrong for feeling betrayed in some way? Is my estranged wife belittling me by not filing for divorce and hanging out with my friends and a new boyfriend? Are my friends and family betraying me by being friends with them? — BROKEN BEYOND REPAIR

DEAR BROKEN: Marriages end for many reasons. If I read your letter correctly, your wife left because she could no longer cope with someone who was in a chronic state of depression, not because you were a "bad husband" or had some flaw in your character.

You are doing your best to improve your mental state, and for that I applaud you. You should not feel embarrassed or humiliated because she has found a new relationship. Please discuss these feelings with your therapist so you can move beyond them.

It may also be time to take the initiative and file for the divorce. Quit avoiding your longtime friends. If you haven't started dating, some

of them may know women to introduce you to. And because posts on the internet about your almost-ex and her boyfriend cause you pain, block or delete them rather than obsess.

DEAR ABBY: My boyfriend has an 8-year-old daughter who lives with us part time. Sometimes I watch her when her dad is out running errands or working.

I'll be perfectly honest. There are times she acts like an entitled, spoiled brat. She's rude and disrespectful, and when I ask her to do something, she doesn't always do it. I can't take it anymore.

I know I'm not her biological mom, but I will not continue to tolerate her behavior and attitude. Although I have spoken

with her dad about it, he has done nothing to correct the problem. Please tell me what to do. — FRUSTRATED "STEP-MOM"

DEAR FRUSTRATED: The next time you are asked to watch your boyfriend's daughter, decline and clearly state the reason why. Perhaps when it becomes inconvenient for him, he will assert himself, act like a parent and insist that his daughter behave respectfully. If not, you may have to rethink the relationship.

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.

Today
ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS — Will meet at 10 a.m. upstairs at True Value Hardware, Meridian Street, Portland. For more information, call (260) 729-2532.

Monday
PORTLAND BREAKFAST OPTIMISTS — Will meet at 7 a.m. for breakfast at Richards Restaurant.
BRYANT AREA COMMUNITY CENTER — Walking from 9 to 10 a.m. every Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

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

EUCHRE — For those 55 and older from 12:30 to 3 p.m. at West Jay Community Center in Dunkirk.

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 Port-

land. Everyone is welcome.

TAKE OFF POUNDS SENSIBLY (TOPS) — Will meet for weigh-in at 5:30 p.m., with the meeting at 6 p.m., in the fellowship hall at Evangelical Methodist Church, 930 W. Main St., Portland. New members welcome. For more information, call (260) 726-5312.

NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS — Will meet at 6 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.

PORTLAND CITIZENS' POLICE ACADEMY ALUMNI — Will meet at 11 a.m. the second Monday of each month at the Portland Fire Department. For more information, call Nick Miller at (937) 239-0022.

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

REDISCOVERING JOY — The support group of widows and widowers meets at 6:30 p.m. on the second Monday of each month at Preferred Insurance Center, 809 W. Main St., Coldwater, Ohio. For more information, email rediscoveringjoy@yahoo.com.

JAY COUNTY DRUG PREVENTION COALITION — Will meet at 3:30 p.m. the second Monday of each month. For more information, call (260) 251-3259.

Tuesday
BRYANT COMMUNITY CENTER EUCHRE — Will be played at 1 p.m. each Tuesday. The public is welcome.

THE LANDING — A 12-step program for those in sixth through 12th grade will meet at 5:55 p.m. each Tuesday at 2nd Chance at Life Ministries, 228 S. Meridian St., Portland. For more information, call (260) 703-0777 or (260) 726-5273.

Sudoku

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Level: Advanced

Friday's Solution

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

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

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It might be time for a little give and take.

Jay County Economic Development Income Tax Advisory Committee on Wednesday voted to recommend county council and commissioners approve \$50,000 to go to Jay County Fair Board for its planned holiday light display. The new venture for the fair board is slated to open at the fairgrounds in late November and run for about six weeks.

Certainly the fair board doesn't just have \$50,000 laying around to spend on Christmas lights to create a display it hopes will draw a large amount of visitors. So it

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needs some up-front help to get the project started.

That said, fair board member Deb Gillespie said at the meeting that the event is expected to generate \$72,000 annually in revenue. That number may need to be adjusted given the EDIT advisory committee's push to accept free-

will donations rather than charging admission. Still, the hope is that it will bring in a significant amount of money.

So, rather than just making a \$50,000 donation, could county commissioners and council offer a loan of sorts?

Here's what we're suggesting:
•Jay County Commissioners and Jay County Council provide the \$50,000 in funding to Jay County Fair Board to purchase the lights to launch what we expect will be a well-attended annual event.

•Jay County Fair Board charges admission or accepts

free-will donations, in addition to seeking sponsors for the event.

•A percentage of the proceeds or a flat amount — perhaps \$5,000 per year; perhaps \$10,000 — be returned to the county until the loan, or at least part of the loan, has been repaid.

Such a structure would give the fair board the funding it needs to get started. It would allow the fair board to keep the bulk of the proceeds to reinvest into the fairgrounds. And it would also replenish county EDIT dollars to be used for other projects. (That money could even be earmarked for similar initiatives, as the

EDIT committee discussed the possibility that municipalities could make future requests for holiday lighting purchases.)

Over the last several years, county government has been approached regularly for donations to various projects. Virtually all of them are deserving. But money isn't unlimited.

Since it expects to generate revenue, this project offers the county the opportunity to help a local organization, provide a benefit to the community and recoup at least some of the initial funding.

That seems like it would be a win for all involved. — R.C.

Provide bees safe passage

By **SCOTT UNDERWOOD**
Herald Bulletin (Anderson)

Scientists say the honey bee population is dropping like flies.

Try telling that to a New Mexico man who made a quick trip — about 10 minutes — into a grocery store in Las Cruces. The man returned to the car to find a swarm of 15,000 honey bees, estimated to weigh a collective 3½ pounds, in his backseat.

It was a warm, sunny day, and he'd left a back window open. The bees shrugged their little shoulders and buzzed on in.

The man's reaction was, let's just say, a little more extreme. Wanting nothing to do with this unexpected bees-ness, he backed away and used a shaky finger to punch up 911.

Enter our hero: Jesse Johnson, a 37-year-old father, firefighter, paramedic, amateur beekeeper and all-around excellent human bee-ing.

Johnson, enjoying a family barbecue at the time, received the bee-distress call from the fire department, wiped the bee-beeque sauce off his lips, cracked his knuckles and hustled to the rescue.

"I'll do anything to keep people from killing the bees," Johnson later told journalist Neil Vidgor, who penned a story for the New York Times.

Resplendent in a white beekeeper's protective jacket and veil, Johnson seduced the bees into a hive box treated with lemongrass oil, which just happens to smell more than a little like a queen bee.

"Sweet!" buzzed the swarm, flexing their little bees knees and making a beeline for the hive box.

Within half an hour, the car was bee free; the interlopers had been all boxed up for a ride in Johnson's truck. They'll live with him from here on out, presumably immune to the considerable temptation of open car windows.

Johnson explained that it's not uncommon for bee colonies to split in the spring, with the queen leading a swarm on the wing for a new place to hive. He guessed that this particular swarm came from a nearby home or other structure and that they saw the car as a convenient place to shack up temporarily on their hunt for a permanent domicile.

"Luckily, when bees are swarming, they're pretty docile," Johnson said. "They don't have a home to protect for a moment. It's much more intimidating than it is dangerous."

Johnson and the beewil-



Scott Underwood

No one was badly hurt, and a desperate journalist was able to extract a column from the episode. But the troubling plight of the honey bee is nothing to poke fun at.

dered motorist emerged unscathed, but, for good measure, the bees stung a grocery store security guard and a firefighter, who took it on the lip.

Otherwise, the story had a happy ending. No one was badly hurt, and a desperate journalist was able to extract a column from the episode.

But the troubling plight of the honey bee is nothing to poke fun at.

According to the U.S. Department of Agriculture, the country's honey bee population declined from 6 million hives in 1947 to 2.4 million in 2008. Disease and pesticide are most often blamed.

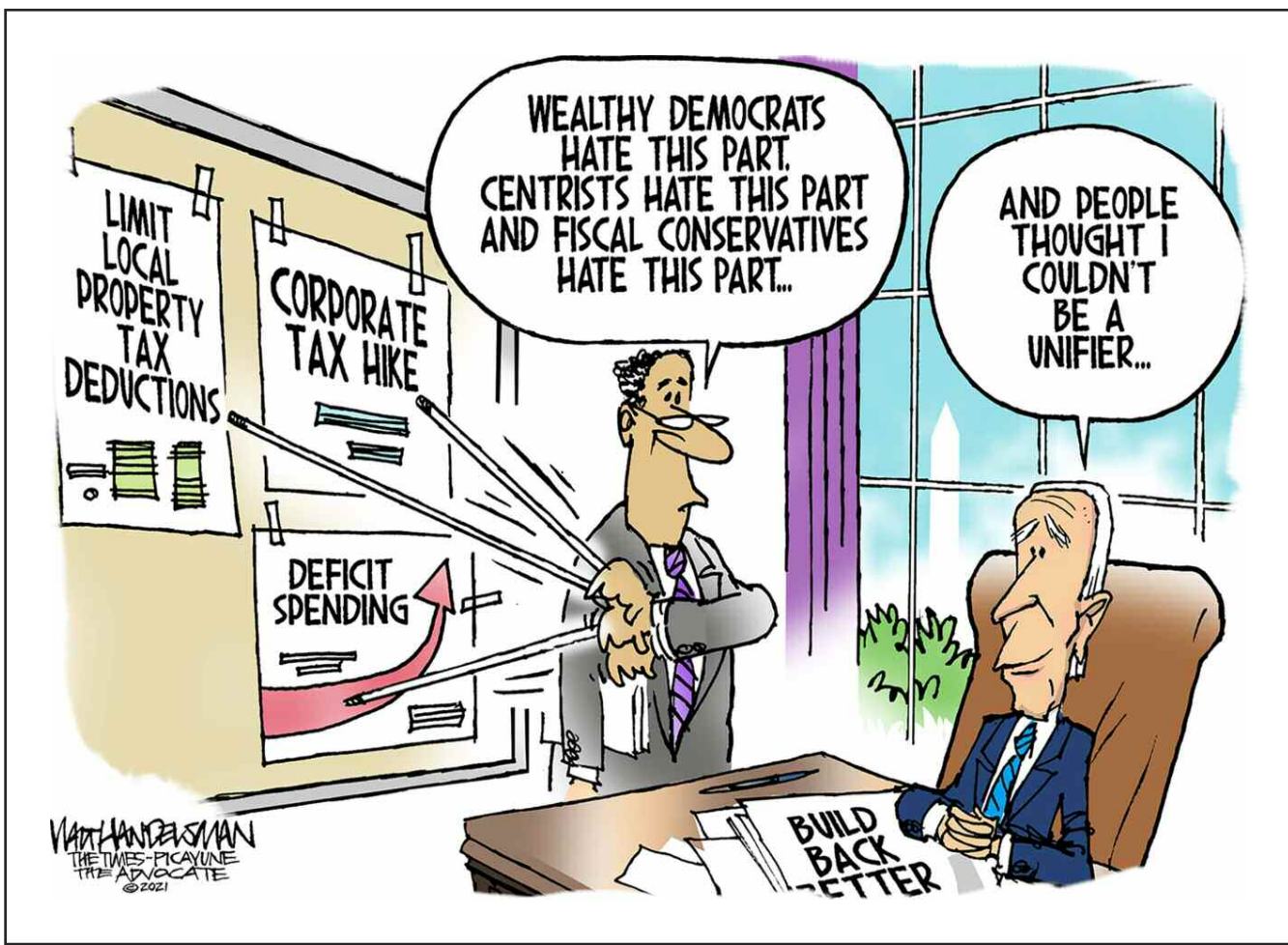
Sounds like we still have a lot of bees, right? Well, we need more.

According to the Planet Bee Foundation, honey bees not only pollinate wild and native plants, they're the most common pollinator of commercial crops in the United States, instrumental in contributing \$15 billion annually to the U.S. economy.

So, if you happen to find a swarm in the backseat of your car, make it your bees wax to arrange safe passage to a new hive.

After getting the heck out of there.

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Think about this like adults

By **LZ GRANDERSON**

Los Angeles Times
Tribune News Service

The moment I realized I was a homeowner wasn't in the down payment or first mortgage payment. It was the night the hot-water heater went out.

The appraiser told me it would need replacing soon, but I think I used my extra cash to buy a new flat screen. Felt smart in the moment. Anyway, my luck runs out, predictably, at one of the worst times — the shower. And it was here, during my involuntary impersonation of Phil Dunphy from "Modern Family," that I learned the difference between being a grown-up and being an adult. Grown-ups get stuff, adults take care of it.

This country has been in need of a new hot water heater since 1993, and I'm wondering where are the adults?

"User fee" is how President Ronald Reagan characterized the gas tax. Not a jobs bill or liberal wish list, but a user fee, meaning we all like and use freeways so we're all responsible for the construction and upkeep.

But it's been 28 years since the last gas tax increase, and the 18.4 cents per gallon established in 1993 falls woefully short of the 33 cents per gallon it should be today (44 cents per gallon for diesel) when we adjust for inflation. As a result, Congress has been playing a shell game with the Highway Trust Fund, which was designed to use revenue brought in primarily from the gas tax to help offset the infrastructure costs.

Sometimes Congress has robbed Peter to pay Paul to keep the trust fund solvent. Beginning with the last year of President George W. Bush's presidency, the federal government has transferred more than \$140 billion from the general fund to keep the highway fund above water. I don't think I need to tell homeowners how difficult it can be to catch up once you start using the mortgage money to pay for something other than the mortgage.

Right now, the Congressional Budget Office estimates a highway funding gap in excess of \$180 billion by 2030 if we maintain the status quo.

LZ Granderson



Considering that our deficit is already the second largest since World War II, Congress will need to start adulting.

The nation's infrastructure is fraying. In some states like Mississippi and Louisiana — both were given a grade of D+ for infrastructure by the American Society of Civil Engineers — fraying would be an upgrade. There are still upward of 10 million households receiving drinking water from lead pipes and service lines despite being banned 30 years ago in large part because lead exposure causes developmental issues in children. Not only are we saddling the next generation with our debt, we are also allowing them to be poisoned because elected officials on both sides of the aisle lack the fortitude required to do the mundane, unexciting aspects of public stewardship.

Of adulting.
This observation includes President Joe Biden, whose ambitious infrastructure plan shies away from one of the most obvious ways to help pay for it: Raise the gas tax. Biden would raise corporate taxes somewhere between the levels left by former Presidents Barack Obama and Donald Trump, which is fine, but there is already resistance from both sides of the aisles. However, that doesn't address the fact we've all been passing the gas tax buck to someone else.

Walter Mondale, the Democratic presidential candidate in 1984, told voters straight up that he would raise taxes because it had to be done.

That bit of truth won Mondale 13 electoral college votes. His defeat coupled with the ramifications of George H.W. Bush's broken promise of no new taxes has made politicians fearful of any nuanced tax talk. Today the blueprint is to either target

the ultra-rich or demonize our most vulnerable with talk of waste and fraud, like warnings about benefits "going to illegals."

Like most things in life, the truth is somewhere in the middle, that place where most of us are but struggle to find representation. So as a result, we pick one extreme or the other and hope the water heater holds up.

Meanwhile, Jackson, Mississippi, loses water pressure for a month, and we tell the people to boil water and avoid flushing their toilet. Residents in Tampa, Florida, home of the world champion Buccaneers, are hoping officials can pump enough contaminated water out of a failing reservoir to avoid 300 million gallons of waste and fertilizer runoff from heading their way in the form of a 20-foot-high wave.

Biden's \$2 trillion infrastructure plan is enormous. But so are our infrastructure issues. Let there be a spirited debate. But let it be between adults who at least understand a gas tax increase is long overdue and not between fearful grown-ups who want to kick this proverbial can down the road another 30 years because honestly, we don't have another 30 years.

Right now our nation's roads, which earned a D grade from ASCE, cost motorists "nearly \$130 billion each year on extra vehicle repairs and operating costs," which is just a tax by another name.

Last fall, in the midst of a pandemic that put the world's first economy on its head, Netflix announced it raised its prices for standard service by \$1 per month and premium prices by \$2. And you know what, Rege-Jean Page's departure from the network's show "Bridgerton" stung us more.

Whenever a discussion about raising the gas tax is brought up, some form of "now is not the right time" is uttered. Well, the fund we use to maintain roads and mass transit is already on life support. Infrastructure is a public good, and even citizens who hate taxes need to recognize it's time to pay up.

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Ribbon cutting

ReSprout Therapy, a specialized therapy practice in Portland, opened in January at John Jay Center For Learning. Pictured, owner Emily Reynolds (center holding scissors) and others in the community celebrated with a ribbon-cutting ceremony Friday. Reynolds, who also works as an occupational therapist for Jay Schools, treats children with developmental, behavioral, sensory, coordination and emotional deficits at her practice.

Tyson provided on-site vaccines

Portland's Tyson employees had a convenient opportunity to receive the coronavirus vaccine this week.

Tyson Foods employees in Portland were able to receive free coronavirus vaccines at work this week.

Sites in Corydon, Logansport and Indianapolis also participated in the company's vaccination program this week. Similar events were planned at Tyson facilities in Georgia, Iowa, Kentucky, Missouri, Nebraska, Oklahoma and Tennessee.

"We're pleased to offer our team members convenient access to the vaccine and are committed to a long-term strategy that ensures any team member who wants a vaccine will receive one," said Donald Brophy, complex manager for Tyson Foods in Logansport. "We're focused on educating and encouraging our team members to be vaccinated and will continue to leverage both onsite events and our relationships with local health departments to continue making the vaccine easily accessible."

In addition to offering vaccines on-site, Tyson also

Business roundup

announced that it would reimburse employees up to four hours of regular pay if they are vaccinated outside of their normal shift.

Cutting scheduled

Jay County Chamber of Commerce will hold a ribbon-cutting ceremony at noon Tuesday for Reclaiming Design.

The business focuses on interior design and also offers home products including cabinets, hardware and lighting. It is opening a new showroom at 415 W. Water St., Portland.

Swiss Village hires

Swiss Village has hired Jay Dettorre as its next president and CEO.

Current president and CEO Rod Mason is set to retire in mid-May.

Dettorre joins Swiss village

after serving at Ohio Masonic Home in Springfield, Ohio, in various roles for the last 19 years. He most recently was its director of major giving.

"We are excited to welcome Jay to Swiss Village to provide leadership for our organization and continue the commitment to excellence which our residents receive from our dedicated employees," said board vice chair Kent Liechty in a press release. "With over 30 years of solid retirement services experience, he is well situated to guide Swiss Village as we develop strategies to meet the needs of our current and future residents."

Cooper releases

Cooper Farms has released the first corporate social responsibility report in its history.

The report, released March 31, details Cooper Farms' responsibility in the areas of environmental stewardship, animal care, community involvement and food innovation. It covers 60 pages and puts the company's values into writing.

"Everyone knows Cooper Farms is heavily involved in the area communities, whether it be through monetary or food donations or supporting local organizations," said corporate communications manager Cassie Jo Arend in a press release. "But this book will be packed with facts and figures that really put into perspective what we have the pleasure to do every year."

The report is available at cooperfarms.com/responsibility.

Plaid raises

Financial technology company Plaid this week announced that it has completed a \$425 million funding round.

The new funding pushes the company's valuation to \$13.4 billion, CNBC reported. The company had been set to be sold to Visa, but the U.S. Department of Justice sued to block the deal and it was later called off.

Portland High School graduate Mary Meeker, now a principal of BOND Capital, is on Plaid's board and was one of its early investors.

"A new era of finance is

underway, and Plaid is in a strong position to help develop the digital ecosystem that delivers the types of tools and services consumers want, at scale," Meeker told CNBC in an email.

Walmart hires

Walmart has hired Brian Besanceney as its new senior vice president and chief communications officer.

Besanceney joins Walmart after serving as senior vice president for public affairs and worldwide government and industry relations for Disney. He previously served as deputy chief of staff to U.S. Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice.

NextEra to release

NextEra Energy announced Wednesday that it will release its first-quarter 2021 financial results April 21.

The results will be shared in a news release on the company's website — nexteraenergy.com. An investor presentation will follow via live stream at 9 a.m.

NextEra owns and operates Bluff Point Wind Energy Center in Jay and Randolph counties.

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Trivial Review (Answers are printed below, upside down.) Championship follow-up 1) Who holds the record for most points in an NCAA men's basketball championship game? 2) What two cities each hosted the NCAA title game seven times between 1939 and 1958? (1) UCLA's Bill Walton (44) (2) New York and Kansas City

4-12 CRYPTOQUIP

CPYHHM DBL DSRM SE QYOPC... VSGOYBGBGL Y QNSHP HSO... SE XCPVBIP RPOYBHI: ONP... IXPVBEBV SVPYG. Saturday's Cryptoquip: IF THOUSANDS OF BIVALVES WERE WASHED ASHORE BY SOME MASSIVE WAVES, THAT'D BE SUCH A CLAM-ITY. Today's Cryptoquip Clue: D equals B

CRYPTO FUN Determine the code to reveal the answer! Solve the code to discover words related to Easter. Each number corresponds to a letter. (Hint: 22 = U) A. 6 16 9 12 15 6 22 14 Clue: Constant and steadfast B. 21 10 13 10 22 17 Clue: Full of happiness C. 2 16 17 12 2 26 Clue: Spring Christian holiday D. 7 22 3 3 13 Clue: Hopping animal

WORD SCRAMBLE Rearrange the letters to spell something pertaining to Easter. NSERI

Guess Who? I am an actor born in New Jersey on April 6, 1969. I had my screen debut in a "Halloween" movie, and later had a recurring role on a popular sitcom about friends. I've had big-screen success as a comedic actor and even played an insect super hero.

kids' corner

SCIENCE FACT! THIS OCCURS WHEN WATER DROPLETS CONDENSE ON ONE ANOTHER, CAUSING THEM TO GROW AND BECOME HEAVY. ANSWER: RAIN

How they say that in... ENGLISH: Rain SPANISH: Lluvia ITALIAN: Pioggia FRENCH: Pluie GERMAN: Regen

Math Blocks Fill in the missing blocks with numbers between 0-8. The numbers in each row add up to the totals to the right. The numbers in each column add up to the totals on the bottom.

Get Scrambled Unscramble the words to determine the phrase. PRLIA WSRHSEO ANSWER: April Showers

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New word DOWNPOUR heavy rainfall

EASTER TIDINGS WORD SEARCH

N K T F O M L G W P B J D F G C K P F T... Find the words hidden vertically, horizontally, diagonally, and backwards.

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CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS 1 Soaks up the sun 6 Microwave sounds 11 Laundry collector 12 Channel changer 14 Johnnie Cochran, notably 15 Runs off to wed 16 Attorneys' org. 17 Chess soldiers 19 Hosp. areas 20 Naked 22 Cushion 23 "Auld Lang —" 24 Ballroom dance 26 Related to the "Divine Comedy" writer 28 Quirky 30 Born abroad? 31 Resident of Kampala 35 Actress Raquel

Crossword grid with numbers 1-38.

Contract Bridge By Steve Becker

Charting the course of play

South dealer. Both sides vulnerable. NORTH ♠7 6 4 3 ♥A Q 8 ♦A J 6 2 ♣6 3 WEST ♠10 9 8 ♥J 9 5 2 ♦10 9 7 3 ♣8 4 EAST ♠A K Q 5 2 ♥K 10 6 4 ♦Q 5 ♣9 7 SOUTH ♠J ♥7 3 ♦K 8 4 ♣A K Q J 10 5 2 The bidding: South West North East 5♣ Pass Pass Pass Opening lead — ten of spades. When a contract depends solely on the favorable distribution of a suit or the success of a finesse, all you can do is hope that the fates will be on your side. Take this case where South is in five clubs and West leads a spade. Declarer starts with an excellent chance to make the contract. He can draw trump, lead the king and another diamond, and finesse the jack. If the finesse wins, he is home. But even if it loses, his prospects are still good. All these chances added together make South a strong favorite to bring in his contract. However, declarer can improve his chances if he varies his play slightly. After drawing trump, he should cash the ace and king of diamonds rather than attempt a finesse in the suit. Note that playing the diamonds in this fashion does not harm South one bit. Had East held the x-x of diamonds instead of Q-x, declarer would still make the contract by next leading toward dummy's J-x and establishing the jack as a trick on which to discard a heart. The diamond finesse is thus not necessary even if West has the queen, and so should not be taken. The recommended approach enables South to make the contract whenever West has the queen, whenever the diamonds are divided 3-3, and, most importantly, whenever East has the doubleton queen, which adds significantly to his chances.

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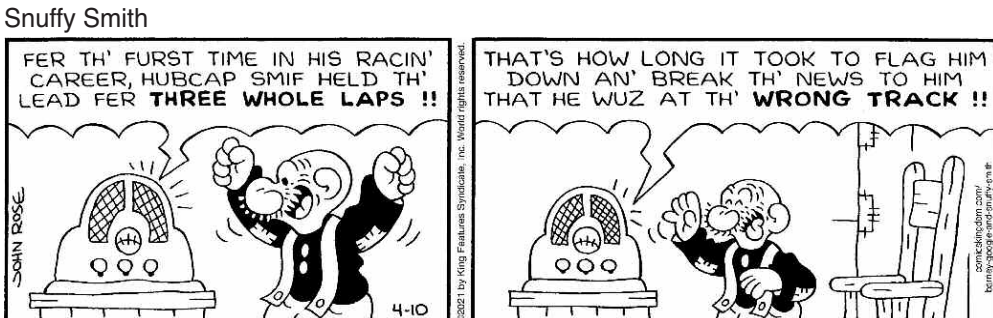
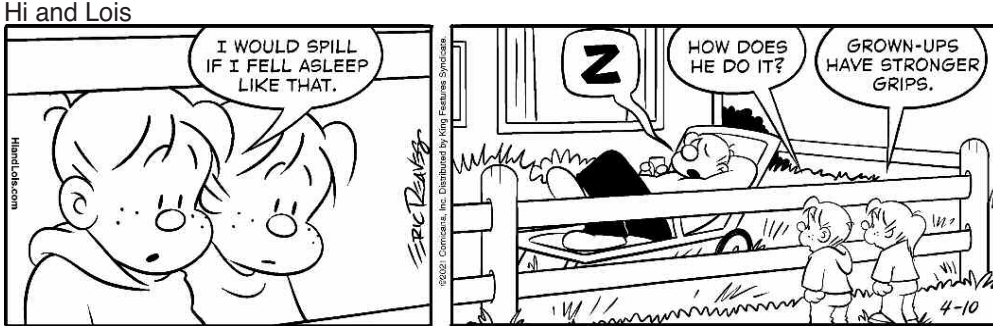
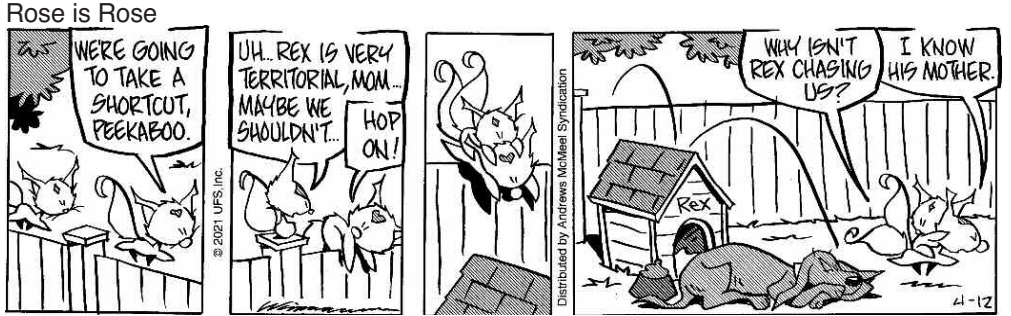
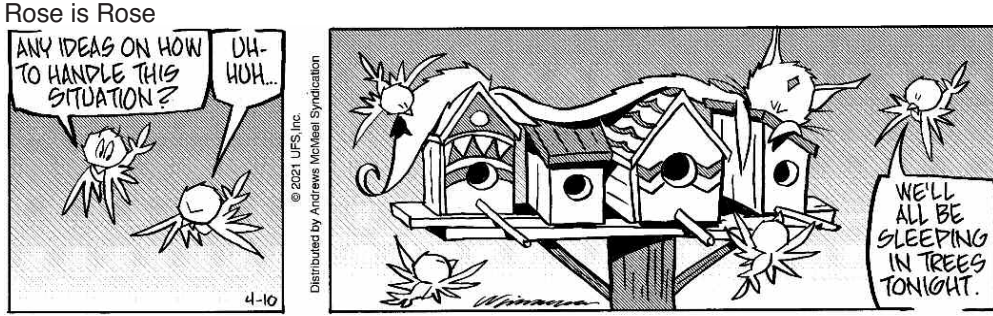
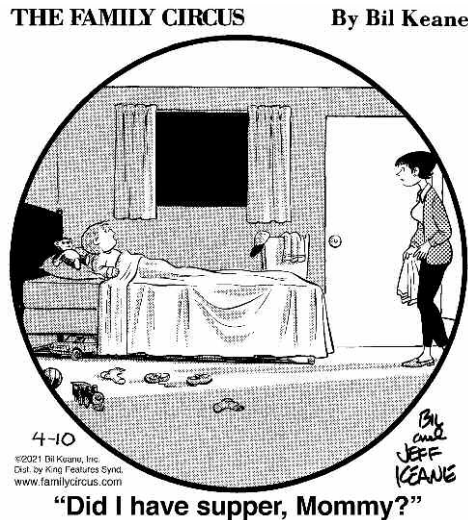
Famous Hand

East dealer. Neither side vulnerable. NORTH ♠5 ♥A Q 8 4 ♦Q J 10 8 6 ♣10 6 3 WEST ♠Q 10 7 ♥9 7 6 5 3 2 ♦3 ♣A 5 4 EAST ♠K J 6 4 2 ♥K J 10 ♦4 ♣Q 9 7 2 SOUTH ♠A 9 8 3 ♥— ♦A K 9 7 5 2 ♣K J 8 The bidding: East South West North Pass 1♦ 1♠ 1♥ 1♠ 2♦ 3♠ 5♦ Pass 5♣ Pass 6♦ Opening lead — five of hearts. On this deal from the 1989 world team championship final, the United States picked up a substantial swing when Chip Martel and Lew Stansby bid a slam that was missed by their Brazilian counterparts at the other table. Martel was North and Stansby South in the auction shown. Stansby's two diamond rebid was a bit conservative, but he made up for it later by carrying on to slam after Martel's leap to five diamonds. Indeed, Stansby's five-spade cuebid was an attempt to reach a grand slam if his partner had the right hand. But Martel understandably decided that he had already done his all, so he signed off at six. West led a heart, and declarer tried dummy's queen. Stansby ruffed East's king, cashed the ace of spades and ruffed a spade. He then led a trump to the king, ruffed another spade, ruffed a heart and ruffed his last spade. A club was discarded on the ace of hearts, and a club was led toward the K-J. Declarer might seem to have a pure guess as to whether to play the king or jack of clubs after East follows low. In actuality, though, Stansby had much more to go on. The play to this point had revealed that East started with five spades to the K-J and the K-J-10 of hearts. If he also held the ace of clubs, he would surely have opened the bidding rather than pass initially. So Stansby played the jack of clubs, and the slam was home. At the other table, the Brazilian North-South pair rested quietly in five diamonds, giving the Americans a 500-point (11-IMP) gain on the deal. Tomorrow: Playing the odds.

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS 1 "How's it goin'?" 4 The Browns, on scoreboards 7 Fireplace fuel 11 Ship's staff 13 Peace (Lat.) 14 Mystique 15 Monster 16 "I — Rock" 17 Detail 18 Lukewarm 20 Ink smudge 22 "Gosh!" 24 Poet Dylan 28 Maybe 32 Slow mover 33 Skip 34 "Feels so good!" 36 Off-white 37 Boxer's dream 39 Bureau 41 Elevator alternative 43 Perched

Crossword grid with numbers 1-43.



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Laughter

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Owen Moorman, right, a Fort Recovery High School senior, hands the baton to classmate Derek Jutte between the first and second legs of the 4x200-meter relay during the Celina Relays on Friday night. Along with Reece Guggenbiller and Gavin Thobe, the Indians were runner-up in 1 minute, 37.81 seconds. Coldwater won in 1:36.17.

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And on Friday, Rammel turned in the top overall throw by more than 4 feet. Leipsic's Sara Cupp was the runner-up with a throw of 36 feet, 0.5 inches.

"It's the way coach Gann coaches them every day," Diller said. "She's been grooming her to do that since day one and it was just a matter of time before it was coming out."

"Coach Gann is phenomenal. That's pretty awesome to be able to say you coached a kid to beat your own record."

In discus, Rammel, who was unable to clear the opening height in high jump, had a distance of 111 feet, 11 inches, to place third. Celina sophomore Amelia Lutz had the top throw of 118 feet, 1.5 inches.

The other best individual finish for the FRHS girls came from freshmen Natalie Brunswick and Mara Pearson. As one leg of the 4x1,600-meter relay — four team members each run 1,600 meters and the combined time is determined the "relay" winner — Brunswick had a time of 5 minutes, 35.33 seconds,

which was second overall. Classmate Ellie Will turned in a time of 5:50.45, which was good for fourth overall out of 24 total runners. Brynn Stammen (ninth) and Jenna Hart (11th) also helped the Indians win the "relay."

Pearson had a distance of 15 feet, 11.5 inches, for the top overall distance in long jump.

Fort Recovery's 4x800 relay team of Kierra Wendel, Megan Diller, Will and Brunswick were second in 10:49.5.

"Our distance girls just had a fun day today," Diller said. The Tribe's distance medley relay team of Brynn Stammen, Alli Vaughn, Anna Wendel and Will took fifth out of nine teams. "We have a bunch of distance girls. This meet is great that we can showcase them and everybody gets a chance to shine."

"It is an abundance of blessings to try to figure out because we have so many, where they're going to go and what they're going to do."

The FRHS boys got their lone victory in the 4x100 relay. Riley Hiser, Ross Pearson, Derek Jutte and

Gavin Thobe combined for a time of 46.9 seconds, edging Parkway by six hundredths of a second. The 4x200 relay team of Owen Moorman, Reece Guggenbiller, Jutte and Thobe were runners-up in 1:37.81, with Coldwater winning in 1:36.17.

Diller said it was nice to get the boys relays some more practice on handoffs given that half of them — seniors Thobe and Jutte — are first-year track athletes.

Thobe and Jutte were back-to-back in fourth and fifth, respectively, in long jump. Thobe had a jump of 19 feet, 10.5 inches — a career-best feat achieved on his first leap — and Jutte had a distance of 19 feet. Combined with Guggenbiller jumping 18 feet, 4 inches, for seventh place, the Tribe trio had the top combined distance.

"I'm not sure where that came from," Diller said, noting Thobe increased his career-best by more than 2 feet. "All of the boys jumped lifetime (personal records). Now, we just teach them how to long jump. If we teach them some technique we'll be in good shape."

Holcomb hopeful for fans in stands

By NATHAN BROWN
The Indianapolis Star
Tribune News Service

A race fan in his own right, Indiana Gov. Eric Holcomb gave the starting command July 4 for IndyCar's GMR Grand Prix to officially restart racing at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic without another fan to be seen.

Once again Friday, the high-pitched whirring of cars on the oval track beckoned him to 16th St. and Georgetown Rd. The next time, he hopes, fans will be back.

"(Being here now) gives me a lot of hope we're going to host fans in the stands," Holcomb said Friday afternoon during a conversation that included IMS president Doug Boles and NBC Sports' motorsports analysts.

Added Boles: "We're going to have fans here. All the protocol and those other pieces, it's going to be a couple of weeks before we know how that's going to go."

It all falls in line with the messaging officials from IMS, the local government and state-level have continued to espouse in recent weeks. Track owner Roger Penske told NASCAR media in March

he has a goal of hosting 250,000 fans, having already sold 170,000 tickets.

Penske wouldn't say that's the expected total or a specific number the track is homing in on.

"I believe we'll have fans at the Indy 500," said Marion County Health Department Director Dr. Virginia Caine in a press conference March 25.

As Boles mentioned on the broadcast, Indiana has experienced a notable uptick in test positivity rate recently, now standing at 4.7% for a seven-day average. The 45-day average is at 3.7%.

The IMS president made a point to clarify, though, that his consistent use of "May 30" as a focus shouldn't be taken as an indication that fans won't be allowed to attend during practice, qualifying or Carb Day in the leadup to the Indy 500.

"The most important thing is to have the Indy 500 race itself with as many people that want to be here," he said. "I still think we'll have people here for practice and qualifying, but the focus is on what this needs to look like when we try to have as many people (on race day) that want to be here in a responsible way."

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Fort Recovery (3-2) struck for its only run in the top of the first inning on an RBI single from Riley Will after Ryne Post reached on a hit by pitch and Cade Wendel walked.

The Indians only managed two hits from that point forward, including a double from Daniel Patch and a single by Kendrick Wendel.

Houston scored twice in the home half of the first inning and added another run in the second. The 'Cats plated three runs in the fourth and scored five times in the sixth for the run-rule victory.

Brock Dues took the loss, allowing five runs — three earned — on four hits in 3 1/3 innings. He struck out five and walked two.

Indiana defeats Orlando

By ROY PARRY
Orlando Sentinel
Tribune News Service

ORLANDO — The Indiana Pacers held off a late surge by the Orlando Magic for a 111-106 loss Friday night.

The Pacers (24-27) got 20 points from Aaron Holiday and 19 points from Doug McDermott. The two were a combined 15-of-27 from the field, with Holiday making six 3-pointers.

Orlando shot better overall than Indiana but was outscored 33-18 from the 3-point line.

Indiana was up 86-82 early in the fourth quarter when it surged to a 99-84 advantage to match its largest lead of the game after two Jeremy Lamb free throws with 7:03 to play.

The Magic quickly sliced eight points off the deficit after three Ennis free throws, a 3 by Bamba and a 14-foot jumper by Ross.

The Magic then trailed 108-98 with 2:27 left when Ross started a 6-0 run with a dunk. His second dunk in the spurt pulled Orlando within 108-104 with 54.1 seconds left.

After T.J. McConnell missed a 3, Ross missed on a 15-footer. The miss led to a free throw by Malcolm Brogdon and a 109-104 lead for the Pacers.

Ennis then made two free throws to make it a one-possession game. The Magic fouled McConnell, a 60% free-throw shooter, after the inbounds pass, and he made both foul shots to seal the win.

Terrence Ross finished with 24 points to lead the Magic, who fell to 0-2 on their current four-game homestand. Mo Bamba and James Ennis each had 14.

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"He fit right into some of the things that I liked. That's why I hired him."

Fife represents a symbolic win for Woodson, alongside a tangible one.

A key figure in Indiana's run to the 2002 national championship game, Fife worked for two years in Bloomington under Mike Davis before taking the head job at what is now Purdue Fort Wayne. Across six seasons, he helped guide the Mastodons into the Summit League, before leaving for a job on Michigan State coach Tom Izzo's staff.

After a decade working under Izzo, Fife will trade East Lansing for Bloomington, a move he has said comes with Izzo's blessing, and one that strengthens Indiana right away. Fife brings an intimate knowledge of the Big Ten, strong Midwest recruiting chops and passion for his alma mater to the job.

"To be able to bring Dane back was huge," Woodson said.

That leaves one countable position left on IU's staff.

Countable coaches are allowed a full range of responsibilities, including on-court instruction, off-campus recruiting and more. Other members of a staff — support personnel like directors

of operations, video coordinators, etc. — can be involved in some such actions, but not all.

An Atlanta native, Rosemond played at Oregon before embarking on a professional career in South America, and then a career in coaching.

He has linked up with familiar names in the past. Rosemond was a member of Bennie Seltzer's first staff at Samford, after Seltzer left Tom Crean's staff in 2012 for the head job in Birmingham.

Most recently, Rosemond was with Avery Johnson at Alabama. His name surfaced in the wide-ranging FBI investigation into illicit recruiting practices, after Rosemond reportedly met with key targets of that investigation, including Christian Dawkins. Per multiple reports, Rosemond did not receive money in that exchange and, according to the Tuscaloosa News, a 2017 internal investigation conducted by Alabama did not implicate him in any wrongdoing.

On the administrative side, Woodson has been working with Thad Matta, IU's associate athletic director for men's basketball administration, since his first day on the job. It remains to be seen where he'll go with other support-staff roles.

Sports on tap

Local schedule

Today
Jay County — Boys golf at Yorktown Invitational — 10 a.m.; Baseball at Mississinewa — 10 a.m.; Tennis at Hagerstown Invitational — 10 a.m.; JV baseball at Mississinewa — noon
Fort Recovery — Softball doubleheader vs. Franklin Monroe — 11 a.m.

Monday
Jay County — Boys golf vs. Richmond — 5 p.m.; Baseball vs. Coldwater — 5 p.m.; Softball vs. Huntington North — 5:30 p.m.; JV baseball at Coldwater — 5 p.m.; Junior high track hosts Southern Wells and Adams Central — 5:30 p.m.
Fort Recovery — Baseball at Lincolnview — 5 p.m.; Softball vs. St. Marys — 5

p.m.; JV baseball vs. Wayne Trace — 5 p.m.; Junior high track at Versailles quad — 4:30 p.m.

TV schedule

Today
8:30 p.m. — NBA Basketball: Los Angeles Dodgers at Brooklyn Nets (ABC)

Sunday
7:08 p.m. — Major League Baseball: Philadelphia Phillies at Atlanta Braves (ESPN)
7:30 p.m. — NBA Basketball: Indiana Pacers vs. Los Angeles Clippers (TNT)

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Tribe tops FLHS

FORT LORAMIE, Ohio — The Indians lost their one-run advantage in the second inning.

They took the lead for good their next time to the plate.

A two-run third inning gave the Fort Recovery High School softball team a lead it never

Local roundup

relinquished the rest of the way in an 8-3 victory Friday over Fort Loramie.

After Fort Loramie tied the score at 1-1 in the bottom of the second inning, Fort Recovery (6-2) got a 2-1 lead in the top of the third inning on a two-out error, and added an insurance run later in the frame. Fort Loramie pulled within one in the home half of the third, but the Indians added to their advantage with a run in each of the fifth and sixth innings.

Three runs in the top of the seventh, though, put the game out of reach.

Jackie Homan led the FRHS offense with three hits, including a solo home run in the first inning. Maddie Guggenbiller had a pair of singles, and Sophie Pearson hit a triple.

Kensy Gaerke, Chloe Grisez, Pearson and Homan each had RBIs.

Pearson got the win pitching. She allowed two earned runs on eight hits with a pair of walks and a strikeout in four innings.

Tribe offense stalls

DAYTON, Ohio — Fort Recovery's baseball team had its offense stall after the first at-bats in an 11-1, six-inning loss to the Houston Wildcats at Day Air Ballpark, home of the Dayton Dragons.

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Rammel record



The Commercial Review/Chris Schanz

Whitley Rammel, a Fort Recovery High School junior, lets fly one of her discus throws during the Celina Relays on Friday. Rammel set a new school record in the shot put with a distance of 40 feet, 1 inch, surpassing throwing coach Holly (Stein) Gann as the program's best shot put thrower. She had the top overall shot put distance Friday night by more than four feet, and was also third in discus.

Fort Recovery High School junior sets new standard at Celina Relays

By CHRIS SCHANZ
The Commercial Review

CELINA, Ohio — Whitley Rammel was a district champion as a freshman.

That same year, she was one spot off reaching the state finals.

Two meets into her junior year, she's checked off one more accomplishment.

She owns the school record.

Rammel surpassed her throw-

ing coach Holly (Stein) Gann by more than a foot, breaking the shot put school record in helping the Fort Recovery High School girls track team place fifth Friday in the Celina Relays.

"She had a great night tonight," said FRHS track coach Christy Diller. "She had a little bit of disappointment in the high jump but then she turned it around."

"She actually threw over (the)

school record two throws. Gosh, she just went beast mode. She looked great; had a really good night at discus too. Good, solid day for her."

Host Celina scored 99 points to win the night, with Coldwater finishing three points behind for second place. Fort Recovery had 58 points for fifth out of seven teams.

On the boys side, Celina totaled 106 for the victory and

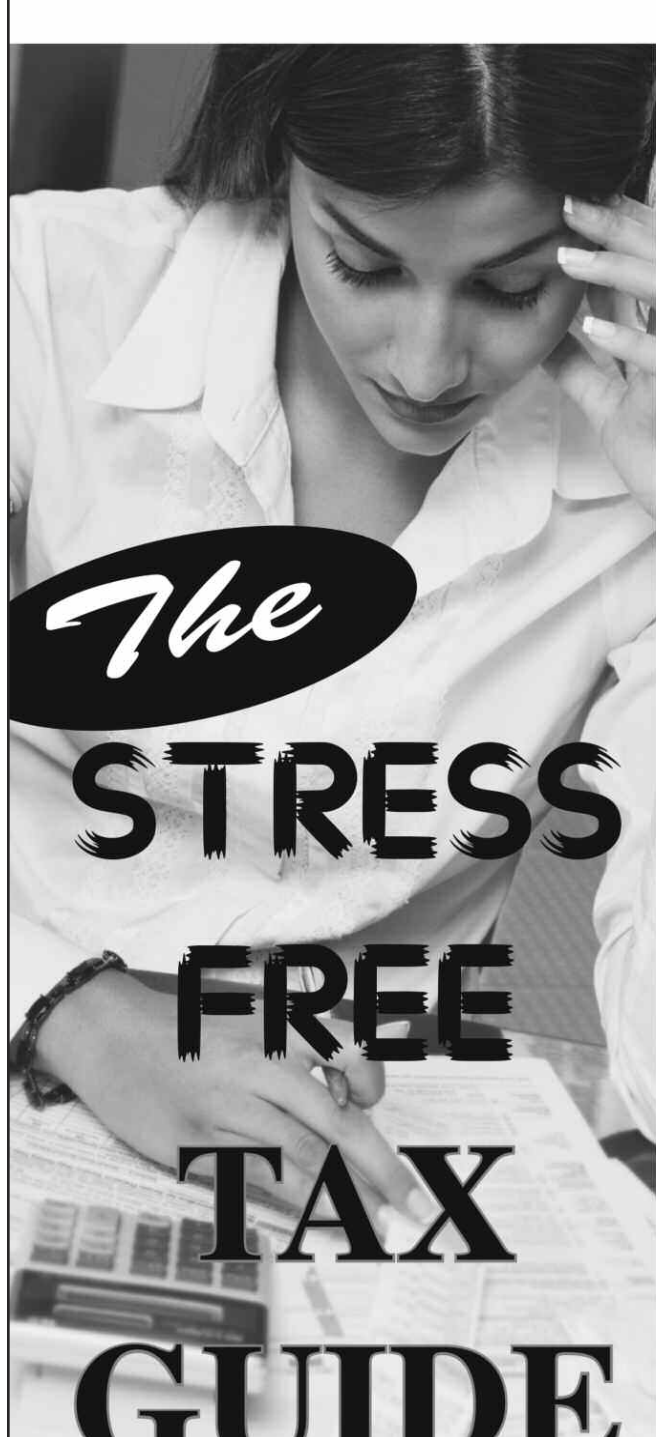
left Coldwater a distant second with 62 points. Fort Recovery earned 36 points for seventh.

Rammel's first throw of the night surpassed that of Gann, who set the school record of 38 feet, 9.25 inches, in the 2006 state championships. On Rammel's final throw, she had a whopping 40 feet, 1 inch, leaving no doubt she was to be the best thrower in program history.

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Coach is confident

Woodson believes he's building a winning team

By ZACH OSTERMAN
The Indianapolis Star
Tribune News Service

BLOOMINGTON — Two weeks into his tenure and two assistants already in place, IU coach Mike Woodson is confident he's building a staff that will help him quickly and successfully turn his alma mater back into a winner.

Speaking with reporters Friday morning, Woodson heaped praise on both Kenya Hunter and Dane Fife, the two confirmed members of his three-man staff thus far. And he made it clear his focus with that staff will be in player development, first and foremost.

"It's not a manager's job," Woodson said of player development. "It's not a (graduate assistant's) job. It's me and my coaches' job to develop. I've always felt that way. I've always done it that way. I like being on the basketball floor and working with players. Somebody did that for me and I turned out just fine as a basketball player."

"That's why I'm assembling a staff I think can teach and work on the floor with players. That's important when you talk about building a basketball team."

There remains one countable position left on

Woodson's staff, with Yasir Rosemond one possible candidate. Per a source, the former Oregon Duck — who has worked at Alabama, Georgia and Oregon, among other places — is among the candidates for the last of those three spots.

Indiana will retain at least one member of the previous staff, with Hunter remaining from Archie Miller's final season in Bloomington.

Already, Hunter's relationships have helped the Hoosiers commit Pitt transfer Xavier Johnson, and Hunter provides comfort and continuity for current players through the transition.

But Woodson said it was a film session with Hunter — the pair breaking down tape from Indiana's 2020-21 season, dissecting the good and the bad — that impressed IU's coach enough to ask Hunter to remain on staff.

IU is in the process of reworking Hunter's contract, which would have seen him paid about \$307,000 this season and was signed through June 30, 2022.

"We did some film sessions together. I had him kind of critique some film we were watching together on our ball club playing last year," Woodson said.
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