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## New names

### Areas of Arts Place will honor Hudsons, Youngs, Weavers

By RAY COONEY  
The Commercial Review

A new look and a new building will bring with them new names.

During a luncheon Thursday, Arts Place announced several new names for its renovated and expanded facility.

"Thank you for taking the time to help us celebrate this first big step," Arts Place executive director Eric Rogers said to the staff, board members and supporters in attendance. "I'm looking forward to the next ones."

"(There is) lots of new activity here, lots of new things to be excited about, including our naming," added board president Bonnie Maitlen.

The Arts Place location in Portland will be known as the Jay County Campus of Arts Place. (The organization also has facilities in Hartford City and St. Mary's, Ohio.)

Other new names are as follows:



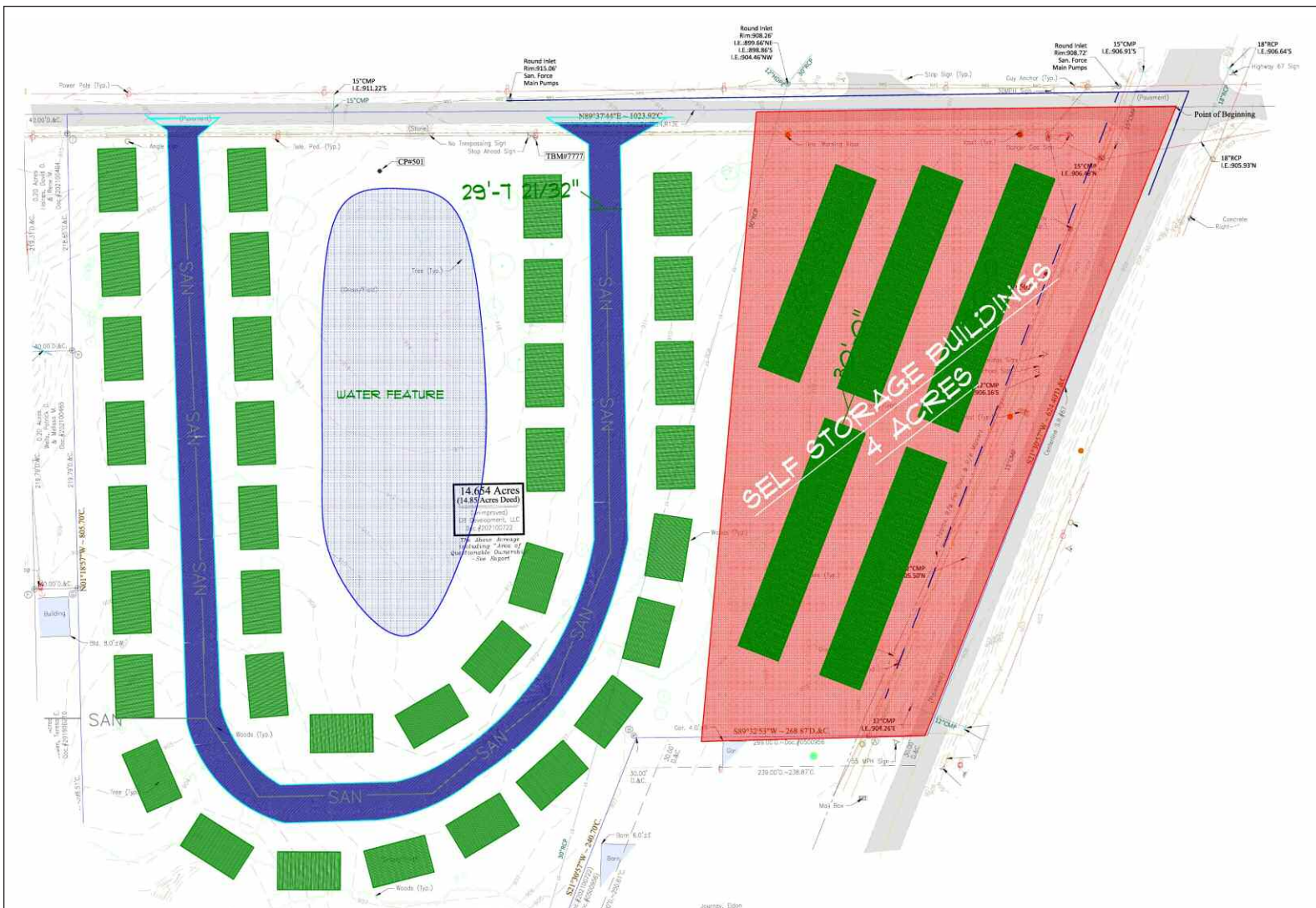
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Arts Place held a luncheon Thursday to announce the new names that will take effect for its renovated and expanded facility in Portland with donors and supporters in attendance. Pictured, from left, are Arts Place executive director Eric Rogers, John Young, Elizabeth and Barry Hudson, Bonnie Maitlen, Jack Ronald, Donna Haggenjos, Annette Alexander, Phil Frantz, Jeff Steed, Ron Freeman and Mindy and Rob Weaver.

- The renovated existing building — Performing Arts Center
- The new visual arts building across the street from the current facility — The Hudson Center for the Visual Arts
- The education corridor of the Performing Arts Center — The Young Music Education Wing
- The new community gallery in the Performing Arts Center — The Weaver Community Gallery

Weaver names were selected to honor some of the major donors to Arts Place's capital campaign for the project. See Names page 5

# Condominiums proposed



Graphic provided/CB Development

CB Development of Geneva has proposed a condominium development at the southwest corner of the intersection of Indiana 67 and county road 75 South near Jay County High School. The firm presented initial plans for the project to Portland Plan Commission on Thursday and plans to return next month to seek approval for rezoning.

## CB Development of Geneva is seeking to build 35 homes on property at former drive-in property

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A Geneva developer is hoping to bring new housing to property west of Portland near Jay County High School.

Attorney Josh Atkinson on Thursday presented CB Development's preliminary plans for a 35-unit condominium development at the southwest corner of Indiana 67 and county road 75 south to Portland Plan Commission.

CB Development, owned by Glen Coblentz of Geneva, plans to use 4 acres of the former Beacon Heights Drive-in site to construct five self-storage buildings. Those are already allowed under the current agricultural residential zoning.

The company plans to request the remaining area, approximately 10 acres, be rezoned as planned development residential to allow for the condominium project.

CB Development's preliminary plans call for 35 individual homes to be built along a new U-shaped road that would have two outlets on county road 75 south. The homes would be single-story units with three bedrooms, two bathrooms and an attached garage, totaling about 2,000 square feet at a price point of about \$200,000.

"It's not the duplex that you see sometimes where you have

the garage splitting two homes," said Atkinson.

All of the "common ground" in the development would be owned jointly by the members of the condominium association, which would handle mowing, snow removal, trash pick-up, etc.

Homes would be hooked up to Portland's sewer system. They would each have an individual well for water.

See **Condominiums** page 2

## Lift station work is OK'd

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Two Portland lift stations will be upgraded.

Portland Board of Works on Thursday approved repairs for the lift stations at Charles Street and adjacent to POET Biorefining.

Portland wastewater superintendent Brad Clayton recommended Culy Contracting of Winchester for the work.

At the POET site, that involves replacing bases and installing new check valves to allow city wastewater staff better access. That work comes at a cost of \$8,950.

The Charles Street lift station requires work because pipes have been leaking frequently. The cost of the work is \$18,530. (Clayton explained that it must be completed in a single day because that lift station cannot be down for a longer period of time.)

Board of works members Jerry Leonhard, Steve McIntosh and Portland Mayor Job Boggs unanimously approved the projects.

The work represents the second set of lift station improvements in the last few months. In April, the board approved a total of \$10,750 for the installation of new control panels at the Charles Street and Jay County High School lift stations.

Boggs also reported that Tim Miller, owner of T.J.'s Bicycle and Moped Sales in Portland, put in an offer for the former Sheller-Globe south building on Bridge Street. (The previous sale agreement with Jon Goodhew of Goodhew's Roofing Service was recently terminated.)

The mayor explained that the city has not yet put the building up for sale and that city council has asked him to get an estimate for what it would cost to renovate the building for use as a new headquarters for the city's street and parks department.

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### Deaths

Robert Switzer, 87, Geneva  
Details on page 2.

### Weather

The high temperature was 72 degrees Thursday in Jay County. The low was 61.

The forecast calls for a low of 63 tonight. Skies will be sunny Saturday with a high of 86. Highs are expected to stay in the 80s through at least Thursday.

See page 2 for an extended outlook.

### In review

Jay County Solid Waste Management District will have recycling trailers available from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday in the shopping center at 220 Lincoln St., Portland, the parking lot east of Redkey Post Office and the parking lot south of Salamon Fire Station.

### Coming up

**Saturday** — Results from FRHS at the OHSAA Track and Field State Finals.

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



# Obituaries

## Robert Switzer

Dec. 30, 1933-June 2, 2021  
Robert Roy Switzer, 87 of Geneva, Indiana, passed away on Wednesday, June 2, 2021, at Swiss Village.

Robert was born on Dec. 30, 1933, to John Switzer and Nellie Click in Adams County. He married Mary Lou Bollenbacher on Nov. 24, 1954, in Geneva, Indiana. Robert graduated from Jefferson High School in 1953.

Robert served in the U.S. Army from 1956 until 1958. He worked

as a welder, union sprinkler fitter and member of the U.A. Local #669. He worked at Automatic Sprinkler in Monroe and Hilty Small Engine Repair. He was a member of the Antique Tractor Pullers Association, was a trap shooter and enjoyed spending time with his grandchildren.

Robert was preceded in death by his parents, John and Nellie



Switzer

Switzer; son-in-law, Randy Lehman; grandson, Justin Fickert; and sisters, Eileen Hartley and Emma Jean Thatcher.

Loving survivors include his wife, Mary Lou Switzer of Geneva, Indiana; daughters, Cindy (Kevin) Miller of Geneva, Indiana; and Rose Lehman of Geneva, Indiana; son Brian Switzer of Geneva, Indiana; 10 grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

Friends and family may gather to visit on Monday, June 7, 2021, from 3 to 8 p.m. and again at 10

a.m. on Tuesday, June 8, 2021, at Downing & Glancy Funeral Home located at 100 Washington St., Geneva, Indiana. A funeral service will be held on Tuesday, June 8, 2021, at 11 a.m. with Terry Bollenbacher officiating. Burial with military rites will follow at Riverside Cemetery in Geneva.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to Ronald McDonald House Charities by visiting rhmc.org or to the grandchildren's college funds.

Arrangements have been entrusted to Downing & Glancy Funeral Home in Geneva, Indiana.

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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

Saturday 6/5	Sunday 6/6	Monday 6/7	Tuesday 6/8	Wednesday 6/9
<b>86/64</b>	<b>86/67</b>	<b>85/68</b>	<b>85/68</b>	<b>86/67</b>
Saturday is expected to be sunny all day with highs skyrocketing 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. There is a 30% chance of rain after 3 p.m.	Mostly cloudy skies Wednesday with a 40% chance of rain.

## Lotteries

<b>Powerball</b> Estimated jackpot: \$286 million	28-29-35-37-43-48-52-53-55-61-64-67-68-70-75-78-80 Cash 5: 3-4-6-32-43 Estimated jackpot: \$397,500
<b>Mega Millions</b> Estimated jackpot: \$45 million	<b>Ohio</b> Midday Pick 3: 5-6-2 Pick 4: 1-0-7-5 Pick 5: 3-0-4-6-4 Evening Pick 3: 4-4-5 Pick 4: 3-5-0-0 Pick 5: 0-0-5-2-8 Rolling Cash: 22-27-28-31-39 Estimated jackpot: \$100,000
<b>Hoosier</b> Midday Daily Three: 9-6-2 Daily Four: 0-5-3-1 Quick Draw: 1-3-5-15-17-18-19-25-36-43-45-47-48-50-61-65-69-71-77-78 Evening Daily Three: 7-6-6 Daily Four: 4-0-0-2 Quick Draw: 3-13-27-	

## Markets

<b>Cooper Farms Fort Recovery</b> Corn.....7.01 July corn.....7.01 Wheat .....6.65	Wheat ..... 6.63 July wheat ..... 6.63
<b>POET Biorefining Portland</b> Corn.....7.32 June corn .....7.22 Aug. corn .....6.59	<b>Central States Montpelier</b> Corn.....7.07 July corn.....7.07 Beans .....16.09 Nov. beans .....13.81 Wheat ..... 6.73
<b>The Andersons Richland Township</b> Corn.....7.10 July corn.....7.03 Beans .....16.09 July beans .....16.09	<b>Sunrise St. Anthony</b> Corn.....6.90 July corn.....6.90 Beans .....15.86 July beans .....15.86 Wheat .....6.59 July wheat.....6.59

## Today in history

**On June 4, 1919,** Congress approved the 19th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, which said that the right to vote could not be denied or abridged based on gender. The amendment was sent to the states for ratification.

**In 1812,** the Louisiana Territory was renamed the Missouri Territory, to avoid confusion with the recently admitted state of Louisiana. The U.S. House of Representatives approved, 79-49, a declaration of war against Britain.

**In 1912,** Massachusetts became the first state to adopt a minimum wage law.

**In 1939,** the German ocean liner MS St. Louis, carrying more than 900 Jewish refugees from Germany, was turned away from the Florida coast by U.S. officials.

**In 1940,** during World War II, the Allied

military evacuation of some 338,000 troops from Dunkirk, France, ended.

**In 1942,** the World War II Battle of Midway began, resulting in a decisive American victory against Japan and marking the turning point of the war in the Pacific.

**In 1972,** a jury in San Jose, California, acquitted radical activist Angela Davis of murder and kidnapping for her alleged connection to a deadly courthouse shootout in Marin County in 1970.

**In 1977,** the VHS home videocassette recorder was introduced to North America by JVC during a press conference in Chicago.

**In 2011,** Jay County High School junior Maria Murphy placed 15th in the IHSAA Girls Track and Field State Finals at Indiana University.

—AP and The CR

## Citizen's calendar

**Monday**  
5:30 p.m. — Portland City Council, council chambers, fire station, 1616 N. Franklin St.  
7:30 p.m. — Fort Recovery Village Council, vil-

lage hall, 201 S. Main St.  
**Wednesday**  
6 p.m. — Jay County Council, auditorium, courthouse, 120 N. Court St., Portland.



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## Railings return

Construction workers piece together guard rails Thursday morning for the arch bridge on Meridian Street near East Jay Elementary School. Workers re-installed railing and lights along the sidewalks after completing work on the bridge.

# Condominiums ...

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There is likely to be a water feature in the center of the property to account for drainage rather than having water drain to the Salamonie River to the west. (The closest home would be about 150 feet away from the river.)

CB Development plans to have a buffer of trees between the homes and the storage units.

"It will definitely fulfill a major need that we have here in the community," said Atkinson, who also serves on Jay County Development Corporation's housing task force.

He and Coblenz also told council members Lee Newman, Don Gillespie, Kyle Cook, Ron Laux, Randy Geesaman, Steve McIntosh, Bart Darby, Janet Powers

and Kent McClung homes could be a stepping stone to further development.

Coblenz said the plan would be to start by selling and building the first six homes of the development. It would then continue with construction of four to eight homes at a time.

Thursday's meeting was for informational purposes only. Going through the planned development process requires CB Development to meet with board of works, police department, fire department, Jay County Soil and Water Conservation District and Jay County Drainage Board to get their approval on the plans. It would then return to plan commission — it hopes to do so in July — for its recommendation on the rezoning request. It would

then move to Portland City Council for approval. If OK'd, CB Development would then need to provide engineered drawings and specific details for the project, which would return to city council for final approval.

The development would be the first for Coblenz, but he is working with his brother-in-law Mark Brumbaugh on the project. Brumbaugh recently completed a similar development in Bellefontaine, Ohio.

Jay/Portland Building and Planning assistant director Pati McLaughlin also noted that a public hearing on the U.S. Aggregates rezoning request of the expansion of its quarry facility is scheduled for 5:30 p.m. July 1.

# Work ...

Continued from page 1  
In other business, the board:  
•OK'd increases for city mowing and property clean-up. The rates were last increased in 2012. New hourly rates are \$50 for mowing, up from \$35; \$25 for weed trimming, up from \$15; \$165 for

tractor and bush hog work, up from \$145; \$75 for packer charges, up from \$55; \$93 for landfill charges, up from \$61; and a \$25 administration fee, up from \$15.

•Approved a water bill adjustment because of a leak.

# Felony arrests

## Possession

A Peru man was arrested Wednesday on multiple felony charges.

David M. Headrick, 36, 356 1/2 W. Main St., was preliminarily charged with Level 6 felonies for possession of methamphetamine, unlawful possession of a syringe and resisting law enforcement, as well as a Class C misdemeanor for possession of paraphernalia. He was booked into Jay County Jail on a \$20,000 bond.

## Domestic battery

A Portland woman was arrested Thursday for domestic battery.

Rachel L. Davis, 1124 N. Franklin St., was preliminarily charged with a Level 6 felony for domestic battery and strangulation. She was also preliminarily charged for a second count of domestic battery, a Class A misdemeanor. She was booked into Jay County Jail on a \$4,000 bond.

## Unlawful possession

A Portland man was arrested Thursday for unlawful possession of a syringe.

Justin D. Eal, 34, 995 S. Boundary Pike, was preliminarily charged a Level 6 felony for unlawful possession of a syringe. He was booked into Jay County Jail on a \$10,000 bond.

## Theft

A Kentucky man was arrested Thursday for theft.

Toney G. Chaney Jr., 46, 276 Hurricane Road, Waynesburg, was preliminarily charged a Level D felony for theft and a Class A misdemeanor for domestic battery. He's being held without bond in Jay County Jail.

## SERVICES

### 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.

### Tuesday

**Switzer,** Robert: 11 a.m., Downing & Glancy Funeral Home, 100 Washington St., Geneva.

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## Flags retired

Pennville's Memorial Day services were followed by a flag retirement ceremony at Pennville Park. Pictured, Girl Scouts Makinsey Murphy (left), Karli Brown (second from right) and Tessa Miller (right) and Eagle Scout Justice Murphy (center) fold a flag during the ceremony.

## JCCT elects board members

Two board members were re-elected to lead a local theatre organization and another was elected to her first term.

During its annual meeting Tuesday, Jay County Civic Theatre re-elected JB Goodrich to his third three-year term and Casi Avery to her second. Sarah Lingo was elected to her first term.

Other board members are Ray Cooney, Lee Osteen, Bev Wolford, Greg Rittenhouse and Reid Knuth.

Leaving the board was Jason McGraw, who was ineligible for re-election as he had served three consecutive three-year terms. McGraw, who has served 18 years on the board in all, was invited to continue as an advisory member to the board. He will be presented with gifts from the board when it meets in person again.

Also at the meeting, the board announced its award of the Tom Casey Memorial Scholarship to Jay County High School senior Hannah Littler.

## Taking Note

curate their own gallery, draw self-portraits, take part in an art/history hunt and create a three-dimensional pattern puzzles.

The exhibit will run from Saturday through Sept. 5.

For more information, visit [minnetrista.net](http://minnetrista.net) or call (765) 282-4848.

## Fish for free

Indiana's public waters will be open for free fishing this weekend.

Hoosiers can fish without a license or trout/salmon stamp Saturday and Sunday as a kick-off to National Fishing and Boating Week, which runs from June 5 through 13. Fishing tips and videos can be found at [on.IN.gov/learn2fish](http://on.IN.gov/learn2fish).

For more information, visit [on.IN.gov/fishfree](http://on.IN.gov/fishfree).

## Get into nature

Jay County Public Library and Limberlost State Historic Site will team to host a nature event at 10 a.m. June 14 at Loblolly Marsh Nature Preserve.

The event led by Limberlost naturalist Curt Burnette will include opportunities for participants to see and touch a variety of biofacts and hike through the Loblolly.

It is open to all ages, and children must be accompanied by an adult. Attendees should wear closed-toed shoes and bring bug spray and sunscreen. Masks may be required for part of the event.

The preserve is located at 8323 N 250 West, Bryant.

To sign up, visit the library or call (260) 726-7890.

## Spouse removed wedding ring

DEAR ABBY: My wife and I separated three months ago. She has moved out into her own apartment. We are not legally separated or divorced. She removed her wedding ring three weeks after she left. I want to reconcile. Whether she does at this point, she's not sure. She says she isn't seeing anyone, nor is she interested in anyone. I want to keep wearing my wedding ring, but because she's not wearing hers, I feel like an idiot wearing mine. What is the proper etiquette for us? — CAN'T LET GO

DEAR CAN'T LET GO: A wedding ring indicates that the person — female or male — is unavailable for a romantic involvement. When your wife removed her ring, the message she was sending out is that her marriage is over — whether you two are officially divorced or not. Now you need to do what is comfortable for yourself. Because you want to reconcile, give her a deadline to make up her mind whether the separation is permanent, and suggest marriage counseling to settle your differences. After that, if she still isn't interested and

## Dear Abby



wants a divorce, talk to a lawyer.

DEAR ABBY: I live in an affluent neighborhood where a group of us get together for drinks, holidays, etc. But out of seven women in the group, only two or three are given birthday parties every year. The rest of us are never acknowledged — not even with a card.

I'm tired of going to celebrate someone else's birthday when mine is passed over with no mention. This may seem petty, but after years of this, it has gotten old. I've thought of saying something, but I'm not sure how to express it. Or should I just keep my mouth shut? — OVERLOOKED IN SOUTH CAROLINA

DEAR OVERLOOKED: Is everyone in that group aware of when all of the members' birthdays

are? Because you haven't spoken up, they may not be. I don't think it would be poor form to pipe up at the next get-together that "Jennifer," "Angelina," "Viola" and you also have birthdays coming up and when they occur. If none of them are acknowledged after that, speak up as a group and say humorously that your feelings are hurt. However, if still no effort is made, the four or five of you should consider celebrating your birthdays separately.

DEAR ABBY: In the last few years, a good friend has grown increasingly radical in his political views, which caused a severe rupture in our friendship. I am still hurt by what transpired because it turned personal at one point.

My friend has now written an apology for his extremism and asked for my forgiveness. I can't help but wonder whether, if the political climate hadn't changed, he would be apologizing now. How do I forgive my friend, and perhaps open a path to a renewed friendship, while I still feel this way? — NERVOUS ABOUT THIS IN NEW YORK

## Community Calendar

Notices will appear in Community Calendar as space is available. To submit an item, email [news@thecr.com](mailto:news@thecr.com).

**Today**  
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](http://museumofthesoldier.com).

**Monday**  
PORTLAND BREAK-

FAST 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.

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

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

## Sudoku

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

Level: Advanced

### Thursday's Solution

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

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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Fort Recovery High School - Friday, May 21  
(deadline Friday, May 14)  
Jay County High School - Wednesday, June 16  
(deadline Wednesday, June 9)

# Weird can actually be pretty cool

By BAILEY CLINE  
The Commercial Review

Growing up, I was always one of the weird kids.

Maybe it was the video games. Maybe it was the anime. Maybe it was the fact I think a little differently from others.

Perhaps it stemmed from a lack of confidence.

I'll never forget the moment when I put on my first pair of glasses.

"You look like a nerd!" my brother laughed.

Little brothers are great confidence boosters.

I didn't start caring about my appearance until the beginning of high school, when the braces came off and I started wearing contact lenses and makeup. It felt like a metamorphosis of some sort, both inward and outward, and it was much needed.

But in elementary and middle school, I was an obnoxious

## On the Line



and strange kid. It probably didn't help to have not-so-trendy obsessions or interests, specifically those that aren't socially acceptable once you reach a certain age.

Take Nintendo, for example. All the cool kids had a portable Nintendo DS when I was in elementary school. There was nothing like playing Mario Party with your friends on the bus ride home.

And then middle school hit. Suddenly it was childish to be trading Pokemon before class started. We were "too old" for Mario Kart and "too mature"

for the family marketed company altogether.

All the boys flocked to Xbox and PlayStation because those were the platforms teen guys used. All the girls, well, there weren't a lot of gamer girls at my school. So already, I stuck out like a sore thumb.

Even Whitley, my childhood best friend, decided it was time to move on from her Nintendo phase. She gave me one of her Pokemon games and some of her cards and sold the rest of her collection.

I tried to fit in with the crowd. I stopped taking my games to school, and I pretended I thought they were lame. But it wasn't effective. My little brother kept drawing me back to the cringe culture I so badly wanted to shed.

It wasn't just Nintendo — it was the sum of our childhood interests. After all, most kids stop playing with their toys after

a certain age. What happens when a child doesn't get to that point? Do they ever really grow up?

I remember warning him when he got into middle school he would be bullied for it. He should be prepared, I advised.

Something in him must have wanted to prove me wrong, though, because he never went through the "I'm too old for his" phase.

One of the traits I love most about Myles is his authenticity. I've never seen him phased by peer pressure, and it's something I admire most about him. Perhaps that's why I decided it was OK to show my real face to others.

Near the end of high school, I started acting like myself again. I wasn't afraid to tell classmates about my favorite Japanese animation studio — Studio Ghibli, which is now owned by Disney — or my obsession with The Leg-

end of Zelda. (Obsession is probably an understatement.)

Yeah, I was weird. I was also a three-sport athlete and had straight A's. Weird, jock, nerd. I fit in a lot of boxes and, honestly, I'm proud of that. It helps me to relate to more people.

Oddly enough, Nintendo gaming isn't a rare occurrence for adults my age now. I have several friends who own a Switch and play on it regularly.

And Whitley did ask for her Pokemon game back eventually. The franchise is cool as a kid, taboo as a teen and nostalgic as a young adult. It's nice to know my interest aged like a fine wine.

Flash forward to the present day, and I'm still weird. Anyone who knows me well enough will tell you that. I embrace being different, though. After all, some of the weirdest people are the same ones who have built America's future in one way or another.

And that's actually pretty cool.

# Poor nations need our help

The Washington Post

Leaders of the major international health and financial organizations are sending an urgent SOS to the Group of Seven summit next week in Britain: The global pandemic response is lopsided.

Rich nations are vaccinating people 30 times faster than the poorer countries.

Rectifying this inequity is in everyone's interest, and requires political willpower, action and money.

The appeal from leaders of the World Health Organization, World Trade Organization, World Bank and International Monetary Fund was published in our pages Monday. They say that a commitment of an additional \$50 billion could feasibly end the pandemic faster in the developing world, save lives and boost global economic output.

As the managing director of the IMF, Kristalina Georgieva, put it at a news conference, health policy is now economic policy, too.

The leaders' appeal is based on an IMF staff study by Ruchir Agarwal and Gita Gopinath that calls attention to the risks of highly unequal health prospects for the world, and proposes measures to respond. According to a new Rockefeller Foundation report, half of Americans and more than a quarter of Europeans have received at least one vaccine dose, but only 1.2% of people in Africa, 4.8% in Asia and 14% in South America are vaccinated. The longer the pandemic lingers, the greater a chance that variants will arise and potentially come back to haunt everyone.

What's needed now is speed: ramping up the vaccine effort to cover 40% of the global population this year and 60% by the first half of next year, in part by surging investment to vaccines and other therapies in poorer countries.

The Covax facility, aimed originally at vaccinating 20% of the people in these countries, could

## Guest Opinion

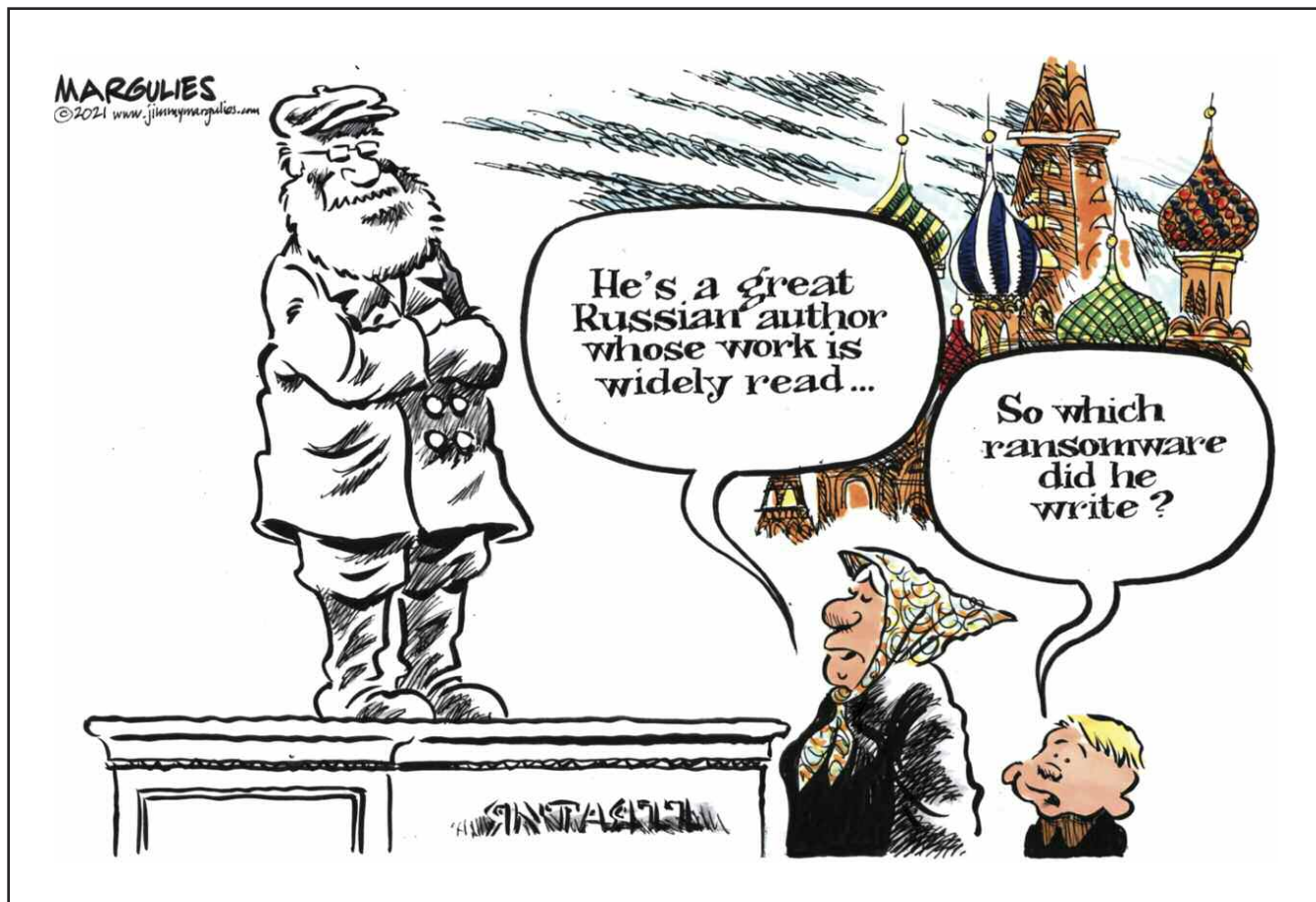
*The price tag seems ridiculously low compared to the costs of a raging pandemic.*

raise its ambition to nearly 30% if it can meet its campaign goal of \$8.3 billion in cash contributions at a summit hosted by Japan on Tuesday. Grants and cash, not promises, are vital. Covax was crimped severely when the Serum Institute of India stopped exporting doses because of the Indian second wave, but Covax can still deliver if given more help. The price tag seems ridiculously low compared to the costs of a raging pandemic.

Rich nations must work harder to donate surplus doses. The IMF notes the United States had an estimated 80 million surplus vaccine doses available to donate as of April (on May 17, the administration pledged to donate that amount), and the U.S. surplus stockpile will grow to about 350 million doses by August.

Unfortunately, money alone isn't enough. Manufacturers are striving to produce three times the normal supply of vaccines in a year. Supply chains are critical: Vaccine production can require more than 200 individual components, and if one falls short, production can halt. New manufacturing plants have to be built around the world, but the process is exacting and time-consuming.

The fire is still raging, and the G-7 leaders must see it and respond.



# Day is a nod to greatness

By DAVID VON DREHLE  
The Washington Post

What is more prosaic than time? It marches with relentless regularity, tick after tick, hour after hour. "Tomorrow and tomorrow and tomorrow," as Shakespeare put it, "creeps in this petty pace from day to day / To the last syllable of recorded time." Yet even time writes a bit of poetry now and then, as it did on June 2, 1941, when the circle of Lou Gehrig's greatness closed precisely 16 years to the day after it began.

June 2, 1925, was the day Miller Huggins, manager of the New York Yankees baseball club, made what he hoped would be a permanent change to his lineup, listing the strapping 21-year-old Henry Louis Gehrig as his starting first baseman. Huggins could not have imagined how utterly his hopes would be granted. Gehrig at first for the Yankees became the epitome of permanence. Game after game, season after season, this splendid athlete took the field. His record of 2,130 consecutive starts set a mark for endurance that stood for more than half a century.

First base, but second fiddle — the greatest second fiddle in the history of sports. For it was Gehrig's fate to join the dynasty built around baseball's ultimate superstar, Babe Ruth. You might say Ruth put the "roar" in the Roaring '20s, reflecting a world-beating, hard-partying America back to itself. Radio and film together created a nation besotted by celebrity, and Ruth was the prototype.

Ruth oozed a magnetic quality that the 16th-century writer Castiglione called "sprezzatura ... a certain nonchalance, so as to conceal all art and make whatever one does or says appear to be without effort." When coupled with superhuman feats, such as Ruth's 60 home runs in 1927, this insouciance seems godlike.

## David Von Drehle



Gehrig was not godlike. He was human, only better: "He just went out and did his job every day," said his teammate, catcher Bill Dickey. When Gehrig's body was X-rayed late in life, the assortment of old fractures revealed in the images told a story of pain and grit. Once, a fastball to the head knocked him unconscious for an estimated five minutes. The next game, there he was at first base.

Serviceable on defense, Gehrig was magnificent at the plate, especially with men on base and the chance to drive them in. Eighty years after his death, he still holds the American League season record for runs batted in. He and Mickey Mantle are the only Yankees players to win the elusive Triple Crown as hitters, leading the league in batting average, home runs and RBI in a season.

He is a hero for those of us who believe there is more to life than stardom, that greatness is not measured by Nielsen ratings. Asked how he felt about playing in Ruth's shadow, Gehrig replied with characteristic modesty: "It's a pretty big shadow. It gives me lots of room to spread myself."

Gehrig ended his streak in 1939, when he benched himself after struggling to make a routine play. Doctors at the Mayo Clinic diagnosed amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS), a brutal disease, incurable, by which a sound mind is gradually trapped, then snuffed out, by paralysis. He had been the first player in the modern

era to hit four home runs in a single game — a possible fifth was stolen by a great catch at the wall — yet Gehrig's finest moment on the field came after the diagnosis. Honored by his teammates and nearly 62,000 fans on July 4, 1939, he delivered a speech for the ages: "Today, I consider myself the luckiest man on the face of the Earth."

He was dead within two years, just 37 years old.

This year, Major League Baseball began another great tradition: June 2 is henceforth Lou Gehrig Day. The anniversary of Gehrig's death is an opportunity, at a time when social media "likes" and "followers" — attention for attention's sake — are considered synonymous with influence, to reflect on the deeper influence of a virtuous example. Stardom is fleeting. When baseball fans voted on a team of the century in 1999, they picked Gehrig first. Among the cardinal virtues, according to the Stoics, are courage and wisdom. Gehrig teaches both.

The commemoration also seeks to build support for the fight against ALS, often known as Lou Gehrig's disease. My donation to the ALS Association will be made this year in honor of Gehrig and of a terrific newspaperman and even better friend, Timothy Clifford. Newsday of the 1980s and early 1990s was a wonder of journalism, a first-rate paper with the spunk of a tabloid. The place was stacked with talent, full of fun, wore its brains with ease and its heart on its sleeve. Clifford was a perfect fit.

Though Tim could hardly speak when last I saw him, his laugh was as quick as ever, and his eyes still danced. He died in December.

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Von Drehle writes a twice-weekly column for The Post.

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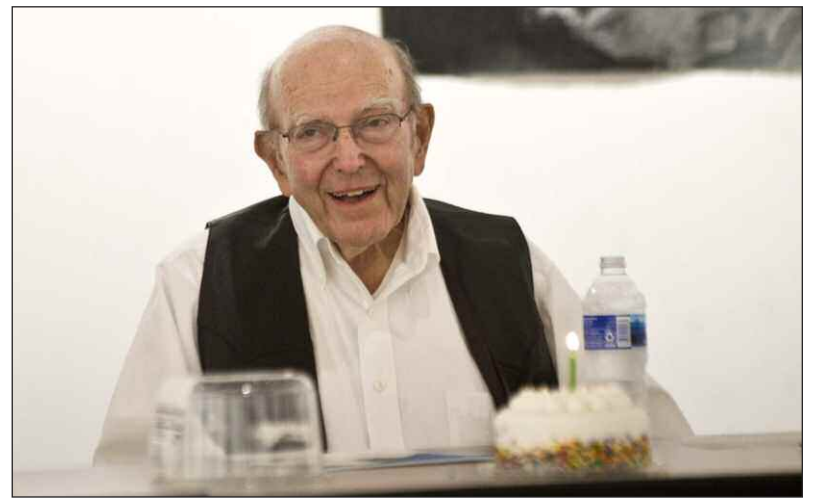
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# Names ...

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Barry and Elizabeth Hudson of Portland have given more than \$500,000 toward the \$2.4 million capital campaign. Barry Hudson choked back tears Thursday afternoon while explaining that his father, Fred, in the 1970s purchased the property where the visual arts building is now being completed in hopes of making it the new location of First National Bank, noting that everything seems to have come full circle.  
Elizabeth Hudson referred to the naming as “humbling.”  
“We were just both dumbfounded,” added Barry. “Feelings run deep and I get too emotional to talk about it.”  
John and Gretchen Young have committed more than \$260,000 toward the project, which includes the construction of the new visual arts building and renovations to the existing facility with structural repairs, expansion of the lobby and ticketing area, creation of additional music rehearsal space and a vari-

ety of new equipment. Their contributions included a \$200,000 matching gift in November that helped push the campaign to the point that work could begin and a new \$50,000 matching grant that was announced Thursday. (Thus far, Arts Place has raised almost \$2.28 million toward its \$2.4 million goal.)  
John Young, who celebrated his 88th birthday at the event Thursday, said he appreciated how the initial gift was handled.  
“It just became a very meaningful way to remember my wife,” said Young with tears in his eyes.  
He explained that Gretchen, who died March 26, was an early advocate behind Arts Place executive director Eric Rogers.  
“As a long-haired hippy when Eric came to town, I thought there was no way,” Young said. “But she thought there was a way.”  
Mindy and Rob Weaver — Mindy was also president of the Arts Place board for most of the

renovation process and served as chair of the capital campaign — kept their donation amount anonymous but noted the importance of the organization and its facilities to the community.  
“The project just means a lot to me,” said Mindy Weaver. “I think it’s a valuable addition. To be able to offer more classes and more opportunities will be really nice.”  
“So, just to be part of that is great. To have our name on something is nice too.”  
The Hudsons, Weavers and John Young all emphasized the value of the music lessons, art classes and other opportunities Arts Place provides to the community.  
Construction on the renovation and expansion is expected to be complete by the end of June with only finishing touches such as painting, cleaning, equipment and signs remaining.  
Arts Place plans to hold several events, including a public open house, in October to celebrate the completion of the project.



The Commercial Review/Ray Cooney

Former Portland resident John Young, who now lives in Zionsville, celebrated his 88th birthday during an Arts Place luncheon Thursday during which it was announced that the music wing of the facility in Portland will be named in honor of he and his late wife Gretchen.

“The project is getting very close to being complete,” said Rogers. “And I just want to thank all of you for your big roles in making this project possible.”

## Welcomed, elected

Portland Vocational Women recently welcomed new members and elected offices. Pictured above right are new members Carri Hartzell, Stephanie Harris and Bonnie Foreman. Below right are officers Sharon Griffith (front) and, back row from left, Stephanie Harris, Anita Alberson-Boice and Shirley Grus.



Photos provided

## IU Health to require vaccine

*Policy goes into effect on Sept. 1*

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Indiana’s largest hospital system, Indiana University Health, will require all its doctors, nurses and other employees to be fully vaccinated against COVID-19 by Sept. 1.

IU Health announced the policy Tuesday in a statement that said vaccines are a safe, effective way to protect patients and help reduce the spread of the coronavirus. The health system added that it’s required the flu vaccine since 2012, along with several other vaccines as a condition of employment.

In 2013, IU Health fired eight employees, including three nurses, for refusing to get a flu vaccination, the Indianapolis Business Journal reported.

IU Health said employ-

ees will be allowed to apply for a deferral or exemption from the COVID-19 vaccine based on medical or religious reasons, and those applications will be reviewed on an individual basis.

The COVID-19 vaccination requirement will affect more than 3,000 doctors and 31,585 other employees, from administrators and billing clerks to therapists and nurses’ aides, who work in IU Health’s 15 hospitals and dozens of outpatient clinics.

IU Health said weeks ago that it was only recommending, not requiring, that employees get a COVID-19 vaccination, but added that it was continuing to review the policy.

IU Health’s COVID-19 vaccination announcement came the same day Indiana University announced that it had modified its COVID-19 vaccination requirement to make it optional that students and employees provide proof of getting the shots.

School officials changed IU’s COVID-19 policy following protests from many state officials.

## Capsule Reports

### Intersection collision

Damage is estimated between \$10,000 and \$25,000 after a Portland man failed to see oncoming traffic at the intersection of Lincoln Street and Ben Hawkins Ave. about 6:33 p.m. Thursday.

Seth D. Runyon, 34, was driving his 2006 Dodge Magnum north on Ben Hawkins Ave. and stopped at the intersection with Lincoln St. Runyon failed to notice the 1995 Ford Ranger, driven by 18-year-old Sheldon L. Eley of Portland, driving west on Lincoln St., according to a Portland Police Department report. He then proceed-

ed into the intersection. Both vehicles collided and were later towed.

### Semi struck

A Portland man drove into the rear end of a semi truck on U.S. 27 about 11:30 a.m. Wednesday.

Mark L. DeHoff, 45, was driving his 2002 Toyota Camry south on the highway. He later told Portland Police Department he had just left the bank and was transferring money from a bank envelope to his wallet. He didn’t notice the 2012 Freightliner Cascadia 125, driven by 35-year-old Justin M.

Hummel of Monroe, stopped and preparing to turn onto Lincoln Ave.

DeHoff’s vehicle collided with the back of the semi-tractor registered to Pioneer Packaging of Portland. The Toyota was later towed. Damage is estimated between \$5,000 and \$10,000.

### Off the road

A Portland woman’s vehicle was ran off the road by an unidentified driver at 12:31 p.m. Wednesday.

Michaela M. Iles, 23, was driving north on Meridian Street near Votaw St. when

another vehicle attempted to merge into her lane. The other vehicle struck Iles’ 2014 Mazda 3 and caused her to hit the curb. The other driver continued northbound and left the scene. Damage is estimated between \$1,000 and \$2,500.

### Deer hit

Deer caused three accidents in Jay County this week.

Karen S. Short, 46, Fort Wayne, was driving her 2006 Volkswagen Jetta north on the highway near Treaty Line Road about 10:20 p.m. Wednesday when the animal ran in front of her vehicle. Damage is estimat-

ed between \$10,000 and \$25,000.

Stacy L. Harris, 43, Pennville, was driving her 2017 Toyota Camry east on West Seventh Street before the intersection with Blaine Pike about 11 a.m. Thursday when a deer ran across the road. She was unable to avoid the collision, with damage estimated between \$2,500 and \$5,000.

Gabriel L. Blankenship, 20, Dunkirk, was driving his 2004 Honda Odyssey east on county road 400 South when his vehicle collided with a deer on the road. His Honda was towed, with damage estimated between \$10,000 and \$25,000.

## House Dems unveil plan

By KEVIN FREKING  
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — House Democrats released a plan Friday for spending \$547 billion over the next five years on road, mass transit and rail projects, a blueprint for what they want parts of President Joe Biden’s broader infrastructure proposal to look like.

The proposal from Rep. Peter DeFazio, the Democratic chairman of the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, is a policy bill that continues existing programs set to expire and with key pieces of a larger measure President Joe Biden and Republicans are negotiating.

Biden is holding another round of talks Friday with the lead Senate Republican negotiator, Sen. Shelley Moore Capito of West Virginia. In his meeting earlier this week with

### Proposal calls for \$547 billion in infrastructure spending

Capito, Biden offered tax concessions aimed at reaching a bipartisan compromise on his overall infrastructure proposal.

The two sides are at odds over how to pay for infrastructure projects, with Republicans ruling out higher corporate taxes and the White House rejecting a GOP proposal to use unspent COVID-19 relief funds.

Biden proposed a 15% minimum tax on corporations — there’s no minimum tax now on corporate profits — and the possibility of additional revenues from increased IRS enforcement.

He is seeking roughly \$1 trillion in new infrastructure spending, down from an initial pitch of \$2.3 trillion. Senate Republicans have countered with only \$257 billion in additional spending on infrastructure as part of a \$928 billion package.

DeFazio’s legislation, a reauthorization of surface transportation programs set to expire Sept. 30, doesn’t address how to pay for the projects. He tacked on major investments in passenger and freight rail, key pieces of Biden’s \$1.7 trillion American Jobs Plan within his committee’s jurisdiction.



## The Portland Police Department is accepting applications for TWO FULL-TIME SWORN POLICE OFFICERS

The hiring process is open now through June 11, 2021. All applications must be turned in by June 11, 2021. Any late applications will not be accepted. Applicants must meet the entry level physical agility requirements mandated by the Indiana Law Enforcement Academy, which will be held on June 12th.

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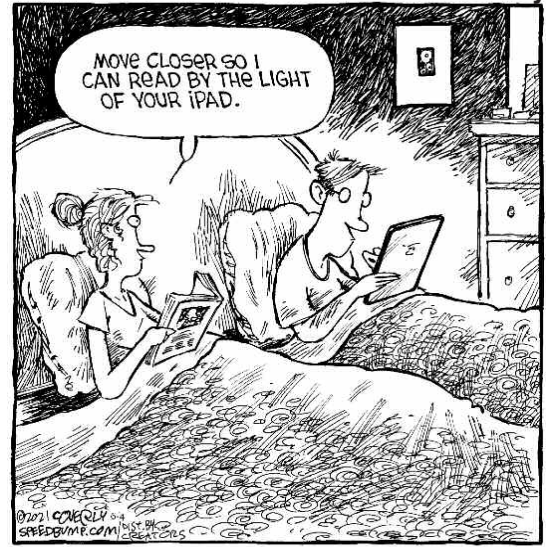
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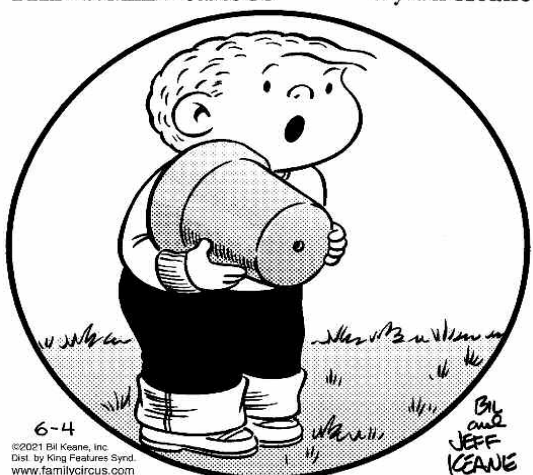
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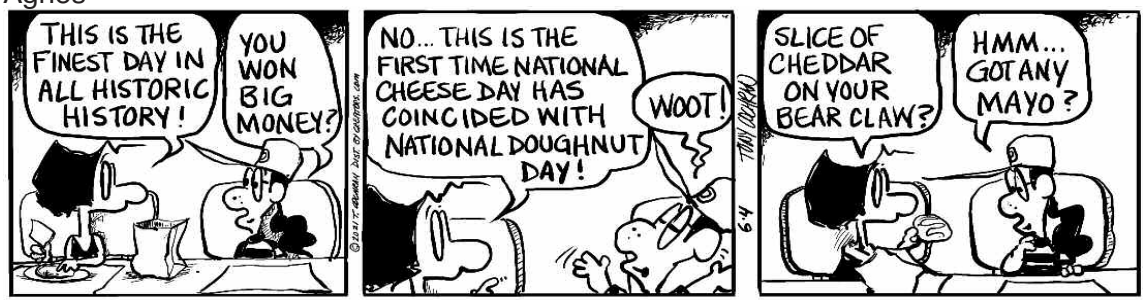
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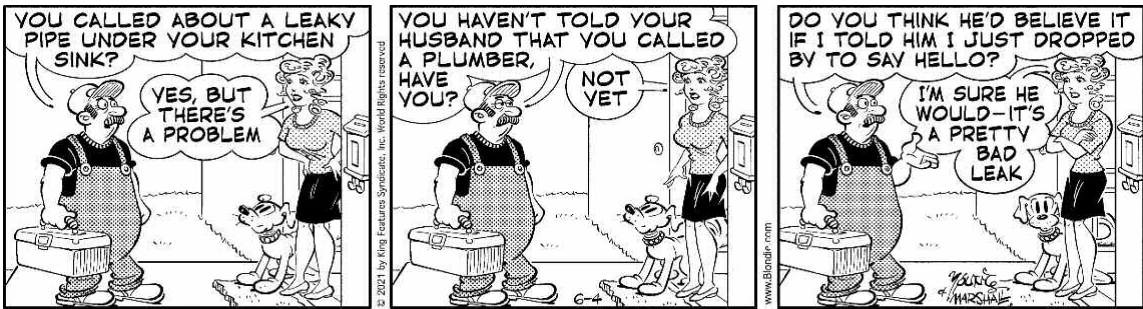
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## Donation to Daniels

Vicki Daniels, far right, accepts a \$500 check from Jay County Visitor and Tourism Bureau director Gyneth Augsburge, second from right, in support of the Indiana State Judo Competition set for Saturday at Jay County High School. The event is from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and is free and open to the public. At far left is Judan Judo instructor Brad Daniels, and pictured are their students.

## Eliminate ...

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Booker and Paul stayed strong in the fourth quarter, and Phoenix ended a decade of hoops frustration in the Valley of the Sun with the clinching victory of Booker's first career playoff series.

"It certainly is cool to beat the defending champs, for sure," Phoenix coach Monty Williams said. "But you can only hold onto that for so long, and now you have to move towards another worthy opponent."

Davis returned to the Lakers' starting lineup after missing the second half of Game 4 and all of Game 5, but the eight-time All-Star played less than 5 1/2 minutes before being sidelined again by his groin injury.

Booker and the Suns surged to a 29-point lead in the first half, but the Lakers trimmed it to 10 midway through the fourth quarter. Paul, Mikal Bridges and Crowder all hit big shots down the stretch to make sure the lead never went to single digits.

Dennis Schröder scored 20 points and Kentavious Caldwell-Pope had 19 for the Lakers, who won't get

to properly celebrate a title in front of their wild home fans this summer after last October's sterile victory in the Florida bubble. The Lakers were 21-6 before they lost Davis and then James to long-term injuries starting on Valentine's Day, and the champs never regained their best form.

"It never really felt good. but the competitive nature in me wanted to go out there and help the team as best as I could," Davis said. "My body didn't agree. ... Injuries played a big part in putting us in the position we're in. It wasn't the same this year. We just couldn't have our full product on the floor."

Even with a healthy Davis, the Lakers would have hard-pressed to keep up on Booker's latest evening of brilliance.

Booker hit all six of his 3-point attempts and went 8 for 9 overall while the Suns took a 36-14 lead after one quarter. The six-year veteran showed none of the shakiness from earlier in the series against the Lakers, shredding the NBA's best defensive team with his silky-smooth jumper and heady penetration.

## Sports on tap

### Local schedule

**Today**  
Fort Recovery — Track state finals at Westerville North — 3 p.m.  
Portland Rockets vs. Fort Wayne Jackers — 7:15 p.m.

### Saturday

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9 p.m. — NBA Playoffs: Los Angeles Clippers at Dallas Mavericks, Game 6 (ESPN)

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4. ♠ KQ3 ♥ A92 ♦ A102 ♣ AQJ5

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trouble. Besides, West might have difficulty making one spade, since he will be playing the hand in your best suit.  
3. Three clubs. This bid, in conjunction with your earlier double, indicates pretty closely the values you have. It shows that your hand was not only too good for a two-club bid on the previous round, but also too good for a two-club bid now, even after having doubled.  
Three clubs urges partner to bid three notrump with a diamond stopper and very little more, since you've guaranteed a strong club suit and an excellent all-around hand.  
4. One notrump. This might seem a gross underbid given your 20 high-card points, but you must face the realities of the situation. The chance of finding your partner with six or more points is almost nil; he is much more likely to be in the zero- to three-point range. You should therefore restrain yourself and try to reach the safest partnership contract possible.  
Note that in the present case, as contrasted with the first problem, you don't double for takeout a second time. This is because your distribution here is notrump-oriented rather than suit-oriented. Besides, your partner still has the option of bidding a five-card (or longer) heart or club suit at this stage if he is so inclined.

**Tomorrow: Solving a diamond mystery.**  
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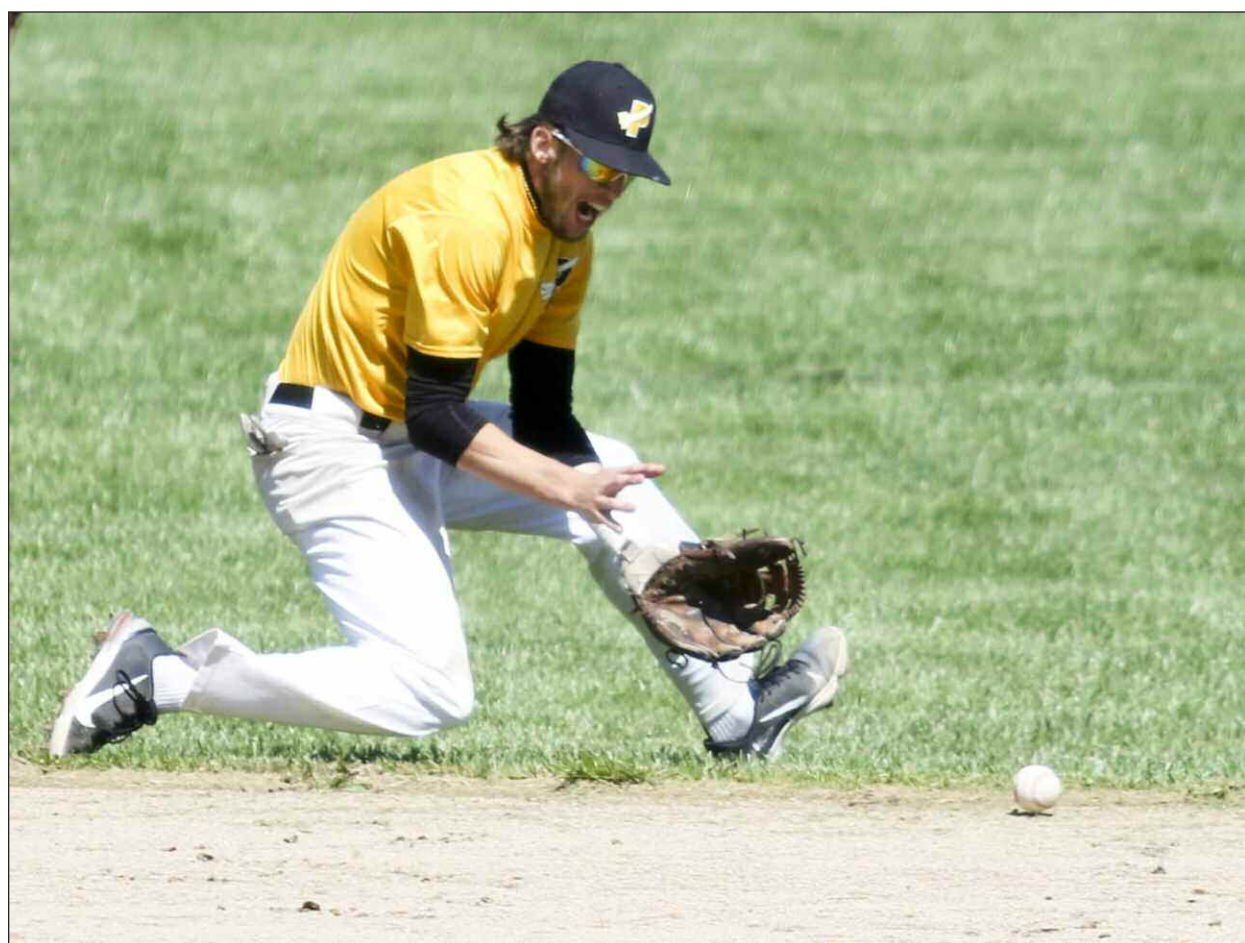
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On or about June 25, 2021, the City of Portland intends to apply to the Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs for a grant from the State Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program Community Focus Fund. This program is funded by Title I of the federal Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended. These funds are to be used for a community development project that will include the following activities: Replacement of a stormwater tile from Arch Street to the Salamonie River on Meridian Street. The total amount of CDBG funds to be requested is \$600,000. The amount of CDBG funds proposed to be used for activities that will benefit low- and moderate-income persons is \$310,560.00. The applicant also proposes to expend an estimated \$865,300.00 in non-CDBG funds on the project. These non-CDBG funds will be derived from cash on hand provided by the City of Portland - \$515,300 and Portland Redevelopment Commission - \$350,000.  
The City of Portland will hold a public hearing on June 15, 2021, at 4:00 PM, in the Council Chambers at the Portland Fire Department to provide interested parties an opportunity to express their views on the proposed federally funded CDBG project. Persons with disabilities or non-English speaking persons who wish to attend the public hearing and need assistance should contact Jodi Hayes, Jay County Development Corporation, 118 S. Meridian Str,

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## Collins corrals

Portland Rockets second baseman Noah Collins corrals a ground ball during the first game of a doubleheader against the Midland Tribe on Saturday at Portland Memorial Park's Runkle-Miller Field. The Rockets lost, 4-1, the first of four straight losses to the Tribe over the weekend. The Rockets are at home tonight at 7:15 p.m. against the Fort Wayne Jackers.

## Matt's blows by Williams, 12-1

Five players had three or more hits in leading Matt's Garage to a 12-1 triumph over Williams Auto Parts on Thursday in P.J.L's Rookie baseball division.

Ethan Peterson led the way for Matt's by going 4-for-4 with four singles and two RBIs. Lavaughn Ballard and Liam Ridenour both had three singles and three RBIs, as Lexton Dakin doubled, singled twice and drove in three runs.

Josiah Sager collected three RBIs on three singles.

Liam Schreiber led Williams with three singles and accounted for the team's lone RBI. Ethan Wilson added two hits, and Parker Huntsman, Hayden Franks and Leo Page all had one single.

### Scott lifts PG

Brayden Scott drove in the winning run as PG-14 won back-to-back games by edging Flamespray Machine Service 6-5 on Thursday in Portland Junior League's Willie Mays division.

Scott finished with two

### Junior League roundup

singles and two RBIs. Grant Fennig chipped in three singles and an RBI, Benson Armstrong double and knocked in a pair of runs, while Alex Huntsman and Kendall Glessner each singled.

Fennig struck out six batters pitching, while Sam Wiggings notched four Ks.

### Inman stays perfect

Inman U-Loc remained undefeated against their Willie Mays opponents Thursday by defeating Kiwanis 6-1.

Mitchel Byrum and Laden Dakin both had a pair of singles in the win for Inman, which also got a home run from Hunter Fields, a triple from Bryce Weigand and a double by Gavin Byrum. Eli Howell collected a two-run single.

Jace Vance led Kiwanis by going 2-for-2 with a double and a single.

## Booker, Suns eliminate champion Lakers

By GREG BEACHAM

AP Sports Writer

LOS ANGELES — Devin Booker has a tattoo on his forearm of the message that Kobe Bryant wrote for him on a pair of shoes after they faced each other at Staples Center six years ago: "Be legendary."

Back in the house his idol built with a chance to secure his first team playoff success, Booker put on a performance worthy of the Black Mamba's legend and propelled the Phoenix Suns onward in the postseason.

Booker scored 22 of his 47

points in a phenomenal first quarter, and the Suns won their first playoff series since 2010, eliminating the defending NBA champion Los Angeles Lakers with a 113-100 victory in Game 6 on Thursday night.

After hitting eight 3-pointers, grabbing 11 rebounds and going a stunning 15 for 22 from the field, Booker cast his eyes up at Bryant's two retired numbers as he left the floor amid the cheers from a small, vocal road rooting section. Kobe is never far from Booker's mind on the court, but his breakthrough playoff game

felt like a testimonial to Booker.

"Honestly, I was thinking about Kobe and the conversations we had," Booker said. "About what we went through, and the postseason, and being legendary and taking the steps to get there. Seeing that 8 and 24 up there, with the lighting Staples has, it's like it was shining down on you. I know he was here tonight, and I know he was proud."

Afterward in the arena tunnel, Booker got a signed jersey from another hero and mentor: LeBron James, who could only

marvel at his up-and-coming friend's brilliance in Game 6.

"I love everything about D-Book," James said. "We've had numerous conversations in the past. When you want to be legendary in this game, you've got to continue to improve not only your game, but also as a man. All the conversations we've had, I can tell he's soaked them up and is using them to his advantage."

Jae Crowder scored 18 points for the second-seeded Suns, who won three consecutive games to send James to a first-round series loss for the first time in his 18-

year NBA career.

Phoenix will meet Denver in the second round. Game 1 is Monday in Phoenix.

Chris Paul had eight points and 12 assists for the Suns, who jumped to a huge early advantage in the opening minutes of Game 6 while Anthony Davis struggled and eventually left due to his groin injury.

Although the Suns lost much of their early 29-point lead, they patiently held off the Lakers and James, who had 29 points, nine rebounds and seven assists.

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## Nadal reaches third round

By SAMUEL PETREQUIN and JEROME PUGMIRE

AP Sports Writer

PARIS — Amid an unusual silence on an empty center court at the French Open, defending champion Rafael Nadal celebrated his 35th birthday with something very familiar: another victory against Richard Gasquet.

Nadal won 6-0, 7-5, 6-2 against Gasquet to improve to 17-0 for his career against the Frenchman since they first met in 2004. Gasquet hasn't even won a set in the past 12 losses to Nadal and not since 2008.

There were no fans on Court Philippe Chatrier to witness Nadal's 102nd victory at Roland Garros, with all leaving by 9 p.m. because of coronavirus rules.

The 13-time champion won the first set in 24 minutes.

"I think I played an amazing first set," Nadal said. "I don't feel that Richard was playing that bad to have that score, but I didn't miss that much."

Gasquet rallied from 5-2 in the next set to reach 5-5, but missed an easy volley at the net in the 12th game. Nadal broke him again to take the second set.

Nadal won on his second match point, joining Bjorn Borg, Novak Djokovic, Roger Federer and Ivan Lendl in owning 17-0 records against an opponent in the Open era. The top-ranked Djokovic and Federer — who even has two 17-0 records — earlier reached the third round.

Nadal wasn't too bothered by finishing at nearly 11:30 p.m. in humid conditions.

"The main thing is to feel myself playing well," he said.

The third-seeded Nadal seeks a record 21st major to move one clear of Federer, and next faces unseeded Cameron Norrie.

In women's play, top-ranked Ash Barty retired from her second-round match, leaving the tournament without its top two women's seeds and any of the top three women in the rankings.

Defending champion Iga Swiatek breezed through to the third round, however, beating Rebecca Peterson 6-1, 6-1 on Court Simonne-Mathieu. The No. 8-seeded Pole next faces No. 30 Anett Kontaveit.

Swiatek, who turned 20 Monday, is looking to become the first woman to win consecutive Roland Garros titles since Justine Henin won her third straight in 2007.

Barty, the 2019 champion, trailed 6-1, 2-2 when she signaled that she couldn't continue against Polish opponent Magda Linette on Court Philippe Chatrier.

"I was battling the pain, and it just became too severe, and like I said, was becoming unsafe," Barty said of the injury that had flared up during training before the tournament.

Federer beat Marin Cilic 6-2, 2-6, 7-6 (4), 6-2 for his ninth win in 10 meetings against the big-serving Croat and fifth in majors.

"I think I played a really good match, I surprised myself a bit. I didn't think I could play at this level for 2 ½ hours against Marin," Federer said. "It shows I have something in reserve, I have some energy left and that's really good for my confidence."

The eighth-seeded Federer next faces unseeded Dominik Koepfer.

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