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Mayor, council discuss raises

By RAY COONEY

The Commercial Review

The mayor made his proposal for 2023 raises.

City council will spend the next month reviewing information as it considers that request.

Portland City Council took the first step in its budgeting process for next year Monday, discussing raises, longevity and insurance for city employees.

Council members also approved an ordinance establishing rules for attending meetings electronically, bringing the city in line with Indiana Code.

While noting that he did not expect a vote Monday, Boggs presented council members with his proposal for the 2023 payroll ordinance. He suggested 5% raises for all city employees. (That equates to an average of about \$2,000 per employee annually or about 96 cents per hour.)

The 5% raise would represent a total increase in spending of \$135,656.

His proposal also calls for all employees who are in a position covered by the Public Employees' Retirement Fund to be eligible for longevity pay at \$100 per year up to a maximum of \$2,000. (Currently, only police officers and firefighters receive longevity pay.)

Council member Janet Powers asked that she and her fellow council members be provided with additional information, including how much raises of 2%, 3% and 4% would be in additional spending. She also questioned the longevity pay increase.

"I'm just putting it out there because I'm not sure that we can sustain that kind of increase," she said.

Clerk-treasurer Lori Phillips said it was unclear why only the police and fire departments have received longevity pay.

Boggs argued in favor of the longevity pay, saying it's worthwhile to help keep experienced employees on staff.

Council president Kent McClung also asked for information about how much health insurance costs have gone up over the course of the last 10 years. He noted that the city has absorbed the increased insurance costs and not passed them on to employees.

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Senior scholars



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Jay County High School seniors, from left, Aaron Funkhouser, Quinn Faulkner and Sam Dunlavy share a laugh after receiving their Allen County Athletic Conference Academic All-Conference certificates during Monday's Honors Night in the school's auditorium.

Jay County High School students were awarded more than \$1.3 million in scholarships

Scholarships and awards were presented Monday to Jay County High School senior's during the school's annual Honors Night.

Total scholarships and awards presented or announced Monday totaled just over \$1.3 million. Of that total nearly \$300,000 came from local sources.

Just over \$243,000 in scholarships came through The Portland Foundation. That brought the foundation's total giving since its formation in 1954 to more than \$7 million.

The Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship — Seth Wilson was announced as the winner in December — added another \$177,200.

Here's a complete list of the scholarships and awards presented Monday night at JCHS:

Academic Honors Diploma

Madeline Ardizzone, Shea Bailey, Dorane Beiswanger, Katelyn Bihn, Samuel Bracy, Isaac Braun, Ramon Bravo, Grace Brewster, Sidney Campbell, Ralyn Chaffins, Emily Chenoweth, Haleigh Clayton, Jayden Claytor, Bryce Collins,

Ethan Dirksen, Madison Dirksen, Elizabeth Dollar, Emily Dues, Samuel Dunlavy, Abigail Elzey, Paulina Esquivel-Macias, Quinn Faulkner, Aaron Funkhouser, Aidan Garlinger, Cassandra Guffey, Nadia Hardman, Dustin Harris, Jacob Hart, Lilly Hedges, Holly Hemmelgarn, Crosby Heniser, Joshua

Hilty, Abilene Hough, Marissa Huey, Madison Jetmore, Andrea Jutte, Dylan Knapschafer, Haley Likens, Alexyn Longworth, Corben Lugar, Lucas Lyons, Gracelyn Maitlen, Cristian Marentes, Kess McBride, Lindy Mercer, Adam Muhlenkamp, Chai-ley Muhlenkamp, Gavin Muhlenkamp, Hannah Muhlenkamp,

Izzy Rodgers, a Jay County High School senior, receives an IU Health Jay Foundation Scholarship from Vicki Delzeith during Honors Night.



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Gavin Myers, Benjamin Nichols, Ryleigh Oswald, Elayna Paro, Isaac Peterson, Jonathan Peterson, Adrek Pogue, Isabel Rodgers, Kyle Sanders, Flint Schmiesing, Konner Sommers, Elijah Stephens, McKenna Vore, Raven Weaver, Madison Wenk, Seth Wilson and Lindy Wood

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May voting

Amanda May signs in to vote this morning at Jay Community Center.

FR testing odor options

By BAILEY CLINE

The Commercial Review

FORT RECOVERY — Village employees are testing out a new product to help with odor coming from the wastewater lagoons.

Representatives from Ohio Rural Water Association met with village administrator Randy Diller and wastewater employees Monday and used an odor-reducing treatment from Kationx on the lagoons. Diller told Fort Recovery Village Council he checked on the area periodically throughout the day and noticed the smell had slowly started to fade, although he noted the next few weeks will be the real test.

"We're hopeful that this is a product that can handle the odor part," he said, noting it would be

New product may be able to provide short-term solution

a short-term fix. "If we can cut the odor, that obviously gets rid of the immediate issues."

The village is looking into a long-term treatment plan to increase dissolved oxygen levels and address other issues causing the odor. It has been following a three-step plan, proposed by Keith Uccello of Hawkins Water Treatment Group, for the last month. Calcium nitrate was applied at Cooper Farms' pro-

cessing plant. The village also added hydrogen peroxide to both lagoons for a period of time. (It's still looking into pricing on a longer-term bioaugmentation process.) Recently, the village started using a recycling pump to move water between ponds.

Poggemeyer Design Group has been working on a long-term wastewater system plan for the village since December.

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Deaths

Patricia Pogue, 91, Frankfort

Details on page 2.

Weather

Jay County had a high temperature of 66 degrees Monday. The low was 53.

Tonight's forecast calls for showers and thunderstorms with a low of 48. Expect mostly cloudy skies Wednesday with a high of 62, followed by a low of 44 in the evening.

See page 2 for an extended outlook.

In review

A photo in Saturday's edition featured workers from Ardagh Group in Dunkirk rallying outside the factory on Friday. The United Steel Workers Local 96M reached a contract agreement with the company around 10 p.m. Friday, according to local officials.

Coming up

Wednesday — Coverage of today's primary election in Jay County.

Friday — Results from Thursday's FRHS softball game against New Bremen.



Capsule Reports

Hosting tailgate

United Way of Jay County and Second Harvest Food Bank will team to host a free food tailgate from 10 a.m. to noon Wednesday at Jay County Fairgrounds. Income verification is not required.

Intersection crash

Damage is estimated between \$5,000 and \$10,000 after a Fort Wayne man drove in front of oncoming traffic at the intersection of Como Road and Indiana 67 about 9 a.m. Saturday.

Phillip A. Nelson, 38, was driving his 2016 Ford Explorer southwest on Como Road and stopped at the intersection with Indiana 67. He told Jay County Sheriff's Office he began to cross the intersection and didn't see the northbound 1994 Ford F-150, driven by 40-year-old Christopher M. Ulmer of Redkey, on Indiana 67. The vehicle Ulmer was driving struck the passenger side of Nelson's car.

Ulmer was cited with an infraction for driving without a

valid license. The 1994 Ford F-150 driven by Ulmer is registered to Richard A. Bostelman of Redkey. Both vehicles were towed.

Passing accident

A Winchester man crashed his vehicle into a Ridgeville man's truck while attempting to pass him at the intersection of U.S. 27 and county road 650 South about 3:30 p.m. Monday.

Jerry J. Bost, 74, Ridgeville, was driving his 1996 GMC Sierra south on the highway and

starting to turn west onto county road 650 South. David L. Ashley, 71, Winchester, was driving his 2017 GMC Sierra south on the highway behind Bost. Ashley told Jay County Sheriff's Office Bost had his turn signal on to turn east, so he drove in the shoulder of the road to go around the other vehicle. Bost began turning west onto the road as Ashley was passing, causing their vehicles to collide.

Damage is estimated between \$2,500 and \$5,000.

Obituaries

Patricia Joan Pogue, Frankfort, Dec. 1, 1930-April 30, 2022. Services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at Goodwin Funeral Home, 200 S. Main St., Frankfort.

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

Wednesday 5/3	Thursday 5/4	Friday 5/5	Saturday 5/6	Sunday 5/7
62/44	67/54	66/52	65/50	70/54
Mostly cloudy skies are expected Wednesday with a high near 62.	There's a 30% chance of showers after 2 p.m. Thursday. Otherwise, mostly cloudy.	Friday's weather looks to be rainy with an 80% chance of showers. A thunderstorm is possible.	More rain is on the horizon for Saturday with a 50% chance of showers.	Partly sunny skies are in the forecast for Sunday. The high may reach 70.

Lotteries

Powerball Monday 18-27-33-39-44 Powerball: 8 Power Play: 5 Estimated jackpot: \$37 million	63-64-65-66-69-73-78 Cash 5: 13-14-16-20-22 Estimated jackpot: \$155,000
Mega Millions Estimated jackpot: \$57 million	Ohio Monday Midday Pick 3: 4-3-2 Pick 4: 8-6-6-4 Pick 5: 8-9-8-9-1 Evening Pick 3: 7-0-3 Pick 4: 2-8-5-7 Pick 5: 6-4-2-5-5 Rolling Cash 5: 1-2-8-33-34 Estimated jackpot: \$100,000 Classic Lotto: 22-29-33-36-37-45 Kicker: 6-3-7-2-5-5 Jackpot: \$26.8 million
Hoosier Monday Midday Daily Three: 5-5-4 Daily Four: 8-6-0-9 Evening Daily Three: 4-5-5 Daily Four: 0-0-9-1 Quick Draw: 1-3-21-25-26-30-32-36-38-44-49-50-62-	

Markets

Cooper Farms Fort Recovery Corn.....8.20 June corn8.20 Wheat8.66	Wheat 9.73 May wheat 9.73
POET Biorefining Portland Corn.....8.21 June corn8.23 July corn8.25	Central States Montpelier Corn.....8.02 Late May corn8.04 Beans16.61 Late May beans.....16.57 Wheat.....10.17
The Andersons Richland Township Corn.....8.02 May corn8.12 Beans16.67 May beans16.72	Heartland St. Anthony Corn.....8.01 May corn8.06 Beans16.48 May beans16.53 Wheat.....10.23

Today in history

In 1481, Ottoman sultan Mehmed the Conqueror died.
In 1494, Christopher Columbus spotted the island of Jamaica. Spanish colonists settled the island 15 years later.
In 1815, the Congress Kingdom of Poland was created by the Congress of Vienna as part of the settlement at the end of the Napoleonic Wars.
In 1898, Israeli prime minister Golda Meir was born in Kyiv, Ukraine.
In 1903, American actor, singer and songwriter Bing Crosby was born in Tacoma, Washington.
In 1913, playwright William M. Inge, author of "Come Back," "Little Sheba" and "Picnic," for which he won a Pulitzer Prize, was born in Independence, Kansas.
In 1919, American singer Pete Seeger was born in New York City.
In 1933, American singer and songwriter James Brown was born.
In 1937, Margaret Mitchell won the Pulitzer Prize in fiction for "Gone with the Wind."
In 1952, an airplane landed at the geographic North Pole for the first time.
In 1972, the Bryant High School baseball team clobbered Southern Wells 11-0. Jim Wendel tossed a two-hit shutout for the Owls, and Ron Wendel had three hits.
—The CR

Citizen's calendar

Wednesday 2:30 p.m. — Jay County Personnel Committee, commissioners' room, 120 N. Court St., Portland. 5:30 p.m. — Jay County EDIT Advisory Committee, Community Resource Center, 118 S. Meridian St., Portland.	Thursday 2:30 p.m. — Portland Historic Preservation Commission, Community Resource Center, 118 S. Meridian St., Portland. 4 p.m. — Portland Board of Works, mayor's office, city hall, 321 N. Meridian St.
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Raises ...

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Council members Dave Golden, McClung and Powers all discussed the importance of reviewing all relevant compensation information before making a decision.

"As city council members, our responsibility is to be good stewards of the taxpayer dollars," said Golden. "I think we need to take a look at this ... in more depth than we have at this point. And we need to look at not just the payroll percent increase but the longevity pay increase, the insurance increase ..."

Last year, council and the mayor discussed raises over the course of four meetings. The mayor had proposed a \$1 per hour raise, with council eventually approving raises of 65 cents.

No action was taken on the mayor's proposal, with council members to take up the issue again at their June 6 meeting.

Council members Don Gillespie, Michele Brewster, Matt Goldsworthy, Mike Aker, McClung, Powers and Golden also unanimously passed an ordinance laying out rules for attending meetings electronically.

For electronic participation to be allowed, at least 50% of the members of council must be present in person and those who want to participate electronically must notify the clerk-

treasurer at least five days in advance. A council member may not attend more than 50% of meetings electronically and may not attend more than two meetings in a row using electronic means.

Council members are not allowed to vote on the following items if they are not in attendance in person: to adopt a budget, initiate a referendum, establish or increase a fee or penalty, use eminent domain authority, reduce personnel or establish or renew a tax. (Golden, who was attending the meeting electronically, expressed his opinion that those rules are unnecessarily restrictive.)

The ordinance brings the city in line with a new state law that was passed last year. (It can be superseded in cases of a declared state or local emergency.)

In other business: •Boggs commented on the April 23 death of longtime Graphic Printing Company chairman and president Jack Ronald, offering his condolences to Jack's wife Connie and the family. "Jack was a fierce believer in Portland. In The Commercial Review, he wrote volumes about our city, extolling what was great, exposing what was bad and giving us a peek at what we could be. He challenged local government to serve the community, challenged the community to

serve each other and led us all by giving us his time and energy to the good causes of Portland. Each of us are better off because of him, and Jack will be sorely missed."

•Jodi Hayes of Jay County Development Corporation presented tax abatement requests from Priority Plastics and FCC (Indiana.) Priority Plastics is seeking a five-year abatement on \$6.6 million in new equipment. FCC is asking for a three-year abatement on \$590,000 in equipment that is expected to create 15 new jobs. Council forwarded both requests to the city's tax abatement advisory committee.

•Council and the mayor briefly discussed an agreement with Enterprise Fleet Management for leasing city vehicles. The mayor said a plan is being explored to use trade-ins to cover the cost of the first year of leases in order to eliminate the need for additional appropriations. McClung insisted that any such plan would need to come before council for approval.

•The mayor provided the following updates:

—Greg Bailey is "anxious to settle" his family's ownership of the Bailey Building on Main Street on the west side of the downtown area. Boggs added that he is still waiting on information from The Greazy Pickle about

whether engineers believe the restaurant's shared wall could be reinforced if the Bailey Building is demolished.

—A pre-bid meeting was held last week regarding the Meridian Street storm sewer project. Bids are due May 12 and will be opened during a meeting at 2 p.m. May 19.

—One appraisal is in for the former Sheller-Globe south building on Bridge Street. He said he hopes to have a second appraisal, as well as estimates regarding a new street/parks department headquarters, in the next couple of weeks.

•Boggs answered a question from Powers regarding trash collection, saying city workers are making accommodations for those who are unable to pull the new Toters to a pick-up site along a street or alley. Outside of those accommodations, he said, trash will not be picked up if it is not in a Toter. (Citations are not yet being written for those who are not following the ordinance that was updated in March.)

•Council approved the following: Boggs' appointments of Rusty Inman, Emily Goodrich, Bart Darby, Hannah Long and John McFarland to the city's historic preservation commission; and establishment of First Bank of Berne as the depository for city funds.

Felony arrests

Drug possession

A Greencastle man was arrested Saturday for charges related to drug possession.

Quentin L. Guntle, 27, 194 W. U.S. 40, was preliminarily charged with two Level 6 felonies for possession of

methamphetamine and unlawful possession of a syringe. He's being held on a \$4,500 bond in Jay County Jail.

Theft

An Anderson man was arrested Saturday for theft.

Brandon B. Wilkerson, 37, 704 Central Ave., was preliminarily charged with a Level 6 felony along with a Class A misdemeanor for possessing a handgun without a license.

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

Testing ...

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The company suggested a few short-term solutions would be to look into additional aeration treatment or a dredging process, which would include either bio-dredging or physical sludge removal. There are a number of potential long-term improvements, Diller noted, which Poggemeyer will be gathering information and providing costs on likely by the end of this month.

In other business, village council members Greg Schmitz, Scott Pearson, Al Post, Cliff Wendel

and Erik Fiely, absent Luke Knapke:

•Heard from Mayor Dave Kaup about a request made to Mercer County Commissioners to put in two new traffic lights at the intersections of Butler and Elm streets and Broadway and Wayne streets as well as replace the traffic light at the intersection of Butler and Wayne streets.

•Learned Choice One Engineering is working on plans for reconstruction of Milligan Street. Hopes are to bid the project estimated at around \$125,000 in June. The village plans to use a portion of its

\$225,000 in American Rescue Act Plan funding for the project.

•Heard council should be receiving an updated Federal Emergency Management Agency mitigation plan by the end of May

•OK'd fiscal officer Roberta Staugler to open an account with the State Treasury Asset Reserve of Ohio.

SERVICES

Thursday

Pogue, Patricia: 11 a.m., Goodwin Funeral Home, 200 S. Main St., Frankfort.

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Life unfolds with various milestones

By DIANA DOLECKI

Special to The Commercial Review
It was a good weekend. The flower beds are in their full glory. There was just enough rain that I didn't feel the temptation to weed.

As I See It



I didn't realize that I had planted so many bulbs. The daffodils are still going strong. The tulips are beginning to take over. In a few days the lilacs will perfume the air. For the next month or so the flowers will do what they are programmed to do. It makes me happy to see them.

I hadn't planned on doing anything for my youngest brother, David's birthday. We had agreed

to skip presents and I figured he wanted to celebrate his 54th birthday quietly.

In the middle of Sunday afternoon our brother, Michael, called and asked if we wanted to meet everybody for supper in Richmond. I said OK.

There was a new restaurant David wanted to try. The place offered Indian food. I had never

tasted that type of food before. Many years ago my husband had worked with a couple of men who were from India. He said that the food they brought from home was way too hot for him.

We met at the agreed-upon restaurant. The place was almost empty. We placed our orders and passed around a bowl of something green that had been breaded and fried. I have no idea what it was but it tasted good.

I played it safe and got whatever David did. My husband was grateful that the food he ordered was nothing like what he had had years ago. I was surprised that the meal

was served in such a way that encouraged sharing.

There were several conversations going on at any given time. They asked about the local newspaper. They had heard that Jack Ronald had passed away. Michael had heard the announcement on the radio. We talked about what a positive effect he had made to his community.

We talked about our kids and their lives. We talked about my grandchildren. We talked about Michael getting a raise because all the rest of his co-workers had walked out and he was the only mechanic left. We talked about any number of

things. David and Michael discussed the upcoming swap meets in Greenville and some other places that I can't remember. They asked if we wanted to come along. At first I said yes, then I thought about walking around all day looking at junk — I mean treasures. I amended my answer. Instead of a definite yes, I told them that we would give them a shaky maybe.

When we finally ran out of things to say, we packed up the leftovers and headed home. Traffic was light, and it was a quiet ride home.

It was a pleasant way to spend an afternoon. Now it is back to the usual

routine. There are always too many things to do and not enough energy to do it.

Grandson Nicholas has a birthday coming up. I took the easy way out and ordered his gift online. It should be delivered to his house a day or two before his actual birthday. I'd rather spend the day with him but they live too far away.

From flowers to birthdays, our lives unfold. Sometimes things surpass our expectations. Other times, not so much. As I write this the sun is shining, and it promises to be a good week. I hope your days are sunny and bright.

True colors shock girlfriend

DEAR ABBY: I am a 58-year-old, never-married woman with a 22-year blue-collar career. I own a home and will retire with benefits many people dream of. I've recently ended a relationship with a man I've known since childhood. I truly love him. The problem is that he had been stealing from me. I confronted him several times, but finally had to involve the police. Now, he has flattened my tires and repeatedly dented my cars.

My question is this: Is there more than one right person for everyone? How long will it take me to recover from a broken heart, if ever? His vandalism and my huge financial loss keep me away from this whack job. How well do you really know anyone? — DISILLUSIONED IN WASHINGTON

DEAR DISILLUSIONED: Inform the police that your ex-boyfriend is continuing to retaliate because you reported him. There is no timetable for healing from a broken heart, but take it from me, it DOES happen. I firmly believe there is more than one "right person" for everyone. You do not truly love HIM. What you love is the fantasy that he's the only right

Dear Abby



person for you. We get to know the significant people in our lives — both male and female — by observing them over a long period of time and watching how they treat others. You should not keep your distance from this man only because of his vandalism and the money he has cost you, but also because he has anger problems he seems unable to control. Surely those character flaws showed themselves before he started acting out on you. Think back on the little things you may have chosen to ignore, and you may recognize that I'm right.

DEAR ABBY: For more than 20 years, my mother-in-law has shown blatant favoritism toward my husband's younger brother.

Several people, including her own mother and my father-in-law, have tried to discuss it with her, but she refuses. My husband has accepted that there is nothing he can do to change her behavior.

Abby, she has recently, on the rare occasions we see her (once every three to four years), started making snide comments, implying she's "concerned," regarding the intellect of our children, one of whom is in an AP program.

While my husband accepts her lack of love for him and would never cease contact with her, I find her difficult to be around because she is just plain cruel. I would like to discourage her from visiting us in the future. Am I wrong to feel as I do? — PROUD WIFE AND MOM

DEAR PROUD: No. By all means keep your mother-in-law away from the grandchildren, because even though she sees them rarely, she'll likely find a way to make them feel "less than." If you thought someone was tainting their food, you wouldn't stand by and watch. The same is true if someone is attempting to lower their self-esteem with snide comments.

Day of prayer is Thursday

A local church is planning a celebration on Thursday.

Pennville United Methodist Church will host activities for national day of prayer starting at 7 p.m. Thursday at Pennville Community Center. The event at 210 S. Union St. will feature music.

For more information, call the church at (765) 669-1070.

Looking for nominees

Indiana Landmarks and Indiana Farm Bureau are accepting nominations for the 2022 John Arnold Award for Rural Preservation.

The award recognizes the preservation and continued agricultural use of historic farm buildings in Indiana, according to a press release from Indiana Landmarks.

Anyone may submit nominations for the award, which will be presented at Indiana State Fair in

Taking Note

August. Nominations must include a brief history of the farm and description of its significant historic structures and features, a description of how the farm's historic structures are used in daily farming operations and how they've been preserved or adapted, and high-resolution digital photos of the farm and its preserved historic features.

Nominations for the award may be submitted online at indianalandmarks.org/john-arnold-award-rural-preservation, or by contacting Tommy Kleckner at Indiana Landmarks by phone at (812) 232-4534 or by email tkleckner@indianalandmarks.org. The deadline is May 13.

Community Calendar

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

Tuesday

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.

A BETTER LIFE - BRANNA'S HOPE — A faith-based recovery group for substance abuse. Meal starts at 6 p.m. and the meeting is from 6:30 to 8 p.m. every Tuesday at the

Nazarene Fellowship Building across from the Nazarene church, 249 E. Center St., Dunkirk. For more information, call Amanda Price at (765) 283-2107.

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS — Will meet at 7 p.m. at Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church, 218 E. High St., Portland. For more information, call (567) 279-8352 or (260) 729-7000.

NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS — Will meet at 7 p.m. each Tuesday at Church of God of Prophecy, 797 N. Creagor Ave. in Portland. For more information, call (260) 766-9334.

Wednesday

WEDNESDAY MORN-

ING BREAKFAST CLUB — Will meet at 8 a.m. in the east room of Richards Restaurant. All women are invited to attend. Includes activities and devotional time.

PING PONG — Will be played from 11 a.m. to noon on Wednesdays at West Jay Community Center.

PORTLAND ROTARY CLUB — Will meet at noon each Wednesday at Harmony Cafe, 121 N. Meridian St.

SINGLES AND SEPARATES SUPPORT GROUP — For anyone who's lost a loved one or has a spouse living in long-term care or suffering from an illness, the group will meet at 2 p.m. the first Wednesday of each month in the Arthur & Gloria Muselman Wellness Pavilion in Berne. For more information, call Sarah Conrad at (260) 589-4496.

AL-ANON FAMILY GROUP — New Beginnings, a support group for friends and families of alcoholics, will meet at 6:30 p.m. each Wednesday in the Zion Lutheran Church, 218 E. High St., Portland. For more information, call (260) 726-8229.

A BETTER LIFE - BRANNA'S HOPE — A faith-based recovery group for all kinds of addictions, will meet from 6:30 to 8 p.m. each Wednesday at Redkey United Methodist Church, 122 W. Main St. Come early for a meal. For more information, call Pastor Randy Davis at (765) 369-2085.

PENNVILLE FAIR BOARD — Will meet at 7 p.m. the first Wednesday of each month at the Pennville Community Center.

STRESS AND ANXIETY CLASS — Meets each Wednesday at 2nd Chance at Life Ministries, 228 S. Meridian St., Portland. For more information, call (260) 726-9625 or (260) 703-0534.

Sudoku

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

Level: Beginner

Saturday's Solution

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

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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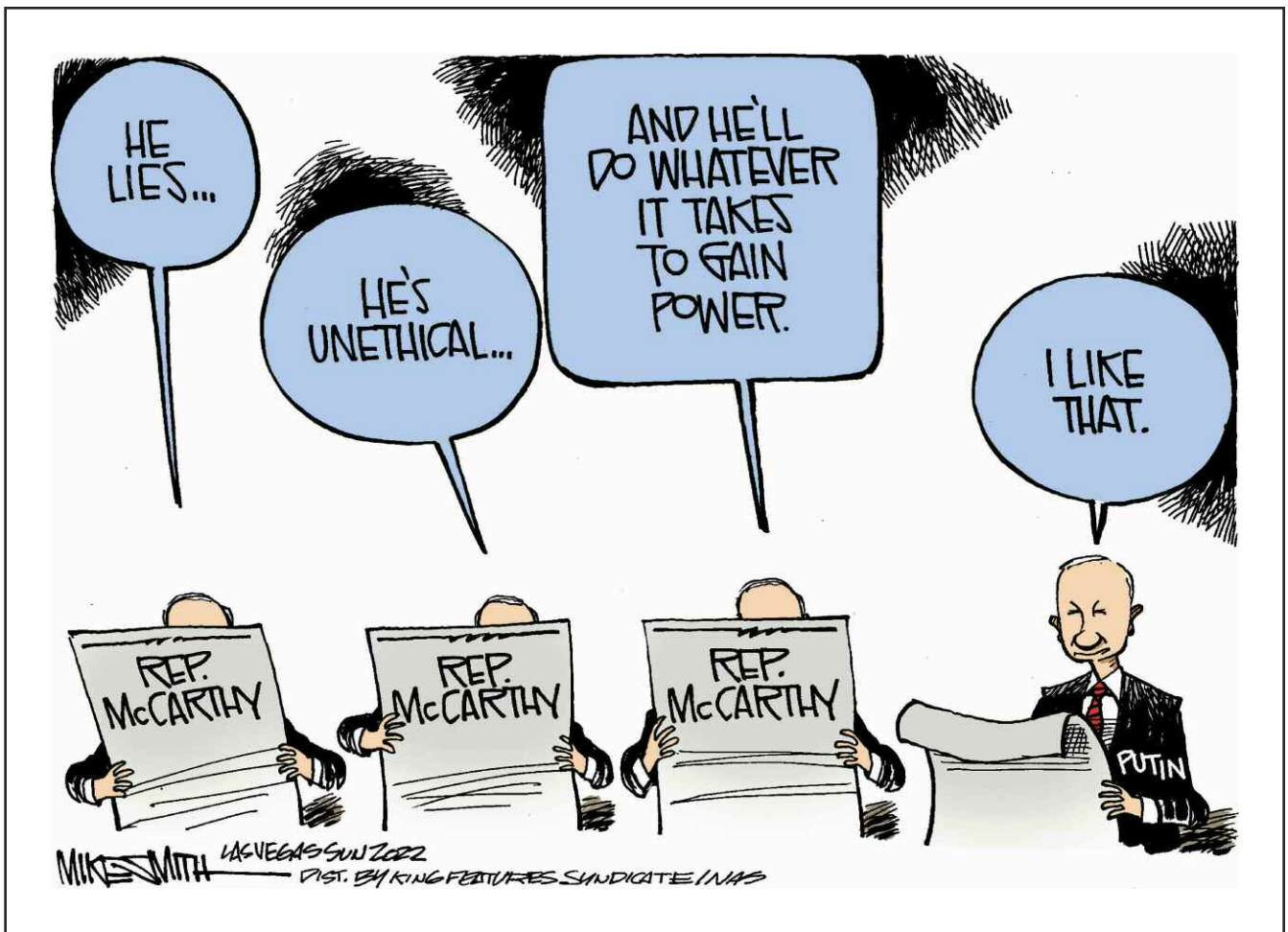
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To the editor:
It is that time of the year again, National Travel and Tourism Week.
As a result of COVID-19, the past few years have been extremely rough on travel and businesses of every size.

Letters to the Editor

It is our responsibility as a community to look out for one another.
This summer, remember to support our local small businesses, restaurants and upcoming events throughout our county. This can also be done by visiting and exploring your state or county's outdoor activities.
This is a time when travel and tourism professionals across the country unite to celebrate the value travel holds for our economy, businesses, communities and personal well-being.

One great opportunity to not miss out on is discounted or free entry at 29 museums around the state. From art to cars to the stars and much more, there are many reasons to get out and visit an Indiana museum.
Make sure to check out in.gov to explore the countless special offers that Indiana will be offering during Travel and Tourism week, May 1 through 7.
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NATO needs to move fast

By ANDREAS KLUTH
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Andreas Kluth



This is the time Putin would be most tempted to punish the Scandinavians, with attacks somewhere on the spectrum between cyberwar and a tactical nuke dropped for show.

Rather like children in playgrounds, countries throughout history have had to decide how to deal with a bully. Appease him in the hope that he becomes meek? Avoid provoking him, at the cost of acquiescing to his brutality? Or counter with strength and willpower to stop and contain him?

If the bully is Russian President Vladimir Putin, the latter is the only tenable answer. That's what majorities of voters and legislators in Finland and pluralities in Sweden have understood in the past two months. Traditionally neutral, both countries are now moving fast toward joining NATO. They'll probably file coordinated applications in mid-May. If NATO is wise, the alliance will seal the deal at once.

Like each of the other four countries that are members of the European Union but not NATO — Austria, Ireland, Cyprus and Malta — Sweden and Finland have in the past had good reasons to remain unaligned. Sweden's policy, like Switzerland's neutrality, dates back centuries and used to be part of the country's raison d'état. Finland's was a response to Soviet intimidation during the Cold War, a quid-pro-quo to remain nominally independent.

But at a time when Putin assaults Ukraine, Europe and the entire international order with his bombs, atrocities and lies, neutrality is no longer an option. That's why all six countries should irrevocably side with the West. This step is most urgent for Finland and Sweden.

Finland shares an 830-mile land border with Russia. And both it and Sweden butt up against Russia in the Baltic Sea. In effect, the Scandinavians are therefore already on the front line. They need NATO's protection under its Article 5 — the one that says that an attack on one is an attack on all.

The two Nordics in turn would strengthen NATO where the alliance is weakest. Its most vulnerable members are Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania, just across the Baltic. They're all but cut off from the rest of the EU and NATO by Russia's exclave in Kaliningrad. The only land border between Lithuania and Poland is a 65-mile strip, called the Suwalki Gap, between Kaliningrad and Belarus, which is in effect Putin's vassal state.

Without Sweden and Finland, the three post-Soviet Baltic republics, which also have sizable minorities of ethnic Russians, would therefore be hard to defend against an onslaught from Rus-

sia. But with the Scandinavians, which both have first-rate armies that are already coordinating closely with other Western militaries, the Baltic would become a defensible NATO lake.

The best counter-argument is that Finnish and Swedish membership would all but dare Putin to become even more aggressive, possibly escalating even to the use of tactical nuclear weapons. Ostensibly, Putin attacked Ukraine — like Georgia in 2008 — to prevent NATO expansion. So he'd struggle to explain to the people he fears most — ordinary Russians, who must tolerate him in power — how he'd accept the exact opposite outcome, another NATO enlargement. He'd have to do something.

Like most bullies, Putin has therefore dispatched his minions to drop not-so-veiled threats. Dmitry Medvedev, currently deputy chairman of Putin's security council, has said that "there could be no more talk of any nuclear-free status for the Baltics — the balance must be restored." He failed to mention that Russia's Kaliningrad exclave is already well-stocked with missiles and nukes. So nothing new there.

And yet, Swedish and Finnish membership in NATO would cause what realists in international relations call a "security dilemma." Broadly, it describes situations in which states escalate or go to war because they regard all other options as worse. In this case, Russia might reasonably conclude that it would lose a conventional arms race with an enlarged NATO, so that a preemptive strike is its least bad option.

Viewed differently, however, that argument resembles familiar and unconvincing ones — in playgrounds or world politics — about not provoking bullies. Putin has proven that he'll never stop menacing or attacking others, if he thinks he can get away with it. For example, his new war strategy in Ukraine, apparently, is to conquer a land bridge all along the Ukrainian coast of the Black Sea so that he can link up with Russian separatists in Moldova next.

The Caucasus, Central Asia, the Baltic, the Arctic — no country in Putin's perceived "sphere of interest" will be safe until he understands that he is up against superior power and the determi-

nation to use it. NATO must, therefore, show strength and will, not timidity.

The more immediate problem is how to survive the tightrope walk between the Swedish and Finnish applications and their membership. Article 5 takes effect only once they're in. Even if NATO fast-tracks its process, each of the 30 member nations must still ratify the accessions. For the three countries that joined NATO in 1999, the process took 20 months, 18 for the seven nations who followed in 2004.

This is the time Putin would be most tempted to punish the Scandinavians, with attacks somewhere on the spectrum between cyberwar and a tactical nuke dropped for show. The onus is, therefore, on Finland, Sweden, NATO and all 30 members to collaborate to eliminate this no-man's-land of time.

So NATO and all 30 of its constituent allies should prepare right now, as though the applications were already formal. The allies should then give the green light at their summit in Madrid on June 29, with the 30 legislatures immediately giving their approval, ideally the next day.

Extraordinary times demand extraordinary measures. The West trusts NATO to protect it from bullies. That credits the alliance not only with military prowess but also with procedural nimbleness when it matters. NATO could send no stronger message than to become a club of 32 on June 30, 2022 — only four months after Putin began committing the worst of his many atrocities.

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Kluth is a columnist for Bloomberg Opinion. He was previously editor in chief of Handelsblatt Global and a writer for the Economist.

Who wins from political battle?

Herald Bulletin (Anderson)

When Gov. Eric Holcomb sued the legislature last year, he was attempting to show that his office had the sole power to convene special sessions of the Indiana General Assembly.

His lawsuit was sparked by House Enrolled Act 1123, which in part lets the legislature call for its own emergency session to discuss legislation related to the COVID-19 emergency.

The governor sued saying the legislation is unconstitutional. The case is now before the Indiana Supreme Court.

The coronavirus back story has led to a larger debate: who has the power to convene special legislative sessions?

Holcomb has issued more than 60 executive orders related to COVID-19. Some extended the emergency, set mask mandates or limited public gathering — a pattern that conservative legislators could not halt.

They were feeling pressure to maintain the economy and keep businesses open while protecting Hoosiers from the disease.

HEA 1123 was not the only bill that sought to control vaccine mandates. One bill, which was signed into law, set the rules for exempting working Hoosiers from immunization requirements.

In another bill, which was unsuccessful, state Rep. Timothy Brown, R-Crawfordsville, and a retired physician, wanted to prohibit government entities or an employer from enforcing COVID-19 immunization mandates.

Other unsuccessful bills included the ability of Hoosiers to sue state-supported agencies that imposed mask or vaccine mandates.

Behind these efforts, legislators sided with those who felt mandates were infringing on their individual rights — as thousands of their fellow Hoosiers died from the pandemic.

These legislators preyed upon the frustrations felt by many Hoosiers over the intrusion of government in their lives.

'Yet none of the bills

Hoosier Editorial

addressed finding health- or research-based safety measures to replace Holcomb's orders. The bills merely set up legal exit routes for perturbed Hoosiers while others died in every county.

Now, the Indiana Supreme Court — as the judicial branch of government — must decide the victor in a battle between the legislative and executive branches. Who gets the power to control emergencies and special sessions?

Indiana Attorney General Todd Rokita has taken up the side of the legislature; after all, if you plan to run for governor, then which team do you want on your side? Rokita's appearance in the case sets up a governor versus attorney general showdown, adding more political posturing.

In a world of party tribalism, there are elected officials who use COVID-19 as a fear factor to boost their power. It's called pandemic politics, though pandemic will change over the years as politicians find new crises to fuel fears of their constituents.

During a recent Indiana Supreme Court oral argument in the Holcomb lawsuit, Associate Justice Geoffrey Slaughter asked Rokita's representative: "If the attorney general says we're gonna sue — pick a defendant, the tobacco industry, anybody else — and the governor says, 'The hell you are. You don't have my authority to do it.' Slaughter concluded, 'Who wins?' Let's widen the scope of Slaughter's argument to this executive versus legislative battle. Holcomb is on one side; Rokita and the legislature on the other.

In the middle, and seemingly forgotten, are more than 23,000 Hoosiers who have died so far during a pandemic.

Indeed. Who wins?

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Madeline Ardizzone

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Hunter Chapman

Dan Orr Scholarship
Madeline Ardizzone

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Kaden Norris

Delta Theta Tau Zeta Alpha Redkey
Madeline Ardizzone, Aubri Hatzell and Aaron Funkhouser

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Isabel Rodgers

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Lilly Hedges, Ralyn Chaffins and Konner Sommers

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Aidan Garlinger and Ryleigh Oswald

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Quinn Faulkner

Ernest & Martha Loy Scholarship
Hannah Muhlenkamp, Lucas Lyons and Madison Dirksen

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First Bank of Berne
Gavin Muhlenkamp

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Dorane Beiswanger, Heidi Cox and Juan Pablo Wiggins

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Elayna Paro and Chailey Muhlenkamp

Heather McLaughlin Memorial Theater Arts
McKenna Vore

Honor Thespians
Ralyn Chaffins, Grace Maitlen and McKenna Vore

Immaculate Conception Catholic Church of Portland
Madison Dirksen, Lucas Lyons and, Holly Hemmelgarn

IU Health Jay Auxiliary Scholarship
Abigail Gillum and Tricia Ison

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Lilly Hedges, Shea Bailey and Isabel Rodgers



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Emily Chenoweth, a Jay County High School senior, is presented Monday with the Sharon Dues Scholarship during Honors Night.

Fred Lingo Memorial Scholarship
Kaden Norris and Emily Chenoweth

German Student Award
Samuel Bracy, Isaac Braun, Gavin McCrosson, Elijah Stephens and Seth Wilson

Justin Valentine Holy Trinity Catholic Church
Emily Chenoweth

Knights Of Columbus
Madison Dirksen

Kris A Rose (Wonder Woman) Scholarship
Ralyn Chaffins

Lance Corporal Andrew F Whitacre Memorial
Aaron Wittwer

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Heidi Cox

Madison Township Alumni Association
Haleigh Clayton, Crosby Heniser, Aaron Wittwer and Hunter Shaneyfelt

Mandy Theurer Memorial Agriculture Scholarship
Emily Chenoweth

Mandy Theurer Memorial Cosmetology
Sidney Campbell

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Haley Likens

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Madeline Ardizzone and Andrea Jutte

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Hannah Muhlenkamp, Kelsey Braun, Emily Chenoweth and Lucas Lyons

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Outstanding Art Student
Katelyn Bihn

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Holly Hemmelgarn

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Dylan Knapschafer

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Lucas Lyons

Robert Guy Ayers American Legion
Shea Bailey and Konner Sommers

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Bryce Collins and Hunter Shaneyfelt

Sara Pyle Thespian Scholarship
McKenna Vore

Senior Class Officers
Lucas Lyons, Grace Brewster, Madeline Ardizzone and Shea Bailey

Sharon Dues Scholarship
Katelyn Bihn and Emily Chenoweth

Spanish Award
Aaron Funkhouser, Ramon Bravo, Lilly Hedges, Nadia Hardman and Grace Brewster

Spencer G. Calvert Memorial Scholarship
Katelyn Bihn

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Ralyn Chaffins, Paulina Esquivel-Macias, Lilly Hedges, Chailey Muhlenkamp, Elayna Paro and Konner Sommers

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Elayna Paro, Chailey Muhlenkamp, Dustin Harris and Grace Brewster

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Kelsey Braun and Lucas Lyons

Tom Casey Memorial Scholarship
Lindy Mercer

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Shea Bailey — Butler University Academic — \$80,000 over four years

Dorane Beiswanger — Full Sail University Creative Minds — \$25,000

Katelyn Bihn — Indiana University Provost and Lauren Robel Bicentennial — \$8,000 and \$10,000 over four years

Samuel Bracy — Indiana Wesleyan University President's — \$52,000 over four years

Olivia Bright — Lincoln Trail College Softball — \$22,670 over two years

Ralyn Chaffins — University of Hawaii Academic Merit — \$8,000 over four years

Haleigh Clayton — Lincoln Trail College Softball — \$23,000 over two years

Heidi Cox — Indiana Wesleyan University Achievement — \$28,000 over four years

Elizabeth Dollar — Indiana Teach Athletic and Merit — \$5,000 and \$12,000

Quinn Faulkner — Manchester University — \$80,000 over four years

Abigail Gillum — College Board Opportunity and Ball State University Grant — \$500 and \$2,700

Nadia Hardman — Indiana State University Presidential Academic Excellence — \$24,000 over four years

Dustin Harris — Butler University Academic — \$84,000 over four years

Corben Lugar — 2022 VH Cooper — \$1,000

Lucas Lyons — Elks National Foundation MVS, Purdue Univ. J. Kelly O'Neal & Margaret Richey O'Neal Memorial, Purdue Univ. Wayne & Barbara Jennings Memorial and Purdue AGED Endowment in Agricultural Education — \$4,000, \$1,000, \$1,000 and \$500

Lindy Mercer — Ball State University Presidential — \$22,000 over four years

Adam Muhlenkamp — Purdue Presidential — \$16,000 over four years

Ben Nichols — Grace College Honors — \$36,000 over four years

Ryleigh Oswald — Indiana State Teachers Association, and Indiana Wesleyan University President's and Marching Wildcats — \$350, \$52,000 over four years at \$1,250

Elayna Paro — Indiana University — Purdue University Indianapolis Chancellor's — \$32,000 over four years

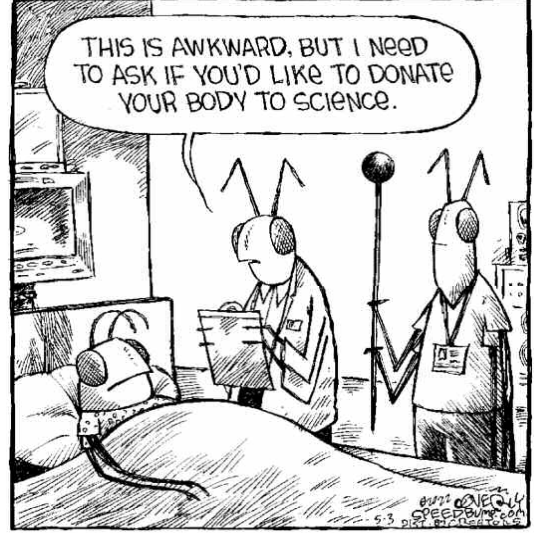
Konner Sommers — Indiana University Hutton Honors, Lauren Robel Bicentennial and Provost — \$4,000 over four years, \$10,000 over four years and \$24,000 over four years

McKenna Vore — Next Generation Hoosier Educators — \$30,000 over four years

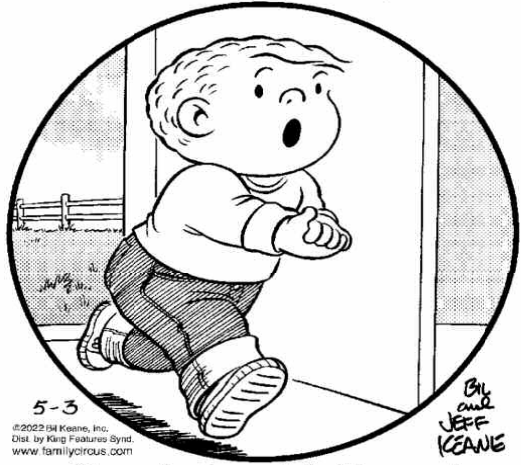
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Lindy Wood — University of St. Francis President's — \$80,000 over four years

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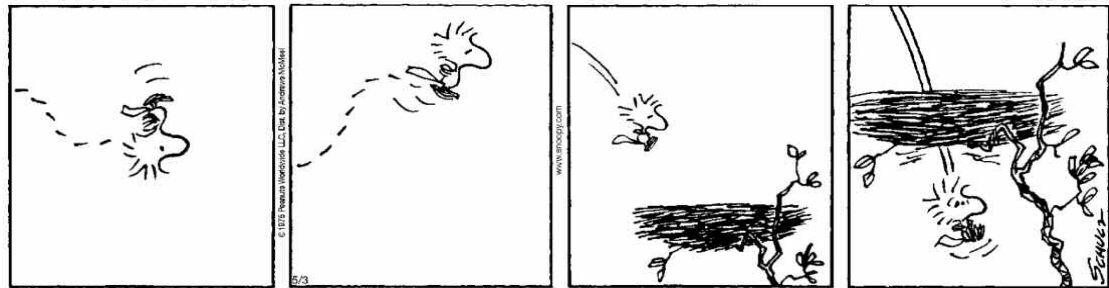


THE FAMILY CIRCUS By Bil Keane



"I need a jar quick, Mommy! This guy tickles!"

Peanuts



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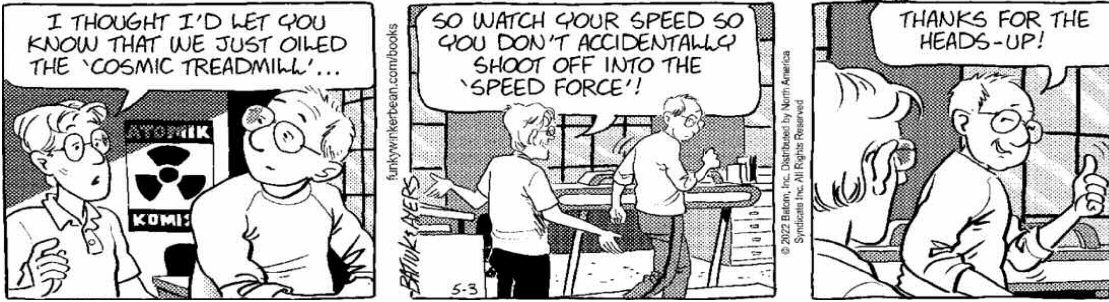
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Contract Bridge By Steve Becker

Seeking the percentage play

North dealer. Both sides vulnerable. NORTH: ♠Q9, ♥KQ106, ♦AKQ76, ♣932. WEST: ♠642, ♥843, ♦108, ♣QJ1085. EAST: ♠83, ♥KJ9, ♦J932, ♣K764. SOUTH: ♠AKJ1075, ♥A752, ♦54, ♣A. The bidding: North East South West 1♦ Pass 2♣ Pass 3♦ Pass 3♠ Pass 4♣ Pass 6♣ Pass. Opening lead — queen of clubs.

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Jay County High School junior Natalie Wehrly hustles down the track in the 100-meter dash between Muncie Central's Garynn Sims-Jones (right) and Mariah Sims (left) during Saturday's Muncie Central Relays. Wehrly finished third in the event.

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"I feel good about that," said JCHS coach Joe Imel, whose team was short-handed as it was missing Brianne Siegrist because of an injury. (Sophomore Cash Hollowell is also out for the year with a torn ACL.) "We're right there. We just need more kids."

In a meet that included five sectional rivals, the Patriots scored 90 points to finish two behind third-place Yorktown. Muncie Central won with 113 and Delta was second with 111.

All of those teams will meet again in the sectional May 17 at Delta.

"It's going to be tight," Imel said. "We've got to see what some of those other schools (do). Where are they going to pull points, who are they going to pull points from."

While Jay County as a team showed it can hang with the top teams in the sectional, Gabi Bilbrey served notice that she could put together a long tournament run this year.

The junior thrower opened her day in the discus competition with a toss of 118 feet, 6 inches. That number was easily enough for her to win the meet — Yorktown's Taylor Fletcher-Douglas finished in the runner-up spot at 100 feet even — but not good enough for Bilbrey. She had bigger goals.

After her second attempt went just over 110 feet, she reached a new

career milestone. Her third try sailed 120 feet, a new career best by one inch.

"That's been her goal — 120s — for two years," said Imel. "So to hit that 120-foot mark was really, really important for her. Hopefully she can just continue to grow from there. ..."

"I really think she can go even further than 120."

The ability to reach the 120-foot mark, or beyond, puts Bilbrey in contention for state berth or possibly a state medal. It took a throw of 121 feet, 4 inches, to advance through the Ben Davis regional last season, and a distance of 120 feet would have been good for 11th at the state finals. (The state standard — it guarantees a state berth regardless of place if achieved at the regional meet — is 127 feet.)

Bilbrey also placed third Saturday in the shot put. Her distance of 35 feet, 1 inch, trailed Gretchen Moore (35 feet, 10 inches) of Yorktown and Malena Higgins (35 feet 3 inches) of Anderson.

Jay County's young duo came up big in the hurdle events, especially the longer of the two races.

Amya Kates of Muncie Central looked to have the race wrapped up with about 50 meters to go and was at least a full stride ahead of Patriot sophomore Makinsey Murphy as she went over the second-to-last hurdle. But Murphy kept pushing and made the race a photo finish. She came up just short, finishing second to Kates

by 0.07 second with her time of 52 seconds flat.

Morgan DeHoff, a freshman, gave Jay County a two-three finish as she crossed the line in 55.37.

"Both PR'd in that race," Imel said. "We're really, really close to being dangerously good. ... If you can get under 50, in the 40s, you're possibly looking at getting to the regional meet, obviously. ... I'm hoping that we can get one, maybe even a couple of them, into that regional competition."

DeHoff was in the top four in all four events she competed in, matching her 300 hurdles effort with a third-place finish in the long jump with a career-best leap of 14 feet, 5 1/2 inches. She was in contention for the win, trailing champion Ariel Newman of Muncie Central by just 1 1/2 inches and runner-up Kendra Keesling of Delta by just 1/2 inch.

She also finished fourth in the 100 hurdles and joined Natalie Wehrly, Molly Muhlenkamp and Murphy for fourth in the 4x400 relay.

Wehrly gave the Patriots their other top-three finish as she turned in a time of 13.35 for third in the 100 dash with freshman teammate Jenna Dues right behind her in fourth at 13.8. Senior Lindy Wood added a fourth-place finish in the 3,200 run in 13 minutes, 11.44 seconds. The team of Kylie Klopfenstein, Murphy, Wehrly and Dues was fourth in the 4x100 relay in 54.44.

Jay baseball splits in tourney

SELMA — The Patriots made easy work of their first opponent.

The second-ranked team in the state was a different story.

Jay County High School's baseball team split games as it finished as the runner-up of Saturday's Wapahani Baseball Invitational, defeating Park Tudor 7-0 to start the day before falling 5-2 to the Class 2A No. 2 host Raiders in the championship game.

Sam Myers tossed a five-hit shutout against Park Tudor, recording six strikeouts as he went the distance.

Josh Dowlen led the Patriot offense to the win, going 3-for-4 with a double and two runs. Parker Nichols had two hits, two RBIs and a run, and Ryne Goldsworthy had two hits, two runs and an RBI.

JCHS was even with Wapahani after scoring a run in the top of the second inning, but the Raiders responded with two in the bottom of the frame and led the rest of the way. Dusty Pearson took the loss as he gave up three runs on five hits and a walk in three innings.

Quinn Faulkner went 1-for-3 with a double and a run.

Fort falls short

ARCANUM, Ohio — In a game that saw both schools struggle to manufacture offense, Fort Recovery's baseball team fell 2-1 Monday to the Arcanum Trojans.

Arcanum, which finished with five hits, scored its only runs in the bottom of the fourth inning. The Indians responded with one in the top of the fifth but couldn't muster any more.

Jackson Ervin took the loss as he gave up both runs while allowing two hits and three walks in two innings.

Bo Thien scored the

Baseball roundup

Tribe's only run. Landon Post, Cale Rammel, Marcus Gale and Kendrick Wendel each had a hit.

Walk-off win

The Jay County seventh grade baseball team edged Blackford in walk-off fashion for a 6-5 victory Thursday.

The game was tied in the bottom of the seventh inning when Zavier Hudson delivered a single to give the Patriots (5-1) the winning run. Leighton Brown had tied the game with an RBI double in the sixth.

Eli Stockton picked up the win for Jay County, striking out six in three scoreless innings.

Benson Barnett and Brown each had a pair of hits.

All-stars go 3-1

Portland's 10-and-younger All-Star team knocked off Yorktown's 9-and-younger squad 8-1 and 9-3 in a doubleheader Monday. The 12-and-younger team split, edging Monroe Central 9-8 in their opener before falling 10-0 in game two.

Eli Westgerdes recorded two hits and three RBIs to lead the 10-and-younger all-stars against Yorktown. Finn Hemmelgarn hit a home run and had two RBIs in the second game and was the inning pitcher with four strikeouts in the first.

Roman Clamme finished with two hits and an RBI as Portland's 12-and-younger team (4-8) rallied from an 8-3 deficit to win the opener. Brady Millsbaugh was the winning pitcher in relief.

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Chris Compton earned the only other victory for Jay County in the shot put. He recorded a distance of 36 feet, 11 inches.

Sports emerging

INDIANAPOLIS — The IHSAA Board of Directors on Monday voted unanimously to add girls wrestling and boys volleyball as emerging sports.

The "emerging sports process" that was approved last year as a path toward becoming fully sanctioned by the IHSAA. In order to be an emerging sport, at least 20 schools must sponsor the sport

with an additional 10 submitting letters of commitment to do so.

As emerging sports, the IHSAA will now provide rule books and conduct coaches rules meetings. The sports will be sub-

ject to all IHSAA rules and policies.

In order for a sport to become recognized and hold an IHSAA state tournament, at least 50% of member schools participate.

Sports on tap

Local schedule

Today
Jay County — Boys golf vs. Heritage and Woodlan — 5:30 p.m.; Softball vs. South Adams — 5 p.m.; Girls tennis vs. Muncie Central — 5 p.m.; Baseball vs. South Adams — 5 p.m.

Fort Recovery — Track in Mercer County Meet at Coldwater — 4:30 p.m.; Baseball vs. Versailles — 5 p.m.; Softball at Versailles — 5 p.m.; JV baseball at Versailles — 5 p.m.; Junior high track

in Mercer County Meet at Coldwater — 4:30 p.m.

Wednesday

Jay County — Girls tennis at South Adams — 5 p.m.; Junior high golf at Selma — 5 p.m.

TV schedule

Today
7:40 p.m. — Major League Baseball: Cincinnati Reds at Milwaukee

Brewers (Bally Indiana)
10 p.m. — Major League Baseball: San Francisco Giants at Los Angeles Dodgers (TBS)

Wednesday

8 a.m. — Tennis: Madrid Open (Bally Indiana)
3 p.m. — Soccer: UEFA Champions League — Manchester United at Real Madrid (CBS)
7 p.m. — NHL playoffs: Boston Bruins at Carolina Hurricanes (ESPN)

7:30 p.m. — NHL playoffs: Tampa Bay Lightning at Toronto Maple Leafs (ESPN2)

7:30 p.m. — NBA playoffs: Eastern Conference semifinals — Philadelphia 76ers at Miami Heat (TNT)
7:40 p.m. — Cincinnati Reds at Milwaukee Brewers (Bally Indiana)

9:30 p.m. — NHL playoffs: St. Louis Blues at Minnesota Wild (ESPN)
10 p.m. — NBA playoffs: Western conference semifinals — Dallas Mavericks at Phoenix Suns (TNT)

10 p.m. — NHL playoffs: Los Angeles Kings at Edmonton Oilers (ESPN2)
10 p.m. — Soccer: CONCACAF Champions League — Pumas UNAM at Seattle Sounders (FS1)

Local notes

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

girls ages 3 through 6. Games will be played Saturdays at Portland Junior League fields.

Cost is \$55 before May 16, and registration includes t-shirt, hat and practice ball. Multiple child discounts are available.

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

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JCHS 4th in Muncie Relays

By RAY COONEY
The Commercial Review

MUNCIE — The Patriots haven't been able to eclipse their top sectional rivals.

But they've nipped at their heels enough to prove they'll be a team to be contended with in a couple of weeks.

Jay County High School's girls track team narrowly missed a top-three finish Saturday, coming in fourth place behind three tournament foes at the Muncie Central Relays hosted by Muncie Central.
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Jay County High School senior Kyle Klopfenstein takes off on the final leg of the 4x100-meter relay during Saturday's Muncie Central Relays as freshman Jenna Dues, who ran the third leg of the race, cheers her on.

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Patriots third in tournament

WINCHESTER — With the sectional still a month away, the Patriots are already in tournament form.

Jay County High School's boys golf team posted one score in the 70s and three in the 80s Saturday as it finished third in the Winchester Invitational.

The Patriots finished with a total of 331 — 15 strokes better than they shot at the 2021 sectional tournament — to finish behind eighth-ranked Noblesville (296) and Richmond (310) in the 12-team field. Eastbrook also shot 331, but Brock DeHoff's score of 91 gave JCHS third place based on the fifth-score tiebreaker.

Caleb DeRome led the Patriots at the tournament as he shot 76. He was fifth overall.

Senior Kyle Sanders followed with an 81. Ricky Nava shot 86, and

Local roundup

Gage Sims carded an 88 to round out the team score.

Two win titles

NEW CASTLE — Bryce Collins and Aaron Funkhouser each won a championship Friday night as the Jay County High School boys track team placed sixth at the New Castle Invitational.

Collins, a senior in his first year competing in track, picked up his victory in the shot put. Funkhouser's first-place finish came in the 400-meter dash.

Funkhouser also placed third in the 200 dash. And he teamed with Owen Ransom, Isaac Kunkler and Dylan Knapschafer for second in the 4x400 relay.

Jay County was fourth in each of the other two relays, with Trey Nichols, Knapschafer, Ransom and Kunkler teaming in the 4x100 event and Brayden Collins, Dylan Marentes, Dustin Harris and Sebastian Solis running the 4x800.

Boggs, Compton win

PONETO — Joseph Boggs led the way for the Jay County junior high boys track team as it placed fourth Monday at the Southern Wells Relays.

Boggs was the top performer for the Patriots as he won the 1,600-meter run. His time of 4 minutes, 51 seconds, was a career best.

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