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Practice sprouts



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Emily Reynolds opened her pediatric practice, ReSprout Therapy, in January. Her program differs from traditional therapy processes, instead focusing on development in the central nervous system and creating a customized plan for each patient. Reynolds treats children with developmental, learning, behavioral, sensory, coordination and emotional deficits.

Reynolds has opened a neuro-development therapy for children in the John Jay Center

By BAILEY CLINE
The Commercial Review

Emily Reynolds wants to help children grow to their full potential.

That's why she recently opened her specialized practice, ReSprout Therapy, at John Jay Center for Learning.

Reynolds' drug-free therapy for neuro-development differs from traditional practices.

She identifies underdeveloped parts of the central nervous system, which gives insight into

a child's neurological development. Her doors opened in January for children and teens with developmental, learning, behavioral, sensory, coordination and emotional deficits.

"We take the brain back through (those early stages)," she explained. "So it will kind of fill in these gaps and the brain, it just starts to kick in, and these areas start to improve."

She looks at early brain development —

specifically the brain stem — to understand from where an issue may have started. Her practice name, ReSprout Therapy, originated from the nature of her work.

"I figured it's unique, and it kind of lightly describes the level of the brain I'm working at," she explained.

Once parents complete the initial questionnaire and phone consultation, Reynolds begins searching for the root of the problem by

reviewing the child's prenatal and birth history. Potential complications in the past along with deficits and difficulties, she said, can help lead to the cause.

Human brains follow a specific formation sequence before birth. Reynolds identifies where developmental issues may have occurred and starts working the brain forward in a normal progression. Issues can begin as far back as six

to eight weeks after conception, she explained. After identifying the underdeveloped area, she creates customized brain exercises for the patient.

Improvements made are expected to last a lifetime, she said. Reynolds tells parents they should expect to see improvements in balance, coordination and eye movements. She noted that it is not a "cookie cutter" program for each child.

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Walt Rodgers dies at age 100

Dunkirk man served as commissioner, legion post commander

By RAY COONEY
The Commercial Review

Walt Rodgers, farmer, veteran, one-time deputy sheriff, two-term Jay County Commissioner and longtime community leader, died Friday at Miller's Merry Manor in Dunkirk.

He was 100.

Rodgers was heavily involved in his community, being elected Jay County Commissioner for the southern district and serving eight years. He also served as a deputy sheriff from 1963 to 1967, an era when the entire department was composed of the sheriff and two deputies.

He had also served on the Jay County Sheriff's Merit Board for 12 years, on the Dunkirk Glass Days Committee for 10 years and on the Jay County Development Corporation board for eight years. He was inducted into the Jay County FFA Hall of Fame in 1992 and the Cincinnati League Hall of Fame in 2003.

Born May 13, 1920, in Blackford County, Walter R. "Walt" Rodgers was the son of Alonzo G. and Orla Gay (Needler) Rodgers.

He graduated from Matthews High School in Grant County and served in the U.S. Army during World War II. Of his three and a half years in the service, he spent 33 months overseas.

"I was in three years, six months and eight days," said Rodgers in an interview for a story about his 100th birthday last year. (He was less than a month away from his 101st birthday at the time of his death.) "I never had a furlough from the time I got in until I got out."

He married Margaret Vivian (Glascok) Rodgers on Feb. 21, 1948. She preceded him in death on Aug. 11, 2008.

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Retrospect

Chamber honored Diener

Twenty-five years ago this week, Dunkirk paid tribute to one of its longtime civic leaders.

The April 18, 1996, edition of The Commercial Review featured coverage of Dunkirk Area Chamber of Commerce's annual dinner, which included honoring Al Diener.

A crowd of about 100 came to honor Diener, who had recently moved to Westminster Retirement Village in Muncie with his wife, Aurelia.

Diener had a long record of service in Dunkirk and Jay County, including as a member of Jay County Council and board member for Jay

County Development Corporation. He had worked at Hart, Armstrong-Cork and Kerr Glass, eventually becoming its assistant plant manager.

"Warm, considerate, caring, very friendly, fiscally conservative, yet a giving person," said master of ceremonies Robert Wyne, describing Diener.

He noted that Diener was one of the first to jump on board with the idea that Dunkirk and Portland should work together for the overall betterment of Jay County.

He is "just a very, very considerate and wonderful man," said Wyne.

He had humorous stories about his friend as well.

"Al's only landscaping failure came when he tried to coax ivy to grow on the side of his home," Wyne said. "Only after several trips to a skin doctor did he realize that he was cultivating poison ivy."

Jay School Corporation administrator Sam Shoemaker described Diener as someone who "led by example in a forceful way."

Jodell Frazier presented Diener with a letter opener from those who worked with him over the years in the glass factory.

The evening ended with a standing ovation.



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Al Diener, center, was honored April 17, 1996, during a dinner hosted by Dunkirk Area Chamber of Commerce. Pictured with Diener are chamber president Jane Ford and chamber executive director Sam Hubbard.

Deaths

Walt Rodgers, 100, Dunkirk
Gregory Pirrone, 57, New Castle
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Weather

Jay County had a high temperature of 61 degrees Friday. Skies will be partly sunny today with a high of 57. Tonight's low will be 35 with patchy frost expected. Sunday's high will be 59, and the low will be 40. Monday's forecast calls for a high of 65. For an extended outlook, see page 2.

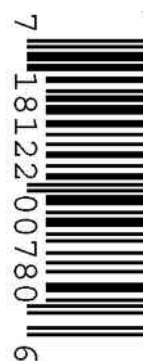
In review

An American Red Cross blood drive is scheduled for 2 to 7 p.m. Tuesday at Bryant Wesleyan Church, 209 S. Hendricks St., Bryant. To schedule an appointment visit redcrossblood.org or call (800) 733-2767.

Coming up

Tuesday — Results from Monday's JCHS girls tennis match against Winchester.

Thursday — Coverage of Wednesday's Portland Board of Aviation meeting.



Rodgers ...

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Together, they purchased 120 acres of farmland northeast of Dunkirk in March 1956 after Rodgers saw an advertisement for the property. They would later add another 60 acres to what would become the Rodgers family farm.
"I was kind of interested in getting my own place then," he said. "The barn was one of the best in the county."
In addition to working on his

farm, he was also employed at Indiana Glass Co. in Dunkirk for 13 years and at MJS Mortuaries in Dunkirk, Redkey and Ridgeville for more than 15 years.
His time in the military led him to join the American Legion. He was an active member for 76 years, serving as commander of the Dunkirk post in 1961 and '62 and from 2002 through 2016.
He was sergeant at arms for 47 years and was in charge of the

color guard and firing squad for parades and military rites.
"I was the one that started this color guard and drill team in Dunkirk," he said in April 2020. "We bought some new uniforms and got to parading all over the county. Wherever there was a parade, we were usually there."
He estimated that he served in the color guard for military rites for between 300 and 400 funerals for U.S. military veterans.
"I just took control," he

laughed. "We're not going to be in a parade unless we were in step."
He was also a member of VFW Post 7081 in Dunkirk.
Rodgers is survived by two sons, Gary (wife: Sharon) and Dennis (wife: Chris); five grandchildren, Jeff Blakely, Randy Blakely, Rich Rodgers, Shellie Rodgers and Derek Rodgers; 10 great-grandchildren; a step-great-grandchild.
He was preceded in death by

his wife, Vivian; brothers Everett and Howard Rodgers; stepson Ronald Blakely; and granddaughter Danielle Rodgers.
Visitation for Rodgers will be from 4 to 8 p.m. Monday at MJS Mortuaries - Redkey Chapel. Funeral services will be 1 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home with Pastor Joe Hines officiating. Burial will follow in Dunkirk IOOF Cemetery with military honors.
His full obituary appears below.

CR almanac

Sunday 4/18	Monday 4/19	Tuesday 4/20	Wednesday 4/21	Thursday 4/22
61/41	66/44	62/31	44/32	55/38
Some sun during the morning only to be followed by a slight chance of rain later.	Mostly cloudy during the day, with winds reaching between 10 and 20 mph.	Cloudy skies with a 60% chance of rain at night transitioning to snow late. One inch snow expected.	Sunshine and clouds throughout the day. Winds may reach between 10 and 20 mph.	Mostly sunny with 15 to 25 mph winds during the day. Clear skies planned at night.

Lotteries

Hoosier Midday Daily Three: 0-1-5 Daily Four: 5-9-2-3 Quick Draw: 1-2-12-15-23-24-28-32-42-43-46-48-55-62-64-69-70-72-74-76	Pick 4: 2-9-8-4 Pick 5: 1-9-0-2-2
Ohio Midday Pick 3: 1-7-9	Powerball Estimated jackpot: \$79 million
	Mega Millions Estimated jackpot: \$240 million

Markets

Cooper Farms Fort Recovery Corn.....5.96 Wheat6.30	Central States Montpelier Corn.....5.87 May corn.....5.88 Beans14.58 Sept. beans12.29 July wheat 6.25
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Today in history

On April 17, 1970, Apollo 13 astronauts James A. Lovell, Fred W. Haise and Jack Swigert splashed down safely in the Pacific, four days after a ruptured oxygen tank crippled their spacecraft while en route to the moon.
In 1922, a contract was signed by Christopher Columbus and a representative of Spain's King Ferdinand and Queen Isabella, giving Columbus a commission to seek a westward ocean passage to Asia.
In 1895, the Treaty of Shimonoseki ended the first Sino-Japanese War.
In 1905, the U.S. Supreme Court, in *Lochner v. New York*, struck down, 5-4, a New York State law limiting the number of hours that bakers could be made to work. (This ruling was effectively overturned in 1937.)
In 1961, some 1,500 CIA-trained Cuban exiles launched the disastrous Bay of Pigs invasion of Cuba in an attempt to topple Fidel Castro, whose forces crushed the incursion by the third day.
In 1969, a jury in Los Angeles convicted Sirhan Sirhan of assassinating Sen. Robert F. Kennedy.
In 1971, the Portland Rockets opened their season with a 5-2 victory over the Hartford City Red Sox with Jerry Abbott scoring the deciding run on a single from Larry Bupp.
In 1972, the Boston Marathon allowed women to compete for the first time; Nina Kuscsik was the first officially recognized women's champion, with a time of 3:10:26.
In 1973, Federal Express (later FedEx) began operations as 14 planes carrying 186 packages took off from Memphis International Airport, bound for 25 U.S. cities.
In 1986, at London's Heathrow Airport, a bomb was discovered in the bag of Anne-Marie Murphy, a pregnant Irishwoman about to board an El Al jetliner to Israel; she'd been tricked into carrying the bomb by her Jordanian fiancé, Nezar Hindawi.
In 1991, the Dow Jones industrial average closed above 3,000 for the first time, ending the day at 3,004.46, up 17.58.
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Citizen's calendar

Monday 4 p.m. — Jay School Board executive session, General Shanks, 414 E. Floral Ave., Portland. 5 p.m. — Jay School Board, General Shanks, 414 E. Floral Ave., Portland. 5:30 p.m. — Portland	City Council, fire station, 1616 N. Franklin St. 6:30 p.m. — Fort Recovery School Board, conference room, high school, 400 E. Butler St. 7:30 p.m. — Fort Recovery Village Council, village hall, 201 S. Main St.
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Obituaries

Walt Rodgers

May 13, 1920-April 16, 2021
Walter R. "Walt" Rodgers, 100, of Dunkirk, Indiana, passed away peacefully Friday, April 16, 2021, at Miller's Merry Manor in Dunkirk, Indiana.

Walt was born in Blackford County, Indiana, on May 13, 1920, a son of the late Alonzo G. and Orla Gay (Needler) Rodgers. He was the loving husband of Margaret Vivian (Glascock) Rodgers who he happily married on Feb. 21, 1948, and sadly lost on Aug. 11, 2008.



Rodgers

Walt was a graduate of Matthew's High School of Jefferson Township in Grant County, Indiana, and a lifelong farmer, and proudly served his country in World War II as a member of the United States Army.

He continued his service to country and community as a member of the township ASCS committee in the 1950s and '60s, as Jay County deputy sheriff from 1963 to 1967, a member of Jay County Sheriff's Merit Board for 12 years, a Jay County Commissioner for eight years and a Jay County Development Corporation board member for eight years. He was a 10-year member of Dunkirk Glass Days Committee and was an active member of the American Legion for 76 years, serving as sergeant at arms for 47 years, in charge of the color guard and firing squad in all parades and military rites, conducting over 350 military honor guard services for his fellow veterans, and was commander of the Dunkirk post in 1961, 1962 and from 2002 to 2016.

Walt was also a life member of Indiana Farm Bureau, Indiana Farmers Union, Indiana Sheriff's Association, VFW Post 7081 in Dunkirk and Voiture #988 Jay - Blackford 40-8. He was inducted into Jay County FFA Ag Hall of Fame in 1992 and Jay County Cincinnatus League Hall of Fame in 2003.
His dedication and strong work

ethic reflected throughout his life as he was employed by Indiana Glass in Dunkirk for 13 years, and MJS Mortuaries Dunkirk, Redkey and Ridgeville chapels for over 15 years. But among the many years of service his heart was always on the farm and with his family, working side by side with his two sons, Gary and Dennis; and two grandsons, Richie and Derek.

Walt is survived by his two sons, Gary Rodgers (wife: Sharon) and Dennis Rodgers (wife: Chris); five grandchildren, Jeff Blakely, Randy Blakely, Rich Rodgers, Shellie Rodgers and Derek Rodgers; 10 great-grandchildren, Jordan Blakely, Justin Blakely, Dustin Rodgers, Garrett Rodgers, Eric Smitley, Isabel Rodgers, Alaina Rodgers, Draydon Rodgers, Sloane Rodgers and Vivian Rodgers; one step-great-grandchild, Brittany Muhlenkamp.

He is preceded in death by his parents; wife Vivian; and two brothers, Everett and Howard Rodgers; stepson, Ronald Blakely; and granddaughter, Danielle Rodgers.

Friends are invited to call Monday, April 19, 2021, from 4 to 8 p.m. at MJS Mortuaries - Redkey Chapel. Funeral services will be held on Tuesday, April 20, 2021, at 1 p.m. at MJS Mortuaries - Redkey Chapel with Pastor Joe Hines officiating. Burial will follow in Dunkirk IOOF Cemetery, Dunkirk, Indiana, with military honors presented by the United States Army, Dunkirk, Ridgeville and Randolph County veterans, VFW and American Legion posts.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Calvary United Methodist Church in Dunkirk, Indiana, or The American Heart Association.

Please be assured that for your health and safety, all Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, government and local health department recommendations and guidelines are followed (county metrics maximum with social distancing, masks are still to be worn while in attendance, hand sanitizer will be available, extra cleaning and disinfecting measures have been taken). Arrangements have been entrusted

to MJS Mortuaries - Redkey Chapel.

Gregory Pirrone

Sept. 3, 1963-April 11, 2021
Gregory W. Pirrone, 57, of New Castle passed away on Sunday, April 11, 2021, at his home.

He was born in Muncie, Indiana, on Sept. 3, 1963, and was the son of Emanuel and Linda (Curtis) Hicks who preceded him in death.

Greg is a graduate of Muncie Southside High School (1983). He was a talented painter who worked for several years at Walt Disney World. Most recently, he worked for more than 15 years at Brook's Painting in Muncie.



Pirrone

Greg loved to fish. One of his favorite places to be was on a boat in the middle of a lake. He enjoyed watching television and attending flea markets in Strawtown and Muncie. He will be fondly remembered for his sense of humor and the nicknames (and playful harassment) that his friends and family happily endured.

Greg is survived by one sister, Doris McMahan of Portland; two sons, Tyler Hicks of Georgia and Zach Pirrone of Florida; one stepdaughter, Joy Pirrone of Florida; four grandchildren; two nieces and two nephews. Greg's loving companion of 17 years, Thelma Day of New Castle, also survives and will miss him dearly.

A celebration of Greg's life will be held at a later date.

Arrangements entrusted to Keller Mortuary Services.

Condolences may be offered online at KellerMortuary.com.

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The Commercial Review publishes death notices for those with a connection to our coverage area free of charge. They include the name, city of residence, birth/death date and time/date/location of services. There is a charge for obituaries, which are accepted only from funeral homes or mortuary services.

Sprout ...

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"It's a slow program, and not everybody has that amazing response right away," she admitted. Depending on the child and situation, they may see more improvements.

Reynolds, an occupational therapist for Jay School Corporation, has a master's degree in occupational therapy and a certification from The Dyslexia Institute of Indiana Inc. In 2020, she completed a one-year post graduate program with The Institute for Neuro-Physiological Psychology (INPP) of the United Kingdom.

Regular check-ins are about every eight weeks.

In between appointments, it's up to the parents to make sure their child is doing the daily exercises, she said,

although she stays in contact with parents, as needed.

Reynolds emphasized the support her family gave as she navigated schooling and starting her business. Her sister, Jenna Smith, helped to launch her website at resprouttherapy.com.

"Just hearing her talk, there's a lot of kids that it can completely change their lives," Smith said, adding that Reynolds' practice can help children on special medication. "That — as a parent — that can be a game changer right there."

Reynolds is currently accepting new patients. Those interested can call (812) 480-0654 or email emily@resprouttherapy.com for more information. There is also a screening questionnaire link on her website under the "Get Started" tab.

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Today

Kahlig, Donald: 10 a.m., St. Paul Catholic Church, 517 Meiring Road, Fort Recovery.
Gonzalez, Jill: 2 p.m., Baird-Freeman Funeral Home, 221 N. Meridian St., Portland.

Monday

Rodgers, Walt: 1 p.m., MJS Mortuaries, 109 S. Meridian St., Redkey.

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We need to work to find solutions

Here we are again.

And this time, close to home.

Late Thursday night, a gunman opened fire at a FedEx facility on the west side of Indianapolis. He killed eight people before turning the gun on himself.

As of this writing, not many other details are known.

The Associated Press story in Friday's newspaper noted that there has been a string of mass shootings recently. It includes eight killed at Atlanta area massage businesses and 10 killed at a grocery store in Boulder, Colorado.

Editorial

In Indianapolis alone, five were killed in an incident in January and four in another in March.

Thursday's shooting hit closer to home for some of us at The Commercial Review. A former colleague's mom works at the FedEx facility in Indianapolis.

(Fortunately, a tweet early Friday morning indicated that she was not injured in the shooting.)

While there seemed to be a lull in mass shootings for while during the ongoing coronavirus pandemic, the scourge has now returned.

As we typically see following incidents like this, Democrats have called for more stringent gun-control laws. Republicans, as always, have pushed back against restrictions on firearms. All offer their thoughts and prayers, which are nice enough, but are small consolation when a relative or friend has fallen vic-

tim to violence we see over and over again with little action taken to attempt to end the trend.

So, what can be done?

Background checks for all gun purchases?

Increased funding for mental health services?

Better gun safety training?

Improved security measures?

Expanded flag laws?

A greater focus on law enforcement-community relations?

All are worth talking about. And that's the point.

Too often this conversation immediately devolves into a guns vs. no guns standoff that

eliminates any type of productive discussion. It's paralyzing.

We need to be having open conversation about all potential solutions. If not gun control, what? If not increased funding for mental health, what? If not improved security, what?

Let's stop talking about what we shouldn't do and start talking about what we should do. Because we have to do something.

When people are dying in supermarkets, movie theaters, schools, churches and businesses, the only wrong answer is to do nothing. — R.C.

Panel ought to listen to Breyer

By MICHAEL MCGOUGH

Los Angeles Times
Tribune News Service

President Joe Biden has turned to a familiar Washington institution — the blue-ribbon commission — to try to defuse a political problem. Progressive activists have been pressing the president to support an enlargement of the Supreme Court — “court-packing” in Washington parlance.

Such a position would be a reversal for Biden, who in 2019 said: “I’m not prepared to go on and try to pack the court, because we’ll live to rue that day.”

The 36-member commission announced on Friday will look at “the merits and legality of particular reform proposals.” That would include not only court-packing but also a proposal that justices serve lengthy fixed terms — an idea endorsed by the Los Angeles Times Editorial Board.

But to some progressives, court-packing is the only way to ensure that a majority of Republican-appointed justices won't thwart the agenda of Biden and a Democratic Congress.

There's also an element of revenge in the call for a larger court: Democrats are still fuming, understandably, about Sen. Mitch McConnell's refusal in 2016 to let the Senate consider President Barack Obama's nomination of Merrick Garland (now the U.S. attorney general) to replace Justice Antonin Scalia, who had died unexpectedly.

McConnell argued that when a vacancy occurs in an election year, the American people “should have a voice in the selection of their next Supreme Court justice.” McConnell blithely violated that invented principle in 2020 when the Republican-controlled Senate rushed to confirm President Donald Trump's election-year nomination of Judge Amy Coney Barrett.

Yet court-packing could set off a chain reaction of court enlargement every time the Senate and the White House changed hands. As Biden put it in 2019: “We had three justices. Next time around, we lose control, they add three justices. We begin to lose any credibility the court has at all.”

That's not the only argument against court-packing.

In a speech last Tuesday at Harvard Law School, Justice Stephen Breyer — the court's senior Democratic appointee — suggested that advocates of court-packing and other

Michael McGough



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structural changes in the court should “think long and hard before they embody those changes in law.”

Breyer said that the court's authority relies on “a trust that the court is guided by legal principle, not politics.” He then warned: “Structural alteration motivated by the perception of political influence can only feed that latter perception, further eroding that trust.”

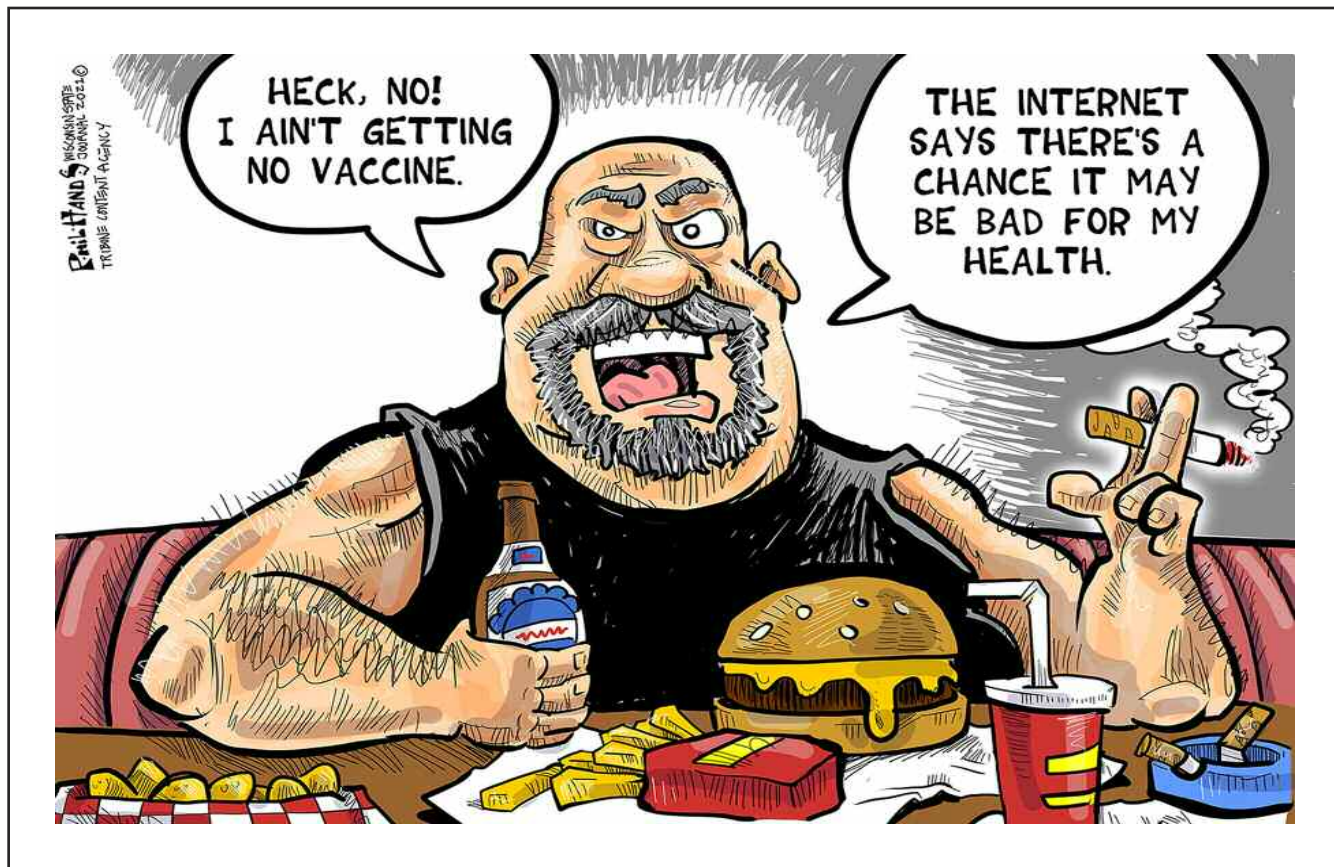
Breyer's comments were a variation of a now famous statement by Chief Justice John G. Roberts Jr.: “We do not have Obama judges or Trump judges, Bush judges or Clinton judges.”

Roberts' description of a federal judiciary free of politics was too simple (as I wrote here). But the notion that the Supreme Court is a partisan body is also a distortion.

The Supreme Court — including three Trump appointees — didn't come to Trump's rescue when he and his allies contested the result of the election, a fact alluded to by Breyer. Less well-known is the fact that Democratic-appointed justices have ruled against Democratic presidents in significant cases.

Members of Biden's commission will hear from people who want to expand the court. They also should listen to Breyer.

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Measure not cost, but value

By MICHAEL J. HICKS

The chances are that folks learn most of what they know about economics in their late teens or 20s, in a high school or college class.

It is also often the case that the person teaching that class learned most of their economics 30 or 40 years before that. So, it may easily come to pass that an adult nearing age 60 is attached to economic ideas that are really 75 years old.

I am not the first to observe this. John Maynard Keynes noted that “practical men, who believe themselves to be quite exempt from any intellectual influences, are usually slaves of some defunct economist.”

Of course, there are abundant lessons to be had in the economic ideas of old. Someone today could get on quite well in most professions knowing nothing more than economists knew about the world in 1946. Indeed, Keynes died in April of that year, and his influence lingers still today. But, as a profession, economists have come to learn more about the world in the past 75 years than in the 75 centuries before it. Some of those things have usefulness today.

Forty years ago, when I was a budding undergraduate economist, the policy world was eagerly tackling high tax rates. An advisor to Ronald Reagan, Art Laffer, received a great deal of attention explaining the benefits of reducing the 70% tax rate on high-income earners.

What became known as the Laffer curve, asserted that government revenues could increase following a tax cut. In some cases, that is surely true. So, Mr. Reagan signed legislation that cut taxes on the very rich from 70% to 50% to 37%. However, that tax cut didn't pay for itself, even in the 1980s.

At the same time, an important economic growth model developed in the 1950s enjoyed widespread acclaim. It predicted that poor nations would grow faster than rich nations. The reason for this is that places where capital investment is scarce would offer higher rates of return to businesses who invested there. So, poor places would naturally attract more capital and grow faster, while rich places would slow. The two would converge over time.

All this means that if you were an undergraduate student in the late 1970s or '80s, you were taught that low

tax rates and capital investment were the key to growth and prosperity. While the Laffer curve was never mainstream economics, it was common in policy circles. The capital-led growth model received a Nobel Prize in 1987.

Fast forward 40 to 45 years, and those once fresh-faced college kids are now governors, serve in legislatures and run local economic development policies all over the country. But, the lessons absorbed in the late 1970s and '80s seems not to have been updated. That's too bad, because economists made important new discoveries on both taxes and capital investment.

The Laffer curve died a pretty quick death. The failure of the Reagan tax cuts to pay for themselves killed it. But, a variant held on to public imagination — the notion that while tax cuts might not pay for themselves among existing businesses, they might cause families and businesses to relocate to a city. That would cause tax revenues to rise.

That idea, too, was quickly debunked in dozens of studies from economists of all stripes. But, one really interesting fact surrounding the question emerged. It turns out, people and businesses didn't move to the low-tax cities and states. They were actually flocking to high-tax cities and states. Over the past three decades, that trend has accelerated. Today, almost all population and employment growth occurs in places with higher taxes.

By the 1980s, the predictions of poor countries growing faster than rich counties failed to materialize. This attracted a great deal of research, which settled on an answer that today is obvious. It's not capital that causes economic growth, but human capital. Workers and their education, skills, drive and capacity to adapt are the causal factors in economic growth.

This finding changed development

policy in the third world, and helped fuel more poverty reduction in the past 30 years than the 30 centuries that preceded it. It also explains why people, and especially businesses, might move to high-tax places.

Generally, places with higher taxes spend more on education, which has a positive, albeit loose, effect on school performance. Better schools mean more kids finishing high school and heading to college or strong post-secondary training. Higher taxes often mean better healthcare services, so more productive workers. Often it means communities with more livable neighborhoods, less crime, better sidewalks and well-maintained parks. So, for businesses and households, the anguish of higher taxes is moderated by the better public services that accompany it.

The lesson in all this is that policymakers who 40 years ago were told that capital and low taxes drove prosperity, might wish to revisit what they know about the matter. Modern economic research reveals a far more complete picture. To summarize it, families search for value, not cost, in the places they choose to live. They do this when they buy a car, a TV or their dinner; it stands to reason they do so in the place they live.

Businesses are even more attentive to value, moving businesses to where they are most productive, rather than where they are cheapest. But, we don't need economic research to reveal this. If families and businesses ignored value for “cheap,” then Indiana and Mississippi would be economic powerhouses, and Massachusetts and Washington would be vast economic wastelands.

The obsessive focus on lower tax rates infantilizes the decisions of families and businesses. Unless your vision is to make your city or state the “discount store” of communities, it is time to focus on value, not cost. If not, you risk being the intellectual devotee of some long-discredited economist, or worse, steering your community away from prosperity.

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Ribbon cutting

Jay County Chamber of Commerce hosted a ribbon-cutting ceremony Tuesday for the new Reclaiming Design showroom at 415 W. Water St., Portland. The business, owned by LeeAnn Miller, focuses on design consulting and offers products including cabinets, countertops, tile, lighting, furniture and décor.

Meeker ranks 21st on Midas List

A Portland native is considered the top female tech investor.

Mary Meeker was 21st overall and the top-ranked woman on the 2021 Midas List that was released this week.

The Midas List, which has been published for 20 years, ranks the world's top 100 tech investors. It is produced by Forbes magazine in partnership with TruBridge Capital Partners.

Meeker, a Portland native and Jay County High School graduate, is a general partner at BOND Capital. The Midas List included Instacart as her "notable deal" of the year. She was ranked eighth on the 2020 list.

BOND recently raised its second fund, bringing in \$2 billion in capital commitments. A Forbes piece noted the firm's high-profile investments in Indiana education technology company Byjus and Australian design platform Canva.

While working at Kleiner Perkins, Meeker was involved in investments in Airbnb, DocuSign, LegalZoom, Peloton, Pinterest and Spotify.

Cutting scheduled

Jay County Chamber of Commerce will host a ribbon-cutting

Business roundup

ceremony at noon Friday for Deer Park Boutique.

The boutique opened its new location at 204 N. Meridian St. in November and a ceremony was not held because of the coronavirus pandemic. The chamber will hold the ribbon-cutting next week in celebration of both the new location and the third anniversary of the opening of the business.

Swiss Village hires

Swiss Village has promoted Danielle Bryan to become its new assistant food service director.

Bryan is currently the Swiss Village healthcare activities assistant and will shift to her new position May 3. She has a bachelor's degree in business management from International Business College and previously worked as a kitchen supervisor and event coordinator for Nine Mile Restaurant in Fort Wayne.

"I am excited to have Danielle be part of our food service staff," said Patty Habegger, Swiss Village director of food service. "She has a great deal of experience which will be invaluable in meeting the department goals and objectives. I am confident that Danielle will be a strong asset to our team."

Purdue selected

Purdue University announced this week that it has been chosen by Big Idea Ventures to be involved with a new fund designed to commercialize university intellectual property.

Big Idea's new Generation Food Rural Partners is a \$125 million target fund. According to a press release, the money will be used to help commercialize food technology, protein innovation and agricultural technology developed at universities.

"We are proud to join a select group of universities for this new opportunity focused on commercialization, higher education and rural economies," said Purdue Research Foundation vice president and chief entrepreneurial officer Wade Lange in the release. "Purdue has a strong network of innovators focused on technologies to

provide food and agricultural solutions."

I&M donates

Indiana Michigan Power, via The American Electric Power Foundation, recently donated \$104,000 to Second Harvest Food Bank to allow the organization to purchase two refrigerated semi trailers.

The trailers will allow the food bank to transport more food donations from businesses and organizations to those in need, including through its food tailgate events. Each trailer can haul about 30,000 pounds of food.

"We want to thank the AEP Foundation and I&M for this generous donation as we help our community members deeply impacted by this last year," said Second Harvest president and CEO Tim Kean in a press release. "The funds help Second Harvest remain committed to ensuring healthy food is available to anyone who needs support. This grant is instrumental in enabling Second Harvest to provide increased food and resources to tens of thousands of neighbors in need."

Ivy selects

Ivy Tech Community College

has named Lorenzo Esters as the next chancellor of its Indianapolis campus.

Esters' duties will include leadership of the college's largest service area, including Marion, Hendricks and Boone counties. He will take over for the retiring Kathleen Lee on July 1.

"We are excited to welcome Dr. Esters to Ivy Tech," said Ivy Tech president Sue Ellspermann in a press release. "His broad and rich experience along with his recognized leadership in higher education makes him ideal to serve our largest and most diverse campus. We have the opportunity to reach well over one million Hoosiers in the greater Indianapolis service area."

Financing complete

Invenergy Japan, a subsidiary of Invenergy, announced last week that it has completed financing for its largest Japan-based solar project.

The company, which is planning a solar project in Jay County, completed financing for the 53-megawatt Yuzukami Solar project. It is currently under construction and is scheduled to be in operation in 2023.

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Business ...

Continued from page 5 "Invenergy is pleased to have completed financing for the Yuzukami Solar project, a significant milestone for us as a global leader in clean energy development and project finance," said Invenergy vice president of finance and capital markets Brian Bortman. "This transaction not only demonstrates the strength of our financing capabilities, but also reflects Invenergy and Shinsei Bank's shared

commitment to building a sustainable future." **Network created** Dollar Tree announced Thursday that it has created retail media network Chesapeake Media Group. The platform is designed for brands to engage with their customers in a "personalized and ultra-targeted digital experience like never before." It offers brands the ability to connect with shoppers in real time.

"Brands will be able to directly reach millions of families across America through a variety of digital options made possible through our newly-formed retail media network, Chesapeake Media Group, powered by Swiftly and Aki," said Dollar Tree enterprise chief merchandising officer Richard McNeely in a press release. "We are excited to provide our CPG Brand partners with an efficient, one-stop-shop to instantly

engage with their customers through an innovative, tailored approach." **Advance invites** Advance Auto Parts will host a presentation about its updated strategic business plan at 10 a.m. April 20. The event will include Advance president and CEO Tom Greco, executive vice president and chief financial officer Jeff Shepherd and others discussing the company's

programs on its transformation initiatives and strategic objectives. Those interested in participating in the virtual event can register at ir.advanceautoparts.com. **DG to hire** Dollar General has announced that it is planning to hire as many as 20,000 new employees this spring. The company plans to

hold in-person and virtual hiring events beginning Monday to help fill positions in stores, distribution, transportation and operations. A list of events is available at dolargeneral.com/careers. **Comcast introduces** Comcast has launched a new 5G unlimited data option through its Xfinity Mobile service. The new data option is available to new and existing customers.

Deeds

Charlene S. and Garry S. Duncan to themselves, death deed — Part of Section 26, Wayne Township Joseph Rushing to himself and Debbie Wilhelm, quit claim deed — Part of Section 29, Wayne Township John D. Littler to Leeward Renewable Energy Development LLC, easement — Section 4, Richland Township, about 69.684 acres Barbara A. Fullenkamp to Leeward Renewable Energy Development LLC, easement — Parts of Sections 5, 15 and 23, Jackson Township, about 159.583 acres; Tract 5, Section 4, Richland Township, about 63.564 acres; Tract 6, Sections 3 and 4, Jefferson Township TLS by Design LLC to Bridge Street Properties LLC, quit claim deed — Tracts A, B, C, D and E, Part of Section 20, Wayne Township, about 5.35 acres Andrea Lavrey to Jeric Coons, warranty deed — Part of Section 28, Richland Township, 0.50 acres Homan Properties LLC to Kent K. and Kim K. Homan, warranty deed — Part of Section 6, Jefferson Township, about 67.17 acres Barbara E. Mink and Clinton E. Mink (deceased) to Bradford L. Gage and Lisa K. Gage, warranty deed — Lots 10, 11 and 12, Evans First Addition Millie A. Ellis to herself, death

deed — Lot 14, Hanlin John Fourth Addition, Pennington Ava J. Ransom Gannon to herself, death deed — Lot 8, Fleming Third Addition Homan Properties LLC to 5K Family Farms LLC, warranty deed — Part of Section 24, Knox Township Lawrence Sizemore and Sondra S. Sizemore (deceased) to Lawrence Sizemore, death deed — Lot 107, Cadwallader and Edger Addition Steve Schwieterman to Andrea Lavrey, warranty deed — Part of Lots 46, 47 and 48, Mount Auburn Addition, Dunkirk Sara J. Farris Franks and Robert H. Franks (deceased) to Hartzell Farms Inc., warranty deed — Part of Section 8, Noble Township, 63.64 acres Wayne V. Kummer Revocable Trust and L. Fern Kummer Revocable Trust to James D. and Joella Rinker, warranty deed — Parts of Section 34, Knox Township, 53.59 acres Barbara L. Bailey Revocable Trust to Lauren E. Durham, trustee deed — Parts of Lots 9 and 10, South Portland Addition Lavetha M. and Ramon N. Loucks to themselves, death deed — Section 30, Wayne Township, 50.42 acres Byrle E. Stigleman Jr. and Sarah E. Stigleman to Anthony and Lori D. Litton, quit claim deed — Lot 41, Spahr and Andrews Addition

Margaret J. Schemenaur to Charles A. and Pamela K. Schemenaur, warranty deed — Parts of Section 29, Noble Township, about 83 acres Double D Ag Enterprises Inc. to D.B. Bros LLC, warranty deed — Part of Section 20, Greene Township, 2.72 acres Betty L. Missicano and Joseph Missicano Jr. (deceased) to Juan R. Marentes, warranty deed — Lots 12 and 13, McLaughlin Addition Carol E. and James B. Hedges to Shawn M. Homan, warranty deed — Lot 1, Mangold First Addition, Portland Landry Inman to Gabrielle C. and Tyler J. Geesaman, warranty deed — Part of Section 31, Wayne Township, 1.036 acres Ryan H. Langenkamp to James and Rita A. Reynolds, warranty deed — Part of Section 29, Madison Township, 3.44 acres Alan P. and Victoria S. Dirksen to Leeward Renewable Energy Development LLC, easement — Part of Section 33, Knox Township, 67.40 acres Norma S. Mirsky Family Trust to Meridian Health Services Corp, easement — Section 8, Richland Township, Dunkirk Sandra Webb to Tomas Marentes Chavarria, quit claim deed — Lot 1, Wilson Addition Michael Wilson (deceased) to Krystina and Dirk Wilson, deed affidavit — Part of Lot 1, Fudge Subdivision, Dunkirk

Dirk Wilson to Krystina Wilson, quit claim deed — Part of Lot 1, Fudge Subdivision, Dunkirk Trey V.W. Clevenger to Brian L. and Angela D. Clevenger, warranty deed — Part of Section 32, Madison Township, 8.31 acres Eric M. and Cassandra H. Byrum to Joshua M. and Jocelyn Loyd, warranty deed — Part of Section 16, Madison Township, 2.926 acres John E. Hanlin (deceased) to Brandi L. and Luke E. Liechty, personal representative deed — Part of Section 15, Penn Township, 51.73 acres Lori B. Schmuck to Brenda and Randy Duerr, quit claim deed — Lots 16 and 17, Block 43, original plat of Dunkirk Clemons Property LLC to Helen M. Basinger, warranty deed — Lot 5, Block 43, original plat of Dunkirk Andrea and David A. Shepherd to Arnold E. Clevenger Jr. and Leisha A. Clevenger, warranty deed — Part of Section 13, Greene Township, 2 acres Alvin C. Christner Jr. and Clara L. Christner to Pete S. Eicher Jr., warranty deed — Part of Section 2, Bearcreek Township, 24 acres Jane L. Pegg to Norman D. Mccowan, quit claim deed — Part of Lots 16, 17 and 18, Hall Addition; Tracts B and C, Part of Section 23, Richland Township

Sandra Whitehead and Gene Whitehead Jr. (deceased) to Sandra Whitehead, deed affidavit — Lot 21, Woodlawn Heights Addition Jeffery A. Knittle Joint Trust and Clara M. Knittle Joint Trust to David T. and Sheila J. Schnitz, trustee deed — Part of Section 23, Bearcreek Township, 2.88 acres Michael Tait to Wilma Ordinario, quit claim deed — Lots 12 and 13, Spahr First Addition Dru Hall's Properties LLC to Rock A. Fuqua, quit claim deed — Part of Lots 5 and 6, Block 1, original plat of Dunkirk Steve Schwieterman to Christopher E. Jackson, warranty deed — Lot 18, Thomas Addition, Dunkirk RLM Enterprises LLC to Rudy A. Nett, quit claim deed — Lot 13, Currents South Side Addition, Redkey Lisa L. Street to Benjamin J. and Megan S. Coppock, warranty deed — Lots 4, 5, 12 and 13, Parkview Second Addition Brandon M. and Alexis M. McDavid to Marvin E. Troyer, warranty deed — Lot 16, Southtown Addition, Portland Kenneth J. Letourneau to Donald J. Cassel Jr., quit claim deed — Lot 2, Fudge Subdivision, Dunkirk Homan Farms LLC to Hermann Family Farms LLC, warranty deed — Part of Section 19, Jackson Township, 2 acres

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Jay Superior Court

Judge Gail Dues Fined and sentenced Shay A. Edwards, 32, 6544 W. Maxville Road, Farmland, pleaded guilty to criminal trespassing, a Class A misdemeanor — He was sentenced to 180 days in Jay County Jail and given 180 days credit for 90 days served. Edwards was assessed court costs of \$185. Anthony M. Fisher, 26, 25 E. Sheridan St., Redkey, pleaded guilty to resisting law enforcement, a Class A misdemeanor — He was sentenced to 180 days in Jay County Jail and given eight days credit for four days served. Fisher was assessed court costs of \$185. As part of his plea agreement, two Level 6 felony charges for unlawful possession of a syringe and possession of methamphetamine and a Class B misdemeanor charge for possession of marijuana were dismissed. John M. Vest, 50, 1932 E. Cardinal Drive, Albany, pleaded guilty to operating a vehicle with a blood alcohol level of 0.15 or more, a Class A misdemeanor — He was sentenced to one year in Jay County Jail with all but 10 days suspended and given credit for two days served. He was placed on probation for 355 days, assessed court costs of \$185.50 and ordered to pay a \$350 substance abuse program fee and a \$200 alcohol and drug countermeasures fee. The court recommended Indiana Bureau of Motor Vehicles suspend Vest's license for 180 days. As part of his plea agreement, a Class C misdemeanor charge of operating a vehicle while intoxicated was dismissed. Jennifer Ostovich (formerly known as Jennifer R. Gomas), 35, 916 S. Bennett St., Bluffton, pleaded guilty to false informing, a Class B misdemeanor — She was sentenced to 120 days in Jay County Jail and given 112 days credit for 56 days served. She was assessed court costs of \$185. As part of her plea agreement, a Level 6 felony charge for unlawful possession of a syringe was dismissed. Courtney L. Willoughby, 27, 358 W. Pleasant St., Dunkirk, pleaded guilty to driving with a suspended license, a Class A misdemeanor — She was sentenced to 365 days in Jay County Jail with all but two days suspended and given two days credit for one day served. She was placed on probation for 363 days and assessed court costs of \$185.50. Dustin L. Lowe, 38, 428 W. Main St., Redkey, pleaded guilty to disorderly conduct, a Class B misdemeanor — He was sentenced to 180 days in Jay County Jail with all but 52 days suspended and given 52 days credit for 26 days served. Lowe was placed on

probation for 176 days. As part of his plea agreement, a Class B misdemeanor charge of public intoxication was dismissed. Zachary D. Somers, 29, 2361 W. 850 North, Ridgeville, pleaded guilty to criminal mischief, a Class B misdemeanor — He was sentenced to 180 days in Jay County Jail with all but two days suspended and given two days credit for one day served. Somers was placed on probation for 178 days and assessed court costs of \$185. Bonnie E. Carder, 43, 2900 N. Apperson Way, Kokomo, pleaded guilty to two counts of failing to ensure a child attends school, both Class B misdemeanors — She was sentenced to 360 days in Jay County Jail with all but 18 days suspended and given 18 days credit for nine days served. She was placed on probation for one year and assessed court costs of \$185. As part of her plea agreement, two Level 6 felony charges for neglect of a dependent were dismissed. Miguel J. Tomas, 21, 922 W. North St., Portland, pleaded guilty to criminal trespassing, a Class A misdemeanor — He was sentenced to 168 days in Jay County Jail, given 168 days credit for 84 days served and assessed court costs of \$185. Tomas' charge was lowered from a Level 6 felony. Tanya D. Storie, 47, 910 North 800 East, Portland, pleaded guilty to operating a vehicle with a blood alcohol level of 0.15 or more, a Class A misdemeanor — She was sentenced to one year in Jay County Jail with all but two days suspended and given two days credit for one day served. She was placed on probation for 363 days, fined \$1, assessed court costs of \$185.50, ordered to submit an evaluation within 30 days for substance abuse counseling and ordered to pay a \$200 alcohol and drug countermeasures fee. The court recommended Indiana Bureau of Motor Vehicles suspend Storie's license for 180 days. As part of her plea agreement, a Class C misdemeanor for operating a vehicle while intoxicated was dismissed. Dalton D. Ridge, 23, 1561 Sycamore Alley, Huntington, pleaded guilty to resisting law enforcement, a Class A misdemeanor — He was sentenced to one year in Jay County Jail with all but 92 days suspended and given 92 days credit for 46 days served. He was assessed court costs of \$185 and placed on probation for 273 days. Morgan M. Frasher, 23, 1237 N. U.S. 27, Portland, pleaded guilty to possession of marijuana, a Class B misdemeanor — She was sentenced to 180 days in Jay County Jail with all but four days suspended and given four

days credit for two days served. She was placed on probation for 176 days, assessed court costs of \$185, ordered to pay a \$200 drug abuse, prosecution, interdiction and correction fee and ordered to submit an evaluation within 30 days for substance abuse counseling. Lori L. McCoy, 32, 106 McDonald Drive, Winchester, pleaded guilty to criminal trespassing, a Class A misdemeanor — She was sentenced to 90 days in Jay County Jail and given 90 days credit for 45 days served. She was assessed court costs of \$185. As part of her plea agreement, a Class C misdemeanor charge for possession of paraphernalia was dismissed. Cade A. Smith, 28, 1515 S. Rochester Ave., Muncie, pleaded guilty to resisting law enforcement, a Class A misdemeanor — She was sentenced to one year in Jay County Jail with all but 18 days suspended and given 18 days credit for nine days served. She was assessed court costs of \$185 and placed on probation for 347 days. **Cases filed** Indiana v. Travis N. Sewell, criminal misdemeanor Indiana v. Chelsi I. Weiss, criminal misdemeanor Indiana v. Robert A. Songer Jr., Level 6 felony Indiana v. Paul E. Carpenter, Level 5 felony Cavalry SPV I LLC v. Terry Schwartzkopf, civil collection Indiana v. Phillip L. Fox, Level 6 felony Indiana v. Cody Lt Bright, criminal misdemeanor Indiana v. Daniel L. Butler, criminal misdemeanor Indiana v. Ashley A Robinette, Level 6 felony Indiana v. Nathan M. Ross, Level 6 felony Indiana v. Nathan M. Ross, Level 5 felony LVNV Funding LLC v. Jean Coleman, civil collection Crown City Logistics v. Gilbert Lindsey and Stacey Lindsey, small claims Citibank v. Dianna Miller, civil collection Sac Finance Inc. v. Ethan Fisher, civil collection Indiana v. Casey J. Cline, criminal misdemeanor Indiana v. Lissa Sims, criminal misdemeanor Indiana v. Dakota C. Nicklay, Level 6 felony JH Met Subsidiary B. Liquidating Trust v. Shad Fields, civil collection Bank of America v. Jason Clutter, civil collection Capital One Bank v. John. Beaty, civil collection

4-17 CRYPTOQUIP

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LRMYV VMQVBQ QHSEBYHYDRA
KMW, H DXBQQ VFMV UZXRW
KB M AXSEA AXSSM.

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: GUY WHO'S OBSESSED WITH STUDYING PLANTS THAT GROW IN DENSE MASSES ON BOGGY GROUND: PETE MOSS.
Today's Cryptoquip Clue: W equals D

Trivial Review

(Answers are printed below, upside down.)

It's tax time!

- 1) Which Amendment addresses the ability of Congress to levy an income tax?
- 2) What is the tax rate for the highest of the seven income tax brackets in the U.S.?

(2) 37 percent
(1) The 16th

4-19 CRYPTOQUIP

L V B U J G W D B F B S G C B
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Saturday's Cryptoquip: WHEN A PARTICULAR DESERT PLANT TASTES SICKENINGLY BAD, I GUESS THAT WOULD BE A YUCKY YUCCA.
Today's Cryptoquip Clue: S equals R

CRYPTO FUN

Solve the code to discover words related to automobiles. Each number corresponds to a letter. (Hint: 22 = E)

A. 6 22 4 8 20 23 22
Clue: Car or truck

B. 18 20 20 22 23 22 3 18 5 22
Clue: Go faster

C. 14 3 18 10 22 17
Clue: Stopping mechanisms

D. 8 1 5 22 3 8 7 3
Clue: Within or inside

Answers: A: vehicle B: accelerate C: brakes D: interior

WORD SCRAMBLE

Rearrange the letters to spell something pertaining to cars.

EWHL

Answer: Wheel

kids' corner

Illustration of a laptop, calculator, and books.

Crossword Puzzle

1	2	3	4

ACROSS
1. People who work
5. "Laughing out loud"
6. Covers head
7. Emit light or heat in the form of rays

DOWN
1. Action of laughing
2. Inhaled and exhaled
3. First to arrive
4. Showing teeth in a happy way

THIS DAY IN... HISTORY

APR 21

- 1910: AUTHOR SAMUEL CLEMENS, ALIAS MARK TWAIN, DIES AT AGE 74.
- 1960: BRAZIL INAUGURATES ITS NEW CAPITAL, BRASILIA.
- 1982: BASEBALL'S ROLLIE FINGERS BECOMES THE FIRST PITCHER TO RECORD 300 SAVES.

ON THE ROAD WORD SEARCH

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

WORDS

ALTERNATOR, BRAKES, CAMSHAFT, CLUTCH, CONDENSER, COOLANT, CYLINDER, DIAGNOSIS, DIFFERENTIAL, EXHAUST, FILTER, FUEL, HOSES, IGNITION, MANIFOLD, POWER STEERING, RADIATOR, SENSORS, SHOCKS, SPARK PLUG, STRUTS, TIE ROD, VALVE

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ANSWER: LAUGHTER

New Word

GIGGLE
laugh lightly in a nervous or silly way

Answers: 1. Laughs 2. Breathed 3. Earliest 4. Smiling 5. LOL 6. Hat 7. Radiate

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS
1 Use award
6 Parking author
12 Pass by Morrison
13 "That's cool"
14 Grow bored
15 Sere-naded
16 Mast
17 Online auction site
19 Soak (up)
20 Start of a spell
22 "Chandelier" singer
24 "Hail!"
27 Web addresses
29 Punch
32 "This calls for champagne!"
35 Quick look
36 Campus digs
37 River blocker
38 Scooted

DOWN
4 Gl enter-tainers
5 Alluded (to)
6 Travel permit
7 All in — work
8 —
9 Sandwich filler
10 Band-leader
11 Halt
12 Roswell visitors
18 Inflated party
21 Tampa Bay NFLer

Solution time: 26 mins.

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Contract Bridge By Steve Becker

The two-way finesse

South dealer. Both sides vulnerable.

NORTH
♠ 8 3
♥ Q 10 8 7
♦ A 10 8 2
♣ K 9 8

WEST
♠ 9 7 6 2
♥ J 7 6 4
♦ Q 7 4 3 2
♣ 7

EAST
♠ A Q J 10 5
♥ 6 5 2
♦ K Q 9 3
♣ 5

SOUTH
♠ K 4
♥ A K J 9 4 3
♦ 5
♣ A J 10 6

The bidding:
South: 1♥ Pass
West: 3♣ Pass
North: 2♥ Pass
East: 4♥ Pass

Opening lead: two of spades.

Let's say you're declarer at six hearts and West leads a spade. East wins with the ace and returns the queen to your king.

Your only possible additional loser is a club, which can obviously be avoided by finessing successfully against the queen. The problem is which way to finesse the club since the finesse can be taken in either direction.

Ordinarily, you would assume that East has the queen, since he was the one who made a vulnerable overcall at the two-level. However, not too much reliance should be placed upon this assumption without exhausting other means of locating the queen. The way to find out about such things is to gather as much information as possible about the adverse hands before committing yourself one way or the other.

Accordingly, at trick three you lead a diamond to the ace and ruff a diamond high. Next you cross to dummy with a trump (on which West shows out) and ruff another diamond high. Now you lead a trump to the queen and ruff dummy's last diamond.

By this time, you have assembled enough clues to know which way to finesse in clubs. The East-West hands are an open book, and you can bet your last dollar that the finesse will succeed. The four rounds of diamonds and two rounds of trump have clarified the entire picture.

West's opening lead and spade raise indicated that he started with three or four spades. His later plays revealed that he began with exactly four diamonds and no hearts. It follows, therefore, that he must have started with five or six clubs.

So, after drawing East's last trump, you cash the ace of clubs and then take a club finesse against West with the absolute assurance that it will win.

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS
1 Oft-tattooed limbs
5 "Do the Right Thing" pizzeria owner
8 Big fusses
12 Avocado dip, for short
13 Mimic
14 Alpha follower
15 Sicilian peak
16 Beau guide
18 Everest
20 Minors
21 Actor Alan
23 Suntan lotion
24 Attorneys' references
28 Walked (on)
31 Half of bi-
32 Michelangelo masterpiece
34 Before
35 Cymbal's kin

DOWN
1 Mellows
2 Babe of baseball
3 Lion's pride?
4 Orna-mental beetle
5 Dressing ingredient
6 Gl's address
7 Tax
8 Unex-pected
9 Owing nothing
10 "Alternat-ively," in a text
11 Declares goddess
19 Fall into a chair

Solution time: 21 mins.

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Yesterday's answer 4-17

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Contract Bridge By Steve Becker

Famous Hand

North dealer. Both sides vulnerable.

NORTH
♠ Q 8 7 3
♥ 10
♦ A Q 10 7 2
♣ K 8 3

WEST
♠ A 6 2
♥ A 4 3 2
♦ K 5 4 3
♣ J 9

EAST
♠ 5
♥ K Q 9 6 5
♦ J 9
♣ A 7 6 5 2

SOUTH
♠ K J 10 9 4
♥ J 8 7
♦ 8 6
♣ Q 10 4

The bidding:
North: 1♠ Pass
East: 1♥ Pass
South: 1♠ Pass
West: 4♥ Pass
Dble

Opening lead: jack of clubs.

The 1984 World Team Olympiad was won for the first time by Poland, which crushed France in the 96-deal final. The hand shown occurred on Board No. 7 and helped the Poles get off to a fast start from which the French never recovered.

When the deal was played at the first table, the French North-South pair reached four spades, over which the Polish East-West pair hid five hearts. This was doubled and beaten two tricks for a score of 500 points for France.

Had North-South succeeded in making four spades for a score of 620, a 500-point sacrifice by East-West would have been a good result. But observers noted that if West led a club initially, he could later negotiate a club ruff and thus defeat four spades.

Sure enough, at the second table the Polish North-South pair got to four spades as shown and was doubled by the French West. West then found the killing lead of the club jack. As can be seen, if East takes the ace and returns a club, West can win an early trump lead, lead a low heart to partner and obtain the club ruff that sinks the contract. The same result can be achieved if East ducks his ace on the opening lead.

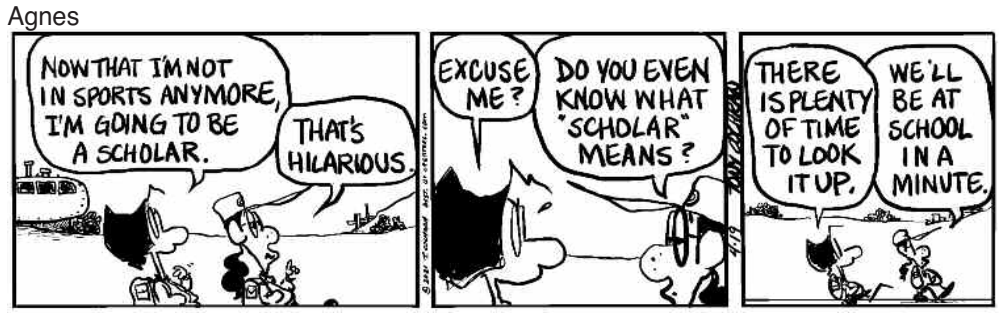
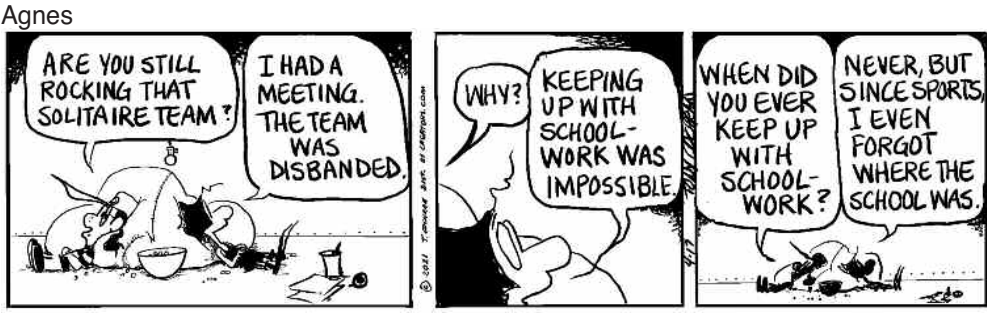
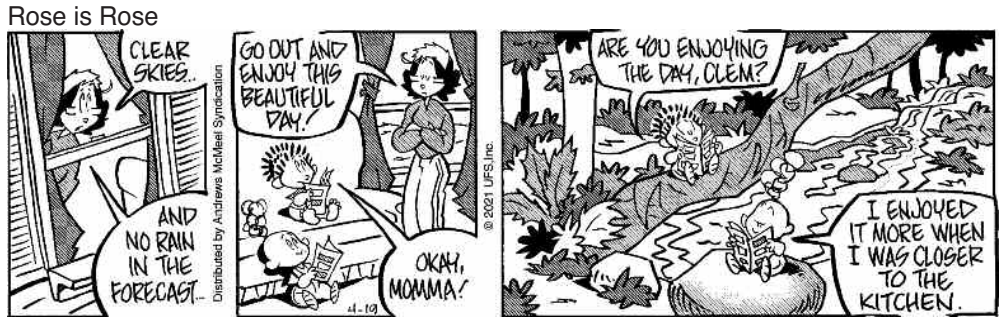
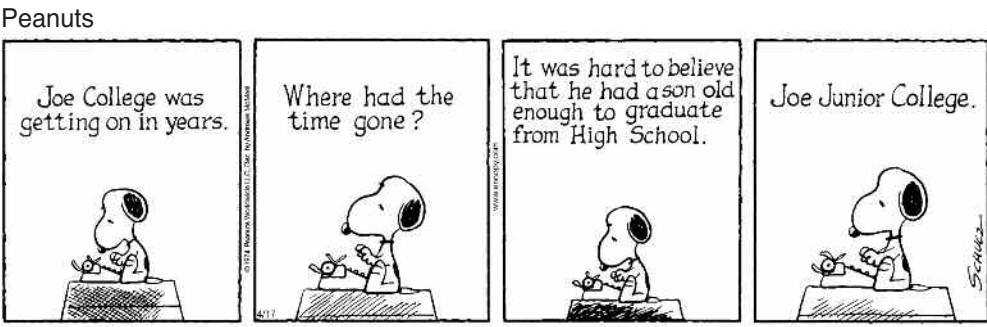
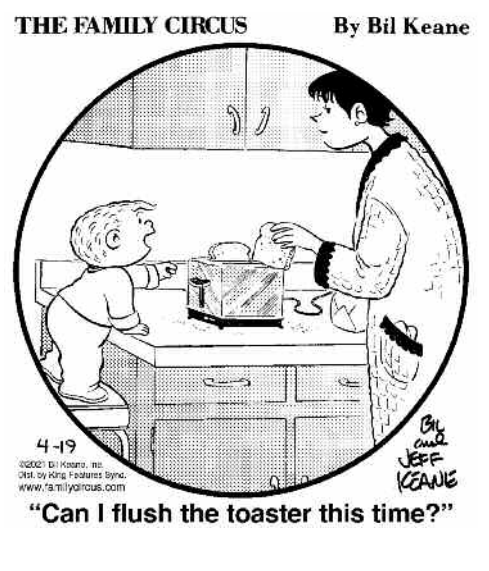
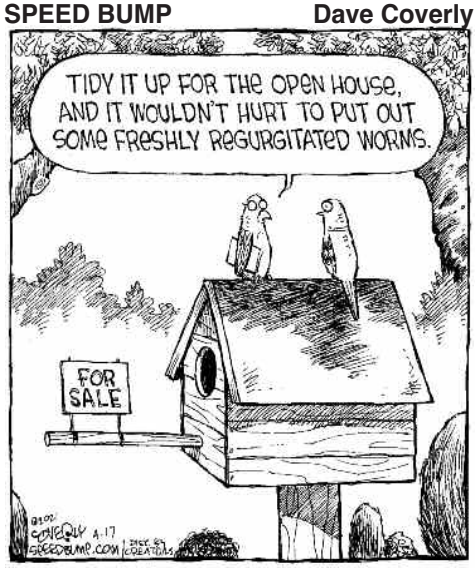
But a funny thing happened on the way to down one. When East took the jack of clubs with the ace at trick one, the Polish declarer, Piotr Gawarek, dropped the queen under the ace!

This gave East pause for thought, and the more he thought the more he became convinced that his partner had led the jack of clubs from the J-10-9-4. So he shifted to the king of hearts at trick two, thereby wrecking the defense.

As a result, Poland scored 700 points for a net gain of 200, or seven International Match Points. Had the contract been defeated, the French would have gained 12 IMPs instead.

Saturday's answer 4-19

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Errors costly in loss



The Commercial Review/Chris Schanz

Rieley Brewster, a Jay County High School senior shortstop, reaches to field a ball during the first inning against the Norwell Knights on Friday at JCHS. The Patriots committed six errors in a 10-4 loss to the Knights.

Indians bounce back

FORT RECOVERY — The Indians needed a win. An early lead helped them bounce back from Thursday's loss.

Fort Recovery High School's softball team scored five runs in the first inning on its way to a 7-5 victory Friday against the Anna Rockets.

The Indians, who had their seven-game winning streak snapped with a 6-3 loss to Jay County on Thursday, move to 11-3 on the season.

Anna scored a pair of runs of their own in the top of the first inning but lost the lead in the home half of the frame.

Brenna Homan reached on an error, and Jackie Homan followed with a single. Chloey Grisez got the Tribe on the board with an RBI single, then consecutive walks tied the score.

Fort Recovery took the lead for good on a Kensey Gaerke single. Cali Wendel scored Sophie Pearson on a single, and later Abby Knapke reached home on a wild pitch.

The Indians led 6-3 at the end of the third inning, and Anna scored a run in each of the fourth and fifth frames. Fort Recovery plated an insurance run in the sixth.

Jackie Homan led the Indians offensively with a double and two singles. Gaerke and Grisez both had a pair of singles, while Allison Knapke tripled for the Tribe.

Brittney Tebbe earned the win pitching. She allowed four runs — three earned — on five hits in four innings. She struck out one and didn't issue a walk.

Jackie Homan allowed one earned run on one hit over the final three innings for the save.

Patriots commit six mishaps in 10-4 loss to Knights

By CHRIS SCHANZ
The Commercial Review

The Patriots got off to a quick start again.

After the second inning, they were up 4-0.

But unlike the previous night, they were not at their best defensively.

The Jay County High School softball team had two errors lead to the eventual game-winning runs and surrendered 10 straight to the Norwell Knights in a 10-4 loss Friday night.

"It is a tough one," said JCHS coach Trisha Green, whose team committed six errors, including a pair of costly mishaps in the fourth

inning. "They're getting in their heads. They're making errors. They're not moving on from it. They have to stay up. It's been a long week, but we've got to win these games with focus (and) discipline."

Jay County, which had won three in a row, falls to 4-2 on the year. Norwell, meanwhile, remains undefeated at 4-0.

"This was a great test," Norwell coach Herb Bergman said.



'It is a tough one. They're getting in their heads. They're making errors. They're not moving on from it.'

—Trisha Green,
Jay County softball coach

"Jay County is a great team and they can hit the snot out of the ball.

"That was a perfect test on us to be down 4-nothing and see how we react. Our girls,

from top to bottom, they produced. They did what they were supposed to do. They stayed calm. I'm proud of them."

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Lynch buys into Oakland soccer club

By CAM INMAN
The Mercury News
Tribune News Service

OAKLAND, Calif. — Add professional soccer to Marshawn Lynch's expanding empire. As an owner, that is.

Lynch has joined the Oakland Roots ownership ahead of the USL Championship season that begins next month.

"Growing up in The Town, we always could count on the pro teams in this area, but with most of those ones that I grew up with gone, I knew the minute I heard about the opportunity to join Oakland Roots, it wasn't just something I wanted to do, it was something I had to do," Lynch said in a statement.

The Roots debuted in 2019, but Lynch has had a much longer standing in the Oakland community, including his days at Oakland Tech and Cal before a ground-shaking NFL career with the Buffalo Bills, Seattle Seahawks and Raiders. He was a 2007 first-round draft pick at No. 12 by the Bills, 11 spots after his hometown Raiders took JaMarcus Russell No. 1.

Lynch's entrepreneurial touch goes beyond his BeastMode Apparel, Beast-Mode Marketing and Rob Ben's Restaurant. He's supported a pair of start-up football leagues — Fan Controlled Football and the Oakland Panthers' indoor

team — while also starting a marijuana brand.

The Roots' 32-game schedule runs from May 8 to Oct. 30, and their home opener at Laney Stadium is June 19 against Sacramento Republic FC.

Lynch turns 35 next Thursday, and he'll do so as a Roots owner.

"From the start, we have tried to build an ownership group that was excited about more than just pro sports, but also about Oakland and our Purpose," Roots co-founder and CMO Edreece Arghandiwai said in a statement. "We couldn't be more proud to welcome someone who has long been an inspiration to Oaklanders and all of us at Roots.

"Who Marshawn is and what he represents means so much to the community and the greater Bay Area. He has always been about the action and he is exactly the type of person who can help us realize our vision for giving back to the city we all love."

The Roots and Lynch are partnering with the Goalsetter app to help provide financial education to youth in Oakland.

"Giving kids in my home town a pro soccer club and players to look up to and a team that this community and city can get hella excited about was something I had to get down with," Lynch added.

Braves take down Cubs

By GABRIEL BURNS
The Atlanta Journal-Constitution
Tribune News Service

The Braves were on the verge of a five-game skid Thursday, but they'll enter Saturday on a two-game win streak.

Despite an erratic outing from spot starter Kyle Wright, the Braves did enough to defeat the Cubs, 5-2, on Friday in Chicago. It was the Braves' first game against a non-division opponent and opened a three-game series.

Unfortunately for the Braves, the win wasn't without loss. Outfielder Ender Inciarte injured his hamstring and left during the fourth inning. He was replaced by veteran Guillermo Heredia. Then second baseman Ozzie Albies was hit with a pitch just under his knee and left in the top of the ninth inning. The Braves already were dealing with several injuries to key contributors.

Wright was thrown into action because lefty Drew Smyly was placed on the injured list Friday morning with left forearm inflammation. Wright never had command of his fastball, hitting four Cubs in just 4 2/3 innings. He held their struggling offense to two runs, which helped the Braves win, but Wright didn't do anything

that would make the team want to give him an extended look.

The numbers: Two runs on three hits, five strikeouts, two walks and four hit batters. It was a strange, confusing outing for Wright. The same adjectives describe his major league career thus far.

Ronald Acuna continued his tear with a two-RBI single and a run scored. The run was particularly impressive. Marcell Ozuna hit a sharp grounder to Cubs shortstop Javy Baez, who gathered the ball and seemed surprised that Acuna, who started at second base, had rounded third and was dashing home. It was another instance of the Braves being rewarded for their aggressive base running.

Acuna has scored in eight consecutive games for the Braves. He's scored 19 runs in 14 games overall.

It was a decent day overall for the Braves' offense, which had nine hits. Ozuna had his second three-hit game since Tuesday, when manager Brian Snitker tweaked the lineup.

The Braves and Cubs play the second game of their series Saturday afternoon. Huascar Ynoa will try to build off his excellent start opposite Cubs right-hander Trevor Williams.

JAZZ THINGS UP

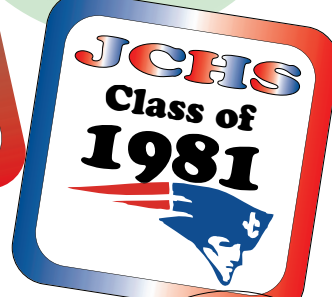
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Down 4-0, Norwell trimmed the margin to one in the top of the third inning. Following two outs on two pitches, Hannah Troyer drew a walk, then Ally Burton hit a two-run home run to right-center field. Raygan Williams followed with a solo shot to make it 4-3.

Two infield errors in the fourth inning gave the Knights two on with one out before Troyer joined the Norwell homer party with a three-run blast to deep right-center, putting the Knights up for good, 6-3. "Ally has been huge," Bergman said, noting she was 5-for-5 with 10 RBIs and a grand slam in a 20-3 win Tuesday against Canterbury. "She's had a home run every game so far. She's a good one to have on your team."

Burton finished 4-for-5 with a double, two singles and four RBIs. Troyer was 2-for-3 with a double and three RBIs as well.

Another Patriot error in the top of the sixth inning combined with singles, including RBI hits from Makenna Garza, Lauren Merritt and Garza, gave the Knights a 9-3 lead. Troyer and Burton hit consecutive doubles in the top of the seventh for Norwell's final run of the night.

Jay County, which will look to bounce back in the Richmond Invitational today, had its only productive inning in the second.

Mady Fraley led off the frame with a solo home run, her second of the season. Following a walk and a fielder's choice, Riah Champ singled to put runners on first and second ahead of a Maddy Rinker RBI single.



The Commercial Review/Chris Schanz

Olivia Bright, left, and Riah Champ (background) attempt to play a fly ball during the top of the seventh inning against the Norwell Knights on Friday at JCHS. Champ made the catch in the Patriots' 10-4 loss to the Knights.

Taylor Brown reached on an error and Olivia Bright hit a two-run, opposite-field triple to right field that landed in fair territory by about a foot.

The Patriots were primed to add to their 4-3 lead in the bottom of the third inning when a lead-off double from Renna

Schwieterman and an error put two on base. But they were left stranded there.

Jay County had two on and two out in the fourth before coming up empty again.

Rinker led the Patriots with three singles from the No. 9 spot in the lineup.

Box score					
Jay County Patriots vs. Norwell Knights					
Norwell (4-0)					
Markley lf	ab	r	h	bi	
Troyer c	5	2	1	0	
Burton ss	3	3	2	3	
Williams cf	5	2	4	4	
Garza dp	5	2	1	1	
Caylor 1b	3	0	1	1	
Scherrer cr	4	0	1	0	
Merritt p	0	0	0	0	
Schen cr	3	0	1	1	
Bailey 3b	0	0	0	0	
Lemler 2b	4	1	1	0	
Connert rf/flex	4	0	0	0	
Totals	36	10	12	10	
Jay County (4-2)					
Brown dp	ab	r	h	bi	
Bright 2b	4	1	0	0	
ASchwtrmn 3b	4	0	1	2	
RSchwtrmn 1b	3	0	2	0	
Fraley cf	4	0	2	0	
Brewster ss	4	1	1	1	
Gillette lf	3	0	0	0	
Champ rf	3	1	1	0	
Rinker c	3	1	3	1	
Fields cr	3	0	0	0	
Clayton p/flex	0	0	0	0	
Totals	31	4	11	4	
Norwell	003	303	1	— 10	
Jay County	040	000	0	— 4	
LOB — Norwell 7, Jay County 6. 2B — Norwell 2 (Troyer, Burton), Jay County 2 (RSchwieterman, Gillette) 3B — Jay County 1 (Bright), HR — Norwell 3 (Troyer, Burton, Williams), Jay County 1 (Fraley). SB — Norwell 1 (Markley).					
IP H R ER BB SO					
Norwell					
Merritt, W	7.0	11	4	2	2
Jay County					
Clayton, L	7.0	12	10	6	1

Renna Schwieterman also singled for a multi-hit game, and Aubrie Schwieterman totaled two singles as well.

"We have to let it go," Green said of the night's loss. "We have to come out and play ball tomorrow. They're going to go home and rest. We're going to win the tournament."

"You can't dwell on a loss. We have to keep playing."

Furst named Mr. Basketball

By KYLE NEDDENRIEP
The Indianapolis Star
Tribune News Services

Marc Davidson had an idea he might be coaching a potential IndyStar Mr. Basketball when he arrived as boys basketball coach at Fort Wayne Blackhawk Christian.

That was in 2013. Caleb Furst was going into the fifth grade.

"I mean, there was no question he was going to be a really special talent," Davidson said. "And, you know, to his credit he's continued to work at his game and develop his skills. He was so tall early. The athleticism kind of came a little bit later. But once he stopped growing, his athleticism just shot through the roof and he continued to develop his skill and just became a phenomenal basketball player."

Phenomenal is one adjective to describe the 6-10 Furst's high school basketball career. The 6-10 Purdue recruit is a two-time state champion, the school's all-time leader in points and rebounds (among many other records), the Trester Mental Attitude award winner for Class 2A and the centerpiece for a program that won 105 games over the past four seasons.

Choose any description you want — Furst is first. The Blackhawk Christian senior is the 2021 IndyStar Mr. Basketball by a vote of the state's coaches and media for the top individual award for a senior basketball player.

"It means a lot," Furst said. "Obviously I'm very humbled and very honored to receive this recognition. It really means a lot. You always want to put the team first so that's always been on the forefront of my mind, especially with every-

thing that happened last season with the state tournament getting taken away from us."

Furst made up for last season's pandemic-shortened state tournament with a dominant senior season that was capped with a 20-point, seven-rebound, six-blocked shots performance in a 55-40 win over Parke Heritage in the Class 2A state championship game two weeks ago at Bankers Life Fieldhouse. It was the second state title in three years for Blackhawk Christian, which was ranked No. 2 in the state last season when the tournament was canceled before the regional.

Furst was the catalyst for Blackhawk Christian's dominant season, averaging 21.4 points, 14.1 rebounds, 3.0 assists and 2.2 blocked shots per game. The Braves won the Hall of Fame Classic in New Castle, where Furst was named the tournament's most valuable player, and rolled through the 2A tournament with no game closer than 13 points. But Blackhawk Christian also defeated 15 opponents in 3A, 4A or out of state on its way to compiling a 28-3 record.

"When you have talent and then you have talent that buys into what you're telling them, that usually yields good results," Davidson said. "And obviously Caleb is really talented and we have some good pieces around him. But we have guys who have bought into what we're telling them and guys that are willing to put the team before themselves. I think a large part of that was due to Caleb's example in being an unselfish teammate and a willing passer. That just kind of permeated our team and really made us a much better team."

Jay County tennis falls to Belmont

DECATUR — The Jay County High School girls tennis team suffered its first loss of the season on Friday to the Belmont Braves, 5-0.

Grace Brewster dropped her No. 1 singles contest 7-5, 6-2, while Lyric

Garringer fell at No. 2 singles, 6-1, 6-1. Kierston Blunk came up short in her No. 3 singles match, 6-2, 6-1.

The Patriots' No. 1 doubles team of Rachel Muhlenkamp and Madison Dirksen lost 6-1, 7-5, while Lilly

Hedges and Holly Hemmelgarn fell 6-4, 6-1 at No. 2 doubles.

With the loss, Jay County dips to 2-1 on the season, and is set to host sectional rival Winchester at 5 p.m. Monday.

Sports on tap

Local schedule

Today
Jay County — Girls tennis at Eastern Hancock — 9 a.m.; Softball at Richmond Invitational — 10 a.m.; Baseball double-header at Centerville — 10 a.m.

Fort Recovery — Baseball double-header vs. South Adams — 11 a.m.; Softball quad at Celina — 2 p.m.

Monday
Jay County — Boys golf at Delta — 5 p.m.; Softball vs. St. Henry — 5 p.m.; Girls tennis vs. Winchester — 5 p.m.; JV baseball vs. Belmont — 5 p.m.; Junior high track hosts South Adams and Woodlan — 5:30 p.m.

Fort Recovery — Baseball vs. Shawnee — 5 p.m.; Softball vs. Wapakoneta — 5 p.m.; JV baseball at Franklin Monroe — 5 p.m.; Junior high track hosts tri — 4:30 p.m.

Tuesday
Jay County — Boys golf at Bluffton — 4:30 p.m.; Girls tennis at Frankton — 5 p.m.; Baseball at Norwell — 5 p.m.; Track at Bluffton — 5:30 p.m.; JV baseball vs. Bluffton — 5 p.m.; Junior high golf at Richmond — 4:30 p.m.

Fort Recovery — Track hosts quad — 4:30 p.m.; Baseball vs. Marion Local — 5 p.m.; Softball at Marion Local — 5 p.m.

Thursday
Jay County — Softball at Woodlan — 6 p.m.; Baseball at Woodlan — 6 p.m.; JV softball at Woodlan — 6 p.m.; Junior high golf at Delta — 5 p.m.; Junior high track at Delta — 5 p.m.

Fort Recovery — Track at St. Henry quad — 4:30 p.m.; Baseball at St. Henry — 5 p.m.; Softball vs. St. Henry — 5 p.m.; JV baseball vs. St. Henry — 5 p.m.

Friday
Jay County — Baseball vs. Shenandoah — 5 p.m.; JV baseball at Shenandoah — 5 p.m.

Fort Recovery — Junior high track at New Bremen Invitational — 4:30 p.m.

April 24
Jay County — Boys golf at South Adams Invitational — 9 a.m.; Boys track at Muncie Relays — 10 a.m.

April 26
Jay County — Boys golf at Winchester — 4:30 p.m.; Baseball vs. Monroe

Central — 5 p.m.; Softball at Wapahani — 5 p.m.; Girls tennis vs. South Adams — 5 p.m.; JV baseball at Delta — 5 p.m.; Junior high golf vs. Southern Wells — 5 p.m.; Junior high track vs. Heritage and Bluffton — 5:30 p.m.

Fort Recovery — Freshman baseball vs. Coldwater — 5 p.m.

Local notes

Swim team seeking coach
The Jay County Summer Swim Team is seeking a coach to help lead its team this season.

The schedule runs from May 10 to July 10, and the position is responsible for helping to plan and lead practices and meets.

Requirements include ability to work well with students, good decision-making skills and strong communication skills.

Pay will be based on experience. Interested candidates are asked to contact the club via email at jcsummer-swim@gmail.com.

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Decade of Destruction

In 2010 then Gov. Daniels slashed \$300 million from public education funding. The following year, the State Legislature authorized the creation of a voucher program which diverts public tax dollars to private schools, and now Indiana has the largest voucher program in the nation. Public schools have never regained the funding cuts they have suffered over the last decade. Here is the current situation of public education funding in Indiana...

\$377 million estimated increase in Indiana K-12 spending

Private, ESA, and Voucher Program will receive **\$144 million** according to the bills legislators are trying to pass

Public Education Will receive **\$233 million**

\$957 per student increase

\$268 per student increase

36,000 current students and up to \$15,000 new students at \$5,000 each per year for two years

1.010 million students

See a problem yet?

Nationally, Indiana is...

- ✓ 41st in per pupil expenditures (source: National Education Association)
- ✓ 38th in teacher compensation (last in the Midwest) (source: Next Level Teacher Compensation Commission)
- ✓ 44th in projected teacher turnover (source: Wallethub Best and Worst States for Teachers)
- ✓ Indiana has the lowest teacher salary growth in the nation over the last 20 years. (source: Next Level Teacher Compensation Commission)

Why is the Indiana Legislature Short-Changing Public Schools?

	2022	2023
Voucher Schools	23.4%	29.3%
Charter Schools	7.5%	5.9%
Virtual Schools	4.5%	7.4%
Public Schools	3.0%	1.7%

Proposed Funding Increases

Source: Legislative Services Agency FY 21-23 School Funding Formula

Cuts to Career & Tech Ed Classes

What will your district cut to be able to continue providing these classes?

Pending legislation will cut funding for certain Career and Tech Ed classes. These are classes that our students want to take and are a direct pathway to future employment. How will these cuts affect local FFA programs?

On the chopping block:

- Commercial Photography
- Cosmetology I and II
- Culinary Arts and Hospitality I and II
- Fashion and Textiles Careers I & II
- Graphic Imaging Technology
- Horticulture Science
- Interactive Media
- Nutrition Science Careers I & II
- Radio & TV
- Sustainable Energy
- Business Law and Ethics
- Recreational and Mobile Equipment I & II
- Energy Industry I & II

Public Tax Dollars to Private Schools

There is no link between private school vouchers and student achievement.

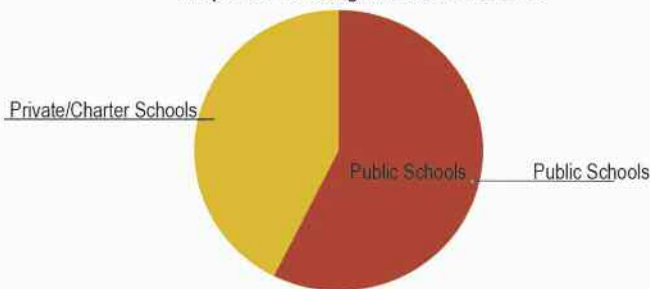
- Taxpayer funded voucher to attend private school for family of 4 income cap for 2020 is \$48,470. Cap will increase to \$145,410 in 2023 under pending legislation.
- Pending legislation creates Education Savings Accounts which are taxpayer funded debit cards of \$5000-\$7000 per student.
- Indiana has spent more than \$1 Billion over the last 10 years on vouchers for private school education. There are only 35, 122 students using vouchers at a cost of approx. \$173 million per year.
- Voucher expansion and creation of ESAs are opposed by the Indiana School Board Association, Indiana State Teachers Association, Indiana Federation of Teachers, and local school boards across the state. <https://www.isba-ind.org/esa-is-not-ok.html>
- If our local districts have fewer than 10 students on a voucher, why are we sending our tax dollars to private schools in other cities?
- Referendums are becoming necessary due to the amount of tax dollars being shifted away from public education funding.
- At least 163 out of 291 school districts have passed resolutions speaking against the legislation that will have a negative impact on public education funding.

See how many students in your district are on a voucher:

<https://www.doe.in.gov/sites/default/files/choice/annual-report-june.pdf>

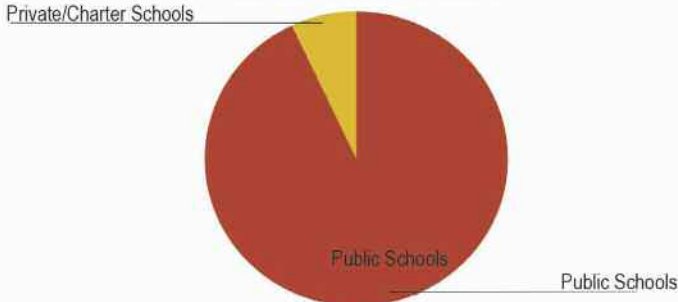
The Numbers Just Don't Add Up

Proposed Funding Increases 2022-23



Source: Legislative Service Agency FY 22-23 School Funding Formula

Indiana Student Enrollment



Source: ISTA analysis of Legislative Service Agency FY 22-23 School Funding Formula

Help Stop the Destruction!

Contact your legislators and urge them to vote NO on any bill that:

- Expands the voucher system
- Creates Education Savings Accounts
- Cuts funding for Career and Tech ed courses

Call the Statehouse and ask to leave a message for your representatives.

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