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Schemenaur to lead IU Health Jay

By RAY COONEY

The Commercial Review

Jay County's hospital will be under new leadership next week.

Christina Schemenaur will transition into the role of chief operating officer for IU Health Jay beginning Monday along with retaining her current role as chief nursing officer.

"I'm excited about it," Schemenaur said. "Nervous a little bit because I've always been in a clinical role for the last 20 years. So now to be looking at more than just nursing and more than just operations it'll be interesting. It'll be something new."

Schemenaur will take over

Portland native will take on new role Monday

from Jon Vanator, who is moving into an expanding role in financial leadership with IU Health.

"We are thrilled to see Christina move into this leadership role for IU Health Jay and

confident that she will continue to provide important leadership to the IU Health Jay team," said Jeff Bird, president of IU Health's east central region, in a statement to IU Health Jay staff that was also signed by the region's chief nursing officer Melissa Hicks and chief operating officer Lori Luther. "Thank you for supporting Christina as she moves ahead with this new role and join us in congratulating her for this well-deserved transition."

Vanator explained Thursday that the model of having a chief operating officer/chief nursing officer has been in the process of being implemented at IU Health's rural facilities.

The same shift was made at IU Health Blackford in January, with Jan Blake filling the dual role after Hyatt departed to become chief operating officer of Riverview Health in Noblesville.

Schemenaur will report to Luther and Hicks in her dual role. Bird will act as president for all of the hospitals — Jay, Blackford and Ball — in IU Health's east central region.

"First, she knows the operations here inside and out," said Vanator in touting Schemenaur



Schemenaur

for her new role. "Secondly, she's got really deep community ties. I think the most important thing though is she shares that vision ... about what rural health care looks like in the future."

Schemenaur is a Portland native who graduated from Jay County High School in 1996. She went on to earn her bachelor's degree in nursing from Ball State University in 2001 and started her career as a bedside nurse in the cardiac care unit at Ball Memorial Hospital. She later became the nurse manager in cardiac intensive care at the facility before shifting to IU Health Jay in 2019.

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Redkey police still at just two officers

By BAILEY CLINE

The Commercial Review

REDKEY — The police department is still down one officer. There's no clear answer as to when another officer will be hired.

Redkey Town Council discussed the department and its issues during a meeting Thursday.

Former police officer Brad Ridenour resigned in November, leaving two officers at Redkey Police Department. Redkey previously called upon the county to help with staffing until it hires another employee.

Council member Gary Gardner asked when they would hire a third police officer.

"If you're looking for the perfect candidate, you're not going to find him," he said.

Dottie Quakenbush suggested council give a promotion to police officer Tim Fishbaugh to second-in-command.

"He's already second-in-command, there's only two of them," noted Gardner.

Police chief Todd Miller said the town's standard operating procedures require an officer to have worked at Redkey Police Department for at least one year before getting such a promotion. (Council hired Fishbaugh in August.)

Council members tabled the matter.

Fishbaugh requested council institute a policy for officers to take their vehicles home.

"That's a touchy subject," said Hammers, who noted Fishbaugh lives in Huntington. "Tim, you live a long ways a way."

Hammers said he was hoping council would be able to promote him to help with the cost of gas.

Gardner noted that allowing a take-home vehicle would put 100 miles on it each day.

"We can't afford to do this," he said.

Miller told council he presented a take-home policy two years ago, which he said would have included officers living within a 20-mile radius of town.

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Approved again



Leeward Renewable Energy

Jay County Plan Commission on Thursday approved Leeward Renewable Energy's updated development plan for a solar project north of Dunkirk. The \$150 million, 150-megawatt project will cover more than 1,400 acres. Construction is expected to begin this year, with the facility to be operational in 2023.

Commission gives the OK to updated plan for Rose Gold Solar project north of Dunkirk

By RAY COONEY

The Commercial Review

A solar facility planned for the area north of Dunkirk can move forward.

Jay County Plan Commission on Thursday approved the revised development plans for Leeward Renewable Energy's Rose Gold Solar.

Kelly Inns of Leeward, which is based in Dallas, explained to plan commission members that supply chain issues had an impact on the company's initial plans. It will be using panels that are slightly less efficient, thus they need more panels — and thus more land — to accommodate the 150 megawatt solar facility.

The revised development plan — the original was approved in September 2021 — includes 90 additional acres, bringing the total project area to 1,430 acres. (The bulk of the new project area is on the west side of county road 1100 West, north of county road 150 South.) About 38% of that space will be covered in solar panels.

The other change in the plan involves the placement of the project substation and its operations and management building, which was moved to an area with better drainage.

Inns noted Thursday that the updated development plan still meets all of the county ordinance requirements. She said a

new study of the impact of sound and glare was completed and showed no issues with glare on residences or roads and sound levels to be below the 50-decibel limit set out by the ordinance. The road use, decommissioning and economic development agreements that have already been approved are still valid.

The only member of the public to comment Thursday was from Joe Gutshall, who lives on county road 1100 West in the area of the project. He raised several concerns, including taking farm ground out of production and the facility being a barrier to wildlife, and questioned the effectiveness of solar power.

He also said he doesn't want to see a barn in the project area torn down because it was built by his grandfather, and that if it is torn down he'd like to have the wood that bears his grandfather's name and the date of construction.

Leeward representatives acknowledged that they are talking with the owner of the property about the possibility of tearing down some structures.

Plan commission members suggested that Gutshall contact the property owner about the possibility of getting the pieces he wants if the barn is torn down.

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Deaths

Louis Dirksen, 84, rural Pennville

Details on page 2.

Weather

Jay County had a high temperature of 69 degrees Thursday. The low was 45.

Tonight's low will stay near 60, with temperatures expected to climb into the 80s Saturday. It will be a windy weekend, with gusts up to 35 miles per hour.

See page 2 for an extended outlook.

In review

State Rep. J.D. Prescott released a statement today saying he has been notified that a planned Indiana Department of Transportation project on U.S. 27 in downtown Portland is being scaled back. "While details are still being finalized, the project will no longer include lane reductions," Prescott said.

Coming up

Saturday — Results from tonight's JCHS girls tennis match at Winchester.

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



Obituaries

Louis Dirksen

June 1, 1937-April 21, 2022
Louis R. Dirksen, age 84, of rural Pennville passed away on Thursday, April 21, 2022, at his residence.
He was born in Maria Stein, Ohio, on June 1, 1937, the son of Clarence and Philamena (Homan) Dirksen. He was married on April 19, 1961, to Sally Brandewie who survives.
Louis was a lifelong farmer. He was a member of Immaculate Conception Catholic

Church and Knights of Columbus. He enjoyed fishing, horseback riding and watching his grand kids at sporting events.
Surviving are his wife of 61 years Sally; one daughter, Diane Geier (husband: Thomas) of St. Henry, Ohio; five sons, Robert Dirksen (wife: Carol) of Bryant, Matthew Dirksen (wife: Paula) of Winchester, Dan Dirksen



Dirksen

(wife: Tina) of Portland, Aaron Dirksen (wife: Alicia) of Portland and Alan Dirksen (wife: Vickie) of Portland; three sisters, Alma Schmitmeyer of Cransberry, Ohio, Joan Poeppelman of Osgood, Ohio, and Ruth Evers (husband: Marvin) of St. Henry, Ohio; sister-in-law Judy Dirksen of Casella, Ohio; 38 grandchildren; and 21 great-grandchildren.
He was preceded in death by a son Mark Dirksen; grandson Nicolas Dirksen; brothers Herbert Dirksen and Dennis Dirksen; and sisters Rita Evers, Helen Wenning and Esther Win-

ner.
A Mass of Christian Burial will be Monday, April 25, 2022, at 10:30 a.m. in Immaculate Conception Catholic Church with Fr. Matt Arbuckle presiding. Burial will follow in the Green Park Cemetery in Portland. Visitation will be Sunday from 3 to 8 p.m. and Monday from 9 to 10:15 a.m. in the Baird-Freeman Funeral Home in Portland.
Memorials can be made to

Masses or to the Dirksen family for their intentions.
Condolences may be expressed at bairdfreeman.com.
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The Commercial Review publishes death notices for those with a connection to our coverage area free of charge. They include the name, city of residence, birth/death date and time/date/location of services.
There is a charge for obituaries, which are accepted only from funeral homes or mortuary services.

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Saturday 4/23	Sunday 4/24	Monday 4/25	Tuesday 4/26	Wednesday 4/27
82/63	79/55	62/40	52/32	52/31
Skies will be sunny Saturday with wind gusts reaching up to 30 mph.	Sunday's forecast looks to be mostly sunny with wind gusts reaching 35 mph.	Rain is expected Monday before 2 p.m. The high is expected to be 62 degrees.	Mostly sunny skies are on the horizon for Tuesday with a low around 32.	Wednesday's weather looks to be sunny with a high near 52 degrees.

Lotteries

Powerball
Estimated jackpot: \$400 million
21-22-27-32-34-39-50-51-58-59-64-65-67-76-78-79
Cash 5: 2-8-13-14-43
Estimated jackpot: \$85,000

Mega Millions
Estimated jackpot: \$22 million

Hoosier
Midday
Daily Three: 8-8-1
Daily Four: 8-5-8-5
Quick Draw: 7-12-16-19-20-26-29-32-37-39-40-43-55-60-65-66-72-74-75-76
Evening
Daily Three: 1-2-6
Daily Four: 0-9-9-2
Quick Draw: 1-11-18-38
Estimated jackpot: \$130,000

Ohio
Midday
Pick 3: 6-4-7
Pick 4: 9-7-3-3
Pick 5: 2-3-8-2-0
Evening
Pick 3: 2-8-2
Pick 4: 4-4-5-3
Pick 5: 4-0-5-1-8
Rolling Cash: 2-3-6-23-38
Estimated jackpot: \$130,000

Markets

Cooper Farms Fort Recovery
Corn.....7.79
May corn.....7.84
Wheat8.72

POET Biorefining Portland
Corn.....7.81
May corn.....7.93
June corn7.98

The Andersons Richland Township
Corn.....7.77
May corn.....7.77
Beans17.11
May beans17.11

Central States Montpelier
Corn.....7.73
May corn.....7.75
Beans17.06
May beans17.06
April wheat10.04

Heartland St. Anthony
Corn.....7.75
May corn.....7.75
Beans16.88
May beans16.88
Wheat.....10.16

Wheat 9.77
May wheat 9.77

Today in history

On April 22, 2000, in a dramatic pre-dawn raid, armed immigration agents seized Elian Gonzalez, the Cuban boy at the center of a custody dispute, from his relatives' home in Miami; Elian was reunited with his father at Andrews Air Force Base near Washington.
In 1889, the Oklahoma Land Rush began at noon as thousands of homesteaders staked claims.
In 1915, the first full-scale use of deadly chemicals in warfare took place as German forces unleashed chlorine gas against Allied troops at the start of the Second Battle of Ypres in Belgium during World War I; thousands of soldiers are believed to have died.
In 1937, thousands of college students in New York City staged a "peace strike" opposing American entry into another possible world conflict.
In 1944, during World War II, U.S. forces began invading Japanese-held New Guinea with amphibious landings at Hollandia and Aitape.
In 1954, the publicly televised sessions of the Senate Army-McCarthy hearings began.
In 1970, millions of Americans concerned about the environment observed the first "Earth Day."
In 1993, the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum was dedicated in Washington, D.C., to honor victims of Nazi extermination.
In 1994, Richard M. Nixon, the 37th president of the United States, died at a New York hospital four days after suffering a stroke; he was 81.
In 2004, Army Ranger Pat Tillman, who'd traded in a multi-million-dollar NFL contract to serve in Afghanistan, was killed by friendly fire; he was 27.
—Associated Press

Citizen's calendar

Monday
9 a.m. — Jay County Commissioners, commissioners' room, courthouse, 120 N. Court St., Portland.
2:30 p.m. — Jay County Solid Waste Management District, 5948 W. Indiana 67, Portland.
6 p.m. — Dunkirk Board of Works, city building 131 S. Main St.
7 p.m. — Dunkirk City Council, city building 131 S. Main St.

Wednesday
6 p.m. — Jay County Soil and Water Conservation District, USDA Service Center, 1331 W. Indiana 67, Portland.



Photo provided

Ribbon cutting

Jay County Chamber of Commerce recently held a ribbon-cutting ceremony for Sacred Cuts. The barber shop owned by Mariana Gutierrez is located at 203 N. Meridian St., Portland. It is open 8:15 a.m. to 6:15 p.m. Monday, Tuesday and Thursday, 8:15 a.m. to 8 p.m. Friday and 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Saturday.

Schemenaur ...

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As chief nursing officer, Schemenaur currently oversees nursing operations in the emergency, med-surg, operating rooms, infusion clinic and Health Beginnings, and has a connection to nursing activities in the medical office settings.
Starting Monday, she will continue in those capacities while expanding her scope to the overall operation of the hospital, including facilities, environmental services, food and nutrition and registration.
In general, Schemenaur said, her job will be to look at strategies for how to best provide care to the community.
"This has always been one of my aspirations when I became a nurse," she added. "My goal was eventually to come back home and

provide care to the local community where I've grown up and lived most of my life. ... It was really important to me to be able to come back and listen to the needs of our community and be able to support and provide the best care for our community."
Vanator has served as president of IU Health Jay since taking over for Dave Hyatt on June 1, 2020.
He has also served as chief financial officer for the IU Health's east central region during his time at the local hospital. He will continue in that role while also becoming interim chief financial officer for the organization's expanding operations in its northeast region.
Allen County Commissioners recently approved rezoning to allow for the construction of a new IU Health campus on Lower Hunt-

ington Road just west of Interstate 69, southwest of Fort Wayne and near the airport. A medical office building that did not require rezoning is already under construction.
Vanator, who will split his time between offices at IU Health Ball Memorial Hospital in Muncie and an office in Fort Wayne, said his departure from IU Health Jay is bittersweet.
"It's been one of the most enjoyable professional experiences I've had," he said, adding that he's committed to serving out the remainder of his term on the John Jay Center for Learning board of directors. "I think too, it's made me a better leader overall, a better CFO. I've been able to see the internal operations of a pretty well-oiled machine. Those are lessons I'm going to take with me ..."

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They had just a few questions about road usage — the plans updates don't call for any additional roads to be used during the construction process — and the efficiency of the panels.
Plan commission members Scott Hilfiker, Steve Ford, Matt Minnich, Chad Aker and Dru Mercer unanimously approved the updated plans. (Brad Daniels, Adam Westgerdes and Michelle Penrod were absent from the meeting.)
Rose Gold is estimated at a \$150 million construction project. It is expected to generate nearly \$42 million in property taxes over its 35-year life, and Leeward has signed an agreement to provide \$1.95 million in economic development funds over a four-year period.
Construction is expected to begin this year, with

the facility to be operational sometime in 2023.
Rose Gold is one of three large-scale solar projects currently being pursued in Jay County.
Scout Clean Energy, a Colorado company that owns and operates Bitter Ridge Wind Farm in southwest Jay County, is planning Sun Chief Solar in a similar area. It is a \$100 million project for a 100-megawatt facility on about 1,200 acres.
Invenergy, a Chicago-based company, has plans for a \$150 million, 155-megawatt solar facility on about 2,500 acres in Penn and Jackson townships.



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Saturday
Jones, Molly: 10 a.m., Palmer Funeral Home — Guisinger Chapel, 3718 South Michigan St., South Bend, Indiana.

Monday
Dirksen, Louis: 10:30 a.m., Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, 506 E. Walnut St., Portland.

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Drive was a success

American Red Cross received 51 donations during its April 5 blood drive at Jay Community Center.

Dee Humbles, John and Linda Moore, Cletus Rines, Shirley Bennett, Roxie Zurcher, Pat Brockman, Julia Schwomeyer and Shirley Hayden volunteered to help with the event.

Donors were Ronald Willis, Thomas Clutter, Elizabeth "Betsy" Skiver, Gary Schmiesing, Darrell Borders, Paula Barron, Victoria Daniels, Juan Wiggins, Teresa Burgess, Michael Schmidt, John Hart, Tracy Markley, John Knipp, Joyce Eldridge, Timothy Danielson, Daniel

Schmitz, Janet Roessner, David Hendrickson, John Janak, Jamie-Sue Ferrell, Billy Sipe, Jamie Hornbaker, Michael Timmerman, Charles Bentz, David and Freeda Osenbaugh, Franklin Hogle, Jeffry Harker, Eric and Pamela Rogers, Richard Johnston, Lindzy Upp, Lori Schilling, Ruthann Brockman, Ralph Homan, Anna Minnich, Elizabeth and Ernest Scholenlein, Kimbra Thomas, Rose Howell, Joe Reinhard, Vanessa Goodhew, Samuel Grubb, Duane Monroe, Linda Decker, Douglas Schidler, Jane Childs, Susan Myers, Amy DeVoss, Paula Sibery and Julia Garringer.

Opinions halt friendship

DEAR ABBY: A dear friend of many years is currently not speaking to me. She recently moved from California to Denver and had invited me to visit. We agreed on the dates, and I took time off work and booked the flights. Less than two weeks before my arrival, she abruptly canceled the visit, expressing no regrets or concern for whether I would be able to get a refund from the airline.

She indicated that because I was not comfortable with the recently lifted mask mandates and other COVID precautions in her state and prefer to continue to avoid indoor dining, bars, etc., that she wanted to "postpone for a few months," when we might be able to enjoy more activities. When I expressed hurt feelings at being disinclined, she became angry and ceased communication. Is this friendship over? How should I proceed? — RISK-AVERSE IN THE WEST

DEAR RISK-AVERSE: I am not sure why your friend became angry and canceled your visit, unless she had planned activities that would take place in restaurants, theaters, etc. I am also puzzled that she should end a friendship of many years over it. Because

Dear Abby



this is recent, give her a little more time to cool off. Then extend an olive branch and see if she has put this unfortunate episode in perspective.

DEAR ABBY: I have a former colleague whose company I enjoyed while I was working with him. He thought highly of my work ethic, and we worked well together. Because of this, he has asked me to be a professional reference for him sporadically over the years, which I always happily agreed to. The problem is we haven't worked together in six years.

Because it has been so long, I no longer feel as though I'm a good reference for him. I also worry that recruiters will wonder why I was chosen after all this time. He reaches out to me only for reference requests, so it's not as though I'm damaging a long-term friendship, but I still care about him and his feelings. How can I politely decline his future requests? — RELUCTANT REFERENCE

DEAR RELUCTANT: In recent years, the amount of information that can be shared about former employees and colleagues is quite restricted. I believe it's limited to the dates you worked together. However, because you no longer wish to be a reference, you will have to bite the bullet and be honest about your feelings and the reason why.

DEAR ABBY: The wife of a married couple my wife and I are friends with revealed a few years ago that before she met her husband, she had an affair that produced a child she immediately placed for adoption. This was 40 years ago. It surprised us all, including her husband.

I believe she should have told her husband before they married. My wife says because it was before she met him, it was none of his business. Well, now it is his business because, through DNA ancestry sites, this "child" is now in his life, which has become an embarrassment for him. What do you think? — HIS BUSINESS IN THE EAST

DEAR HIS BUSINESS: I think you should mind your own beeswax and stay resolutely OUT of his family business!



Photo provided

Cramer inducted

Cincinnatus League inducted new member Dave Cramer at its April 1 meeting. Pictured are president Drew Houck, Cramer and his sponsor, Larry Hiatt. Those interested in becoming a Cincinnatus League member may call (260) 726-5219 for more information.

Show returns Saturday

Tom Cherry's Old Time Radio Show returns to Farmland Community Center at 3 p.m. Saturday.

The cast includes Bob Green, Katy Wolfe, Angela Gick, Jeff Shull, Jeff Rappin, Larry Beck, Debby Girtman and Judy Cole, with special guest stars Shaun Berkey and Joe Skeen.

Tickets to the show at 100 N. Main St., Farmland, are \$1. For more information, call (765) 468-7631.

Congressional art

Today is the last day to submit pieces to the 2022 Congressional Art Competition.

Rep. Jim Banks' office is accepting submissions for the annual contest, which is open to all high school students in Indiana's 3rd District. The winning artwork will be displayed for one year at the U.S. Capitol, and the winner will receive two tickets to Washington,

Taking Note

D.C., to attend a reception. This year's contest theme is Indiana.

Submissions are due by today. Participants should email their submissions to RepBanks.Art@mail.house.gov, or schools may call the office to arrange for entries to be picked up before the deadline.

For more details on the competition rules, guidelines and submission format, visit the Congressional Art Competition page on Banks' website.

Looking for solutions

Students from around the world have been invited to submit innovative solutions to environmental

challenges. Registration is due today.

The 2022 Spellman High Voltage Electronics Clean Tech Competition is accepting project submissions focused on sustainability and protecting the natural world.

Registration is open through today. Students must submit their papers by April 29. Ten finalist teams will be announced online on June 9.

The first place winner will receive \$7,000, with second and third place winners receiving \$5,000 and \$3,500, respectively. Fourth through 10th place winners will be given \$1,000 each. More than \$22,000 in prize money will be awarded to the top student teams at competition finals Aug. 11.

For more information, visit cstl.org/cleantech or contact the competition administrator at (516) 764-0045 or by email at cleantech@cstl.org.

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Community Calendar

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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.

Saturday

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS — Will meet at 10 a.m. at Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church, 218 E. High St., Portland. For more information, call (260) 251-3336 or (260) 729-7000.

Monday

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

BRYANT AREA COMMUNITY CENTER — Walking from 9:30 to 10:30 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. For more information or to schedule an appointment, call (260) 726-8636. Walk-ins accepted.

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

TAKE OFF POUNDS SENSIBLY (TOPS) — Will meet for weigh-in at 5:30 p.m., with the meeting at 6

p.m. in the fellowship hall at Evangelical Methodist Church, 930 W. Main St., Portland. New members welcome. For more information, call (260) 726-5312.

NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS — Will meet at 6

p.m. each Monday at A Second Chance At Life Ministries, 228 S. Meridian St. in Portland. For more information, call Brenda Eads at (260) 726-9625 or Dave Keen at (260) 251-8792.

Sudoku

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

Level: Advanced

Thursday's Solution

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

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

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Most of Supreme Court is on left

To the editor:
The only unbiased, impartial, centrist, moderate position on the laws and the Constitution is that they mean what they say.

On that basis, Clarence Thomas and Samuel Alito are the only two moderate Justices on the Supreme Court and the rest are all either left of center or far left of center. This is generally the position held by most Conservatives, Libertarians and Republican senators, including Senator Mike Braun.

A recent column headlined "Indiana's Braun is way off track" hinted that this position was somehow racist and placed "states rights" ahead of the letter of the law and denies people rights protected by the 9th Amendment.

The 9th Amendment says, "The

Letters to the Editor

enumeration in the Constitution, of certain rights, shall not be construed to deny or disparage others retained by the people." While gay marriage, contraceptives and abortions are cited as being protected by the 9th Amendment, it is hard to see how a right that never existed before the Court created it could be retained.

Until shortly before the Civil War, due process meant that all laws and court procedures were due to everyone equally. Chief Justice Roger B. Taney invented

the fraudulent court doctrine called substantive due process that said any right he wanted to create was a process that was due. He used it to the right to own slaves in the Free States. Future Courts could not resist the temptation to invent rights out of thin air. So until President Franklin Delano Roosevelt, real right-wing Courts used it to create rights that helped big business and Republicans. After FDR, left-wing Courts used it to invent rights that supported liberal causes like the right to contraceptives and abortion. A real right-wing Court could use the same fraudulent doctrine to invent a total ban on abortion.

The right to vote he cited is not in danger from the right but the right to fair elections is clearly in danger from the left.

And the end to segregated schools is clearly found in the easily understood text of the 14th Amendment. "Nor shall any state deprive any person of life, liberty, or property, without due process of law; nor deny to any person within its jurisdiction the equal protection of the laws." Unfortunately, in the Brown decision left wing Justices were afraid to base their decision on the original meaning of the Constitution's equal protection clause and instead it was based on segregated schools traumatizing black children. That made all of the future decisions citing Brown as the precedent for ending segregation bad decisions because Brown only applied to schools.

"State Rights" are every bit as important to our system of checks and balances today as

they were at the founding and they are not automatically another term for racism.

The column said, "Where do we find these guys?"

We have a president who is clearly senile, doubled the price of gas, created runaway inflation, declared the southern border open, mishandled the COVID-19 epidemic, encouraged the Russian invasion of Ukraine with his weak foreign policy, botched the withdrawal from Afghanistan, has no clue how to end inflation and wants to increase taxes and spending. We found him hiding in his basement until all the other primary candidates were ruled out and we got him by default with the help of unconstitutional changes to our election laws.

Stephen Erwin
Portland

Crack down on the middlemen

By HOWARD DEAN

Chicago Tribune
Tribune News Service

U.S. Sen. Raphael Warnock just introduced a bill that would cap Americans' out-of-pocket spending on insulin at \$35 a month. The legislation would be a godsend to patients battling diabetes. Many of them currently face hundreds of dollars in monthly out-of-pocket costs — an unaffordable burden for many low- and even middle-income Americans. These patients often skip injections and self-ration their insulin at enormous risk to their health, since untreated diabetes can lead to blindness, limb amputations and even death. Diabetes patients account for a quarter of all U.S. health care spending.

It'd be political malpractice for my fellow Democrats to not pass this much-needed bill — but it'd also be a huge mistake to stop there.

Hundreds of common medicines — not just insulin — are unaffordable for ordinary Americans because middlemen in the drug supply chain inflate patients' out-of-pocket costs. Shining sunlight on these middlemen's practices would help all patients, not just those with diabetes.

Some of the health care industry's most powerful actors exist in the shadows. These pharmacy benefit managers, or PBMs, work on behalf of insurance companies and haggle with drugmakers for bulk discounts.

Since PBMs decide which medicines are included on insurance plans, they have immense leverage. In 2020 alone, drug companies gave out \$187 billion in discounts and rebates, largely to PBMs. Those discounts often reduce the net price of various brands of insulin by 70%.

A tremendous win for patients, right? Wrong. PBMs keep a share of those discounts for themselves and pass the rest on to insurers, which use the savings to reduce premiums by a few dollars per month for all enrollees. That delivers only minor benefits to sick patients who rely on prescription medicines.

And because PBMs generally pocket a set percentage of the discounts, they're incentivized to

Howard Dean



pressure drug companies to raise nominal "list" prices — but then demand bigger rebates. That's why the net, after-discount price of insulin has actually gone down in recent years, even as list prices and patient out-of-pocket costs have climbed. This business model inflates patients' out-of-pocket spending. Imagine a drug company nominally charges \$100 for a particular medicine, but a PBM negotiates the real, discounted price down to \$30.

A patient with a 20% coinsurance obligation would still pay based on the list price, so he'd fork over \$20 — instead of the \$6 he'd owe if his coinsurance were 20% of the net price! These practices have raised eyebrows at the Federal Trade Commission, where President Joe Biden-appointed Chair Lina Khan is fighting for an investigation into PBMs' immoral and anti-competitive practices. The FTC has even gone as far as asking for the public's input about how PBMs are driving up costs while restricting access.

This is a winning issue for Democrats as 8 in 10 Americans say they pay too much at the pharmacy counter, according to the nonpartisan Kaiser Family Foundation. Americans gave Democrats the White House and majorities in both houses of Congress — it's time to deliver. Sen. Warnock and his Democratic colleagues deserve praise for tackling the insulin affordability crisis. Patients die every year because they can't afford to fill their prescriptions. But lawmakers shouldn't overlook the middlemen responsible for the high out-of-pocket costs of hundreds of drugs, not just insulin.

It's time we crack down on companies that see no problem with lining their pockets while patients are dying.

Dean is the former chair of the Democratic National Committee and former governor of Vermont.



Lives deserve to be remembered

By LYNN SCHMIDT

St. Louis Post-Dispatch
Tribune News Service

In just a few short weeks, the United States is likely to reach an unfathomable milestone in terms of numbers: 1 million lives lost to the coronavirus pandemic.

The first death in the United States took place on Feb. 6, 2020. At current rates, we will have lost 1 million Americans in the 114 weeks, or 26 months, since the pandemic first hit our shores. In 2020 the U.S. population was 331 million. That means 1 in every 331 Americans is no longer with us.

As of March, more than 200,000 U.S. children have lost a parent, grandparent or caregiver to the pandemic, according to the COVID Collaborative website. The virus is now the third leading cause of death in the U.S., after only heart disease and cancer. These numbers are dizzying and truly difficult to comprehend. This level of loss is almost unfathomable.

So how can we as Americans comprehend the devastating loss of 1 million of our fellow citizens? We can start by telling 1 million individual stories.

We have the immense work to do of remembering and mourning all those individuals. That work can begin with storytelling.

In 1988, I found myself walking along the National Mall in Washington. I gazed at some of the 8,288 assembled panels from the AIDS Memorial Quilt, which were displayed on the Ellipse in front of the White House. To this day, I remember being moved to tears as I studied the quilt blocks.

The AIDS Memorial Quilt was conceived by Cleve Jones in 1985. Jones and other volunteers hoped to create a memorial for those who had died of acquired immune deficiency syndrome, and to thereby help people understand the devastating impact of the disease by sharing each individual's story. Today, the AIDS Memorial Quilt weighs 54 tons and includes

nearly 50,000 panels dedicated to more than 110,000 individuals.

Back in 1988, I had not yet had any personal experience with anyone who had contracted HIV or who had been diagnosed with AIDS. The quilt squares helped me bridge the abstract numbers to connect with the lives of individuals.

If a quilt were to be made for the 1 million lives lost to the coronavirus, the quilt would weigh 486 tons. Here are a couple of ways that people are sharing the stories of their loved ones who fell victim to the coronavirus pandemic.

A sea of white flags, with each flag representing one person who has died from the virus in the United States, were planted in the National Mall. Many of the flags featured handwritten names and dedications to lost loved ones. The memorial, titled "In America: Remember," was the work of Maryland artist Suzanne Brennan Firstenberg.

"We are recapturing the human dignity of each one of these people who have been compressed and ... reduced to numbers," Firstenberg said, during the opening ceremony in September. Photos of the memorial, including images of individual flags, can still be viewed online at inamericaflags.org. The website includes a Lost Loved Ones interactive map. Unfortunately, time has passed to submit flag dedications for the National Mall exhibit, but friends and family members are still encouraged to complete a form with a photo and a dedication to be placed on the interactive map, which is continuously updated.

Another option is to follow @FaceOfCovid on Twitter, where people

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share stories of those lost to the coronavirus. "They were more than a statistic," the Twitter site states. Each day, there are several new tweets with stories and photos.

We can also start by talking to one another. Ask each other whether they know someone who died. Listen to their story.

Social scientists who study grief say that memorials are crucial elements to the grieving process. Memorials serve as a way to tell one's story, benefiting not only the victims' families but also the surrounding community so people can understand the human toll of a mass tragedy like this pandemic. These stories can force us to face this tragedy in a way numbers alone cannot do.

Let us remember the individuals and not just the number.

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Officers ...

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He recommended if council were to give an officer an incentive, it would be with an increase in salary, not a take-home policy.
Gardner said he thought Fishbaugh had planned to move closer. Fishbaugh corrected him, saying he had told council the decision to move was "on the table," but he currently does not have any plans to do so.
"The way our department's ran right now and the issues we have, I don't think you could pay anybody \$100,000 to come move here for this police job," he said. "That's nothing personal against anybody, just the police department's not ran right by any means."

A few council members became uncomfortable at Fishbaugh's statement. Schemenaur responded, noting the topic was not on the agenda and is "very dangerously close" to personnel matters, which are generally handled in executive session.
"If you want to hold an executive session and let your employees air their dirty laundry and grievances, I wouldn't do it in a public meeting," he said.
Council agreed to adjourn directly after Schemenaur's suggestion.
Also Thursday, council agreed to send letters to two residents who are not compliant with the town's sewer use ordinance.
Council discussed in March that three residents were not

compliant with the ordinance and gave them a month to resolve the problem. Town employee Randy Young noted Thursday one of those residents has fixed the issue.
Their drains need to be redirected to the current system in order for the town to stay compliant with rules from Indiana Department of Environmental Management, which mandates all communities must create a long-term control plan to reduce or eliminate combined sewer overflows. Redkey previously used a combined sewer system. The town now prohibits illegal hookups, such as wastewater tapping into the stormwater system.
Schemenaur noted in March

one option may be to sue them for not complying with the ordinance.
Council agreed — with member Randy May dissenting — to send letters to both residents giving them 30 days to redirect their systems. If the residents do not comply, the town plans to take action.
Also, council members Randy May, Erik Hammers, Gary Gardner, Dottie Quakenbush and John Pierce:
•Granted permission to Mark Leavell to shut down part of downtown Redkey from the evening of Aug. 12 to Aug. 14 for Gas Boom Days.
•Heard Reece Leavell will complete installing a new gaga ball pit at Morgan Redkey Park

by the end of the week. Leavell requested \$2,320 in September to build a 30-inch high octagonal pit in the playground area near the park cabin. He's constructing the ball pit as his Eagle Scout project.
•Heard from Pam Collett, who stood in for clerk treasurer Mary Eley on Thursday, that about \$35,000 of the town's allotment of American Rescue Plan Act funds — it has roughly \$289,500 to use — has been used for phosphorus removal at the wastewater treatment facility.
•Transferred about \$3,800 funds from a dormant account into a fund for sidewalks.
•Canceled checks dated at least two years old.

Toll in mosque attack up to 33

By KATHY GANNON and MOHAMMAD SHAOB AMIN
Associated Press

KABUL, Afghanistan — A Taliban official says a bombing at a mosque and religious school in northern Afghanistan on Friday killed at least 33 people, including students of a religious school.
Zabihullah Mujahid tweeted news of the devastating bombing in the town of Imam Saheb, in Kunduz Province, saying it also wounded another 43 people, many of them students.
No one immediately claimed responsibility, but Afghanistan's Islamic State affiliate on Friday claimed a series of bombings that happened a day earlier, the worst of which was an attack on a Shiite mosque in northern Mazar-e-Sharif that killed at least 12 Shiite Muslim worshippers and wounded scores more.

Taliban's intelligence unit carried out sweeping attacks on suspected IS-K hideouts in eastern Nangarhar province.
In a statement Friday, the IS-K said the explosive device that devastated Mazar-e-Sharif's Sai Doken mosque was hidden in a bag left inside among scores of worshippers. As they knelt in prayer, it exploded.
"When the mosque was filled with prayers, the explosives were detonated remotely," the IS statement said, claiming that 100 people were injured.
The Taliban say they have arrested a former IS-K leader in northern Balkh province, of which Mazar-e-Sharif is the capital. Zabihullah Noorani, information and culture department chief in Balkh province, said Abdul Hamid Sangaryar was arrested in connection with Thursday's mosque attack.
The IS-K had been relatively inactive in Afghanistan since last November, but in recent weeks have stepped up its attacks in Afghanistan and in neighboring Pakistan, taking aim at Shiite Muslim communities reviled by Sunni radicals.
Earlier this month two bombs exploded in Kabul's Shiite neighborhood of Dasht-e-Barchi, killing at least seven students and wounding several others.
The IS-K established its headquarters in eastern Afghanistan in 2014 and have been blamed for some of the worst attacks in Afghanistan, including a vicious assault on a maternity hospital and at a school that killed more than 80 girls in 2021, months before the Taliban took power.



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Riding waves

Three-time world champion Tom Curren surfs for the Santa Barbara Board Riders during a West Coast Board Riders Wheat Cup Qualifier at Lower Trestles, south of San Clemente, California, on Thursday. The event brings surf clubs from across the country for three days of competition to claim the first-ever U.S. Board Riders Club National Championship.

Deeds

- Brian Brown (deceased) to Christine, Michael and Summer Brown, deed affidavit — Part of Outlot 1 in Woodlawn Park Addition
- Fredrick C. Franklin (deceased) and Michiko Y. Franklin to Adam L. Finnerty, warranty deed — Part of Section 25, Greene Township, 1.05 acres
- Edith Dickey and Roxie Zuercher to Five Brothers, warranty deed — Lot 29, Woodlawn Park Addition
- Leo L. Kahn to Amanda Elzey and Kevin Elzey Jr., warranty deed — Lot 3, Block 15, original plat of Bryant
- Diane J. and Paul T. Copeland to Eli Properties, warranty deed — Part of Outlot 1, Lot 6, Jaqua Subdivision; Lot 37, Tract 2, Corwin and Jaqua Addition
- Ida M. and Daniel R. Girod to Emma W. and Paul E. Girod, warranty deed — Part of Section 1, Bearcreek Township, 15.593 acres
- Mark H. Brotherton to Vicky L. Weatherwax, warranty deed — Lot 4, Corwin Subdivision
- Anthony W. and Carol A. Limbert to Stacy L. and Rodney L. Miles, warranty deed — Part of Section 21, Wayne Township
- Reba G. Lowe to herself, death deed — Lot 112, Mt. Auburn Addition
- Jennifer and Robert Rockwell to themselves, death deed — Part of Outlot 28, Baker Addition
- Jamie Bost Counterterman and Adam Bost to Cristopher and Jamie Counterterman, quit claim deed — Lot 66, Woodlawn Park Addition
- Tina M. Adair to Kurt Theurer, warranty deed — Part of Section 19, Pike Township, 64.740 acres
- WJH and Mijail Reyes to Mijail Mohammed Escudero Reyes, warranty deed — Lot 29, Quincy Place
- Gary L. Ireland (deceased) and Sarah K. Ireland (also known as Sarah K. Cochran) to Amanda and Spencer Hatzell, warranty deed — Lot 119, Woodlawn Park Addition
- Alice and Ladean Pole to Jennifer L. Stone, quit claim deed — Part of Section 29, Wayne Township
- Maurice D. and Kathleen Jones to themselves, quit claim deed — Lots 7 and 8, Bartlett Addition
- Elvin Butcher to Debi and Gary Butcher, quit claim deed — Part of Section 17, Bearcreek Township, 8.38 acres; Lots 3 and 4, Tract 2, original plat of Bryant
- Ruth E. Stephenson to City of Portland, warranty deed — Lot 31, Mangold's Third Addition
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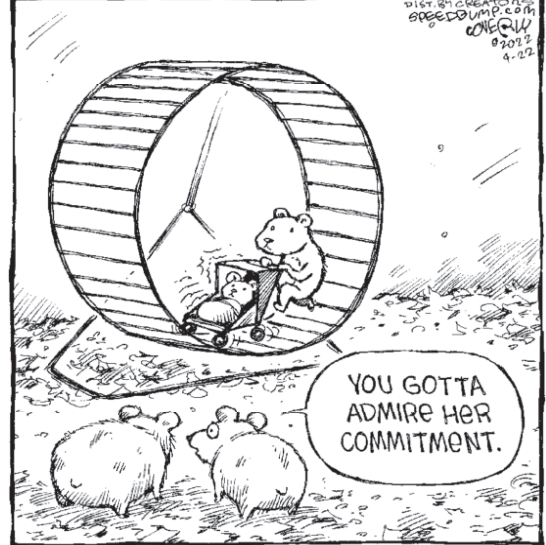
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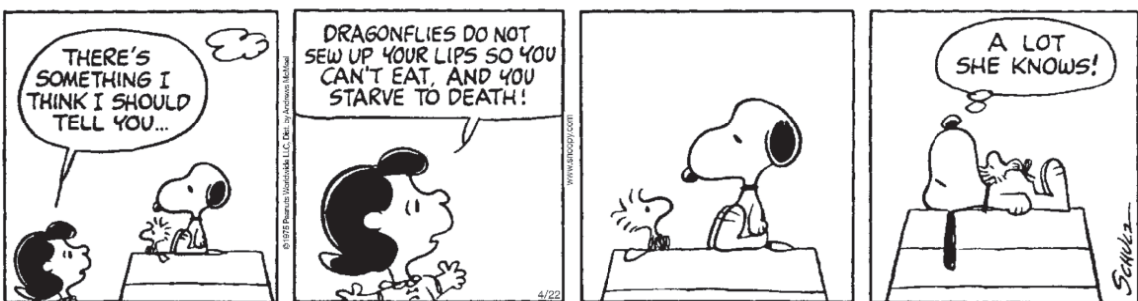
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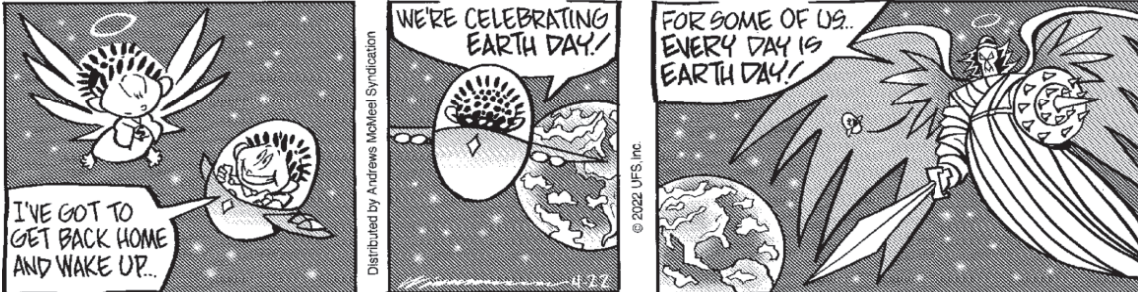
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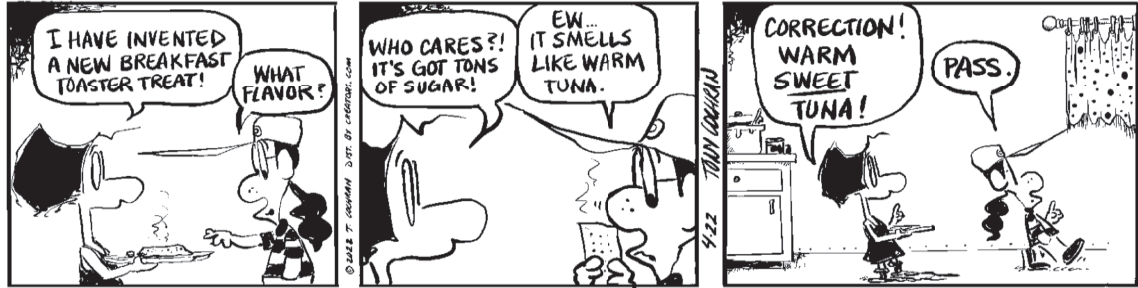
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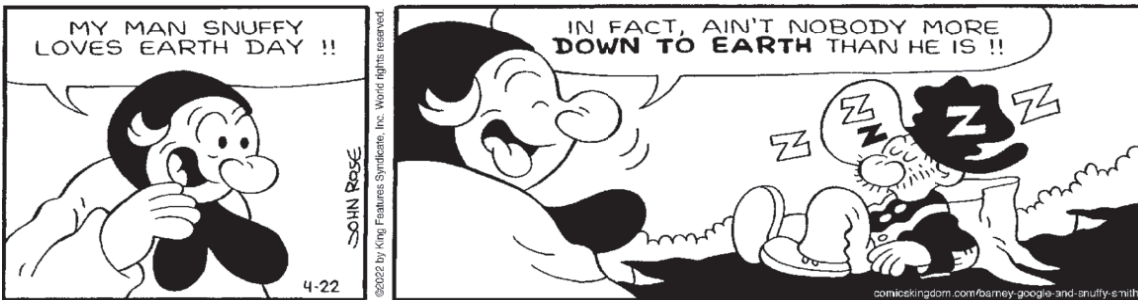
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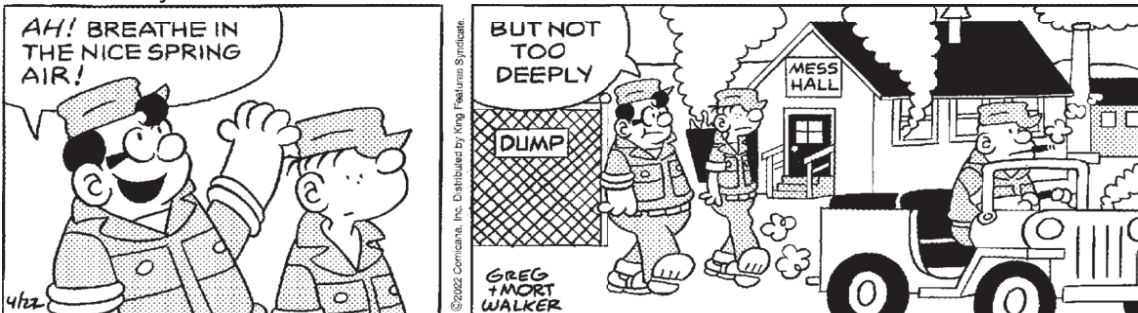
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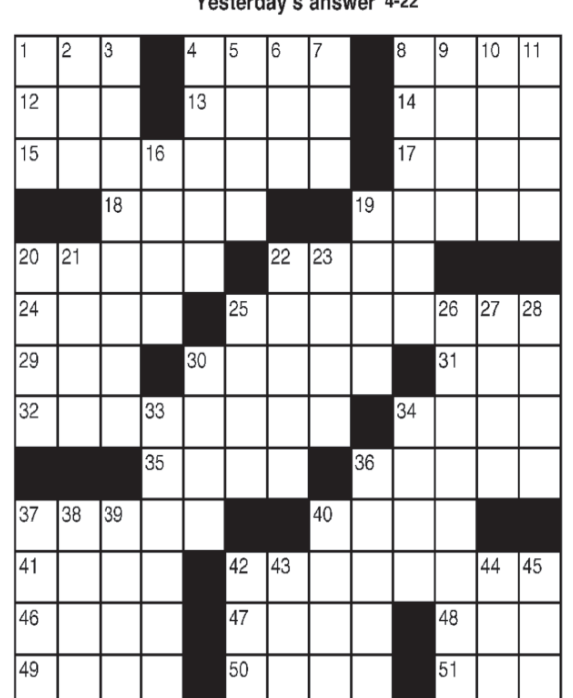
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Jay County ...

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JH golfers win
Jay County's junior high golf team defeated visiting Delta Eagles 139-154 Thursday at Portland Golf Club. Cody DeHoff led the

Patriots to the victory with a score of 29 in the six-hole match, including a par on the par-3 eighth hole. He was the match medalist. Dawson Goldsworthy, Jayden Comer and Sylas

Wenk all shot 36 to round out the team score. Jacob Monroe's 38 did not factor in the team total.

Track teams lose
MUNCIE — The Jay

County junior high track teams each lost Thursday as they visited Delta. The boys team suffered a 70-39 defeat while the girls fell 78-27. Joseph Boggs picked

up a pair of victories for the Patriot boys, winning the 800-meter run and the 1,600 run. Kaiden Castillo was first in the discus. Jay County also got two

wins from Maria Hemmelgarn in the girls competition as she took the top spot in the 100 hurdles and 200 hurdles. Gabi Petro finished first in the 400 dash.

Sports on tap

Local schedule

Today
Jay County — Baseball at Shenandoah — 5 p.m.; Girls tennis at Winchester — 5 p.m.
Fort Recovery — Softball at National Trail — 5 p.m.; Freshman baseball vs. Versailles — 5 p.m.

Saturday
Jay County — Boys golf in South Adams Invitational — 9 a.m.; Boys track in Muncie Central Relays — 10 a.m.; Baseball vs. Randolph Southern — 10 a.m.
Fort Recovery — Softball at Jackson Center — 11 a.m.; Baseball vs. Lincolnview — 1 p.m.; JV softball doubleheader vs. St. Henry — 10 a.m.

TV schedule

Today
4 p.m. — NCAA baseball: Ohio State at Michigan (BTN)
7 p.m. — NBA playoffs: Miami Heat at Atlanta Hawks (ESPN)
7 p.m. — College football: Rutgers Spring Game (BTN)
9 p.m. — NCAA baseball: Maryland at Illinois (BTN)
9:30 p.m. — NBA playoffs: Phoenix Suns at New Orleans Pelicans (ESPN)
Saturday
2 a.m. — USFL football: New Jersey Generals at Michigan Panthers (USA)
10:30 a.m. — Formula 1: Emilia Romagna Grand Prix — Sprint (ESPN)

Noon — USF football: Philadelphia Stars at Pittsburgh Maulers (FOX)
12:30 p.m. — Soccer: Premier League: Tottenham Hotspur at Brentford (NBC); Bundesliga: Borussia Dortmund at Bayern Munich (ABC)
2 p.m. — College football: Penn State Spring Game (BTN)
3 p.m. — NHL hockey: New York Rangers at Boston Bruins (ABC)
3 p.m. — PGA golf: Zurich Classic of New Orleans (CBS)
3 p.m. — College football: USC Spring Game (ESPN)
3:30 p.m. — AMA Supercross (NBC)
4 p.m. — Auto racing: NASCAR Xfinity Series — Ag-Pro 300 (FOX)

4:10 p.m. — Major League Baseball: St. Louis Cardinals at Cincinnati Reds (Bally Indiana)
4:30 p.m. — NBA playoffs: Dallas Mavericks at Utah Jazz (TNT)
4:30 p.m. — College baseball: Mississippi State at Mississippi (ESPN2)
5 p.m. — Major League Soccer: Chicago Fire at Minnesota United (ESPN)
7 p.m. — USFL football: Houston Gamblers at Birmingham Stallions (FS1)
7:30 p.m. — NBA playoffs: Boston Celtics at Brooklyn Nets (ESPN)
8 p.m. — College baseball: Maryland at Illinois (BTN)
10 p.m. — NBA playoffs: Memphis

Grizzlies at Minnesota Timberwolves (ESPN)

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

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38C01-2202-EU-000008
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Linda Horine
Deceased
Davene Steen
Personal Representative
NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION (IC 29-1-7-7)
Notice is hereby given that Davene Steen, Personal Representative, was on the 8th day of March, 2022, appointed Personal Representatives of the Estate of Linda Horine, deceased, who died the 6th day of October, 2021, and 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 my hand and seal of said Court, this : March 8, 2022.
Jon Eads
Clerk, Jay County Courts
Aaron M. Henderson #32364-05
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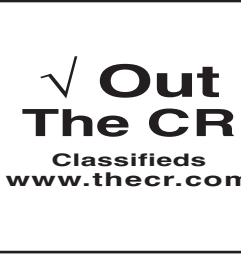
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IN THE JAY CIRCUIT COURT
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38 C01-2204-MI-000015
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Jennifer Elaine Herndon,
Petitioner
NOTICE OF PETITION FOR CHANGE OF NAME
Jennifer Elaine Herndon, whose mailing address is: Portland, Indiana in the Jay County, Indiana, hereby gives notice that Jennifer Elaine Herndon has filed a petition in the Jay Court requesting that her name be changed to Jennifer Elaine Weitzel.
Notice is further given that the hearing will be held on said petition on May 27, 2022 at 1:00 pm.
Jennifer Elaine Herndon,
Petitioner
4-7-2022
Judicial officer
CR 4-22-2022 HSPAXLP



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STATE OF INDIANA
COUNTY OF JAY, SS:
IN THE JAY CIRCUIT COURT
2022 TERM
In the Matter of the Unsupervised Administration of the Estate of:
Brenda Gillum, Deceased
No. 38C01-2202-EU-000007
NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION
Notice is hereby given that Pam Best was, on the 24th day of February, 2022, appointed Personal Representative of the estate of Brenda Gillum deceased, who died on January 27, 2022. 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 20th day of April, 2022.
HINKLE, RACSTER & SCHEMENAUR
121 W. High Street
Portland, IN 47371
Attorney
Jon Eads
Clerk of the Circuit Court, For Jay County, Indiana
CR 4-22-29-2022 HSPAXLP

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STATE OF INDIANA
COUNTY OF JAY, SS:
IN THE JAY CIRCUIT COURT
CAUSE NO:
38C01-2203-EU-000015
IN THE MATTER OF THE UNSUPERVISED ESTATE OF:
KAREN J. METTLER (Deceased)
NOTICE OF UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION
Notice is hereby given that Katherine Faith was appointed as Personal Representative of the estate of Karen J. Mettler, deceased, on the 24th day of March, 2022, who died on the 3rd day of February, 2022. 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 this 25th day of March, 2022.
Jon Eads
CLERK OF THE JAY CIRCUIT COURT
COLDREN, FRANTZ & SPRUNGER
Attorneys at Law
940 N. Meridian St.
Portland, IN 47371
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Jay County High School center fielder Mady Fraley tracks down a fly ball during the fourth inning of the Patriots 10-9, 10-inning Thursday to the visiting Woodlan Warriors. Fraley made the catch on the play and later scored the game-tying run in the bottom of the eighth inning.

By RAY COONEY

The Commercial Review

The Patriots have been close. Close to a thrilling win in their home opener.

Close to knocking off their state-line rival.

Close to toppling an unbeaten conference foe.

They just have to figure out how to close out their close games.

In another back-and-forth affair Thursday, the visiting Woodlan Warriors scored after a leadoff double in the top of the 10th inning and the Jay County High School softball team was unable to match the run in a 10-9 defeat.

It marked the third one-run loss for the Patriots, who fell 9-8 a week earlier to Fort Recovery and lost a 7-6 decision April 5 to Bellmont.

“We are so close,” said JCHS coach Trisha Green, referencing those games as well as a near-comeback against Delta. “They’re so close. We’ve just got to come together, play as a team and cut out some of those errors that are killing us.

“You take (lessons) away from it, get back out there and keep going.”

With the game tied at 9-9 and darkness beginning to set in, Woodlan (7-0, 1-0 Allen County Athletic Conference) got a double from No. 8 hitter Abigail Cowan to lead off the top of the 10th inning. Avah Smith moved her to third base with a sacrifice bunt, and Mya Jones hit a grounder deep into the hole at shortstop to drive in what would be the game-winning run.

Sophomore Mady Fraley gave Jay County (4-5, 0-1 ACAC) a chance to tie the game in the bottom of the 10th when she connected for a two-out double to right field. But Woodlan pitcher Austin Gaff got Mallory

Patriots suffer 3rd one-run loss to unbeaten Woodlan

Winner of the Patriots to pop out to end the game.

“It was our first big battle of the year and we came out on top,” said Woodlan coach Dennis Wiesehan, whose team has beaten Bishop Dwenger, Concordia, Prairie Heights and New Haven all by 10 or more runs so far this season. “Nobody’s got to play a lot. Usually you get a couple big games in before your (first) conference game. ...

“They’re a great team over there and both teams battled hard and we came out on top of it.”

The Patriots, who were coming off of a championship in Saturday’s Richmond Invitational, thought they had the game won in the seventh inning when Woodlan No. 3 hitter Alyssa Harvey hit a deep fly ball to right-center field with two outs. Winner backed up to the fence and then came forward, seeming to make a diving catch. But the home plate umpire called it a trap, and the next Warrior hitter — Austin Gaff — smashed an RBI double to center field to score Harvey and force extra innings.

Green felt the game should have been over, appealing the call. But it was to no avail.

“I think everybody here knew

that it was an out and the game was over,” said Green. “But we can’t leave it up to the umpires to decide whether we win or lose.

“We had a lot of key errors in the beginning that absolutely killed us.”

Jay County got on the board first against the Warriors, scoring twice in the first inning. It was up 5-2 after the second, but Woodlan scored twice in the third and fourth to take the lead. The Patriots went back ahead with two runs in the bottom of the fifth before Harvey tied it up in the top of the seventh.

The teams then each scored two runs in the eighth inning and each stranded runners in scoring position in the ninth before Woodlan took the win in the 10th.

Like in most of its losses this season, JCHS provided plenty to get excited about. Jaelynn Lykins, who finished with three hits and four RBIs, Renna Schwieterman and Winner all connected on home runs. Winner scored twice and drove in two runs, and Jozey Shimp added two hits.

“There were a lot of good things that we can pull from it,” said Green. “Haleigh (Clayton) pitched a great game. ... The girls were hitting the ball. ...

“Renna hit a great home run, Jaelyn. Mallory got her first varsity home run. Those are all good things off a good team, good pitcher.”

Gaff led the unbeaten Warriors, going 4-for 5 with two RBIs and a run. Jones had three hits, two RBIs and two runs, and Libby Fisher hit a home run.

Clayton took the loss, giving up 10 runs — eight earned — on 15 hits and a walk in nine-plus innings. She recorded seven strikeouts.

DeRome leads Jay

It took them more than two weeks to get on the course.

Now that they have, they’ve proven to be more than ready.

Jay County High School’s boys golf team followed up its season-opening win Tuesday with a 170-175 victory Thursday over the Delta Eagles at Portland Golf Club.

Caleb DeRome led the way for the Patriots (3-0), who opened their season with a double win Tuesday over Bluffton and Southern Wells. He opened his round with a birdie on the 335-yard, par-4 first hole at PGC and added a par on the 176-yard, par-3 second. He had five consecutive pars on holes fourth through eighth before closing with a bogey to finish at 1-over.

Kyle Sanders and Gage Sims followed DeRome with matching scores of 44, and Ricky rounded out the team total with a 46.

Brock DeHoff’s 52 did not factor into the team total.

Jay County’s junior varsity team lost to the Eagles, 194-204. Liam Garringer posted the low score with a 47. Isaac Holman followed with a 51. Luke Fugiett and Griffin Byrum each finished at 53 and Matt Hall had a 55.

Baseball edges Warriors

The Jay County baseball team posted back-to-back two-run innings Thursday and then held on for a 5-4 victory over the visiting Woodlan Warriors in its Allen County Athletic Conference opener.

The Patriots (4-2, 1-0 ACAC) erased a 2-1 deficit with two runs apiece in the third and fourth innings. Woodlan scored twice

Jay County roundup

in the top of the fifth but could not get on the board again versus JCHS reliever Dusty Pearson.

Pearson tossed 2 2/3 innings of scoreless relief for the save. Crosby Heniser got the win, going 4 1/3 innings and giving up four runs on three hits.

Josh Dowlen led Jay County with three hits.

JV softball falls

WOODBURN — The host Woodlan Warriors proved too much for the Jay County junior varsity softball team Thursday, handing the Patriots a 14-4 defeat in five innings.

Woodlan took control with five runs in the first inning and three each in the second and third. The Patriots closed the gap to 11-4, but the home team scored three times in the bottom of the fifth inning to end the game early.

Angel Clairday led JCHS by going 2-for-3 with a run. Paige Mumbower doubled, drove in two runs and scored once.

Taylor Brown took the loss, giving up 11 runs — 10 earned — on 11 hits and a walk in three innings.

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FR gets walk-off win

FORT RECOVERY — The Indians were staring at a second conference 2loss in the span of three days.

Then they found some seventh-inning magic.

Kendrik Wendel delivered a walk-off win for the Fort Recovery High School baseball team Thursday as the Indians scored four times in the final frame to knock off St. Henry 6-5.

St. Henry (8-4, 3-2 Midwest Athletic Conference) had been in control of the game throughout, scoring twice in the top of the first inning and again in the third for a 4-0 lead. The Indians (8-4, 3-2), who lost Tuesday to Marion Local, were down 5-2 heading into the final frame before mounting their comeback

FRHS roundup

that was capped by Wendel’s game-winning hit.

Wendel had a big day at the plate overall, going 3-for 4 with two RBIs. Cale Rammel also had three hits, including two doubles, three RBIs and a run.

Landon Post scored twice for the Tribe.

Alex Dues picked up the win thanks to tossing 1 1/3 innings of scoreless relief.

Softball doubled up

ST. HENRY, Ohio — Fort Recovery’s softball team

suffered its first MAC loss of the season with a 14-7 defeat Thursday.

St. Henry (5-7, 3-2 MAC) took charge with five runs in the bottom of the first inning and never trailed. The Indians (9-3, 2-1 MAC) got to within two runs twice, but the home team pulled away thanks to another five-run frame in the fifth.

Errors crushed the Tribe, as all five runs scored against starter Jackie Homan were unearned. She took the loss, giving up three hits in the first inning.

Chloey Grisez was 3-for-4 with two doubles, two runs and an RBI to lead the FRHS offense. Sophie Pearson added two doubles, a single and an RBI.

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