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## Opera House project earns grant \$

*Renovations will include a new roof, HVAC system and electrical*

By BAILEY CLINE

The Commercial Review

**FORT RECOVERY** — The opera house will be receiving a quarter of a million dollars from the state.

Friends of the Opera House committee has been granted \$250,000 from the Ohio Office of Community Development for renovations and repairs at Fort Recovery Morvilius Opera House.

Plans are to put the funds toward stabilizing the roof and installing new windows, as well as putting in a heating, ventilation and air conditioning system and new electrical wiring. Additional funds — the committee will be receiving about \$25,000 from a revolving loan and plans to put about \$68,000 of its own dollars into the project — will also help fuel the project toward.

Committee co-president Karen Meiring mentioned time-sensitive issues with the building at 101 N. Wayne St., such as snow accumulating on the inside of window sills and rain leaking onto the stage. (Patches have been made to the roof, but a more permanent solution is needed for the future.) She hopes the work will be completed before this winter, although it will depend on availability of supplies and contractors.

Fort Recovery Morvilius Opera House is about 139 years old. At one time, it hosted graduations, meetings and other village activities, as well as local and traveling acts.

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## Honoring the fallen

The first day of Indiana's Run for the Fallen concluded Friday with a ceremony at Freedom Park in Portland. Above, Jim Waechter and Norma Whitacre speak following the ceremony. At right, Julie Swoveland (right) accepts an Honor and Remember flag in recognition of her son, Andrew, who served in the Marine Corps for five years and reached the rank of corporal. He died Oct. 20.



## Pence to headline Georgia rally

By GREG BLUESTEIN

The Atlanta Journal-Constitution  
Tribune News Service

**ATLANTA** — Former Vice President Mike Pence will headline a get-out-the-vote rally with Gov. Brian Kemp on the eve of Georgia's May 24 primary, marking a new split with Donald Trump as each maneuver for a possible 2024 White House run.

Pence called Kemp "one of the most successful conservative governors in America" in a statement

announcing the May 23 rally to help the incumbent stave off a Trump-backed challenge from former U.S. Sen. David Perdue.

The event announced Friday underscores a growing proxy fight in Georgia between establishment forces backing Kemp and the Trump loyalists who want to remake the state Republican party in the former president's mold.

Trump has put Kemp at the top of his revenge list, falsely blaming him for his

2020 election defeat. His vendetta has spread beyond the governor, too, as he's built a pro-Trump slate of candidates who are challenging Kemp allies down the ballot.

But many of Trump's fiercest Republican critics have rallied to Kemp. That includes former New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie, who plans to soon stump for Kemp in Georgia, and former President George W. Bush, who recently donated to his campaign.

It's also a fresh example of Pence's attempt to distance himself from Trump after four years as his political sidekick. Pence called his former boss "wrong" for falsely claiming he could overturn the 2020 results and urged Republicans to focus on 2022 rather than fixate on the past.

On Friday, Pence described Kemp as a friend who is "dedicated to faith, family and the people of Georgia."

"He built a safer and

stronger Georgia by cutting taxes, empowering parents and investing in teachers, funding law enforcement, and standing strong for the right to life," said Pence.

The former vice president's visit is part of Kemp's take-no-prisoners approach to the primary. The governor's advisers don't want to simply defeat Perdue and avoid an unpredictable June runoff; they want to rout him.

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## Retrospect

### Firm was looking to move tires

Twenty-five years ago this week, a Portland recycling firm, was working to clear tires from one of its properties.

The May 15, 1997, edition of The Commercial Review featured a story about Mifco Environmental Recycling's efforts to remove about 20,000 tires from its facility on McNeil Street.

Connie Mifflin, president and owner of Mifco, said she made agreements with a Muncie tire processor and a byproduct buyer in Fort Wayne that she hoped would result in removal of all of the tires from the site by the end of the summer.

"I'm real excited," said Mifflin. "This has been a real good week because I have people who are starting to believe in what I want to do."

She had been trying to get

her fledgling tire processing business off the ground for about a year, but problems with equipment had delayed plans and created the stockpile of tires that was causing health concerns from city officials, county health officials and state environmental officials.

Mifflin had originally planned to process tires at her Wayne Street facility in Portland and then send them on to buyers. But, she said, the tire grinding and buffing equipment she purchased did not perform as expected.

The problems caused Mifco to lose a couple of rubber chip contracts and an agreement to supply tires to Purdue University for a study.

"It's difficult when you're

starting a new business," Mifflin said. "Cash flow has been damaged by the equipment not being able to produce the product and get rid of the product."

The company had received loans from Indiana Small Business Administration and Portland Private Industrial Development Committee to help sustain it through the early challenges.

Portland Mayor Maxine Lewis said she was eager to see the tires removed.

"It's still a concern because they're out there and people keep complaining, and if it gets summer it's that much worse," she said. "We're just hoping it all gets settled very soon and at the (Wayne Street facility) she keeps (tires) all inside."



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Health and environmental officials were concerned in May 1997 about a stockpile of thousands of tires at a facility in Portland. The company's president was hopeful the situation could be resolved by the end of the summer.

### Deaths

**Arlo Gettinger**, 71, Portland  
**Mary Castillo**, 64, Portland  
Details on page 2.

### Weather

Jay County had a high temperature of 84 degrees Friday. Today's forecast falls for a 40% chance of rain and thunderstorms in the afternoon, with rain expected in the evening. The high will be 82, and the low will be 61. There is a chance of more rain Sunday with a high of 81. See page 2 for an extended outlook.

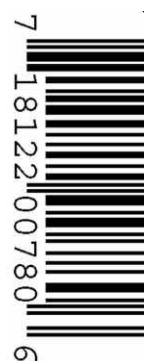
### In review

Jay County High School's production of the musical "All Shook Up," which features Elvis Presley songs, continues with performances at 7 p.m. tonight and 2 p.m. Saturday. Tickets are \$6 and will be available at the door.

### Coming up

**Tuesday** — Coverage of Monday's Jay School Board meeting.

**Thursday** — Results from Saturday's Jay County baseball and softball doubleheaders.



# Obituaries

## Arlo Gettinger

June 25, 1950-May 12, 2022  
Arlo Gettinger, age 71, a resident of Portland, passed away Thursday, May 12, 2022, at IU Health Ball Memorial Hospital in Muncie, Indiana.  
Arlo was born June 25, 1950, in Muncie, Indiana, the son of Robert and Mary (Roth) Gettinger. Arlo graduated from Portland High School in 1968 and served during the Vietnam War with the United States Marine Corps. He retired from the Portland Forge as a ham-



Arlo Gettinger

mer operator after over 40 years.  
Arlo was a member of the Boilermaker Union, NRA and Salamonia Volunteer Fire Department.  
Arlo married Vickie Bailey on July 6, 1970.  
Survivors include:  
His loving wife — Vickie Bailey, Portland, Indiana  
One son — Jeremy Gettinger, Portland, Indiana  
One daughter — Jennifer Gettinger (Chad Hollingsworth), Dunkirk, Indiana  
One sister — Sandra Satterfield (Kirk), Ohio  
One brother — Charles Ford, Florida  
Three grandchildren and two great-grandchildren

Visitation will be held Wednesday from noon to 6 p.m. at Williamson-Spencer and Penrod Funeral Home in Portland. Funeral services will follow the visitation at 6 p.m. at the funeral home.  
American Legion Post #211 of Portland will conduct military rites at the funeral home.  
Condolences may be expressed at williamson-spencer.com.  
**Mary Castillo**  
Jan. 24, 1958-May 13, 2022  
Mary Hernandez Castillo, age 64, a resident of Portland, passed away on Friday, May 13, 2022, at her home in Portland. Mary was born on Jan. 24,

1958, in Corpus Christi, Texas, the daughter of Isdrio and Doloris (Garza) Hernandez.  
Survivors include:  
Her children — Stephanie Castillo, Portland, Indiana, Raymond Castillo Jr., Portland, Indiana, and Noe R. Castillo, Portland, Indiana  
One sister — Mary Jones, Union City, Indiana  
Two brothers — Chris Hernandez (wife: Sandy), Union City, Indiana, and Anthony Hernandez, Union City, Indiana



Mary Castillo

Eleven grandchildren and one great-granddaughter  
Private family services will be held at a later date.  
Arrangements entrusted to Williamson-Spencer and Penrod Funeral Home in Portland.  
Condolences may be expressed at williamsonspencer.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.*

## CR almanac

Sunday 5/15	Monday 5/16	Tuesday 5/17	Wednesday 5/18	Thursday 5/19
<b>81/56</b>	<b>72/50</b>	<b>71/50</b>	<b>70/56</b>	<b>78/63</b>
There's a 30% chance of showers and thunderstorms on Sunday.	Rain is in the forecast for Monday with a 60% chance of showers.	Sunny skies are expected Tuesday, with rain possible late.	There's a 40% chance of rain and thunderstorms, with a high of 70.	Another chance of showers and thunderstorms on Thursday.

## Lotteries

**Hoosier**  
Midday  
Daily Three: 6-2-8  
Daily Four: 1-0-2-5  
Quick Draw: 3-9-11-17-18-36-37-41-43-44-45-46-50-51-52-56-72-73-75-78  
Pick 4: 4-4-9-9  
Pick 5: 8-9-2-7-4  
Rolling Cash 5: 17-20-30-31-33  
Estimated jackpot: \$110,000

**Ohio**  
Midday  
Pick 3: 2-8-2  
Pick 4: 7-0-9-1  
Pick 5: 4-9-9-4-7  
Evening  
Pick 3: 4-8-6

**Powerball**  
Estimated jackpot: \$83 million

**Mega Millions**  
Estimated jackpot: \$99 million

## Markets

**Cooper Farms Fort Recovery**  
Corn.....7.91  
June corn .....7.91  
Wheat .....9.78

**Central States Montpelier**  
Corn.....7.73  
Late May corn .....7.73  
Beans .....16.49  
Late May beans.....16.49  
May wheat.....11.23

**POET Biorefining Portland**  
Corn.....7.93  
June corn .....7.96  
July corn.....7.95

**The Andersons Richland Township**  
Corn.....7.71  
June corn .....7.81  
Beans .....16.52  
June beans .....16.57

Wheat ..... 10.83  
June wheat..... 10.83

Corn.....7.48  
June corn .....7.55  
Beans .....16.43  
June beans .....16.48  
Wheat.....11.36

## Today in history

In 1607, settlers of the Virginia Company of London established the first permanent English settlement in North America at Jamestown, Virginia.  
In 1643, Louis XIV became king of France at age 4.  
In 1796, Edward Jenner administered the first vaccination against smallpox in Berkeley, Gloucestershire.  
In 1804, Meriwether Lewis and William Clark started on their famous expedition to the Pacific coast. The trip was commissioned by President Thomas Jefferson.  
In 1940, Holland surrendered to Germany during World War II.  
In 1944, George Lucas, best known for directing Star Wars films, was born.  
In 1961, a bus carrying civil rights activists was bombed and burned in Alabama.  
In 1973, the U.S. launched its first space station. It was known as Skylab and served for six years as a laboratory for biomedical and technological experiments.  
In 1984, Facebook founder Mark Zuckerberg was born.  
In 2021, Ron Freeman was honored as the first winner of The Spirit of Vicki Lifetime Achievement Award during the Jay County Community Awards. The award was renamed in honor of Vicki Tague, the longtime chamber director who died in 2019. —The CR

## Citizen's calendar

**Monday**  
6:30 p.m. — Fort Recovery School Board, conference room, high school, 400 E. Butler St.  
7:30 p.m. — Fort Recovery Village Council, village hall, 201 S. Main St.

**Wednesday**  
4 p.m. — Portland Board of Aviation, airport, 661 W. 100 North, Portland.

9 a.m. — Jay County Redevelopment Commission, commissioners' room, 120 N. Court St., Portland.  
5 p.m. — Jay School Board, General Shanks, 414 E. Floral Ave., Portland.  
5:30 p.m. — Portland City Council, council chambers, fire station, 1616 N. Franklin St., Portland.

# Grant ...

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It fell into disuse around the 1930s and had been utilized as a storage space for about 90 years. The committee plans to restore it into a space for

the community to use for a variety of functions. Committee members applied for the Target of Opportunity grant in March 2021. After more than a year in limbo, it

was awarded the grant. Meiring noted they hadn't done much work to the building in recent months while they waited to hear back on fund-

ing. "Now people are going to see a lot of changes happen quickly," said Meiring, adding that the planned work is the first step of the reconstruction.

# Felony court news

**Child molestation**  
A man was sentenced to prison after pleading guilty in Jay Circuit Court to child molesting, a Level 3 felony.  
Curtis W. Dixon, 64, was sentenced to six years in Indiana Department of Correction and given credit for time served. Dixon was assessed \$185 in court costs and ordered to pay a \$500 sexual assault victims assistance fee. As part of his plea agreement, a Level 4 felony for child molesting was dismissed.

**Arson**  
A Redkey man was sentenced to jail after pleading guilty in Jay Superior Court to arson, a Level 6 felony.  
Thomas L. Wright, 26, 9447 W. 700

South, was sentenced to 270 days in Jay County Jail and given 148 days credit for time served. He was assessed \$185 in court costs.

**Cocaine**  
A Salamonia man was sentenced to jail after pleading guilty in Jay Superior Court to possession of cocaine, a Level 6 felony.  
Phillip O. LeMaster, 65, 5849 E. 400 South, was sentenced to one year in Jay County Jail with all but 120 days suspended and given 38 days credit for time served. LeMaster was placed on probation for 245 days, fined \$1, assessed \$185 in court costs and ordered to pay a \$200 drug abuse, prosecution, interdiction and correction fee. He was also ordered to submit to an evaluation within 30 days of his

sentencing for substance abuse counseling.  
As part of his plea agreement, a Level 6 felony for maintaining a common nuisance and a Class B misdemeanor for possession of marijuana were dismissed.

**Theft**  
An Ohio man was sentenced to jail after pleading guilty in Jay Superior Court to theft, a Level 6 felony.  
Brian M. Kitchen, 30, 480 Lancaster Pike, Circleville, was sentenced to 180 days in Jay County Jail and given 162 days credit for time served. He was fined \$25 and assessed \$185 in court costs. As part of his plea agreement, a Level 6 felony for unlawful possession of a syringe was dismissed.

# Capsule Reports

**Collision**  
A Portland teen failed to see oncoming traffic while crossing the intersection of county road 200 West and Indiana 67, causing a collision about 3:38 p.m. Wednesday.  
Laci M. McGinnis, 16, Portland, was stopped in her 2010 Dodge Journey on county road 200 West at the intersection with Indiana 67 and proceeded forward toward Tyson Drive. She didn't see the oncoming 2003 Chevrolet Malibu, driven by 16-year-old Megan M. Faller of Bryant. The vehicle Faller was driving struck McGinnis' car, causing it to spin 180 degrees and overturn, according to a

Jay County Sheriff's Office report.  
Faller and her passenger, Brianna Faller, were taken to IU Health Jay. McGinnis was treated at the scene.  
Damage is estimated between \$10,000 and \$25,000. Both vehicles were towed.

**Horse died**  
A rural Bryant man's horse died and two Indiana residents were taken to the hospital after a crash on county road 600 North about 5:30 p.m. Friday.  
April D. Weller, 47, Fort Wayne, was driving east on county road 600 North and approaching the intersec-

tion with county road 450 East when the 2021 Ram Promaster 3500 she was driving struck a horse-drawn mower, driven by 16-year-old Benjamin T. Schwartz of rural Bryant, near a ditch on the north side of the road, according to a Jay County Sheriff's Office report. The vehicle continued into a fence.  
Weller sustained an arm injury, and Schwartz had a lower leg injury. The horse was killed on impact, and the mower was damaged beyond repair.  
The vehicle Weller was driving is registered to Amazon Logistics of Fishers. It was towed. Damage is estimated between \$25,000 and \$50,000.

## SERVICES

Today  
**Schwieterman**, Jerome: 10 a.m., Mary Help of Christians Catholic Church, 403 Sharpshurg Road, Fort Recovery.  
**Anderson**, Clark: noon, Walker & Glancy Funeral Home, 109 W. Windsor St., Montpelier.

Wednesday  
**Gettinger**, Arlo: 6 p.m., Williamson-Spencer and Penrod Funeral Home, 208 N. Commerce St., Portland.

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# Pence ...

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In the final weeks before the May primary, Kemp has signed legislative proposals aimed at energizing conservatives, traveled to Perdue's hometown to ink an income tax cut and booked millions of dollars

in TV ads. And he's expected to announce a new Hyundai Motor Corp. electric vehicle plant next week that would employ 8,500 people in coastal Georgia and involve an estimated \$7.5 billion investment.

## JAY COUNTY DUST CONTROL PROGRAM

(400 Ft. Minimum)  
Cost. ... \$1.00 per foot  
Must come to Jay County Highway Dept. to  
1) Pick up flags to mark the area  
2) Specify dust control location & specify footage  
3) Make payment to the Jay County Highway Dept.

ONE APPLICATION ONLY  
DEADLINE: May 27, 2022  
LAST DAY FOR PAYMENT  
PAYMENT MUST BE MADE IN ADVANCE  
Check or Money Orders Only

**Jay County Highway Department**  
1035 E 200N  
PORTLAND, INDIANA 47371

**For More Information, call 726-8701**

## WHAT'S FOR LUNCH?

### For Jay County Schools May 16-20

**Monday: Main Entrees:** Chicken Alfredo sauce, Pene Pasta  
**Alternate Entrees:** Pancakes, yogurt & cheese chef salad, saltine crackers, light ranch dressing  
**Sides for all meals:** Seasoned peas

**Tuesday: Main Entrees:** Soft beef whole grain tacos, shredded lettuce, shredded cheddar cheese, salsa  
**Alternate Entrees:** Cereal, goldfish & yogurt fun lunch, Ham & cheese chef salad, saltine crackers, light ranch dressing  
**Sides for all meals:** Seasoned corn

**Wednesday: Main Entrees:** Rotini with Italian meat sauce, garlic breackstik  
**Alternate Entrees:** Pancakes, yogurt & cheese chef salad, saltine crackers, light ranch dressing  
**Sides for all meals:** Savory green beans

**Thursday: Main Entrees:** Breaded chicken drumstick, mashed potatoes, whole grain dinner roll, chicken gravy  
**Alternate Entrees:** Cereal, goldfish & yogurt fun lunch, Ham & cheese chef salad, saltine crackers, light ranch dressing  
**Sides for all meals:** Rainbow veggie medley

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## 65th anniversary

### Frances and Max Moser

Max and Frances (Hilfiker) Moser of rural Bryant celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary May 4.

The couple married on May 4, 1957. Frances is retired from Franklin Electric in Bluffton, and Max is retired from All American Homes in Decatur.

Max also doubles as a carpenter and farmer.

They have three children, Mark Moser of Bryant, Todd Moser of Portland and Sherri Bost of Portland. They also have seven grandchildren, six great-grandchildren and five great-great-grandchildren.

The Mosers plan to celebrate their anniversary with family and friends this summer.

## Enthusiasm bursts are ill-timed

DEAR ABBY: My husband gets very upset when our 4-year-old sons don't share his enthusiasm over something that excites him. He wants them (and me) to jump up and down or cheer when he's excited about something. The problem is, he tends to share his news when we're getting ready for bed or just plain tired. I feel guilty for not acquiescing, but at the same time, I don't want to fake it. Any suggestions for a compromise, please? — AT A LOSS IN TEXAS

DEAR AT A LOSS: Explain to your husband that you are "sorry" he's upset at the lack of enthusiasm he's receiving when he's excited about something, but his TIMING is off. If he expects you and the children to be his cheering section, it would be helpful if he timed his announcements so they don't conflict with bedtime, when everyone's energy level is low.

DEAR ABBY: My former husband and I have been divorced for more than two years. We had our wedding reception in a club with live music, and we would go there every Saturday night to listen to the music. We were divorced shortly after our marriage because he had frequent violent outbursts. After our divorce, he called and asked if we could have a date night. When I went out with him, it was great. We listened to the musicians, and no one knew we were divorced. My ex had serious surgery, which I helped him through, but because of a subsequent violent episode from him, I have now severed all ties with him. I'd like to go back

Dear Abby



and listen to the musicians, but I don't know what to say when they ask me where he is. Any advice would be greatly appreciated. — UNCERTAIN MUSIC LOVER

DEAR MUSIC LOVER: When you are asked, all you need to say is, "John' and I are no longer a couple, so you won't be seeing him with me anymore. I may have split with my husband, but I haven't fallen out of love with your music." It isn't necessary to share any details beyond that.

DEAR ABBY: My grandparents have been very generous. They provided for me in ways my parents could not when I was a child. They allowed me to take music lessons and vacations, let me travel with them and paid for my higher education. They also started an investment fund for me that has grown nicely.

Now I'm married (I'm 37; my husband is 42), we are financially stable and obtaining financial counseling, and we have decided to place those funds in a different form of investment. The rub is that Grandma objects to any changes to these gifts and puts pressure on us. How do I thank her for her generosity and let her know we are handling

our finances now? — CUTTING THE APRON STRINGS

DEAR CUTTING: Start by telling your grandmother again how grateful you are for everything she has provided these many years. Explain to her what your investment plans are for the money that has accumulated, and your reasons for wanting to change. If she has concerns, hear them out and suggest she discuss them with the financial adviser you plan to employ, which might put her worries to rest.

DEAR ABBY: I am approaching a major college reunion next year. Several of us former roommates are looking forward to spending the weekend together and attending some of the official reunion activities. None of the others plans to bring a spouse or partner. My partner didn't attend our college, although he does know some of the girlfriends. He wants to attend.

How can I tell him it will be more relaxed and fun for me if I don't have to worry about whether he's enjoying events when he knows few people and doesn't have the shared history the rest of the group enjoys? — GOING SOLO IN MISSISSIPPI

DEAR GOING SOLO: Explain it to your partner exactly as you have explained it to me — that this isn't a couples event, and none of your former roommates is bringing their partner. If he insists on coming anyway, he should not expect you to be responsible for entertaining him.

## Births

### Langenkamp

Maeva Ann, a daughter, was born May 7 at St. Vincent Randolph in Winchester to Alex and Caitlin Langenkamp of Portland.

She weighed 7 pounds, 11 ounces. Grandparents are Joe and Cindy Ruchgy and Roger and Debbie Langenkamp.

### Willmann

Ellie Ann, a daughter,

was born March 24 at Mercer Health Hospital of Coldwater, Ohio, to Brent and Dawn Willmann of Fort Recovery.

She weighed 8 pounds, 15 ounces.

Maternal grandparents are Michael and Theresa Fullenkamp of Fort Recovery, Ohio. Paternal grandparents are Don and Pat Willmann of Portland.

## Dog's barking leads to rescue of owner

By ANDREA SALCEDO

The Washington Post

Last week, Sherry Noppe took her black Labrador on a walk in the Houston suburb of Katy, Texas.

But Noppe and her dog Max never returned from their May 3 stroll.

For three days, Noppe's family worried about the status of the 63-year-old woman, who was recently diagnosed with dementia.

But on Friday, as authorities and volunteers searched for Noppe, they heard barks coming from the woods, Harris County Precinct 5 Constable Ted Heap said in a statement.

It was Max, who never left Noppe's side. The dog's barks led rescuers to his owner, who was reunited with her family just in time for Mother's Day, her children said during a news conference.

"He saved her life," Noppe's daughter Courtney Noppe said.

Her brother Justin Noppe added, "He's our hero."

It was around 3 a.m. that rescuers and volunteers heard Max's barks coming from the woods of George Bush Park, a 7,800-acre park not far away from where Noppe and her dog were last seen.

Family friend Michael England, who participated in the search efforts, told KHOU that

Noppe and Max were found in a "super thick" and "marshy" part of the woods where one could easily get lost.

"You can walk 50 feet in there and get turned around," he said, adding that Noppe was found several hundred yards into the vegetation.

"She knew she was lost, but I was amazed at how strong she was," England told the news station. "She wasn't severely disori-

ented and out of it but definitely lost. ... She didn't know what to do."

Her family said she was given fluids at a hospital to treat her dehydration. Other than some cuts and bruises, she was not injured, her children said at the news conference.

"That dog ... stayed by her side for three days," said Noppe's son Justin. "And that just shows you the loyalty the dog has."

## Community Calendar

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

### Today

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 Unit-

ed Methodist Church, 204 E. Arch St. in Portland. Everyone is welcome.

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

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.

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

### Tuesday

BRYANT COMMUNITY CENTER EUCHRE — Will be played at 1 p.m. each Tuesday. The public is welcome.

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

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

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

## Sudoku

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

Level: Advanced

### Friday's Solution

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

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

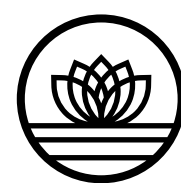


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# Hoosiers should welcome new rule

Herald Bulletin (Anderson)

With the Hoosier state ranked third in the nation in the amount of coal it burns overall and to generate electricity, Hoosiers should welcome a proposed Environmental Protection Agency rule that could help set the state on the path to sustainable energy.

The proposed rule seeks to ensure pollution sources act as “good neighbors” to downwind states by tightening restrictions on emissions that increase the amount of smog there.

The rule would reduce nitrogen dioxide budgets for fossil fuel-fired power plants in Indi-

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ana and 24 other states beginning in 2023.

Nitrogen dioxide emissions from U.S. power plants would be reduced by 20%, and emissions from other industrial sources would be cut by 15%. Officials have published the proposal in the federal register and will accept public comments through June 6.

In February, EPA administrator Michael Regan signed the proposed plan, designed to ensure that the states do not “significantly contribute to problems attaining and maintaining the 2015 Ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standards in downwind states.”

The proposal comes as energy producers move to put the Hoosier state on a path toward sustainable energy while reducing coal-powered energy. Coal fueled 53% of Indiana’s electricity net generation in 2020.

Of course, air pollution doesn’t respect state borders, so something ought to be in place

to ensure that states don’t end up having to clean up their neighbors’ messes.

As Tim Maloney, senior policy director for the Hoosier Environmental Council, said, “Other states that are experiencing the impacts of downwind pollution should have some remedy for the sources of pollution affecting them being addressed.”

If states are to be held accountable for the pollution they produce, that accountability shouldn’t end when that pollution drifts into neighboring states.

Barry Sneed, public information officer for the Indiana

Department of Environmental Management, said in an email, “Clearly, if implemented as proposed, the rule would result in air quality improvements in Indiana and reduce the impact that Indiana has on its neighboring states.”

Also, the proposed rule would further incentivize power companies to double down on alternative forms of energy.

If this rule is implemented, perhaps in a few years, Indiana will be among the states leading the way in clean renewable energy rather than coal consumption. That would be a change worth celebrating.

# Firms make profit off wars

By SHEA LEIBOW  
Progressive Perspectives  
Tribune News Service

At the 2021 annual shareholder meeting of the U.S. weapons manufacturer General Dynamics, shareholders turned out to confront the company’s board of directors, asking how they justify the destruction and death they’ve helped cause.

Medea Benjamin, co-founder of the peace group CODEPINK, to which I also belong, used her shareholder question last year to ask CEO Phoebe Novakovic how she justifies making \$21 million a year, while in 2016 a 2,000-pound bomb made by General Dynamics hit a Yemeni marketplace killing 97 civilians, including 25 children. Novakovic, in response, said General Dynamics’ role is ultimately to “support the U.S. military and U.S. foreign policy.”

This year’s shareholder meeting, held on May 4, was completely online, with an audio-only broadcast, no chat function and a question submission box that was disabled without explanation halfway through the meeting. General Dynamics was able to speed through the 24-minute meeting with no pushback, criticism or engagement from shareholder attendees.

Among the proposals before the board was a request from the Franciscan Sisters of Allegany in New York that the company prepare a human rights report to address and remedy the “actual and potential human rights impacts associated with high-risk products and services.”

As the sisters pointed out, General Dynamics’ products and services are used by Saudi Arabia, the United Arab Emirates, Bahrain, Egypt, Israel and U.S. government agencies at the U.S.-Mexico border. The company’s weapons have been used in war crimes and human rights violations against Yemenis, Palestinians, asylum-seekers and others. A 2019 Amnesty International report found that General Dynamics did not meet its responsibilities under human rights law.

The board unanimously recommended a vote against this, saying it would “undermine shareholder value” by attempting to “embed radical skepticism toward U.S. foreign policy.” During the shareholder meeting itself, CEO Novakovic said “we have supported the U.S. government’s foreign policy, and we will continue to do that — if that is at odds with anyone else’s view, that is

Shea Leibow



something you should take up with your representative. But that is not appropriate to ask at this meeting.”

General Dynamics, based in Reston, Virginia, is part of a defense contractor tradition of spending millions of dollars each year on lobbying to shape U.S. policy. According to the watchdog group Open Secrets, weapons manufacturers have spent more than \$2.6 billion on lobbying in the past two decades, and have been rewarded with “half of the \$14 trillion allocated to the Department of Defense (DOD) during that time.” For every \$1 Lockheed Martin spent on lobbying in 2020, it received \$5,803 from DOD contracts.

Defense contractors like General Dynamics and Lockheed Martin hide behind a veneer of serving the U.S. government, but ultimately only care about selling weapons and making profits. It is against their self-interest to provide transparency around their human rights practices, because the more weapons they sell, the better.

This is why now is a critical time to pull money away from these weapon-making corporate behemoths. Divestment by churches, universities, or municipalities not only pulls financial resources from these death-dealing corporations but also demonstrates that there are dissenting communities across the United States.

Pushing your congressional representatives to refuse to take campaign contributions from weapons manufacturers is another powerful way to disrupt weapon manufacturers’ manipulation of U.S. policy for their own benefit.

Weapons manufacturers are pulling in immense profits from militarized violence in Ukraine, Yemen, Myanmar, Somalia and elsewhere. But we all have more power than we think, and an important first step for building a demilitarized future is pulling away money — and power — from these weapons profiteers.

Leibow is a national organizer with CODEPINK who lives in Chicago.



# Global movement is needed

By YORDANOS EYOEL and HARRIE HAN  
The Fulcrum  
Tribune News Service

Democracy does not disappear by accident. Instead, all over the world, we are witnessing deliberate attempts by antidemocratic actors to weaken civil society, cripple the rule of law and activate social fragmentation. From weaponizing fear to re-writing history to exploiting religion, today’s autocrats and their supporters leverage the same playbook. At the heart of that playbook is a multipronged attack on civil society. In 2021, among the 33 autocratizing countries, repression of civil society worsened in 22.

If a diminished civil society is the foundation of autocracy, a robust and inclusive civil society is the bedrock of democracy. Civil society serves as an intermediary between the state and the individual, composed of organizations such as schools and universities, nonprofit and advocacy groups, professional associations, churches and cultural institutions. Civil society is the connective tissue that holds any society together. It is no accident that anti-democratic actors start there.

Despite the centrality of civil society to the authoritarian playbook, efforts to strengthen democracy too often underinvest in civil society — even though it is our best line of defense.

Civil society organizations in both democracies and autocratic regimes are hamstrung by limited resources and lack of coordination. Even in the United States, with the world’s most sophisticated philan-



Yordanos Eyoel and Harrie Han



thropic culture, civil society organizations defending and strengthening democracy are grossly underfunded compared to organizations working on education, health or poverty alleviation. For instance in 2020, U.S. philanthropists spent \$71 billion on education whereas decade-long philanthropic funding of democracy organizations totaled about \$14 billion. This pattern of overinvesting in issue areas and underinvesting in governance is also reflected in how the U.S. government has allocated its funding globally. For example, in Africa, the U.S. government spends 70 percent of its funds (\$5.4 billion) on health initiatives and only 4 percent (\$312.4 million) on democracy, human rights and governance.

Because civil society is inherently decentralized, sometimes it can be hard to know how to strategically invest in it. Investments in civil society may not seem as significant as sweeping institutional and policy reforms, such as H.R. 1 in the United States. Or, because civil life involves the messy work of bringing people together, efforts to strengthen it may seem unpredictable relative to individually targeted psychological interventions, such as traditional or social media ads to incentivize action.

It doesn’t have to be so. We can and must develop a strategic approach to shoring up and inoculating civil society against attempts to weaken it. The first part of the solution to protect and strengthen democracy is to prioritize funding democracy issues and organizations. The second is to invest these resources strategically in civil society. We propose two immediate priorities:

Build civic resilience: In the U.S. and internationally, there is an overinvestment in short-term outcomes, in pursuit of a silver bullet electoral or policy win (the 2020 U.S. elections cost a whopping \$14 billion). While leadership and structural reforms are important to strengthening democracy, we also need civil society organizations that cultivate a shared commitment to democratic values and build resilience among individuals and communities to advance those values. Funding for civil society organizations that are tirelessly building the culture of democracy and social cohesion through approaches such as civics education, community organizing, leadership development and facilitating deliberative dialogue for inclusive democracy should be prioritized alongside those working on structural reforms.

Facilitate transnational

pro-democracy coordination: As the Freedom House warns, “the global order is nearing a tipping point, and if democracy’s defenders do not work together to help guarantee freedom for all people, the authoritarian model will prevail.”

Today, pro-democracy organizations are siloed, lacking the level of transnational coordination and playbook sharing that their autocratic counterparts artfully orchestrate. We need to create forums such as the upcoming virtual Global Democracy Champions Summit to weave global networks and elevate the aspirations, leadership, and innovations of pro-democracy organizations, activists, academics, and philanthropists.

From journalists to think tanks to Ukrainian freedom fighters, there is outcry for resources and innovation to defend liberal democracy. In the same way, philanthropic institutions, governments, and multilateral institutions galvanized in response to COVID-19, this is the moment to rise in global solidarity for democracy. Philanthropy, in particular, has a historic role to play by making bold investments in civil society organizations addressing both short-term crises as well as long-term civic infrastructure building efforts.

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## Hospital honors

IU Health Jay's Karri Wymer (right) recently received the Child Safety Advocacy Award while the Healthy Beginnings team (left) was presented with the International Board-Certified Lactation Consultant Care Award for excellence in lactation care. Wymer secured grant funding to establish a car seat fitting station through Healthy Beginnings. The Healthy Beginnings program has "completed activities that help protect, promote, and support breastfeeding."



## Portland City Court

### Judge Donald Gillespie Deferrals

Chelsea Berry, Winchester, driving with a suspended license, six months; Ahmed ElDeeb, Portland, speeding 48 mph in a 30 mph zone, six months; Megan M. Byard, Muncie, speeding 69 mph in a 55 mph zone, six months; Alicia J. Williams, Albany, operating a vehicle with false plates, six months; Vikki J. Armstrong, Hartford City, distracted driving, six months; Shirley A. Karn, Portland, speeding 78 mph in a 55 mph zone, one year.

### Paid by waiver

Matthew M. Stoll, Geneva, distracted driving, \$160.50; Adam K. Armstrong, Indianapolis, improper display of tags, \$160.50; Kaden J. Bebout, Decatur, speeding 40 mph in a 30 mph zone, \$145.50; Marcelino A. Santiz, Portland, driving without a valid license, \$160.50; Marc A. Prescott, Ridgeville, failure to yield to an emergency vehicle, \$160.50; Jasmine R. Gierhart, Bryant, improper parking, \$160.50; Walfre R. Mendez, Portland, driving the wrong way on a one way (\$160.50) and driving without a valid license (\$25); Hannah C. Chalfant, Albany, speeding 60 mph in a 30 mph zone, \$171; James W. Hayes, Greencastle, speeding 69 mph in a

55 mph zone, \$149.50; Hannah R. Juarez, Lynn, speeding 69 mph in a 55 mph zone, \$148.50; Lindsey M. Bemis, Portland, speeding 44 mph in a 30 mph zone, \$149.50; Francisco Hernandez Alvarez, Portland, driving without a valid license, \$160.50; Marcelino Santiz Hernandez, Portland, driving without a valid license, \$160.50; Ayron N. Thomas, Piqua, Ohio, speeding 85 mph in a 55 mph zone, \$171; Jinal M. Patel, Russel Springs, Kentucky, speeding 45 mph in a 30 mph zone, \$150.50; Christopher L. Teeter, Churubusco, speeding 67 mph in a 45 mph zone, \$171; Asha L. Eicher, Portland, left of center (\$160.50) and operating with false plates (\$25); Rusty G. Coning, Portland, disregarding stop sign, \$160.50; Kristen N. Davisson, Portland, speeding 50 mph in a 30 mph zone, \$171; Minda S. Cottongim, Winchester, speeding 64 mph in a 55 mph zone, \$144.50; Ruben M. Pujols, Orlando, Florida, driving off the truck route in Dunkirk, \$160.50; Melissa R. Hutzler, Bluffton, distracted driving, \$160.50; Chelsea Bolt, Muncie, disregarding traffic control device, \$160.50; Herbert P. Ammer, Indianapolis, speeding 65 mph in a 55 mph zone, \$145.50; Sean L. Carver, Muncie, speeding 49 mph in a 30 mph zone, \$154.50.



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Margaret A. Horn to herself, death deed — Section 15, Wabash Township, 32.62 acres

John G. Stockton Life Estate to Beulah M. Stockton (deceased) and Kyle Stockton, quit claim deed — Parts of Section 20, Greene Township, 36.6 acres

Vicki J. Smitley to Miguel Gaucin Bermudez, warranty deed — Lot 111, Votaws First Addition

Wendell H. Raines (deceased) and Adeline A. Raines to Steve Schwieterman, warranty deed — Lots 1461 and 1462, Dunkirk Land Co First Addition

Kimberly K. Homan to Kent K. and Kim K. Homan, quit claim deed — Part of Section 29, Bearcreek Township, 36.458 acres

Kent K. and Kim K. Homan to KKH Farms, warranty deed — Part of Section 12, Knox Township, 40.98 acres; Parts of Section 33, Greene Township, 66.33 acres; Parts of Section 32, Greene Township, 63.55 acres; Part of Section 32, Wayne Township, 30 acres; Parts of Section 7, Jefferson Township, 107 acres; Parts of Section 6, Jeffer-

son Township, 67.17 acres; Part of Section 24, Knox Township, 2 acres

Kent Homan to KKH Farms, corporate warranty deed — Section 2, Greene Township, 197.94 acres

Ethan Bost to Matt Cochran, quit claim deed — Lots 58, 59 and 60, Currents South Side Addition Red-key

Howard C. Zorn Jr. to William H. Zorn, quit claim deed — Part of Section 3, Noble Township, 32.29 acres

Delores Dull to William H. Zorn, warranty deed — Part of Section 3, Noble Township, 32.29 acres

Larry J. Marchal (deceased) and Winifred R. Marchal to Kyle D. and Lana S. Kahlig, warranty deed — Part of Section 33, Noble Township, 3.43 acres

Phyllis J. Binegar and Robert L. Binegar (both deceased) to Craig D. Binegar, personal representative deed — Part of Section 12, Knox Township, 91.948 acres

Dunkirk Industrial Development Corporation to Melissa Deconza and Anthony Kibler, quit claim deed — Lot 1, Block 9, original plat of Dunkirk

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H I O H M K I F O H K M G K M R X E H
T K W H N Q , R K U B M G F B G K G T B

“BT R N B P X R B P V X .”

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: DANCE STYLE MEANT TO BE PERFORMED ON FLOORS TOPPED WITH VERY LIGHT WOOD COVERINGS: BALSA NOVA.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: B equals E

CRYPTO FUN
Solve the code to discover words related to gardens.
Each number corresponds to a letter. (Hint: 18 = L)

WORD SCRAMBLE

Rearrange the letters to spell something pertaining to gardening.

D R T I

Grid for word scramble: D R T I

Guess Who?

I am an actor born in California on May 12, 1981. I had minor roles before landing a role in a popular TV series about a shy computer hacker. In 2019, I won an Academy Award for playing a world famous rock singer.

5-16 CRYPTOQUIP

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“A O D D Y D A A U R Y I K R H Z D E .”

Saturday's Cryptoquip: I FIND IT FUN TO VISUALIZE A SPANISH PAINTING OF A LIZARD, GIVEN THE TITLE “EL GRECO GECKO.”

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: B equals O

Creative Coloring

Celebrate Mother's Day. Color in this picture to create your own masterpiece.



THIS DAY IN...



1502: CHRISTOPHER COLUMBUS LEAVES ON HIS FOURTH AND FINAL VOYAGE.
1858: MINNESOTA IS ADMITTED AS THE 32ND STATE OF THE UNITED STATES.
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New Word

MATERNAL
relating to a mother's side of the family

GREAT GARDEN WORD SEARCH

Word search grid with letters: O D D T A U S Y G G Z D T P R U Y B T E...

WORDS

- ANNUAL CLAY CLIMATE CLIMBING COMPOST CONTAINER DAPPLED DECIDUOUS DROUGHT FERTILIZER FILLER HARDINESS HOSE HOUSEPLANT IRRIGATE MOUNDED MULCH PERENNIAL ROOTS SHADE SOIL SUN TOLERANCE TRAILING



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ANSWER: ANNA JARVIS

How they say that in...
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SPANISH: Parto
ITALIAN: Parto
FRENCH: Naissance
GERMAN: Geburt

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MOM

GET THE PICTURE?
Can you guess what the bigger picture is?
ANSWER: TULIPS

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

Crossword puzzle grid with clues: ACROSS 1 Stubborn need, pack briefly... DOWN 1 Actress Kunis...

Contract Bridge By Steve Becker

Famous Hand

Contract Bridge hand diagram showing cards for North, South, West, and East.

However, South should have made the contract. He should have reasoned that his only real hope was to lose just two trump tricks...

Opening lead — nine of hearts. This deal occurred in the U.S.-Italy world championship match in 1959.

Tomorrow: Stop, look and think. ©2022 King Features Syndicate Inc.

Contract Bridge By Steve Becker

Handle with care

Contract Bridge hand diagram showing cards for North, South, West, and East.

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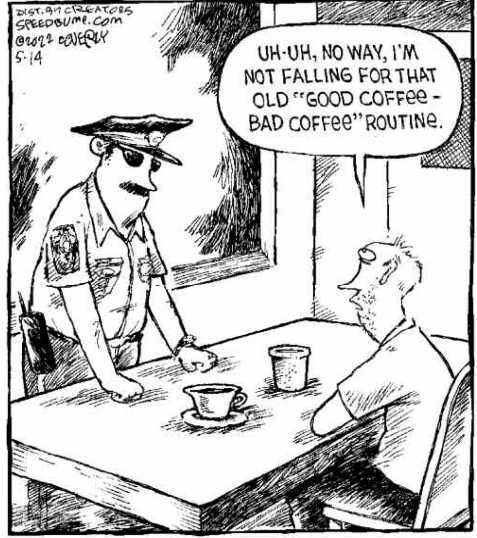
CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

Crossword puzzle grid with clues: ACROSS 1 Spiced tea... DOWN 1 "Mad Money" network...

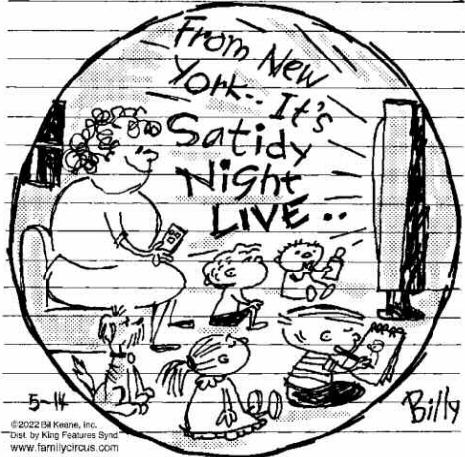
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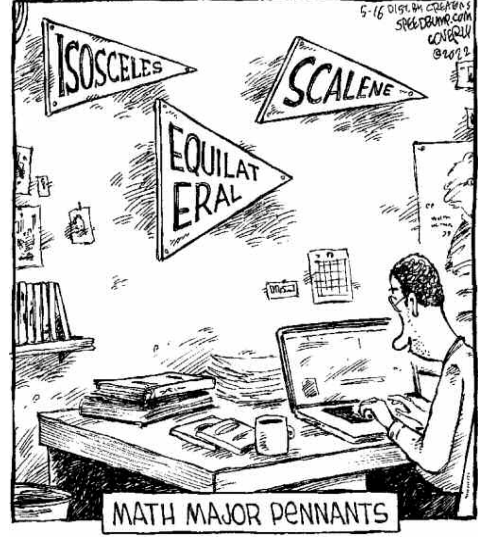


### THE FAMILY CIRCUS By Bil Keane



While Daddy vacations, his 7-year-old sub exposes life at home with the sitter.

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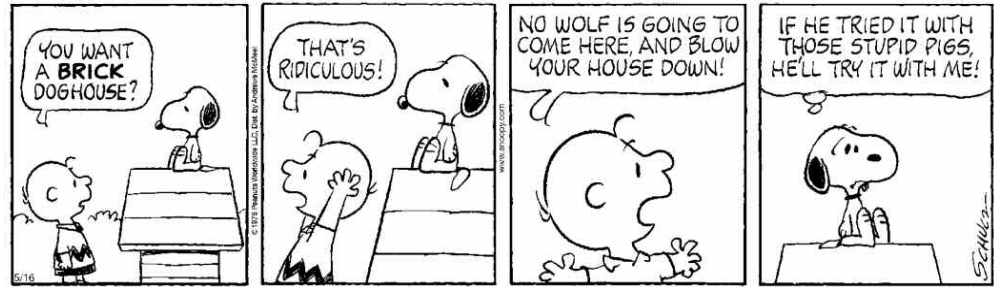


The world's youngest syndicated cartoonist continues to fill in while his parents are away.

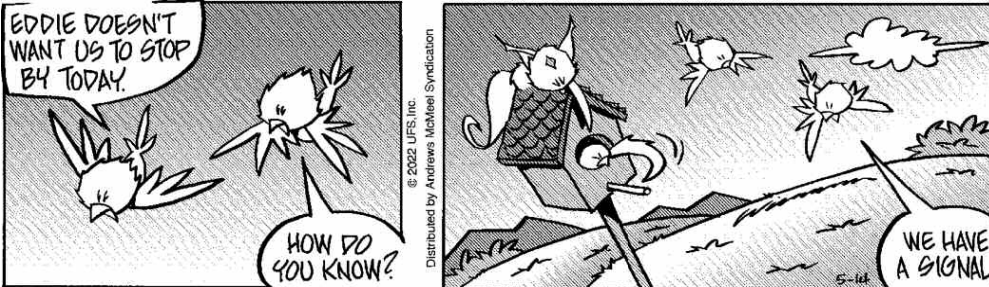
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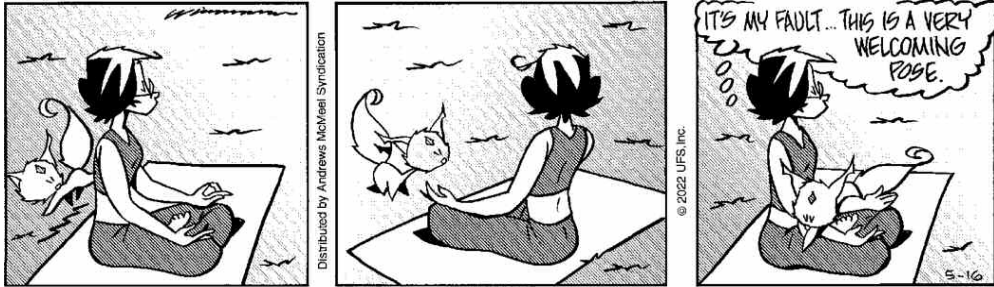
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### Rose is Rose



### Rose is Rose



### Agnes



### Agnes



### Hi and Lois



### Hi and Lois



### Funky Winkerbean



### Funky Winkerbean



### Blondie



### Blondie



### Snuffy Smith



### Snuffy Smith



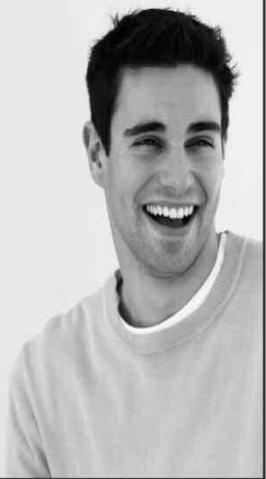
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### Beetle Bailey



# We Deliver



Maybe it's a chuckle from reading a vintage Peanuts cartoon. Maybe it's a column by a member of The CR staff. But we try to keep our sense of humor.

# Laughter

The Commercial Review We Deliver





# Reach ...

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Both Jay County (8-2) and Adams Central (10-3) entered Friday's match with 2-0 records in the ACAC thanks to wins over South Adams and Bluffton.  
The victory continued the Jets' run of dominance in the conference as they won their eighth consecutive title.

"It's just exciting after a year that was supposed to be a rebuilding year," said Adams Central coach Jessica Disinger. "It's awesome and exciting and just encouraging for the girls to see as well."

No. 3 singles player Brenna Haines and the No. 1 doubles team of Holly Hemmelgarn and Dirksen both brought undefeated records into the showdown with the Jets. The sophomore had to fight back from a first-set defeat for a chance to keep hers in tact while the seniors continued their pattern of two-set victories.

Dirksen and Hemmelgarn gave up the first two points of the match before rallying on Dirksen's serve to take the opening game. And when they went up 2-1 over Kellyn Bertsch and Alexa Brotherton thanks to a Dirksen slam on Hemmelgarn's serve it started a run of five consecutive games for the Patriot pair.

They fell behind 2-1 in the second set, rallied to take a 4-3 lead and then were tied at 4-4. But they took the next two games for a 6-1, 6-4 victory to stay perfect.

"We definitely knew the heat was going to be a big factor," said Dirksen. "And also our endurance. They

definitely were quicker than us, so we knew we had to place the ball."

Haines struggled through her first set as she was trying a bit too hard to hit winners, resulting in a series of unforced errors. And after dropping the opening set, she found herself trailing 4-2 in the second.

Then she came alive. Fighting for her goal to be undefeated for the season, she won five of the next six games to force a super tiebreaker.

Haines took control with a 4-0 lead as Adams Central's Sydney Leyse struggled to keep the ball on the court. She pushed to a 9-2 advantage before Leyse scored three straight points. But then Haines ripped a sharp serve down the middle that Leyse slammed into the net to end the match.

"I took a lot of deep breaths," said Haines, admitting that she was fighting off tears at one point. "It's all about composure. Once I just get back in the right mindset ... and start playing like I can, it's fine. I just start getting it in instead of trying to hit it as hard as I possibly can."

Hemmelgarn, Dirksen and Haines will receive all-conference honors for finishing unbeaten at their position.

The pair of undefeated streaks have served to push the teammates. "We lift Brenna up," said Dirksen. "She lifts us up. We're like, 'Hey, you've got this.' It's a whole separate aspect of the game. Like, 'You've got this.'"

The Patriots were looking good

for the conference title early with Grace Brewster rolling out to a hot start at No. 1 singles while the No. 2 doubles pair of Melana and Kaylee Zimmerman led through most of the first set. But neither was able to hold on to the momentum.

Adams Central's Jessica Tobias came storming back against Brewster, taking the first set in a tiebreaker. She then won the first three games of the second set en route to handing Brewster a 7-6 (7-5) 6-2 defeat.

Maddie Herring and Alayna McCullough of the Jets rallied by winning the three straight games to take the first set against the Zimmerman twins. They then had a one-game edge for the bulk of the second set as they picked up a 6-4, 6-4 win that sealed the conference title.

Lilly Hedges of JCHS fought back strong in the second set at No. 2 singles but was unable to force a third set as she fell 6-0, 6-4 to Hillary Tobias.

It was just the second loss of the season for the Patriots, with the other coming April 7 against Bellmont.

## Junior varsity

Jay County went 2-6 in junior varsity matches, with both wins coming at the No. 1 spot.

At No. 1 singles, Heaven Hambrook defeated Anna Leyse of the Jets 6-2. Maggie Dillon and Zion Beiswanger earned a 7-6 (10-8) victory over Bailey Heyerly and Macy McClure at No. 1 doubles.

# Roundup ...

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Sophomore Kiana Matsuda made a massive jump from the No. 7 seed in the 300 hurdles to finish third.

Fourth-place finishes for the Indians came from Ellie Will in the 3,200 run, Brunswick in the 1,600 run and Joelle Kaup, Diller, Will and Brunswick in the 4x800 relay.

## Post leads FR

PITTSBURGH, Ohio — The Fort Recovery baseball team bounced back from a rough outing Thursday for an 8-2 victory Friday over the Franklin Monroe Jets.

The Indians (11-8), who managed just one hit in a 12-0 loss Thursday to Wapakoneta, took the lead for good with a three-run third inning. They added single runs in the fifth and seventh along with two in the sixth.

Landon Post's 2-for-4 effort with a double, three RBIs and two runs led the Tribe. Troy Homan added two hits, including a double, and three runs, and Marcus Gaerge was 2-for-4 with a run and an RBI.

Brock Dues got the win, giving up two runs — one earned — on three hits in 3 1/3 innings.

## JC softball falls

MONROEVILLE — Jay County's softball team couldn't keep up with the

team that has led the Allen County Athletic Conference standings all season, falling 17-6 in five innings Friday to the host Heritage Patriots.

JCHS (9-7, 4-2 ACAC) was hoping to take the league title from Heritage (18-2, 6-0 ACAC), but lost any opportunity in the fourth inning. The home team put up 10 runs in the frame en route to ending the game early.

Mallory Winner took the loss, but only five of the 17 runs against her were earned.

Jozey Shimp hit two home runs, finishing 3-for-3 with four RBIs and two runs. Riah Champ also went deep, and Jaelynn Lykins had three hits and a pair of runs.

## JC JV loses

OSSIAN — The Jay County junior varsity softball team jumped ahead early but couldn't hold the lead in an 11-3 loss Friday to the host Norwell Knights.

The Patriots tallied two runs in the top of the first inning. But Norwell responded with six in the bottom of the frame and never trailed again.

Ava Miller took the loss for JCHS, giving up 11 runs on 12 hits and a walk in 2 1/3 innings.

Angel Clairday led the Patriots at the play, going 2-for-2.

# Sports on tap

## Local schedule

**Today**  
Jay County — Girls tennis at Lapel Invitational - 9 a.m.; Softball doubleheader vs. Hagerstown - 10 a.m.; Baseball doubleheader vs. Fort Wayne South Side - 10 a.m.; JV track at Huntington North - 11 a.m.; JV baseball doubleheader at Norwell - 10 a.m.  
Fort Recovery — Baseball vs. St. Mary's Memorial - 5 p.m.

**Monday**  
Jay County — Softball vs. Marion - 5 p.m.; Baseball at Delta - 5 p.m.; Girls tennis at Alexandria - 5 p.m.; JV softball at Union (Modoc) - 5 p.m.; Junior high golf at McCulloch - 5 p.m.  
Fort Recovery — JV baseball at St. Henry White - 5 p.m.

**Tuesday**  
Jay County — Baseball vs. Black-

ford - 5 p.m.; Girls track sectional at Delta - 5 p.m.; JV baseball at Adams Central - 5 p.m.; JV softball vs. Marion - 5 p.m.; Junior high golf vs. Monroe Central - 4:30 p.m.  
Fort Recovery — Softball district semifinal vs. Minster at Wapakoneta - 4 p.m.; Baseball sectional semifinal at St. John's - 5 p.m.; JV softball vs. South Adams - 5 p.m.

## TV schedule

**Today**  
2 p.m. — USFL football: Tampa Bay Bandits at Michigan Panthers (USA)  
2 p.m. — Auto racing: ARCA Menards Series - Kansas 150 (FS1)  
2:15 p.m. — Major League Baseball: San Francisco Giants at St. Louis Cardinals (Bally Indiana)  
3 p.m. — Golf: AT&T Byron Nelson (CBS)  
3 p.m. — USFL football: New Jersey

Generals at New Orleans Breakers (FOX)  
4:05 p.m. — Major League Baseball: San Diego Padres at Atlanta Braves (FS1)  
4:30 p.m. — NHL playoffs: Boston Bruins at Carolina Hurricanes (ESPN)  
6:35 p.m. — Major League Baseball: Cincinnati Reds at Pittsburgh Pirates (Bally Indiana)  
7 p.m. — NHL playoffs: Tampa Bay Lightning at Toronto Maple Leafs (TNT)  
7:30 p.m. — UFC Fight Night: Blachowicz vs. Rakic (ESPN2)  
8 p.m. — Auto racing: NASCAR Camping World Truck Series - Heart of America (FS1)  
10 p.m. — NHL playoffs: Los Angeles Kings at Edmonton Oilers (ESPN)

**Sunday**  
7 a.m. — Soccer: Premier League: Burnley at Tottenham Hotspur (USA)  
9 a.m. — Soccer: Premier League -

Manchester City at West Ham United (USA)  
11:30 a.m. — Soccer: Premier League - Brentford at Everton (USA)  
Noon — Golf: LPGA Tour - Cognizant Founders Cup (CBS)  
Noon — USFL football: Philadelphia Stars at Birmingham Stallions (NBC)  
1 p.m. — College baseball: Penn State at Ohio State (BTN); Miami at Florida State (ESPN2)  
1:30 p.m. — Soccer: Major League Soccer: New England Revolution at Atlanta United (ESPN)  
1:35 p.m. — Major League Baseball: Cincinnati Reds at Pittsburgh Pirates (Bally Indiana)  
3 p.m. — College baseball: Nebraska at Illinois (ESPN2)  
3 p.m. — Golf: PGA Tour - AT&T Byron Nelson (CBS)  
3 p.m. — Auto racing: NASCAR Cup Series - AdventHealth 400 (FS1)

3:30 p.m. — NBA playoffs: Eastern Conference semifinals - Milwaukee Bucks at Boston Celtics (ABC)  
4 p.m. — Houston Gamblers at Pittsburgh Maulers (FOX)  
4 p.m. — Major League Soccer: Minnesota United at Seattle Sounders (ESPN)  
7 p.m. — Major League Baseball: San Francisco Giants at St. Louis Cardinals (ESPN)  
9 p.m. — Soccer: USL Championship - Tampa Bay Rowdies at Phoenix Rising (ESPN2)

**Monday**  
3 p.m. — Soccer: Premier League - Arsenal at Newcastle United (USA)  
7:10 p.m. — Major League Baseball: St. Louis Cardinals at New York Mets (Bally Indiana)  
8:30 p.m. — NBA playoffs: Western Conference semifinals - Golden State Warriors at Memphis Grizzlies (TNT)

**Tuesday**  
6:10 p.m. — Major League Baseball: Cincinnati Reds at Cleveland Guardians (Bally Indiana)

## Local notes

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

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# Sports

## Francis powers Indians in MAC

MINSTER, Ohio — Abbie Francis anchored the Indians on their way to one championship.

The she earned a title of her own.

Francis led the Fort Recovery High School girls track team, winning the 200-meter dash.

Local roundup  
Midwest Athletic Conference Championship and running the final leg of the first-place 4x100 relay as the Indians placed fifth in the meet Friday at Minster.

The Tribe girls scored 87 points, finishing just two behind fourth-place Marion Local in the 10-team field. The host Wildcats won with 130.

The FRHS boys were eighth with 26 points. Marion Local fought off Minster for the title with 153 points.

Francis fought off Alexis Magoto of Versailles by 0.11 seconds to win the 200 dash title in 26.22 seconds. She teamed with Anna Roessner, Mara Pearson and Allysen Fullenkamp to take first place in the 4x100 relay by just 0.09 seconds over Coldwater in 51.05. She joined Natalie Brunswick, Megan Diller and Roessner for a third place finish in the 4x400 relay, and she was also fourth in the 100 dash.

Trevor Heitkamp scored the bulk of the points for the Tribe boys, finishing as the runner-up in both the 1,600 run (4 minutes, 31.44 seconds) and 3,200 run (9:57.48).

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# Just out of reach



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Jay County High School senior Madison Dirksen reaches to connect with a shot Friday during the Patriot girls tennis team's match at Adams Central. Dirksen connected with the volley to finish off her No. 1 doubles victory with teammate Holly Hemmelgarn, and Brenna Haines rallied for a win at No. 3 singles. But JCHS was unable to pick up a third point in the match that decided the Allen County Athletic Conference championship.

## Jay girls tennis team comes up one victory short in bid for 1st Allen County Athletic Conference title

By RAY COONEY  
The Commercial Review

MONROE — The unbeatens remained so.

But the Patriots couldn't find that one other point they needed to capture their first Allen Coun-

ty Athletic Conference championship.

Jay County High School's girls tennis team came up just short Friday, falling 3-2 to the host Adams Central Jets in the match that decided the ACAC title.

Though disappointed to fall short of the title, the Patriots immediately turned their focus to their next target.

"It definitely was a goal," said JCHS senior Madison Dirksen. "But I feel like sectional is more

of an eye on the prize type of thing."

The Patriots are hoping to repeat as sectional champions next week. The tournament draw is scheduled for Monday.

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