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Beers are on tap



The Commercial Review/Ray Cooney

Wil and Emily Goodrich's Good-Rich Brewery in Portland opened its doors to the public for the first time last weekend. The facility, which currently has 11 beers on tap, is open from 5 to 9 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays with plans to extend hours to take advantage of outdoor seating as the weather gets warmer.

After more than a year of preparation, Good-Rich Brewery is open for business

By RAY COONEY
The Commercial Review

It took longer than they'd hoped, but the beers are now flying in the building alongside the long-abandoned Penn Central Railroad tracks in Portland.

Good-Rich Brewery, a venture led by siblings Wil and Emily Goodrich, opened its doors to the public for the first time last weekend.

"It was pretty steady both Friday and Saturday," said Emily. "Saturday it was a little nicer. ..."

"We had a lot more people outside on the patio (Saturday)," interjected Wil.

"It went really well," Emily added.

After being closed for Good

Friday, the brewery is open again from 5 to 9 p.m. tonight. Its regular hours, for now, will be 5 to 9 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays. As the weather gets warmer and there's more opportunity to use the patio and outdoor area, they plan to extend their hours.

Wil, a 2005 Jay County High School graduate, had done some brewing with friends as a student at Wabash College and had long thought about the possibility of starting a brewery. He also thought it would partner well with his game business, Red Dragon, which along with Country Creek Primitives occupies the same building on McNeil Street, about a half-block east of

Meridian Street, in Portland. He talked to Emily about the idea, they talked to their father John, and then they toured a brewery in Michigan.

"We just fell in love with it," said Wil. "It was like, 'This is what we want to do. How do we go about it?'"

They got a special use exception from Portland Board of Zoning Appeals in February 2020 to establish a micro-brewery on the property and have been working on it ever since. (The ongoing coronavirus pandemic caused some delays in the process that pushed the opening date.) Emily handled the bulk of the design work with help from Angie Clark of Altered Style,

Kayla Darby, Devin Moser and Holly Johnson. H And M Builders of Portland was in charge of most of the construction, including building the bar out of beams from the building.

Emily and Wil kicked around several names and logo ideas for their new business, but ultimately settled on tradition. They borrowed the logo from Good-Rich Feed — a Randolph County-based business operated by John's family — while adding their own spin.

"I thought, you know what, let's try to reiterate our version of this," Wil said, pointing to the Good-Rich Feeds sign embedded in the bar.

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ACLU files lawsuit against Prescott

Portland resident alleges Constitutional violation

By RAY COONEY

The Commercial Review

A Portland resident is suing State Rep. J.D. Prescott over access to his Facebook page.

In a press release issued Friday morning, American Civil Liberties Union of Indiana indicated that it has filed a lawsuit against Prescott for blocking Brandon Kloer, Portland, from his official Facebook page.

The suit filed in the U.S. District Court of Southern Indiana's Indianapolis Division alleges that being blocked from Prescott's Facebook page is a violation of Kloer's First Amendment rights. It seeks that the court declare Kloer's rights have been violated and issue an injunction forcing Prescott to "unblock" Kloer, preventing him from "from blocking Facebook users in the future based on the viewpoints that they express" and restoring "any and all comments that have been censored from Representative Prescott's Facebook page due to the viewpoints that they express."

It also seeks that Kloer be awarded costs and attorney fees related to the lawsuit.

"The interactive portion of a public official's Facebook page is considered a public forum, thus public officials cannot block constituents from commenting because of the opinions they hold," said ACLU of Indiana senior attorney Gavin M. Rose in the release. "Representative Prescott's practice of silencing citizens on Facebook who are critical of his positions is unconstitutional."

See Lawsuit page 2

Retrospect

Dunkirk dealt with wastewater issues

Twenty-five years ago this week, Dunkirk was dealing with how to correct problems at its wastewater treatment plant.

The April 2, 1996, edition of The Commercial Review featured coverage of the city's discussions about the issues after a gasoline spill the previous week.

Dunkirk officials were set to meet with environmental specialists from the environmental division of Indianapolis engineering firm Butler, Fairman and Seufert to map out a strategy to get the city's wastewater treatment plant back to normal. Terry Longworth,

senior project manager of All-Tech Environmental Services, Muncie, and H. Frederick Siewere, professor of natural resources and environmental management at Ball State University, were scheduled to tour the facility and offer suggestions.

At that time, the city's two primary sludge holding tanks were contaminated with gasoline and initial estimates for solving the problem ranged into the tens of thousands of dollars.

All-Tech had been hired to clean up the site shortly after the gas leak was discovered March 25. It

was estimated that 2,000 to 3,000 gallons of gasoline spilled into the city's sanitary sewer system, causing some residents to be evacuated.

The leak was stopped, and the wastewater treatment plant's two aeration tanks were disconnected from the system. However, two liquid sludge tanks that were contaminated needed to be pumped out and their contents transported to a disposal site. Greg Buckner, the city's wastewater superintendent, added that the city was still awaiting the results of some tests to determine the best course of action.



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Work proceeds on the cleanup of a March 1996 gasoline spill in Dunkirk. A vacant lot, owned by J.A. Miller and Sons Oil Company, was being used for the storage and treatment of contaminated soil.

Deaths

Helen McKibben, 96, Portland
Details on page 2.

Weather

Jay County had a high temperature of 45 degrees Friday. Today's forecast calls for the high to climb to 60 with winds gusting to 30 miles per hour. The low will be 41. Expect a high of 66 for Easter Sunday and a high of 71 Monday.
See page 2 for an extended outlook.

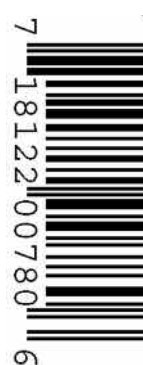
In review

Jay County Solid Waste Management District has extended the deadline for its recycling education grant program to May 1. Teachers interested in applying for up to \$500 for recycling-related projects and programs can call (260) 729-5071 to request an application.

Coming up

Tuesday — Coverage of Monday's Jay School Board meeting.

Thursday — Coverage of Wednesday's Jay County Council meeting.



Capitol officer killed in vehicle attack

By JENNIFER HABERKORN, SARAH D. WIRE, DEL QUENTIN WILBER and ERIN B. LOGAN
Los Angeles Times
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WASHINGTON — A U.S. Capitol Police officer was killed Friday after a car rammed a security barricade protecting the complex, locking down the building for two hours and reigniting tensions in a city still struggling to return to normalcy after the deadly Jan. 6 insurrection.

According to Capitol Police, a male driver drove his car into two officers and then crashed into the barricade. The driver exited the vehicle with a knife, “lunged” at one of the officers and was shot by police, officials said.

The suspect was taken into custody. He and the two seriously injured officers were transported to hospitals, where one officer and the suspect died, officials said.

“It is with a very, very heavy heart that I announce one of

our officers has succumbed to his injuries,” said Yogananda Pittman, acting chief of the U.S. Capitol Police. “This has been an extremely difficult time for the U.S. Capitol Police.”

She later identified the officer as William “Billy” Evans, an 18-year veteran of the Capitol Police force who was a member of the Capitol Division’s first responder’s unit.

House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., called Evans a “martyr for our democracy” and

ordered flags at the Capitol to be flown at half-staff.

President Joe Biden, who is spending the weekend at Camp David, sent condolences to Evans’ family.

“Jill and I were heartbroken to learn of the violent attack at a security checkpoint on the U.S. Capitol grounds, which killed Officer William Evans of the U.S. Capitol Police, and left a fellow officer fighting for his life,” Biden said. “We know what a difficult time this has been for the Capitol, everyone

who works there, and those who protect it.” He ordered flags to be flown half-staff at the White House and all public buildings and grounds through Tuesday.

The officer’s death is the second in the line of duty for the U.S. Capitol Police this year. Officer Brian Sicknick was killed during the Jan. 6 insurrection. Two other officers died by suicide in the weeks after that attack. Prior to this year, a total of four Capitol Police officers had died in the line of duty in the history of the force, according to U.S. Capitol Police.

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Sunday 4/4	Monday 4/5	Tuesday 4/6	Wednesday 4/7	Thursday 4/8
66/45	71/51	72/53	70/51	68/46
Mostly sunny skies by day and mostly clear evening skies by night. Otherwise relatively warm.	Sunshine with some clouds and temperatures near the low 70s. Mostly cloudy at night.	Skies will be mostly cloudy all day with warm temperatures. Cloudy at night.	There is a 30% chance of rain during the day and a higher chance at night. Otherwise mostly cloudy.	Another 30% chance of rain. Cloudy skies and more possible showers at night.

Lotteries

Hoosier Midday Daily Three: 1-7-6 Daily Four: 9-1-9-8 Quick Draw: 2-5-6-7-12-18-22-24-25-28-33-34-38-50-55-58-63-72-74-77	Pick 4: 1-1-5-2 Pick 5: 9-0-3-9-0
Ohio Midday Pick 3: 5-9-6	Powerball Estimated jackpot: \$32 million
	Mega Millions Estimated jackpot: \$168 million

Markets

Cooper Farms Fort Recovery Corn.....5.68 Wheat5.86	Central States Montpelier Corn.....5.62 May corn.....5.63 Beans14.14 Sept. beans12.19 July wheat 5.80
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Today in history

On April 3, 1968, civil rights leader Martin Luther King Jr. delivered what turned out to be his final speech, telling a rally of striking sanitation workers in Memphis, Tennessee, that “I’ve been to the mountain-top” and “seen the Promised Land. I may not get there with you. But I want you to know tonight that we, as a people, will get to the Promised Land!” (About 20 hours later, King was felled by an assassin’s bullet at the Lorraine Motel.)

In 1860, the legendary Pony Express began carrying mail between St. Joseph, Missouri, and Sacramento, California. (The delivery system lasted only 18 months before giving way to the transcontinental telegraph.)

In 1882, outlaw Jesse James was shot to death in St. Joseph, Missouri, by Robert Ford, a member of James’ gang.

In 1936, Bruno Hauptmann was electrocuted in Trenton, New Jersey, for the kidnap-murder of Charles Lindbergh Jr.

In 1948, President Harry S. Truman signed the Marshall Plan, designed to help European allies rebuild after World War II and resist communism.

In 1971, performers from the Lawrence Welk Show, including Portland native Jack Imel, performed to a packed house in the Portland High School gym.

In 1973, the first handheld portable telephone was demonstrated for reporters on a New York City street corner as Motorola executive Martin Cooper called Joel S. Engel of Bell Labs.

In 1990, jazz singer Sarah Vaughan died in suburban Los Angeles at age 66.

In 1996, Unabomber Theodore Kaczynski (kah-ZIHN’-skee) was arrested at his remote Montana cabin.

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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 special meeting, General Shanks, 414 E. Floral Ave., Portland. 5:30 p.m. — Portland City Council, fire station, 1616 N. Franklin St. 7:30 p.m. — Fort Recov-	ery Village Council, village hall, 201 S. Main St.
Tuesday 8 a.m. — Portland Redevelopment Commission executive session, Community Resource Center, 118 S. Meridian St., Portland. 4 p.m. — Jay County Development Corporation, fire station, 1616 N. Franklin St.	

Obituaries

Helen McKibben

March 24, 1925-April 1, 2021
Helen McKibben, age 96, a resident of Portland, passed away on Thursday, April 1, 2021, at Miller’s Merry Manor in Dunkirk. Helen was born on March 24, 1925, in Randolph County, the daughter of Lawrence and Lottie (Warren) Hess. She married Kenneth McKibben on Aug. 24, 1944, and he passed away on March 11, 1998.

Survivors include:

One son — Lew McKibben (wife: Sherri), Portland, Indiana
Several grandchildren and great-grandchildren
She was preceded in death by two daughters, Dinah Bollinger and Sally Guntle.
No services will be held. Burial will be at Salamonia Cemetery in Salamonia, Indiana.
Arrangements are entrusted to Williamson-Spencer and Penrod

Funeral Home in Portland. Condolences may be expressed at williamsonspencer.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.

Beers ...

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Good-Rich currently has 11 beers on tap with an IPA on the way. The list includes its named brews — Castor’s 3-legged Squirrel IPA, Goose Factory Pale Ale and Blood-Rich Ale — as well as others ranging from an American lager to a blackberry ale.

Another IPA is currently brewing — the process takes about two weeks — and there are plans to add a 13th beer to the list. The entire menu is available via the DigitalPour cell phone app.

Wil said he generally likes everything except darker beers. But, “we have a dark cream soda brew and it tastes like cream soda,” he added. “That made me change a little bit how I feel about darker beers.”

Emily tends to like the more fruity beers and said the raspberry wheat has been popular so far. She added that she’s excited



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The newly opened Good-Rich Brewery in Portland has 16 taps with beers ranging from IPAs to an amber ale to a dark cream soda.

about seasonal beers, such as offering an Oktoberfest and holiday-themed beers.
Good-Rich — it has six tanks that each brew 10 to 12 half-barrel kegs at a time — plans to keep an ever-changing rotation on its 16 taps. Some may be regulars, while others make occasional appearances.
“Blackberry, it will be a

while,” said Emily, a 1993 JCHS graduate. “When that one’s out, it’s going to be a while before we do that one again. Not because we can’t, but because there’s some ingredients that are hard to get. ... But we also think that will create a demand.”

Prices range from \$6 for a pint and \$7 for a flight of four 5-ounce beers to \$25

for a growler and \$30 for a four-pack of crowlers.

Emily explained that while there is no food being served on the premises, except for items like popcorn, patrons are welcome to bring food and/or have it delivered to Good-Rich. They’re also hoping to work with food trucks. And they’ve considered having games like cornhole and volleyball available outside.

They’re also open to hosting meetings and events.

But ultimately, it’s about the beer.

“I’m relieved that everyone that came in, no one had a bad thing to say about our beer,” said Wil, adding that he pushed patrons for honest feedback. “That was really good to hear. Because I think that’s the most important thing.”

“If you have good beer, that’s probably 90% of a microbrewery is having good beer that people want.”

Lawsuit ...

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The suit asserts that while Prescott’s page is called a “political candidate page” it is regularly used to post information about his activities as a legislator and as such doubles as his official legislative accounts. It says Kloer was “swiftly blocked” from the page after raising a question about Prescott’s position on school funding.

“I do not have an official government Facebook page,” said Prescott.

“I have a campaign Facebook page.” He said he had just learned about the suit and would need to contact his attorneys before putting out any other comments.

Kloer, who in March sent a letter to the editor to The Commercial Review regarding the same issue, said he sent letters to Prescott requesting that he be “un-blocked” but that he received no response.

“I didn’t want to bring the lawsuit,” said Kloer. “I just wanted to be

unblocked from Rep. Prescott’s Facebook page.”

Prescott, who represents Jay and Randolph counties and part of Delaware County, is in the midst of his second term as a state representative. He serves on the state house’s ways and means committee and the committee regarding environmental affairs.

Brandon Kloer’s wife, Brittany, ran against Prescott in the 2020 Republican primary.

SERVICES

Today
Wendel, Charles: 10 a.m., MJS Mortuaries, 109 S. Meridian St., Redkey.
Smith, Brenda: 1 p.m., Waugh-Halley-Wood Funeral Home, 810 2nd Ave., Gallipolis, Ohio.

Monday
Bentz, Robert: 2 p.m., Williamson-Spencer and Penrod Funeral Home, 208 N. Commerce St., Portland.

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AU shares in grant \$

By REBECCA BIBBS
The Herald Bulletin
Tribune News Service

Anderson University is one of six Indiana post-secondary institutions to share in a \$9.8 million grant to improve student retention through the use of data and analytics.

AU President John S. Pistole said he hopes the \$1.35 million budgeted for his university will help turn around the loss of enrollment experienced over the past year.

“This has been a key issue for many schools this past year because of COVID-19,” he said.

WHAT’S FOR LUNCH?

For Jay County Schools

April 5-9

Monday: Main Entrees: Sloppy joe **Alternate entrees:** Pancake fun lunch, ham and cheese chef salad, saltine crackers, light ranch dressing **Sides for all meals:** Oven baked curly fries

Tuesday: Main Entrees: Cheese quesadilla, salsa **Alternate entrees:** Muffin & goldfish fun lunch, ham and cheese chef salad, saltine crackers, light ranch dressing **Sides for all meals:** Seasoned corn

Wednesday: Main Entrees: Rotini with Italian meat sauce, breadstick **Alternate entrees:** Pancake fun lunch, ham and cheese chef salad, saltine crackers, light ranch dressing **Sides for all meals:** Savory green beans

Thursday: Main Entrees: Breaded chicken drumstick, mashed potatoes, whole grain dinner roll, chicken gravy **Alternate entrees:** Pancake fun lunch, ham and cheese chef salad, saltine crackers, light ranch dressing **Sides for all meals:** Rainbow veggie medley

Friday: Main Entrees: Classic Pepperoni Pizza **Alternate entrees:** Pancake fun lunch, ham and cheese chef salad, saltine crackers, light ranch dressing **Sides for all meals:** Savory green beans

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The family of Rosie Krieg is hosting an open house in honor of her 90th birthday **Sunday April 11th • 1 to 4 at Mary Help of Christians Church Undercroft.**

Rosie was born on April 13, 1931 to John and Pauline Knoth. She and her late husband Virg had 8 children, 24 grandchildren and 42 great grandchildren. If you are unable to attend cards of congratulations can reach her at 643 Union City Road Fort Recovery, Ohio 45846.

Moving home raises questions about privacy

DEAR ABBY: At the age of 30, I recently had to move back with my parents. I am not the tidiest person in the world, but I thrive on the saying, "Dust, not dirt."

Dear Abby



I recently went on vacation. I knew my room was a little messier than I'd like, but I also knew I'd return from vacation ready to tackle the pile of laundry and sweep and mop. Lo and behold, when I walked into my room, it was clean and organized! Abby, I felt my privacy had been invaded.

closed door. I feel betrayed and like my personal privacy was undermined. What should I do? — INVADED SPACE

I was embarrassed and ashamed, but also hurt because my parents had trespassed beyond my

DEAR INVADED: I'm glad you asked. I think you should get over it, and fast. I assume you are staying rent-free in your parents' home.

You are no longer a teenager, and nobody trespassed. While you are under their roof, make an extra effort to keep the room you occupy free from dust and a pile of dirty laundry. If you act like a gracious guest instead of a spoiled child, there will be no reason to feel embarrassed or ashamed.

DEAR ABBY: I'm married and the mother of two kids, ages 5 and 7. My husband is a very involved father and partner. My complaint is that he's too trusting of other people

and doesn't keep an eye on the kids in public places.

An example: He'll take them to the grocery store and let them hang out in the toy department while he's getting groceries. They will be 100 yards away from each other. I have told him several times that I'm not comfortable with this, yet he continues to do it. I'm not sure what to do about it anymore. Have you any suggestions? — NERVOUS IN NEBRASKA

DEAR NERVOUS: Yes. Because your husband can't be trusted to watch the children when they accompany him shop-

ping, talk to the kids and impress upon them the importance of staying close to their father. However, if this doesn't work, then YOU will have to take over the errands until the children are older.

DEAR ABBY: I'm 60 and was a stay-at-home mom for 20 years. I have an associate's degree in the field that I just got a job in. My problem is, at this age, I'm a little slower at learning new things. My supervisor was willing to help me for the first week, but now she seems to have lost patience.

I have been here barely two weeks, and she made a comment that made me feel terrible. She was trying to teach me a filing system, and I was having a hard time understanding it. She said in front of the entire office that "around here we have to use our brains." Should I talk to her or just push through? — A LITTLE SLOWER

DEAR SLOWER: Let it slide this time. However, if her lack of tact continues, talk to her about how her comment made you feel. And in the meantime, learn that filing system.

To wed in May

Lexi Meacham and Malachi Koch



Malachi Koch and Lexi Meacham

Lexi Meacham and Malachi Koch are planning a May 22 wedding.

Lexi is the daughter of Chad and Tamara Meacham. Malachi is the son of Kristie and Samuel Koch.

The prospective bride is a 2017 graduate of Delta High School and will graduate from Ball State University next month with a bachelor's degree in nutrition and dietetics and a minor in public health. She plans to pursue a master's degree in human nutrition.

The prospective groom also graduated from Delta in 2017 and will earn a bachelor's degree in youth ministry next month from Grace College. He is on track to add a master's of divinity degree next year.

FRMS honor roll announced

Fort Recovery Middle School announced its honor roll for the third quarter this week.

Making the all-A honor roll were eighth graders Drew Backs, Layla Bihn, Nicole Braun, Mason Diller, Kassidy Dues, Evan Evers, Gavin Evers, Sarah Fritz, Ava Grisez, Kayla Heitkamp, Eva Kahlig, Bailie Muhlenkamp, Keegan Muhlenkamp, Kennedy Muhlenkamp, Karlene Niekamp, Benjamin Reinhard, Ella Schoen, Eowyn Vela, Mara Wenning and Emma Will.

Also seventh graders Evvian Briner, Elisa Evers, Alivia Grube, Brodie Hart, Aubrie Heitkamp, Madison Heitkamp, Olivia Knapke, Cora Kremer and Leah Wuebker.

And sixth graders Kenna Dues, Tyler Dues, Carter Fortkamp, Alexis Grisez, Makenna Huelkskamp, Meredith Jones, Ian McCain, Cameron Muhlenkamp, Kiera Stump, Jennifer Wendel and Brynn Willmann.

On the A-B honor roll were eighth graders Alivia Bergman, Madison Bihn, Saily DeRoo, Gavin Dues, Marlee Fiely, Jacob Fortkamp, Riley Grieshop, Caden Grisez, Brooke Hart, Ethan Hartnagel, Joelle Kaup, Cody Klenke, Gabriel Knapke, Lindsey Knapke, Norah Meyer, Aleigha Overman,

Kylie Post, Olivia Rammel, Adam Schoenlein, Zach Schoenlein, Kruse Siefring, Cooper Thompson, Reid Timmerman and Gage Zehringer.

Also seventh graders Gabriel Acheson, Elijah Albers, Ella Bechtol, Aiden Brunswick, Ryker Brunswick, Garrett Diller, Zoe Dues, Zackary Ervin, Lucas Fortkamp, Carson Fullenkamp, Jameson Heitkamp, Maleiah Kafkenberger, Isabella Kahlig, Cayson Kaikala, Dylan Klenke, Brylee Kremer, Reece LeFevre, Autumn Leuthold, Russell Pohlman, Anthony Roessner, Danielle Schmitt, Hayden Siefring, Caleb Smith, Andrew Stammen, Megan Weitzel, Reece Wendel, Tyler Wendel and Georgia Wenning.

And sixth graders Brody Barga, Kendall Buckland, Cadence Eber, Destiny Ervin, Brady Evers, Ava Fullenkamp, Sophia Guggenbiller, Russell Hart, Adyson Homan, Breaker Jutte, Grace Lochtefeld, Hudson McAbee, Jake Meyer, Coby Schmitz, Madelyn Schoenlein, Cara Shoemaker, Aubrey Shuttleworth, Riley Stammen, Ava Timmerman, Ivy Tobe, Ethan Westgerdes, James Westgerdes, Reed Westgerdes, Will Westgerdes and Jase Wuebker.

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.

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

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.

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

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.

CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP — Will meet at 1 p.m. the first Monday of each month at Portland Place, 430 W. Lafayette St. For more information, call (800) 589-1121.

PORTLAND EVENING OPTIMIST CLUB — Will meet at 6 p.m. the first and third Monday of each month at Richards Restaurant.

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.

A BETTER LIFE - BRIANNA'S HOPE — A faith-based recovery group for substance abuse. Meal starts at 6 p.m. and the meeting is from 6:30 to 8 p.m. every Tuesday at the Nazarene Fellowship Building across from the Nazarene church, 249 E. Center St., Dunkirk. For more information, call Amanda Price at (765) 283-2107.

Sudoku

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Level: Advanced

Friday's Solution

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

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.

Diamond Days

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April 8-9-10



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Closure of local industry just hurts

This hurts. Coca-Cola Consolidated announced Wednesday morning that it will be closing its Portland production facility Nov. 1. Employees learned their fate the same day.

The change is part of an ongoing shift for Coca-Cola. The company recently completed a new automated warehouse and distribution facility in Whitestown. It is consolidating those operations at the new site. As a result, there's expanded capacity for production at its Speedway facility in Indianapolis. The unfortunate outcome for the Portland

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facility and others — a Coca-Cola facility in Lafayette is slated to close this month — is the loss of a local industry and the dozens of jobs that will go with it.

But our concern today isn't about Coke, Sprite and Fanta and the profit margins they

bring in. It's about David, Patty, Tim and the many others who are now facing the prospect of needing to find a new job.

Losing jobs is never good for a community. It means stress for our neighbors and friends as they try to seek new employment.

It also opens the possibility that these neighbors and friends will find new jobs outside of Portland and Jay County and move away from our community. No one wants that.

The good news for these new job-seekers is that they could be eligible for displaced worker

benefits by contacting WorkOne and a lot of local companies are currently hiring. But there's no guarantee that those jobs fit the skill sets of the employees, some of whom have been with Coca-Cola for decades. And there's no guarantee they'll be able to find new jobs at the same wage level.

Consolidation is the way of the world. By locating more operations and services in fewer locations, there are economies of scale. It makes financial sense.

We understand that. And we appreciate the more than 100 years of Coca-Cola's

presence in the community. But that doesn't make this hurt any less.

Portland Mayor John Boggs on Wednesday said the news of the closure made him feel "gut-punched." Coca-Cola employees had to be experiencing those same emotions.

Our job now is to rally around them and do what we can to help them find a path forward following this difficult news.

At the very least, if we see them around, we can offer to buy them a drink. Though, at least this week, maybe not a Coke. — R.C.

Challenge is moving forward

By LEE H. HAMILTON

There's not much question where the Biden administration's domestic priorities lie. Getting the pandemic health crisis under control and moving past its attendant economic crisis were always going to be the first order of business for the new White House. It's what comes afterward — where the administration wants to head, how the American people respond, and what Capitol Hill does with it all — that will give us a sense of whether the country is ready for the kind of change Biden is signaling he wants to bring.

To be sure, some of that change has just been enacted into law. The stimulus package that made it through Congress a few weeks ago was an abrupt shift in tone from Washington. Beginning with Ronald Reagan and lasting to some extent even through Democratic administrations, the prevailing view valued limited government action on the economy, tax breaks for businesses and wealthy Americans — on the theory that their investments would ultimately help everyone else — and at best a wary view of the public sector. The stimulus bill heads the opposite direction, taking the attitude that forceful government action is needed in this moment and that the way to prosperity lies in helping poor, working-class, and middle-class Americans.

I suspect that a lot of Americans won't care much about the ideology behind the stimulus bill. They'll just judge it on whether it works, and in particular on whether the economy recovers and produces jobs — especially jobs that pay decently. Right on the heels of the stimulus bill, though, will come a host of issues that test both the administration and Congress.

One of them has already begun making headlines, as young migrants and migrant families show up in rising numbers at the southern border and federal officials scramble to shelter and process them — and in many cases, expel them under a Trump administration public health order that Biden is under pressure to drop. This all comes after a flurry of early executive actions aimed at developing a more generous immigration stance and talking up a "path to citizenship" for people in the country illegally and is a reminder that shifts in policy can produce results that overwhelm the best intentions. My sense is that many Americans would welcome a reasoned and

Lee H. Hamilton



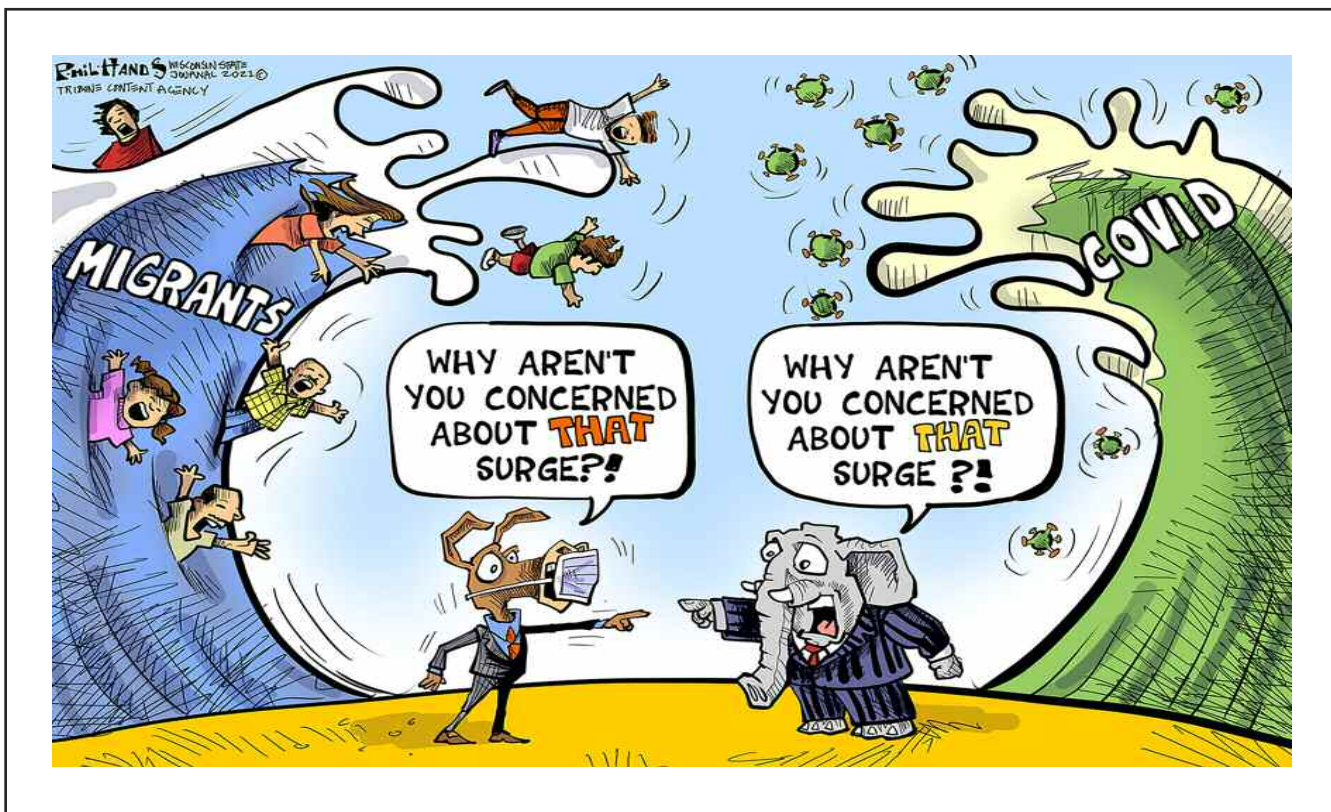
humane approach to immigration — but not if it produces chaos.

And just as Republicans on Capitol Hill are seizing on events at the border to raise the heat on immigration reform efforts, so the other big item on the administration's agenda — infrastructure — may also fall prey to intense partisanship. If ever there was an issue on which Democrats and Republicans ought to be able to carve out agreement, it's spending money to bring roads, highways, bridges, public water systems, and other basics necessary to modern life up to snuff. So far, the two parties continue to insist they intend to work together, and the Biden administration says that bipartisanship is a priority. But as Democrats push for an expansive view of infrastructure — including cyber-security, public transit, and shifting spending priorities toward cleaner energy — and Republicans insist that they will not back any move to raise taxes to fund infrastructure improvements, the stage is set for a classic Washington face-off.

Beyond that, of course, any number of exceedingly complex issues await action. There's the pressure to raise the minimum wage, policing reform, climate change, a set of issues around racial equity, and any number of hot-button cultural issues that the wings of both political parties would like to push but the administration so far has shown little interest in addressing.

But what may be the biggest test of all has less to do with policy priorities and the specifics of legislation than with whether Washington can move forward on challenges that matter to the American people. We have had many years now of Washington, collectively, struggling to advance on issues of importance to the day-to-day lives of Americans. Our political leaders have a chance to reset our expectations of what they can accomplish. Here's hoping they take the opportunity to do so.

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What will the recovery yield?

By MICHAEL J. HICKS

In the coming months, the U.S. economy will appear as if it is returning to normal.

That won't really be the case, but the conversation about the economy will shift from stabilizing and relief to long-term growth. Midwesterners, particularly Hoosiers ought to be very nervous about the next decade. The last economic recovery left the region and our state in relatively worse condition than the Great Recession. There is every reason to believe the next recovery will again leave much of the Midwest farther behind the nation as a whole.

The poor prognosis for the Midwest rests upon the long-term shifts, or what economists call 'structural' shifts, of our economy. Consumers spend a dwindling share of their earnings on goods, instead buying services such as recreation, travel, education and healthcare. That trend works against our strengths or 'comparative advantage.'

These shifting consumer preferences alter the calculus of producing goods and services. The demand for workers nationwide is overwhelmingly for college graduates. As I've repeated in this column, more than 8 in 10 new jobs created since 2010 went to college grads. Over the next decade, nearly all new jobs and most new wage growth will go to those workers with a four-year degree.

This does not mean that less well-educated workers cannot find work. There will be a steady stream of retirements in other occupations. But, it does mean that all the economic growth will only occur in those places with a high share of college graduates. That is very bad news for Indiana, since we are in the bottom third of educational attainment.

Indiana's declining economic position is not an accident. It is the result of numerous policy choices, for several decades, made by elected leaders of both parties. These were not malevolent choices, just myopic ones that ignored a half-century of data about the nation's changing economy. Today, Indiana's economic, education and workforce policies are far more closely aligned to 1962 than 2062, which is when today's high school students will still be a decade away from retirement.

One way to avoid the continued

plague of short-sighted policies is to think about economic growth the way economists do. Economists think of growth as being caused by the self-interested efforts of entrepreneurs to combine people and machinery — or what we call capital — to produce goods and services. This might seem like some highfalutin model, but it helps focus government policies.

Government can only promote economic growth by doing things that influence the productivity of people and capital. But, most of what government does has little effect on either worker or capital productivity. Indeed, much is harmful, as a disproportionate share of my columns have noted. But, there are a couple of areas where government action can influence productivity.

The first way is to improve the quality of the government's part of productive capital. The private sector owns most machinery and buildings, but the public sector owns or regulates significant capital. Thus, better bridges, roads, air traffic control systems or how effectively government regulates water, sewer, electricity, and telecommunications access also affects productivity.

States, including Indiana, spend a mind boggling amount of public money to attract new investment. States also try to cut taxes in the belief that capital owners are mostly concerned about the cost of owning that capital. But, capital investment goes to the places where it will be most productive, not where it is cheapest. If that were not so, Manhattan, Palo Alto and Boston would all be an economic wasteland, and Indiana would thrive.

Indiana's problem in attracting capital isn't because venture capitalists don't know about us, rather it is because they know us quite well. The most effective way to improve the productivity of capital is to combine it with highly educated workers, which is why capital disproportionately flows to Manhattan, Palo Alto and

Boston, not Indiana. The most effective way government can affect productivity is by focusing on people, or human capital. The most productive businesses locate and expand in the cities and towns that provide them a pool of well educated and skilled workers. Here we are at a deep disadvantage. From 2010-2019 Indiana's businesses created more jobs for high school dropouts than college graduates. This is that 'structural' change that sees advanced manufacturing, high technology and other highly productive sectors fleeing Indiana, and expanding elsewhere.

Fundamentally, Indiana needs to boost educational attainment. As of 2019, Indiana's educational attainment was a full generation behind that of the U.S. as a whole. Indiana has the workforce that is ready for 2004, not 2021. To put that in context, 2004 was the first year with a Bluetooth-enabled Blackberry, the iPod (not iPad) and the concept of 'blogging.'

The remedy to our educational attainment problem will not be quick or cheap. It will require strategic patience and courage from elected leaders. It takes real political pluck to tell voters the truth about our lagging economic prospects, and to explain to them that we need more money for education from pre-K up through college. More funding alone will not fix Indiana's educational attainment deficit. It is necessary, not sufficient, but it must be a first step. The quest to better fund schools is not a partisan issue. Underfunding of public services that are critical to the economy has never been a conservative principle. Following a decade of budget cuts and experimentation with schools, we have enough data to draw some pretty clear conclusions. These tax cuts and educational reforms have not yielded us their promise of better educational attainment or economic growth. It is time to get back on track or prepare to face another lost decade.

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State competitors

Jay County High School students recently competed in the Business Professionals America State Leadership Conference after qualifying through a regional event. Isaac Braun posted the top finish, placing fifth in Python Programming. Marissa Overla and Dylan Burress were sixth and eighth, respectively, in Python Programming, and Miranda Alig was 10th in project management concepts. Braun, Overla, Burress, Samuel Bracy and Grace Morgan all advanced to the national competition. Pictured, from left, are Miranda Alig, Maria Dirksen, Ralyn Chaffins, Hannah Littler, Grace Morgan, Madison Brunswick, Dylan Burress, Mattie Overla, Sammy Bracy, Isaac Braun and Trevor Alicea.

BSU adds Esports Center

Esports is getting a new home in Muncie.

Ball State University will host a virtual ribbon-cutting ceremony at 4 p.m. Monday for its new Esports Center. The event will be live-streamed at bsu.edu/live.

The school's college of communication, information and media will be home to its new Esports program. BSU will compete as one of 12 members of the Mid-American Conference that have created the independent Esports Collegiate Conference.

Ball State's new Esports Center covers 3,611 feet in the Robert Bell Building and features a platform that accommodates six-on-six competitions, an interactive classroom, office space and stadium seating for 50 spectators.

"We're ecstatic to officially unveil our new home," BSU Esports program director Dan Marino said in a press release. "At Ball State, our beautiful campus is our canvas. This Esports Center is our University's latest addition, which improves the sense of place for our students."

Cutting scheduled

Jay County Chamber of Commerce will hold a ribbon-cutting ceremony next week for ReSprout Therapy for Neuro-Development.

The business, located in John Jay Center for Learning, is a specialized therapy practice for children with developmental delays. The ribbon-cutting ceremony is slated for noon Friday.

Moving on

A collaborative project led by Ardagh Group has been selected to advance to the second round of the EU Innovation Fund program that seeks to spur the demonstration of innovative, low-carbon technologies.

Ardagh, which operates glass manufacturing facilities in Dunkirk and Winchester, is leading a group of 20 firms in its industry to create the "Furnace for the Future (F4F)." The F4F would enable the glass container industry to switch to renewable electricity and cut carbon emissions.

"We are honored to be among the 70 projects considered by the European Commission as strategic to a climate-neutral Circular Economy," said Ardagh chief sustainability officer John Sadler in a press release.

NextEra acquires

NextEra Energy Transmission, a subsidiary of NextEra Energy, on Wednesday announced that it has completed the purchase of GridLiance Holdco and GridLiance GP for \$660 million.

NextEra, which owns and operates Bluff Point Wind Energy Center in Jay and Randolph counties, will take control of 700 miles of

Business roundup

high-voltage transmission lines that GridLiance owned in six states.

"We are pleased to have completed the acquisition of GridLiance and welcome their team into the NextEra Energy family," said NextEra chairman and CEO Jim Robo in a press release. "This acquisition furthers our goal of creating America's leading competitive transmission company and is consistent with our strategy of adding high-quality regulated assets to our portfolio."

Walgreens launches

Walgreens has added a new feature to its MyWalgreens membership program that allows customers to donate their cash rewards to local charities.

Customers will be able to donate their awards to a variety of selected nonprofit organizations via the MyWalgreens app. Walgreens collaborated with the charitable giving platform In/PACT on the initiative.

"At Walgreens, we aim to make a positive impact on the communities in which we serve every day," said Walgreens group vice president of customer marketing platforms Alyssa Raine in a press release. "That's why we are thrilled to offer this simple but innovative opportunity to support the unique and local needs of every community in America through the work of hundreds of local nonprofit partners."

Yum purchases

Yum! Brands recently completed the purchase of The Habit Burger Grill.

Yum, which owns Pizza Hut and Taco Bell, bought the California-based restaurant chain for \$375 million. Franchise Times reported this week. The Habit Burger Grill has 260 locations.

"It really was a great landing place for the brand," Russ Bendel, CEO of The Habit Burger Grill, told Franchise Times. "Habit has enjoyed reasonably good success in the 53 years, but for this brand to ultimately reach its full potential, having the backing, the stewardship of Yum will certainly allow us to do that."

Goals announced

CVS on Wednesday announced goals for Transform Health 2030, an initiative to improve health around the world.

Goals for the program are as follows:

- Facilitating 65 billion health care interactions
- Investing more than \$85 billion

in inclusive wellness, economic development and advancement opportunities

- Providing more than \$1.5 billion in social impact investments to build healthier communities

- Reducing CVS Health's overall environmental impact by at least 50%

"Our Transform Health 2030 strategy and the accompanying goals will allow us to extend our commitment into the future and address the health impacts that we'll face for years to come," said CVS senior vice president and chief sustainability officer Eileen Howard Boone in a press release.

Hitting the course

Comcast Business announced Tuesday that it has signed a multi-year deal with the PGA Tour to sponsor the Tour Top 10 beginning with the current season.

The Tour Top 10 will recognize players based on their performance in the FedExCup standings. At the end of the season, the top 10 finishers will split a \$10 million bonus.

"We could not be more excited to partner with the PGA TOUR to sponsor the new Comcast Business TOUR TOP 10," said business president Bill Stemper in a press release. "Our shared commitment to delivering premier experiences and enabling the highest levels of performance make this partnership a natural fit. We look forward to the continued growth of the Comcast Business TOUR TOP 10 and to an exciting finish to this year's FedExCup regular season."

Counsel named

McDonald's on Monday announced that Desiree Ralls-Morrison will become its new general counsel and corporate secretary.

Ralls-Morrison will start in the new role April 26 and be based in Chicago. She most recently served as general counsel and corporate secretary for Boston Scientific Corporation.

"I'm thrilled that Desiree is joining our team not just for the strong experience she brings, but for the values-based leadership that has defined every aspect of her career," said McDonald's president and CEO Chris Kempczinski in a press release. "Her commitment to leading with integrity, along with her work to support positive change in communities, will strengthen our efforts to bring our values to life across the business."

Meeting set

Walmart has scheduled its annual shareholders meeting for 9:30 a.m. June 2.

Because of the ongoing coronavirus pandemic, the meeting will be held in a virtual format. Shareholders will be able to vote electronically, online, by mail and by phone.

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DHGA H LHNBGNOOAE BQV.

HOARA ND CL DQ PQC.
Yesterday's Cryptoquip: IF A SPOILSPORT COMES ALONG AND RUINS A REALLY FUN PARTY, THAT'S A MIRTH-SHATTERING OCCASION.
Today's Cryptoquip Clue: D equals T

Trivial Review
Happy Easter
1) What Easter treat, created first in 1953, took 27 hours to make by hand with a pastry tube?
2) In the Bible, who discovered the tomb of Jesus to be empty?

4-5 CRYPTOQUIP

W X K Q P M Z Y P X M Y Z H A V M Z M R
U Z V K A M Y D O X S P M Z M A H Z R Z
K A Y V X S X J P D : " Q A A V Z M R

W J X Y O P M U P M J Z D H A U Z D . "
Saturday's Cryptoquip: I DON'T HAVE AN OPINION ON WHETHER YOU NEED TO TAKE A PAINKILLER NOW. ALEVE IT UP TO YOU.
Today's Cryptoquip Clue: W equals C

CRYPTO FUN
Solve the code to discover words related to consumers.
A. 18 1 23 25 17 9
B. 6 7 22 22 25 17 9
C. 19 11 7 2 25 21
D. 19 4 7 19 14 5 1 21

WORD SCRAMBLE
Rearrange the letters to spell something pertaining to consumers.
M P S A E T N Y

Guess Who?
I am a supermodel born in Australia on March 29, 1964. In the 1980s, I became part of a new generation of models along with Kate Moss and Naomi Campbell. I was nicknamed "The Body" by members of the press and the fashion industry.

kids' corner
Illustration of a child and educational items.

BOOK FACT
THE OLD TESTAMENT OF THE CHRISTIAN BIBLE IS THE SAME AS THIS SACRED BOOK IN THE JEWISH FAITH.

How they SAY that in...
ENGLISH: Holy
SPANISH: Sagrado
ITALIAN: Sacro
FRENCH: Saint
GERMAN: Heilig

Maze Craze
Can you find your way through the center of the maze?
Start Finish

THIS DAY IN... HISTORY
1889: THE EIFFEL TOWER IS OFFICIALLY OPENED.
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CONSUMER WORD SEARCH
Find the words hidden vertically, horizontally, diagonally, and backwards.

WORDS
ACCOUNTING
AGREEMENT
CASH
CASHIER
CONSUMER
CONTRACT
CUSTOMER SERVICE
DEMAND
EXCHANGE
IMPULSE
LINE
LIST
NECESSITY
ORGANIZATION
PAYMENT
PURCHASE
RETAIL
SALESPERSON
STOCK
STORE
SUPPLIES
WARES
WARRANTY
WHOLESALE

Did You Know?
PASSOVER COMMEMORATES THE LIBERATION OF ISRAELITES FROM SLAVERY IN EGYPT AND THE "PASSING OVER" OF A PLAGUE ON FIRST-BORN ISRAELITES.

GET THE PICTURE?
Can you guess what the bigger picture is?
ANSWER: CHOCOLATE EASTER BUNNY

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS 38 Insult, slangily
1 Pool stick
4 Group of three
9 "It's c-c-cold!"
12 Magic, on scoreboards
13 Starbucks size
14 Aussie hopper
15 Excursions on tandems
17 Vintage
18 Marsh
19 Grimaces
21 Arboreal ape
24 Undecided
25 Citric beverage
26 Kitten's cry
28 Jazz legend
31 Match parts
33 Aachen article
35 Country singer
36 Trattoria offering
DOWN 20 Spoken in
21 React in horror
22 Inventor's inspiration
23 Legendary flagmaker
27 Marry
29 Medicinal plant
30 Actress
32 "Go no further!"
34 Lasagna cheese
37 Pueblo structures
39 Became enraged
42 Skater
44 Actor
45 "Waterloo" group
46 Press
50 Small batteries
51 Gear tooth
52 Ages and ages
53 Old French coin

Contract Bridge By Steve Becker

A remedy for insomnia
South dealer. Both sides vulnerable.
NORTH: ♠J643, ♥A8, ♦QJ1085, ♣A6
WEST: ♠Q9852, ♥107, ♦K72, ♣953
EAST: ♠K7, ♥J9642, ♦A4, ♣J1082
SOUTH: ♠A10, ♥KQ53, ♦963, ♣KQ74
The bidding: South West North East
1♣ Pass 1♦ Pass
1♥ Pass 1♠ Pass
1NT Pass 3NT Pass
Opening lead: five of spades.
Assume you're South and reach three notrump as shown. West leads a spade, and you win East's king with the ace. When you play a diamond to the ten, East takes it with the ace and returns a spade to West's queen. West continues with the nine of spades to dummy's jack. East discarding a heart, and you eventually go down one, losing three spades and two diamonds.
Late that night, while trying to fall asleep, you suddenly realize you should have made the contract! Furthermore, as happens so often, you blew your chance at trick one. You should have let East win the first trick with the king of spades! Had you done that, you would have gotten home safe and sound with nine tricks.
East would return a spade, no doubt, but you would then be in the driver's seat. You'd take your ace and lead a diamond, but the defenders would find themselves helpless.
If East won the trick with the ace, he wouldn't have a spade to return to establish partner's suit, while if West won the trick with the king, he could establish his spades but wouldn't have an entry to cash them later on.
It may appear strange that the winning method of play is to voluntarily hold yourself to one spade trick when you can easily make two by taking East's king with the ace at trick one. It seems counterproductive to reject a trick you can so easily win, but the plain unvarnished truth is that if you start thinking along these lines, you are barking up the wrong tree.
Your No. 1 aim from the start is to make three notrump. If you have to sacrifice a spade trick in order to achieve that goal, you must grit your teeth and spurn the trick. If you do things like that more often, you might sleep much better at night.

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS 32 Chicago's Mayor
1 Singer Cooke
4 Ancient portico
8 Apple tablet
12 Sch. founded by Jefferson
13 Engine parts
14 NYC gallery
15 Comics cry
16 Six-sided state
17 Computer brand
18 "The Wedding Singer" actress
21 Guffaw syllable
22 DDE's opponent
23 Gold-loving king
26 "Today" rival, briefly
27 Corn core
30 Summer month in Paris
31 Lettuce variety
32 Chicago's Mayor
33 Street, in Montreal
34 Long, crosser
35 Singer Jennifer
36 Cauldron
37 Vigor
38 1995 film starring Whoopi Goldberg and 18-Across
45 Bailiwick
46 Military no-show
47 Director Brooks
48 "Hud" Oscar winner
49 Christmas tree, often
50 Collar
51 Campus digs
52 Eyelid woe
53 Son-gun link
DOWN 11 Challenge "Come again?"
20 Verily
23 Blemish
24 Chit
25 Payable
26 "Beverly Hills —"
28 Mine material
29 Occupation, for short
31 Short snoozes
32 Cuts off
34 Brit's restroom
35 Actress
36 Song of praise
37 Fake
38 Combo
39 Twistable cookie
40 Once around the sun
41 Ninny
42 "You Know — Good" (Amy Winehouse song)
43 Hearing-impaired
44 Actor Idris

Saturday's answer 4-5
Crossword grid with numbers 1-59.

Contract Bridge By Steve Becker

Famous Hand
North dealer. Neither side vulnerable.
NORTH: ♠A75, ♥AKQ8, ♦107, ♣A1064
WEST: ♠Q9632, ♥J2, ♦K9842, ♣J
EAST: ♠K84, ♥107543, ♦—, ♣Q8732
SOUTH: ♠J10, ♥96, ♦AQJ653, ♣K95
The bidding: North East South West
1♣ Pass 1♦ Pass
1♥ Pass 3♦ Pass
3♣ Pass 3NT Pass
Opening lead: three of spades.
The ability to interpret the opponents' cards as they appear is a necessary prerequisite for good card play. For an example of fine card reading, consider this deal played in a national championship by Subhash Gupta, a member of Canada's 1985 Bermuda Bowl team.
Gupta reached three notrump on the auction shown. West's spade lead was ducked to the king, and East's eight-of-spades return was covered by the jack and queen, again ducked by declarer. A third spade dislodged the ace, East following suit with the four as South discarded a heart.
With only seven top tricks in view, Gupta naturally chose to attack diamonds for the additional tricks he needed. But when he led the ten from dummy and East discarded a heart, he was forced to reconsider.
He could afford to lose the king of diamonds to West only if West had started with four spades, not five. But Gupta decided that East's play to the first three tricks — specifically the K-8-4, in that order — marked West with five spades. The only alternative was to try to score seven tricks in hearts and clubs, a seemingly impossible assignment.
But "impossible" proved to be too strong a word. After going up with the ace of diamonds, Gupta led a club to the ace, noting with interest the appearance of West's jack. This was highly likely to be a singleton under the circumstances, so he next led a club to the nine. When this held, only one more hurdle remained to be cleared.
The king of clubs was followed by the A-K of hearts, and when West's jack fell Gupta was virtually certain he was home. The ten-of-clubs play allowed East to score his Q-8, but at trick 12 East had to lead from his 10-7 of hearts into dummy's Q-8, giving Gupta the last two tricks and the contract.
Tomorrow: What can defeat me?

Yesterday's answer 4-3
Crossword grid with numbers 1-59.

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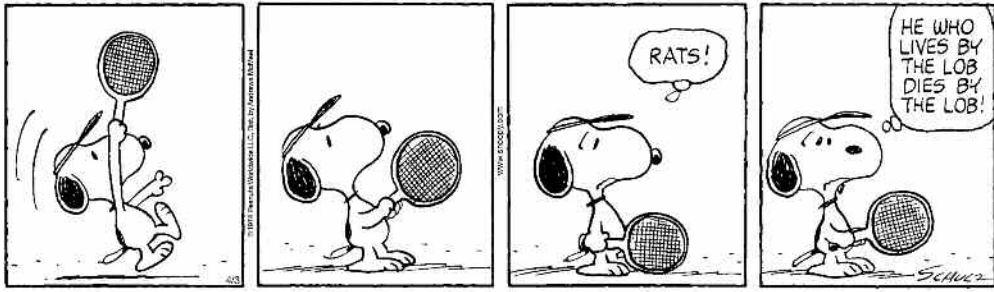
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Homer ...

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Kensy Gaerke rifled a double to left-center with one out, and then Abby Knapke ripped a liner to the same spot to score Knapke as the Indians nabbed a 5-2 advantage.

Jackie Homan, who was 2-for-4, hit a scorching grounder down the third base line in the top of the sixth to score Brenna Homan, who reached on a bunt and advanced to second on a stolen base.

"That rip down third she had, that definitely helped," Thien said of Jackie Homan. "She's been hitting the ball hard all year. Finally to get a nice hit like that really helped out."

Offensively the Indians racked up 13 hits, including six doubles, with Grisez and the Homans each turning in multi-hit days.

Mississinawa Valley, meanwhile, managed just two hits off Jackie Homan after totaling eight in 2 2/3 innings off Britney Tebbe.

At one point, Homan retired nine straight Blackhaws, including three consecutive strikeouts. Madi Townsend and Kenzea Townsend were the only two MVHS players to reach base off her.

"She (doesn't) need much

'(Jackie Homan doesn't) need much time to warm up. She can throw it anytime, anywhere ... Jackie came in and just shut them down.'

—Ryan Thien, FRHS softball coach

time to warm up," Thien said. "She can throw it anytime, anywhere."

"Britney, she didn't have her great stuff today but she pitched well enough the first couple innings to keep us in the game."

"Then Jackie came in and just shut them down."

Homan struck out eight and didn't issue a walk in 4 1/3 innings of relief. Tebbe fanned two, walked one and surrendered two earned runs on eight hits.

Kenzea Townsend led the Blackhawk offense with three hits, while Madi Townsend and Hoggatt had two hits apiece.



The Commercial Review/Chris Schanz

Fort Recovery High School senior Brenna Homan swings at a pitch during the fourth inning against the Mississinawa Valley Blackhaws on Friday at FRHS. Homan was 2-for-3 with a stolen base and a run in the Tribe's 7-2 win.

Box score

Fort Recovery Indians vs. Mississinawa Valley Blackhaws

Mississinawa Valley (0-4)				
	ab	r	h	bi
Hoggatt 1b	4	1	2	0
Guillozet ss	4	0	1	0
Collins p	4	0	1	1
MTownsend c	4	0	2	0
KTownsend 3b	4	1	3	0
Elizondo rf	3	0	0	0
Cooley ph	1	0	0	0
Rammelcf	3	0	0	0
Johns 2b	3	0	1	0
Hamilton lf	1	0	0	1
Hiestand lf	1	0	0	0
Totals	32	2	10	2

Fort Recovery (3-1)				
	ab	r	h	bi
BHoman 3b	3	2	2	0
JHoman 1b	4	2	2	1
Grisez ss	4	1	2	0
Guggenbiller c	4	1	3	4
Pearson cf	4	0	1	1
Gaerke lf	4	1	1	0
Wendel 2b	3	0	0	0
Tebbe p	1	0	0	0
AbKnapke 1h	2	0	1	1
AbKnapke rf	3	0	1	0
Totals	32	7	13	7

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LOB — Mississinawa Valley 9. Fort Recovery 7. 2B — Fort Recovery 6 (JHoman 2, Guggenbiller, Pearson, Gaerke, AbKnapke). HR — Fort Recovery 1 (Guggenbiller). SB — Mississinawa Valley 1 (Guillozet).

IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Mississinawa Valley	6.0	13	7	7	0

Fort Recovery	2.2	8	2	2	1	2
Tebbe	4.1	2	0	0	0	7

Sports on tap

Local schedule

Today
Fort Recovery — Track at Versailles Tiger Invitational — 9 a.m.; Softball vs. Bath — 11 a.m.; Baseball vs. Crestview — 2 p.m.
Jay County — Baseball scrimmage vs. Belmont — 11 a.m.; Softball scrimmage vs. Winchester — 11 a.m.

Monday
Jay County — Softball vs. Blackford — 5 p.m.; JV softball at Blackford — 5 p.m.
Fort Recovery — Baseball at Lehman Catholic — 5 p.m.; Softball at Lima Central Catholic — 5 p.m.; JV baseball vs. Franklin Monroe — 5 p.m.; Junior high track hosts tri — 4:30 p.m.

Tuesday
Jay County — Track at Blackford — 5 p.m.; Softball at Belmont — 5 p.m.; JV softball at South Adams — 5 p.m.

Fort Recovery — Softball at Fairlawn — 5 p.m.; Freshman baseball at Coldwater — 5 p.m.

Wednesday
Jay County — Tennis at Blackford — 5 p.m.

Thursday
Jay County — Softball vs. Delta — 5 p.m.; Girls tennis at Belmont — 5 p.m.; Baseball vs. Elwood — 5:30 p.m.; Track at Belmont — 5:30 p.m.; JV baseball at Shenandoah — 5 p.m.; JV softball vs. Delta — 5 p.m.
Fort Recovery — Baseball at Delphos St. John's — 5 p.m.; JV baseball vs. Delphos St. John's — 5 p.m.

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Today
5:14 p.m. — Men's College Basketball: NCAA Tournament Final Four — Houston vs. Baylor (CBS)
8:34 p.m. — Men's College Basketball: NCAA Tournament Final Four — UCLA vs. Gonzaga (CBS)

9 p.m. — NBA Basketball: Indiana Pacers at San Antonio Spurs (FSIN)

Sunday
Noon — National Hockey League: Detroit Red Wings at Tampa Bay Lightning (NBC)
1:05 p.m. — Major League Baseball: Atlanta Braves at Philadelphia Phillies (ESPN)
3:30 p.m. — NBA Basketball: Los Angeles Lakers at Los Angeles Clippers (ABC)
8:37 p.m. — Major League Baseball: Chicago White Sox at Los Angeles Angels of Anaheim (ESPN)

Monday
1:10 p.m. — Major League Baseball: Minnesota Twins at Detroit Tigers (ESPN)
4:10 p.m. — Major League Baseball: Kansas City Royals at Cleveland Indians (ESPN)
7:10 p.m. — Major League Baseball: Tampa Bay Rays at Boston Red Sox (ESPN)

Freezes ...

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The release said points earned through the Tournament Success Factor during 2019-20 and 2020-21 will be applied toward sectional groupings for the 2021-22 tournaments.

"Given that last year's state tournaments in boys basketball, softball and baseball were cancelled, no schools in those sports will move up in 2021-22 since those schools will not be able to achieve the point totals necessary," the release said.

Schools currently playing up a class, though, could remain in their same classification or revert to their enrollment class once point totals are applied.

Jay County's enrollment figures for the current classification is 987. The Patriots are Class 4A in football, Class 3A in sports with four classes (baseball, softball, boys basketball and girls basketball) and Class 2A in sports with three classifications (boys and girls soccer).

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Sports

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Jackie Homan of the Fort Recovery High School softball team delivers a pitch during the third inning against the Mississinawa Valley Blackhawks on Friday at FRHS. Homan retired all but two of the 15 batters she faced and struck out eight in silencing the Blackhawk offense as the Indians won, 7-2.

Fifth-inning blast breaks a 2-2 tie, then stellar pitching carries Fort Recovery to 7-2 victory on Friday

By CHRIS SCHANZ

The Commercial Review

FORT RECOVERY — The Blackhawks were threatening to break the tie.

Jackie Homan shut them down, and Maddie Guggenbiller ended the deadlock instead.

Guggenbiller hit a two-run home run to break a 2-2 tie in the fifth inning and Homan retired all but two of the 15 batters she faced pitching in relief as the Fort Recovery High School softball team rallied past the Mississinawa Valley Black-

hawks for a 7-2 victory Friday night.

"I feel pretty good," FRHS coach Ryan Thien, whose team hosts the Bath Wildcats at 11 a.m. today, said of his team's 3-1 start to the season. "We kind of get off to a cold start. I wish we'd get off to a bit of a warmer start. Hopefully once the weather warms up ... we'll do that."

Mississinawa Valley (0-4), which scored a run in the top of the first inning on a Taylor Collins RBI single, tied the score at 2-2 in when Mackenzie

Hamilton drew a two-out, bases-loaded walk off FRHS starter Britney Tebbe in the third inning.

Thien switched to Homan, who threw three straight pitches past MVHS leadoff hitter Jocelyn Hoggatt to get out of the jam.

Two innings later, Chloe Grisez began Fort Recovery's offense with a bloop single down the right-field line. On a 1-0 count, Guggenbiller blasted her third home run of the season by sending a towering shot

over the scoreboard in left field.

"That hit was huge," Thien said. "It definitely created the spark we needed. We were hitting the ball hard. A lot of at bats (we were) just hitting it right at people."

Guggenbiller, who singled in the first inning and hit an RBI double in the sixth, finished a triple shy of the cycle and collected four RBIs.

The Indians weren't done scoring after Guggenbiller's homer, either.

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IHSAA freezes figures

Organization will delay reclassifying until after the 2021-22 year

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INDIANAPOLIS — The Patriots will be staying put, at least for another year.

So will the rest of the state.

The IHSAA Executive Committee on Friday approved a freeze of enrollment figures for the current cycle, delaying reclassification for member schools.

"This year's enrollment numbers showed significant fluctuation in the case of many schools likely affected by the (coronavirus) pandemic and raising questions about their true representation," the IHSAA said in a press release Friday evening. "Following prolonged discussion during today's monthly meeting of the Executive Committee, members voted 18-1 to extend the classification cycle by a year."

It was not revealed who cast the dissenting vote.

As a result of the IHSAA's decision, all Jay County High School athletics teams will remain in their current classes.

The IHSAA will reclassify following the 2021-22 school year, using enrollment figures from that cycle to determine classifications for the 2022-23 and 2023-24 seasons.

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MLB moves ASG

ATLANTA (TNS) — Major League Baseball's All-Star Game, a high-profile event that had been scheduled for Truist Park in July, will be moved out of Georgia.

MLB Commissioner Rob Manfred announced the decision Friday in response to the state's new voting law.

"I have decided that the best way to demonstrate our values as a sport is by relocating (the event)," Manfred said. "Major League Baseball fundamentally supports voting rights for all Americans and opposes restrictions to the ballot box."

The push to move the game had gathered momentum after several large corporations condemned the voting law and President Joe Biden said he would "strongly support" relocating the event.

Georgia Gov. Brian Kemp, who last week signed the new law and two years ago participated in a ceremony awarding the All-Star game to Atlanta, blasted MLB's decision to move the game.

"Major League Baseball caved to fear, political opportunism and liberal lies," Kemp said in a statement. "Georgians — and all Americans — should fully understand what the MLB's knee-jerk decision means: cancel culture and woke political activists are coming for every aspect of your life, sports included."

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