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Recovery candidates

Fort Recovery High School will hold its prom, themed "Lost at Sea," beginning with promenade at 6 p.m. Friday at Fort Site Fieldhouse. Pictured, front row from left, are queen candidates Kaelin Overman, Whitley Rammel, Lilie Leuthold, Aubrey Knapke, Grace Guggenbiller and Jalyn Bruns. Back row are Owen Wenning, Isaac Knapke, Korbin Dues, Riley Hiser, Logan Homan and Owen Jutte.

Gary schools near end of 'distress'

By ANNIE MATTEA

The Times (Munster)
Tribune News Service

MGT Consulting will manage the Gary Community School Corp. for a final two years, leading to the district exiting distressed unit status, according to a plan discussed Tuesday by the Distressed Unit Appeal Board.

We are at the beginning of the end," DUAB Chairman Justin McAdam said.

The board will host a meeting next month in Gary during which MGT will present plans for the next two years and give residents

We are at this position because an email to parents and guardians. the state takeover: of the progress students, families, staff and administrators have in 2017 following severe financial longer be considered a distressed

Corporation has been under outside management since 2017

made together in recent years. We have eliminated the school district's \$22 million deficit, invested help save the schools. in modernizing our school buildings, increased teachers' salaries, as a distressed political subdiviand extended the school day. This sion, allowing DUAB to govern the an opportunity to discuss what work is paying off," emergency schools. The district has been led they would like to see from them. manager Paige McNulty wrote in by an emergency manager since

GCSC was originally taken over

issues in the district. It was an unprecedented effort by the state to

Senate Bill 567 designated Gary

The school corporation will no

political subdivision if it maintains financial solvency for the two-year period. It also must have a fiscal plan to maintain financial solvency for the next five years, meet all other conditions defined by DUAB and have the board determine that it is financially sta-

GCSC regained local control of its special education services in September after nearly a decade of oversight from the Indiana

Department of Education. The district saw higher enrollment in the 2020-21 academic year, 15 and communities bringing the total number of stu-reviewed those solutions dents to 4,445 as of February 2021. and participated in virtual For the 10 years prior to state control, GCSC lost 699 students a year, through 22. on average.

Jay looks to flip script

By RAY COONEY The Commercial Review

Jay County is trying to flip the script on some of its biggest challenges again.

The county participated recently in Indiana Bond Bank's Flipping Finance Challenge, an event designed to connect local government units with innovators from across the state in order to develop potential solutions to community challenges. "This is a good thing for Jay County ... We can take

our challenges ... and get a completely outside look at our problems and help us find new potential solutions, things we might have overlooked or not even really considered," said Jay County Development Corporation executive director Travis Richards, who headed up the Jay County team. (The county also participated in the 2020 Flipping Finance Challenge, which was held just a couple of weeks before coronavirus shutdowns began.) "But ... perhaps even better is the relationships and partnerships that we can form in all corners of the state from this experience.'

This year's version of the event, themed "Civic Super Heroes," was designed as a "two-week design sprint." Jay County, the City of Jasper and the Town of Winfield presented their challenges during an in-person event April 9 at Indianapolis Arts Center, innovators worked on solutions April 10 through workshops April

See **Flip** page 2

Offensive is moving

By INNA VARENYTSIA and DAVID KEYTON

Associated Press IRPIN, Ukraine — Russia's offensive in eastern Ukraine

gathered momentum Thursday as the United Nations' chief surveyed the destruction in towns outside Kyiv that experienced some of the worst horrors of the first onslaught of the war. U.N. Secretary-General

António Guterres condemned the atrocities visited on towns like Bucha where evidence of mass killings of civilians was found after Russia's retreated from the area in the face of stiffer than expected Ukrainian resistance.

Forced to regroup after failing to take the capital, Russia switched its focus to the vital eastern industrial heartland, where fighting is now picking up pace. Ukraine's military said several areas in the Donbas have come under intense fire in the past day, and satellite images showed new damage from bombardments on the last known pocket of Ukrainian resistance in Mariupol.

Ukrainian authorities warned that civilians who remain in the southeastern port city face dangerously unsanitary conditions, with water and sewer systems not working and bodies decomposing under rubble.

Ukraine says Russian assault is gathering momentum

"Wherever there is a war, the highest price is paid by civilians," said Guterres as he visited the bombed out Kyiv suburb of

He sought to drive home the devastation, saying he imagined his own family having to flee from bombs falling on their home, and he reiterated how important it was that the war crimes alleged in Bucha and elsewhere be investigated.

"But when we talk about war crimes, we cannot forget that the worst of crime is war itself," he added.

The revelation of mass killings around Kyiv helped to galvanize support for Ukraine in the West, which has slapped sanctions on Russia and sent arms to Ukraine. Bulgarian Prime Minister Kiril Petkov vowed his country would

join others in providing military assistance as he toured another scene of atrocities outside Kyiv, Borodyanka.

'We cannot be indifferent. We cannot say that this is a Ukrainian problem, we cannot say some people are dying but we are not interested in that," he said.

Bulgaria, under a new liberal government that took office last fall, has cut many of its old ties to Moscow and supported punitive measures against the Kremlin. It has also hosted Western fighter jets at a new NATO outpost on Bulgaria's Black Sea coast.

The visit by the Bulgarian leader comes a day after Russia suddenly cut off natural gas to his country and fellow NATO member Poland, in what was seen as a bid to punish and divide the West over its support for Ukraine ahead of the potentially pivotal battle in the eastern industrial region of the Donbas.

As Russia presses that offensive, civilians again bear the brunt.

'It's not just scary. It's when your stomach contracts from pain," Tatiana Pirogova, a resident of the northeastern city of Kharkiv, said. "When they shoot during the day, it's still OK, but when the evening comes, I can't describe how scary it is.'



Earth Day Alliance

The Alliance for the Great Lakes Adopt-a-Beach event Sunday at Wendy Park in Cleveland saw over 75 volunteers to help pick up litter along the shore of Lake Erie. The start of the beach clean-up season coincides with Earth Day weekend.

Deaths

David Lothridge Sr., 66, Bellevue, Nebraska Nancy Hill, 71, Berne Details on page 2.

Weather

Jay County had a high temperature of 54 degrees Wednesday. The low was 36.

Tonight's low will be in the 40s with a 20% chance of showers. Friday's high will be in the 60s with rain possible during the day and expected in the evening.

See page 2 for an extended

outlook.

In review

Jay County has had just two confirmed cases of COVID-19 in the last 19 days, according to information from the Indiana State Department of Health. After averaging nearly 30 cases per day in February, the county has been at 0.35 per day since March 1. It is rated low risk for the spread of coronavirus, according to the CDC.

Coming up

Friday — A new axe hall has opened in Redkey.

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



Obituaries

David Lothridge Sr.

Dec. 8, 1955-April 27, 2022 David Lothridge Sr., age 66, a former resident of Portland, passed away Wednesday, April,

27, 2022, at Bellevue Medical Center in Omaha, Nebraska, after an extended ill-

David was born Dec. 8, 1955, in California, the son of Richard



Survivors include: His wife — Diane Lothridge, Bellevue, Nebraska

Two sons — Tony Lothridge (wife: Patty), Geneva, Indiana, and Brad Lothridge, Geneva, Indiana

daughter — Clara ana. One

Saturday

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Lothridge, Geneva, Indiana

brothers — Lothridge (wife: Helen), Union City, Indiana, and Steven Lothridge (wife: Pam), Portland, Indiana

Six sisters — Debbie Denney, Indiana, Peggy Portland, Thomas, Muncie, Indiana, Patty Baker (husband: James), Harrodsburg, Kentucky, Tina Twigg (husband: Paul), Portland, Indiana, Maxine Gallets, Portland, Indiana, and Jennifer Gallets, Muncie, Indiana

Stepfather — Harold Gallets, Portland, Indiana

Nine grandchildren

One great-grandson David was preceded in death by his mother, Margaret Gallets; a son, David Lothridge Jr.; and

and Russell Lothridge Sr. A Celebration of Life service will be held on Sunday, May 1, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at 2195 S. Boundary Pike in Portland, Indi-

brothers Richard Lothridge Jr.

Nancy Hill

June 8, 1950-April 27, 2022 Nancy K. Hill, 71, of Berne, Indiana, passed away on April 27, 2022, at her residence.

She was born on June 8, 1950, in Portland, Indiana, to the late Arnold Hayden and the late

Grace (Borum) Nancy Hayden. was united in marriage to David N. Hill on July 26, 1969, in Bryant, Indiana.

Nancy graduated from Bryant High School in 1968. She was

employed as a secretary at EP Graphics for 20 years. Following her employment at EP Graphics, Nancy retired from Moser Motors in Berne in 2016. She attended the Apostolic

Hill

Christian Country Church in Bluffton, Indiana. Besides spending time with

her family, Nancy found great

satisfaction in gardening. She enjoyed canning the harvest from her garden to use throughout the year.

Nancy was survived by her husband, David N. Hill of Berne, Indiana; son Charlie (Joanna "Jo") Hill of Berne, Indiana; son Doug (Laura) Hill of Berne, Indiana; brother Pete (Shirley) Hayden of Portland, Indiana; brother Les (Stella) Havden of Saratoga. Indiana; brother Tom (Quanda) Hayden of Bryant, Indiana; sister Patty Noble (friend: Gary Hatzell) of Redkey, Indiana; sister-in-law June Thompson of Monroe, Indiana; sister-in-law Elaine Crankshaw of Searcy, Arkansa; sister-in-law Patsy (Tom) Ray of Cookeville, Tennessee; brother-in-law Gary (Ronda) Hill of Grantsville, Utah; grandchildren, Adam Swygart and Aaron "AJ" (Deserae) Swygart; two great-grandchildren, Capri and Ridge Swygart;

She was preceded in death by

and numerous nieces and

nephews.

her brother and sister-in-law Bob (Pat) Hayden; brother-in-law Dan Thompson; and sister-in-law Goldie Williams.

A funeral service will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday, April 30, 2022, at the Apostolic Christian Country Church, 1970 S. 800 E, Bluffton, Indiana, with Ron Kipfer and Lynn Fiechter officiating. Burial will follow in Gravel Hill Cemetery, Bryant, Indiana.

Family and friends will be received from 1 to 4 p.m. and 5 to 8 p.m. Friday, April 29, 2022, at the Zwick & Jahn Funeral Home, Yager-Kirchhofer Chapel, Berne, Indiana, and one hour prior to service at the church.

Preferred memorials can be made to the Apostolic Christian Country Church, Stillwater Hospice or Adams County Community Fund – Cancer.

Arrangements by Zwick & Jahn Funeral Home, Yager-Kirchhofer Chapel, Berne. For complete obituary infor-

mation and to sign the online guestbook, visit zwickjahn.com.

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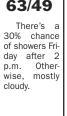
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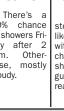
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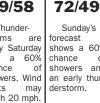
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69/54 Another afternoon. Otherwise, mostly

Monday

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thunderstorms on the horizon for Tuesday with a 70% chance

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Tuesday

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Lotteries

Powerball

11-36-61-62-68 Power Ball: 4 Power Play: 2 Estimated jackpot: \$20 million

Mega Millions

Estimated jackpot: \$43 million

Hoosier

Midday Daily Three: 0-1-0 Daily Four: 3-5-7-2 Evening Daily Three: 7-7-3 Daily Four: 5-9-5-5 Quick Draw: 8-16-23-31-34-42-45-47-51-53-55-58-60-61-64-66-70-73-75-80 Cash 5: 7-11-19-21-40

Hoosier Lotto: 16-19-22-29-31-34

Estimated jackpot: \$11 million

Ohio

Midday Pick 3: 7-9-6 Pick 4: 4-1-2-5 Pick 5: 0-2-1-7-0 **Evening** Pick 3: 7-1-1 Pick 4: 3-9-3-6 Pick 5: 9-9-0-6-6 Rolling Cash: 4-8-21-27-

Classic Lotto: 6-7-36-42-46-48

Kicker: 7-6-8-6-1-9 Estimated jackpot: \$26.5 million

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Wheat	10.47

Today in history

mer CIA official Aldrich attempted to flee the Ames, who had passed U.S. secrets to the Soviet Union and then Russia, pleaded guilty to espionage and tax evasion, and was sentenced to life in prison without parole.

In 1788, Maryland became the seventh state to ratify the Constitution of the United States.

In 1945, Italian dictator Benito Mussolini and his mistress, Clara Petacci, were executed by Ital-

On April 28, 1994, for- ian partisans as they country.

In 1947, a six-man expedition set out from Peru aboard a balsa wood raft named the Kon-Tiki on a 101-day journey across the Pacific Ocean to the Polynesian Islands.

In 1972, Cecil Ballard of Portland died following an accident while on the job at Haynes Milling Company.

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Citizen's calendar

Friday

2 p.m. — Jay County tive session, commissioners' room, 120 N. Main St. Court St., Portland.

Monday

City Council, council tee, commissioners' 1616 N. Franklin St., Portland.

Portland

7:30 p.m. — Fort Commissioners, execu- Recovery Village Council, village hall, 201 S.

Wednesday

2:30 p.m. — Jay Coun-5:30 p.m. — Portland ty Personnel Commitchambers, fire station, room, 120 N. Court St.,

Continued from page 1 Each community involved ranked submissions and selected their top two, which were then eligible for the inaugural Indiana Treasurer of State Award for Innovation in Public Finance.

Jay County submitted five challenges, which involved providing youth recreation and leadership opportunities, improving the health of residents, creating a strong entrepreneurial ecosystem and making the best use of federal coronavirus relief funds and local economic development funds. Eleven teams of innovators — a record in Flipping Finance's four-year history — worked on solutions for Jay County.

Both of the solutions the Jay County team — it also included Christy Shauver of Jay County Community Development, Portland City Council member Matt Goldsworthy and Reda Theurer-Miller of Portland Main Street Connect and Portland Redevelopment Commission. Jenae Blasdel of Main Street Connect, time that we had a conver-Doug Loy of JCDC, Aaron sation with Jay County, Loy of Jay County Fair everybody was intent on Board and Mark Leavell of Redkey Festival Commit- selected as its favorites involved creating opportunities for youth.

SERVICES

Friday

Hardy, Mary: 3 p.m., Williamson-Spencer and Penrod Funeral Home, 208 N. Commerce St., Portland.

Saturday

Hill, Nancy: 10 a.m., Apostolic Christian Country Church, 1970 S. 800 East, Bluffton.

Sunday

Lothridge, David: II a.m., 2195 S. Boundary Pike, Portland.

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Wampler, Ashley Martin, Monterius Hartz, Holly Serban and Sam James, all of whom work in the Indiana State Personnel Department, had the toprated solution for Jay County and went on to win the Indiana Treasurer of State Award for Innovation in Public Finance as selected by state treasurer Kelly Mitchell. They suggested creating Jay County Youth Leadership Council, an effort that would involve community service, activities, involvement with local government units and other organizations, a leadership speaker series and summit, a book series at Jay County Public Library and a mentorship pro-

The team of Kate

gram. "The creation process was exciting, and it was really rewarding to step back from it and then hear that it was something that somebody else's brain looked at received and thought, 'Hey, that's something we can run with," said Wampler. "It was engaging. From the first giving and receiving understanding. ... It was really a very energetic experience to meet a bunch of people that want to do good things in their hometown ... It was very cool to make that connection.'

Jay County's other top solution came from Apprentice University student Kendria Pratcher, who focused specifically on how to reduce vaping among the community's youth. She suggested building off of the existing Red Ribbon Week and expanding efforts at the junior high and high school levels with a variety of activities to raise awareness about the risks of vaping.

The Jay County Flipping Finance team plans to continue working with innovators on implementing their suggested solutions locally, including extending them an invitation to visit the communi-

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For More Information,

Adoption is just one way to help shelters

Special to The Washington Post Each year more than 6 million dogs and cats end up in animal shelters, according to the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals. National Adopt a Shelter Pet Day, which is on Saturday, was designed to raise about the awareness organizations' work with homeless animals. Their main mission is to find homes for pets and reunite lost ones with their human families, but they need a lot of volunteer help.

'Not everyone has to have an animal in order to care about animals," said Debra Duel of the Humane Rescue Alliance in Washington.

One way to help is to become a short-term foster family. Fostering frees up space in busy shelters.

in a loving home than in bustling shelter environments.

'Fostering is great for people who can't have a permanent pet," Duel said. Fostering also helps people learn more about pet care before offering a forever home.

In 2018, the Delacourt family of Dunn Loring, Virginia, began fostering kittens and pregnant cats through the Animal Welfare League of Arlington. Victoria, now 12, and Gabrielle, 10, have taken care of 49 animals since

"Every animal is an individual," Victoria said. "Each requires different work. Puppies or kittens require more time and training than older dogs and cats," she said. "Even Adoptable pets get more pigs are more work than dren or other pets and League of Alexandria, personal attention fostered people think."

The family recently adopted two of their fostered animals: a mother cat after her six kittens were placed in homes and a 2-year-old small dog. "The older pets fit our family best," said Victo-

If your family is considering adopting a pet, be prepared for an interview.

We ask a lot of questions," said Gina Hardter of the Animal Welfare League of Alexandria. Are you looking for an exercise buddy or a cuddly lap pet? Who is responsible for feeding, exercising and cleaning up after the pet? What's your family's lifestyle, and how much space do you have?

Sharing observations and other information about an animal's personsmall animals like guinea ality, its history with chil-

issues, makes successful dred dollars for the organi- from an animal's eye level, placements more likely.

Puppies are adorable. but consider their future adult size.

Brynne Toussaint, 6, and her family in Springfield, Virginia, fell in love with a mixed-breed, 4-day-old puppy while fostering his family of four. He was so tiny, Brynne said, "he looked like a potato." Now, one year later, "Ducky" is a bouncing bundle of energy, who, when standing on his hind legs, is taller than If you can't adopt or fos-

ter, consider donating time, money and supplies to a shelter. Kindergartners at Browne Academy in Fairfax County did just that. After learning about pet needs, behavior and care in a partnership with the Animal Welfare

zation by drawing portraits of family pets that sold for \$1 each.

They also made cat toys and pillows. Their efforts helped improve the animals' stay at the shelter, and they helped reduce adoption fees for people who can't afford them. Hopefully that leads to fewer animals waiting for their forever homes.

If you're ready to adopt

Before:

good animal shelters from friends and neighbors.

·Learn about the enclosures, food, bedding and medical care your potential pet requires.

foods that might be toxic to a particular pet.

medical or behavioral they raised several-hun. Explore the surroundings if they want to be held.

looking for hazards.

·Consider an animal's life span. Cats and dogs

can live 15 years or longer. ·Find out whether family members have allergies

to animal hair. •Are there restrictions on breed or weight of pets

where you live? •Select a veterinarian.

 Consider who will take care of your pet if you are traveling.

After:

·Have your dog or cat •Seek suggestions on microchipped so they can be returned to you if they become lost.

•Be patient. It takes time for any pet to adjust to a new home and people.

•Limit excitement •Learn about plants and around your new pet for a few days. •Let the pet come to you.

•Safety-proof your home. He or she will let you know

Widower wonders if age restricts intimacy

DEAR ABBY: My wife of 41 years passed away four years ago. I'm in my mid-60s. I have sought grief counseling to fully process her loss. The counselor has encouraged me to maintain and expand my peer relationships. The counselor has also encouraged dating, which I have tried, but no romances have resulted.

My wife was diagnosed with bipolar type 2 mental disorder, which progressed the longer she lived. When she died, I was glad she no longer had to suffer with her mental illness. With the onset of menopause and the bipolar, her libido had The dropped dramatically. counselor has assured me that if romance develops, sexual relations can happen with women my age.

Because of my religious convictions, I will not have sexual relations before marriage. My question concerns a woman's desire for sexual relations at have sex before marriage,

Dear Abby



relations something that can be mutually enjoyed, or just a requirement of marriage? -WONDERING IN IOWA

WONDERING: DEAR Allow me to put your concerns to rest. Seniors are not clones of each other. Some enjoy sex into their 80s; others do not. If both partners are comfortable with their bodies and willing to accommodate the inevitable changes that come as their bodies age, they can enjoy sex as much as couples who are younger.

your While religious beliefs may not allow you to

subject can't be honestly with you only a few more older one from an animal discussed, and this is what I urge you to do if you become involved with someone.

DEAR ABBY: Recently, my daughter asked if her girlfriend could stay with us until the two of them move out in a month. To help them out, my husband and I agreed. The problem is, the girlfriend is very insecure about her weight. She's on the heavier side, and my daughter's weight is average.

Sometimes when we're talking about fitness or nutrition, it feels like a sore subject for her. I don't want her to feel uncomfortable around us because I watch what I eat. Advice? — WEIGHTY ISSUE IN WASHINGTON

DEAR WEIGHTY ISSUE: Ask your daughter if mentioning these topics makes her girlfriend uncomfortweeks.

Until she leaves, refrain from discussing topics that make her uncomfortable in her presence.

DEAR ABBY: I am 60 and disabled. I desperately would like a dog. I'm not a cat person. I can't get a bird because I have lupus. Working at a shelter isn't an option. I added up all the pluses and minuses, and the minuses were more plentiful. HOWEVER, the pluses are SO tempting.

Logically, I know it would not be fair to either of us. The wiser part of myself says no, but I want someone who is happy when I come home, kisses me, sits on my lap and shares my bed. And someone to care for.

Any advice? — NURTURER IN NEW YORK

DEAR NURTURER: Rescue able. Keep in mind that your a dog who needs nurturing this stage of life. Are sexual there is no reason why the houseguest will be staying as much as you do. Adopt an

rescue, and you may save two lives at once. That said, it's important you discuss those pluses and minuses with a veterinarian and take out pet insurance — just in case the need arises.

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Community Calendar

an item, 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 wsanders317@gmail.com.

Today

CELEBRATE RECOV- AMERICAN

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

À BETTER LIFE – BRI-ANNA'S HOPE — A faithbased recovery group for all kinds of addictions, will meet from 6:30 to 8 p.m. each Thursday at The Rock Church, 1605 N. Meridian St., Portland. Come early for a meal. For more information, call (260) 766-2006.

MISSISSINEWA CHAP-TER OF NATIONAL SOCI-ETY DAUGHTERS OF THE REVOLU-

Notices will appear in ERY — A 12-step Christian TION — Will meet at 6:30 Community Calendar as recovery program meets at p.m. Thursday, April 28, at space is available. To sub- 10 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. each Jay County Historical Museum. Any woman over 18 years of age who has direct lineage to a Patriot ancestor who aided in achieving American Independence may join. NSDAR is dedicated to patriotism, education and conservation. Any questions, please call Regent Kathy Selman at (260) 251-1694 or Sue Sommers at (260) 726-2678.

Saturday

ALCOHOLICS ANONY-MOUS — 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-

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

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

BRYANT AREA COM-MUNITY 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 played starting at 1 p.m. each Monday at West Jay Community Center, 125 Hoover St., Dunkirk.

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

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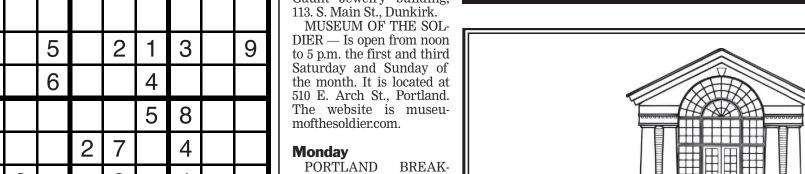


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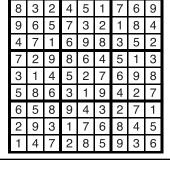
Sudoku

4 Level: Intermediate

Wednesday's Solution

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

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Perhaps coup is already complete

To the editor:

As I walk the streets of our fair city, I have taken notice of the "Trump" flags on display.

There are the old 2020 versions that extoll "Make America Great Again." The 2024 updated version warns rather ominously (depending, of course, on your perspective) "He'll Be Back," and yet another that admonishes his supporters to, presumedly, vote for Donald Trump in order to "Take America Back."

While whom America should be taken back from is completely subjective, I am sure Trump's

Letters to the Editor

supporters know full well who the whom is. I am equally sure my friend Stephen Erwin would be more than happy to enlighten those of us who have been led astray by the "Left" leaning Supreme Court.

I have contemplated what is you to read her book. I can

meant and involved in "Taking almost promise if you read with happened and we just don't America Back." Is it the urging an open and receptive mind, know it?" by a sore loser former president to his minions, who bought his "Hitleresque" lie about a stolen election that caused them to riot and storm the very seat of our government? Again, perspective.

I have, coincidently, just finished Jane Mayer's book, "Dark Money: The Hidden History of the Billionaires Behind the Rise of the Radical Right." I will not prejudice anyone's opinion with my own, but simply urge

you will learn something new. You might even be shocked to learn that America more closely resembles a plutocracy rather than a democratic repub-

Russian president Vladimir Putin's oligarchs have one thing in common with America's oligarchs: they all have insane, and almost unimaginable, wealth and influence.

About six months ago someone posted on social media: "What if the coup has already

As I read Mayer's book, that sentiment, for me, became manifestly possible and scary at the same time.

Former Supreme Court Justice Louis Brandeis said: "We must make our choice. We may have democracy, or we may have wealth concentrated in the hands

of a few, but we can't have both.' My fear is the choice has already been made for us. We just don't realize it. Yet.

Michael Kinser

Portland

On inflation, look in mirror

By MORTON J. MARCUS

The March Consumer Price Index (CPI) convinced many an economic cosmic cataclysm is about to occur. Yes, an 8.5% increase over the same period last year is startling. That's why inflation led off the evening news and dominated newspaper headlines.

when the U.S. Yet, Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) announced its March CPI figure, it also reported the March 2022 CPI figure exceeded the February 2022 number by 1.3%

This 1.3%, this shortterm number, was the one often headlined in the past. If prices sustained that monthly growth rate, they would be 16.8% higher by the end of 12 months.

Clearly, a 16.8% prospective inflation rate is scarier than an 8.5 retrospective rate. Both rates are technically correct, but many CPI components are highly variable, and the purpose of the Index is to tell us where we have been, not to forecast the future.

Forecasting the CPI is perilous. Consumers and suppliers change behaviors in response to non-economic factors like Ukraine. Often these are short-term changes. Offsetting these transitory variations are the less volatile weights assigned to each of the 300 or so items in the CPI. They are based on the Census Bureau's Consumer Expenditures Survey.

Thus, the CPI has two prices we face and our expenditures, which become weights applied to those price changes. If the price of pizza goes up, most of us will try to offset that increase by ordering a medium pepperoni instead of that large meat lovers'

weights reflect These well-established patterns. Between 2010 and pre-COVID 2019, the item with the greatest change was medical care which rose from a weight of 6.6% to 8.8% of consumer spending. In sum, during this period, 37% of items in the CPI gained importance while the remaining 63%

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decline in relative impor-

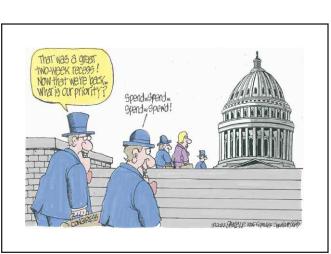
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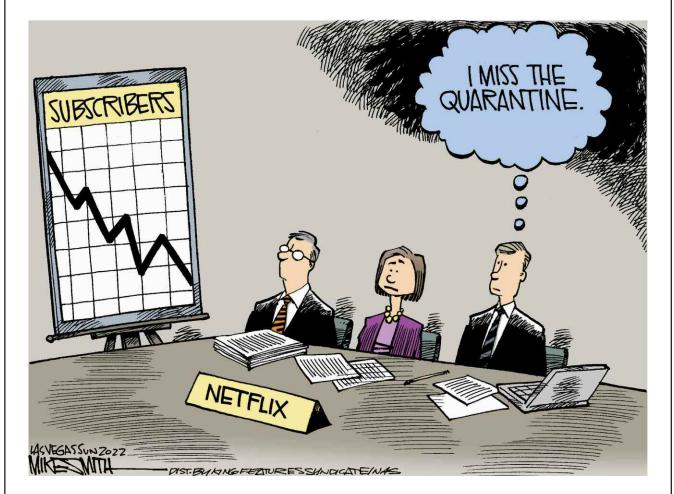
In May 2021, a pound of sliced bacon for breakfast was \$6.35, up 18.7% from a year earlier. Eggs were selling at 1.62/dozen down 2¢ (-0.9%) from a year ago. Coffee was 2.2% more expensive per pound. The electricity used prepare breakfast cost 14 cents per killowatt hours, up 4.5%

Not all prices had such moderate changes. What we heard about was the gasoline for your car cost you 58.2% more in 2021 distinct elements: the than in 2020, before Ukraine became our concern. Now we have data showing the gasoline increase for March '21 to March '22 was 70.1%. That's called runaway inflation, but remember, it applies to only one, albeit important, item.

> You can blame whomever you will for inflation, but you better be looking in the mirror when you do. Prices and purchases are interdependent. You can't just shift full responsibility for inflation casually to people you don't like.

> ••••• Marcus is an economist. Email him at mortonjmarcus@yahoo.com.





Information literacy is needed

By VICTOR SHI

Chicago Tribune Tribune News Service

Fifty years ago, the national networks CBS, ABC and NBC dominated television screens in America and were the primary way voters obtained information: Each network, along with newspapers and radio, told its audience facts first, and all agreed on what the facts were. That meant Americans had a shared understanding of the truth — which is what led to the erosion of both Democratic and Republican public support for then-President Richard Nixon during the Watergate investigation.

But the time of Democrats and Republicans agreeing on facts is no more. In the early 1980s, cable news networks emerged. The late '80s and early '90s brought the internet, and Six Degrees became the first social media platform later in the '90s. With each development, avenues for information grew more abundant. People weren't confined to newspapers and the three news stations for information. Instead, we gained the ability to access information anywhere and with less and less scrutiny.

As access to information without oversight expanded, misinformation skyrocketed. Readers, viewers and listeners became increasingly vulnerable to believing falsehoods. Consider the aftermath of the 2020 election: Donald Trump took to social media and, with the help of far-right platforms and news networks, at one point persuaded nearly 70% of Republicans to believe that Joe Biden was not duly elected president, a poll by Suffolk University and USA Today found. But there is hope for the truth to prevail — and our effort begins by providing students the tools necessary to effectively navigate the information ecosystem and discern fact from fiction.

I am a member of Generation Z, and we are more plugged in than any previous generation. Born

Victor Shi



between 1997 and 2012, members of Gen Z do not know of a world without social media and the internet. From the day we were born, we instantly became connected with each other virtually. With 97% of those ages 13 to 17 using at least one of seven social media platforms, according to a 2018 Pew Research Center Survey, Gen Zers are defined by social media because it is deeply embedded into our identity.

Gen Zers do not merely use social media to connect with others — we use it to create change. Take, for example, the Black Lives Matter movement during the COVID-19 pandemic in 2020. Social media became an essential tool for young people to organize and promote information about racial justice and equality. Using features such as Instagram's story or posting short, digestible videos on Tik-Tok, young people recognized that social media platforms are one of the most effective ways of getting information to others quickly and

However, as savvy as Gen Zers are with social media, we are not immune to the effects of misinformation. While there are plenty of young people using social media to promote facts, there are just as many employing social media to promote lies. In fact, researchers have found that anti-science and anti-vaccine videos on TikTok have reportedly been viewed by people as young as 9 years old. Coming upon misinformation while scrolling through social media is dangerous — no matter the age.

Misinformation will never be co-hosts the "iGen Politics" podcast.

extinguished — especially in the free-for-all of undermoderated social media platforms and channels such as Fox News whose bottom line depends on retaining an audience that believes its extreme statements. To counter this, we should look to the classroom. For students like me and members of future generations who will spend a lot of time online — and therefore will be particularly susceptible to seeing misinformation information literacy classes could be exactly what is needed to help young people become better stewards of information.

At its core, information literacy classes would be designed to give students critical thinking skills for analyzing information on the internet: In other words, knowing how to evaluate information, distinguish between a lie and a fact, and conduct a fact-check. And fortunately, this is a concept that is underway across the country. Illinois became the first state in the country to require an information literacy class for high schoolers starting with the 2022-23 school year. Better yet, eight states including Massachusetts and Florida are considering bills that would require media literacy education. One antidote to misinformation is understanding what it is and how to combat it.

Reaching consensus on basic facts is becoming increasingly more difficult — to the point in which democracy has become precarious. It will take all hands on deck to reverse course, and the best place to start may just be in the classroom — endowing young people with the skills to identify lies whenever they encounter them.

Information literacy classes for students may well be our nation's best hope of returning to an era of mutually agreed upon truths.

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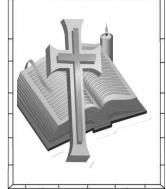
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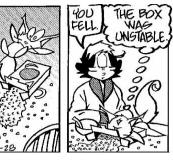






















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By Steve Becker

The secret of good defense

North dealer. should be directed toward hands Both sides vulnerable.

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A K 6 3

V 10 9 8 his partner might have that could produce two more tricks. Practically all such hands require West to have a trump holding of A-x-x or K-x-x, so East should assume that ♦ J 4 **♣**K Q 10 5 his partner has one of these hold-WEST ings.

This assumption, however, leads to only three tricks, so East's next ♦AQ10952 step is to continue searching for a

this question by assuming that if West had the A-x-x or K-x-x of trump and also had a singleton club, he would surely have led a club originally rather than a diamond. East therefore concludes the West West search of the Ment West and the search of the s

that West started with a doubleton

Accordingly, East returns a low club at trick two! No matter how South proceeds from this point on, he can no longer make the contract. As soon as West gains the lead with his king of trump, he returns a club to East's ace and ruffe the next club to put the contract.

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step is to continue searching for a means of acquiring a fourth trick. Given South's jump to three clubs at his second turn, it seems certain that he must hold either four or five SOUTH A 6 3 clubs, which in turn means that West has either one or two clubs. Once East gets this far, all that remains is to try to pinpoint West's actual club holding. East resolves The bidding:

Pass eight of diamonds. Opening lead – It is extremely difficult to defend It is extremely difficult to detend well at all times, yet in most deals the winning line of defense, if there is one, can be found — provided there's a defender with a will strong

enough to find it.

Take this case, which illustrates how a determined defender pursues his goal. West leads what is obviously his highest diamond, won by East with the ace, and the question is what East should play next.

Since he has only two defensive tricks himself, all of East's thoughts

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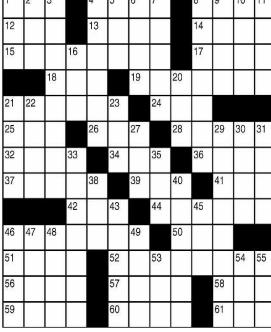
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Continued from page 8 But the Foresters scored 10 runs combined in the fifth and sixth innings en route to picking up the win.

Chloe Will Audrey Guggenbiller FRHS - 2019

Competed for the Tiffin University women's track team Saturday at the Mike Becraft Invitational hosted by Ohio Northern. Will finished the 1.500-meter

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run with a time of 5 minutes, 31.22 seconds. She was 10th in a field of 26 runners.

Guggenbiller just missed the 800 run. Her time of 2:36.91 was Karr and scored a run to help

No. 10 spot.

Brenna Homan Fort Recovery - 2021

University of St. Francis softball team in games Saturday and Tuesday.

Homan entered Saturday's game against Bethel as a pinch top 10 as she placed 11th in the runner for third baseman Dani

mate Allison Henegar for the also scored a run as a pinch runner in Tuesday's 13-4 loss to Marian.

Griffin Mann Used her wheels to help the **Jay County - 2021**

Played for the Hanover College men's golf team Saturday and Sunday in the Earlham College Spring Invitational at Richmond Elks Country Club.

Mann poster rounds of 87 and 85 for a 36-hole total of 172. He

less than a second behind team- the Cougars to a 12-2 win. She finished 53rd in a field of 60 golfers.

Wyatt Geesaman Jay County - 2019

Pitched for the Lincoln Trail Community College baseball team in a 13-1 loss Saturday to John A. Logan.

Geesaman had a difficult outing, giving up seven runs — six earned — on three hits and three walks in just 1/3 inning of



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Headed home

Jay County High School sophomore Jackson Edwards hurries home during the Patriots' 10-3 victory Saturday over Randolph Southern. Edwards entered the game as a pinch hitter, recorded a single and scored on a hit from Gavin Myers.

Bullpen key in Cubs' victory

By MEGHAN MONTEMURRO

Chicago Tribune Tribune News Service

ATLANTA — Chicago Cubs manager David Ross has the luxury of options in big moments.

Wednesday night was veteran reliever David Robertson's turn to get out of a tough spot with the game on the line. With the score tied at 3 in the eighth, the Cubs brought in Robertson to face Atlanta Braves second baseman Ozzie Albies with two outs and runners on second and third. Robertson needed only three pitches to induce an inning-ending ground-

Robertson's stellar start to the year Givens struck out the first two batters

the ninth to strike out the Braves' best three power hitters. The shutdown inning set up the Cubs to win in the 10th on Willson Contreras' RBI double and Patrick Wisdom's tworun homer. Right-hander Rowan hit, walking four and striking out 11. Wick earned his first save, striking

"It's shaping out really nicely," Ross said of the bullpen. "Guys are starting to find their groove, fill their roles, and it feels like they're all hands on deck down there, which is a nice feeling for me.

Ross wasn't concerned by Mychal Givens' eighth-inning performance.

continued when he came back out for but got a little unlucky with a shiftbusting opposite-field hit that led to four consecutive Braves reaching.

Robertson has been lights out for the Cubs with 83/3 scoreless innings to begin the season, giving up just one Collectively, the Cubs' bullpen has

been on a roll. In the last nine games including

Wednesday, the bullpen owns a 1.36 ERA (six earned runs in 39 2/3 innings) with 15 walks and 52 strikeouts. Cubs relievers entered the game with the fourth-best ERA in the majors behind the San Francisco Giants, Los Angeles Dodgers and Detroit Tigers.

Manning creates Thomas scholarship

Bv KEN SUGIURA

The Atlanta Journal-Constitution Tribune News Service

The memory and legacy of Georgia Tech star Demaryius Thomas will live on in a scholarship endowed by the charitable organization founded by Pro Football Hall of Famer Peyton Manning, Thomas' teammate with the Denver Broncos.

Tech made announcement Wednesday of an endowment that will award need-based scholarships to incoming freshmen from Laurens County, where Thomas was born and raised, or surrounding areas.

Thomas, who earned All-American status and then made four Pro Bowls in 10 NFL seasons, died Dec. 9 at his home in Roswell at the age of 33. Thomas' death, months after he had retired from the NFL, came as a shock to teammates, coaches and fans from Tech and the NFL.

Scholarships, endowed by the PeyBack Foundation led by Manning and his wife, Ashley, can be full or partial grants. They will follow recipients through graduation at Tech provided they remain in good academic standing.

Manning and Thomas were teammates from 2012-

"Demaryius Thomas was an incredibly talented and unselfish teammate, but more importantly, he was a special person and statement. "My family and I miss him dearly, and we wanted to honor D.T.'s memory by partnering the PeyBack Foundation with Georgia Tech to establish the Demaryius A. Thomas Scholarship Endowment.

"An important part of Demaryius' legacy was the way he inspired the next dreams with the same perseverance and determination that defined him. Through this scholarship to Georgia Tech, Demaryius will have a lasting impact on deserving youth from his hometown area who can follow in his footsteps and accomplish great things in life.'

A program that offers a helping hand to young people from his home area to attend the school that launched his career is a most fitting tribute. Thomas, who served the community Denver through his involvement with the Boys and Girls Club, gravitated to children. Further, Laurens County was dear to Thomas, who regularly visited family and friends there throughout his NFL career. He held a football camp at West Laurens High and, according to a business partner, was intending to provide financial-literacy education for students at the high school. Perhaps like some of the students that the scholarship program will aid, Thomas came from extremely humble means.

Laurens County Schools athletic director Jeff Clayton, who coached Thomas at West Laurens High. called the endowment another testimony for "how many lives he has touched and continues to touch, even in his passing. Obviously, very thankful to the Peyton Manning family."

NFL stardom and milfriend," Manning said in a lions of dollars had not changed Thomas, according to Clayton.

"Not a bit," Clayton said December after Thomas' death. "Would sign autographs, take pictures and just nonstop. He was just a real giving kid, and I still considered him a kid when he was an adult. He never really generation to pursue their changed his disposition."

Sports on tap

Local schedule

Today Jay County — Boys golf at Black-rd – 4:30 p.m.; Softball at Adams Central – 5 p.m.; Baseball at Adams Central – 5 p.m.; JV baseball vs. Adams Central – 5 p.m.; JV softball vs. Adams Central - 5 p.m.

Fort Recovery — Softball vs. Minster - 5 p.m.; JV baseball vs. Minster -

5 p.m.; Junior high track at Coldwater

Friday Jay County - Boys track at New Castle - 5 p.m.

TV schedule

Today 12:35 p.m. — Major League Base-

ball: San Diego Padres at Cincinnati

Reds (Bally Indiana) 2:45 p.m. — Soccer: Premier League – Chelsea at Manchester Unit-

ed (USA)

7 p.m. — NBA playoffs: Phoenix Suns at New Orleans Pelicans (TNT) 7:45 p.m. — Major League Baseball: Arizona Diamondbacks at St. Louis Cardinals (Bally Indiana)

8 p.m. — NFL football: Draft (ESPN) 10 p.m. - NBA playoffs: Dallas Mavericks at Utah Jazz (TNT)

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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**

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Two sign

Jay County High School senior Sam Dunlavy (above) and graduate Rieley Brewster (below) recently signed to continue their athletic careers in college. Dunlavy, pictured with his parents Jim and Regina and brother Adam Foster, plans to play baseball for the Ivy Tech Community College – Fort Wayne Titans. Brewster, currently a freshman at Ball State University, signed to play softball next season at Huntington University. She is pictured with her parents Denice Work and Michael Brewster and grandparents Jim and Denise Brewster.



Haines, Hayden lead the Titans

A pair of former Patriots led the Titans as they closed out their season.

Collin Haines and Nick Hayden posted the top two scores for the Indiana University

South Bend men's golf team as it placed sixth Tuesday Chicagoland Collegiate Check-up

Collegiate Check-up

Monday and in the Collegiate

Chicagoland Collegiate Athletic Conference Championships. Haines, a 2018 Jay Coun-

Halles, a 2018 Jay County High School graduate, best round in the 54-hole tournament was his second as he shot a 2-over-par 73 at Tournament Players Club Deere Run in Silvis, Illinois. He also shot rounds of 78 and 76 for his total of 227. Collin Todora of Holy Cross was the medalist at

Hayden, who graduated from JCHS in 2017, was consistent across his three rounds, opening with a 79. He followed with rounds of

81 and 80 to finish at 240.

Haines also made IU
South Bend history this
year as its first golfer to be
named the conference player of the week. He earned
that honor for shooting 12over-par for the 36-hole
Lawrence Tech Spring
Break Invite at RTJ Grand
National in Opelika, Alabama.

Max Moser Jay County – 2018

Was part of a big offensive day for the Huntington University baseball team Saturday in its 18-3 victory over Goshen.

Moser started as the designated hitter and finished 1-for-3 with a pair of walks. He scored twice and drove in a run.

He also had a hit in his only at bat Friday as the Foresters beat Goshen 15-12.

Noah Arbuckle Jay County – 2020

Started for the Huntington baseball team in Saturday's 16-12 win over Goshen as part of a doubleheader.

Arbuckle had a tough day on the hill, giving up eight runs on eight hits and two walks in 3 1/3 innings while striking out six bat-

rs. See **Collegiate** page 7



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