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Forever a wolf



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Redkey Elementary School custodian Ventura "Bennie" Moreno had her last day of school Friday as she is retiring after 45 years. She and her husband moved to Redkey in 1952. When her daughter gave up her job as a custodian at the school to move to San Diego with her husband, Moreno stepped in and has been there ever since.

Moreno retires after 45 years as custodian at Redkey Elementary School

By BAILEY CLINE
The Commercial Review

REDKEY — To Ventura "Bennie" Moreno, Redkey Elementary School is like home.

Maybe that's why she's been working there more than four decades.

"It's a place that you can come and be relaxed," said Moreno, 83. "I don't even call it work — I just enjoy being here. Never knew the

time was passing this fast."

She left school after second grade to work with her parents in the cotton fields of Arkansas. Through the off-season, they often resorted to food stamps. Bennie and her husband, Alfredo "Fred" Moreno, moved to Redkey in 1952 after hearing about factory job openings. She was 17 years old and spoke little English.

Bennie and Fred Moreno raised five children, three of whom were born in Redkey. She never worked anywhere long-term while her children were young, instead opting for summer factory positions or similar jobs.

In 1976, Moreno's daughter picked up a custodian job at the elementary school while her husband was stationed in

Germany. Before moving with her husband to San Diego a few months later, she and Moreno stopped by the school to give her resignation. Moreno jokingly offered to fill the space.

That was 45 years ago. "I was just kidding," Moreno recalled. "(But) that's how I'm here."

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Justice Dept., Congress probing seizure

By MARY CLARE JALONICK and MICHAEL BALSAMO
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Justice Department's internal watchdog launched an investigation Friday after revelations that former President Donald Trump's administration secretly seized phone data from at least two House Democrats as part of an aggressive leaks probe. Democrats called the seizures "harrowing" and an abuse of power.

The announcement by Inspector General Michael Horowitz came shortly after Deputy Attorney General Lisa Monaco made the request for an internal investigation. Horowitz said he would examine whether the data subpoenaed by the Justice Department and turned over by Apple followed department policy and "whether any such uses, or the investigations, were based upon improper considerations."

Horowitz said he would also investigate similar Trump-era seizures of journalists' phone records.

House Intelligence Committee Chairman Adam Schiff, D-California, and another Democratic member of the panel, California Rep. Eric Swalwell, said Apple notified them last month that their metadata had been subpoenaed and turned over to the Justice Department in 2018, as their committee was investigating the former president's ties to Russia. Schiff was then the top Democrat on the panel, which was led by Republicans.

While the Justice Department routinely investigates leaked information, including classified intelligence, subpoenaing the private information of members of Congress is extraordinarily rare.

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Retrospect

Hemmelgarn trained for Toughman contest

Twenty-five years ago this week, a Jay County man was preparing to defend his title as one of the toughest guys around.

The June 13, 1996, edition of The Commercial Review featured a story about John Hemmelgarn's training for the upcoming weekend's Original Toughman Contest at Allen County Fairgrounds in Lima, Ohio. The 24-year-old had won the championship in the heavy-weight division a year earlier.

Hemmelgarn won the championship of the competition in 1995 and racked up victories in seven consecutive bouts, all by knockout in two

rounds or less. He advanced to the 1995 Coors World Toughman Championship in Asheville, North Carolina, dropping his first-round bout by technical knockout to 1994 World Toughman champion George Gordon.

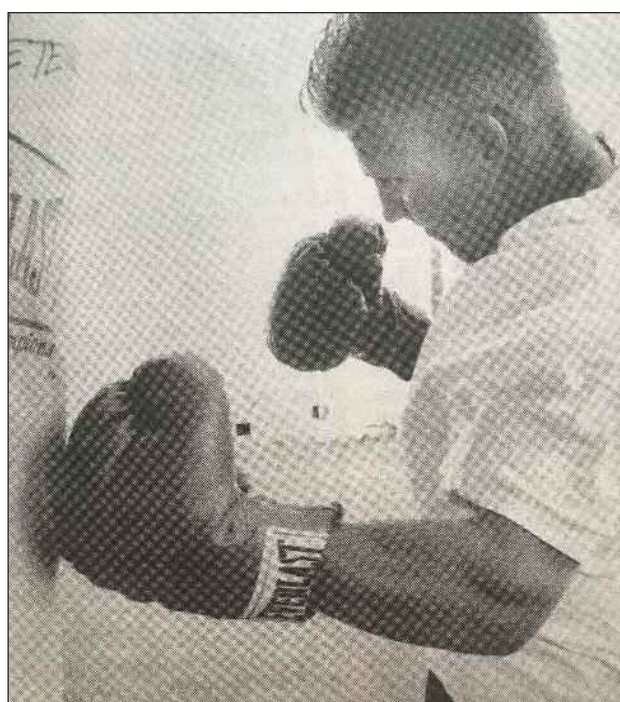
As he trained in 1996, he recalled his first fight in elementary school.

"A third grader was teasing me because my older brother was teasing me on the bus and I came into school crying," Hemmelgarn said. "I got mad so I punched him right in the mouth and he had to get three stitches in his tongue. I remember that as plain as day because mom had to come into school, and

boy I got yelled at by the principal."

Hemmelgarn had spent some time training in Las Vegas before returning to Jay County and turning his brother's farm on county road 300 East into his training grounds. The 6-foot, 4-inch, 240-pounder had a goal of becoming a professional boxer.

"To win the toughman is my first priority," said Hemmelgarn, who is now director of Jay/Portland Building and Planning. "I would love to fight professionally. That's what keeps me doing it. But in the same breath I realize I'm 24 years old and it might be too late to get in it at this age."



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John Hemmelgarn throws some punches at a heavy bag while training to defend his title in the Original Toughman Contest in Lima, Ohio, in June 1996.

Deaths

Jackie Markley Jr., 58, Indianapolis
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Weather

Jay County's temperature climbed to a high of 88 degrees Friday.

Today's forecast calls for a high of 90 with a 30% chance of showers and thunderstorms. It will be 84 Sunday under mostly sunny skies and 86 Monday.

See page 2 for an extended outlook.

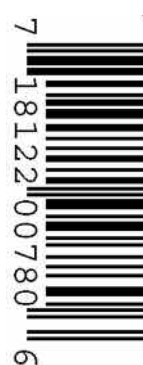
In review

The National Center for Great Lakes Native American Culture is hosting its Gathering of Great Lakes Nations Pow Wow today and Sunday at the Tri-State Gas Engine and Tractor Association grounds. It will feature Native American drums, singers and dancers, with performances at noon and 5 p.m. today and 11 a.m. Sunday.

Coming up

Tuesday — Results from today's Jay County Summer Swim Team season opener.

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



Obituaries

Jackie Markley Jr.

Aug. 9, 1962-June 4, 2021
Jackie "Jack" W. Markley Jr., age 58, a resident of Indianapolis, passed away on Friday, June 4, 2021, at St. Francis in Indianapolis. He was a former resident of Winchester.

Jack was born on Aug. 9, 1962, in Winchester; the son of Jackie "Jack" Markley Sr. and Lois E. (Hilgenberg) Markley. Jack served in the U.S. Army where he played in the Army Band. Jack married Lila Gage and she passed away on Oct. 24, 2019.

A native of Winchester, Indiana, Jack came from a very musical family and began his musical education at home. His mother Lois was his first piano teacher. Although his mother was known for her musicality,

Jack was exceptionally gifted and quickly mastered what she could teach him on the piano. Lois soon sought help from Ann Morford to broaden his genre of music and move on to classic piano. He graduated from Winchester High School where he played in the Winchester Community High School Marching Showband under the direction of Max Jones. He then attended Indiana University, where he studied organ performance with the late Dr. Robert C. Rayfield, a noted scholar on the works of Leo Sowerby and César Franck. He studied sacred music with Dr.



Markley

Marilyn Keiser, also of Indiana University. Jack then entered The Juilliard School to work with Dr. Jon Gillock of Paris. Gillock is a noted international authority on the works of Olivier Messiaen and the 19th century French School.

Jack currently served as director of liturgy and music at St. Jude Catholic Church in Indianapolis. He formerly served as director of music ministries at St. Basil the Great Parish in Phoenixville, Pennsylvania.

Survivors include:

Two sisters — Teresa Morgan (wife: Stephanie), Anderson, Indiana, and Regina Norton, Ridgeville, Indiana

Three nephews — Jedidiah Norton (wife: Sarah), Carter Norton and Elijah Curme

One niece — Dacia Curme
One great-nephew — Sincere Alexander Curme

His beloved Shitzu, Mimi Markley

He was preceded in death by his parents, Jackie "Jack" Markley Sr. and Lois E. Bradburn.

Visitation will be held on Wednesday, June 16, 2021, from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. at St. Jude Catholic Church, 5353 McFarland Road, Indianapolis. A Mass of Christian Burial will follow at 11:30 a.m. on Wednesday at the church.

on Saturday at the funeral home.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be directed to Teresa Morgan to establish a scholarship fund in Jack's name, a local cancer society in Jack's name or to a local church in Jack's name.

Additional information is available and condolences can be expressed at williamson-spencer.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.

CR almanac

Sunday 6/13	Monday 6/14	Tuesday 6/15	Wednesday 6/16	Thursday 6/17
86/61	84/58	80/55	78/54	82/63
Skies will be partly cloudy with a high of 86. There is a 25% chance of rain.	The forecast calls for partly sunny skies with a high of 84 and winds from 10 to 20 miles per hour.	Skies will be sunny with the exception of a few afternoon clouds.	The high will be in the upper 70s under mostly sunny skies.	Expect sunny skies with a high temperature of 82.

Lotteries

Hoosier Midday Daily Three: 3-1-2 Daily Four: 3-4-4-4 Quick Draw: 8-9-15-26-29-30-31-36-38-42-43-46-49-50-51-53-62-69-76-79	Pick 4: 3-7-4-6 Pick 5: 0-6-9-0-7 Rolling Cash 5: 6-8-9-25-36 Estimated jackpot: \$204,000
Ohio Midday Pick 3: 2-7-5 Pick 4: 6-1-1-6 Pick 5: 6-3-1-2-9 Evening Pick 3: 1-4-2	Powerball Estimated jackpot: \$31 million Mega Millions Estimated jackpot: \$20 million

Markets

Cooper Farms Fort Recovery Corn.....6.95 July corn.....6.95 Wheat6.61	Wheat 6.60 July wheat 6.60
POET Biorefining Portland Corn.....7.19 June corn7.24 Aug. corn6.90	Central States Montpelier Corn.....7.16 July corn.....7.16 Beans15.33 Nov. beans13.94 Wheat 6.71
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Today in history

On June 12, 1987, President Ronald Reagan, during a visit to the divided German city of Berlin, exhorted Soviet leader Mikhail S. Gorbachev to "tear down this wall."
In 1630, Englishman John Winthrop, leading a fleet carrying Puritan refugees, arrived at the Massachusetts Bay Colony, where he became its governor.
In 1939, the National Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum was dedicated in Cooperstown, New York.
In 1942, Anne Frank, a German-born Jewish girl living in Amsterdam,

received a diary for her 13th birthday, less than a month before she and her family went into hiding from the Nazis.
In 1963, civil rights leader Medgar Evers, 37, was shot and killed outside his home in Jackson, Mississippi. (In 1994, Byron De La Beckwith was convicted of murdering Evers and sentenced to life in prison; he died in 2001.)
In 1996, the Jay County West baseball team improved to 4-0 with a six-run rally in the bottom of the seventh inning for a 6-5 victory over Monroe Central.
—AP and The CR

Citizen's calendar

Monday
9 a.m. — Jay County Commissioners room, commissioners room, courthouse, 120 N. Court St., Portland.
1 p.m. — Jay County Commissioners executive session, Hinkle, Raxter and Schemenaur, 121 W. High St., Portland.
3:45 p.m. — Jay County Election Board, voting room, courthouse, 120 N. Court St., Portland.
4 p.m. — Jay County Public Library Board, Community Room, library, 315 N. Ship St., Portland.
6 p.m. — Jay County Regional Sewer District Board, commissioners room, courthouse, 120 N. Court St., Portland.
6 p.m. — Dunkirk Board of Works, city building, 131 S. Main St.
7 p.m. — Dunkirk City Council, city building, 131 S. Main St.
Wednesday
4 p.m. — Portland Board of Aviation, airport, 661 W. 100 North.



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Ribbon cutting

Jay County Chamber of Commerce held a ribbon-cutting ceremony June 4 for Good-Rich Brewery, 128 E. McNeil Street, Portland. Siblings Wil and Emily Goodrich launched the business in April. It is open from 5 to 9 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays.

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Compared to working in the fields as a child, tasks like cleaning toilets and sweeping floors are a breeze to her.
"They call this work?" she said. "I almost sometimes think, why should what I get paid for what I'm doing? It's just like being at home and cleaning."
At the end of every year, when asked if she would be returning to her job come the fall, she always said yes. She rarely gave it much thought.
"I didn't even think, I just, 'Yes, yes, yes,'" said Moreno, who, with Redkey teachers helping her study, earned her GED in 1995. "And that's what I did. I just love doing it."
She now laughs at the memory from when she first moved to Redkey and

passed by Shambarger's Restaurant.
"I didn't read very good — I didn't speak very good English," she admitted.
And so she mistook the sign for the word "hamburgers." She sent her husband inside to get her a burger. (They did fulfill the request.)
She later worked at the restaurant for about two or three years and helped assemble the "Sky High" strawberry pies.
After spending time in the fields, working at factories and making sweet treats, Redkey Elementary became her home away from home. At one time, she put in 12-hour shifts at the school from early morning until evening. Lately she's been working in the afternoon and evening for five hours, which is an hour longer than her previous

four-hour shift. (The extra hour is to account for additional sanitation methods used to prevent a COVID-19 outbreak.)
Principal Rex Pinkerton has worked with Moreno for three years. He said it will be hard to find someone as devoted to their job as she is.
"She's always very concerned about the quality of work she's doing," he said.
The school is home to Moreno, and she treats — and cleans — it as such.
The staff, which are like family to Moreno, are what prompted her return to the school each year. Now, she's ready to spend more time with Fred, who has been retired for 22 years. She's also getting knee surgery soon.
"Everybody's gonna miss her in some form or fashion," Pinkerton said,

adding her work ethic and dedication will be missed.
Elementary teacher Shelly Miskinis walked in to the teacher's lounge Thursday and started to tear up when she learned it was Moreno's last day. She's worked with Moreno for 35 years.
Others also stopped by the room during Moreno's interview to wish her a happy retirement.
"No goodbyes," Moreno chided one coworker as they hugged. "Just 'til later!"
Later, a few tears came to her own eyes as the weight of her last day began to sink in. She likened the feeling to a high school senior's last day of classes.
Appropriately, she was wearing her tie-dye Redkey Elementary School t-shirt.
"I will be a Redkey Wolf forever," Moreno said.

Probing ...

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The disclosures, first reported by The New York Times, raise questions about what the Justice Department's justification was for spying on another branch of government and whether it was done for political reasons.
In a statement, White House

deputy press secretary Andrew Bates said the Trump administration's conduct is "shocking" and "clearly fits within an appalling trend that represents the opposite of how authority should be used."
The Trump administration's secretive move to gain access to the data came as the president was fuming

publicly and privately over investigations — in Congress and by then-special counsel Robert Mueller — into his campaign's ties to Russia. Trump called the probes a "witch hunt," regularly criticized Democrats and Mueller on Twitter and dismissed as "fake news" leaks he found harmful to his agenda.

SERVICES

Today
Bergman, Kathryn: 10 a.m. Mary Help of Christians Catholic Church, 403 Sharpshurg Road, Fort Recovery.
Eads, Goldie: 10 a.m., Downing & Glancy Funeral Home, 100 Washington St., Geneva.
Huber, Renee: 10:30 a.m., Precious Blood Catholic Church, 35 Maple St., Maria Stein, Ohio.
Wilson, Lois: 2 p.m., Fort Recovery Church of the Nazarene, 401 E. Boundary St., Fort Recovery.

Wednesday
Markley, Jackie: 11:30 a.m., St. Jude Catholic Church, 5353 McFarland Road, Indianapolis.

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To wed June 26

Ross Homan and Deanna Chenoweth

Ross Homan and Deanna Chenoweth are planning a June 26 wedding.

Deanna is the daughter of Dennis and Donna Chenoweth of rural Portland. Ross is the son of Todd and Michele Homan of Fort Recovery.

The prospective bride is a 2017 Jay County High School graduate who went on to earn a bachelor's degree in agriculture education from Purdue University. She works at Southside Restaurant and Spirits in Coldwater, Ohio.

The prospective groom graduated from Fort Recovery High School in 2016. He works at K&L Tractor Sales in Fort Recovery.



Deanna Chenoweth and Ross Homan

Harness racing camp scheduled

A harness racing camp is coming to Jay County.

Jayland Trotting Association will partner with Harness Horse Youth Foundation will hold a one-day camp Aug. 5 at Jay County Fairgrounds.

The camp will feature hands-on activities involving the organization's stable of trottingbred racehorses. Participants will learn about caring for horses, harnessing and equipment. They will also get to job a racehorse alongside a professional driver.

"The Jayland Trotting Association is excited to host the camp," said Jane Ann Runyon. "Anytime we can share our enthusiasm for harness racing, especially with young people, is beneficial. We are sure campers will have fun and learn something about standardbreds too."

No experience is necessary, but participants must be at least 11 years old. The cost is \$35, and pre-registration is required by July

Taking Note

15 at hhyf.org. For more information, contact ellen@hhyf.org or (317) 908-0029.

Planetarium open

Charles W. Brown Planetarium at Ball State University is now open again for public shows.

The planetarium will host "Earth, Moon and Sun" on June 17, 18, 24 and 25, "We Are Stars" on July 1, 2, 15 and 16, and "To Space & Back" on July 22, 23, 29 and 30. All shows begin at 6:30 p.m. Masks are required.

Registration for the free shows is required at brownplanetarium.eventbrite.com. The planetarium is located at 2111 W. Riverside Ave., Muncie.

Parents still want adult daughter to check in

DEAR ABBY: I am a 30-year-old married woman. My job requires a lot of domestic travel, which I love. My parents continue to ask that I "check in" whenever I fly, and often text or call asking me where I am, even though I provide them my schedule.

I feel this indicates a lack of confidence that I can take care of myself. They frame it as "they love me" or "they care," but, to me, it feels like a constant putdown. I know it doesn't take long to respond, but every time I do I feel like a child. It's not as though they are in a position to help me if something did go awry. I would be forced to handle it myself, regardless.

I have tried reasoning with them, but it hasn't worked. Can you please help me explain to

Dear Abby



them what a normal adult-child relationship looks like, so we can stop arguing and I can feel like the capable woman I am? — CAPABLE ADULT IN PENNSYLVANIA

DEAR CAPABLE ADULT: Your parents appear to be having trouble letting go of their parental role. If you are providing them with your schedule and itinerary, you are doing enough. One way to win an "argument" is simply not to argue. If you

do not wish to check in, don't do it.

DEAR ABBY: A relative has recently, through no fault of his own, lost a significant amount of money. I would like to help him out with a gift of money, with no expectation that he would repay the money. However, he's very proud, and I'm afraid he would be insulted if I offer him the money. It could also damage our relationship, which has always been very good.

Can you offer any words that could persuade him to accept this gift? You often have a tactful approach that can help to maintain a positive relationship but still allow a person to accomplish their desired goal. — PROUD IN NEW YORK

DEAR PROUD: If it were my relative, this is the approach I

would take:

"Uncle Charlie, you have been wonderfully supportive of me over the years. (Be specific about a couple of instances; they do not have to have anything to do with money — in fact, it's better if they don't.) You would be doing ME a great favor if you would please accept this because this past year has been so difficult for so many people, and I have been concerned about you." Then I'd cross my fingers.

DEAR ABBY: I am an RN with a bachelor's degree in nursing. My question is, when is it appropriate to put BSN, RN behind my name? For example, I have only my name on my checks. When I sign for things at work I always add RN to the end of my signa-

ture. The rest of the time I do not, which brings me to my next question: When should I put the BSN part in there? I tend to never use it. It is on my name tag for work, but when sending faxes to doctors or clinics, I have been leaving it off. — NURSE NEEDS TO KNOW

DEAR NURSE: Because you have earned both degrees, you should use them. In the world of academia, the college degree is used first. However, since you are not in that environment, whichever one you prefer to use first will be all right.

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

Community Calendar

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

Today

PORTLAND FARMERS MARKET — Is open from 8 a.m. to noon each Saturday in the parking lot at The Rock Church.

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

Sunday

ABBOTT REUNION — Will be held Sunday, June 13, at Bryant Community Center. Meal will be at noon. Please bring a covered dish.

Monday

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

BRYANT AREA COMMUNITY CENTER — Walking from 9 to 10 a.m. every Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

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

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

PREGNANCY CARE CENTER — Free pregnancy testing with ongoing support during and after pregnancy. The center is located at 216 S. Meridian St., Portland. Hours are 1 to 5 p.m. Monday through

Friday. For more information or to schedule an appointment, call (260) 726-8636. Walk-ins accepted.

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

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

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

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

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

Tuesday

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

Sudoku

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Level: Advanced

Friday's Solution

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

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.



We have a busy schedule of special sections and pages coming up.

Mark your calendar so you don't miss them.

Jay County Fair

Wednesday, July 7 (ad deadline June 30)

Marching Patriots

Wednesday, July 21 (ad deadline July 14)

Swiss Days

Wednesday, July 28 (ad deadline July 21)

Fall Sports

Wednesday, August 18 (ad deadline Aug. 11)

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There was ample chance for input

Editorial

Where have you been?
A group of Jay County residents came to Thursday's Jay County Plan Commission meeting to oppose the planned Skycrest Solar project in Penn and Jackson townships.

That is their right. The public hearing is designed for that purpose.

But Thursday's meeting marked the first time there has been any sort of significant public opposition to a solar project in the county. And there has been ample opportunity to voice that opposition for nearly three years.

Jay County began the process of writing an ordi-

nance governing solar facilities in August 2018. Shane Houck, then a member of the plan commission, had pushed the group to address solar farms, anticipating that there would be interest in Jay County. Jay County Building and Planning sought volunteers to be on the committee to help write the solar rules as

well as to update the wind farm rules. (The department's email and phone number were published in the newspaper for that purpose.)

Over the course of the next 10 months, those who volunteered to be a part of the committee held a series of meetings. They studied the limited solar ordinance examples they could find. They drew from the existing wind farm ordinance. And they wrote the proposed rules.

Those rules were then discussed at a plan commission meeting in June 2019. Plan commission made minor changes and

gave initial approval to the ordinance two months later. It was subject to a public hearing in September 2019. Jay County Commissioners then reviewed the rules in November 2019, suggested changes and sent them back to plan commission. Plan commission rejected those suggestions in December 2019 and sent the ordinance updates back to commissioners, who approved them a couple of weeks later.

Each of those meetings presented an opportunity for members of the public to weigh in. For the most part, they did not.

During the year-plus process of writing, adjusting and approving the solar rules, about a dozen stories appeared in the newspaper addressing the issue.

And solar has been in the news plenty since. A possible project was mentioned in conjunction with the completion of Bitter Ridge Wind Farm in September. We wrote a lengthy piece in November noting that four companies had expressed interest in solar facilities in Jay County. Invenergy visited county council in February to introduce plans for Skycrest Solar.

That's nearly three years of public discussion about solar projects, all covered in this newspaper and by WPGW Radio.

To show up in opposition Thursday night and act as if decisions were made before there was an opportunity to comment publicly is disingenuous at best. The public was offered ample opportunity to have a say in how the solar rules were written, to comment on them before they were approved and to raise concerns since the first project was proposed.

Where were you? — R.C.

Russia's arrests ignore hackers

Russian President Vladimir Putin's government can bring down its fist — when he wants it to.

Dissidents and business executives who run afoul of the Kremlin are swiftly prosecuted and dispatched to Siberian prison camps. Yet

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cybercriminal gangs based in Russia seem to face nary a consequence when they wreak havoc on U.S. and other Western companies. President Joe Biden should point out the disconnect at the upcoming summit between the two leaders.

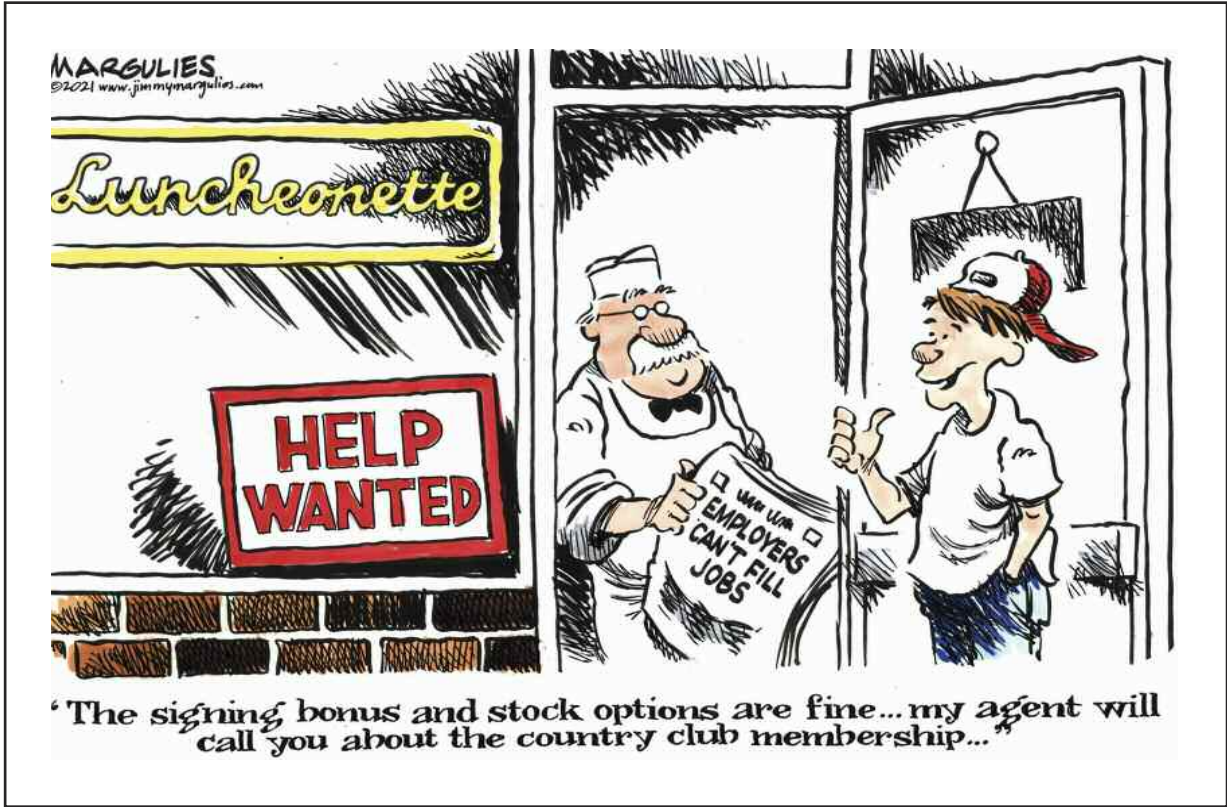
A rash of ransomware attacks plagues businesses, libraries, hospitals and entire cities in the United States. Scarcely had officials begun to account for last month's assault on the systems of the 5,500-mile-long Colonial Pipeline when news broke that the world's largest meat processor, JBS, had also been struck. The FBI identified DarkSide as the culprit in the pipeline salvo; the cartel REvil was reportedly responsible for the JBS attack. Both have links to Russia and may well be based there. There's no evidence the Kremlin is coordinating with these criminals, but it appears to be more than just tolerating them.

For some groups, that relationship has been close as can be, with authorities recruiting programmers to do their bidding or co-opting gangs they've caught to work for them rather than against. Other hackers don't have to be asked. They assume they can make mayhem with impunity so long as they pick the right victims. Some even set their sights specifically on nations in the Kremlin's poor graces, such as Estonia and Georgia in 2007 and 2008, and now Ukraine.

Russia isn't entirely immune from ransomware, of course, whether from inside or outside its borders. The country's general prosecutor said last year that attacks had risen 25-fold in the preceding half-decade.

But Russian enforcers can be frighteningly effective when it suits the Kremlin. At least seven Jehovah's Witnesses were sentenced to prison last week; security services have devoted ample resources to sniffing out adherents of the outlawed faith, even though Russia's constitution guarantees freedom to worship. Opposition leader Alexei Navalny was handed a prison term only 16 days after returning to the country in January.

Putin obviously has plenty of enforcement power. He would do well to use it against the lawless ransomware artists whose antics harm critical industries and threaten lives in the United States and other countries.



Economists can't predict future

By MICHAEL J. HICKS

As this pandemic hopefully winds down, it's useful to think through the forecasts and analysis that economists got right, and what we got wrong. This is important because the U.S. has not ever been through such a deep, rapid, nor nearly simultaneous economic downturn. Never has our fiscal response been as rapid or comprehensive. Thus, economists have played an important and lingering role in this pandemic. I begin with what we got right.

The pandemic's effect on the economy was fast and furious. Nearly all the jobs lost during the downturn occurred before any government action to close restaurants and bars, enforce mask standards or limit gatherings. State governments responded with wildly different limitations, making it relatively easy to isolate the effect of disease and government action on the economy. Over the past several months a number of high-quality studies have made clear that it was disease, not government, that delivered and sustained this recession.

From the very beginning, the economics profession made it clear that fixing the economy meant ending the pandemic. That proved right. Whether or not the government interventions ultimately reduced the disease incidence is an epidemiological question, not an economic one. But, any analysis of the cost and benefits, particularly of low-cost measures like mask wearing, would justify much of what happened last spring.

Economists were also correct about the general magnitude and industries most affected by the pandemic. For example, in March 2020 the center where I work published a study of those occupations most at risk nationally, and reported about 28 million workers at risk, with the average wage of about \$15 per hour. As it turns out, job losses in the first quarter exceeded 22 million, and were heavily clustered on workers making less than \$15 an hour.

Michael J. Hicks



Given the uncertainty of the moment, that turned out to be a highly prescient analysis.

Last spring there was a loud chorus of economists warning of the effect of deep tax losses to state and local governments. Because Congress and two administrations heeded this warning in their fiscal response, that danger passed. There were a number of smaller matters economists got right, but we also missed some important economic changes.

Few economists foretold the major changes to consumption and savings that COVID and the broad fiscal relief brought. Consumer spending on entertainment and recreation remains almost 15 percent below pre-pandemic levels, while grocery spending is 17 percent higher. Overall consumer spending is up 13 percent, and among taxable retail, spending is a whopping 25 percent higher than pre-pandemic levels.

The spending shift boosted tax revenues as households shifted consumption to more taxable items. A big portion of this was in the home construction sector. Perhaps too many economists were busy with home improvement projects last summer to recognize the implications of this consumption shift. These changes are likely transitory, or if not, do not present a compelling challenge to public policy.

Nearly every economist worried about the pace of labor market recovery following the pandemic. Many of us felt that the combination of low interest rates and longer-term pandemic risks would motivate firms to adopt labor-saving technology. In partic-

ular, bars, restaurants, accommodations and other face-to-face industries would likely see lower demand for workers in the post-pandemic era. Some of this has happened, but right now the greatest angst is over a labor shortage, not labor surplus.

It is too early to know any of this for sure, but over the past three months, job growth has largely stalled. Businesses claim this is due to workers unwilling to take a job, but for every new job created nationally, more than five workers lost benefits. Something else is happening.

Few economists, myself included, made public predictions of a permanent decline in labor supply. It seems increasingly likely that workers, especially low-income workers, have shifted their desire to work. Some of this may be transitory, due to childcare issues, but some of it is permanent. Today it is increasingly clear that the only thing that will change this behavior is higher wages. I would not have anticipated this a year ago, and only a few other economists did so. In our defense, this is not really a public policy problem. Businesses are not owed workers any more than people are owed jobs. To argue otherwise is quite literally a mark of at least borderline socialism, but then intellectual consistency in these matters is no longer in vogue.

The biggest change from COVID-19 is one few economists predicted back in April or May of 2020. Today it seems likely that 20 percent of jobs can be performed remotely, or at least quasi-remotely. This is a radical change that will upend housing and labor markets. Workers who can labor entirely at home no longer need to commute and are free to live nearly anywhere. Workers who work mostly at home can dramatically expand their household location choices. Businesses who can offer this flexibility can pay less for the same quality of work.

Taken together, this means flatter, less-densely populated

cities. It means less commuting congestion and more demand for broadband and technology education and training. Homes will change to include quiet office spaces, and the demand for single family housing in suburban and smaller-town America will grow. This necessarily means that families will choose neighborhoods with a greater emphasis on amenities such as schools, parks, public safety and walkability.

These changes were coming, but we probably just went through a multi-decade period of change in just a year or two. Few economists saw this coming early last year, but we are now in the midst of a great reckoning. However, I'm not sure seeing this change early would've made a huge policy difference. Economists have argued for almost three decades that household location decisions are primarily connected to local amenities. Some communities heeded this overwhelming evidence; others ignored it. Those who listened and acted successfully on quality of place will likely experience a boom decade. Those places that did not, will experience quite the opposite.

The lesson here is not that economists are especially knowledgeable about the future. We are not. But, this profession has very good tools for understanding long-term changes in behavior and for thinking through the implications of those changes. We also understand a bit about what causes local economies to grow or shrink. Those places that heeded these lessons have reason to view the recovery with some optimism.

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Products donated

Walmart of Portland recently donated an estimated \$10,000 in hand sanitizer and disinfecting wipes to Portland Fire Department for distribution and use by all local emergency services, including Portland police, Jay County Sheriff's Office, Jay Emergency Medical Service, Dunkirk police, Jay County Emergency Management Agency and Redkey police.

Tyson sets goals

The parent company of a local industry has set new sustainability goals.

Tyson Foods, parent of Tyson Mexican Original in Portland, announced Wednesday that it is working to achieve net-zero greenhouse gas emissions by 2050.

The company was already working toward achieving a 30% greenhouse gas emissions reduction by 2030. The commitment covers its 239 facilities worldwide.

"At Tyson Foods, we believe progress requires accountability and transparency and we are proud to exemplify that as we work to achieve net-zero greenhouse gas emissions by 2050," said Tyson chief sustainability officer John R. Tyson. "As the first U.S.-based protein company in the food and beverage sector to have an emissions reduction target approved by the Science Based Targets initiative, we hope to continue to push the industry as a leader and remain committed to making a positive impact on our planet ..."

Director hired

Claire Aldenhuysen has taken over as the new director of education at Cornerstone Center for the Arts in Muncie.

Aldenhuysen, who replaced Claire Downes, has 10 years of experience in museum education and administration. She earned a master's degree in museology from the University of Washington in Seattle and is in the midst of pursuing a master's degree in adult and community education and executive development for public service from Ball State University.

"I'm excited to help children build their confidence and creativity through art," Aldenhuysen said in a press release.

She can be reached by email at caldenhuysen@cornerstonearts.org.

Mearns named

Ball State University president Geoffrey S. Mearns has been named to the NCAA Board of Directors.

Business roundup

Mearns was also elected as chair of the Mid-American Conference's Council of Presidents. He spent the last year as the MAC representative to the NCAA Presidential Forum.

"It is a privilege to have been appointed to this important role as a liaison between the Mid-American Conference and the NCAA," said Mearns in a press release. "I look forward to the challenge of helping shape plans and policies that promote the best interests of all student-athletes."

Financing finished

Invenergy announced Thursday that it has completed construction financing for the second phase of the Samson Solar Energy Center.

The company, which is planning Skycrest Solar in northwest Jay County, announced construction financing for the first phase of the project in January. The second phase of Samson project in Texas is 250 megawatts toward the planned 1,130-megawatt facility, which will be the largest in the United States.

"Invenergy is proud to complete construction financing for the second phase of the Samson Solar Energy Center," said Invenergy vice president of finance and capital markets Anneli Alers in a press release. "A significant step forward in the completion of the record-setting project, this milestone is a testa-

ment to Invenergy's ... track record with our financial partners."

Chambers selected

Indiana Gov. Eric Holcomb has named Buckingham Companies president and CEO Bradley Chambers as the state's next secretary of commerce.

Chambers, who will take over the new role July 6, founded Buckingham Companies in 1984. The company works in investment, development and management of multifamily and mixed-use properties.

"There is no one more qualified to lead our economic development efforts than someone who's been a leader in the business for 35 years," said Holcomb in a press release. "Not only has Brad created, grown and expanded his business from the ground up, he's been focused on how his work contributes to making Indiana the best place to invest, work, and live for his entire career."

McDonald's hit

McDonald's reported in a press release Friday that it has been affected by a data breach.

The restaurant chain said a "small number of files were accessed" and some included personal data. The McDonald's breach affected customers and employees in South Korea and Taiwan.

"These tools allowed us to quickly identify and contain recent unauthorized activity on our network," a McDonald's spokesperson told CNN Business. "A thorough investigation was conducted, and we worked with experienced third parties to support this investigation."

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Yesterday's Cryptoquip: CERTAIN OLD FAD DANCE PERFORMED WHILE EATING PARMESAN, SWISS OR CHEDDAR: MACARENA AND CHEESE. Today's Cryptoquip Clue: G equals Y

Trivial Review

(Answers are printed below, upside down.)

It's hot

- 1) What material has the highest melting point at 6,177 degrees?
2) What planet in our solar system has the highest average temperature?

(Answers: 1) Tungsten (2) Venus (880 degrees)

6-14 CRYPTOQUIP

VJRFN UHWIEQV TZK GWEJU
OQQC HJQI VZGQYZMT KVQV
R YWU ZO HZFMNCRT UJRU'V
DKVU RHOKC: NKI-DRYV.

Saturday's Cryptoquip: MANY YEARS AGO WHEN BUSES AND CABS COST ONLY TEN CENTS, YOU WOULD'VE ENGAGED IN DIME TRAVEL. Today's Cryptoquip Clue: V equals S

CRYPTO FUN
Solve the code to discover words related to surfing. Each number corresponds to a letter. (Hint: 24 = E)

WORD SCRAMBLE
Rearrange the letters to spell something pertaining to surfing.
LBSAERR

Guess Who?
I am a model born in Michigan on June 10, 1992. Before I gained fame, I participated in equestrian sports. I was named "Rookie of the Year" after landing the cover of the Sports Illustrated swimsuit issue in 2011, and then the next two years.

kids' corner
Illustration of a child's desk with a laptop, calculator, and books.

FOOD FACT
THIS POPULAR CARNIVAL SWEET WAS ONCE KNOWN AS "FAIRY FLOSS."

How they SAY that in...
ENGLISH: Sweet
SPANISH: Dulce
ITALIAN: Dolce
FRENCH: Sucré
GERMAN: Süß

Creative Coloring
Celebrate National Candy Month. Color in this picture to create your own masterpiece.
Illustration of a lollipop and a swirl of taffy.

THIS DAY IN... HISTORY
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1770: CAPTAIN JAMES COOK DISCOVERS THE GREAT BARRIER REEF OFF AUSTRALIA.
1919: SIR BARTON WING THE BELMONT STAKES, BECOMING THE FIRST HORSE TO CAPTURE THE TRIPLE CROWN.
1962: THREE MEN ESCAPE THE PRISON ON ALCATRAZ ISLAND, BECOMING THE ONLY PRISONERS TO DO SO.

New word
PULL
to stretch and fold candies like taffy

SURF SHOP WORD SEARCH
Find the words hidden vertically, horizontally, diagonally, and backwards.

- WORDS
ACCESSORIES
BACKPACK
BEACH
CASE
COVER-UPS
FINS
FOOTWEAR
HOODIE
LEASH
PADDLE
RASH GUARD
SHORTBOARD
SUNDRIES
SUNGLASSES
SUNSCREEN
SURFBOARD
SURFING
SWIMWEAR
TANK
TOWELS
T-SHIRT
WAVES
WAX
WETSUITS

Did You Know?
ANCIENT EGYPTIANS ARE CREDITED WITH INVENTING CANDY. THEY MIXED DRIED FRUIT WITH HONEY.

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

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS 42 Recipe abbr. 2 "Garfield" dog 21 "Little Women" woman 6 Language of Egypt 44 "Mercy Me" singer 3 Armored vehicles 23 Have 12 "— Bovary" Marlin 4 Ostrich's kin 24 "No seats" sign 13 "Serpico" Miles 5 Characterize 25 Army address 14 Nearly perfect grade 50 Super-vised 6 Church section 26 Adventure 28 Respected 30 Baton Rouge sch. 15 Know-how (Paris cabaret) 52 — Rouge 7 "Parent-hood" actress Sarah 16 Quick look 54 Destroyed 8 Obama-care acronym 31 Leary's drug 17 Nile queen, informally 55 Oak Ridge Boys hit 9 Tweety's meal 33 Dennings of "2 Broke Girls" 19 Speck 56 Artery inserts 10 Division word 34 Suffix with hotel 22 "Mayday!" 57 Particulars, in slang 11 Price 39 Representative 24 Compass dir. 12 Atlas page 41 Purple shade 42 Ergo 43 Faxed 45 Citrus drinks 27 Wee parasite 18 Religious ritual 44 Move like a butterfly 46 Broadcasts 47 Broad-casts 49 Genetic letters 37 Flop 1 DOWN 1 Christen 18 Religious ritual 41 Purple shade 42 Ergo 43 Faxed 45 Citrus drinks 47 Move like a butterfly 48 Broad-casts 49 Genetic letters 51 Mafia boss 55 Flamenco cheer 38 — glance 40 Bacterium

Yesterday's answer 6-12
Grid for crossword puzzle with numbers 1-57.

Contract Bridge By Steve Becker

Thirteen is a lucky number
South dealer. East-West vulnerable.
NORTH: AKQJ94, 74, 62, KQ8
WEST: 6, AQ10952, J109752
EAST: 108752, 6, 109875, 43
SOUTH: 3, KJ83, AKQJ43, A6
The bidding: South West North East
1 1 Pass 3 Pass
3 NT Pass 6 NT
Opening lead — jack of clubs.
The backbone of really good bridge is sound reasoning, and much of this starts with the not-so-startling revelation that each player is dealt 13 cards. The expert never allows himself to forget this all-important fact, while the less-experienced player quite often loses sight of it.
Take this case where declarer is in six notrump and wins the opening club lead with the ace. Thirteen tricks

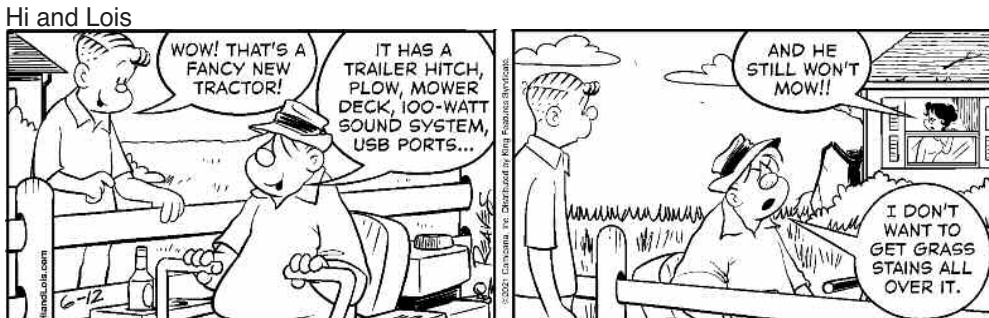
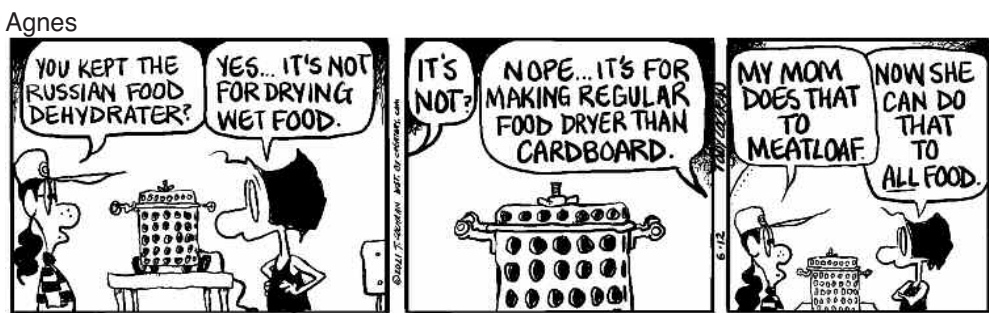
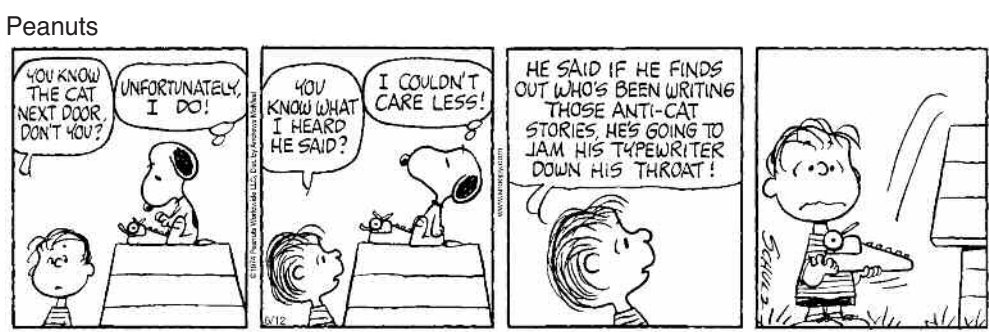
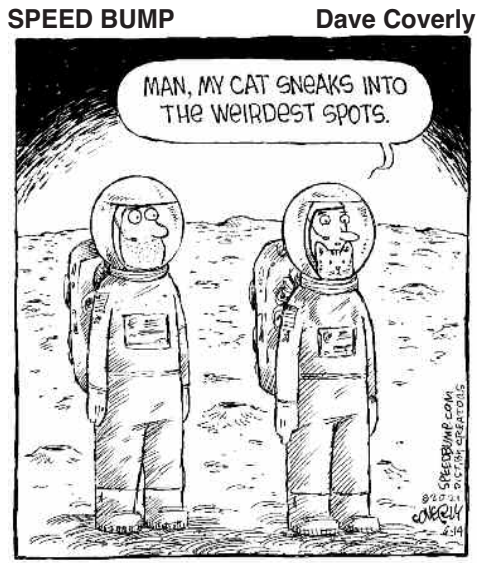
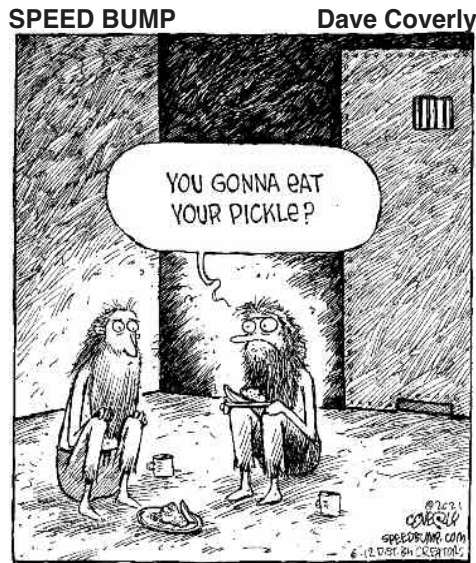
Contract Bridge By Steve Becker

Famous Hand
East dealer. Neither side vulnerable.
NORTH: AJ5, AQJ104, AQJ32
WEST: Q53, 8762, 85, K1075
EAST: AKJ109642, KQ1093
SOUTH: 87, 4, K97632, 9864
The bidding: East South West North
2 Pass 2 NT 3 NT
4 Pass 5 Pass 6 Pass 7 Pass
5 Pass 5 Pass 6 Pass 7 Pass
Pass Pass Dhle
Opening lead — three of spades.
This deal occurred many years ago in a rubber-bridge game at New York's Cavendish Club, where some of the world's top experts once congregated daily.
East opened with a forcing two-bid, and his partner responded two notrump. North, a bit mystified, now bid three notrump. This was the "unusual notrump," indicating length in both minor suits.
When East next bid four spades,

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS 42 Polecat's kin 2500 sheets 22 Day of "Pillow Talk" 1 Messes up 45 Cloth 3 Wheel-chair 24 Tease 5 Corpulent 49 Bread need 4 Gum-shoe 25 Gilbert and Sullivan princess 8 Dutch baker's saint 5 Emergency exit 26 Sidewalk material 13 Somewhat (Suff.) 52 Museo display 6 Enzyme suffix 27 Scatter, as a mob 14 "— pity!" 53 Sounds of hesitation 7 Spring meltdown 29 Three, in Rome 15 Christen 54 Shrek, for one 8 Morals 30 Observe 16 Try to grab 55 Ticked (off) 9 Aroma-therapy gadget 36 Rode the waves 18 Vial 56 Singer Carly — Jepsen 10 Starting planet 38 Old sitcom set at Fort Courage 20 Faint aromas 57 Cushions DOWN 1 Sicilian spouter 19 Barn storage area 40 — Aviv 42 Dorm alternative 31 Altar affirmative 11 Red planet 43 Literary Jane 32 Amos and Spelling 34 Before 35 Proscribes 37 Totally safe 39 Snip 41 Roasting rod

Saturday's answer 6-14
Grid for crossword puzzle with numbers 1-57.



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Saturday Morning June 12th, 2021
10:00 A.M.
GARDEN TRACTORS – TOOLS – OLD ITEMS
Wheel Horse Commando garden tractor; Wheel Horse C 175 tractor with deck; Wheel Horse 312 – 8 tractor (parts); Pro-line 118 garden tractor; Kawasaki FB460V engine; Briggs & Stratton 16.5 hp engine; Briggs & Stratton 8 hp engine; Craftsman 3 section tool box; air tools; come-along; Wheel Horse and Kohler manuals; Tri State belt buckles; Coke thermometer; Craftsman work bench; oil cans; metal car ramps; and many other items not listed.
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LEGAL NOTICE
Notice is hereby given that the Jay/Portland Building & Planning Department Inter-Local Joint Board will meet on Tuesday, June 15, 2021 at 5:15 pm in the Community Resource Building, Conference Room, 118 S Meridian Street, Portland, Indiana. On the agenda will be the Department 2022 Budget discussion.
John Hemmelgarn
Zoning Administrator/Director
Jay/Portland Building Department
June 9, 2021
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TO THE OWNERS OF THE WITHIN DESCRIBED REAL ESTATE AND ALL INTERESTED PARTIES SHERIFF'S SALE NOTICE
By virtue of a certified copy of a decree to me directed from the Clerk of Jay Circuit Court of Jay County, Indiana, in Cause No. 38C01-1911-MF-000036 wherein Caliber Home Loans, Inc. was Plaintiff, and Marlene M. Murphy, AKA Marlene Murphy was the Defendant, requiring me to make the sum as provided for in said Decree with interest and cost, I will expose at public sale to the highest bidder on July 8, 2021, at the hour of 10:00 AM, or as soon thereafter as is possible County Courthouse at 120 N Court Street, Portland, IN 47371 the fee simple of the whole body of Real Estate in Jay County, Indiana.
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Saturday, June 12th, 2021
Time 9:00 A. M.
Located 3430 W State Route 67, Portland, IN
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90 SALE CALENDAR

PUBLIC AUCTION
Saturday, June 26th, 2021
Time 10:00 A. M.
Located 1610 E Division Rd, Portland, IN
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Anything can happen at Torrey without Tiger

By DOUG FERGUSON
AP Golf Writer

The strongest memory from the last U.S. Open at Torrey Pines was accompanied by three words that explain what golf was like then and now.

The scene was the 18th hole in the final round of 2008. The consequences were as clear as the late afternoon sky over San Diego in June.

Tiger Woods, who had limped his way around the South Course on torn ligaments and a double stress fracture in his left leg, faced a 12-foot birdie putt. Make it and he would force a playoff against Rocco Mediate. Miss it and he would lose.

When the putt somehow curled in the right side of the cup and Woods triple-clutched his arms in raw celebration, Dan Hicks of NBC said, "Expect anything different?"

Back then? No.

Woods was the singular force in golf even on one leg, even in the toughest test golf offers.

Now? Expect pretty much anything.

The 121st U.S. Open returns June 17-20 to Torrey Pines, the city-owned course along the Pacific bluffs, and there's no telling what might happen.

The two best players in the world, Dustin Johnson and Justin Thomas, went into the final week having not so much registered a top 10 in the last three months. Jon Rahm is No. 3 in the world and a past winner at Torrey Pines. His 10 days of self-isolation from a positive COVID-19 test ends two days before the opening round.

The defending champion is Bryson DeChambeau, the most out-of-the-box golfer in decades whose road map to victory last September at Winged Foot was to hit driver as far as he could

without regard to whether it found the fairway.

The sentimental favorite is Phil Mickelson, who turns 51 on the eve of the U.S. Open. He accepted a special exemption from having fallen out of the top 100 in the world for the first time in nearly 30 years. And then he won the PGA Championship a week later to become the oldest major champion in history.

Six times a runner-up in the U.S. Open, it's the only major keeping Mickelson from the career Grand Slam.

"I know that I'm playing well and this could very well be my last really good opportunity to win a U.S. Open," Mickelson said. "So I'm going to put everything I have into it."

What should be expected is Torrey Pines being the kind of test that defines an old-fashioned U.S. Open. It's one of the

strongest courses on the PGA Tour in January when the turf is soft and there is less regard for the winning score.

Throw in the USGA, narrow fairways, the dry air of June, and 7,652 yards on a South Course that plays every bit that length at sea level. It should be all the players want.

"I don't think the USGA has to do a hell of a lot to make it very difficult," Louis Oosthuizen said "It's already a tough golf course."

That much was said about Winged Foot last year; the New York course that in five previous U.S. Opens had yielded only two 72-hole scores under par among 750 players who had tried. And then DeChambeau won by six shots at 6-under 274, the lowest score ever at Winged Foot.

Whether that's a template for any U.S. Open remains to be seen.

"If it plays the same way, where you can bomb it into certain places and play to a better angle, I'm going to do it," DeChambeau said. "If they make it the same way, I'll continue to play the same way."

Only two players in the last 50 years have won the U.S. Open in consecutive years — Curtis Strange (1988-89) and Brooks Koepka (2017-18). DeChambeau would love nothing more than to join them, and that might be the final word in his social media riff with Koepka.

That has been as entertaining as anything in golf since the PGA Championship. Someone leaked an unaired Golf Channel interview with Koepka in which he rolls his eyes when he notices DeChambeau walking behind him, pauses the interview and then uses salty language to express his disdain for DeChambeau.

No evading Emily

Brenna Bailey, left, of Masonic Lodge, can't quite evade the tag of All-Circuit Electrical's Emily Young during their Portland Junior League softball contest Tuesday night at Weiler-Wilson Park.



The Commercial Review/Chris Schanz

Aim ...

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Lochte returned to his college training town in Gainesville, Florida, nearly three years ago. Besides reuniting with Troy, he goes against Caeleb Dressel, the world's top male swimmer, daily in practice.

Dressel isn't writing Lochte off in Omaha.

"I'd give him a very serious chance of medaling and winning at the Olympics, not just making the U.S. team," Dressel said. "I'm not really buying the whole old-man thing anymore. He knows how to get up and boogie."

And Dressel isn't referring to Lochte's famous partying ways.

His days of drinking to excess and carousing until the wee hours ended some time after Rio. That's where Lochte lied about being robbed at gunpoint at a gas station, along with three teammates. He later apologized, got suspended by USA Swimming for 10 months, and lost his major sponsors. Two years later, Lochte was suspended 14 months by the U.S. Anti-Doping Agency after he posted a photo online of him getting a vitamin B-12 infusion, which exceeded allowable limits.

"I've changed my life around completely," he said. "I'm a better person, I'm more grown up. I'm a family man, I'm a dad and a husband."

The swimmer credits his wife, Kayla, 4-year-old son,

Caiden, and daughter, Liv, who turns 2 next Thursday, with fostering the changes in his behavior.

"I'm obsessed with being a dad," Lochte said. "It's the funnest thing in the world."

Troy knows he's working with a different Lochte than the swimmer who prowled the bars in Gainesville during and after his college years at Florida, alternately puking and generously picking up tabs for others.

"There's an acknowledgment on his part that maybe this is the last go-around and he certainly wants to leave with a little better taste in his mouth than maybe what he created," Troy said.

Lochte is already one of the greats of the sport. His 12 medals, including six gold, make him the second-most decorated swimmer in Olympic history behind only Phelps. Torres, Natalie Coughlin and Jenny Thompson also have 12 career medals.

He remains a welcome presence on the pool deck, with fellow swimmers calling him "Big Daddy."

"They'll be like, 'Oh, come on, old man. You can do it,'" Lochte said. "I'm like, 'Grrr: If you only knew how hard this is.' They keep me younger."

Whatever happens at the trials, Lochte will be at peace with himself.

"I just know I won't have any what-ifs," he said, "and that's what I want."

Bears sign Fields to 4-year deal

CHICAGO (AP) — The Chicago Bears signed first-round draft pick Justin Fields to a four-year contract on Friday.

The Bears landed their quarterback of the future when they traded up nine spots with the New York Giants to take the Ohio State star with the No. 11 overall pick.

They have him working with the second team for now behind veteran newcomer Andy Dalton, who signed a one-year contract in March, but the question is for how long.

Fields was a Heisman Trophy finalist in 2019 and the Big Ten Offensive Player of the Year each of his two seasons at Ohio State after transferring from Georgia.

He threw for 5,373 yards, 63 touchdowns and nine interceptions for the Buckeyes.

The Bears are counting on Fields to deliver in a way Mitchell Trubisky never did after being drafted with the No. 2 overall pick in 2017, and to solidify a position that has historically been a sore

spot for them. The Bears opted not to exercise their fifth-year option on Trubisky for 2021 prior to last season. He then got benched in favor of veteran Nick Foles for part of the year and wound up signing with Buffalo to back up Josh Allen.

The Bears have signed six of their seven draft picks.

The only remaining unsigned selection is second-rounder Teven Jenkins, an offensive tackle from Oklahoma State.

Sports on tap

Local schedule

Today
Jay County Summer Swim in Wabash Valley Conference Relays at South Adams — 9 a.m.
Portland Rockets at South Bend Royals — 1 p.m.
Fort Wayne TinCaps vs. Lake County Captains — 6:35 p.m.

Sunday
Portland Rockets doubleheader at Fort Wayne Jackers — 1 p.m.
Fort Wayne TinCaps vs. Lake County Captains — 1:05 p.m.

Tuesday
Jay County Summer Swim Team at South Adams — 6 p.m.
Fort Recovery Eels vs. Randolph County and Union City — 6:30 p.m.
Fort Wayne TinCaps at Dayton Dragons — 7:05 p.m.

Wednesday
Fort Wayne TinCaps at Dayton Dragons — 7:05 p.m.

Thursday
Jay County Summer Swim vs. Blackford — 6 p.m.
Portland Rockets vs. Muncie Chiefs — 7

p.m.
Fort Wayne TinCaps at Dayton Dragons — 7:05 p.m.

TV schedule

Saturday
7:15 p.m. — Major League Baseball: St. Louis Cardinals at Chicago Cubs (FOX)
8:30 p.m. — NBA Playoffs: Utah Jazz at Los Angeles Clippers, Game 3 (ABC)

Sunday
3 p.m. — NBA Playoffs: Brooklyn nets at Milwaukee Bucks, Game 4 (ABC)
6 p.m. — NASCAR Racing: Monster Energy Cup Series All-Star Open Race at Texas Motor Speedway (FS1)
7 p.m. — Major League Baseball: St. Louis Cardinals at Chicago Cubs (ESPN)
8 p.m. — NASCAR Racing: Monster Energy Cup Series All-Star Race at Texas Motor Speedway (FS1)
8 p.m. — NBA Playoffs: Phoenix Suns at Denver Nuggets, Game 4 (TNT)

Monday
7 p.m. — Major League Baseball: Chicago Cubs at New York Mets (ESPN)
7:30 p.m. — NBA Playoffs: Philadelphia 76ers at Atlanta Hawks, Game 4 (TNT)
10 p.m. — NBA Playoffs: Utah Jazz at Los Angeles Clippers, Game 4 (TNT)

Tuesday
7 p.m. — Major League Baseball: Chicago Cubs at New York Mets (ESPN)
TBD — NBA Playoffs: Milwaukee Bucks at Brooklyn Nets, Game 5 (TNT)
TBA — NBA Playoffs: Denver Nuggets at Phoenix Suns, Game 5 if necessary (TNT)

Wednesday
7 p.m. — Major League Baseball: Boston Red Sox at Atlanta Braves (ESPN)
TBD — NBA Playoffs: Atlanta Hawks at Philadelphia 76ers, Game 5 (TNT)

Local notes

Camp set for Tuesday
The Jay County High School baseball team will be hosting a three-day camp starting Tuesday.

The camp will be Tuesday through Thursday at Don E. Selvey Field at JCHS, and cost is \$25.

Students in kindergarten through third grade will be from 8 to 9:30 a.m.; fourth and fifth graders 10 to 11:30 a.m. and sixth through eighth graders are 1 to 2:30 p.m.

For more information, contact JCHS at (260) 726-9806.

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The Jay County Chamber Classic Golf

Outing will be July 23 at Portland Golf Club.

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Three homer in Cubs' win

By **ANDREW SELIGMAN**
AP Sports Writer

CHICAGO — Anthony Rizzo could feel the fans hanging onto each pitch as he fouled off one after another.

When he finally launched one over the right-field wall on the 14th pitch of his at-bat, Wrigley Field rocked in a way it hadn't in years, with a near-capacity crowd on its feet and roaring.

"It was incredible," Rizzo said.

Joc Pederson homered and drove in three runs, Rizzo and Willson Contreras went deep and the Chicago Cubs beat the St. Louis Cardinals 8-5 on Friday.

Wrigley Field allowed 100% capacity for the first time since 2019 on what the Cubs called "Opening Day 2.0." They fell behind 5-1, then treated a crowd of 35,112 to a comeback win over their NL Central rivals.

Pederson gave the Cubs a 7-5 lead in the seventh with a two-run double off the wall in right-center against Génesis Cabrera (1-2). He also singled leading off the first and homered in his second straight game when he drove one to the center-field basket against against Johan Oviedo in the fourth.

Rizzo tied it at 5-all in the sixth with his drive to right against Daniel Ponce de Leon. It came on the longest Cubs at-bat to end in with a home run since pitch count records began in 1988, and the fans erupted in delight.

He took a ball on an 0-2 pitch, then fouled off six more. He took another ball and fouled off three more before connecting on a 96.1 mph fastball.

For Rizzo it was as sweet as any hit since he arrived in Chicago in 2012.

"It was definitely one of my most memorable at-bats," he said. "With it being 100% today for the first time and having everyone here, versus the Cardinals, it was a really good moment for me."

Contreras added a solo homer in the eighth.

Kohl Stewart got chased during a three-run fifth. But the Cubs scored three in the bottom half, knocking Oviedo out and pulling to 5-4.

Stewart gave up five runs and six hits in four-plus innings. Four relievers combined to shut down the Cardinals.

Tommy Nance (1-0) threw two innings to win his first major league decision. Ryan Tepera worked the eighth, and Craig Kimbrel retired all three batters in the ninth for his 16th save in 18 chances.

"It just felt really energetic," manager David Ross said. "The outfield was packed, beautiful day. That was a nice W... Clearly, those fans helped us win that game."

Losses mounting

The Cardinals lost for the seventh time in eight games and have fallen from first place before play to May 31 to a 32-31 record.

"Better times are ahead," Nolan Arenado said. "I've said that before, but I really believe that. If we can get healthier and get everyone back full strength, we'll be right there."

Arenado drove in three runs. Yadier Molina had three hits, but the nine-time Gold Glove catcher also allowed runs to score on a passed ball and throwing error in the fifth.

Oviedo allowed four runs and five hits in 4 1/3 innings.

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Shannon sprints

Kinsey Shannon, right, a Jay County High School senior, sprints toward the finish line of the second of three heats of the 400-meter dash next to Ava Sayre of Benton Central during the IHSAA Track and Field State Finals on June 12 at Ben Davis in Indianapolis. Seeded 17th, Shannon improved six spots to finish 11th in the state in the final race of her career.

Lochte taking aim at 5th Olympics

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OMAHA, Neb. — Ryan Lochte knows what people think of him. He's eager to make them forget the worst.

The swimmer who embarrassed himself and the U.S. five years ago in Rio de Janeiro is seeking to make a record-tying fifth Olympic team.

But time is no longer on Lochte's side. He's 36, married and the father of two young children. His scandalous behavior in Rio seems so long ago. "My life has completely changed," he said, gray streaking the temples of his closely cropped hair.

Michael Phelps, now retired and a father of three, knows the daunting challenge his former teammate and rival faces at the trials that begin Sunday.

"You're older. You're different. Your body changes. Your mentality is different," Phelps said before the coronavirus pandemic pushed back the Tokyo Olympics by a year, seemingly making it even harder for Lochte. "You can't do as much in the pool. The other things outside the pool take up your time."

But still Lochte persists. "More than anything I want to make the Olympic team and medal at the Olympics," he said. "That would be proving a lot of people wrong and that's what I want to do."

His results leading into trials haven't signaled that he's poised to join Phelps and Dara Torres in making the most Olympic appearances of any American swimmer.

Since Rio, Lochte has competed sporadically and hasn't come close to being his former dominant self.

"We haven't seen in competition what we see in training," said Gregg Troy, Lochte's coach. "He's done a good job training."

Lochte is seeded 15th in the 400-meter individual medley, which opens the trials. He's entered in six events over the eight-day meet, although it's unlikely he'll swim every one. The 200 IM, in which he still owns the world record set in 2011, appears to be his best chance. He's seeded fifth.

"I don't have that target on my back anymore," he said. "I know I'm hunting them instead of being the hunter."

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CFP expansion could increase revenue to \$2B

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A new College Football Playoff with triple the number of teams involved could bring in three times as much money to the conferences and schools that share the wealth.

The television rights for a proposed 12-team playoff could be worth about \$1.9 billion annually, according to projections from Navigate Research, which consults with professional sports leagues and college conferences.

The Chicago-based company said ticket sales and sponsorship deals that currently account for about 15% of College Football Playoff revenue could push the total takeaway to more than \$2 billion per year.

ESPN's current deal with the CFP pays about \$470 million per year. ESPN has separate contracts with the Rose, Sugar and Orange bowls that up the network's total layout to more than \$600 million annually to be the television home of college football's most important post-season games.

The Power Five conference's get most of that revenue. According to the most recent figures available from 2019-20 season, the Big Ten, Big 12, Atlantic Coast Conference, Pac-12 and Southeastern Conference received \$67 million each from the CFP. The other five FBS conferences shared \$92 million.

How revenue would be distributed in a new model was not part of the detailed proposal the CFP unveiled Thursday. The 12-team model is at least three steps away from final approval from the university presi-

dents and chancellors who oversee the CFP.

And it could be six seasons away from being implemented.

The current TV contract with ESPN runs through the 2025-26 season. Until then the CFP cannot take its new format to market. If expansion comes before the contract ends, a deal will have to be struck between ESPN and the CFP.

"We're supportive of our partners at the College Football Playoff as they look toward expansion and seek even more opportunities to grow the passion and excitement for the sport and this signature championship event," the network said Friday in a statement to AP.

The current format provides ESPN with three playoff games per season — two semifinals and a championship game — plus the rights to four other marquee bowl games that have no bearing on the national championship.

The proposed expansion creates 11 playoff games per season.

While viewership for the CFP has never matched the record levels reached when the playoff made its debut after the 2014 regular season, it is still arguably ESPN's most valuable property.

Even last season, when Alabama's blowout victory against Ohio State was the least watched title game in the seven-year history of the CFP at 18.7 million viewers, the three playoff games still drew the largest audience for any cable network (an average of 19.1 million per game) since the previous year's CFP.