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School board reviews goals

By RAY COONEY

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It's time for some new goals.

During Jay School Board's meeting Monday, superintendent Jeremy Gulley shared a draft of proposed goals for the school corporation for 2022 through 2025.

Goals are broken down into five areas — student achievement, safe and orderly schools, highly effective staff, parent involvement and community support, and wise use of resources.

Gulley explained that the school corporation used a "thought exchange," a type of online survey designed to allow participants to offer ideas of their own and rate those suggested by others. The exercise was completed by teachers at the elementary school, junior high and high school levels, support staff, community leaders and parents.

He noted that both the

Roesch to lead Marching Patriots

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For 47 years, the Marching Patriots had known just two band directors.

The third was hired Monday. Jay School Board unanimously approved the hiring of Chuck Roesch as the new Jay County High School band director.

Roesch, who has been the director at Centerville for two decades, will take over for Kelly Smeltzer, who announced his retirement in October. He will start in his new role in June.

"I'm excited to be here," said

Roesch. "It feels really good, getting up here, meeting some of the students, meeting some of the faculty members, the administration. Everyone has been so welcoming so far. We feel really great about moving up here, getting into the community and getting to work with the kids."

The job was initially posted in November following



Roesch

Smeltzer's announcement that he planned to step away. Thirteen candidates applied, and interviews with finalists were held early this month with a panel of administrators, current and former band staff, band boosters and parents.

A group of students also had a chance to interact with the candidates by giving them a tour of the school's band facilities after their interviews.

"Mr. Chuck Roesch rose to the top," said Jay County Junior-Senior High School principal Chad Dodd in presenting

the recommendation to hire Roesch to the board. "We're excited to have a gentleman of his experience and his record interested in our job. I think that speaks to where our program is today, and I believe it will be in great hands ...

"If you follow the band circuit at all in the summertime you know they're a top ... band every year," he added after the meeting. "So that known experience, I think, is big for us and our program."

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community leader and parent thought exchanges placed a high value on education in the trades and life skills, such as financial literacy.

"These goals, I hope, in their draft form ... most

people can see their input in this," said Gulley.

Jay School Board also held a work session this month to discuss potential goals.

Some of the list of 40 goals are as follows:

- Student achievement — assessing vocational programs and supporting integration with John Jay Center for Learning; maintaining the Early College Program; supporting and growing the junior ROTC

- program; ensuring curriculum promotes collaboration and communication skills, work ethic and financial, civic and digital literacy; and considering additional counseling services at the elementary level

- Safe and orderly schools — purchasing technology to detect and deter vaping; implementing a K-9 with the school resource officer and installing GPS on all school buses

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Carpenters collect

One-year-old Kallie Carpenter and her parents, Tracy and Kyle Carpenter, pick out an Easter egg on Saturday at Hudson Family Park. The ROCK Church and Bizy Dips set up tables around the park for families to collect candy and other goodies. Eggs were filled with treats or numbers, indicating the recipient won a larger prize, such as a stuffed animal or toy.

Coach hired to lead FR boys

Leverette takes over after years as assistant

By BAILEY CLINE

The Commercial Review

FORT RECOVERY — A new Tribe coach will be on the court next basketball season.

Fort Recovery School Board hired Bob Leverette as the new high school boys basketball coach Monday.

He will be taking over after Fort Recovery Local Schools decided not to renew a contract with his predecessor, Jim Melton, earlier this year. Melton led the boys basketball team for four seasons, with Leverette as his assistant coach.

Leverette, a 1995 Fort Recovery High School graduate, has been involved in some aspect of coaching at Fort Recovery Schools since '98.

"Being under all those coaches over the years has kind of put me in this comfort level to run a program now," he said, noting he will integrate aspects he's learned from the various coaches he's worked alongside over the years.

Leverette coached the Indians for the first seven games of the 2021-22 season while Melton was dealing with a health issue. He compiled a 5-2 record.

Moving forward, he said he's excited to implement a plan for the program.

"There's always going to be change just from one coach to another," explained Leverette, who owns The Buckeye Clipper barber shop in Coldwater. "I have a plan on how I see the program needing to be ran, so we'll move forward with that plan. Hopefully it's successful and makes the community and the school proud."

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Leverette

Former executives plead guilty

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — A former Indiana casino executive pleaded guilty Monday to one count of filing a false tax return in a scheme to funnel cash to a political action committee associated with the Marion County Republican Party.

John Keeler's guilty plea came just one hour before his trial was scheduled to begin in U.S. District Court in Indianapolis. He entered his plea a week after his co-defendant, former state Sen. Brent Waltz, pleaded guilty to other federal charges for receiving about \$40,000 in illegal campaign contributions for his unsuccessful 2016 congressional campaign.

Prosecutors agreed to drop five other counts against Keeler,

a former top executive of Indianapolis-based Spectacle Entertainment, as part of his plea agreement, The Indianapolis Star reported. He will be required to pay restitution of \$14,350.

Keeler faces up to three years in prison, but will likely receive less under the deal. His sentencing has not been scheduled yet.

Under his plea agreement, Keeler admitted to working with an out-of-state political consultant to funnel \$25,000 to the Greater Indianapolis Republican Finance Committee, a political action committee associated with the Marion County Republican Party.

At the time, in 2016, the party was struggling financially,

according to the plea agreement. Keeler wanted to help, but believed Indiana law prohibited casino company contributions.

Keeler also was accused of directing illegal corporate contributions through straw donors to Waltz, who was a Republican state senator for 12 years until giving up his seat in 2016 for an ultimately unsuccessful run in the GOP primary for the 9th Congressional District.

But those charges were dropped as part of Keeler's plea deal.

Keeler and Waltz were indicted following a lengthy FBI investigation into Spectacle Entertainment that led the Indiana Gaming Commission to force the company out of its

ownership of projects for new casinos in Gary and Terre Haute.

The commission also raised financial misconduct allegations against former Spectacle CEO Rod Ratcliff, who agreed to give up his state casino license, ending more than a decade as a heavyweight in Indiana's gambling industry. Ratcliff has not been charged with any crime.

Ratcliff and Keeler were leaders of Centaur Gaming, which sold Indiana's two horse track casinos in Anderson and Shelbyville to Las Vegas-based Caesars Entertainment Corp. in 2018 for \$1.7 billion. They led a group that then formed Spectacle Entertainment to buy the Gary casino operation.

Deaths

Betty Abbott, 73, Portland
Byron Blankenbaker, 85, Pennville
Lois Bales, 87, Redkey
Molly Jones, 39, South Bend
Thomas Bye, 62, Indianapolis
Details on page 2.

Weather

The high temperature was 39 degrees Monday in Jay County. The low was 32. Expect a low of 32 tonight. Wednesday's high will be in the upper 50s with a chance of rain beginning in the early evening. The low will be 50, with winds gusting to 35 miles per hour. See page 2 for an extended outlook.

In review

Jay County Plan Commission will meet at 6 p.m. Thursday at the Community Resource Center, 118 S. Meridian St., Portland. The meeting will include a public hearing on the Rose Gold Solar amendment development plan.

Coming up

Wednesday — Results from tonight's JCHS golf match against Bluffton and Southern Wells.

Friday — Coverage of Thursday's Redkey Town Council and Jay County Plan Commission meetings.



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Wednesday 4/20	Thursday 4/21	Friday 4/22	Saturday 4/23	Sunday 4/24
58/50	69/48	69/56	80/62	80/57
Skies will be mostly cloudy, with up to 20 mph wind gusts. Rain is likely at night.	There's a 30% chance of showers before 2 p.m. Wind gusts may reach 30 mph.	Mostly cloudy skies are expected Friday. Also, there's a 30% chance of thunderstorms.	Saturday's forecast shows mostly sunny skies, with the high at a warm 80 degrees.	Rain is possible Sunday. Otherwise, another high of 80 under partly sunny skies.

Lotteries

Powerball Monday 8-33-55-59-62 Powerball: 18 Power Play: 2 Estimated jackpot: \$370 million	54-57-60-61-62-73-76 Cash 5: 12-14-18-40-45 Estimated jackpot: \$602,500
Mega Millions Estimated jackpot: \$20 million	
Hoosier Monday Midday Daily Three: 1-3-8 Daily Four: 0-2-6-7 Evening Daily Three: 2-6-5 Daily Four: 7-0-4-7 Quick Draw: 2-8-10-11-16-17-22-27-30-40-43-51-52-	Ohio Monday Midday Pick 3: 7-6-9 Pick 4: 1-7-1-1 Pick 5: 6-5-4-5-9 Evening Pick 3: 9-0-2 Pick 4: 3-4-5-0 Pick 5: 6-6-2-3-1 Rolling Cash 5: 8-28-29-33-34 Estimated jackpot: \$100,000 Classic Lotto: 1-4-13-20-36-49 Kicker: 9-6-4-2-5-9 Jackpot: \$25.9 million

Markets

Cooper Farms Fort Recovery Corn.....7.97 May corn.....8.02 Wheat9.22	Wheat 10.27 May wheat 10.27
POET Biorefining Portland Corn.....7.97 May corn.....8.12 June corn8.17	Central States Montpelier Corn.....7.94 May corn.....7.94 Beans.....16.82 May beans.....16.84 Wheat.....10.54
The Andersons Richland Township Corn.....7.94 May corn.....7.94 Beans.....16.91 May beans.....16.91	Heartland St. Anthony Corn.....7.94 May corn.....7.94 Beans.....16.63 May beans.....16.70 Wheat.....10.61

Today in history

On April 19, 1775, the American Revolutionary War began with the battles of Lexington and Concord.

In 1865, a funeral was held at the White House for President Abraham Lincoln, assassinated five days earlier; his coffin was then taken to the U.S. Capitol for a private memorial service in the Rotunda.

In 1897, the first Boston Marathon was held; winner John J. McDermott ran the course in two hours, 55 minutes and 10 seconds.

In 1912, a special subcommittee of the Senate Commerce Committee opened hearings in New York into the Titanic disaster.

In 1943, during World War II, tens of thousands of Jews in the Warsaw Ghetto began a valiant but ultimately futile battle against Nazi forces.

In 1977, the Supreme Court, in *Ingraham v. Wright*, ruled 5-4 that even severe spanking of schoolchildren by faculty members did not violate the Eighth Amendment ban against cruel and unusual punishment.

In 1989, 47 sailors were killed when a gun turret exploded aboard the USS Iowa in the Caribbean. (The Navy initially suspected that a dead crew member had deliberately sparked the blast, but later said there was no proof of that.)

In 1993, the 51-day siege at the Branch Davidian compound near Waco, Texas, ended as

fire destroyed the structure after federal agents began smashing their way in; about 80 people, including two dozen children and sect leader David Koresh, were killed.

In 1995, a truck bomb destroyed the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building in Oklahoma City, killing 168 people. (Bomber Timothy McVeigh, who prosecutors said had planned the attack as revenge for the Waco siege of two years earlier, was convicted of federal murder charges and executed in 2001.)

In 2005, Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger of Germany was elected pope in the first conclave of the new millennium; he took the name Benedict XVI.

In 2013, Dzhokhar Tsarnaev, a 19-year-old college student wanted in the Boston Marathon bombings, was taken into custody after a manhunt that had left the city virtually paralyzed; his older brother and alleged accomplice, 26-year-old Tamerlan, was killed earlier in a furious attempt to escape police.

In 2015, Freddie Gray, a 25-year-old Black man, died a week after suffering a spinal cord injury in the back of a Baltimore police van while he was handcuffed and shackled. (Six police officers were charged; three were acquitted and the city's top prosecutor eventually dropped the three remaining cases.) — AP

Citizen's calendar

Wednesday 4 p.m. — Portland Board of Aviation, airport, 661 W. 100 North.	session, park cabin, 200 S. Mooney St. 6 p.m. — Jay County Plan Commission, auditorium, courthouse, 120 N. Court St., Portland.
Thursday 5:30 p.m. — Redkey Town Council executive	6 p.m. — Redkey Town Council, park cabin, 200 S. Mooney St.

Obituaries

Betty Abbott

Dec. 17, 1948-April 9, 2022
Betty J. Abbott, age 73, a resident of Portland, passed away on Saturday, April 9, 2022, at Persimmon Ridge in Portland.
Betty was born on Dec. 17, 1948, in Jay County, the daughter of Ed and Anna Margaret Abbott.
Visitation will be held on Thursday from 1 to 2 p.m. at Williamson-Spencer and Penrod Funeral Home in Portland. Funeral services will follow at 2 p.m. on Thursday at the funeral home. Burial will follow at Center Cemetery, west of Portland.
Condolences may be expressed at williamsonspencer.com.

Byron Blankenkaker

Jan. 30, 1937-April 16, 2022
Byron "Barney" Blankenkaker, age 85, a resident of Pennville, passed away on Saturday, April 16, 2022, at Persimmon Ridge in Portland.
Barney was born on Jan. 30, 1937, in rural Jay County, the son of O.B. "Bill" and Cornelia (Fenton) Blankenkaker. He graduated from Dunkirk High School in 1955 and served in the U.S. Army Reserve. Barney worked for Fenters Boneless Beef in Pennville for 24 years and managed The Meadows Apartments in Pennville. He co-owned Blankenkakers Corner Store and CB&C Pizza in Pennville for 33 years.
Barney was a talented artist and woodworker. He enjoyed hunting, western movies, collecting and swapping stories with others.
Survivors include:
His children — Barry Blankenkaker, Pennville, Indiana, Dean Blankenkaker, Bakersfield, California, Rita Dunn (husband: Dr. Tom), Portland, Indiana, and Ty Blankenkaker (wife: Teigha), Marietta, Georgia
Grandchildren — Dr. Caitlin Dunn-Fletcher (husband: Dr. Jon), Dallas, Texas, Thomas "Trey" Dunn III (wife: Jacquelyn), Indianapolis, Indiana, Trevor Blankenkaker, Pennville, Indiana, Alexander Dunn, Whitsett, North Carolina, Catherine Dunn, Carbondale, Illinois, Claudia Blankenkaker, Marietta, Georgia, Claire Blankenkaker, Marietta, Georgia, and Lucas Blankenkaker, Marietta, Georgia
Nephews — Doug Blankenkaker and John Blankenkaker (wife: Jackie)
He was preceded in death by his parents; brother Bill Blankenkaker;



Blankenkaker

and sister-in-law MariLynn Blankenkaker.
Private graveside services will be held Friday at Dunkirk IOOF Cemetery in Dunkirk, Indiana.
Memorials may be directed toward Pennville Community Center.
Arrangements entrusted to Williamson-Spencer and Penrod Funeral Home in Portland.
Condolences may be expressed at williamsonspencer.com.

Lois Bales

July 24, 1934-April 14, 2022
Lois E. (Miller) Bales, 87, of Redkey, Indiana, passed away peacefully at 10:07 a.m., Thursday, April 14, 2022, while in the company of family members at IU Health Ball Memorial Hospital in Muncie, Indiana.
Lois was born in Redkey, Indiana, on July 24, 1934, a daughter of the late Wayne Miller and Doris (Ralston) Miller-Painter. She was a 1952 graduate of Redkey High School and the wife of William E. (Bill) Bales who she happily married on March 6, 1953. She will forever be remembered as a wonderfully devoted, sweet and caring, wife, mother and grandmother.
Lois was a member of Delta Theta Tau Sorority, Eastern Star and the Jay County Extension Homemakers Association for nearly 60 years, and loved volunteering, helping others and being a 4-H leader to area youth. She enjoyed baking, cooking, gardening, reading, puzzles, going on cruises, traveling, family vacations to Hilton Head and spending time with family and friends.
Lois is survived by her husband Bill; four children, Greg Bales (Shirley), Janet Bales (Brad), Susan Peterson (John) and Steve Bales (Jodie); two sisters, Carolyn Zank (Ken) and Marilyn Anderson (Bob); 12 grandchildren, Brandon, Lindsay, Myschon, Tyler, Logan, Emily, Jenna, Meghan, Nick, Brent, Kristen and Lauren; 12 great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.
Friends are invited to call Wednesday, April 20, 2022, from 11 a.m. to 1p.m. at MJS Mortuaries – Redkey Chapel. Funeral services will follow at 1 p.m. with Pastor Craig Cotherman officiating. Burial will be held in Hillcrest Cemetery in Redkey, Indiana.
In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Susan G. Komen Foundation of Central Indiana at komen.org.
Arrangements have been entrusted



Bales

ed to MJS Mortuaries – Redkey Chapel.

Molly Jones

Oct. 12, 1982-April 14, 2022
Molly Alison Jones, 39, of South Bend, Indiana, passed away surrounded by those she loved on April 14, 2022, at the University of Cincinnati Medical Center after a courageous battle with cancer.
Molly was born to Pamela Monges and Marc Jones on Oct. 12, 1982, at St. Joseph Hospital in Mishawaka, Indiana. Molly is survived by her husband, Phillip Mark Wallace, and their two cats, Poomies and Simon; her father, Marc Jones, and her mother and stepfather Pamela and Michael Monges; her brother, Colin Jones; her parents-in-law Phillip J. and Colene Wallace; her brother-in-law Michael E. (Billie) Wallace; her sister-in-law Suranna (Gary) Wallace Michael; and uncles, several cousins and close friends.
She was preceded in death by her paternal grandparents, Helen and Charles Jones; and her maternal grandparents, Joanne and John Monk. Her beloved feline companion Gwendolyn "Peeg" followed her in death on April 15, 2022.
Molly had a lifelong love of books and reading. During college, she worked at various public libraries and at Borders Books. She graduated from Indiana University South Bend with a bachelor's degree in sociology and from Indiana University Bloomington with a master's of library science.
After college, she worked as the Adult Services Librarian at the Jay County Public Library in Portland, Indiana. In Cincinnati, she served as a librarian at a small college and briefly worked at Barnes and Noble and at the Delhi Township Branch of the Cincinnati Public Library.
As much as she loved books, Molly loved cats even more. From her very first kitty, Alvin "Pud", to the dear cats she and her husband Phil adopted, Molly gave an abundance of love to every cat she met. She was passionate about her work as a volunteer, first at the St. Joseph County Humane Society and later at the Save the Animals Foundation in Cincinnati. For nine years, she spent Thursday evenings at Save the Animals Foundation cleaning rooms and caring for the cats, particularly the FELV/FIV positive ones, including her precious friend Terrence.



Jones

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Goals ...

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•Highly effective staff — improving wages, especially for mid-career teachers; sustaining a literacy coach to support professional development; developing employee recruitment and retention processes; and installing interactive panels in all classrooms
•Parent involvement and community support — Developing programs to reduce chronic absenteeism; using technology to ensure all voices are heard and considered; and transitioning the former Judge Haynes and Westlawn elementary school properties for productive public or private use
•Wise use of resources — Maintaining 20% cash reserves in all funds; evaluating and addressing

heating, ventilation and cooling system improvements; and exploring solar projects where feasible to reduce utility costs
Board member Phil Ford noted that many of the goals may take several years to implement.
"You still have total control of the allocation of resources," said Gulley, expanding on that point and noting that goals may change over time. "These things are aspirational. They give us a direction. It's not as if you pass something and it's on autopilot."
The board plans to take another month to consider the goals and vote on them at its May meeting.
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Thursday Abbott, Betty: 2 p.m., Williamson-Spencer and Penrod Funeral Home, 208 N. Commerce St., Portland.
Saturday Jones, Molly: 10 a.m., Palmer Funeral Home – Guisinger Chapel, 3718 South Michigan St., South Bend, Indiana.

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By DIANA DOLECKI

Special to The Commercial Review

Someone asked me how I choose what to say every week. I usually say, "Deadlines."

They always think I'm joking. I'm not.

The goal is to find a subject that people will find interesting or at least mildly amusing. This procedure involves typing nonsense, potential subjects and random words and phrases until something comes together. At that point I erase everything that doesn't make sense and start typing for real.

Some columns write

As I See It



themselves. I like these best as they rarely have typos. I don't have to rewrite them, add or subtract words and phrases or do anything else to get my point across. All I have to do is type.

This isn't one of those easy ones. This is one of the columns where I am not sure what to write about. I sit here and leaf

through any messages from or about the grandkids. I found out that middle grandson, Jacob, pitched a no-hitter last week. I know enough to realize that this is something to be celebrated. I don't know enough about baseball to make an entire column about it.

Last week the weather was so nice that I let a half dozen or so of the house plants get some fresh air on the porch. I did bring them back in when the weather person said the overnight lows were going to be hovering around freezing for a few more days.

The ungrateful flora tried to kill me for bringing them back in the house. I usually check the screen door to make sure it is latched and the regular door to make sure it is locked. That evening neither of them were fastened so I locked them both and stepped back. My bare foot landed in a pot of what we call monkey cactus. And, yes, they have stickers.

At that point I was off balance and only the locked door offered something to hang on to. If it hadn't been there I would have ended up on the floor. I threatened to

leave the thugs outside the next time it got cold.

The outside plants are outdoing themselves. The cherry tree put on its best show ever. The little bulbs are done for the year. The daffodils are still in their prime; the tulips are just beginning to open. The grass has had its first mowing.

There is a part of me that wonders why I am interested in plants. When I was a kid I hated gardening. It was hot and dirty. Plus I hated almost everything we grew. Peas and beans? Yuck. Strawberries and corn? Much better. Wild black raspberries

that grew along a fence line? The best of all.

The houseplants were always around. They lived their lives in the background. I ignored them and they ignored me.

Perhaps the whole point of this column is to demonstrate that things change. If you had a lousy childhood the rest of your life does not have to be lousy. Had to harvest vegetables you dislike? Don't plant them. When the weather warms up and you put a few plants outside for a while, you don't have to step in a pot of cacti when you bring them back inside.

Academic team earned awards

The Jay County High School academic team earned five first-place awards April 12 in the final Eastern Indiana Academic League five-team meet of the season.

Hannah Boggs, Isaac Braun, James Larrowe and Alex Ardizzone were all part of three first-place finishes, including teaming with Raine Keen and Ella Stockton for the win in the interdisciplinary competition. Ardizzone, Braun, Larrowe, Trenten

Hamilton, Lucas Lyons and Annie Syeda were first in science, and Boggs, Ardizzone and Brooke Stauffer took first in social studies. The math team of Braun, Larrowe, Lyons Hamilton and Dartaven Fosnaugh also took first place, as did the fine arts team of Boggs, LeMaster and Mackenzie Brown.

The team will compete in the Academic Senior Super Bowl regional area competition today.

Marriage licenses

Charles Hager Harvey Sr., 53, Dunkirk, to Johanne L. Kirby, 49, Albany

Abigail R. Muhlenskamp, 23, Portland, to Aaron C. Post, 27, Fort Recovery

Jason D. Harding, 44, Pennville, to Phaedra A. Brotherton, 49, Pennville

Michael J. Wooslager, 40, Portland, to Wendy C. Deboy, 41, Portland

Woman tires of addiction

DEAR ABBY: I have been with my boyfriend for five years. We do not live together, nor do we share any children (we have three grown kids from previous marriages). He has been a smoker since he was very young, and when we got together, he said he would like to quit. Well, it still hasn't happened.

As the child of an addict (alcohol) I understand how difficult quitting can be. Luckily, my father quit cold turkey 20 years ago and never relapsed. Abby, I do not want a future with a smoker. The smell of stale tobacco is unappealing. It's not exactly a breath freshener, and the health consequences are dire.

Am I within my rights to put my foot down? I brought up quitting this week in response to him lamenting that he looks aged beyond his years (which is true). He became very defensive and made me seem like a monster for asking for a real timeline about quitting. He struggles with anxiety and thinks trying to quit will send him over the edge, and I would be the one pushing him. How do I navigate future conversations? — CHOKING IN PENNSYLVANIA

DEAR CHOKING: Tell your boyfriend you care about him and about his health, but you can no longer tolerate watching him damage it because of

Dear Abby



his tobacco addiction. If he doesn't already know that the smell on his breath, body and clothing is offensive, point it out, and also that secondhand smoke is unhealthy for you. Then tell him he has a choice to make: It's the smoking or you. The decision is his. There are many effective smoking cessation programs available, and he should discuss them with his physician, who may be delighted to know he is interested.

P.S. In this day and age many women — and men — simply "swipe left" if they encounter a smoker.

DEAR ABBY: I am currently in a relationship that is approaching the seven-year mark. We dated in our 20s and rekindled in our 40s. We live together, but I'm afraid we are growing apart. Due to health issues, I don't work; he works second shift. I cry easily and have always been an emotional person.

When there are disagreements, we can usually work it out. My problem is, I think about the discussion later and have more to say or ask. He then tells me we have already talked about it and he's not discussing it again. He says I "overanalyze everything." It's not that. I just have another question or something I left out.

His refusal to talk makes me feel as though things are unresolved. He just downright won't talk about something we have already discussed! Please help me to understand if I am too demanding and should just leave it alone. — UNANSWERED IN ILLINOIS

DEAR UNANSWERED: It isn't "too demanding" to want to discuss something further. If revisiting the issue would rekindle the disagreement, your partner is far too controlling. If you have a question, there's no reason why you shouldn't be able to ask without it leading to conflict. To deny you that opportunity seems disrespectful.

Give it more time after a disagreement and decide if it's really necessary to revisit the subject. When you do, avoid reapproaching it in a way that could be perceived as an invitation to another argument.

Sudoku

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

Level: Beginner

Saturday's Solution

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

Community Calendar

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

Reunions

Bryant High School will hold its alumni banquet on May 14. Honor classes this year are the classes of 1942, 1947, 1952, 1957, 1962, 1967, 1970, 1971 and 1972.

Portland High School will celebrate its 50th anniversary from June 17 to June 19. For more information, email alicemiley23@gmail.com or wsanders317@gmail.com.

Today

ALZHEIMER'S CARE-GIVER SUPPORT GROUP

— Will meet at 5:30 p.m. the third Tuesday of each month at Jay County Public Library community room. For more information, call Deb Tipton at (260) 729-2806 or Elasha Lennartz at (765) 729-4567.

THE LANDING — A 12-step program for those in sixth through 12th grade will meet at 5:55 p.m. each Tuesday at 2nd Chance at Life Ministries, 228 S. Meridian St., Portland. For more information, call (260) 703-0777 or (260) 726-5273.

FRIENDS OF JAY COUNTY LIBRARY — Will meet at 6 p.m. the third Tuesday of each month at the library.

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Maternal mortality is a problem

News and Tribune
(Jeffersonville & New Albany)

On average, two women died in the United States each day in 2020 from causes related to childbirth. Hoosier mothers, especially those struggling financially, are dying from what experts say are preventable causes.

In a November release, the Indiana Maternal Mortality Review Committee reported that 60 Hoosier women died in 2019 during pregnancy or within a year after giving birth. The study found that 80% of those deaths were preventable. It blamed shortfalls in Indiana's system of care related to substance abuse,

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mental health issues and domestic violence.

Overwhelmingly, the report showed that impoverished women are the most in danger. Medical care and treatment can be expensive, and mothers who are struggling financially are less likely to seek needed medical care. Those suffering the most

often find it the most difficult to reach out for help, and a lack of services makes the problem worse.

Thanks to recent changes in state law, Medicaid coverage has been expanded to pregnant women whose family income is at or below 208% of the federal poverty level. Qualifying mothers can receive coverage for up to a year after giving birth under the new regulations.

The expanded Medicaid provision means that women who face financial barriers have an avenue to find help. It's a needed change, but it's just a start.

In an interview with CNHI

Statehouse Reporter Whitney Downard, state Rep. Vanessa Summers (D-Indianapolis) suggested more support and outreach programs for mothers both before and after giving birth.

But as Summers emphasized, addressing substance abuse and mental health are the chief concerns. We need more resources, especially for low-income mothers. It's not just a matter of saving the life of the mother, but the life of the child.

Unfortunately, the problem seems to be getting worse. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 861 women in the United States were

identified as having died from causes related to childbirth in 2020. That number was up from 754 deaths in 2019.

According to a 2020 study by The Commonwealth Fund, our nation's maternal mortality rate was worse than those of 11 developed countries, including the United Kingdom, Germany and France.

The rate at which these new mothers are dying is unacceptable. Expanding Medicaid coverage was a good start. We also need a better system to care for mothers during pregnancy and in the crucial months after they give birth.

Diversifying boards has been working

By **MICHELLE LEDER**
Bloomberg Opinion
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California has become the focus of a battle over how companies should address the lack of diversity on their boards: Should they actively seek out directors who aren't White males, or should they simply seek to treat all candidates equally? A Superior Court judge has ruled in favor of the latter approach, declaring unconstitutional a law requiring publicly traded companies based in the state to add as many as three board members from under-represented groups.

This is unfortunate, because the law was actually working.

Nobody in the California case challenged the idea that diversity is desirable. As the judge rightly put it: "A homogenous board is vulnerable to stagnant thinking and common assumptions; it is also less flexible in responding to challenges. This results in poorer business practices, less innovation, and ultimately less profit." The key question in the legal challenge — filed by the conservative group Judicial Watch — was whether the state constitution allowed the legislature to advantage some groups over others in its efforts to address the problem.

During its brief time in force, beginning on Sept 30, 2020, the legislation demonstrated just how effective a mandate can be in reversing long-entrenched discrimination. As of July 2021, the share of California companies with at least one Black or one Latino director stood at 30% and 17%, respectively — up from 16% and 13% a year earlier, according to a Latino Corporate Directors Association analysis of Equilar data. As of September 2021, nearly a third of boards had at least one woman, up from less than a quarter a year earlier, according to Equilar.

Companies wanting to be known as socially responsible sought to stand out. Apple Corp. used the word diverse or diversity 70 times in its most recent proxy statement, compared with 20 times a year earlier. It also added a section near the beginning touting its board diversity:

Perhaps Apple would have done this without the 2020 law. But it's hard to imagine the other 700-odd publicly traded California companies doing the same in the absence of an official mandate.

The state can appeal the Superior Court's decision — though California Secretary of State Shirley Weber,

Michelle Leder



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who recently released a detailed report on board diversity as the law requires, hasn't said whether she plans to do so. Meanwhile, Judicial Watch is also challenging a 2018 law that focuses on female board representation. If the group prevails, much of the progress in seating women as directors could evaporate.

One potential backstop is a Nasdaq rule approved by the Securities and Exchange Commission last year. It requires the boards of most companies that list on the exchange to have at least one female member and one from an under-represented group defined by race or sexual preference. But that rule faces its own legal challenges, including from a conservative activist in California and from attorneys general in 17 Republican-led states.

For the most part, the board-diversity measures have been modeled after similar rules in Europe — most notably Norway, where a 2005 law has successfully nudged the country's publicly traded companies to meet a requirement for 40% female representation on boards. Most likely, officials and legislators can find a way to make them work in the U.S. too. In California, for example, the state legislature could adjust the law to address the issues the judge raised — if the secretary of state chooses not to appeal.

Even better, companies can diversify boards on their own. Why, after all, should they need to be told to do what's in their best interests?



Learn lessons from Soviets

By **FRANCINE HIRSCH**
and **EUGENE FINKEL**
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Evidence of Russian violence against Ukrainian civilians — murders, kidnappings and rape — continues to emerge on a daily basis. Each liberated locality adds to a grisly realization that a genocide might be taking place in the Russian-occupied Ukraine. Ukraine's State Prosecutor's Office has already started investigating crimes committed by Russian troops and the International Criminal Court might get involved as well.

The United Nations, Amnesty International and Human Rights Watch are also investigating Russian abuses. Investigations and criminal prosecution of individual perpetrators are important but insufficient. Full accountability — prosecution, reparations, and the creation of a historical record — requires an integrated effort that goes beyond law enforcement and involves historians, social scientists, forensic scientists and other experts.

What Ukraine needs is a dedicated state commission to collect, systematize and analyze evidence of atrocities and other crimes committed during this war. Russian propaganda falsely presents the war as a fight against Nazism. Yet, ironically, Soviet efforts during World War II to uncover and prosecute Nazi crimes in German-occupied parts of the USSR can provide a useful blueprint to hold Russia accountable.

The Soviet Extraordinary State Commission, established in 1942 during the darkest days of World War II, included government officials, academics, investigators and forensic scientists. The commission sent representatives to liberated regions to supervise and verify the work of investigations being carried out by regional and local commissions. It employed photographers and filmmakers who documented crime scenes. The commission also included a small group of well-known writers and cultural figures, appointed to better communicate what was happening to the outside world.

The commission's key goals were to



Francine Hirsch and Eugene Finkel



record war crimes, make a case for reparations, mobilize domestic populations, shape international public opinion, prepare evidence for future trials, and establish the historical record. One of its strengths was its combination of forensic, legal and public relations expertise. Another advantage was that the local and regional commissions were made up of people from the region, not outsiders parachuting in, which facilitated better recording of the destruction of local cultural heritage. This approach allowed the commission quicker access to evidence from newly liberated areas and more immediate recollections by survivors.

While evidence gathering was localized, its aggregation and analysis were centralized. Information gathered at the local level was reviewed and compiled at the regional level, and then sent on to Moscow. The commission was then able to use this evidence to put together a bigger picture of German crimes.

The commission operated under extremely difficult conditions but managed to compile thousands of accounts and produce numerous reports, 32 of which were used in the Nuremberg trials. Its analysis uncovered general patterns of Nazi atrocities and their similarity across regions. It established, for example, that the Nazis intentionally destroyed cultural artifacts and national treasures and deliberately targeted hospitals and educational institutions.

But the Soviet commission also demonstrated the potential dangers of a state-led approach to documenting war crimes. Its work was subject to oversight by the Soviet security apparatus, and its reputation and stature were put to the service of falsifying evidence and whitewashing Soviet crimes, most notably the

Katyn massacre of more than 20,000 Polish military officers and other prisoners of war. The commission issued a report that blamed the Nazis for that crime.

A dedicated Ukrainian state commission should draw on lessons from the Soviet experience and go beyond them. With many Ukrainians now displaced, comprehensive data gathering would need to span borders and could bring in members of the international community. Holocaust and genocide oral history archives in the West already have established procedures for interviewing survivors and witnesses as well as trained Russian-speaking interviewers who might assist in data collection. Scholars and prosecutors ask different questions and take different approaches to data analysis. Their efforts and skills should be used in tandem to provide as complete a picture as possible.

The Soviet experience also shows the need to avoid politicizing the prosecution of war criminals and distorting the historical record. Any commission established by the Ukrainian government must be transparent and free of political inference. It should include Ukrainian and international investigators and scholars. The commission's charter should provide guarantees for academic freedom, impartiality and the ability to investigate any crimes, even those committed by Ukrainian soldiers. Scholars participating in this effort should work pro bono to avoid any suspicion of financial interest with freedom to publicly express their opinion.

We have no time to waste. As days pass by, evidence gets lost, recollections become imprecise and victims scatter or disappear. Scholars can't wait until law enforcement completes their work, and investigators will not get the full picture without scholars' input. Accountability goes beyond criminal prosecution — also at stake is the judgment of history. Victims of Russian violence deserve it.

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Obituaries

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A woman of strong convictions, Molly was never one to shy away from a debate. Intelligent and articulate, Molly's approach to life was logical and analytical. Beneath that exterior, however, was a sweet and thoughtful soul who was devoted to her husband,

family and friends. Trips to Lake Michigan, cloudy and cool weather; Halloween, playing the game Clue and all things autumnal brought Molly joy. She was funny and unique — a true individualist. No one who had the privilege to know and love her will ever forget her.

Visitation will be held on Friday, April 22, from 4 to 6 p.m. at Palmer Funeral Home — Guisinger Chapel, 3718 South Michigan St., South Bend, Indiana. A celebration of life will be held at the same location on Saturday, April 23, at 10 a.m., with visitation one hour prior. Burial

will follow at Southlawn Cemetery.
In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Save the Animals Foundation, 4011 Red Bank Road, Cincinnati, Ohio. For more information, visit their website at staf.org/index.php/in-memory-of.

Condolence messages for the family may be left at palmerfuneralhomes.com.
Thomas Bye, Indianapolis, Oct. 17, 1959-April 13, 2022. Services will be held at a later date in the Twin Hill IOOF Cemetery in Pennington.

Roesch ...

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Centerville's Blue Regiment was the Indiana State Fair Band Day runner-up in 2021, trailing only Muncie Central. Jay County finished fourth.

It marked the third year in a row that Centerville had finished in the top five, after placing fourth in 2019 and fifth in 2018. (There was no contest in 2020 because of the coronavirus pandemic.)

"We did a lot of really great things down there," said Roesch. "Very thankful to the families and students that I've had over the years. It's just a fine community. We're really thankful for the opportunity we had to be down there for such a long time."

An event to allow members of the public to meet the new director is planned for May 17, though additional details have not yet been finalized.

A Florida native, Roesch met his wife, Erin, who is from Richmond, while they were both in college at Stetson University. He earned his bachelor's degree in music education from Stetson in 1996 and his master's in education from Indiana Wesleyan in 2007.

He worked at Centerville Elementary School for two years and then Hagerstown Junior-Senior High School for two years before taking over the Centerville band program in 2002.

"The thing that I really like to do with students is I want them to be able to interpret music," said

Roesch of his philosophy as a director. "What I hope the audience and what I hope our fans, what I hope our parents will ... really see from a program that I'm in charge of is that I hope they're going to hear some really incredibly emotional, expressive music that's beyond the notes and the rhythms that are on the page. ..."

"I hope to be able to continue to do what Kelly's been doing with the kids. He's got big shoes to fill. I can go ahead and take the positive, but I can't be Mr. Smeltzer. I'm going to have to be me, and ... I look forward to some really incredibly emotional performances from the kids both on the marching field and also with the pep band, the concert band, the jazz band ... Just to get those kids to really play with their hearts."

With the timing of the hiring, Smeltzer and the Marching Patriots' band staff have already begun

preparing for the summer marching band competition show. As has been the case for years, it will feature music by Alex Yoder and a drill by John Bay.

"It's going to be a really great show," Roesch said. "The music's exciting. I can't wait to get underway in the summer."

Jay County is coming off of a stretch in which it has finished in the top four in each of the last five Indiana State Fair Band Day contests. It earned championships in 1992 and 2001 under Dave Humbert — he directed the band from 1975 until Smeltzer took over following his retirement in 2005 — and has been state fair runner-up 10 times.

Roesch's first official contest with the Marching Patriots will be back at the school he has called home for 20 years, as the Centerville Archway Classic opens the summer season July 16.

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—Chuck Roesch

Goals ...

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In other business:

•During its Patriot Pride moment, honored Isaac Braun as an Academic All-Star and Lauren Brewster, Josh Dowlan, James Larowe and Azael Navarro Garcia as Rising Stars as designated by the Indiana Association of School Principals.

•Discussed proposed changes to the school calendar to make Martin Luther King Jr. Day and Presidents' Day holidays and begin spring break on a Friday. The board took no action in order to wait for further information about a state law that set new requirements for virtual learning.

•OK'd an extension of the school corporation's contract with Chartwells for managing food service. Siobhan Carey also explained the federal waivers that have made school lunches free to all students for most of the last two years are scheduled to expire June 30. The program would then revert to the previous free/reduced/paid structure. Answering a question from Ford, she also said both Jay Community Center and West Jay Community Center will be open as sites for the summer lunch program this year.

•Approved the following: a series of new hires and extracurricular assignments, including Gabby Kunkler as a special education teacher at East Elementary School; a resolution to allow business manager Shannon Current to transfer funds as needed to prevent negative fund balances; holding a public auction of surplus materials May 20 at East Jay Elementary School; seeking bids for roof projects at Jay County Junior-Senior High School and East Elementary School.

•Was presented with a proposed list of new math textbooks for the junior-senior high school. The board is expected to vote on approval at its May meet. (Proposed elementary

school math textbooks will be presented in May, with a planned vote in June.)

•Heard from assistant superintendent Trent Paxson that an expanded summer school program will be available again this summer. It will be paid for with federal coronavirus relief funds and information about offerings will be made available to parents and students soon.

•Accepted grants of: \$11,613 in Title I Grant funds for elementary school classroom supplies and materials; \$2,176 in additional Title I funding for the High Ability Grant for testing supplies and teacher training; \$1,103.99 from The Portland Foundation for supplies for Redkey Elementary School; \$344.87 from Jay County Solid Waste Management District for supplies and materials.

•Approved the retirements of kindergarten teacher Kristine Wolford, second grade teacher Tamra Shawver and library instructional assistant Connie Muhlenkamp; accepted the resignation of school psychologist Patricia Buchanan; OK'd a contract for special education services with Curtis and Livers Consulting; and approved several leaves of absence.

•Heard an update from director of special education Annie VanHorn regarding the Jay Schools alternative program, which offers opportunities for those who struggle to find success in a traditional classroom setting. She said 64 credits had been recovered through the program this year.

•Heard comments from Cindy Bracy thanking school administrators for improved communication, asking that possible board policy changes be made available for review online and expressing concern about the Preventure, a program that, according to its website, seeks to "promote mental health and skill development and delay youth substance use."

Coach ...

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Leverette still owns the Fort Recovery school records for 3-pointers in a game (nine) and a season (74). He finished his high school career with 1,179 points, which ranks sixth in Indians history.

Fort Recovery athletics director and girls basketball team coach Holly Gann expressed her excitement to continue working alongside Leverette.

"He has put his time into Fort Recovery, and he cares about what's best for the kids and he knows the kids," said Gann. "Clearly we know his dedication and his hard work, and all those things are going to go into his program."

His "passion to do the community right," Leverette said, is what he hopes will propel his team forward in upcoming seasons.

Following the meeting, Leverette expressed gratitude to the school administration for the opportunity to lead the boys basketball team.

"(I) look forward to leading the young men, and hopefully can make

the school and community proud," he said.

In other news, school board members Don Wendel, Nick Wehrkamp, Jake Knapke, Sean Kahlig and Anne Guggenbiller:

•Heard from high school principal Tony Stahl prom begins at 6 p.m. April 29. About 120 students are expected to attend so far.

•Were reminded of the spring five-year financial forecast scheduled for 6 p.m. May 16.

•Approved the list of students graduating in May.

•OK'd an overnight trip for FFA outdoor power team to attend the state career development event at Ohio State University Agricultural Technical Institute in Wooster from April 25 to 26.

•Hired or renewed contracts with various employees, including the following: teachers Julie Billenstein, Matt Kerns, Patricia Lefeld, Charles Vasey, April Bihn, Renee Huelsman, Lisa Huelsman, Chad Miller, Brian Patch, Brian Reichert, Cassidy Wright, Jocelyn Meyer, Kim Minnich, Jessica Niekamp, Kim

Pohlman, Tami Winner, Abby Scheidt, Kevin Eyink and Mindy Luthman; elementary music program directors Tracy Evers-Westgerdes and Reid Knuth; high school cheerleader adviser Courtney Rohrer; high school color guard instructor, drama adviser, instrumental music programs director and summer band director Reid Knuth; high school National Honor Society adviser Patty Lefeld; high school newspaper adviser Melinda Luthman; and

student council adviser and yearbook adviser Victoria Horstman.

•Hired or renewed athletic contracts with the following: Fort Recovery High School volleyball coach Travis Guggenbiller, football coach Brent Niekamp, cross country coach Christine Diller, boys golf coach Dean Sanders, girls golf coach Joe Bruns, girls basketball coach Holly Gann, and swim coach Melinda Bubp.

•Accepted \$1,349 in donations.

Felony arrests

Intimidation

A Dunkirk man was arrested Sunday for intimidation with a deadly weapon.

Bradley J. Donner, 22, 308 W. Jay St., was preliminarily charged with a Level 5 felony.

He's being held on a \$10,000 bond in Jay County Jail.

Drug possession

A Portland man was

arrested Friday for possession of methamphetamine.

Jason W. Hensley, 47, 114 McNeal St., was preliminarily charged with a Level 6 felony for the alleged crime, along with two Class C misdemeanors for possession of paraphernalia and operating a vehicle while intoxicated.

He's being held in Jay County Jail on a \$4,500 bond.

Capsule Reports

Deer hit

A deer ran in front of an Ohio man's vehicle on county road 200 West, causing an accident about noon Saturday.

Kaine M. Younker, 20, Van Wert, told Jay County Sheriff's Office he was

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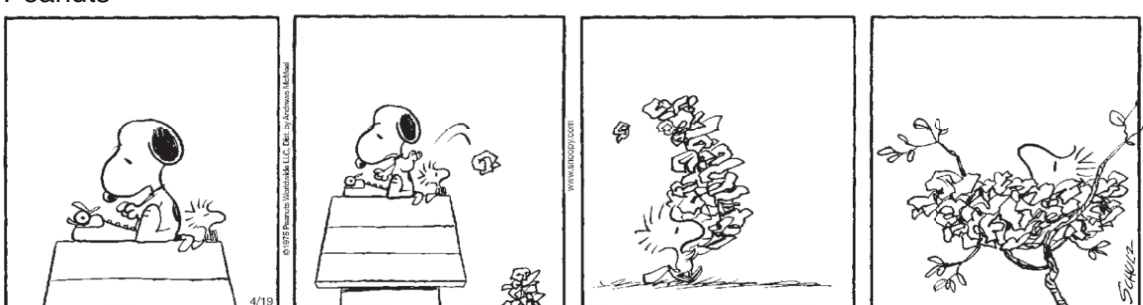


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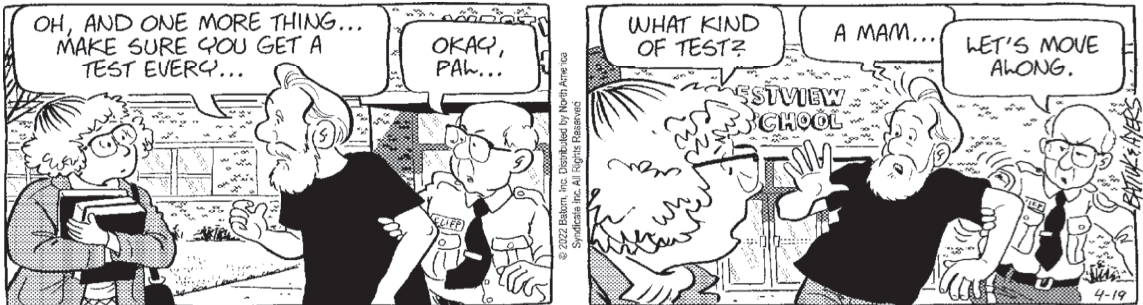
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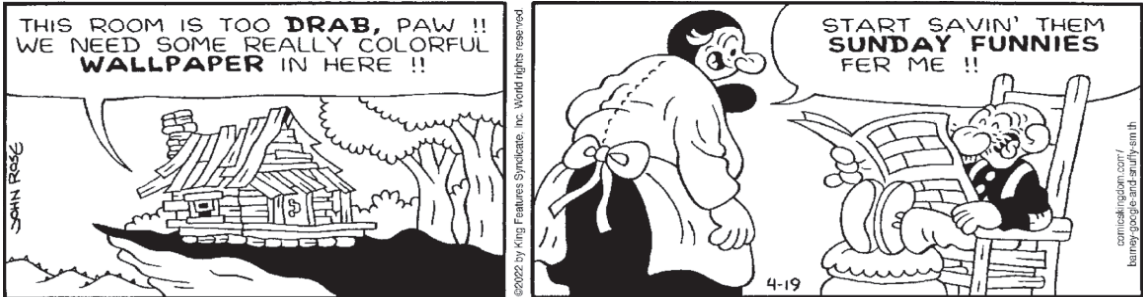
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Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

A question of probabilities

North dealer. Both sides vulnerable. NORTH: ♠K3, ♥AQJ6, ♦AJ98, ♣K43. WEST: ♠85, ♥972, ♦Q743, ♣QJ106. EAST: ♠962, ♥K1084, ♦K5, ♣A985. SOUTH: ♠AQJ1074, ♥53, ♦1062, ♣72. The bidding: North 1♦, East Pass, South 1♠, West Pass, North 2NT, East Pass, South 4♣. Opening lead — queen of clubs. There are many deals where success or failure of the declarer depends strictly on the opposing distribution and/or the location of specific key cards. But there are also many deals where the outcome depends on how declarer elects to play rather than on how the opposing cards are divided. Take this case where the defense starts by playing three rounds of clubs, declarer ruffing the third. How should South proceed? One possibility is to play for West to have the king of hearts, in which case two heart finesses will allow...

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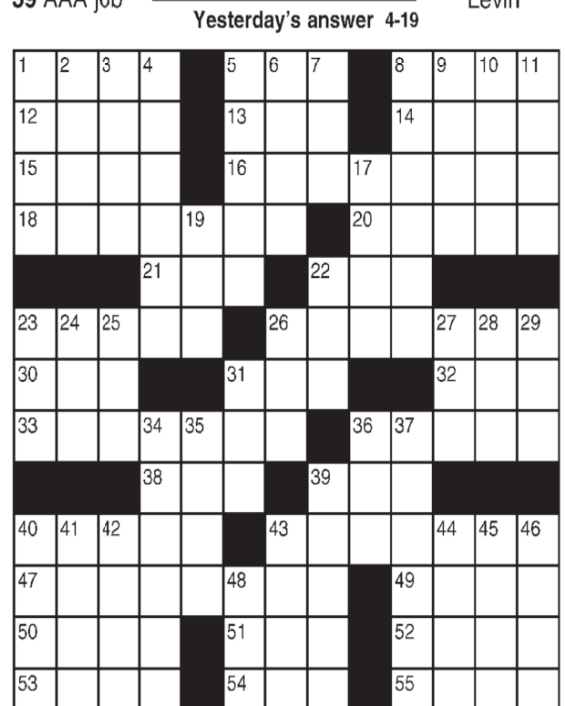
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Fort Recovery ended the second game early with a nine-run sixth inning. Kendrick Wendel, Bo Thien, Jackson Ervin, Gaerke and Rammel all had two RBIs in the victory. Alex Dues struck out four in four scoreless innings, and Landon Post and Brock Dues each tossed one scoreless inning of relief.

Jay JH wins

PARKER CITY — Jay County's junior high track teams each finished in first place Thursday in a three-team meet against Wes-Del and host Monroe Central. The Patriot girls scored 68 points while the boys had 57.

Ariell Beiswanger and Alexis Sibray led the way for the girls, with the former first place in the 100-meter dash and the latter winning the 800 run. Sibray and Beiswanger also teamed with Moa Sacamota and Aixa Lopez to win the 4x400 relay.

Other individual wins for the girls team came from Maria Hemmelgarn (hurdles), Gabi Petro (400 dash), Ava Raines (shot put) and Amelia Heath (discus).

Chris Compton was a double winner for the boys team, taking first in the hurdles and shot put.

Joseph Boggs won the 800 run and teamed with Beckett Brandonburg, Creed Beiswanger and John Pitman for the top spot in the 4x400 relay.

Kaiden Castillo finished first in the discus.

Gavin Myers of Jay County slides home to give the Patriots a 3-2 lead in the bottom of the sixth inning of the first game of Saturday's doubleheader. Myers' one-out single got JCHS on the board and he later scored on a fielder's choice by Quinn Faulkner.

Faulkner's double was the big hit of the six-run inning for the Patriots, while Dusty Pearson and Ryne Goldsworthy also added hits. Gavin Myers chipped in with a sacrifice fly.

Pearson and Faulkner each had two hits to lead the offense for the game.

Pearson picked up the win, going three innings and giving up one run on three hits. He struck out two batters.

Sophomores Cody Rowles and AJ Myers and exchange student Masahiro Mitsuishi all pitched in relief to finish off the victory.

"Dusty gave us a good start, and then the kids came in relief," said Selvey. "They did a nice job."

"We went to a group of young pups on the hill. They finished it up for us."

Breaks ...

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"I was really impressed with their mental attitude more than anything. They battled through some things. ... It was good to see."

Centerville had the lead thanks to single runs in the second and fifth innings before Alex Wandersee hit Kess McBride with a pitch to lead off the bottom of the sixth. Parker Nichols was hit by a pitch two batters later and Gavin Myers finally got the Patriots (3-1) on the board with an RBI single to left field. Nichols would score on a wild pitch to tie the game.

Quinn Faulkner sent Myers home with his ground out to give JCHS the lead, and a Crosby Heniser RBI single to center field made it 4-2.

After striking out in his first at bat, Myers walked and stole a

base in the fourth inning before sparking the Patriots in the sixth. "Gavin had done some big things for us," said Selvey. "You don't necessarily think of him as the hitter, but he just seems like at times he can come through and do that for you."

Centerville managed a run in the top of the seventh inning, but relief pitcher Crosby Heniser got a strikeout and groundout to end the game with the potential game-tying run standing on second base.

The spurt of offense in the sixth inning gave the win to Sam Myers, who fought his way through 6 1/3 innings. There were runners on base against him in every inning except the first, but he limited the Bulldogs to three runs — two earned — on three hits and a walk. He struck out three batters.

Myers induced a fly ball in the second inning, a strikeout and a fly ball in the fourth, a fly ball in the fifth and a groundout in the sixth to strand Centerville runners in scoring position.

"He just pitched," said Selvey. "There were times when he could have been frustrated because he was making the pitch and we didn't make a couple plays behind him. But he hung in there and he battled and he got out of innings."

The Bulldogs again took the early lead in the second game with a run in the top of the first inning. But the lead was short-lived.

Jay County responded by scoring twice in the bottom of the frame and then added six runs in the third inning on the way to their 9-1 victory.

Sports on tap

Local schedule

Today
Jay County — Boys golf vs. Bluffton and Southern Wells — 4:30 p.m.; Baseball vs. Norwell — 5 p.m.; Girls tennis vs. Frankton — 5 p.m.; Track vs. Bluffton — 5:30 p.m.; JV baseball at Bluffton — 5 p.m.; Junior high golf vs. Richmond — 5:30 p.m.

Fort Recovery — Track vs. Minster and St. Henry — 4:30 p.m.; Baseball at Marion Local — 5 p.m.; Softball vs. Mari-

on Local — 5 p.m.; JV baseball vs. Marion Local — 5 p.m.

TV schedule

Today
2:45 p.m. — Soccer: DFB Pokal — Freiburg vs. Hamburger SV (ESPN2)
7:30 p.m. — NBA Playoffs: Atlanta Hawks at Miami Heat (TNT)
9:40 p.m. — Major League Baseball: Cincinnati Reds at San Diego Padres (Bally Indiana)

10 p.m. — NBA Playoffs: New Orleans Pelicans at Phoenix Suns (TNT)

10 p.m. — NHL Hockey: Los Angeles Kings at Anaheim Ducks (ESPN)

Wednesday
2:45 p.m. — Soccer: DFB Pokal — Union Berlin at RB Leipzig (ESPN2)
4:10 p.m. — Major League Baseball: Cincinnati Reds at San Diego Padres (Bally Indiana)

7 p.m. — NBA Playoffs: Brooklyn Nets at Boston Celtics (TNT)

9:30 p.m. — NBA Playoffs: Chicago Bulls at Milwaukee Bucks (TNT)

Local notes

Race is moved to Saturday
Jay Community Center's Sprint to Spring 5K has been moved to Saturday. It will kick off the annual Jay County 5K Circuit.

Registration is \$20. A tech t-shirt is a

\$10 add on, while a cotton t-shirt is a \$5 add on.

The race begins and ends at Jay Community Center, and will go through Hudson Family Park.

For more information, contact Jay Community Center at (260) 726-6477.

Boomer registration is open
Registration is now open for Jay Community Center's Boomer T-Ball and Coach Pitch.

The program is open to boys and girls ages 3 through 6. Games will be played Saturdays at Portland Junior League fields.

Cost is \$55 before May 16, and registration includes t-shirt, hat and practice ball. Multiple child discounts are available. For more information, contact Jay Community Center at (260) 726-6477.

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

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Saturday Morning
April 23rd, 2022
9:30 a.m.

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Parcel ID: 38-04-18-100-005-000-032
Location of Property Affected: 6xxx N 650 E, Bryant, at between SR 67 and CR 600 N, N on the west side, Wabash Township, Section 18.

The petition and file on this matter are available for public inspection in the Jay/Portland Building & Planning Department, 118 South Meridian Street/ Suite E, Portland, Indiana, 47371.

Public comments, in writing only, will be accepted by the Zoning Administrator for a period of 30 days from the date of this notice. Public comments may be sent or taken to the Jay/Portland Building & Planning Department.

John Hemmelgarn
Zoning Administrator/Director or Jay/Portland Building & Planning Department
April 14, 2022
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STATE OF INDIANA JAY COUNTY

IN THE JAY CIRCUIT COURT 38C01-2203-EU-000014

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF

VERLYN H. REYNOLDS, Deceased

NOTICE OF UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION

Notice is hereby given that ERIC D. REYNOLDS AND LORI A. BONVILLAN were, on the 16 day of March, 2022, appointed personal representatives of the estate of VERLYN H. REYNOLDS, deceased, who died on December 18, 2021, and were authorized to administer said estate without court supervision.

All persons who have claims against this estate, whether or not now due, must file the claim in the office of the clerk of this court within three (3) months from the date of the first publication of this notice, or within nine (9) months after the decedent's death, whichever is earlier, or the claims will be forever barred.

Dated at Portland, Indiana, this 17 day of March, 2022.

Jon Eads
Clerk, Jay Circuit Court
Timothy K. Babcock
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The purpose of the meeting is personnel policy updates and sheriff's department pay

The meeting will be held in the commissioner's room on the second floor of the Jay County Courthouse at 120 N. Court Street, Portland, Indiana, 47371.

Emily Franks
Jay County Auditor
Date of Notice: April 19, 2022
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NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE

Sheriffs File Number:
Date of Sale: 5/12/2022

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By virtue of a certified copy of a decree to me directed from the Clerk of Circuit Court of Jay County, Indiana:

Judgment to be Satisfied:
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Defendant: Susan Haines

Required me to make the sum as provided for in said Decree with interest and cost, I will expose at public sale to the highest bidder, at the hour of 10:00 A.M. of said day as listed above, at the Jay County Sheriffs Department, 120 N Court Street, Portland, Indiana 47371, fee simple of the whole body of Real Estate in Jay County, Indiana:

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Together with rents, issues, income and profits thereof, said sale will be made without relief from valuation or appraisal laws. This Notice shall also represent service of Notice of Sale of the above-described real estate upon the owners, pursuant to requirements of IC 32-29-7-3.

Dwane Ford, Sheriff of Jay County, Indiana
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Attorney: Brandon E. Murphy
Attorney Number: 30054-18

Law Firm: Cannon Bruns & Murphy, LLC
Contact Number: (765) 289-2161

Contact Email: bemurphy@cbmlgal.com

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Sports

Jay breaks through

Sixth-inning spurt sparks Patriots in sweep

By RAY COONEY
The Commercial Review

The Patriots left eight runners, including six in scoring position, on base in the first four innings.

When they finally broke through, the day was theirs.

Jay County High School's baseball team scored four times in the bottom of the sixth inning in the first game of a doubleheader against the Centerville Bulldogs, coming back for a 4-3 victory. It then rolled through the second game, winning 9-1.

"I give the kids a lot of credit," said JCHS coach Lea Selvey, whose team trailed 2-0 through five and a half frames. "They were hanging in there. After a while that can get frustrating when you don't get those runs in. They just kept banging away, hanging in there, and they finally broke through. I think that momentum carried them over into the second game."

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Jay County High School center fielder Josh Dowlen makes a running catch on a fly ball during the first inning of the Patriots' 4-3 victory in the opening game of a doubleheader Saturday against the Centerville Bulldogs. JCHS won the second game 9-1.

JCHS rolls to tourney crown

RICHMOND — The Patriots needed a bounce back.

They got one in a big way.

Jay County High School's softball team blew out the Centerville Bulldogs in the opening round of Saturday's Richmond Invitational and then blanked the Hagerstown Tigers 9-0 to win the tournament title.

Senior pitcher Haleigh Clayton pitched the Patriots to the title, tossing seven shutout innings. She struck out seven while allowing just three hits.

JCHS (4-4) provided its pitcher plenty of offense, scoring twice in the first and second innings and five times in the third. Tricia Ison had two hits, including a home run, three RBIs and two runs, and Mady Fraley finished 3-for-4 with two runs and an RBI.

Jaelynn Lykins made the most of her two hits in the tournament-opening win over Centerville, blasting a grand slam in the fifth inning after recording a triple in the first. She had four RBIs and three runs, and Ison went 2-for-3 with two RBIs and a run.

Olivia Bright went 3-for-3 while driving in four runs and scoring once.

Freshman Mallory Winner handled pitching duties, striking out eight while walking one in the five-inning win.

Tourney repeat

CHARLOTTEVILLE — The Jay County girls tennis team repeated as the Eastern Hancock Invitational champion Saturday with victories in doubles as well as No. 3 singles leading the way.

Seniors Madison Dirksen and Holly Hemmelgarn dominated their way through their first match at No. 1 doubles, blanking Seton Catholic 6-0, 6-0. They then knocked off the pair from host Royals 6-2, 6-4.

At No. 2 doubles, twins Kaylee and Melana Zimmerman opened with a 6-3, 6-1 victory over Blue River. They also played Eastern Hancock in their second match, winning 6-1, 6-3.

Sophomore Brenna Haines picked up the other first-place finish for the Patriots in the tournament, defeating her Seton Catholic opening 6-0, 6-1 and then fighting off her Eastern Hancock foe 6-3, 3-6, 6-2 at No. 3 singles.

Grace Brewster (No. 1 singles) and Lilly Hedges (No. 2 singles) each dropped their opening match of the day but bounced back to win their second.

FR sweeps Stars

BERNE — Fort Recovery's baseball team dominated in its trip across the state line Saturday, sweeping a double header from the South Adams Starfires with wins of 8-2 and 13-0 in six innings.

The Indians (7-3), who are on a five-game winning streak, got on the board with two runs in the top of the second inning in game one and never trailed. They were up 6-0 — Marcus Gaerke went 2-for-3 with two runs and Cale Rammel had a double, two RBIs and a run — before South Adams got on the board. The only runs Wyatt Bihn allowed were unearned as he struck out five while allowing five walks and two hits in seven innings.

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Reds drop 7th straight

SD has not committed an error through 12 games

By BERNIE WILSON
AP Sports Writer

SAN DIEGO — Other than three pitches to Tommy Pham, newcomer Sean Manaea did just fine in his home debut with the San Diego Padres.

Manaea pitched six strong innings and Manny Machado had a two-run homer among his three hits for the Padres, who won 4-1 on Monday night to hand the Cincinnati Reds their seventh straight loss.

The Padres extended their major league record with 12 consecutive errorless games to open a season.

The Reds took a rare lead when Pham, who played for the Padres the past two seasons before leaving as a free agent, hit a solo homer with two outs in the first. It was his first of the season and doubled his hit total. Pham finished with three hits.

That was the extent of the Reds' scoring, though. The Padres came right back when Austin Nola hit a leadoff single and Machado followed with a line-shot homer to left field, his second, off Nick Lodolo (0-2), who was making his second big league start.

"I definitely battled through a lot of stuff and the Reds were definitely putting the bat on the ball and making me work, but I got out of some tough jams and the defense was good,

as usual," Manaea said. "It was a lot of fun."

"I just used my stuff effectively and tried to keep guys off balance, except for Tommy. I don't know what I did to him. ... I threw meatballs, I guess. I don't know what happened there. He's got my number."

Manaea (2-1) held Cincinnati to six hits, struck out six and walked two. Taylor Rogers pitched the ninth for his fifth save in as many chances.

Manaea was obtained from Oakland late in spring training. Padres manager Bob Melvin said Manaea has been on regular rest since spring training and he wasn't going to let him throw more than 80 pitches. The big left-hander threw 78.

"He's been working pretty hard," Melvin said. "One thing he's done over his career is he's been able to find a way to pitch when his best velocity is not there and that's what you saw again tonight. It doesn't take your best stuff to go out there and perform well and he did that tonight."

Kim Ha-seong hit an RBI single in the fourth. Machado doubled leading off the seventh, advanced on Jake Cronenworth's groundout and scored on Luke Voit's sacrifice fly.

"It just looks like he plays the game at a different pace than anybody else, because it's so easy, it's effortless, there's no tension in his game," Melvin said of Machado. "You see the consistent numbers every year and what he means to this team and the big hits that he gets. In some of these low-scoring games he's been the guy that's been prominent. This team relies on him a lot."

Lodolo allowed three runs and six hits in five innings, struck out eight and walked two.

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