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FFA educates



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Jay County and Fort Recovery FFA chapters recently hosted FFA week. Each chapter hosted activities throughout this week with the purpose of sharing agriculture education. Pictured above, Jay County FFA chapter officers visit Indiana Statehouse on Wednesday. Officers learned tips on how to speak with legislators and were given a tour of the facility. Pictured left, preschoolers Dax Metzger and Beckett Kahlig hold a bunny during Fort Recovery FFA's annual petting zoo at Fort Recovery High School. The event has been ongoing for more than 20 years, according to adviser Michael Gower.

Local organizations teach students about agriculture, leadership

By BAILEY CLINE

The Commercial Review

National FFA week is a time for students to educate others about agriculture.

It's also an opportunity for them to practice leadership and management skills.

FFA members at Jay County and Fort Recovery high schools hosted a variety of activities and

events Monday through Thursday. Every year, FFA's goal the week of President's Day is to promote agriculture education.

"It's meant to celebrate agriculture," said Fort Recovery FFA adviser Michael Gower. "We have all kinds of activities to do that."

Activities spread throughout the week at

each high school included daily dress-up themes and community and staff breakfasts. Jay County FFA chapter officers visited Indiana Statehouse on Wednesday to chat with legislators and for a tour of the building. Fort Recovery FFA members hosted a petting zoo Thursday at Fort Recovery High School, and Jay County FFA shared agri-

culture trivia and held stick-horse races during the boys basketball game Tuesday at Jay County High School.

FFA members are in charge of planning and implementing the week's activities, explained Jay County FFA adviser Katie Loy.

"These kids are working on their leadership

skills this week, and taking control of certain situations and working through disadvantages," she said.

Jay County's agriculture olympics — a hodgepodge of agriculture-themed games — was postponed because of icy road conditions Thursday.

See FFA page 2

Man found dead Friday

Body was found on south side of Portland Friday afternoon, investigation is ongoing

A man was found dead at a residence on the south side of Portland on Friday afternoon and an active police investigation is underway.

"It's an ongoing investigation at this time," Portland police chief Mitch Sutton said about 10 p.m. Friday night.

Police received a call at 1:12 p.m. Friday that there was a dead body at 912 S. Vine St.

The deceased was a male aged 72. Police withheld his identity Friday night pending notification of family members.

No arrests have yet been made, and police declined to comment upon whether foul play was involved.

An autopsy is expected to be performed next week.

"We won't know (details) until an autopsy is performed," Jay County prosecutor's investigator Curt Compton said.

Compton and deputy prosecutor Zec Landers were both at the Portland Police Station Friday night in connection with the case along with about half a dozen city police officers.

"Until we know more there's nothing else to give you," said Sutton. "I'm hopeful we'll have more to release early next week."

Retrospect

Fire caused damage to Dunkirk businesses

Twenty-five years ago this week, a fire caused significant damage to two businesses in downtown Dunkirk.

The Feb. 25, 1997, edition of The Commercial Review featured coverage of a fire at Ace Hardware that also damaged the nearby Christie's Family Restaurant.

Dunkirk firefighter Layne Wright was also injured when debris from the fire got into one of his eyes. (He was treated at Jay County Hospital and released.)

The fire at the store, 120 E. Commerce St., resulted in structural damage, primarily to the second floor. There was also smoke and water damage throughout the building. Dunkirk Fire Chief Steve Fields said firefighters were

able to prevent flames from reaching the first floor of the hardware store, where cans of paint and varnish were stored.

Water and smoke damage were also reported at the restaurant at 126 E. Commerce St. Water began entering Christie's through a leak in the roof.

The fire apparently started in a second-story storage area in the hardware store. It was suspected that an electrical issue was the cause.

Fields was first to discover the fire when he was walking to the fire station from a plan commission meeting at city hall and noticed smoke coming from the back of the hardware store.

"It was billowing out the back," he said. "If I hadn't seen

it, the building would have burnt down."

After Fields saw the fire, plan commission members and other volunteers helped move items from the front area of the hardware store to the nearby Fuqua Chrysler-Plymouth dealership showroom.

It was sort of a "chain brigade," said plan commission chair Bill Blankenbaker. "There were a lot of helpful and caring people."

The fire was brought under control shortly after 7 p.m.

"All the firefighters did a heck of a job," said Fields. "It was a great job on their part. When I reported the fire, the second floor was fully involved in the rear, and they got it out quick."

"When I first got inside the building, the fire was roaring."



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Firefighters spray water to try to control a fire at the Ace Hardware store in Dunkirk on Feb. 24, 1997. The hardware store sustained significant damage, and nearby Christie's Family Restaurant had smoke and water damage.

Deaths

Phillip Monger, 82, Richmond

Details on page 2.

Weather

Jay County had a high temperature of 30 degrees Friday. Tonight's forecast calls for mostly clear skies, with a low of 22.

Sunday may bring wind gusts up to 20 mph.

See page 2 for an extended outlook.

In review

Jay County Solid Waste Management District will have recycling trailers available Saturday. Trailers will be open from 9 a.m. to noon in the shopping center at 220 Lincoln St., Portland, and Dunkirk City Park.

Coming up

Tuesday — Results from the JCHS gymnastics team at the sectional meet.

Thursday — An update on the coronavirus pandemic in Jay County.



Obituaries

Phillip Monger

June 21, 1939-Feb. 13, 2022

Phillip Allen "Phil" Monger was born in Richmond, Indiana, on June 21, 1939.

He died peacefully surrounded by his family at Reid Health on Feb. 13, 2022.

Phil was the only child of Walter and Vivian Myers Monger. He graduated from Richmond High School in 1957 and attended Indiana University, where he earned a bachelor of science degree in business and an elementary education license. Phil met his future wife, LeEtta Ann LeMaster, in the baritone horn section of a university band. They were married in 1960.

As an undergraduate, Phil was an ROTC cadet. Following graduation in 1962, he was commissioned as a second lieutenant in the U.S. Army and stationed at Fort Lee, Virginia. After leaving active duty, Phil served in the Army Reserve with the 451st Field Depot and the 123rd U.S. Army Reserve Command until his retirement as a lieutenant colonel in 1999.

Phil taught elementary school in Greens Fork and Indianapolis, Indiana, after leaving full-time military service. He earned a master's degree in education from IU and an education specialist degree from Ball State University. When his father retired in

1970, Phil returned to Wayne County, Indiana, to take over the family business, Monger Transfer & Storage Company, which he managed until his own retirement in 2004.

In retirement, Phil and Ann traveled extensively, taking several cruises and participating in Elderhostel educational opportunities. They were season ticket holders to the Indianapolis Symphony for 50 years. Most recently, they were members of First Baptist Church; they were members of First Presbyterian Church for many years previously. Both were active leaders in the Richmond Emmaus Community and Bible Study Fellowship.

Phil joined the Richmond Kiwanis Club in 1971 and was recently recognized for 50 years of service. He served on the board of directors of Indiana Household Movers and Warehousemen, Inc., for many years. Phil was also active in the Reserve Officer's Association, Yokefellow and the Richmond Chowder and Marching Society bridge club. He was a regular blood donor and former board member of the Wayne-Union Red Cross chapter, a Respite volunteer and a volunteer for Achieva Resources.

Phil and Ann modeled their moral, religious and educational values to their six children. They were very proud that their children completed college without student loans and they often said their children's degrees were part of their inheritance.

Phil is survived by his children,

Leah Monger of Big Rapids, Michigan, Lynna (Edmund) Harfmann of Lafayette, Indiana, and Eric (Lewi) Monger and Lucia Monger, both of Richmond, Lorna Timmerman of Indianapolis, and Lilah Monger of San Martin, California; 18 grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents and wife of 61 years, Ann Monger.

A memorial service will be held at noon Saturday, March 5, 2022, at First Baptist Church, 1601 South A St., Richmond, with Pastor Emeritus Jim Spon officiating. The immediate family will greet friends and extended family from 11 a.m. to noon.

A military honors ceremony provided by the Wayne County Honor Guard will follow the service.

Per Phil's wishes, cremation has taken place, and his remains will be interred next to his wife at Grandview Cemetery in Salamonia, Indiana.

Phil donated time and money to many local organizations in Wayne County.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorial contributions be directed to Hope House (richmondhopehouse.wordpress.com), P.O. Box 1828, Richmond, IN 47375 or a local charitable organization of the donor's choice.

Condolences may be expressed to the family via the guest book at doanmillsfuneralhome.com.

Superior Court

Judge Gail Dues Fined and sentenced

Cody J. Barger, 35, 518 S. Meridian St., Redkey, pleaded guilty to operating a vehicle while intoxicated, a Class C misdemeanor — He was sentenced to 60 days in Jay County Jail with all but eight days suspended and given eight days credit for time served. Barger was fined \$25, assessed \$185.50 in court costs, ordered to pay a \$200 alcohol and drug countermeasures fee and placed on probation for 180 days. He was also ordered to submit an evaluation within 30 days of his sentencing for substance abuse counseling. The court recommended Indiana Bureau of Motor Vehicles suspend Barger's license for 60 days retroactive to April 19.

Brittany D. Pullins, 22, 117 S. Broad St., Dunkirk, pleaded guilty to invasion of privacy, a Class A misdemeanor — She was sentenced to 90 days in Jay County Jail and given six days credit for time

served. Pullins was fined \$25 and assessed \$185 in court costs.

Cases dismissed

Indiana v. Jason D. Harding Jr., criminal misdemeanor

Indiana v. Chanelle R. Gierhart, Level 6 felony

SERVICES

Sunday

Fiely, Joseph: 3 p.m., The Metro, 3730 N. Clark St., Chicago.

Monday

Jackson, Bessie: 10:30 a.m., Goodwin — Cale and Harnish Memorial Chapel, 3220 E. Indiana 124, Bluffton.

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Sunday 2/27	Monday 2/28	Tuesday 3/1	Wednesday 3/2	Thursday 3/3
39/19	36/26	42/28	46/29	41/27
Sunny skies are expected Sunday, with wind gusts as high as 20 mph.	More sunny skies are on the horizon for Monday, with a low around 26 degrees.	Partly sunny skies are in the forecast for Tuesday, with a high reaching about 42.	Wednesday looks to be sunny, with the high climbing to 46.	Mostly cloudy skies are predicted for Thursday. The low may dip to 27.

Lotteries

Hoosier	Pick 4: 5-6-6-9
Midday	Pick 5: 9-1-8-6-0
Daily Three: 2-6-7	Rolling Cash 5: 5-7-10-30-35
Daily Four: 7-7-3-9	Estimated jackpot: \$258,000
Quick Draw: 9-14-20-23-24-25-31-33-36-43-48-52-58-60-63-68-71-74-76-79	
Ohio	Powerball
Midday	Estimated jackpot: \$58 million
Pick 3: 3-4-1	
Pick 4: 9-0-1-6	
Pick 5: 6-5-1-2-1	
Evening	Mega Millions
Pick 3: 8-2-4	Estimated jackpot: \$87 million

Markets

Cooper Farms Fort Recovery	Wheat 8.42	March wheat 8.42
Corn 6.56		
March corn 6.56		
Wheat 8.25		
POET Biorefining Portland	Central States Montpelier	
Corn 6.62	Corn 6.51	
March corn 6.62	Late Feb. corn 6.51	
April corn 6.66	Beans 15.74	
	Late Feb. beans 15.76	
	Feb. wheat 8.60	
The Andersons Richland Township	Sunrise St. Anthony	
Corn 6.52	Corn 6.51	
March corn 6.52	March corn 6.51	
Beans 15.66	Beans 15.44	
March beans 15.66	March beans 15.44	
	Wheat 8.20	

Today in history

On Feb. 26, 1993, a truck bomb built by Islamic extremists exploded in the parking garage of the North Tower of New York's World Trade Center, killing six people and injuring more than 1,000 others.

In 2012, Nick Lairson, Matt Blackford and Mitchell Bruggeman all won championships for the East Jay Middle School wrestling team as it closed its season at the Southmont Super 15 Invitational.

—AP and The CR

Citizen's calendar

Monday	Tuesday
9 a.m. — Jay County Commissioners, commissioners' room, courthouse, 120 N. Court St., Portland.	5:30 p.m. — Portland Park Board, council chambers, fire station, 1616 N. Franklin St.
6 p.m. — Dunkirk Board of Works, city building, 131 S. Main St.	7 p.m. — Pennville Town Council, town hall, 105 N. Washington St.
7 p.m. — Dunkirk City Council, city building, 131 S. Main St.	7 p.m. — Salamonia Town Council, Schoolhouse Community Center.

FFA ...

Continued from page 1
Jay Schools and Fort Recovery Local Schools were also closed Friday, canceling Fort Recovery's agriculture olympics and postponing Jay County's "Kiss the Cow" fundraiser finale. (Three staff members with the most dollars raised will have to kiss a cow.)

"Your plans don't always go the way that you want them to, but you always figure out a way to make it work, one way or another," Loy said.

FFA was founded in 1928 by farmers, according to the organization's website. Although it has strong farming roots, FFA today branches out to include a variety of agriculture career pathways, such as biology, chemistry, veterinary science, engineers and entrepreneurs.

"For kids here, it's a place where kids can belong that have similar

talents and interest in agriculture," Gower said.

FFA's reach extends beyond a farming focus. Students involved have opportunities to learn aspects of business, construction, mechanics, nutrition and a variety of other information.

"We get those farm kids and non-farm kids that want those skills that aren't being taught anywhere else," Gower said.

Loy noted she has watched different students step up to the plate this week. Some students, she said, have "broke out of their shells."

"It's been really fun to see those kids who aren't always go-getters ... go ahead and take that leap and do (an) activity and try something new," she said.

"(They're building) more connections with new people, making friends and furthering themselves into the FFA."

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For Jay County Schools February 28 - March 4

Monday: Main Entrees: Walking beef tacos Alternate Entrees: PB&J Fun Lunch, ham and cheese chef salad, saltine crackers, light ranch dressing Sides for all meals: Mexican style refried beans
Tuesday: Main Entrees: Chicken nuggets Alternate Entrees: Muffin, goldfish & yogurt fun lunch Ham and cheese chef salad, saltine crackers, light ranch dressing Sides for all meals: Baked crinkle fries
Wednesday: Main Entrees: Crispy popcorn shrimp, seasoned potato wedges Alternate Entrees: PB&J Fun Lunch, ham and cheese chef salad, saltine crackers, light ranch dressing Sides for all meals: Tater tots
Thursday: Main Entrees: Beef hot dog on whole wheat Alternate Entrees: Muffin, goldfish & yogurt fun lunch Ham and cheese chef salad, saltine crackers, light ranch dressing Sides for all meals: Oven baked curly fries
Friday: Main Entrees: Classic cheese pizza Alternate Entrees: PB&J Fun Lunch, ham and cheese chef salad, saltine crackers, light ranch dressing Sides for all meals: Savory green beans

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Hunleys celebrate 40 years



Beth and Dan Hunley - 2022

Dan and Beth Hunley

The Hunleys are celebrating their 40th wedding anniversary Sunday.

Beth (Davidson) and Dan Hunley were married Feb. 27, 1982 at Bethel United Methodist Church in Dunkirk.

Their children are Daniel Hunley of Berne, Jeremy Hunley and Nathan Hunley of Portland and Tyler Hunley and Rhiley Hunley of Columbus. Their grandchildren are Ashlyne Grenier and Addisyn, Aubree, Haven and Noah Hunley.



Beth and Dan Hunley - 1982

Sudoku

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Level: Advanced

Friday's Solution

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

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.

Parenting differs for friends

DEAR ABBY: I met my friend "Ashley" and her daughter three years ago. Our daughters are 9 years old. Ashley makes good money and is married. I'm a single mom. I do well as a registered nurse, but I'm not on her level when it comes to money.

We all get along great and have a lot in common. However, Ashley buys her daughter, "Mimi," a lot. Every time we go out, she buys Mimi something. If I buy a gift for my daughter for her birthday, Christmas, etc., Ashley buys the same thing for Mimi. I got my daughter into ice skating three years ago. Ashley then proceeded to buy her daughter professional ice skates, accessories, skating costumes, private lessons and entered her in skate club, shows and competi-

Dear Abby



tions. Needless to say, my daughter is sometimes jealous of all the things Mimi gets.

For me, it's not about the money. It's the principle that I'm not going to spoil my daughter like that. I remind my daughter she's still more fortunate than a lot of other children and she should appreciate what she has.

Should I cut ties with Ashley?

Should I mention my concerns to her? Or are my daughter and I overreacting? — DOING WELL ENOUGH

DEAR DOING WELL: I don't think you or your daughter are overreacting. In life, you — and she — will always encounter people who have more material things than you. (The reverse may also be true.) Because this is happening regularly, I can see why your daughter feels as she does.

If it happened occasionally, I might respond differently, but you wrote that this is a frequent occurrence. A conversation with Ashley is in order. If your relationship survives the conversation, consider socializing with her but doing your gift-buying privately.

Community Calendar

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

Monday

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

BRYANT AREA COM-

MUNITY 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 — Will be played starting at 1 p.m. each Monday at West Jay Community Center, 125

Hoover St., 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. To schedule an appointment, call (260) 726-8636.

BREAD OF LIFE COM-

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

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Foundation wants to address issue

To the editor:
The mission of The Portland Foundation is to enhance the quality of life for the people of Jay County, now and for generations to come, by building community endowment, effecting significant impact through grant making and providing leadership on key community issues.

One such issue discussed over the course of several years is family access to affordable and high quality child care. Studies continue to show that the supply of child care options in our community have not kept pace with demand. Efforts to address this shortcoming have foundered on the question of what facilities could be utilized and who would operate them. Consideration of using the former Judge Haynes Elementary School site as an

Letters to the Editor

early education center was first identified as part of the Jay County 20/20 Vision process in May 2017.

In view of this, The Portland Foundation solicited a donation from the Jay School Corporation of the former Judge Haynes Elementary School on Oct. 21, 2021, for the purpose of a future child care facility. On Nov. 15, 2021, the Jay School Board approved the donation request submitted by The Portland Foundation to acquire the building. Our aim was to remove obstacles, con-

nect partners, and provide a good faith effort to get the ball rolling.

County leaders have rightly identified quality child care as one among several priorities for the use of recently received federal funding from the American Rescue Plan Act. In November, the executive director of The Portland Foundation proposed county officials contribute \$975,000 and the City of Portland contribute \$325,000 to move alongside \$500,000 in foundation funds to achieve a sufficient renovation of the Haynes building and to enable a sustainable possibility for the future.

Over the past decades, The Portland Foundation has contributed resources and assistance to enable and support projects for important, long-term community benefit. The renova-

tion of the 80-year-old Weiler building (now the John Jay Center for Learning) transformed that site into a source of community pride and an asset for education and learning. This is an example of what is possible when community partnerships form.

In addition to the potential use of the Haynes building, we are aware that county leaders are discussing other venues or means to address the lack of quality child care. Although we support repurposing the Haynes site for child care and other family related services, our minds are open to viable alternatives that county leadership may discern or other interested parties might present.

We respect the need county leaders have expressed to carefully weigh all the opportunities

that new federal funds will create.

Our continued desire in this process is to enhance the quality of life for the people of Jay County and to provide leadership on key community issues. The executive director of The Portland Foundation is engaged and available to continue this helpful dialogue. We remain a willing partner to address the challenges that are vital to Jay County's future.

Sincerely,
The Portland Foundation Board of Directors
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Hoosier wages advance slower

By MORTON J. MARCUS

Young Norman Neumann sits opposite me. "I'm Norman," he says. "I know I'm not supposed to be talking to you, but I thought ..."

"First," I say, "no names. Second, I'm not talking to you. You're listening to me. Got it?"

Norman nods. I continue, "Considering both full- and part-time employees, what was the annual rate of growth in the average wages and salaries of Hoosier workers from 2009 to 2020?"

"It was 2.8% compared with 3.0% nationally," Norman looks at his notes. "But the U.S. average annual compound rate of inflation was 1.7%."

"TMI! Too Much Information!" I tell him. "You don't give nobody in the Statehouse an average annual compound anything. You tell them Hoosier workers got 35% higher pay per job in 2020 than they did in 2009."

"Then you say, the poor slobs who work in the rest of the country only got 39% more than in 2009 and they didn't have the benefit of living in Indiana where the cost of living is lower than places like the East and West Coasts."

I proceed, "That cost-of-living line gets them every time. They don't and won't believe income determines what folks pay for housing and housing is the biggest part of the cost of living."

"On top of that, don't confuse them with inflation," I insist.

"But, sir," he tries that 'sir' stuff on me, "that 1.7% inflation becomes 20.6% when taken over the 11-year period. That's inflation taking more than half of the increases seen both in Indiana and for the whole country."

Norman goes on, "In 2009, the average of all Hoosier jobs (full-and part-time) paid \$38,870 per year, or \$7,229 (16%) less than the average job nationally. By 2020, that deficit was \$11,383 (18%)."

"I could add detail," Norman says. There's no stopping him now.

"In 2020, those who provided ambulatory health care in Indiana, averaged \$69,107, which was just \$582 (0.85%) over the national figure."

"By contrast, those in

Eye on the Pie



'That cost-of-living line gets them every time. They don't and won't believe income determines what folks pay for housing and housing is the biggest part of the cost of living.'

Indiana who traded securities or gave advice on investments averaged \$128,346. That handsome sum, however, was 48% below the national average of \$248,998. In all, Hoosiers averaged less than workers nationally in 84 of 87 detailed sectors in both 2009 and 2020.

"Aren't all these figures suspect?" I ask.

"No," Norman says. "Both 2009 and 2020 were the troughs of their respective recessions. Yet, the numbers give us good indications of the gains made over that span. Nationally, of the 87 detailed sectors, only 7 failed to see gains over the rate of inflation in average earnings per job; for Indiana, the figure was 11 sectors."

You have to admit, Norman's right on top of the data. How long can such a lad last in state government where facts are ignored?

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Aggression upends life again

By ANNA MYRONIUK

Special To The Washington Post

I woke up to explosions Thursday morning. I looked out of the window of my building in a suburb of Kyiv, and there was a mushroom-shaped dark cloud. Soon cars started leaving the parking garage, so I grabbed my laptop, watered my plants and left.

The city looked as alive as ever. I called my mother to make sure she finds a safe spot — but she has experience. She was forced to flee our home in Donetsk for Kyiv in the autumn of 2014, after Russia unleashed war there. She left all she had — her job as a schoolteacher, our apartment. Now the fear of losing everything haunts her once again.

My family and I have lived with Russian aggression for years. It has divided us and destroyed our sense of safety, and now it has brought us together in anger and fear.

My aunt called from Donetsk, crying: "You prayed for me then, now I am praying for you now." A call from my father followed. "I hope they won't conscript me into the army," he told me. He is an engineer. He stayed in Donetsk after the war began — he supported Russia and its separatist ideas back then. We did not speak for a couple of years: My dad disagreed with my front-line reporting, and I did not take it well.

As we chatted a few days ago, he cut me off to say something I had never heard from him before: "I understand it all, do not worry. I know I had some doubts when the war started, but I changed my mind a long time ago."

He does not support Russia anymore. It took him eight years to fig-

ure things out. I can't really blame him. Russia's propaganda machinery persuaded my father and millions of others to believe what Russian President Vladimir Putin wanted them to believe: that people in the Donbas are Russian, and the region belongs to Russia.

As Russia recently blamed Ukraine for heavy shelling in the Donbas (which Ukraine's military swiftly denied), it asked residents to prepare for an "evacuation." That brought to mind my grandmother, who was taken from her home in western Ukraine and brought to Donetsk in the east in the late 1950s. She had no say in it. People were paid for every person they recruited to rebuild Donetsk after World War II. According to her, Donetsk welcomed people from every corner of Ukraine at the time and she heard plenty of dialects of both the Ukrainian and Russian languages on the streets.

I have similar memories from growing up in Donetsk. I spoke Russian, but I sang Ukrainian Christmas carols in church and wore the traditional embroidered shirt on International Vyshyvanka Day in May. Verses from the poet Taras Shevchenko adorned the walls at my school.

This is why Putin's claims make no sense to me. Right now all I feel toward Putin's Russia is fury. I cov-



Anna Myroniuk

ered the war in the Donbas extensively. For that, I was called a traitor and blacklisted by Russia-backed authorities, who cut me off from my home.

It's clear Putin will not stop until he torments and destroys all of Ukraine. He declares my region "an independent state," but who gave him this authority? I, a Ukrainian and a native of Donetsk, certainly didn't.

Just days ago, Putin openly stated that my country should not exist. On Thursday, he launched a massive military operation to vanish it. He must be stopped until it's too late. In fact, it is nearly too late. I won't say we have been abandoned by the West, but it seems that we are going to be fighting alone. And yet Putin is not just our villain — he is now Europe's and the world's problem now.

After I left my building Thursday morning, I walked for three kilometers along unmoving traffic to meet a colleague — he offered a safe place to stay away from the shelling near my house. It hasn't been that long since I was on the front line in the Donbas, so the trauma flared up — I couldn't grasp that Putin was attacking a city that was so calm just a few hours ago. I check on my mom every half hour.

"Do not cry," she says. "I am not crying," I reply. "There's an underground parking garage next to my building. We can hide there."

She sounds surprisingly calm. "I love you. Everything will be fine."

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NAK XAKEKQGFCU OWKUJQKV:
TPBFC OKPQT-FC.
Yesterday's Cryptoquip: TRUTH IS, FOLKS BY AND LARGE DON'T LIKE THAT COURT OFFICIAL, CONTRARY TO POPULAR BAILIFF.
Today's Cryptoquip Clue: S equals H

Trivial Review

(Answers are printed below, upside down.)

Learn about Ukraine

1) Ukraine is the world's largest producer of what agricultural product?
2) The Ukrainian ancient art of pysanky involves dying and decorating what item?

1) Sunflower seeds
2) Eggs

2-28 CRYPTOQUIP

NFU WNZQ TLRNJ JVV
HTZTQYX NC T QXNRB JVTJ
ANZJXOLRJYW ATHBTOQZ
CRZUW: "FYTUUYX NC JVV BTA."
Saturday's Cryptoquip: FAMOUS ACTOR WHO HAS BECOME VERY WELL KNOWN FOR PORTRAYING BURGLARS: KEVIN BREAK-IN.
Today's Cryptoquip Clue: N equals O

CRYPTO FUN

Determine the code to reveal the answer!

Solve the code to discover words related to weddings. Each number corresponds to a letter. (Hint: 8 = E)

A. 21 16 10 11 8
Clue: Woman on wedding day

B. 17 16 13 13 22
Clue: Man on wedding day

C. 6 8 14 8 21 16 3 25 8
Clue: Acknowledge a happy day

D. 7 13 26 15
Clue: Promises

WORD SCRAMBLE

Rearrange the letters to spell something pertaining to weddings.

QBTEUOU

Answer: Bouquet

Guess Who?

I am an actress born in California on February 22, 1975. I started acting as a baby, starring in a dog food commercial. I am remembered for starring in a movie about an alien. I also have appeared opposite Adam Sandler and alongside fellow "angels."

Answer: Drew Barrymore

kids' corner

FOOD FACT!

THESE TART FRUITS ARE FULL OF ANTIOXIDANTS. THE UNITED STATES, IRAN AND ITALY ARE THE LEADING PRODUCERS.

ANSWER: CHERRIES

How they SAY that in...

ENGLISH: Cherry
SPANISH: Cereza
ITALIAN: Ciliegia
FRENCH: Cerise
GERMAN: Kirsche

What's the Difference?
There are four differences between Picture A and Picture B. Can you find them all?

Answers: 1. Cherry juice on top of pie 2. Extra cream 3. Fork 4. Missing syrup on plate

THIS DAY IN... HISTORY

FEB 26

- 1815: NAPOLEON BONAPARTE ESCAPES FROM EXILE.
- 1919: GRAND CANYON NATIONAL PARK IS ESTABLISHED.
- 1935: RADIO DETECTION AND RANGING (RADAR) IS FIRST DEMONSTRATED BY ROBERT WATSON-WATT.

New Word

TART
an open pastry containing a filling

WEDDING DAY WORD SEARCH

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

WORDS

- ALBUM
- BAND
- CAKE
- CATER
- CENTERPIECES
- CEREMONY
- DANCING
- DATE
- DISK JOCKEY
- GOWN
- GUESTS
- HAPPY
- INVITATION
- LICENSE
- MARRIED
- MUSIC
- OFFICIANT
- PHOTOGRAPHER
- RECEPTION
- RESPONSE
- RINGS
- TUXEDO
- VOWS
- WEDDING

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS

1 Carpet type
5 Bistro handout
9 Dime portrait
12 Swiss cheese feature
13 Infamous tsar
14 Tiki bar necklace
15 Tehran's country
16 Apprehends
17 Soul, to Sartre
18 Diarist Frank
19 Popular card game
20 "Once — a time ..."
21 GPS suggestion
23 Crib
25 Eat an entire pie, say
28 Haberdashery buys
32 Top invitees
33 Dodge

DOWN

34 Zone
36 John of Monty Python
37 Capote nickname
38 Earth Day mo.
39 Undulating
42 MSNBC rival
44 Trig function
48 Enzyme suffix
49 Entreaty
50 Pop star
51 Three, on a sundial
52 Estate recipient
53 Golf props
54 Summer cooler

11 Nothing, in Nantes
20 Stanford, for one
22 Private teacher
24 "May — you?"
25 Standard la mer
26 Land in la mer
27 Showbiz job
29 Arctic explorer
30 QB stats
31 Observe
35 Cell centers
36 Shade of yellow
39 Raga-muffin
40 China setting
41 Blood vessel
43 Astronaut Armstrong
45 Notion
46 Yuletide tune
47 Otherwise
49 Saigon soup

Solution time: 26 mins.

P	A	M		H	A	L	O		M	I	R	A
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Yesterday's answer 2-26

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Contract Bridge By Steve Becker

A giveaway program

South dealer. Neither side vulnerable.

NORTH
♠ 8 6 2
♥ K 6 4
♦ K Q J 7 5
♣ 8 3

EAST
♠ 9 7 3
♥ 8 2
♦ A 9 4 2
♣ 10 7 6 2

WEST
♠ K 10 5 4
♥ J 10 9 7 3
♦ 10
♣ K J 5

SOUTH
♠ A Q J
♥ A Q 5
♦ 8 3
♣ A Q 9 4

The bidding:
South 1♣ Pass North 1♦ Pass
West 2 NT Pass East 3 NT Pass
Opening lead — jack of hearts.

There is a lot of luck in bridge, but there is also a lot of skill. Take this deal where West leads a heart against three notrump. South wins with the ace and plays a diamond, covering West's ten with the jack.

Let's assume that East ducks, which he should, and that East also ducks the king when the suit is continued. (If East wins either diamond, South easily makes the contract by establishing the suit.)

It would now be futile for declarer to continue diamonds, so he starts looking for tricks elsewhere. But when he tries a spade finesse, the queen loses to the king, and when he later tries a club finesse, that also loses.

And so, in the fullness of time, declarer finishes with only eight tricks — two spades, three hearts, two diamonds and a club — and goes down one.

Of course, South can claim that he was terribly unlucky — the diamonds broke 4-1, and he lost two finesses. But even so, he had a way of assuring the contract by making a peculiar, though not unreasonable, play: When West plays the ten of diamonds at trick two, declarer should let him win it! Once South does this, he cannot be stopped from making nine tricks. West wins and returns a heart, but declarer is now in the driver's seat.

He takes the heart with the queen and forces out the ace of diamonds to nail down three diamond tricks. Whatever East returns, South is certain of nine tricks regardless of the location of the two missing kings.

Alternatively, South can cover the ten of diamonds with the jack at trick two and then lead a low diamond from dummy at trick three to achieve the same result. Either method of play is acceptable, but the important thing is that South must be willing to lose one of the early diamond leads cheaply.

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Contract Bridge By Steve Becker

Famous Hand

North dealer. North-South vulnerable.

NORTH
♠ K 9 2
♥ J 10 9 8 5 3
♦ 7 6 3
♣ A

EAST
♠ Q 8 6 4
♥ 6
♦ Q J 10 8 4
♣ Q 8 3

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

SOUTH
♠ A 10 7
♥ A K Q
♦ K 2
♣ J 10 7 6 4

The bidding:
North Pass East 1 NT West Pass
South 2♦ Dble 3♥ NT West Pass
West 3♠ Pass South 3 NT West Pass

Opening lead — four of hearts.

This deal was played in the 1976 World Bridge Olympiad in the match between Turkey and Denmark. And quite a remarkable hand it proved to be when Danish stars Steen Moeller and Stig Werdelin combined their talents on a super defense to defeat four hearts.

Moeller began South's undoing by leading a trump. Declarer took the queen, led a club to the ace and returned a diamond, on which East played the ten. South the king and West the ace.

South led another trump, continuing his assault on South's trumps. Declarer took the king, ruffed a club in dummy and returned a diamond. East bravely followed low, enabling West to win with the nine and lead a third round of trump.

Thanks to this inspired defense, South could not ruff a diamond in his hand to score a 10th trick. The remaining play was anticlimactic, even though the Danes had to get over two more hurdles to accomplish their mission. This was the position after South took the ace of hearts:

North
♠ K 9 2
♥ J 10
♦ 7

West
♠ J 5 3
♥ 5
♦ K 9

East
♠ Q 8 6
♥ Q J
♦ Q
♣ Q

South
♠ A 10 7
♥ J 10 7

South led the jack of clubs, and West correctly followed low. Declarer ruffed in dummy and led the jack of trump, on which East made the crucial discard of a spade to put the contract down one.

At 40 of the 44 tables where the deal was played, the final contract was in hearts, but Moeller and Werdelin were the only pair to hold declarer to nine tricks!

Tomorrow: The best way to skin a cat.
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CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS

1 Dorm alternative
5 G-man's org.
8 Scoff
12 Plato classic, with "The"
14 Monster highly
15 Judge too
16 Bar
17 Satchel
18 Capital of New South Wales
20 Non-believer
23 Sofa brand
24 Persia, today
25 Gave rise to
28 Lot vehicle
29 Sports figures
30 Physician's nickname
32 Rich curtain fabric

DOWN

20 Photo, for short
21 Spirited horse
22 Teri of "Tootsie"
23 Apple tablets
25 Just sit there
26 Perimeter
27 TV explorer
29 Con job
31 Beer container
33 Burdens
34 Smith grad
36 Spanish artist
37 50-and-over org.
38 Peter Fonda role
39 Tart flavor
40 Days gone by
43 Grass shack
44 Billboards
45 Sock part
46 Greek vowel

Solution time: 21 mins.

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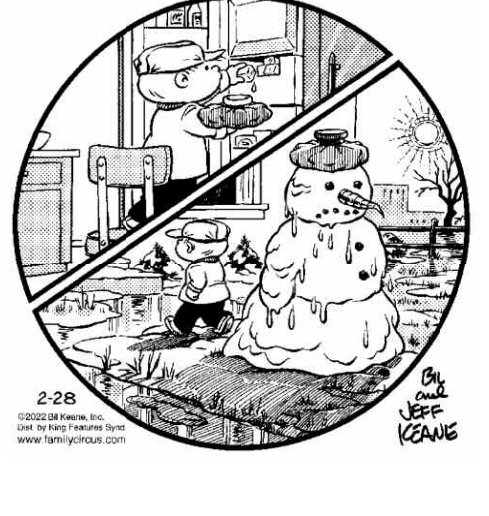
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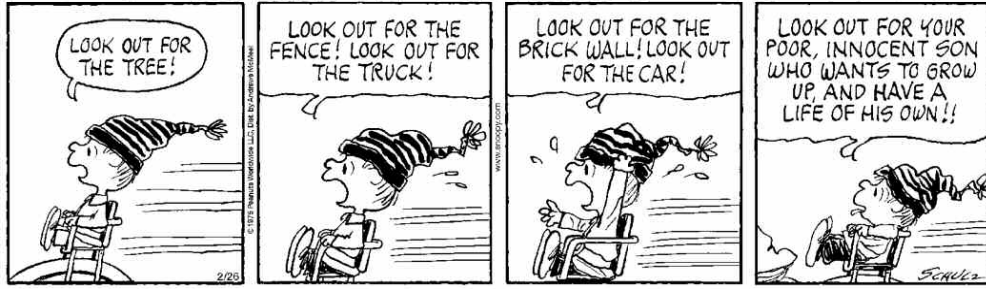
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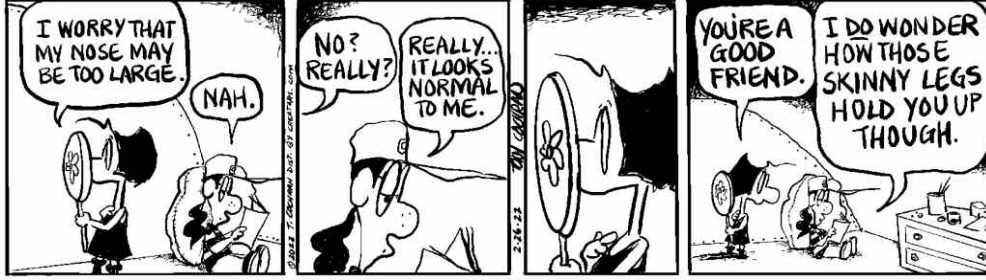
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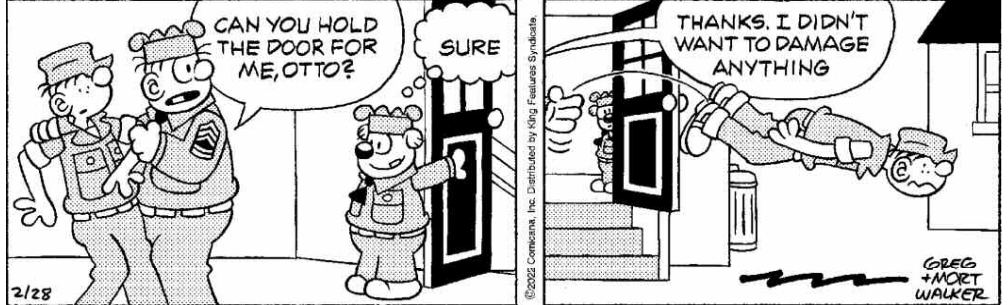
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Dated at Portland, Indiana, this 23rd day of February, 2022.
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121 W. High Street
Portland, IN 47371
Attorney
Jon Eads
Clerk of the Circuit Court,
For Jay County, Indiana
CR 2-26,3-5-2022 HSPAXLP

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Redkey Civil Town, Jay County, Indiana
Cash & Investmmts Combined Statement-2021

Local Fund Number	Local Fund Name	Beg. Cash and Inv. Bal. Jan. 1, 2021	Receipts	Disbursements	End Cash and Inv. Bal. Dec. 31, 2021
101	General Fund	\$71447.50	\$382,338.06	\$377,543.00	\$76,242.56
176	ARPA (AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT OF 2021)	\$0.00	\$144,720.20	\$0.00	\$144,720.20
201	MOTOR VEHICLE HIGHWAY	\$89,187.30	\$34,469.25	\$75,292.95	\$48,363.60
202	LOCAL ROAD AND STREET	\$45,992.09	\$9,935.26	\$4,000.00	\$51,927.35
203	MVH RESTRICTED (SUBFUND OF MOTOR VEHICLE HIGHWAY)	\$23,435.50	\$185,786.19	\$142,470.87	\$66,750.82
204	PARK AND RECREATION - OPERATING	\$15,244.52	\$16,535.60	\$7,050.60	\$24,729.52
211	PARK CABIN	\$1,407.78	\$3,840.00	\$2,449.77	\$2,798.01
217	DONATION (IF USED FOR OTHER THAN CAPITAL ITEMS)	\$867.29	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$867.29
225	SANITATION (OPERATING MOSTLY FROM TAX REVENUES - N	\$72,906.16	\$76,114.83	\$77,081.77	\$71,939.22
227	TRANSPORTATION (OPERATING MOSTLY FROM TAX REVENUES)	\$3,802.23	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,802.23
233	LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT CONTINUING EDUCATION FUND	\$8,494.57	\$813.00	\$263.62	\$9,043.95
245	RAINY DAY	\$1,500.37	\$3,824.48	\$0.00	\$5,324.85
249	LOIT-PUBLIC SAFETY	\$35,293.18	\$17,342.00	\$27,166.83	\$25,468.35
257	LOIT SPECIAL DISTRIBUTION	\$23,443.83	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$23,443.83
270	COMM CROSSINGS - PAVING GRANT	\$2,984.42	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,984.42
275	COMM CROSSINGS - SIDEWALK GRANT	\$0.00	\$3,674.53	\$10,525.50	-\$6,850.97
276	REDKEY FIRE STATION PROJE	\$4,032.64	\$1.31	\$0.00	\$4,033.95
401	CUMULATIVE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT - CIGARETTE TAX	\$15,161.56	\$2,779.87	\$5,640.66	\$12,300.77
424	CUMULATIVE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT - TAX LEVY	\$130,277.99	\$15,264.85	\$24,418.75	\$121,124.09
435	CUMULATIVE REVOLVING IMPROVEMENT	\$3,823.71	\$0.83	\$3,824.54	\$0.00
444	COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT INCOME TAX (CREDIT)	\$12,764.88	\$47,602.00	\$55,183.52	\$5,183.36
445	DONATION/REDKEY CLOCK TOW	\$552.36	\$0.18	\$0.00	\$552.54
470	NON-REVERTING BOND	\$700.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$700.00
710	LEVY EXCESS FUND	\$1,917.70	\$0.00	\$1,917.70	\$0.00
806	PAYROLL	\$2,822.67	\$275,389.09	\$270,418.11	\$7,793.65
WASTEWATER					
606	SEWAGE UTILITY OPERATING	\$23,528.51	\$297,128.39	\$288,825.21	\$31,831.69
607	SEWAGE UTILITY BOND AND INTEREST SINKING	\$94,067.28	\$126,399.00	\$189,930.00	\$30,536.28
632	SEWAGE UTL RESERVE	\$79,993.00	\$12,684.00	\$0.00	\$92,677.00
633	SEWAGE SEPARATION	\$163,242.85	\$86,532.00	\$0.00	\$249,774.85
WATER					
601	WATER UTILITY OPERATING	\$51,578.08	\$297,979.42	\$258,947.66	\$90,609.84
602	WATER UTILITY BOND AND INTEREST SINKING	\$114,927.11	\$78,176.28	\$105,258.75	\$87,844.64
603	WATER UTILITY DEPRECIATION	\$105,236.23	\$16,477.67	\$0.00	\$121,713.90
604	WATER UTILITY METER DEPOSIT	\$34,876.61	\$9,450.00	\$5,361.52	\$38,965.09
631	WATER DEBT SERVICE RESERV	\$94,668.00	\$8,232.00	\$0.00	\$102,900.00
Total All Funds		\$1,330,177.92	\$2,153,490.29	\$1,933,571.33	\$1,550,096.88

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260 PUBLIC AUCTION

PUBLIC AUCTION

Located in the Bubb Exhibition Hall at the Jay County Fairgrounds,
Portland Indiana on Saturday Morning

MARCH 5, 2022
10:00 A.M.

HOUSEHOLD GOODS – OLD ITEMS

Q6 electric power chair, like new; (2) Lazy Boy couches; wing back chair; Samsung TV; Zenith DVD player; lift chair; swivel rocker/occasional chair; knee hole desk with chair; Pacer elliptical; bar stools; table and chairs; Arita oriental vase with storage box; B & D coffee maker; Mr. Coffee espresso maker; GPX under cabinet CD radio; water dispenser; luggage; Honeywell air cleaner; lamps; octagon table; pictures; Hamilton Beach microwave; 8 place setting of dinnerware; Longaberger baskets; plasticware; utensils; muffin pans; cookware; electric skillet; office chair; Tonka payloader; Tonka firetruck; toys; Dale Earnhardt clock; mugs; glasses; statues; mirror; Hamilton Beach toaster/oven; granite roaster; baskets; coffee table; kerosene lamp; US Marine Corp complete history book; Dale Earnhardt stein, pictures; US Marine Monopoly game; US leather holster; small safe; file cabinets; HARLEY DAVIDSON: motorcycle models, clock, bag, stein, and oil can gift set; Realistic 200 channel scanner; RCA stereo system; Yamaha keyboard with stand; barber chair; CB's; Aussie gas grill; 12V coffee maker; glass curio cabinet; wood rocking horse; Kulana and Huffy Roadmaster bicycles; coolers; shepherds hooks; fiberglass folding table; retro light; fiber optic tree; Original Motion-ettes Santa and Mrs. Claus; animated mail box; camp stove; and other items not listed.

MOWER – TRAILER - TOOLS

Simplicity Hydrostat riding lawn mower with 48" deck, snow blower, wheel weights and chains; 3 1/2' x 8' 2 wheel trailer; County Line pull behind sprayer; Generac 3500XL generator; Fleet 3000 lb. hydraulic jack; Yard Machine 5 1/2 hp rototiller; Craftsman shop vac; Craftsman gas power washer; 50,000 BTU Reddy heater; Chicago electric Mig 180 wire feed welder with cart; Mastercraft 12 speed bench drill press; Har power lift; trailer mover; Ryobi 10" table saw; Makita 12" miter saw with stand; Craftsman 7 1/4" circular saw; motorcycle mover; Bostitch nailer; B & D polisher; Craftsman 4 in 1 Trac Laser; hand buffer; Craftsman socket set; Craftsman work bench; Max air fan; Craftsman frame nailer; Skil belt sander; Chicago multi-function power tool; Craftsman transmission jack; work light; crescent wrenches; fiberglass step ladder; B & D Sawzall; grinder on stand; battery tester; sockets; hack saw; hammers; jack stands; log chain; tackle box; wrenches; pliers; screwdrivers; spray guns; shovels; C clamps; gas cans; floor jacks; aluminum ramps; pipe wrenches; creepers; vise grips; channel locks; drill bits; angle grinder; sledge hammer; torch gauges; torch cart; drop cords; reese hitches; Remington electric chain saw; motorcycle helmets; air tools; come-along; small vise; pull behind broadcaster; canopy of XMark mower; and many other items not listed.

Auctioneers Note: Auction is being held due to the death of Fred Franklin. Michiko has sold her home with the assistance of Loy Real Estate and is downsizing to a smaller residence. This auction offers a nice variety of items. Please note that we will be running 2 rings during a portion of the day.

FRED FRANKLIN, DECEASED
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MLB lockout talks appear to gain momentum

By RONALD BLUM
AP Baseball Writer

JUPITER, Fla. — Baseball players and owners took a first step toward salvaging opening day, nearing agreement Friday on an amateur draft lottery during lockout negotiations that included a surprise one-on-one meeting between Commissioner Rob Manfred and union head Tony Clark.

While an agreement on the draft was not complete, the talks gained momentum for the first time as Major League Baseball's end of Monday deadline approached for a deal that would preserve opening day on March 31 and a 162-game schedule.

Talks will continue Saturday, the 87th day of baseball's first work stoppage since 1995. The sides remain far apart on the big-money issues of the competitive balance tax thresholds and rates, salary arbitration eligibility, the size of a bonus pool for pre-arbitration-eligible players and the

minimum salary.

In another sign of the disruption caused by baseball's ninth work stoppage, MLB canceled three more days of spring training games through March 7. Exhibition games were to have begun Saturday.

But for the first time all week, both sides expressed a feeling they had moved in a positive direction.

Manfred had a meeting with Clark in June 2020 during pandemic restart talks that produced disagreement over what transpired and sparked a still-pending grievance over the length of the season.

Manfred had not attended bargaining since the first session of these talks in April. He has a home in the area and had been in the background at the ballpark during the first four days this week, speaking with management officials.

The players' association had not known he was in the area, and Manfred surprised the union Friday when he asked for a one-on-one meeting with Clark.

Manfred then made the short walk from the offices near home plate where management officials had grouped, crossed the small driveway behind the right-field foul pole and entered the

building containing the Cardinals spring training clubhouse, where players had gathered. He walked back about 20 minutes later.

The day included three negotiating sessions, a high for any day this week.

In an effort to address the union's claim that teams are giving up on winning in an effort to gain a top pick in the amateur draft, MLB had proposed the top selections be determined by a lottery, such as the NBA began in 1985 and the NHL a decade later.

MLB has offered to have the first four picks determined by a lottery in which the teams with the three lowest winning percentages would have the best chances of getting the top pick. The union asked for the first seven selections to be sorted by lottery.

The sides exchanged proposals Friday on the number of lottery picks, adjustments and penalties, moving closer to agreement on

format. For the first time in months of negotiations, there was immediate back and forth: MLB made a proposal, the union caucused and countered, and management is to respond Saturday.

Discussions also covered other areas and were described as spirited and at times emotional.

Management's delegation included Yankees managing general partner Hal Steinbrenner; Colorado CEO Dick Monfort; Deputy Commissioner Dan Halet and Executive Vice President Morgan Sword.

Clark led players who included Max Scherzer; Andrew Miller and Zack Britton from the union's eight-man executive subcommittee.

Players have not accepted Monday as a deadline and have suggested any missed games could be made up as part of doubleheaders, a method MLB said it will not agree to.

Beat ...

Continued from page 10
The Braves started to chip away, however, using the long ball to get back in the game. Isaiah Wellman had two triples, and Jack Scheumann had one.

But Scheumann, who ended up leading Belmont with 11 points, had his third and final triple go through the hoop as the buzzer sounded.

John Ulman scored 10 points to join Scheumann in double figures.

Jay County's Ethan Dirksen had four 3-pointers as part of his game-high 16

points. Bennett Weitzel chipped in eight points, and Dusty Pearson ended with five points.

Jay County's junior varsity team also lost, 39-35.

Bellmont used a 15-point second quarter to break a 12-12 tie after the first period. Jay County had a 13-4 edge during the fourth quarter but ran out of time.

Liam Garringer led the Patriots with 15 points in the season finale. Abraham Dirksen scored seven points, and Trevin Dunnington had five

points. Bennett Weitzel chipped in eight points, and Dusty Pearson ended with five points.

Sports on tap

Local schedule

Today
Jay County — Gymnastics sectional at Concordia — 11 a.m.; Junior high wrestling hosts Jay County Invitational — 9:30 a.m.

Monday
Jay County — Junior high wrestling vs. Blackford — 5:30 p.m.

Tuesday
Jay County — Boys basketball sectional opener vs. New Castle at New Castle — 6 p.m.

Thursday
Jay County — Junior high swimming vs. Bluffton — 6 p.m.

Friday
Jay County — Boys basketball sectional semifinal vs. TBA at New Castle — 6 p.m.

March 5
Jay County — Boys basketball sectional final vs. TBA at New Castle — 7:30 p.m.

TV schedule

Today
10:30 a.m. — High school basketball: Tecumseh vs. Lafayette Central Catholic (BALLY)
Noon — Men's college basketball: Purdue at Michigan State (ESPN); Okla-

homa State at Oklahoma (CBS); Florida at Georgia (ESPN2)
Noon — NASCAR Racing: Xfinity Series — Production Alliance 300, Qualification (FS1)
12:30 p.m. — High school basketball: Final Forest Park vs. Frankton (BALLY)

1 p.m. — Men's college basketball: Butler at Marquette (FOX)
2 p.m. — Men's college basketball: Kentucky at Arkansas (CBS)
3 p.m. — Men's college basketball: Virginia Tech at Miami (BALLY)
3:30 p.m. — Men's college basketball: Seton Hall at Xavier (FOX)
4 p.m. — Men's college basketball: UCLA at Oregon State (CBS)

5 p.m. — NASCAR Racing: Xfinity Series — Production Alliance 300 (FS1)
6 p.m. — Men's college basketball: Duke at Syracuse (ESPN); Texas Tech at TCU (ESPN2); Wisconsin at Rutgers (BTN)
6 p.m. — High school basketball: Silver Creek vs. South Bend Washington (BALLY)

7:30 p.m. — NHL hockey: Tampa Bay Lightning at Nashville Predators (TNT)
7:30 p.m. — Major League Soccer: New England Revolution at Portland Timbers (FOX)

8 p.m. — High school basketball: Franklin Community vs. Noblesville (BALLY)
8 p.m. — Men's college basketball: Kansas at Baylor (ESPN)
8 p.m. — College hockey: Wisconsin

at Minnesota (BTN)
8:30 p.m. — Men's college basketball: Creighton at Providence (FS1)
8:30 p.m. — NBA basketball: Brooklyn Nets at Milwaukee Bucks (ABC)
10:30 p.m. — Men's college basketball: Colorado State at Utah State (FS1)

Sunday
Noon — Men's college basketball: UConn at Georgetown (CBS)
Noon — Women's college basketball: DePaul at Creighton (FS1)

Noon — IndyCar Racing: Firestone Grand Prix of St. Petersburg (NBC)
12:30 p.m. — Men's college basketball: SMU at Houston (ESPN)
1 p.m. — NBA basketball: Philadelphia 76ers at New York Knicks (ABC)
2 p.m. — Men's college basketball: Illinois at Michigan (CBS)

2:30 p.m. — Men's college basketball: Wichita State at Memphis (ESPN)
2:30 p.m. — Women's college basketball: Ohio State at Michigan State (BTN)
3:30 p.m. — NBA basketball: Utah Jazz at Phoenix Suns (ABC)
3:30 p.m. — NASCAR Cup Series: WISE Power 400 (FOX)

4 p.m. — Men's college basketball: Ohio State at Maryland (CBS)
4 p.m. — Women's college basketball: Michigan at Iowa (ESPN2)
4:30 p.m. — Women's college basketball: Northwestern at Nebraska (BTN)
5 p.m. — Major League Soccer: New York City FC at Los Angeles Galaxy

(ESPN)
5 p.m. — Men's college basketball: St. John's at DePaul (FS1)
7 p.m. — Men's college basketball: Nebraska at Penn State (BTN)
10 p.m. — NBA basketball: New Orleans Pelicans (ESPN)

Monday
7 p.m. — NBA basketball: Indiana Pacers at Orlando Magic (BALLY)
7 p.m. — Men's college basketball: Syracuse at North Carolina (ESPN)
7 p.m. — Women's college basketball: Baylor at Iowa State (ESPN2)

9 p.m. — Men's college basketball: Kansas State at Texas Tech (ESPN2); Baylor at Texas (ESPN)
11 p.m. — Men's college basketball: UCLA at Washington (ESPN2)

Local notes

Registration dates upcoming
Portland Junior League will have two upcoming registrations for its 2022 season.

They will be from 9 a.m. to noon March 5 and 12 at Jay Community Center.

Forms can be picked up at JCC, or online registration is available at the Portland Junior League's Facebook page.

PJL is open to boys and girls ages 5 through 15.

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To have an event listed in "Sports on tap," email details to sports@thecr.com.

90 SALE CALENDAR

PUBLIC AUCTION
Located: Bubp Exhibition Hall, Jay County Fairgrounds, Portland IN.

Saturday Morning, FEBRUARY 26, 2022 10:00 A.M.

OLD & COLLECTORS ITEMS - HOUSEHOLD GOODS

Oak bookcase secretary; Oak 4 stack bookcase; Oak 3 stack bookcase; Oak 2 stack bookcase; barber's chair; smoker's stand; dresser with marble insert and mirror; pitcher pump lamp; (2) doctor's cabinets; fishing lures; Red Comet glass ball fire extinguisher with holder; copper tea pot; metal airplane; Filling Station sign; Red Man Tobacco porcelain sign; Budweiser round sign; Redkey advertising calendars to include Appenzellers, Hoosier Cleaners and Devlin Drugs; metal truck carousel toy; white porcelain; Kiddie Kar Classics items; Buffalo nickels; .177 cal. Crosman pellet pistol w/holder; and many other items not listed.

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PUBLIC AUCTION
Located: Bubp Exhibition Hall, Jay County Fairgrounds, Portland IN.

Saturday Morning, MARCH 5, 2022 AT 10:00 A.M.

(2) Lazy Boy couches; wing back chair; Tonka payload; Tonka firetruck; HARLEY DAVIDSON: motorcycle models, clock, bag, stein, and oil can gift set.

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UPCOMING AUCTIONS
Bricker Auction Company 414 N Meridian St. Portland, IN
Feb. 19th- CONSIGNMENT TACK AUCTION
Live Webcast Auction- Starts 2:00pm

There will be all kinds of horse equipment, gates, tack, hay and much, much more! If you would like to add any items to this auction you can call at 260-703-0839
Feb. 26th-SPORTSMAN AUCTION
Live Webcast Auction- Starts @ 2pm

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accepting applications for a Full Time Police Officer. Applications may be picked up at the Redkey Town Hall, 8922 West State Road 67, Redkey, IN. Applications must be submitted before 4 p.m. on March 11th, 2022.

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250 PUBLIC NOTICE

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Jackson Township, Jay County, Indiana
Cash and Investments Combined Statement - 2021

Local Fund Number	Local Fund Name	Beg. Cash and Inv. Bal. Jan 1, 2021	Receipts	Disbursements	End Cash and Inv. Bal. Dec 31, 2021
01 Township General Fund		\$21,607.43	\$20,694.79	\$23,873.64	\$18,428.58
11 Firefighting Fund		\$5,866.89	\$17,687.95	\$16,000.00	\$7,554.84
61 Rainy Day Fund		\$3,078.23	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,078.23
81 Township Assistance Fund		\$39,551.71	\$1,054.23	\$700.00	\$39,905.94
91 Levy Excess Fund		\$8.73	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$8.73
95 Payroll Withholdings Fund		\$0.00	\$1,087.71	\$1,087.71	\$0.00
Total All Funds		\$70,112.99	\$40,524.68	\$41,661.35	\$68,976.32

State of Indiana
SS: Jay County
I, Rex A. Pinkerton, Trustee of Jackson Township, Jay County, Indiana, do solemnly affirm under the penalty of perjury that the preceding report is complete, true and correct; that the sum with which I am charged in this report are all of the sums received by me; and that the various items of expenditures credited have been fully paid in the sums stated; that such payments were made without express or implied agreement that any portion thereof shall be retained by or repaid to me or any other person. I further affirm that a complete and detailed annual report, together with all accompanying vouchers showing the names of persons having been paid money by the township, have been filed as required by law in the office of the County Auditor; and that copies of such annual report are in custody of the Township Board and the State Board of Accounts. Said report is subject to inspection by any taxpayer of the township.

Rex A. Pinkerton, Jackson Township Trustee
Telephone: 260-731-4311
Date this report was to be published 2-26-2022
Subscribed and sworn (or affirmed) to before me, the Chairman of the Township Board of Jackson Township at its annual meeting this 19th day of February, 2022
Terry L. Rigsby, Jackson Township Board Chairman
This report was received, accepted, and approved by the Township Board at its annual meeting, this 19th day of February, 2022.
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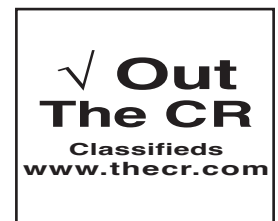
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Sports

3s in 3rd bury Tribe

Commodores use long ball to open double-digit lead, Indians unable to recover

ST. MARYS, Ohio — The Indians were within striking distance at intermission.

The Commodores' start to the second half was too much.

Lima Perry began the third quarter with back-to-back 3-pointers to open a double-digit lead and the Fort Recovery High School basketball team was never able to recover in a 66-54 loss to the Commodores in the Division IV Wapakoneta District sectional final on Friday at Grand Lake Health System Court at Memorial High School.

The No. 6 seed Indians finish the year 15-9, while the third-seeded Commodores advance to the district semifinal on Tuesday against Spencerville at Wapakoneta.

Fort Recovery came up with a defensive stop at the end of the first half to go into the break down 26-20.

Bubby Knight made consecutive shots from beyond

the arc as the Commodores jumped on top 32-20. Knight had an old-fashioned 3-point play later in the period to make it 39-25.

Perry outscored Fort Recovery 19-12 in the third to build a comfortable lead.

After trailing 45-32 at the end of the third quarter, Fort Recovery was on the verge of cutting the deficit to single digits as Cale Rammel, Owen Jutte and Logan Homan each two points.

Homan's basket pushed the score to 54-43 just past the 4-minute mark, but five consecutive Perry points put the game well out of reach and ended the Tribe's season.

Rammel did all he could to keep the Indians in the game, finishing with a game-high 27 points. A dozen of those came in the fourth quarter alone.

Jutte, who was one of four Indians to play their final game, tallied seven of his 11 points in the final eight minutes. Landon Post chipped in a half dozen points for the Tribe.

Knight led the Commodores with 25 points, including five of the team's eight 3-pointers. Brothers Ryan and Brady Yingst joined him in double figures with 14 and 11 points respectively.



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In this Dec. 29 photo, Fort Recovery High School junior Cale Rammel shoots a 3-pointer against the Lincolnview Lancers at Fort Site Fieldhouse. Rammel scored a game-high 27 points on Friday as the Indians fell to the Perry Commodores in the Division IV Wapakoneta District sectional final at Memorial in St. Marys.

Braves beat Jay at buzzer

Patriots drop finale to Belmont on last-second triple

DECATUR — The Patriots saw their double-digit lead get whittled away.

Then the Braves ended the night with a dagger.

Jay County High School's boys basketball team watched a game-winning 3-pointer go through the hoop at the buzzer in a 41-40 loss to the host Belmont Braves on Friday night at The Teepee.

It was the second loss in four games for the Patriots, who had previously won 10 in a row and end the regular season with a 19-4 record. Jay County opens Class 3A Sectional 24 play at 6 p.m. Tuesday against host New Castle at New Castle Fieldhouse.

The Patriots led the Braves (12-11) at the end of each of the first three quarters. They were on top 14-10 at the end of the first and 20-17 at intermission. After going up by 10 in the third quarter, Jay County was ahead 34-27 with one quarter to play.

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