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Extension enthusiasm

City celebrates its long-awaited airport runway project

By RAY COONEY

The Commercial Review

Rain will hold off the start of construction for a few days, but that didn't dampen the enthusiasm for Portland Municipal Airport's runway extension.

Portland Board of Aviation held a groundbreaking ceremony Wednesday with aviation enthusiasts, government officials and other supporters to celebrate a project that has been on the city's wish list for more than two decades.

"I'm just happy to be here," said Portland Mayor John Boggs while acknowledging two of his predecessors. (Former Mayor Randy Geesaman — 2012-2019 — was in attendance while former Mayor Bruce Hosier — 2004-2011 — was unable to attend.) "I think it'll have a major impact on the economy of Portland."

The groundbreaking — it was actually more posing with shovels thanks to the inclement weather — marked the launch of construction on the extension of

the airport's runway to 5,500 feet from the current 4,000 feet. HIS Constructors of Indianapolis began site preparation work on the project last week. Construction on phase one of the project — it involves enclosing 555 feet of Alexander Ditch and leveling land west of the current runway — will begin in the coming days as weather allows. Completion is expected by late fall.

The second phase of construction, which involves paving and lighting, is scheduled to follow in 2022.

The idea of extending the runway was first seriously discussed in 1999, with intermittent progress over the next decade-plus. The aviation board, in partnership with engineering firm Butler, Fairman and Seufert, began a justification study in 2013 that showed the airport could expect to nearly double its "operations" — take-offs and landings — if the runway was extended.

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Portland Board of Aviation hosted a "groundbreaking" ceremony — rain kept anyone from doing actual digging — for the runway extension project at Portland Municipal Airport. Pictured from left are Jason Clearwaters of engineering firm Butler, Fairman and Seufert, aviation board members Faron Parr, John Lyons and Mitch Sutton, Portland Mayor John Boggs, aviation board member Clyde Bray and airport manager Hal Tavzel.



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Patriot games

Jay County High School students, from left, Andy Brinkerhoff, Blake Caldwell and Quinn Faulkner, and principal Chad Dodd react to a toss during a game of cornhole Wednesday at the school's students versus teachers game night. Students and teachers competed in cornhole, volleyball and euchre tournaments.

County looks at spending options

Jay will get about \$4 million from federal 'rescue plan'

By BAILEY CLINE

The Commercial Review

Jay County has received nearly \$2 million from the federal American Rescue Plan.

Now it's up to local officials to decide what to do with the funding.

Jay County Commissioners and Jay County Council met in a joint session Wednesday to discuss options for the American Rescue Plan monies.

Paige Sansone of consulting firm Baker Tilly listed the uses accepted under the funding plan guidelines.

Funding can be used, with some exceptions, in the following areas:

- Revenue recovery
- Individual assistance (food, housing, utilities, burials, etc.)
- Business assistance (loans and grants)
- Economic development
- Public facilities and schools
- Transportation entities
- Water, sewage and broadband infrastructure
- Regional collaboration
- Not-for-profit assistance

The list she provided is also not all-inclusive. She advised looking for identified needs or negative impacts resulting from the coronavirus pandemic. Creating a program or service addressing one of those needs or impacts is also an option.

"When you're thinking about eligible projects, you should be thinking about what was affected by COVID-19," Sansone said.

"Premium pay" is also available to essential workers (excluding those working remotely).

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Agreement proposed at \$1.75 million

By BAILEY CLINE

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An economic development agreement has been proposed between Jay County and Skycrest Solar Energy Center.

If approved, renewable energy company Invenergy would provide \$1.75 million in economic development payments to the

county over the course of four years. The proposal hinges on Jay County Council's approval of the tax abatement. (Council will consider the abatement at its June 9 meeting.)

Jay County Commissioners reviewed the proposed agreement Wednesday.

Skycrest Solar is a proposed

2,500-acre facility in Jackson and Penn townships. The planned \$150 million, 155-megawatt facility would be able to generate enough electricity to power about 31,000 homes, according to the Invenergy website.

County attorney Bill Hinkle explained the agreement took

longer than usual to finalize because of changes to the ways property is being assessed in Indiana.

If approved, the \$1.75 million economic development agreement would be the largest of those received by the county from renewable energy projects.

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Jay returns to 'blue' coronavirus rating

By RAY COONEY

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After a COVID-19 spike early in May, the county returned to the lowest risk rating this week.

Jay County was rated blue (low risk for the

spread of coronavirus) in Indiana State Department of Health's updated Wednesday.

The county was "yellow" (moderate risk) last week after coming in at "orange" (high risk) each

of the previous two weeks.

Jay County showed significant improvements in both metrics the state uses to determine coronavirus risk. Its cases per 100,000 residents dropped to 34 this

week, down from 58 last week and 229 in the May 12 update. Its seven-day positivity rate dipped to 3.28%, down from 7.74% last week and 13.75% two weeks ago.

Statewide, 56 counties were rated blue, 35 were yellow

and one (Owen) was orange. Last week the totals were 59 blue and 33 yellow.

Vaccination clinics continue to be open at Jay County Health Department and IU Health Jay.

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Deaths

Linda Corn, 78, rural Portland

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Weather

Jay County's temperature was fairly consistent throughout the day Wednesday with a high of 64 and a low of 59.

Tonight's low will also be in the upper 50s. Expect mostly sunny skies Friday with the high climbing to 52. Highs in the 80s are expected this weekend. See page 2 for an extended outlook.

In review

President Joe Biden and Sen. Shelley Moore Capito met Wednesday to discuss federal infrastructure legislation. What are your thoughts on the country's infrastructure needs?

Send letters to the editor to r.cooney@thecr.com. There is a 700-word maximum.

Coming up

Friday — Preview of JCHS athletes at the IHSAA Girls Track and Field State Finals.

Tuesday — Coverage of Monday's Portland City Council meeting.



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The extension will allow larger aircraft sufficient space to land and take off at the facility.
The study was submitted in early 2014, but the project was still initially denied by the Federal Aviation Administration that August.
Geesaman, who was mayor at the time, noted Tuesday that rather than giving up, city officials and Butler, Fairman and Seufert engineer Jason Clearwaters flew to Chicago in September 2014 to plead their case. In January 2015, the project's justification study was approved.
"All the stars have aligned to make this happen," said airport manager Hal Tavzel. "We're just super, super excited this is actually happening. It started in 1999, when the community first wanted to do this, and here it is actually becoming a reality now."
The last six-plus years have been focused on design and funding, with

the FAA first awarding a design grant for the project in 2017. Funding for the first phase of construction was finally approved last fall, with the FAA picking up the entirety of the \$3.8 million tab. (Such projects are typically funded 90% by the FAA with 5% coming from Indiana Department of Transportation and 5% from the municipality. Coronavirus relief funds allocated for aviation projects resulted in the FAA covering the state and local costs.)

Portland Board of Aviation members John Lyons, Faron Parr, Mitch Sutton and Clyde Bray approved a contract with HIS Constructors for the work in September.
The FAA last month announced nearly \$900 million more in funding for infrastructure and safety projects, including \$1.4 million for the second phase of the runway extension project in Portland. The official bid and grant process for the second phase is expected to

be held later this summer. In all, the federal funding is expected to save Portland about \$218,000 in construction costs.
In addition to city officials, State Rep. J.D. Prescott, Chris Crabtree of U.S. Rep. Jim Banks' office and several INDOT representatives were in attendance for the event.
Marty Blake, aviation manager for INDOT, credited the commitment of those who have pushed for the runway extension.

"I just wanted to compliment you guys on your local support. Look at this," he said, referencing the crowd of about 40 in attendance. "Who is going to come out to an airport groundbreaking on a rainy Wednesday? ... I think this is wonderful. This is great community support. We see this all over the state, but we don't see it like this."
"The applause doesn't go to the FAA. It doesn't go to INDOT. It doesn't go to the money. It goes to you."

The plan devised by local authorities does not need to be approved at the state or federal level initially, Sansone explained. Quarterly reports will, however, be filed through the auditor's office.
She assured commissioners and council they shouldn't worry about improperly using the funding because Baker Tilly will review their plan and help guide them as needed.
Council and commissioners agreed they would need time to think about the plan and where to direct monies. Council president Jeanne Houchins said she'd like to get her thoughts on paper.
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Spending ...

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The bonus-like option would be added on to each worker's salary and can be retroactive to March 2020 — unless the worker received compensation from previously distributed coronavirus funds, in which case it would be retroactive to March 2021. Limitations are no more than \$25,000 per worker and up to \$13 an hour.
If commissioners and council have other ideas, they're welcome to discuss them with Baker Tilly to determine if they will qualify, Sanone added.
The \$2 million is the first installment of a nearly \$4 million allotment for the county. All funding must be committed by Dec. 31, 2024. Communities will have until Dec. 31, 2026, to complete all related projects.

One potential use of funds could be to expand a building to help with social distancing. Commissioners and council members discussed possibly expanding the Jay County Health Department building or Jay Emergency Medical Service base.
Business assistance, specifically loans or grants, are also applicable for the funding under federal guidelines.
"What I'm looking at is, there's probably not a small business in existence in Jay County that was not somehow affected by COVID," said council member Ted Champ, who added he owns a small business in Redkey. "When's the last time we really explored doing something for a small business that already exists in Jay County?"

County auditor Anna Culy noted her office would not be able to handle adding revolving loans to its workload at present. The county would need to hire a third party, such as Baker Tilly, or hire more employees for the auditor's office.
Commissioner Rex Journay, who also serves as a member of The Portland Foundation, mentioned the foundation will be offering a \$2 million grant program for new or present business development. He advised against offering small business loans.
"It would be a nightmare if you think you're trying to loan money to somebody and have us collect it here," he said. "And being a former lender, we're not a bank. We're never going to be, and we don't have the people to do that."

Travis Richards, Jay County Development Corporation executive director, mentioned the Regional Economic Acceleration and Development Initiative (READI), a new grant offered through the state. Its focuses are on increasing population and economic growth, such as quality of life, innovation and entrepreneurship, talent development and attraction.
According to state guidance for the program, he said, providing a grant match with the funds should qualify. (The federal government has not yet released guidance on the matter.)
Other brainstormed ideas included a daycare, combating downtown Portland flooding, housing and county government cybersecurity upgrades.

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Friday 6/4	Saturday 6/5	Sunday 6/6	Monday 6/7	Tuesday 6/8
82/62	85/64	87/67	87/68	86/67
Skies are expected to be mostly sunny all day and clear at night. There will be a slight breeze.	Saturday is expected to be sunny all day with high skyrockets into the mid 80s.	Another sunny day with mostly clear skies and hot temperatures. A good day for a swim.	Mostly sunny skies with some clouds at night. Highs in the upper 80s.	Tuesday is expected to be mostly sunny. Temperatures may reach the upper 80s.

Lotteries	
Powerball 6-7-11-66-67 Power Ball: 19 Power Play: 3 Estimated jackpot: \$286 million	Estimated jackpot: \$11.8 million
Hoosier Midday Daily Three: 5-9-1 Daily Four: 3-9-8-4 Evening Daily Three: 8-3-2 Daily Four: 3-7-9-7 Hoosier Lotto: 4-22-28-29-42-46	Ohio Midday Pick 3: 0-6-3 Pick 4: 7-2-0-4 Pick 5: 2-0-2-6-8 Evening Pick 3: 1-0-4 Pick 4: 9-9-2-0 Pick 5: 5-0-5-6-0 Classic Lotto: 2-15-17-24-30-34 Kicker: 4-6-7-7-3-8 Estimated jackpot: \$9.2 million

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Today in history

On June 3, 1989, the Americas and Iran's spiritual leader, Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini, died.
In 1971, Jay County Library Board accepted a proposal for the sale of \$150,000 in bonds for construction of a new facility. —AP and The CR

Citizen's calendar	
Today 4 p.m. — Portland Board of Works, mayor's office, city hall, 321 N. Meridian St. 5:30 p.m. — Portland Plan Commission, Community Resource Center, 118 S. Meridian St.	Monday 5:30 p.m. — Portland City Council, council chambers, fire station, 1616 N. Franklin St. 7:30 p.m. — Fort Recovery Village Council, village hall, 201 S. Main St.

Obituaries

Linda Corn
Sept. 18, 1942-June 1, 2021
Linda Corn, age 78, a resident of rural Portland, passed away Tuesday, June 1, 2021, at her home. She loved her family. She was a loving wife and mother, and her passion was being with her grandchildren and great grandchildren. She made a lot of friends as a cook for many years at Jinny's Café in Bryant.
Linda Corn was born Sept. 18, 1942, in Woodbury, Tennessee, the daughter of Fred and Rosie (Miller) Barrett. She was married in 1961 to Robert Corn.
Survivors include:
Her beloved husband of 60 years

— Robert Corn, rural Portland
Two sons — Gary Corn (wife: Mary), Redkey, and Jeff Corn, rural Portland
One daughter — Barbara Mullins (husband: Roger Johns), Dunkirk
Three sisters — Brenda Hale, Redkey, Sue Hill, Montpelier, and Margie Hudson, Van Wert, Ohio
Seven grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren
She was preceded in death by a daughter-in-law, Teresa Corn, and two brothers, James and Jerry Barrett



Visitation will be held from 4 to 7 p.m. on Saturday in the Williamson-Spencer and Penrod Funeral Home in Portland. Funeral services will follow at 7 p.m. Saturday at the funeral home with the Rev. Tim Wallace officiating the service.
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.

Proposed ...

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NextEra Energy Resources' economic development agreement with the county totaled nearly \$1 million for Bluff Point Wind Energy Center. That facility was built in 2017.
Scout Clean Energy's agreement for Bitter Ridge Wind Farm, which was completed last year, was for \$1.56 million.
The first of four payments is typically due when construction begins.
Economic development money from the Bluff Point project were used as matching dollars for Community Crossings grants for street and road paving projects and to fund the following: various Jay County Development Corporation initiatives (\$200,000); construction of a new Farmer's Building at Jay County

Fairgrounds (\$133,000); school safety initiatives for Jay School Corporation (\$100,000); a contribution to the Arts Place capital campaign for its renovation and expansion project (\$50,000); a new roof for The Glass Museum in Dunkirk (\$32,900); and new restrooms at the fairgrounds (\$25,000). Commissioners also provided \$50,000 to each municipality in the county to help with projects of their choosing.
Bitter Ridge economic development funds have been set aside for pursuing the state's Stellar Communities designation, which would move the county to the front of the line for millions more in grants. The Jay! Region was a finalist for the designation in 2019, receiving about \$333,000 that is being used to expand Pennville

Library. The program was suspended in 2020 and this year because of the ongoing coronavirus pandemic, but is expected to be reinstated in 2022.
In accordance with the agreement, the project would begin construction no later than Dec. 31, 2024, and be completed no later than Dec. 31, 2026.
"I really want to hear what the public has to say," said commissioner Chad Aker.
He and commissioner Brian McGalliard noted they haven't heard much push back from the community but wanted to get input before proceeding. Commissioners chose not to vote on the agreement until after solar farm public hearings next week.
"We look forward to working with you soon," said Invenergy analyst Tom Schoder.

Blue ...

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The health department is now offering walk-in coronavirus vaccine clinics from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays. The Moderna vaccine is available to those 18 and older, and the Pfizer vaccine is available to those 12 and older.

Most coronavirus restrictions have been lifted in Indiana, with the exception of those regarding schools. Indiana Gov. Eric Holcomb extended those restrictions through the end of the school year. Decisions on restrictions for the 2021-22 school year are being left up to local school boards.

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Saturday

Brinkerhoff, Larry: 10 a.m.,
Bryant Wesleyan Church, 209 S. Hendricks St., Bryant.

Corn, Linda: 7 p.m.,
Williamson-Spencer and Penrod Funeral Home, 208 N. Commerce St., Portland.

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Mammograms are key health screening

By TRACY HAMRICK

Taking care of yourself is important and that includes regular wellness screenings such as an annual mammogram. A mammogram is a low-dose x-ray of the breast which allows health care providers the ability to look for changes in breast tissue and diagnose breast cancer in the earliest and most treatable stages.

According to Breastcancer.org, finding breast cancer early reduces the risk of dying from breast cancer by 25-30% or more. It is suggested that women start having yearly mammograms at age 40, or earlier if high risk.

Who is at risk for breast cancer? And what are risk factors?

Everyone has some risk of developing breast cancer but the two biggest risk factors are being a woman and increasing age along with breast density, which cannot be changed. Other factors such as lack of exercise, smoking, and eating unhealthy food also increase the risk but can be

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changed by living a healthier lifestyle.

What should I expect when getting a mammogram?

A mammogram usually takes about 20 minutes. When getting a mammogram, you will need to undress from the waist up. You will be given a wrap or garment to wear. A trained technologist will then position your breast on a mammogram machine. To get a high-quality photograph, your breast will be flattened on the machine's plate for a few seconds while the photo is being taken. You will then need to repeat again on the other side.

Some discomfort may be felt during the breast compression, and some women may feel pain. If there is

pain, make sure to tell the technologist. Typically two views are taken of each breast but more may need to be taken for those with breast implants or large breasts.

Some additional things to consider when getting a mammogram:

- Try not to have your mammogram the week before you get your period or during your period. Your breasts may be tender or swollen then.

- On the day of your mammogram, don't wear deodorant, perfume, or powder. These products can show up as white spots on the X-ray.

- Some women prefer to wear a top with a skirt or pants, instead of a dress. You will need to undress from your waist up for the mammogram.

How will I get results?

You will receive a summary report of your mammogram while a full report of the results will be sent to your health care provider. Contact your health care provider to review your results.

Mammograms help detect breast cancer but can breast cancer be prevented?

Mammograms do not prevent breast cancer but they can save lives by finding breast cancer in the early stages. When found early, localized cancers can be removed without resorting to a mastectomy or breast removal. It is also important for women to practice breast self-examination and get a regular examination by a health care provider.

Is it OK to get a mammogram if I received the COVID-19 vaccine?

According to the CDC (Centers for Disease Control and Prevention) and the Society of Breast Imaging, people who have been vaccinated for COVID-19 may have swelling in the lymph nodes in the underarm near where they got the shot. This is a normal sign that your body is building protection against COVID-19; however, it is possible that this could cause a false reading on a mammogram. Some

experts suggest getting a mammogram prior to getting vaccinated or waiting four to six weeks after getting the vaccine. Check with your health care provider if you have any additional questions.

What are some other important annual exams for women?

It is important for every woman to take care of themselves and adopt regular healthy routines. These include regular exercise, healthy eating and stress management. In addition, it is also important to schedule routine health screening which can detect potential problems early when they can be treated.

In addition to a mammogram, some important screenings for women include:

1. Blood pressure screening — checks for risk of hypertension which can lead to heart disease, stroke, kidney failure, vision loss and more.
2. Cholesterol check — used to assess for risk of heart disease or stroke.

3. Pap smear — examination for cervical cancer.

4. Bone density screening — screening for osteoporosis, a disease in which bones deteriorate or become brittle and fragile.

5. Blood glucose tests — checks for diabetes or pre-diabetes.

6. Colon cancer screening — important for early detection of colon cancer.

7. Body mass index — BMI indicates obesity which raises the risk of serious health conditions such as diabetes and heart disease.

8. Skin examination — regular examinations are important to look for new moles or changes to existing moles which are early signs of skin cancer.

9. Dental checkup — important to detect early signs of decay and other problems.

Contact your healthcare provider for more information or to schedule your wellness screenings.

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Hamrick is a women's health nurse practitioner at IU Health Jay Family First Health Clinic.

Husband reveals frighteningly short fuse

DEAR ABBY: My husband and I have been together 23 years. A few years ago, he told a friend of his he wasn't in love with or attracted to me. I'm the same 5-foot-6-inch, 135-pound woman he married. Recently, he has become increasingly short-tempered.

He gets angry at every driver on the road, he destroyed the vacuum when it stopped working and recently went after our 10-pound rescue dog for peeing when he yelled at him. I intervened when he started screaming that he would kill the dog. He then turned on me, yelling and breaking things.

I've never seen him this angry, and I am afraid it's escalating and he will physically harm the dog or me. Is it time to leave? He's no longer the man I married. — FEARFUL IN TEXAS

Dear Abby



DEAR FEARFUL: What you are describing is not normal behavior. Contact your doctor about the drastic change in your husband's personality because it could be symptomatic of a serious illness. After that, the next time he presents a physical danger, call the police and ensure your safety by leaving. And if you do, take your rescue dog with you.

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DEAR ABBY: I am about to

start my new college experience, but I have a few concerns. I'm very picky, and I enjoy my alone time. I like to keep my space clean and tidy, and I'm afraid my roommate(s) will be slob and I'll end up cleaning up after them. I also need alone time so I can focus on myself to recoup after a long day. When I'm here at home I will usually do that in my bedroom. But if I have roommates, that will be difficult to do. I guess I'm asking how to find a happy medium so my roommates and I can be at peace at all times. — WANTS TO PREPARE

DEAR WANTS: Because you didn't specify how many roommates you will be sharing your space with, I will assume there are more than one — which may place you in the minority. Be open and

honest with them about your desire for neatness and tidiness. They may not be as particular as you are, but it will provide you the opportunity to live with different kinds of people. As to the peace and quiet you crave, if adapting to each other's schedules isn't possible, consider heading to the library to find the peace and quiet you need. I wish you luck.

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DEAR ABBY: I am retired, so I have free time on my hands. Recently, while doing a favor for a neighbor couple, I was standing on their porch when a board broke and one of my legs went through up to my thigh. They expressed concern at the time, and I told them I thought I was OK.

The next day, my knee and upper thigh were swollen and bruised. My leg is improving each day, and for that I'm thankful. This happened more than two weeks ago, and I have not gotten a phone call or anything else from these neighbors. Have people really gotten that insensitive, or am I making a big deal out of nothing? — OLD SCHOOL IN GEORGIA

DEAR OLD SCHOOL: No, you are not making a big deal out of nothing. And yes, some people have become that insensitive. The reason for your neighbors' silence may be lack of empathy, or it could be fear of a lawsuit. Or they may have thought it was unnecessary to check further because you said you were OK.

Community Calendar

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

Thursday

CELEBRATE RECOVERY — A 12-step Christian recovery program meets at 6:30 p.m. each Thursday 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.

A BETTER LIFE - BRANNA'S HOPE — A faith-based recovery group for all kinds of addictions, will meet from 6:30 to 8 p.m. each Thursday at The Rock Church, 1605 N. Meridian

St., Portland. Come early for a meal. For more information, call (260) 766-2006.

PORTLAND LIONS CLUB — Will meet the first Thursday of the month at Portland Lions Civic Center, 307 W. 100 North. The meal will be served at 6:30 p.m. and the meeting will begin at 7 p.m.

FORGET-ME-NOT — A support group for parents, friends and relatives who have lost a baby through miscarriage, birth or illness will meet from 7 to 9 p.m. at St. Vincent Randolph Hospital, Winchester, in community room 1. For more information, call Kimberly Sibery at (765) 964-6075 or Nikki Bosworth at (765) 584-6452.

Friday

SOFT SHOULDERS — A support group for anyone suffering from memory loss, will meet at 10:30 a.m. the first Friday of each month in the Fireplace Room at Edelweiss Place at Swiss Village in Berne. For more information, call (260) 589-3173.

DUNKIRK HISTORICAL SOCIETY — Is open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on the first and third Friday of each month in the former W.E. Gaunt Jewelry building, 113. S. Main St., Dunkirk.

Saturday

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

JAY COUNTY DEMOCRATS — Will meet at 8 a.m. Saturday, June 5, at Richards Restaurant in Portland.

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

DUNKIRK HISTORICAL SOCIETY — Is open from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on the first and third Saturday of each month in the former W.E. Gaunt Jewelry building, 113. S. Main St., Dunkirk.

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.

Sudoku

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

Level: Intermediate

Wednesday's Solution

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

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



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Doing nothing harms democracy

To the editor:
Today, May 28, 2021, the United States Senate drove yet another nail into the coffin holding the remains of America's Democratic Republic.

Letters to the Editor

Seized in the jaws of political expediency and gripped by a craven abdication of truth, or the fear thereof, the Senate, once again, put party politics above the defense of the Constitution it is sworn to protect and uphold over enemies both foreign and domestic.

David French, who is a writer for the National Review, said in an article in Time Magazine: "The nation that hates, too often ignores the nation that mourns."

I think today, perhaps, we might mourn.

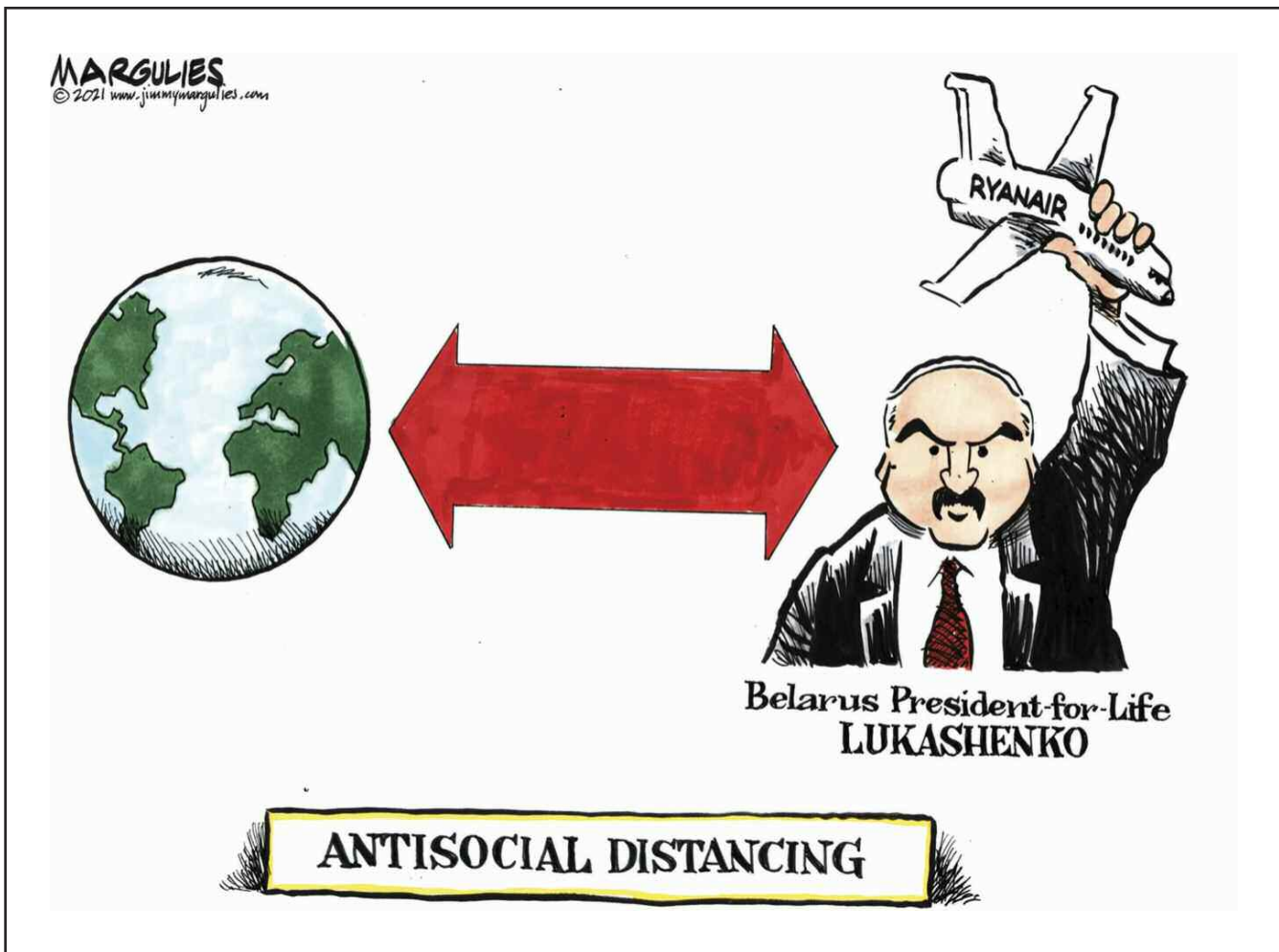
Edmund Burke, one of the oft-quoted philoso-

phers and political thinkers of the 18th century said: "The only thing necessary for the triumph of evil, is for a few good men to do nothing."

Today's Senate vote is exemplary of Mr. Burke's observation. I would amend Burke's quotation thusly: "The only thing necessary for the death of democracy is for a few good men and women to do nothing."

Today, a few good men and women, chose to do, nothing.

Michael S. Kinser
Portland



Market can't fix shortage

By ELLIOT HASPEL

Special to The Washington Post

Parents of young children have had a rough pandemic, facing down closed playgrounds, closed pools and closed child-care centers. While states have largely opened up, these parents now face a knock-on crisis: Child-care programs are contending with massive and unprecedented staffing shortages, leading to fewer spots and long waiting lists. The rotten seed of America's disinvestment in child care has finally sprouted, and without a new, permanent source of public funding, the sector is likely to crash and pull working families down with it.

Child-care programs have long struggled with staffing because wages are so low: The national median is \$11.65 an hour, and around half don't offer health benefits. The current moment is an order of magnitude worse.

While other industries like retail and fast food are responding to labor shortages by raising compensation, most child-care programs have no ability to follow suit. Even with many states preparing to end enhanced unemployment insurance payments, day cares are still increasingly uncompetitive employers.

This is a phase shift. For much of the pandemic, child-care programs were struggling with under-enrollment as parents worked remotely or stayed away for fear of their child bringing covid home. Now, programs are struggling to handle a surge in demand. Since day cares must follow mandated child-to-adult ratios, a lack of staff quite simply means they must serve fewer children.

The problem cuts across geography and ideology; waiting list stories have cropped up from Ohio to Texas, and it was recently reported that one of rural Iowa's few large centers may have to close temporarily due to staffing challenges. Kim Hulcher, executive director of the Virginia Child Care Association, wrote in an email that "critical staffing shortages" have led several of her members to cap enrollment and stop accepting parent applications altogether.

The impact isn't restricted to families with children below age 6; many child-care programs also provide before- and after-school care to elementary-aged children. When Ann Arbor Public Schools discontinued district-affiliated child-care services for the upcoming school year, the primary reason given was staffing shortages.

Unlike a short-staffed restaurant that may need to curtail operating hours or menu options, child-care programs are cultivating the academic and socioemotional foundations of a generation; forcing them

Elliot Haspel



into a lurch is frankly dangerous. Children thrive on consistent, reliable relationships, and effectively providing care and education for a group of 3-year-olds requires skill. Child care is about the last sector in which you want to see high churn and programs scraping for warm bodies. Yet here we are.

There is only one solution: public investment. Child-care programs don't obey the rules of supply and demand; many experts consider the sector a failed market. Parents are already tapped out, but the obscene prices they pay don't come close to covering the true cost of care in such a personnel-heavy enterprise. Only programs serving the most affluent can charge more to boost wages.

Raising ratios or relaxing training requirements is an even more horrific idea - threatening the safety and quality of children's experiences should be rejected out of hand. Unless we want child care to become a luxury good or a low-quality morass, public money is necessary. Anyone who says otherwise, such as Republicans who claim needing child care is not a preference "normal people" have, is hiding the ball.

At some point, the staffing shortages will curtail income enough to send programs into a budgetary death spiral. The *Texarkana Gazette* recently reported on a local child-care center closing permanently because of an inability to find a new center administrator.

"We looked as far as Little Rock, Oklahoma City, Dallas. Not one with the qualifications we need is presently available," co-owner Pamela Reynolds told the *Gazette*.

In one important way, child care mirrors the rest of the economy: Raising compensation works. A study of child-care teacher turnover in Louisiana in the journal *Educational Evaluation and Policy Analysis*, found more than 44% of teachers in private child-care programs leave every year, nearly all exiting the profession altogether (by comparison, about 16% of K-12 teachers leave each year; half just going to a different school). For the better paid Head Start teachers and the yet-better paid public preschool teachers, turnover was only around a third and a quarter, respectively.

Federal pandemic funds for child care have not done enough to address the workforce crisis. The

\$50 billion passed in the December stimulus and American Rescue Plan certainly stabilized programs, and it is allowing some to offer signing bonuses. However, programs cannot permanently raise wages or offer better benefits from one-time cash infusions.

President Joe Biden's American Families Plan (AFP) sets a goal of a \$15 minimum wage for child-care practitioners, an improvement that would however return the industry to its pre-pandemic fragility. The AFP also states those with similar qualifications to kindergarten teachers would achieve pay parity, although this wades into an ongoing debate about credentialing for child-care educators and how to honor the experience and expertise of a workforce substantially made up of older women of color.

An alternative is the adoption of publicly supported sectoral wage scales. Several states have developed such scales, although none are fully implemented. For instance, a recently proposed scale in Minnesota would ensure entry-level classroom support roles - requiring a 120-hour certificate - start at \$18.20 per hour; moving up from there toward parity with K-12 teachers. Both major pieces of Democratic federal child-care legislation, the Child Care for Working Families Act and the Universal Child Care and Early Learning Act, go further than the AFP in requiring and funding wage scales with a living wage floor.

More philosophically, the nation needs to ask itself a question: Do we really want programs caring for toddlers and their rapidly developing brains to be competing for staff with fast food joints and big box stores (worthy of a decent wage as those employees are)? Do we want market forces determining whether parents have viable, quality options for their care/work arrangements? There is a reason we don't expose fire departments or public schools to the invisible, raw hand of capitalism; child-care programs are equally essential to the functioning of society and the development of children.

The child-care staffing shortage is going to rapidly worsen absent permanent public investment, causing a cascading set of negative impacts on parents, children and businesses as early as this summer. The market is not coming to save working families. The hour grows late for policymakers to grasp this reality and open a pipeline of sustainable public money into the long-neglected child-care sector.

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Older population larger than ever

By MORTON J. MARCUS

Two factors have been at work in the aging of America's population: the increased longevity and the bulge in numbers because of the Baby Boom of the mid-1940s to the mid-60s. Today, we can expect continued extension of longevity and another population surge from the Millennials.

This phenomenon is everywhere. In 2019, the Census Bureau's American Community Survey recorded 1.5 million Hoosiers, 22.5% of the population, were age 60 and older.

The Hoosier 60-plus population, while quite diverse in some ways, lacks diversity in others. Their many concerns are not what we might all consider afflictions.

- The median age of the Hoosier 60-plus is 69.5 years, meaning just over half of them were in their 60s.

- Nearly 90% of Hoosiers 60-plus were non-Hispanic white.

- 46% of 60-plus households were married couple families.

- Another 41% were households of those living alone.

- Only 6.4% of the 60-plus moved from where they lived last year; the under-60 figure was 16%.

- There were 55,300 foreign born Hoosiers 60-plus. Of these, 83% lived in the U.S. for more than 20 years.

- The 60-plus group, despite being just 22.5% of Indiana's population, accounted for 60% of the veterans living in our state.

- Disabilities were reported for 30.3% of the 60-plus population; among the under-60 the figure was 8.7%.

- In the 60-plus age group, 8.2% were below the poverty level; that figure is 13% for the under-60.

- Of 1.5 million Hoosiers 60-plus in 2019, 456,000 (30.1%) were employed and only 0.7% unemployed. The remaining 69.2% were not in the labor force.

- 49% of 60-plus households had average earnings from work of \$64,619 for the past year; 51% had

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no earnings. In the under-60 households, 94% had earnings averaging \$84,323.

- 77% of 60-plus households received Social Security payments averaging \$21,387 per year; 23% did not.

- 55% of 60-plus households received an average of \$21,721 annually from retirement accounts; 45% did not.

- 81% of 60-plus housing units were owner-occupied and 19 rented, compared to 63% and 37% respectively for those under-60.

Not only is the population 60-plus different from those under-60, the major differences within the 60-plus population have no uniformity of distress.

After World War II, the U.S. population 60-plus stood close to 7.5% of the total. Today it's about 25%. Individuals and institutions struggle to adapt and adjust to this new reality.

The profound fissures in our society may result from more than a technological quake. They may emerge from the seismic demographic shift of an ever-expanding 60-plus population.

This reality may have insufficiently identified costs and benefits to society in general.

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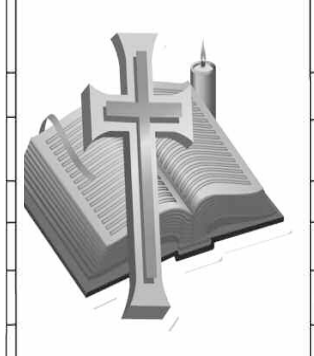
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 (260) 726-8464
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 1217 W. Votaw St., Portland
 Michael Burk
 (260) 726-4282
 Services: 10:30 a.m.

Bellefountain United Methodist
 440 S. 600 East
 Gordon Jackson
 Services: 9 a.m.

Bethel United Methodist
 Indiana 167, 4 miles north of Dunkirk
 Scott McClain
 Services: 10:45 a.m.

Bluff Point Friends
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 Services: 10 a.m.
 Sunday school: 9:30 a.m.

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 209 S. Hendricks St.
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 bryantwesleyanchurch.com

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 (765) 499-0368
 Services: 10 a.m.
 susan.duroveyantrim@in.umd.org

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 Quentin Elsea
 (419) 733-1469
 christchapelfr.com

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 1209 S. Shank St., Portland
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 1865 S. Indiana 167, Dunkirk
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 Services: 10:30 a.m.
 Sunday school: 9:30 a.m.

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 797 N. Creagor Ave., Portland
 Nanette Weesner
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 nanybell@yahoo.com

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 Floral and Chicago avenues, Portland
 Kevin McClung
 (260) 729-7295
 Services: 10 a.m.

Church of the Living God
 South Broad Street, Dunkirk
 Services: 7 p.m., 7 p.m. Friday

Collett Nazarene
 450 South, 1 mile west of U.S. 27
 Billy Stanton
 (260) 251-2403
 Services: 10:30 a.m., 6 p.m.

Cornerstone Baptist
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 Wayne Ward
 (260) 726-7714
 Services: 10 a.m.

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 226 E. Center St., Dunkirk
 Tom Fett
 (765) 768-6199
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Evangelical Methodist
 930 W. Main St., Portland
 Steve Arnold
 (260) 251-0970
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Fairview United Methodist/Jay County
 2875 E. 200 South
 Gordon Jackson
 Lay leader: Beth Stephen
 (260) 726-9184
 Services: 10:15 a.m.

Faith Community
 9560 W. 200 South, Dunkirk
 Joe Schmit
 (260) 251-5254
 Services: 10 a.m.

Family Worship Center
 200 E. Elder St., Portland
 Ronald Willis
 (260) 726-4844
 Services: 11 a.m., 7:30 p.m. Wednesday
 thefamilyworshipcenter.org

Fellowship Baptist
 289 S. 200 West
 Hugh Kelly
 (260) 726-8873
 Services: 10 a.m.
 pastorkelly@fbc-portland.com

First American Baptist
 427 S. Main St., Dunkirk
 Dan Coffman
 (765) 768-7157
 Services: 10:40 a.m., 5 p.m.

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 1049 Union City Road, Fort Recovery
 David J. Nicholson
 (419) 375-2860
 Services: 10:30 a.m.
 fcfcrtrecovery.org

First Community Baptist
 341 S. Meridian St., Redkey
 Everett Bilbrey Jr.
 Services: 10:30 a.m., 6 p.m.

First Free Will Baptist
 12369 W. 600 South, Dunkirk
 Marion Donathan
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 Services: 10:50 a.m., 6 p.m., 6 p.m. Wednesday

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 402 N. Ship St., Portland
 Rev. M. Rex Espiritu
 (260) 726-8462
 Services: 9:30 a.m.
 Sunday school: 10:15 a.m.
 firstpcportland.org

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 (419) 375-4680
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 frnaz@frontier.com

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 (419) 678-2071
 Services: 9 a.m.

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Gilead Church
 County road 650 North, one-quarter mile east of Balbec
 Services: 10:30 a.m.

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 Indiana 1 and Indiana 26
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 (260) 731-4477
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St. Peter Catholic
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 Rev. Ned Brown
 Services: 10 a.m. Sunday

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 Robin Owen
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 pastorrobino@gmail.com

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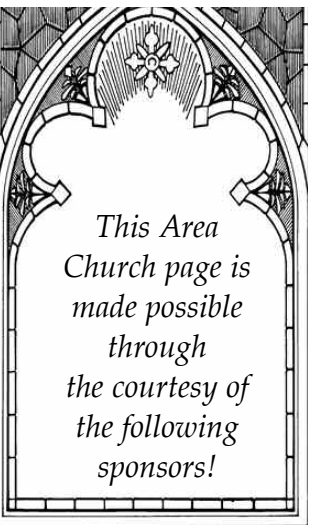
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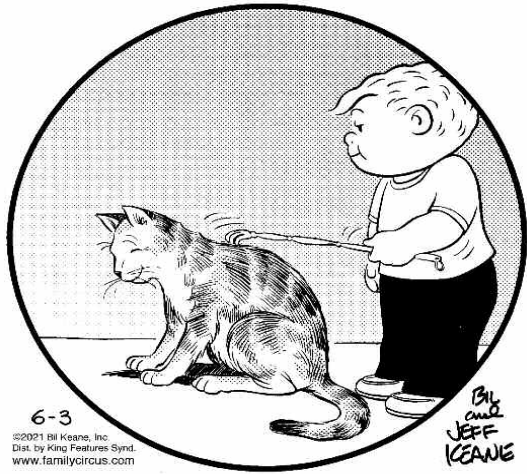
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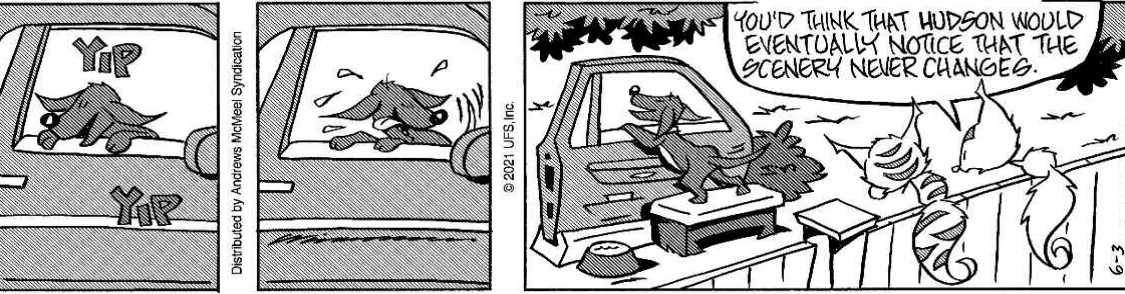
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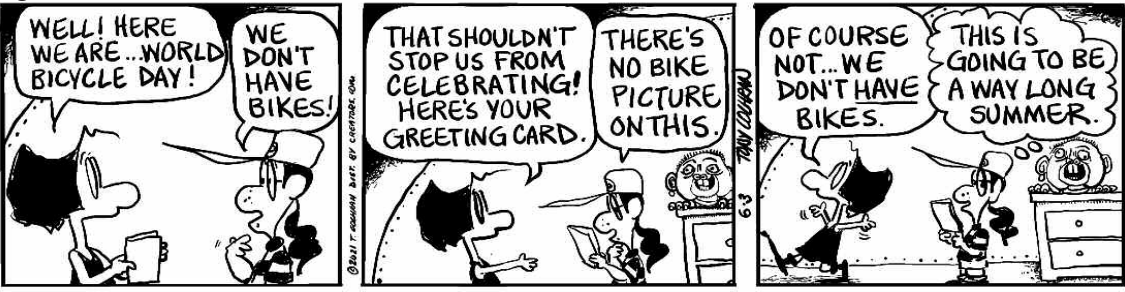
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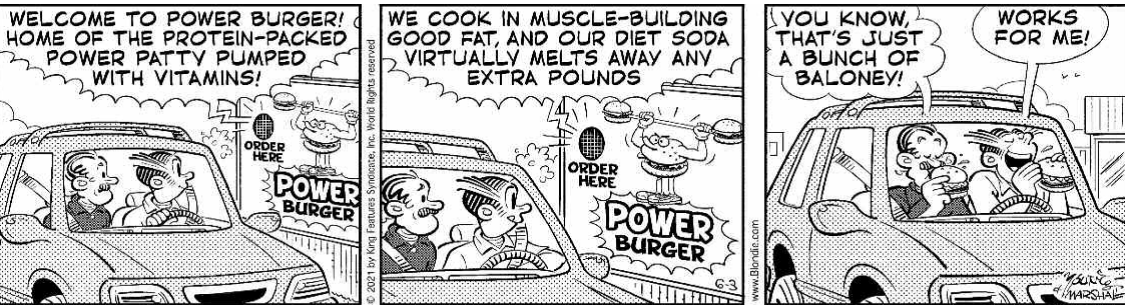
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Young's 36 helps Hawks finish of Knicks

By **BRIAN MAHONEY**
AP Basketball Writer

NEW YORK — In his first time on stage, Trae Young was already the star of the show.

And just like an actor on nearby Broadway, he closed his impressive debut performance with a bow, after making a long 3-pointer in the final minute.

"Leading up to this game, I know where we are, I know there's a bunch of shows around

this city and I know what they do when the show is over," Young said.

Young closed it with 36 points and nine assists, and the Atlanta Hawks beat the New York Knicks 103-89 on Wednesday night in Game 5.

Clint Capela backed up his confident words from a day earlier with 14 points and 15 rebounds for the Hawks, who will play the top-seeded Philadelphia 76ers in

their first trip to the Eastern Conference semifinals since 2016. That series begins Sunday.

Young never looked like a play-off rookie, hitting the winning shot with 0.9 seconds left in the opener and averaging 29.2 points and 9.8 assists.

The profane chants toward the point guard continued Wednesday, though less frequently than in Games 1 or 2. Young was never rattled by the fans, one of whom

was banned after spitting on Young in Game 2.

Now he has silenced them for the summer.

"I texted him before the play-offs started and told him he's built for this time of the season with the confidence he brings to the floor, his skill level for scoring the basketball and creating opportunities," Hawks interim coach Nate McMillan said. "It's really tough to game plan against

him."

Julius Randle had 23 points and 13 rebounds for the Knicks to finish his disappointing first post-season. The winner of the NBA's Most Improved Player award shot 8 for 21 from the field and finished 28 for 94 (29.8%) in the series.

Randle said he was proud of the team the Knicks were.

"It's tough for me to process that right now the way things ended, but we'll be back," he said.



Photo provided

Wrestling for the Warriors

Jay County High School senior Lita Chowning signed her national letter of intent on May 20 to wrestle for the Indiana Tech Warriors, becoming the first JCHS female to wrestle in college. Pictured from left are sister Dakota Chowning, mother Brandy Chowning, sister Danica Chowning, father and JCHS girls wrestling coach Chad Chowning, Lita, Indiana Tech women's wrestling coach Paul Rademacher, JCHS wrestling coach Eric Myers and former JCHS wrestling assistant coach Jon Winner.

Step ...

Continued from page 8 Stadium first reported news of the 74-year-old Krzyzewski's final season with Duke, which he has led to five national championships, most recently in 2015.

He has 1,170 career wins going back to his time at Army, with 1,097 wins coming during 41 years with the Blue Devils and their frantic fans who have

made playing at famously hostile Cameron Indoor Stadium so difficult.

Now Krzyzewski will have make a final lap — "The Last Ride," as the program billed it in a social-media post — around the Atlantic Coast Conference and the sport where he has piled up an incredible run of success before handing off to Scheyer, currently 33.

Sports on tap

Local schedule

Today
Fort Wayne TinCaps vs. Cedar Rapids Kernels — 7:05 p.m.

Friday
Fort Recovery — Track state finals at Westerville North — 3 p.m.
Portland Rockets vs. Fort Wayne Jackers — 7:15 p.m.
Fort Wayne TinCaps vs. Cedar Rapids Kernels — 5 p.m.

Saturday
Jay County — Girls track state finals at Ben Davis — 3 p.m.
Fort Recovery — Track state finals at Westerville North — 3 p.m.

Portland Rockets doubleheader vs. South Bend Royals — 1 p.m.

Local notes

Camp set for June 15
The Jay County High School baseball team will be hosting a three-day camp starting June 15. The camp will be June 15 through 17 at Don E. Selvey Field at JCHS. 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. Cost is \$25, and the deadline to register to receive a t-shirt is June 8. For more information, contact JCHS at (260) 726-9806.

90 SALE CALENDAR

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Contract Bridge By Steve Becker

Four losers, but 10 winners

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North-South vulnerable.

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♠ A Q
♥ J 9 7 3
♦ A 8 7 5
♣ A K 6

WEST
♠ 5
♥ K Q 10 6
♦ K 10 4 2
♣ Q 10 8 2

EAST
♠ J 10 6 3
♥ 8 5 4 2
♦ Q 9 6
♣ J 7

SOUTH
♠ K 9 8 7 4 2
♥ A
♦ J 3
♣ 9 5 4 3

The bidding:
North East South West
1♦ Pass 1♠ Pass
2NT Pass 4♥
Opening lead — king of hearts.

In most suit contracts, declarer makes a preliminary estimate of his chances by counting his losers. Prior experience has taught him that it is easier to assess his prospects if he thinks in terms of losers rather than winners.

But there are some situations where declarer appears to have too many losers and yet can still score enough tricks to make the contract.

Consider this deal where South wins the heart lead with the ace and cashes the A-Q of trump. When West shows out, South learns that he must lose a trump trick. Since he may also lose a diamond and two clubs, he is in danger of going down one.

However, looking at the situation from an entirely different perspective, South observes that if he can score six trump tricks to go with his four high-card winners in the side suits, he can still finish with 10 tricks.

He therefore sets about ruffing dummy's hearts. He trumps a heart at trick four, leads a club to the king, trumps another heart, leads a club to the ace and trumps dummy's last heart. The ace of diamonds and king of spades then take tricks nine and 10.

It is true that after South wins the first 10 tricks, East has a trump trick coming, and West has two clubs and a diamond to take. But these four losers are telescoped into three after the first 10 tricks are played.

The principle that emerges is that when an unlucky trump break saddles declarer with one or more unexpected trump losers, it does not necessarily follow that declarer's number of winners is correspondingly reduced.

Tomorrow: Bidding quiz.
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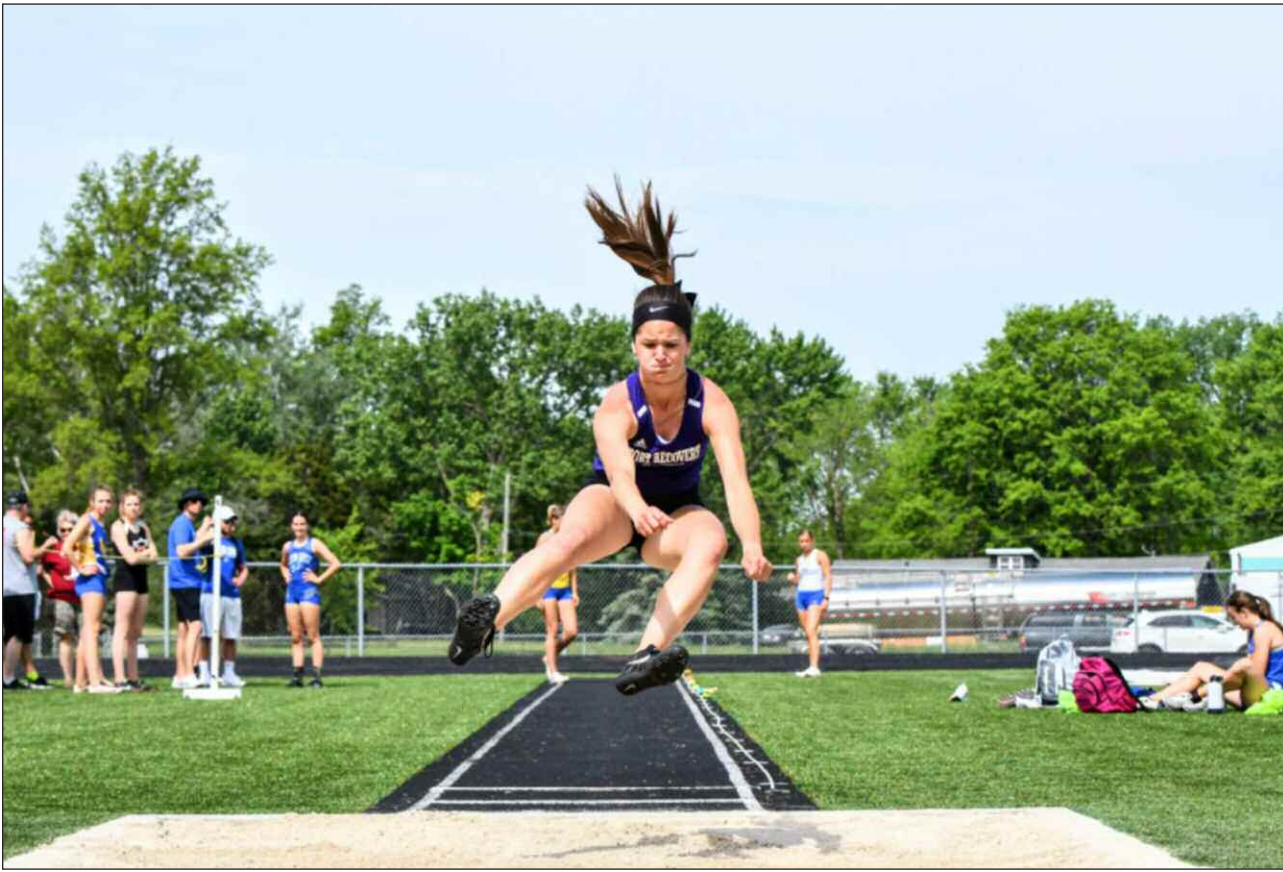
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OHSAA Track and Field State Championships preview

Tribe set for state



Special to The Commercial Review/Kim Wendel

Mara Pearson, a Fort Recovery High School freshman, jumps during the OHSAA Division III District meet on May 22 at Spencerville. Pearson is seeded fifth in the OHSAA Division III Track and Field State Championships, which are Friday and Saturday at Westerville North.

Display Craft squeaks out win

Display Craft squeaked by Fisher Packing 10-8 on Wednesday in Portland Junior League's Rookie softball division. Stella Skirvin paced Display Craft by going 3-for-3 with three singles. Kendall Schemenaur hit a double and a single, and Ava Peterson contributed a pair of singles. Brooklyn Arnold chipped in by hitting a triple. Emery Forthofer, Harlow Hough, Kayleigh Stevenson and Addison Miller each singled. Ayla Jackson led Fisher with a triple and a single, as Erin Aker and Ali Clark both hit two singles.

Duke coach to step down

Krzyzewski will retire after 2021-22 season

By AARON BEARD
AP Basketball Writer
Mike Krzyzewski will make a final run at a national championship with Duke. The Hall of Famer and winningest coach in the history of Division I men's basketball announced Wednesday that next season will be his last with the Blue Devils program he has built into one of college basketball's bluebloods. The school also named former Duke player and associate head coach Jon Scheyer as Krzyzewski's successor for the 2022-23 season. "My family and I view today as a celebration," Krzyzewski said in a statement released Wednesday evening. See **Step** page 7

Francis to run Friday while Rammel and Pearson compete on Saturday at Westerville North

By CHRIS SCHANZ
The Commercial Review
The Indians have generally focused on getting a relay to the state finals.

It wasn't quite in the cards this year, as the 4x200-meter relay team missed qualifying for state by one spot. But the Indians will still be represented at state.

Fort Recovery High School freshman Mara Pearson as well as juniors Whitley Rammel and Abbie Francis will test their wits at the OHSAA Division III Track and Field State Championships on Friday and Saturday at McCann Stadium on the campus of Westerville North, northeast of Columbus.

"The fact they're all underclassmen is big," said FRHS coach Christy Diller. "Given that we lost last year for Abbie and Whitley is big because they don't quite have the experience."

"It's a big deal. Our girls program has been down, I would say, for a few years. I feel like we're going in the right direction. To get three individuals instead of a relay, which is what we've done in the past, I think is good progression."

Francis will run in the 100-



meter dash preliminaries at 3 p.m. Friday. The top two in each of the three heats plus the next two fastest times advance to the 2:10 p.m. final Saturday.

Pearson (long jump) and Rammel (shot put) will compete beginning at 10 a.m. Saturday. Under the direction of throwing coach Holly Gann, Rammel has solidified herself as the school's best in shot put by beating Gann's school-record toss.

Rammel has since bested herself with a put of 41 feet, 1.25 inches, a distance she used to place second in the regional meet May 26 at Troy. At state, Rammel is seeded third, the best for any Indian.

"She's peaking at the right

2021 OHSAA Track and Field State Championships

Three Fort Recovery Indians — junior Abbie Francis, junior Whitley Rammel and freshman Mara Pearson — will compete in the OHSAA Division III Track and Field State Championships on Friday and Saturday at Westerville North. Below is a look at when each athlete competes, their respective seed and the top seed in their event. The top eight in each event earn state medals and All-Ohio honors.

Abbie Francis
100-meter dash
preliminaries 3 p.m. Friday
(top two in each heat plus next two fastest times advance to final at 2:10 p.m. Saturday)
16th seed — 13.15 seconds
Top seed: Greta Baker (Crooksville) — 12.28 seconds

Whitley Rammel
shot put — 10 a.m. Friday
third seed — 41 feet, 1.25 inches
Top seed: Trista Fintel (Hamler Patrick Henry) — 44 feet, 5.75 inches

Mara Pearson
long jump — 10 a.m. Friday
fifth seed — 17 feet, 1 inch
Top seed: Katie Ruffener (Colonel Crawford) — 18 feet, 3.5 inches

time," Diller said. "Obviously having coach Gann here helps that. They are very close and they get along well."

"Coach Gann can read her very well and knows just the right cues to give her. It's usually something very small ... and just that little adjustment makes a big difference."

Hamler Patrick Henry senior Trista Fintel, who was third in the state as a sophomore in 2019, is the No. 1 seed in the event with a distance of 44 feet, 5.75 inches.

(The 2020 season was canceled because of the coronavirus pandemic.)

Pearson was a long shot to just finish in the top eight during the regional meet. Having leaped 17 feet, 1 inch, earlier in the season to set a new school record, the youngster was seeded 11th with a district leap of 16 feet, 0.25 inches.

On her final regional jump, she matched her school record to place third and qualify for state. See **Set** page 7

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