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Rohrer honored

By BAILEY CLINE
The Commercial Review

A Portland volunteer received an honor for years of dedication to her church food pantry Wednesday.

Kay Rohrer was honored with the Jack Cole Award for Volunteerism for her service at the Trinity United Methodist Church food pantry during The Portland Foundation's annual meeting.

"As this important work continues, Kay and those involved have made a new perspective on caring and love for this community," said Cole. "The growth, the success of the food pantry is certainly due to the efforts of today's recipient, Kay Rohrer, who continues to serve those in need."

Her involvement with the food pantry dates back to 2010. It started with donations from the church's congregation and other

Portland resident has volunteered for years at church food pantry

community members. Initially the food pantry was limited to daytime hours, noted Cole. Rohrer soon noticed a need for working individuals to have access to a food pantry in the evening, so she adjusted the pantry's hours.

From there, the food pantry's reach extended from serving between 20 to 25 families in the community to between 60 and 80 families. (Rohrer noted the food

pantry served 84 families on May 11.)

Cole explained Rohrer began applying for grants and funding through The Portland Foundation, Second Harvest Food Bank, Women's Giving Circle and local businesses. In 2019, she received funding to purchase commercial freezers and refrigerators, expanding the food pantry's variety.

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Kay Rohrer was awarded with the Jack Cole Award for Volunteerism on Wednesday during The Portland Foundation's annual meeting. Pictured are Rohrer and Cole holding the award.



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Pipeline work

Miller Pipeline workers dig into Morton Street at the intersection with Main Street in Portland this morning. Morton Street was closed between Main and Water streets for about four hours today because of the construction.

Airport runway work is still waiting

HIS has still not resumed first phase of project

By RAY COONEY
The Commercial Review

Airport work that was supposed to resume April 1 and was then rescheduled to start May 1 is still not underway.

Jason Clearwaters of engineering firm Butler, Fairman and Seufert informed Portland Board of Aviation on Wednesday that HIS Constructors of Indianapolis has still not gotten started on the remaining work for the first phase of the Portland Municipal Airport runway extension project.

HIS was hired to handle the first phase of the runway extension to 5,500 feet from the current 4,000. That phase involved enclosing a ditch and leveling the land west of the current runway.

The work was originally expected to be complete last year. When it was not, HIS set a date of April 1 to resume the work with hopes to have it completed by the end of that month. That date was then moved to May 1.

Still, so far, there has been no progress.

Clearwaters said it is estimated that about 16,000 cubic yards of dirt are still needed to bring the land to the level necessary to extend the runway. He added that HIS has said it has thus far not been able to find a source for the dirt it needs to complete the project. (HIS got dirt from the Greg and Cindy Whitenack property 1338 W. 100 North during construction last year, but it is no longer available after the Whitenacks said the company did not meet the specifications of its agreement.)

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Measures taken to combat shortage

By ARIEL COHEN
CQ-Roll Call
Tribune News Services

WASHINGTON — Even as the House passed legislation Wednesday to provide \$28 million aimed at helping to ease a baby formula shortage that has sent families scrambling, it also tried to address a second issue: easing the shortage's impact on low-income families who use the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children, known as WIC.

Late Wednesday, the House passed 231-192 the bill to provide the new funding for the Food and Drug Administration's infant formula safety and inspection capabilities.

The House also passed 414-9 a measure that backers hope will prevent low-income families from experiencing formula shortages ever again. The bill would extend WIC infant formula flexibilities that the Biden administration was only able to recently trigger

House funding will expand FDA safety and inspection capabilities

because of the ongoing COVID-19 public health emergency.

House action comes as President Joe Biden on Wednesday invoked the 1950 Defense Production Act to require suppliers to prioritize and provide the needed resources to formula manufacturers to increase production. Biden also directed the Health and Human Services and Agriculture departments to use military commercial aircraft to pick up overseas infant formula in order to get it to store shelves faster.

"Parents are not quite in panic mode yet. But they're frantic," said Mark Corkins, a professor of

medicine at the University of Tennessee in Memphis and chair of the American Academy of Pediatrics Committee on Nutrition.

WIC funds half of all the formula purchases nationwide, and Abbott Nutrition's formula products serve roughly 90% of all infants participating in WIC, according to the Agriculture Department's Food and Nutrition Service. Roughly 43% of baby formula supply was out of stock as of May 8, according to a market analysis from Datasembly.

While WIC has traditionally included limitations on which

formulas parents can buy under the program, on May 13, the USDA urged states to offer families using WIC "maximum flexibility" when it comes to purchasing infant formula on benefit. These flexibilities include allowing states to offer alternative sizes, forms and brands of formula on WIC and allowing stores to accept exchanges of formula purchased with WIC benefits.

But those flexibilities are only possible because the United States is currently under a public health emergency, and without the ongoing pandemic emergency, lawmakers would have had to pass legislation to allow for the WIC formula flexibilities, or the Biden administration would have to take executive action, according to a Senate aide.

In recent days, pediatricians have said they've noticed a run on baby formula because parents are growing more and more concerned about shortages.

Deaths

Jay Macy, 87, Bluffton
Pamela Warner, 76, Geneva
Details on page 2.

Weather

About 0.4 inches of rain fell Wednesday in Jay County. The high temperature was 67, and the low was 59.

Expect a low of 67 tonight with showers and thunderstorms possible after midnight. Skies will be mostly sunny Friday with a high of 87.

See page 2 for an extended outlook.

In review

Need to fill out a birth announcement, engagement or wedding form to have your special event announced in the newspaper? They're now available electronically. Just go to thecr.com, hover over "Forms" and select the form you'd like to fill out.

Coming up

Friday — Results from tonight's JCHS girls tennis sectional semifinal match.

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



Obituaries

Jay Macy

Oct. 4, 1934-May 17, 2022 Jay E. Macy, 87 of Bluffton, passed away on Tuesday evening, May 17, 2022, at his residence surrounded by his family.

He was born on Oct. 4, 1934, in Portland to Walter and Thelma (Byrd) Macy. Jay graduated from Portland High School in 1952 then continued his education at Indiana Tech. He went on to work for Navistar from 1961 until 2005. Jay enjoyed taking pictures

with his cameras, taking camping trips and traveling. He liked working on cars, especially Fords and anything made by Navistar.

On Oct. 14, 1956, Jay and Anita Clair Reynolds were married. They celebrated 65 years of marriage together.

Survivors include his wife Anita of Bluffton; three sons,



Macy

Kevin (Annette) Macy of Fort Wayne, Bryan Macy of Linn Grove and Todd (Myleiah) Macy of Bainbridge; four grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. on Saturday, May 21, 2022, at the Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home in Bluffton, with Chaplin Kris McPherson officiating. Visitation will be held from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday,

prior to the funeral service. Burial will follow at Six Mile Cemetery

Memorials may be made in Jay's memory to Shriners Children's Hospital.

Jay's arrangements have been entrusted to the care of the Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home in Bluffton.

Friends can send condolences to the family at thomarich.com.

Pamela S. Davis Warner, Geneva, Nov. 12, 1945-May 17, 2022. Serv-

ices will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at Downing & Glancy Funeral Home, 100 N. Washington St., Geneva.

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

Table with 5 columns: Friday 5/20, Saturday 5/21, Sunday 5/22, Monday 5/23, Tuesday 5/24. Includes weather icons and forecasts for each day.

Runway ...

Continued from page 1 The first phase of the project needs to be completed by June 6, Clearwaters said, in order to allow Milestone Contractors to move forward with the second phase — paving and lighting. (A pre-construction meeting with Milestone will be held this month.)

Aviation board member Clyde Bray asked about what options the board has if HIS does not have the work completed in time. Clearwaters noted that the contract includes \$1,500 in damages per day after the contracted days expire. (Butler, Fairman and Seufert re-started the clock on workable days May 1.)

“At some point we will run out of days and then it will be your decision whether or not you want to push on liquidated damages,” Clearwaters said.

He added that if HIS can't or won't complete the work in that timeframe, efforts would be made to find another firm to handle the job.

“We will continue to talk to them the rest of this week,” said Clearwaters. “But we've got to have a plan and schedule, which we've been asking for for many months.”

The second phase of the project being handled by Milestone is expected to take 75 calendar days. Clearwaters noted that weather could become an issue, because

marking the new pavement will require dry weather with temperatures of at least 45 degrees.

The entirety of the project is expected to be complete, with the extended runway open, by the end of the year.

Airport manager Hal Tavzel noted that Milestone Contractors will begin work on an unrelated driveway project at the airport next week.

Tavzel also brought a couple of requests to the board from AeroAg LLC, a new crop spraying company led by Wade Lewellen and Andy London.

The company asked about the possibility of adding parking next to the hangar where its plane is being stored and about a discount on fuel purchases.

Board members Faron Parr, John Ferguson and Bray, absent Mitch Sutton, agreed to hire Dalton's Concrete Construction to add a 40-foot by 12-foot stone parking area adjacent to the hangar at a cost of \$1,875.

It tabled the request for a fuel discount in order to research the issue more.

In other business, the board:

•Heard from Clearwaters that the board has not received a response yet on its Federal Aviation Administration grant application for a wildlife hazard assessment and wildlife hazard management plan as

well as environmental assessment and design for the terminal apron expansion.

•Learned from Tavzel that various projects, including new concrete in a hangar, a new hangar roof and repairs to wiring for its weather station have been completed. A part is also on order for the weather station.

•Was updated that the airport is talking with American Legion Post 211 of Portland regarding taking over the pancake breakfast during the annual fly-in in August. Westchester United Methodist Church handled the event for years.

•Learned from Clearwaters that some additional information has been released on funding being made available to the airport through this year's federal infrastructure bill but that no guidance on applying has been offered. (The airport is expected to get \$110,000 annually over a five-year period.)

•Heard from Tavzel that the facility sold 5,293 gallons of fuel in April for \$26,828.

•Received an update from Rick Owens regarding the plane he was asked to remove from its hangar because of lack of use. Owens said he has worked on the plane but has to send the propeller for repairs before he can sell it. He will update the board again next month.

Lotteries

Powerball: 40-41-58-64-65, Power Ball: 17, Power Play: 3, Estimated jackpot: \$117 million. Hoosier Lotto: 8-21-22-32-38-44, Estimated jackpot: \$12.2 million. Ohio Midday Pick 3: 9-4-6, Pick 4: 2-3-6-0, Pick 5: 9-6-5-2-9, Evening Pick 3: 2-9-7, Pick 4: 1-2-8-2, Pick 5: 2-8-1-0-5, Rolling Cash: 6-21-22-34-36, Classic Lotto: 3-14-16-19-31-49, Kicker: 5-9-3-6-2-0, Estimated jackpot: \$27.9 million.

Markets

Table with 2 columns: Market Name and Price. Includes Cooper Farms Fort Recovery, POET Biorefining Portland, The Andersons Richland Township, Central States Montpelier, and Heartland St. Anthony.

Today in history

In 1536, Henry VII's second wife Anne Boleyn was beheaded in Tower Green. In 1643, Plymouth, Massachusetts Bay, Connecticut and New Harbor formed the United Colonies of New England. In 1845, English explorer John Franklin started his ill-fated expedition to find the Northwest Passage. Both of his ships were trapped in ice. None of the crew survived. In 1884, the Ringling brothers started a circus in Baraboo, Wisconsin. It grew into Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey Circus, the largest in the United States. In 1963, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s "Letter from Birmingham Jail" was published. He used it to defend his non-violent resistance against racism and segregation. In 2007, the Jay County High School softball team knocked off Tipton 2-1 in the opening round of the sectional tournament. Shae Keller went the distance pitching for the win and Trisha Champ finished 2-for-3 with both Patriot RBIs. In 2021, The Portland Foundation presented the Jack Cole Award for Volunteerism for 2019 to Brandon Swoveland and for 2020 to Brian Ison. (The previous year's event was canceled because of the coronavirus pandemic, leading to the dual awards.) —The CR

Honors ...

Continued from page 1 COVID-19 also impacted the food pantry's mission.

“Over the past two years, COVID pandemic has created challenges both on how the pantry operated due to health regulations as well as increasing the demand among Jay County residents who needed food assistance,” noted Cole. “With these various changes regarding food distribution and increasing families served, there was a need for additional volunteers.”

Rohrer, a nurse at IU Health Jay, reached out to her coworkers, fellow church members, friends and families to find help. She explained that Second Harvest Food Bank offered food free of charge during the height of the coronavirus pandemic. For more than three months, the church offered goods every Wednesday. (As of today, the pantry is now open two Wednesdays each month.)

Rohrer and her sister, Bettie Jacobs, visit stores and Second Harvest Food Bank in Muncie to get items for the food pantry. Rohrer said she's always watching for deals and goods to donate for families in need.

“I am very surprised — humbled,” Rohrer said following the meeting. “I know I do a lot, and I know it's always in my mind, if

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—Doug Inman, The Portland Foundation

I'm out and around and I see something (families) might use, it might not be food, it might be toiletries or (clothing) ... anything that's a really good deal, you pick it up and you take it into the food pantry. So it's just, you're always thinking about it.”

Foundation executive director Doug Inman reported the foundation's assets totaled \$50.7 million at the end of 2021, a record high. It received 13 new endowments in the past year. The foundation received \$2.4 million in gifts and granted \$1.2 million in grants and scholarships.

Since its founding in 1951, it has awarded more than \$12.1 million in grants and \$7.2 million in scholarships.

Inman invited those at the meeting to attend a meeting June 22 about the GIFT VII Initiative of the

Lilly Endowment, which will detail final plans and strategies on how to help in the community.

He also mentioned the foundation has been working with LOCUS Impact Investing of Virginia for the past year.

“The impact investing allows us to not only work with not-for-profit organizations, but with for-profit institutions, financial institutions, units of government to solve big issues through investing in local business ventures,” he said.

Also, outgoing foundation board members Rex Journay and Rob Penrod were recognized Wednesday for their years of service.

SERVICES

Friday

Kriegbaum, Gerald: 1 p.m., St. Paul Catholic Church, 1009 Kem Road, Marion.

LeMaster, Betty: 6 p.m., Fellowship Baptist Church, 289 S. 200 West, Portland.

LeMaster, Nancy: 6 p.m., Fellowship Baptist Church, 289 S. 200 West, Portland.

LeMaster, Paul: 6 p.m., Fellowship Baptist Church, 289 S. 200 West, Portland.

Saturday

Cash, Glen: 11 a.m., Walker & Glancy Funeral Home, 109 W. Windsor St., Montpelier.

Luttman, Michael: noon, Hillcrest Cemetery, Redkey.

Macy, Jay: 2 p.m., Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home, 308 W. Washington St., Bluffton.

Warner, Pamela: 2 p.m., Downing & Glancy Funeral Home, 100 Washington St., Geneva.

Corn, Donnie: 4 p.m., Fellowship Baptist Church, 289 S. 200 West, Portland.

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Citizen's calendar

Today 6 p.m. — Redkey Town Council, town hall, 200 S. Mooney St. Friday 2 p.m. — Jay County Commissioners, special session, commissioners' room, courthouse, 120 N. Court St., Portland. Monday 3 p.m. — Jay County

Solid Waste Management District, 5948 W. Indiana 67, Portland. 5 p.m. — Dunkirk Board of Works, city building, 131 S. Main St. 6 p.m. — Dunkirk City Council executive session, city building, 131 S. Main St. 7 p.m. — Dunkirk City Council, city building, 131 S. Main St.

Advertisement for Wendelin 2.0 Food & Spirits. Includes address: 2981 Fort Recovery Minster Rd, St Henry, OH. Features: Dine In and Carry Out, Open 7 days a week at 10:30 am, Daily Lunch Specials, Happy Hour Every Day 1pm-4pm, Accepts Reservations, Band/DJ-Karaoke Every Friday and Saturday 10 pm-2am. Birthplace of the Charlie Burger Home of the Pineapple Bowl. Mention this ad on your next visit, Get \$2 OFF. Alcohol not included.

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Lions Club donates

Portland Lions Club recently made donations to Jay County Humane Society and Jay County Fair Association. Pictured, at left, Lions Club treasurer Mark Tillman presents a check for \$5,000 to Mindy Weaver, a humane society volunteer. At right, Lions Club president Mindy Weaver presents a \$2,500 check to fair board treasurer Aaron Loy.



Photos provided

Budgeting becomes hard

DEAR ABBY: My husband is retired from the military and living with a mental illness caused by a traumatic brain injury. As a result, he's disabled. We have four children. Over the years, he has developed an extreme sense of financial entitlement. Although I'm responsible for our finances, I cannot control his spending.

His compulsions include luxury coffee, fast food and "medical" marijuana, which cost hundreds every month, yet he complains when money is tight. Last week he lashed out, saying, "I hate that everything has to go through you," as if I am the reason we don't have more spending money.

Money is scarce and our children are going without things they need. I'm always fighting for his respect, decency and self-control. I feel frustrated, exhausted and lost. Advice, please? — ANGERED IN ARKANSAS

DEAR ANGERED: I wish I could wave a magic wand and make your very real problem disappear. Because I can't, you are going to have to step up yet again and impress upon your husband that while you are sad that he regards what you are doing for your family as "controlling," your children's needs

Dear Abby



MUST come before his own. By that I mean, he should treat "luxury coffee" as a luxury and buy it no more than X times a week, ditto for fast food and his "medical" marijuana.

If he needs more pharmaceutical support for his stress, he should address it to his doctor (at the VA, I assume). Make clear that you cannot carry more of the load, and that you are not the cause of the financial stress. Circumstances are to blame for that, and he cannot continue to kick his golden goose or he will kill it.

DEAR ABBY: My mother, who lives with me, insists on keeping her window open several inches year-round. While I don't mind so much in the winter because I know she tends to run hot, we clash in the summer because I need the windows and doors closed so I can run the air conditioning to optimal effi-

ciency. She thinks keeping her window open is cooling her bedroom off and doesn't understand what the problem is if she keeps her door to the rest of the house shut.

This issue has caused major arguments because it's making my AC unit work harder than it needs to, not to mention I have allergies and my doctor has told me to keep the air on all summer long. This is a ranch-style home, and the temperature is kept at 70 degrees.

I don't want to fight with her, but I feel disrespected since this is my house and she blatantly disregards my requests. Am I overreacting? Or does she need to be respectful of my home? — TEMPERATURE RISING IN OHIO

DEAR T.R.I.O.: You aren't overreacting. Let's get down to basics. Whose house is it? It is yours. When you lived in your mother's home, she made the rules and you had to abide by them.

If keeping her bedroom windows ajar is "making your air conditioner work harder," then it's likely adding to your electric bill, which is disrespectful, inconsiderate and bad manners. If she can't adjust, she should contribute toward the extra cost of air conditioning.

Concert series in Dunkirk kicks off on Saturday

Dunkirk Beautification Committee has announced the schedule for its 2022 Summer Concert Series at Webster Depot Park.

This year's slimmed-down series features four concerts, beginning with Jay Foxx Band on Saturday.

The group, making its 24th visit to the series, performs polka, big band, country, pop, bluegrass, rock and oldies music.

Boot Hill Band will follow on the schedule as it performs June 18, with Gene Sherry scheduled for July 16 and Spittin' Image to take the stage Aug. 20.

All concerts begin at 7 p.m. in the park on Lincoln Avenue, one block west of Main Street. There is no admission charge.

Attendees are encouraged to bring blankets

Taking Note

and lawn chairs. Concessions will be available for purchase beginning at 6:30 p.m. on the night of each concert.

Gospel concert

A popular Virginia music group will sing at a local church this weekend.

The Mark Dubbed Family of Moneta will be performing at 10:30 a.m. Sunday at Bryant Wesleyan Church, 209 S. Hendricks St.

According to the group's website, the singers are known for their original songs and harmony.

Community Calendar

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

Thursday

CELEBRATE RECOVERY — A 12-step Christian recovery program meets at 10 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. each 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.

EN AVANT CLUB — Meets at 1 p.m. on the third Thursday of each month.

ORGAN TRANSPLANT SUPPORT GROUP — Will meet at 3 p.m. on the third Thursday of each month in the IU Health Blackford main conference room.

JAY COUNTY HUMANE SOCIETY — Will meet at 5:30 p.m. the third Thursday of each month at Jay County Public Library. The public is welcome.

A BETTER LIFE - BRI-

ANNA'S HOPE — A faith-based 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.

PORTLAND LIONS CLUB — Will meet at 6:30 p.m. the third Thursday of the month at Portland Lions Civic Center, 307 W. 100 North.

FORGET-ME-NOT — A support group for parents, friends and relatives who have lost a baby through miscarriage, birth or illness will meet from 7 to 9 p.m. at St. Vincent Randolph Hospital, Winchester, in community room 1. For more information, call Kimberly Sibery at (765) 964-6075 or Nikki Bosworth at (765) 584-6452.

Friday

DUNKIRK HISTORICAL SOCIETY — Is open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on the first and third Friday of each month in the former W.E. Gaunt Jewelry building, 113 S. Main St., Dunkirk.

CINCINNATUS LEAGUE — Will meet at noon Friday at Harmony Cafe in Portland.

PORTLAND FARMERS MARKET — Will be held from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. each Saturday in the parking lot at The Rock Church, 1605 N. Meridian St.

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.

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from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on the first and third Saturday of each month in the former W.E. Gaunt Jewelry building, 113 S. Main St., Dunkirk.

MUSEUM OF THE SOLDIER — Is open from noon to 5 p.m. the first and third Saturday and Sunday of the month. It is located at 510 E. Arch St., Portland. The website is museumofthesoldier.com.

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.

Sudoku

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Level: Intermediate

Wednesday's Solution

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

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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DeSantis is best GOP choice for '24

To the editor:

George Soros, Tom Steyer, Michael Bloomberg, Steve Jobs, Marc Benioff, Adam Gray, Chris Sacca, Reid Hoffman, Richard Bluhm, Stan Hubbard, John Fisher and W. Kent Taylor are the names of just a few of the over 100 billionaires who contribute to the Democratic Party.

In 2016 Republicans received more funding from billionaires than Democrats but it was the opposite in 2018 when Democ-

Letters to the Editor

rats received the most billionaire money.

This would seem to undermine my friend Michael Kinser's theory that Republican billionaires are taking over

the country especially since the Democrats control both houses of congress and the White House.

As for the so called "Hitleresque" lie about a stolen election, that would fly in the face of the Constitution which gives the power to write election laws to the state legislatures and not to governors and judges as the left did to swing the election. And it doesn't even consider all of the accusations of election fraud which were never

addressed by a court or were investigated by the Democrats.

And taking back the country doesn't necessarily have anything to do with Trump. It has to do with ending the left wing insanity which has given us a war on fossil fuels, high gas prices, high inflation, open borders, high crime, sexual and liberal indoctrination of school children, government overspending, weak foreign policy and a senile, incompetent president.

I for one think Donald Trump was an excellent president, but his big mouth gave his enemies too much ammunition to build lies about him. And the major media created so much baggage based on those lies it would be hard for him to beat even a fool like President Joe Biden.

I think Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis would be the best choice for 2024.
Stephen Erwin
Portland

Unite to reduce workplace danger

By JESSICA E. MARTINEZ and MARCY GOLDSTEIN GELB
Progressive Perspectives
Tribune News Service

Jordan Romero, 28, was struck by a vehicle and died in a trench at a Boston construction site in February 2021. Romero was the father of two young children. They will grow up without him.

Robert Woods, 42, was murdered in 2018 during a robbery at the St. Louis Dollar General store where he worked, leaving behind a grieving daughter. Despite multiple violent incidents at its stores, Dollar General has not taken measures to adequately address security concerns.

Janine Denise Johnson Williams, 50, was one of nine workers who died this past December when a tornado struck Mayfield Consumer Products in Kentucky. She is survived by her husband, four children and 17 grandchildren. Five workers at the Mayfield plant say they asked to leave after severe weather alerts but were told to stay or risk being fired.

These three preventable deaths are just a few of those that took place at workplaces recognized as this year's Dirty Dozen unsafe employers by our organization, the National Council for Occupational Safety and Health. Each year we release this list to call attention to egregious actions by companies who put workers and communities at risk.

You may ask: Can employers really prevent a traffic accident, a shooting or a death from a tornado? The answer is yes, yes and yes.

Any competent contractor must safely manage traffic at a construction site. Retail stores have a responsibility to protect employees and customers with safe staffing, security systems and other measures. In an era of climate change, factories and warehouses must have emergency procedures in place for severe weather — and forcing workers to stay on the job can have terrible consequences.

More than 4,700 U.S. workers died from workplace trauma in 2020, the latest year for which data is available. And as many as 95,000 U.S. workers die each year from long-term exposure to toxic hazards including silica and asbestos.

The coronavirus pandemic has brought new risks to many workplaces, leading to a huge loss of life. One insur-

Guest opinion

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ance company reports a 40 percent increase in deaths of working age Americans, from ages 18 to 64, since the pandemic began.

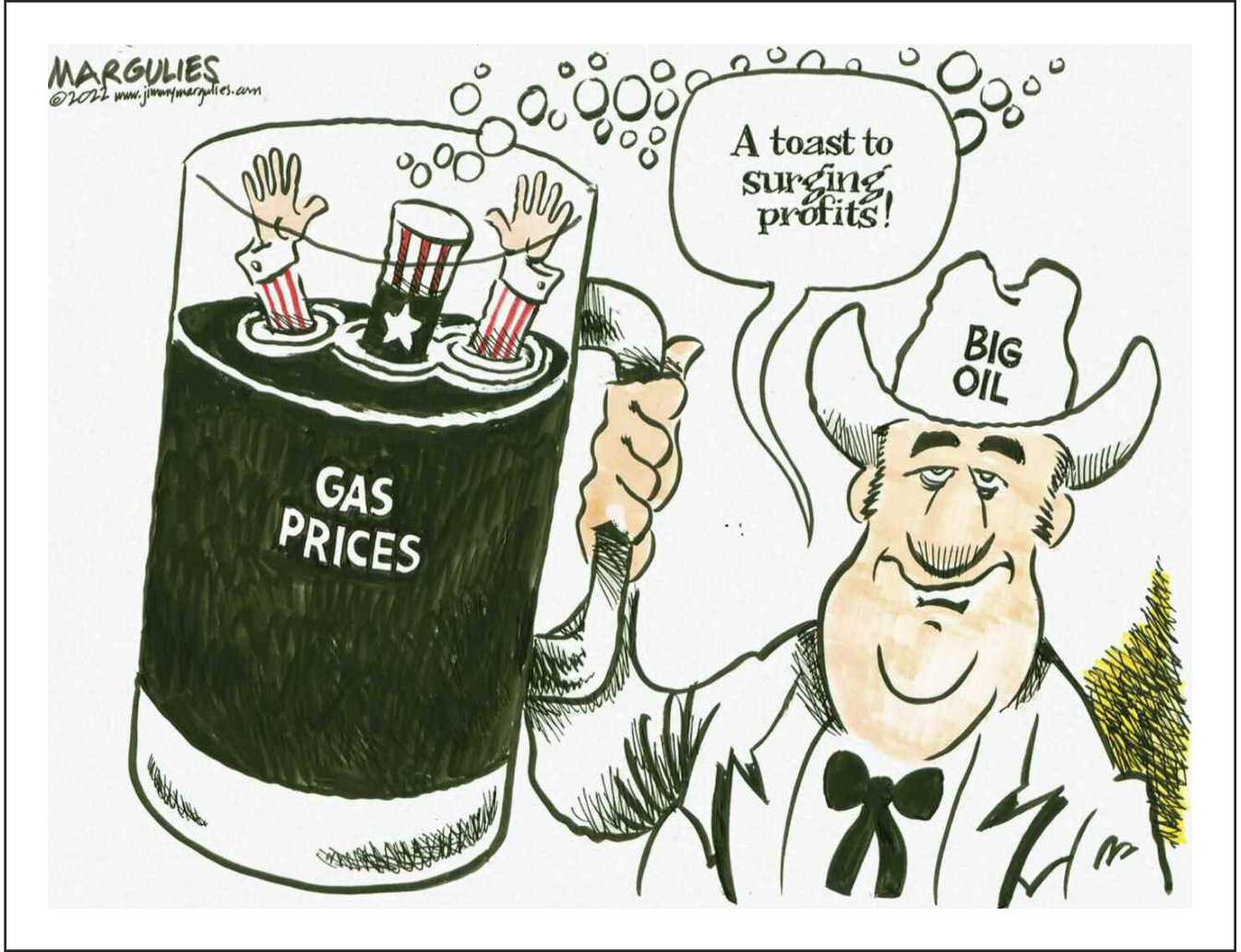
Indigenous, Black and Latinx people and Pacific Islanders are dying from COVID-19 at far greater rates than white people and Asian Americans. Disparities in access to health care and other resources can mean the difference between life and death.

When workers organize, U.S. employers often respond with brute force, firing a few so the rest are afraid to speak up. The nation's 11 million undocumented workers are especially vulnerable, due to fears that their immigration status will be used against them.

But in today's labor market, where employers are dealing with a shortage of workers, the old tricks aren't working. Workers are standing up to intimidation with bold campaigns at companies like Starbucks, Amazon and Dollar General. Stories from these workplaces and others can be found on workedup.us, a new National COSH platform for workers who are joining together to turn bad jobs into good jobs and good jobs into better ones.

We might hope that unsafe employers would take steps on their own to reduce risks and eliminate hazards. But hope is not a plan. Organizing with coworkers is a much better bet.

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Better angels must triumph

By DAN RODRICKS
The Baltimore Sun
Tribune News Service

On Saturday, at the very hour that the people of Chestertown, on Maryland's Eastern Shore, gathered to remember the Black man lynched there by a white mob in 1892, police say a white teenager fueled by racist hatred started shooting people at a supermarket in a Black neighborhood of Buffalo, New York.

He is accused of shooting 13 people in all, 11 of them Black. Ten of his victims died.

It was the latest mass shooting in a violent nation that has more guns than people — and 46% of all privately-held guns in the world — and the latest in a sickening series of hate crimes.

I relate the racist massacre in Buffalo with the lynching memorial in Chestertown because I had just come from there when news bulletins started arriving from New York, and because it demonstrates — if such a thing was needed — that our reckoning with racism, earnest as it might be in some quarters, is far from complete.

In some places, it hasn't even started.

In too many places, racism thrives. We've taken down Confederate monuments. We've started to erect historical markers telling of the racist hangings that occurred while long-gone Americans watched and cheered. In Kent County's seat, the better angels have supported anti-racism programs under the banner, "Chestertown Unites Against Racism."

But the past is present. The challenge today is what it has been for centuries — getting white supremacy, racial hatred and paranoia out of the nation's bloodstream.

Americans on the right mock efforts at racial reckoning. They ridicule "wokeness." Andy Harris, the Eastern Shore's Republican congressional representative, says he's "done apologizing for America," though it's hard to think of him expressing regrets about anything, much less the nation's failures on race.

Dan Rodricks



The people of Chestertown on Saturday confronted the failures that led to the lynching of 23-year-old James Taylor on May 17, 1892. The town on that date was "united in failure," said Mayor David Foster.

"It was a failure of our justice system, a failure of our police, of our media and common citizens," he told the audience seated at Emmanuel Episcopal Church for Justice Day 2022. "It was not outside agitators who came in. It was our town. It was our very community. It was the proverbial butcher, baker, candlestick maker. All of our town was united in failure."

No one was ever held responsible for the murder of Taylor, who was accused of sexually assaulting the 10-year-old daughter of his employer, a Kent County farmer. According to the history compiled by Chestertown researchers, Taylor was hanged by a mob just five days after the girl identified him as her attacker.

Summer Hall, the Chestertown museum dedicated to Black soldiers in the Civil War and beyond, provided an account of the atrocity culled from reports in local newspapers and The Baltimore Sun.

"A group of the lynchers met at a hotel on Spring Street to discuss their plan to lynch Taylor," it states. "A town official met with them to ask that the lynching be held outside the town limits and to ask that the body not be mutilated. After the meeting, about 60 armed and masked men forced their way into the jail, broke into Taylor's cell, and tied a rope around his neck. They dragged him over Cross Street to a small maple tree. The rope was thrown over a branch about 10 feet high and Taylor was pulled up and down repeatedly until he was strangled to death. His body was left hanging for a couple

hours until it was taken down and later buried in an unmarked grave at the county Alms House on Broad Neck Road."

Taylor maintained his innocence until his last hour. "I am an innocent man," he told a Sun reporter, "and I am not afraid to say so even while I am expecting to meet my God in a few minutes."

On Saturday, Justice Day, there were speeches and song, readings of poetry and an essay, all part of the reckoning with racist history taken seriously in Chestertown and promoted these last few years by the Maryland Lynching Memorial Project. Other communities have taken these important steps to face the past, and the effort at truth and reconciliation continues. Between 1854 and 1933, there were at least 44 lynchings in Maryland, and some are now memorialized with historic markers.

"Healing begins where the wound was made," wrote the author Alice Walker.

But no sooner had the healing started in Chestertown, another wound opened in Buffalo.

"Black people were lynched yesterday," Derrick Johnson, president of the NAACP, tweeted on Sunday.

The suspect in the supermarket shooting was a one-man firing squad, according to law enforcement, an executioner, killing people because of their skin color, apparently provoked by the racist complaint that whites are being replaced by immigrants and other people of color. It's an old paranoia in resurgence, spread by pundits and politicians who see angry, bitter whites as their customer base and who exploit, in subtle and obvious ways, racial fears for the sake of ratings and votes. Some of their incited customers — and probably many of them — have guns.

Given that reality, and given what happened in Buffalo on Saturday, how are today's race baiters any different than the mob leaders who lynched Black men in the bad old days?

Past is present. The country will suffer more racism and violence until the better angels, like those in Chestertown, become the dominant voices in our politics and our culture.

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THE FAMILY CIRCUS By Bil Keane

They're home! Remember-- I won't tell on you if you don't tell on me.

5-19 Watch this space for more Great Cartoons by me Some other time. Billy

Billy ends his series of substitute cartoons with a final look at Mrs. Gik, the sitter.

Contract Bridge By Steve Becker

Malfesance in office

East dealer.
East-West vulnerable.

NORTH
♠ 6 3 2
♥ J 7 5
♦ A K 10 9 3
♣ A 4

WEST
♠ A 8 5
♥ A Q 4 2
♦ 7 5 4
♣ Q 8 7

EAST
♠ 4
♥ 9 8 6 3
♦ Q 2
♣ J 10 9 5 3 2

SOUTH
♠ K Q J 10 9 7
♥ K 10
♦ J 8 6
♣ K 6

The bidding:
East 1♣ South 2♥ West 2♦ North 2♠
Pass 1♣ Pass 2♦ Pass 2♠ Pass 4♣

Opening lead — five of spades.

When declarer goes down in a contract he could have made, it is good practice for him to think about whether he should have found the winning line of play. He does not do this by utilizing what he now knows about the opposing hands, but rather on the basis of what he saw in his own hand and dummy when play began.

Consider this deal where South failed in a contract he should have made. He won the trump lead and returned a trump, West taking the ace and continuing with a third trump.

North was right on both counts. South would lose a spade and two hearts by playing hearts first, but no more. And if, as the play actually went, South had cashed the A-K of diamonds after West returned a trump at trick three, he would have ended up with 12 tricks when East turned up with the doubleton queen. This line of play, though, was not as certain to succeed as attacking the hearts initially.

Tomorrow: Bidding quiz.
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YOU SURE DON'T KNOW MUCH ABOUT CRICKETS. ARE YOU LIKE THEIR POPE OR SOMETHING?

Hi and Lois

HEY! I ONLY WENT TO GET A GLASS OF MILK. WHAT HAPPENED TO MY DONUT?

I CAME... I SAW... I CONQUERED.

Funky Winkerbean

OKAY... SO YOUR HIP IS STUCK SOMEWHERE BETWEEN ALVIN AND THE CHIPMUNKS AND EARLY SPRINGSTEEN...

BUT MAYBE IF YOU MADE A POINT OF LISTENING TO A LOT OF CURRENT MUSIC... YOU COULD BUILD UP YOUR HIP QUOTIENT.

YOU MEAN LIKE HIP EXERCISES! EXACTLY!

Blondie

HOLD ON, DAD, LET'S TAKE A COOL SELFIE FOR MY INSTAGRAM

ACTUALLY, DAD, HOW ABOUT IF I JUST GO THIS ONE ALONE?

Snuffy Smith

TOP TEN LIST OF THINGS YOU'LL NEVER HEAR SNUFFY SMITH SAY... #4 BY TH' WAY, MAW, I PUT MY POKER WINNIN'S IN THAR FER YA !! #3 OH, AN' I FILLED TH' WOODBOX, TOO !!

Beetle Bailey

AND I WANT THIS PLACE TO SPARKLE!

WHAT ARE YOU DOING, ZERO?

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5-19 **CRYPTOQUIP**

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Yesterday's Cryptoquip: SINCE WE WERE FAR TOO SLOW WHEN ATTEMPTING TO FLEE FROM APHRODITE, THE GODDESS CAUGHT US.
Today's Cryptoquip Clue: S equals G

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

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Sports

Rammel, relay earn berths

SPENCERVILLE, Ohio — The Indians already have Whitley Rammel and a relay headed to regional. Abbie Francis and Trevor Heitkamp are favorite to join them via district titles.

Whitley Rammel and Fort Recovery High School's 4x800-meter relay team earned regional spots during the opening day of the Division III district meet Wednesday at Spencerville while Francis and Heitkamp each earned No. 1 seeds.

The district meet continues at 4 p.m. Friday. The top four finishers in each district event earn a regional berth.

Rammel posted a third-place finish in the high jump to earn her regional berth. She cleared the bar at 4 feet, 10 inches.

Local roundup

She also placed fifth in the discus.

Natalie Brunswick, Ellie Will, Megan Diller and Joelle Kaup advanced to regional thanks to a fourth-place finish Wednesday in the 4x800 relay. They posted a time of 10 minutes, 15.4 seconds.

Francis earned the No. 1 seed in the 200 dash with her time of 27.05 seconds. She also joined Anna Roessner, Mara Pearson and Allysen Fullenkamp in taking the No. 1 seed for the 4x100 relay.

She is also the No. 4 seed for the 400 dash.

Trevor Heitkamp picked up the No. 1 seed for the boys 1,600 run.

Two other Fort Recovery relays earned top-four seeds for Friday's finals. The 4x200 team of Kiana Matsuda, Roessner, Pearson and Fullenkamp is seeded third while the 4x400 team of Francis, Rossner, Diller and Brunswick is seeded fourth.

Added to field

Jay County High School's girls track team will have athletes competing at the regional level in two additional events next week.

The top three finishers in each sectional event, along with those who reach the state standard, advance to the regional

meet. However, if a regional event has fewer than 16 competitors at that point, the next best performances from the sectional are added to the field.

Two Patriots, Molly Muhlenkamp and Jenna Dues, have been added to the high jump competition. They finished in a three-way tie for seventh place Tuesday in the sectional at Delta, but their height of 4 feet, 10 inches, proved to be enough to get them through.

Also moving forward is Jay County's 4x800-meter relay team of Lindy Wood, Willow Hardy, Molly Muhlenkamp and Lotta Berkert, which finished fifth in the sectional.

OHSAA passes

COLUMBUS, Ohio — The Ohio High School Athletic

Association approved several revisions to its constitution this week.

Changes to the bylaws include:

- Allowing a student with an intellectual or physical disability to play in a game without requiring the school to verify certain aspects of eligibility.

- Several updates regarding transfers, such as giving the executive director's office the ability to adjust a student's period to fulfill regular-season transfer consequence in certain circumstances.

A proposal to allow student athletes to sign endorsement agreements if their teams, schools are the OHSAA were not being represented within the endorsements failed 538-254.



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Regional bound

Jenna Dues of Jay County High School clears the bar Thursday during the high jump competition in the sectional meet at Delta. Dues and teammate Molly Muhlenkamp finished tied for seventh in the event. They both learned Wednesday that they would advance to the regional meet to fill out the 16-athlete field. See Local roundup for details.

Warriors roll in game 1

By ALLEN JORDAN
The Detroit News
Tribune News Service

SAN FRANCISCO — Stephen Curry had 21 points and a game-high 12 rebounds, Golden State's defense held Luka Doncic in check, and the Warriors beat the Dallas Mavericks 112-87 on Wednesday night for a 1-0 lead in the Western Conference finals.

Doncic scored 20 points but shot just 6 for 18 and 3 of 10 from deep. He made back-to-back 3-pointers late in the first half to get his team within 54-45 at the break, but Curry and Klay Thompson helped the Warriors pull away in the second half.

Jalen Brunson scored 14 points but missed all five of his 3s for the surprising Mavs, who stunned the top-seeded Suns in a 123-90 thumping in Game 7 on Sunday in Phoenix.

Game 2 in the best-of-seven series is Friday night at Chase Center, where the raucous, yellow-clad sell-out crowd brought back memories of that 2007 "We Believe" Warriors playoff team that shocked the No. 1-seeded Mavericks in a six-game first-round upset at Oracle Arena.

That helped propel Golden State back to prominence. The Warriors reached five straight NBA Finals from 2015-19 but missed the playoffs the past two years before this run.

Sports on tap

Local schedule

Today
Jay County — Girls tennis sectional semifinal vs. Randolph Southern — 5 p.m.; Softball at Northeastern — 5 p.m.; Baseball vs. Belmont — 5 p.m.; Boys track sectional at Muncie Central — 5 p.m.; JV softball at South Adams — 5:30 p.m.
Fort Recovery — Baseball sectional championship at Lima Perry — 5 p.m.

Friday

Jay County — Girls tennis hosts sectional championship — 5 p.m.; Softball vs. Richmond — 5:30 p.m.; JV baseball at Blackford — 5 p.m.
Fort Recovery — Softball district championship vs. Lincolnview at Wapakoneta — 5 p.m.; Track district at Spencerville — 4 p.m.; JV baseball at Fort Loramie — 5 p.m.

TV schedule

Today
1 p.m. — Golf: PGA Championship (ESPN)
1:05 p.m. — Major League Baseball: San Diego Padres at Philadelphia Phillies (NBC)
1:10 p.m. — Major League Baseball: St. Louis Cardinals at New York Mets (Bally Indiana)

2:45 p.m. — Soccer: Premier League — Crystal Palace at Everton (USA)
8 p.m. — College baseball: LSU vs. Vanderbilt (ESPN2)
8:30 p.m. — NBA playoffs: Eastern Conference Finals (ESPN)

Friday
1 p.m. — Golf: PGA Championship (ESPN)
5 p.m. — College baseball: Maryland

at Purdue (BTN)
7:07 p.m. — Major League Baseball: Cincinnati Reds at Toronto Blue Jays (Bally Indiana)
8 p.m. — NHL playoffs: New York Rangers at Carolina Hurricanes (ESPN)
8 p.m. — College baseball: Rutgers at Michigan (BTN)
9 p.m. — NBA playoffs: Western Conference Finals — Dallas Mavericks at Golden State Warriors (TNT)



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