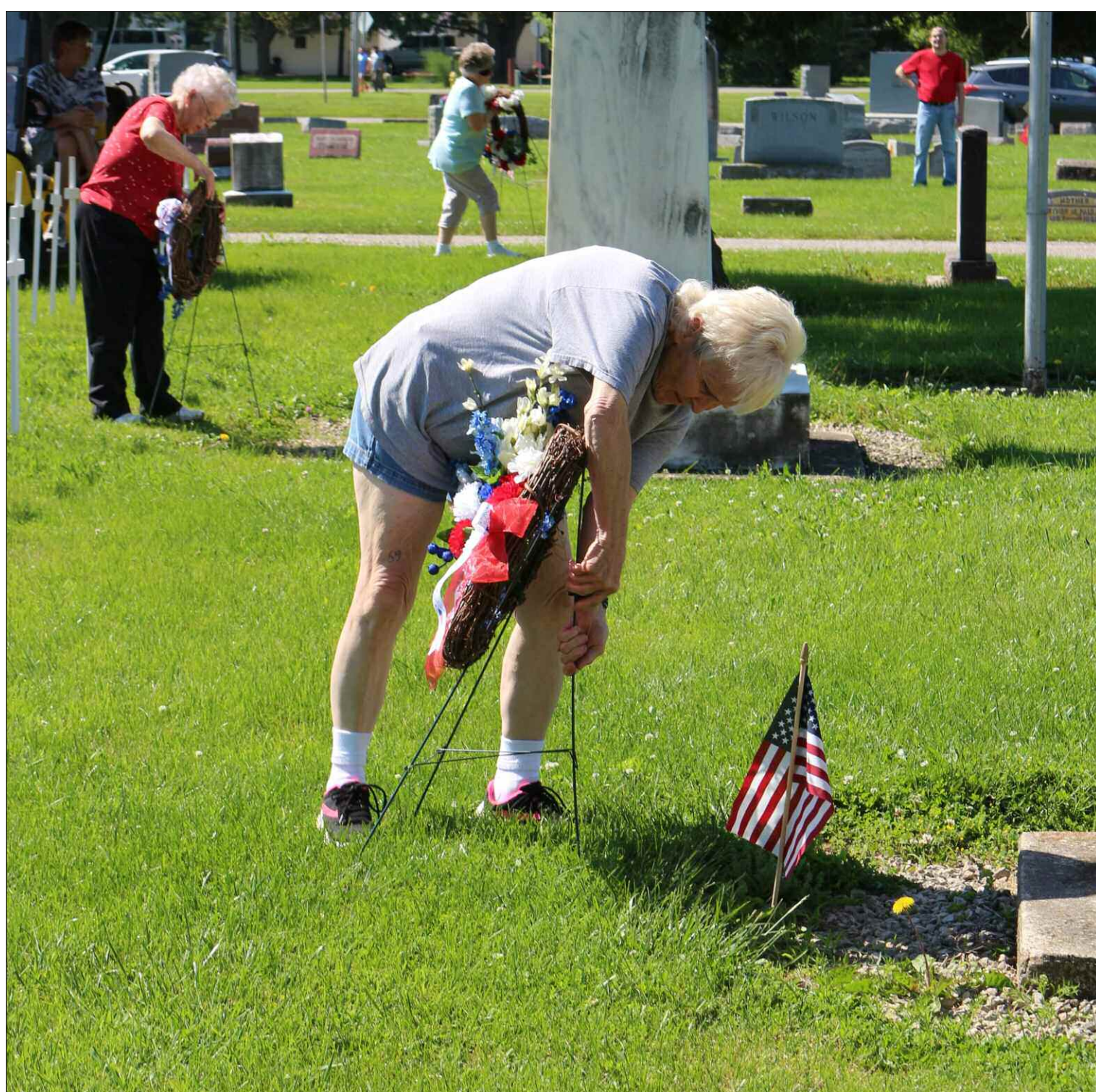


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## Patriotic wreath

Kay Lewis places a wreath Monday morning during the Memorial Day ceremony at Green Park Cemetery in Portland. The event included a presentation by Pastor Darrell Borders and a 21-gun salute from members of Portland American Legion Post 211.

## Major court decisions coming

*Rulings on abortion, guns expected in next month*

By DAVID G. SAVAGE

Los Angeles Times  
Tribune News Service

WASHINGTON — The Supreme Court is heading into the final weeks of a term that may reveal the full impact of its newly dominant conservative bloc.

The justices have 33 remaining cases to be decided by the end of June or the first week in July. The issues include abortion, guns, religion and climate change.

In years past, the end-of-term rush often featured a mix of conservative and liberal rulings. But since Justice Amy Coney Barrett replaced the late Ruth Bader Ginsburg, the wins for liberals have been few. During most of this term's arguments, the main question was whether the conservatives would rule narrowly or broadly.

Here are the most significant questions to be decided:

**Abortion and Roe:** Should Roe vs. Wade be overruled and states be given the authority to outlaw most or all abortions?

Last year, the court agreed to hear Mississippi's appeal of a law that would limit legal abortions to 15 weeks of a pregnancy. But the state's attorneys said the court should go further and overturn the right to abortion established in 1973.

A draft opinion leaked in early May indicated five justices were prepared to do just that. If so, it would be one of the most significant reversals of a constitutional right in the court's history. (Dobbs vs. Jackson Women's Health Organization)

**Guns and right to carry:** Do lawful gun owners have a right to carry a loaded firearm with them when they leave home, or may states limit "concealed carry" permits to those who show they have a special need to be armed?

See **Decisions** page 5

## Russian troops close in on takeover

By PATRICK J. MCDONNELL and NABIH BULOS

Los Angeles Times  
Tribune News Service

DNIPRO, Ukraine — Ukrainian forces desperately tried to block a complete Russian takeover of one of the country's two eastern provinces today, with Russian troops clawing out incremental

gains even as European leaders agreed to a partial oil embargo aimed at starving Moscow's mammoth war machine.

A combined force of Russian troops, Chechen fighters and pro-Moscow separatists slugged deeper into Severodonetsk, the Ukrainian government's seat of power in the province of Luhan-

sk, seizing a sizable portion of a city that has been almost completely destroyed in the fighting.

"We can say that a third of Severodonetsk is already under our control," said Leonid Pasechnik, the Moscow-backed leader of the self-proclaimed breakaway Luhansk People's Republic, in an interview with Russian state

news operator Tass. He added that his forces controlled 95% of Luhansk's territory.

"Our offensive is proceeding perhaps not as fast as we would like," he said. "But above all, we want to preserve the infrastructure of the city as much as possible."

See **Close** page 5

## Dunkirk getting a new destination

**Living in Joy and Bizy Dips open Wednesday in former depot building**

By BAILEY CLINE

The Commercial Review

DUNKIRK — Kenci and Chris Grayson started offering custom design products in January.

Five months later, their business is now opening in conjunction with a local bakery and coffee shop.

Living in Joy and Bizy Dips Bakery and Coffee Shop are opening together Wednesday at the former Webster Depot building just off Lincoln Avenue next to Webster Depot Park.

Living in Joy — it has also been referred to as Live in Joy on their Facebook page — offers a variety of home decor and crafted items, such as customized hat patches, earrings, cutting boards, signs and other merchandise. There's also a "succulent bar," where customers can customize a pot and plant to take home.

Kenci hosts make-and-take craft classes, which soon will be paired with refreshments from the bakery. She and Bizy Dips owner Hannah Long are also eager to provide the space for events, such as birthday parties, bridal or baby showers and holiday gatherings.

"I feel like if we can offer more for families to do, for busy parents to do, for kids to do, our town is going to be stronger because we're actually meeting together as a community," Kenci said.

Plans are to sell products from local vendors, such as candles from Lexi Steed's Stand Alone Candle Company of Redkey. Kenci and Long will also be hosting a farmer's market from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. on Tuesdays for local vendors to share their items.

See **Destination** page 5



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Living in Joy opens June 1 at the former Pennsylvania Railroad depot building in Dunkirk. The gift shop, which offers custom woodworking, crafts, home decor and other items, will also share the building with Bizy Dips bakery and coffee shop.

### Deaths

Wilbur Burgess, 84, Portland  
Henry Batten, 91, Hartford City  
Rex Rathbun, 81, Montpelier  
Dorine Zuercher, 96, Berne  
Details on page 2.

### Weather

Jay County had a hot holiday Monday as the Memorial Day high hit 89 degrees. The low was 67.  
Tonight's low will be in the upper 60s. There is a 50% chance of showers and thunderstorms Wednesday with a high of 82.  
See page 2 for an extended outlook.

### In review

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

### Coming up

Wednesday — Coverage of today's Jay County Commissioners meeting.

Friday — A look at the career of 34-year JCHS baseball coach Lea Selvey.



# Felony arrests

**Battery**  
Three Jay County residents were arrested over the extended holiday weekend for battery-related charges.  
Kayla E. Hart, 30, 712 N. Main St. Apt. 6, Dunkirk, was arrested Friday and preliminarily charged with a Level 6 felony for battery on a person

less than 14 years old, along with a Class A misdemeanor for criminal trespassing and a Class B misdemeanor for battery. She was released on a \$3,000 bond from Jay County Jail.  
Camile A. Brown, 60, 210 E. Liberty St., Pennville, was arrested Monday and prelimi-

narily charged with a Level 6 felony for strangulation and a Class A misdemeanor for domestic battery. She's being held in Jay County Jail on a \$4,000 bond.  
Brandon C. Wible Jr., 22, 203 E. Arch St. Apt. 3, Portland, was arrested Monday and preliminarily charged with a

Level 5 felony for battery against a public safety official, along with a Class A misdemeanor for resisting law enforcement and two Class B misdemeanors for disorderly conduct and public intoxication.  
He's being held in Jay County Jail.

**Nonsupport**  
A Dunkirk man was arrested Friday for nonsupport of a dependent child.  
Nicholas C. Folkerth, 32, 317 W. Pleasant St., was preliminarily charged with a Level 6 felony.  
He was released on a \$3,000 bond from Jay County Jail.

## CR almanac

Wednesday 6/1	Thursday 6/2	Friday 6/3	Saturday 6/4	Sunday 6/5
<b>82/58</b>	<b>71/52</b>	<b>76/52</b>	<b>78/56</b>	<b>83/61</b>
There is a 50% chance of showers and thunderstorms beginning after 8 a.m. The high will be 82.	Temperatures will dip as the high will be in the low 70s with a 50% chance of showers.	The forecast calls for sunny skies with a high in the mid 70s.	Another sunny day will bring a high of 78.	The high temperature will climb to 83. There is a slight chance of rain during the day.

## Lotteries

**Powerball**  
Monday  
27-28-51-68-69  
Powerball: 22  
Power Play: 2  
Estimated jackpot: \$168 million

**Mega Millions**  
Estimated jackpot: \$170 million

**Hoosier**  
Monday  
Midday  
Daily Three: 7-9-0  
Daily Four: 3-6-0-1  
Quick Draw: 5-11-14-16-17-20-25-26-30-33-36-38-44-51-52-66-71-72-74-80  
Evening  
Daily Three: 2-1-6  
Daily Four: 2-5-1-4  
Quick Draw: 1-5-18-19-

21-23-29-31-35-39-45-46-47-49-50-52-53-55-60-77  
Cash 16-31-34-37-43  
Estimated jackpot: \$687,500

**Ohio**  
Monday  
Midday  
Pick 3: 8-8-9  
Pick 4: 6-2-8-0  
Pick 5: 1-1-4-6-2  
Evening  
Pick 3: 8-4-6  
Pick 4: 1-9-7-1  
Pick 5: 4-9-8-3-1  
Rolling Cash 5: 9-21-22-23-29  
Estimated jackpot: \$231,000  
Classic Lotto: 7-18-33-35-37-43  
Kicker: 1-5-5-2-0-9  
Jackpot: \$28.6 million

## Markets

**Cooper Farms Fort Recovery**  
Corn.....7.82  
June corn .....7.82  
Wheat .....9.06

**POET Biorefining Portland**  
Corn.....7.87  
June corn .....7.82  
July corn .....7.85

**The Andersons Richland Township**  
Corn.....7.52  
June corn .....7.62  
Beans .....17.26  
June beans .....17.26

Wheat ..... 10.10  
June wheat..... 10.51

**Central States Montpelier**  
Corn.....7.53  
June corn.....7.46  
Beans .....17.09  
July beans .....16.99  
Wheat.....10.56

**Heartland St. Anthony**  
Corn.....7.62  
June corn .....7.62  
Beans .....17.07  
June beans .....17.07  
Wheat.....10.70

## Today in history

**In 1819**, American poet, journalist and essayist Walt Whitman was born in West Hills, New York. He is best known for his collection "Leaves of Grass."

**In 1889**, a flood in Johnstown, Pennsylvania, resulted in more than 2,200 deaths.

**In 1910**, Louis Botha formed the first government of the Union of South Africa.

**In 1921**, an estimated 300 Black men, women and children were killed in the Tulsa Race Massacre. Mobs looted, destroyed and burned Black-owned businesses and more than 1,250 homes in the Oklahoma city's Greenwood District.

**In 1930**, American actor and director Clint Eastwood was born in San Francisco, California. Eastwood's acting credits include "A Fistful of Dollars," "Dirty Harry" and "In the Line of Fire."

**In 1943**, NFL football player Joe Namath was born in Beaver Falls, Pennsylvania.

**In 1962**, German official Adolf Eichmann was executed by Israel for his involvement in the Nazi extermination of Jews during World War II. Eichmann had been in hiding for 14 years before his capture.

**In 2005**, former FBI official Mark Felt was acknowledged as the anonymous source of information regarding President Richard Nixon's Watergate scandal. He had been known as "Deep Throat."

**In 2007**, Jay County Development Corporation executive director Bob Quadrozzi died at the age of 69 when his vehicle went off Indiana 67 and struck a semi in Delaware County. He had led JCDC since 1992.

**In 2020**, a massive fire that produced billowing smoke visible for miles destroyed a barn at the Hartzell Farms facility at 3636 E. 100 North. Seven fire departments battled the fire that took more than two hours to get under control.

—The CR

## Citizen's calendar

**Thursday**  
4 p.m. — Portland Board of Works, mayor's office, city hall, 321 N. Meridian St.

**Monday**  
5:30 p.m. — Portland City Council, council chambers, fire station, 1616 N. Franklin St.  
7:30 p.m. — Fort Recovery Village Council, village hall, 201 S. Main St.

# Obituaries

**Wilbur Burgess**  
March 17, 1938-May 28, 2022  
Wilbur "Sonny" Burgess, age 84, a resident of Portland, passed away on Saturday, May 28, 2022, at IU Health Jay in Portland.



Sonny was born on March 17, 1938, in Geneva, Indiana, the son of Wilford and Velma (Jack) Burgess. He married Esta Spencer on June 1, 1957.  
Sonny worked for NAAS Foods in Geneva and retired from The Portland Forge in 2001. He was a member of the Portland Moose Lodge.  
Survivors include:  
His wife of 64 years — Esta Burgess, Portland, Indiana  
Two children — Jeffery Burgess (wife: Carrie), Loveland, Colorado, and Lucinda "Cindy" Jackson (husband: Donald), Sumter, South Carolina  
One brother — Darrell Burgess, Bryant, Indiana  
One sister — Josephine Prince, Camden, Tennessee  
Four grandchildren — Andrew Burgess, Erik Burgess, Daniel Jackson and Nathanael Jackson  
One great-granddaughter — Helen Grace Jackson  
Sister-in-laws — Edna Wall, Maggie Spencer and Dorothy Burgess all of Portland

Several nieces and nephews  
He was preceded in death by his parents, Wilford and Velma Burgess; his siblings, Willard, Paul and Dean Burgess; and one sister, Eleanor Kenestrick.  
Visitation will be held on Wednesday from 5 to 7 p.m. at Williamson-Spencer and Penrod Funeral Home in Portland. Funeral services will be held on Thursday at 11 a.m. at Williamson-Spencer and Penrod Funeral Home in Portland. Visitation will also be held one hour prior to the service on Thursday. Burial will follow at Green Park Cemetery in Portland.

Memorials may be directed towards Riley Hospital for Children or St. Jude Children's Hospital.  
Condolences may be expressed at williamsonspencer.com.

**Henry Batten**  
Sept. 30, 1930-May 25, 2022



Henry A. Batten, 91, went to be with the Lord on May 25, 2022, at Autumn Wood Village Assisted Living in Tipton.  
He was born in Winchester on Sept. 30, 1930, to Ray Batten and Ida Alice (Bell) Batten  
Henry married Georgia Maxine (Taylor) Batten on June 26, 1955 in Millgrove Methodist Church. She passed away on Aug. 14, 2020.  
He and Georgia co-owned and operated Batten Paint Company for 18 years in Hartford City and he was a painting contractor for 40 years.  
Henry loved the Lord and attended Union Chapel Church in Muncie. He enjoyed gardening and woodworking in his spare time. He had a contagious smile and loved to joke around with people. His family was very special to him and he loved spending time with them.

He will be sadly missed by his daughters, Becky (husband: Curt) Hoover of Hartford City and Melinda (husband: Dr. Phillip) Collier of Tipton; grandchildren Devin (wife: Ashley) Hoover, Drake Hoover, Darci (husband: Bob) Freds, Sarah (husband: Seth) Ewoldt and Caleb Collier; great-grandchildren Shawn, Sage and Samuel Ewoldt, Finn, Maverick and LuLu Hoover, Reed Hoover and Huckston and Georgia Freds; sister Jenice (hus-

# Woman and dog found dead

**By KIM DUNLAP**  
Kokomo Tribune  
Tribune New Service  
The body of 80-year-old Betty Stroup, a Kokomo woman who disappeared Thursday morning on Howard County's northeast side, was discovered Sunday evening less than a mile from her residence.  
According to a Howard County Sheriff's Office media release, Stroup and her dog Cookie were both found dead in a ditch near the north 1700 block of Reed Road. An autopsy will be conducted Tuesday at the direction of the Howard County Coroner's Office.  
Stroup — who had advanced dementia — was reported missing shortly before 4 a.m. Thursday, and detectives said at the time that she had no identification, money or medications on her.

## SERVICES

**Thursday**  
**Burgess, Wilbur:** 11 a.m., Williamson-Spencer and Penrod Funeral Home, 208 N. Commerce St., Portland.  
**Batten, Henry:** 1 p.m., Keplinger Funeral Home, 509 N. High St., Hartford City.

**Friday**  
**Zuercher, Dorine:** 11 a.m., Berne Church of the Nazarene, 604 Sprunger St., Berne.

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# Parents leave teen out of their vacation

DEAR ABBY: I'm a senior in high school, and I come from a family that is financially stable but unable to travel often due to time and money constraints. We usually travel only once a year in the summer, and for the most part, we're not able to travel very far or stay for long.

For the past three years, our vacation plans have been on hold due to the pandemic and other concerns. My parents have been on two trips across the country in the past 12 months. I accept that they're a married couple and occasionally want to travel without the rest of their family. However, recently it came to my attention that Mom bought two tickets to Europe for her and Dad as a birthday gift. She used the money she had been saving for a family vacation to pay for them.

I feel betrayed. I was under the impression that we couldn't afford a vacation at this time, or

Dear Abby



that we were still waiting for the chaos of the pandemic to settle before traveling, but my mother was happy to spend the money on a vacation for her and Dad.

My dad is turning 50, and I understand it's a very special occasion. However, I can't help but wonder why I haven't received so much as a dinner after being accepted into my top college and earning two scholarships. Am I overreacting? If not, how should I address this? — WANTING A GETAWAY IN NEW YORK

DEAR WANTING: I agree that having been accepted to your top college and having earned two scholarships, your achieve-

ment was something to be celebrated. (In reality, the achievement was a reward in itself.) That it was not recognized tells me there must be a lot going on for your folks right now.

While family vacations are wonderful and memorable, so are milestone birthdays such as the one that's approaching for your dad. Your mother should be forgiven for ensuring it will be "extra special." If you feel an itch to travel, if you don't already have one, consider getting a part-time job so you can afford a getaway with friends or a student or church group. Because you are no longer a child, you should talk to your mother about how you feel.

DEAR ABBY: My adult son got so furious with me that he called me, yelled vicious things and threatened to cut me out of his life. I've never been

spoken to that way before. It was so traumatic that I was shaking after I hung up on him.

What made him so angry was that I didn't thank his mother-in-law for an email she sent wishing me happy birthday. I had received 30 email birthday wishes that day and didn't acknowledge any of them. I would have thanked someone who'd gone to the trouble of calling or sending an actual card.

I don't think I behaved improperly, but maybe there's some rule that slipped by me. Your thoughts? — UNHAPPY BIRTHDAY IN TEXAS

DEAR UNHAPPY: The polite way to deal with email special occasion wishes is to either acknowledge them individually or do an email "blast" thanking everyone for remembering you. To have remained stone silent was ungracious. HOWEVER, for your son to

have gone off the deep end, yelled "vicious things" and threatened to cut you out of his life was uncalled for, and whether or not you receive one, you deserve an apology.

DEAR ABBY: In my junior year of high school, my girlfriend got pregnant. We married and had a son. Although our marriage was very rocky, two years later we had a daughter. I knew from the beginning she was not my biological child because of her blood type, but I loved her all the same. I never told my daughter or my ex-wife (now deceased) what I knew. Four years after her birth we divorced, and I retained custody of my two children.

I later remarried and had one more child. Fifty years have now passed. With DNA testing being so prevalent, I'm at a loss. Most of my family (my parents, children, grandchildren and great-grand-

children) have been tested and show up linked to me.

My daughter, her children and grandchildren do not show up anywhere on my DNA chart. They live 2,000 miles away, but we communicate weekly. I am sure that she and some of her family have been tested and "suspect" but are saying nothing to spare my feelings.

I feel I need to clear the air with my daughter, but my wife says to let sleeping dogs lie. Advice? — OLD DOG IN THE WEST

DEAR OLD DOG: I agree with your wife. You raised your daughter, and she is as much your child as if she had "come from your loins." You ARE her dad. IF she or one of her family members has been DNA tested and she hasn't broached the subject with you, it may be because she has no questions she wants to ask you. I see nothing to be gained by raising the subject now.

# Holiday is a reminder to live life to the fullest

By DIANA DOLECKI

Special to The Commercial Review

Yesterday was Memorial Day again. I remember that we always called it Decoration Day. My grandmother often said that they used to decorate the family graves at the end of May. Her grandparents were buried just down the road from the log cabin where my grandmother was born and raised. So it would be an easy walk for them to tend to the graves.

The rest of the family are buried all over the place. Putting flowers on all of their graves would take more than one day a year. I don't remember my grandmother or anyone else in the family doing anything to celebrate the day. It was just another day, no different than

As I See It



any other.

People have been decorating graves for thousands of years, with or without an official day dedicated to it. From simple flowers to the treasures of the pyramids, we have a need to do what we can to ensure that our loved ones know that we remember them and that we will do what we can to make the journey from life to death a little easier.

The first recorded Memorial

Day in our country was way back in 1865 in Charleston, South Carolina. Think about what was going on. The Civil War ended. All those people fought for an ideal. It was time to rebuild their lives and to pay homage to those who died.

In most years since then, there has been a war somewhere on the planet. Maybe it is as simple as a scuffle between brothers or sisters, or something major like a world war or two. No matter how big or how small the conflict, there is always an unhappy loser and an unsatisfied winner.

Originally Memorial Day was set aside to remember those military personnel who died while in the service. The date used to be on May 30 but now it is

observed on the last Monday in May. Somehow I think there will be more people watching race cars going around in circles than there will be those whose hearts are breaking as they lay flowers upon the graves of their loved ones.

It bothers me that there is a need for Memorial Day. We visited Washington, D.C., several years ago. We stopped at Arlington Cemetery. There were rows upon rows of crosses marking rows and rows of graves. So many people have lost their lives. So many families are grieving their loved ones. There are so many reasons for Memorial Day.

This past weekend my brother Michael and his wife, Diane stopped by. They had been out to

the local swap meet. As usual Michael found some train cars that he wanted. He already has enough of those to fully insulate his entire home. I can't say anything about it because I have the same problem with plants. We had a nice visit and he left for home before the rain began.

There is more to May than remembering loved ones who have gone on before us. It is more than family dropping in. It is even more than putting flowers on a grave. It is all of those put together plus a bit of the unknown.

We may not decorate the graves. Maybe family will stop by and maybe they won't. Things are seldom the same as they once were. We simply need to live as best as we can.

# Community Calendar

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

## Reunions

Graduates of Portland High School will host an alumni banquet on June 18 at Jay County High School. Honor classes are from the years 1942, 1947, 1952, 1957, 1962, 1967 and 1972. All Portland High School graduates are welcome. For more information, call (260) 726-7209.

Jay County High School Class of 1997 will hold its 25th reunion at 7 p.m. June 11 at Jay County Event Center.

## Today

JAY COUNTY CANCER

SUPPORT GROUP — Will meet from 5 to 6:30 p.m. in conference room C at Indiana University Health Jay Hospital. Open discussion for cancer patients, survivors, family members or anyone interested in helping with the group. For more information, contact Linda Metzger at (260) 726-1844.

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 MORNING 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.

# Sudoku

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

Level: Beginner

## Saturday's Solution

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

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

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# Gov. DeSantis is just as delusional

To the editor:  
On the editorial page of The Commercial Review, I am not going to debate opinions and other potentially polemical subjects.

In his reply to my letter, Stephen Erwin's version of the "facts" was interesting and revealing.

I invite and encourage Stephen to read Jane Mayer's book "Dark Money." I will go so far as to lend my copy of her book to Stephen should he be so inclined.

I was somewhat chagrined by Stephen's apparent endorsement of Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis.

DeSantis is, in my opinion, a more intelligent version of Donald

## Letters to the Editor

Trump. "Trump-lite," if you will. DeSantis is slightly less narcissistic, a tad less delusional and not quite as maliciously and perniciously mendacious as Trump. DeSantis's "I would be King" proclivity is every bit as delusional as Trump's, however.

DeSantis is the type of politician the billionaires in Mayer's book dream of.

On the plus side, he does have a better hairdo.  
Michael Kinser  
Portland



# Hope, optimism seem misplaced

By LAURA ZELENSKO  
Bloomberg Markets

To open Bloomberg's first news bureau in Eastern Europe — and the fourth for the company in all of Europe — the directions were simple: Identify a space that was suitable for a big international financial firm but had something "wrong" with it. In other words, not too perfect. As a young company, we didn't want to come off as arrogant. So in Prague, in 1993, we found an office with a fabulous view directly onto Old Town Square's famous clock tower, with just one catch: It could only be reached by walking up five flights of steep, worn, stone stairs. We rapidly hired local staff in Prague, and then expanded to Warsaw and Budapest, working from apartments or hotel rooms until we secured new offices. Moscow was the inevitable next step.

For me, personally, it was a natural progression. My last name is Ukrainian, although my family's from a city that resides inside Belarus. My father's mother was born in Russia, and my mother's family is from a small town in Poland. I'm here because my Polish grandfather chose to leave in 1920, avoiding the fate of his relatives, who died during the Holocaust. While I was in college, where my adviser's (short-lived) specialty was East Germany, I traveled to Communist Poland to research the Catholic Church's influence on the opposition Solidarity labor movement and to interview then-union leader Lech Walesa.

After the Berlin Wall fell in 1989, I took a fellowship at a newspaper in Warsaw and by 1992 had moved to Prague to write about the evolution from communism to capitalism — a story I was excited about. Yes, there was corruption, and a variety of setbacks in the Czech Republic, Hungary, Poland and Slovakia. But as governments dismantled state-owned enterprises and favored free markets, there was steady progress: Stock exchanges opened, corporate and state entities sold bonds, investors poured in.

In retrospect, my timing was perfect. Foreign journalists who had used Prague as a base to cover the region's anti-Communist revolutions were bored by what they viewed as a more tedious financial and economic story. Their departure to cover the region's next big political story in Yugoslavia provided me with an opportunity when Bloomberg came looking for stringers.

A freelance position quickly turned into a full-time role with a mandate to expand rapidly across the region. Bloomberg News coverage grew in line with sales of Bloomberg Terminals to local and

Laura Zelenko



foreign financial firms eager to profit as capitalism revived. I remember covering the Czechs' first post-Communist euro bond sale, meeting scores of visiting international investors seeking early entry to the nascent stock markets, and chasing down fraudsters who inevitably preyed on some unsophisticated and greedy local bankers. We added stringers in such locations as Bucharest, Kyiv, and Sofia.

Even in those early days, the big money was looking at Russia. Every bank in the world was positioning itself to win business there, and Bloomberg expanded alongside Moscow's financial markets. But the situation was much less clear there than in the Czech Republic, Hungary and Poland. The story in Russia was all about government debt. Boris Yeltsin's budget required the government to sell the equivalent of \$1 billion in Treasury debt every Wednesday just to help finance payments, and the bond rates got out of control very quickly, exceeding 200% on occasion. Russia had no history of free markets and very limited experience with democracy. And the atmosphere felt different from my perch in Prague. While fancy restaurants and nightclubs opened in Moscow, many citizens across the vast country remained nostalgic for the Stalin years, when Russia saved the world from the Nazis. To them, the foreign bankers, investors and even McDonald's seemed like an invading army.

By 1998 it became clear that the biggest story in the region was unfolding in Russia. The boom was quickly turning to a bust. Pregnant with my first child, I was asked to move to Moscow. Just a couple of years earlier, our Moscow operation was based in a dingy room at the Olympic Penta Hotel, a crowded space that was sweltering because of the computer servers housed there for the growing number of Bloomberg Terminals in Russia. But we expanded fast, adding more employees and opening a modern office a few blocks from Red Square. The night before Russia stopped making payments on \$40 billion of local bonds, I called the Kremlin to ask if a default was imminent. I'll never forget the response: "There's no fire. There's no tragedy."

Just as quickly as the economy crashed and foreigners fled, the

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rebound began and investment flowed in again. It showed me, I thought, that the financial markets were working, and the shift from communism to capitalism was secure. I delivered my son, Sasha, in a hospital on the outskirts of Moscow, and he soon grew fond of borscht and pelmeni. Sasha and his younger sister, Katya, both learned to speak Russian. Although we left the country in 2001, we maintained close ties and visited many times. In fact, Katya was planning to spend this summer in Russia.

But then came the horror of Russia's invasion of Ukraine, and everything changed. Our journalists soon stopped reporting from Russia, and weeks later Bloomberg suspended all operations in the country, part of a wave of international companies that have scaled back, suspended, or ended business there. It was as if the clock had turned back 30 years, all of the financial evolution erased, all of the work and advancement evaporated. Bloomberg's global newsroom continues to cover Russia from abroad as the country becomes increasingly isolated, severed from global markets, more like its former Communist self.

Three decades ago, I arrived in the region with so much hope and optimism that real change was taking hold: I was there to witness and chronicle the path from communism to capitalism; these economies stuck for so long behind the Iron Curtain were emerging for good. That hope and optimism seems so misplaced now. As Russia's war rages in Ukraine, it's clear that what I saw in Moscow, at least, was all an illusion.

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# Parents left to grieve loss

By TORIANO PORTER  
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This column was intended to be sarcastic. After attending my youngest daughter's fifth-grade graduation ceremony Tuesday afternoon, I would pretend to be outraged.

How dare this school teach my child about the dangers of alcohol and drugs, I would write. As a parent, that's my job.

Books are being banned and a sanitized version of American history is being taught because of complaints from a few noisy parents. Mom and Dad should teach children about uncomfortable truths, the easily-offended often argue.

Well, can we agree it's also not within an educator's purview to indoctrinate our children with "copaganda," then? How dare the Jackson County Sheriff's Office Junior Deputy program brainwash our children with its ineffective D.A.R.E. tactics? It should be parents who discuss the dangers of illicit drugs and alcohol abuse with their little ones, not sheriff's deputies and teachers.

That column would have been funny, wouldn't it? And then, I learned at least 19 children were killed in a mass shooting at Robb Elementary School in Uvalde, Texas. Two adults died, too.

We have way more serious issues in this country. The 18-year-old suspected gunman shot his grandmother before the mass shooting. The requisite thoughts and prayers went out. Predictable outrage followed.

But until universal background checks are the norm, gun violence cannot be reduced in this country.

Mandatory firearm training and permits for people 21 and over to carry legally are essential to public safety. Too bad those regulations aren't universal.

Domestic violence offenders and the mentally unstable should not be allowed to possess deadly weapons.

But Americans love their guns. They should hate dead children more.

Toriano Porter



"Spare me the (B.S.) of mental illness," U.S. Sen. Chris Murphy, a Democrat from Connecticut, said Tuesday afternoon. In 2012, one month before he was elected, 26 people — including 20 children — were killed in a mass shooting at Sandy Hook Elementary School in his home state.

"We're not an outlier on mental illness — we're an outlier on firearms," Murphy added.

Back at my daughter's elementary school, children were being honored. They gleefully bounded onstage to receive their awards and certificates, and proudly posed for pictures with loved ones.

Of course, cupcakes were involved.

Those soon-to-be middle schoolers were oblivious to the fact that just a few hours before, a mass shooting had claimed the lives of their young counterparts in Texas.

"Will be talking to some of my fellow mayors against illegal guns," Kansas City Mayor Quinton Lucas wrote on Twitter Tuesday night. "Maybe there's a lot we can do; maybe little. But, I'll be damned if we just keep shrugging our shoulders after the preventable shooting massacres around us seemingly every week."

My baby girl left the graduation with her grandmother to celebrate. Mom and Dad returned to daily work requirements.

Parents in Texas were left to grieve the loss of their precious children. That's sobering.

Children at my daughter's school will return to class a couple of more times this week without a care in the world.

Schoolchildren in Uvalde will never get the chance to live out their potential. Survivors and parents are forever scarred.

Ain't a damn thing funny about that.

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## Destination ...

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Chris had been looking into purchasing a laser engraver and CNC machine for about three years. In January, the Graysons made an investment and purchased the machines. Chris, who works for Fullenkamp Machine, started creating designs on different wood and metal materials.

Kenci reached out to Long and Dunkirk Mayor Jack Robbins in late March. She hoped to offer gift shop items, including her husband's designs, alongside a coffee shop.

"I had been praying ... that our town would be revived and we would have community," said Grayson. "What better place to have community than in a place where you can sit down and have coffee with your friends?"

Kenci's initial offer excited Long.

"I definitely thought it was a great idea," said Long. "I was really excited because it was such a good idea, a good concept. Shopping and a coffee shop, all in one. It's just an excellent idea on Kenci's part."

Robbins announced in April that Dunkirk Industrial Development Corporation leased the building to Bizzy Dips. The bakery and coffee shop opened its first location in September 2020 at John Jay Center for Learning in Portland. Along with beverages, it also has baked goods, sandwiches, parfaits, soup, salads,

fruit and other items at its current site.

Long noted her goal is to franchise her business someday, making this a small step forward in the journey.

The Dunkirk location will offer the same menu as its first shop. Long said the largest difference between the shops, besides the location, are the buildings.

The former depot building, which opened in 1867, had been mostly unoccupied since serving train passengers. In the last 15 years, major renovations have been completed at the building, including installation of a new roof, windows, flooring, doors, exterior brick, water lines and two public restrooms, as well as heating and air conditioning units. Its original oak woodwork has been maintained.

Living in Joy and Bizzy Dips in Dunkirk will be open from 6:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesdays and Fridays and 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. Saturdays. Both businesses will also be open during Dunkirk's free summer concert series, which continues with a performance by Boot Hill Band at 7 p.m. June 18.

"We're excited to be part of the Dunkirk community, and just bringing more people into Dunkirk," said Long.

"(People) always are hashtagging on Facebook 'destination Dunkirk,' so we want to help make it a destination," added Kenci.

## Decisions ...

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Most states allow gun owners to carry their weapons, but New York, California and six other "blue" states restrict these permits. Gun rights advocates sued to challenge New York's law, and urged the court to rule the 2nd Amendment protects the right to "bear arms" in public. (New York State Rifle & Pistol Assn. vs. Bruen)

**Religious schools:** Do students enrolled in religious schools have an equal right to public funds if their state funds other private schools?

Maine has small towns with no high school, so it provides tuition aid for students to attend other schools — public or private — but not religious schools.

The court's conservatives will likely rule that refusing to pay tuition for students in church schools in such cases amounts to unconstitutional discrimination against religion. If so, the ruling could open the door for those who want to include religious options among big-city charter schools, which are privately run but publicly funded. (Carson vs. Makin)

**EPA and climate change:** Can the Environmental Protection Agency require states to reduce the carbon pollution that is warming the globe by moving away from coal-fired power plants and shifting toward natural gas, wind turbines and solar energy?

The Obama administration proposed such an ambitious plan, but it was blocked by the high court in 2016 and set aside later by the Trump administration. Now, West Virginia and 18 other coal states want the court to rule that the EPA and the Biden administration lack broad regulatory authority to fight climate change. (West Virginia vs. EPA)

**Praying football coach:** Does a high school football coach have a free-speech right to kneel and pray on the 50-yard line, or may the school forbid teachers and other employees from conducting such prayers?

Since the 1960s, the court

has told public schools they may not promote group prayers based on the principle of church-state separation.

But the court's conservatives are skeptical of that idea, and they are likely to rule for a former football coach in Bremerton, Washington, whose prayers drew crowds of students. (Kennedy vs. Bremerton School District)

**Migrants at border:** Can the Biden administration admit and then release tens of thousands of migrants from Central America who arrive at the southern border seeking asylum, or must they either be detained in the U.S. or remain in Mexico while their claims work their way through the immigration courts?

President Trump's "remain in Mexico" policy was denounced as inhumane, but when President Biden moved to revoke it, Texas state lawyers won rulings that blocked the reversal.

At issue are two parts of the immigration laws. One says asylum-seekers "shall be detained" and a second says they may be released on bond on a "case-by-case basis" if they are judged likely to appear for their hearing. (Biden vs. Texas)

**Police and Miranda warnings:** Can a police officer be sued for questioning a suspect without giving them Miranda warnings and pressuring them to confess to a crime?

In 1966, Chief Justice Earl Warren said police who stop and question suspects must warn them of the right to "remain silent" and to speak with a lawyer. If no warnings are given, an incriminating statement may not be used in court.

But sometimes, police officers ignore the Miranda warnings and question a suspect to learn about evidence or the details of a crime.

The case before the justices arose when a Los Angeles County Sheriff's deputy went to the County-USC Medical Center and allegedly pressed a nursing aide to admit he had sexually assaulted a patient.

## Close ...

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Over the weekend, Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy said the Russian assault had already destroyed all of Severodonetsk's "critical infrastructure." Another city official last week said about 90% of residential buildings in the city were damaged.

The enemy advance was confirmed by Severodonet-

sk Mayor Oleksandr Striuk, who told the Associated Press that half of the city was now in Russian hands.

"The situation is very serious and the city is essentially being destroyed ruthlessly by block," Striuk said, adding that "the Ukrainian military continues to resist this frenzied push and aggression by Russian forces."



## Factors that can adversely affect mood

No one is immune to the occasional bad mood. A bad mood can make a difficult day feel even more so, and multiple-person households can become uncomfortable places to be if one person's mood is less than welcoming.

Bad moods can be easy to shrug off, and that may not inspire people to wonder why their generally upbeat outlooks can suddenly take a turn for the worse. Each person is different, so what triggers a mood swing in some individuals may not necessarily do so in others. However, various factors can adversely affect mood. Taking steps to avoid or minimize such factors can reduce the number of days when you feel as though you woke up on the wrong side of the bed.

**Lack of physical activity:** A 2019 study from the Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health found that running for 15 minutes a day or walking for an hour reduces the risk of major depression. That link is likely connected to the release of endorphins triggered by exercise. Endorphins are hormones that

studies have shown contribute to a general feeling of well-being, which explains why a lack of physical activity can adversely affect mood.

**Chronic stress:** Chronic stress has long been linked to a host of health problems. According to the Mayo Clinic, chronic stress puts individuals at increased risk for heart disease and weight gain but also issues that affect mood, including anxiety and depression. Individuals who find themselves routinely confronting bad moods may be dealing with chronic stress. Identifying the source of that stress and speaking with a health care professional about how to reduce and manage it may lead to improvements in mood.

**Hunger:** A 2018 study from researchers at the University of Guelph in Ontario found evidence that a change in glucose levels can have a lasting effect on mood. The study, published in the journal *Psychopharmacology*, found that rats injected with a glucose metabolism blocker experienced stress and de-



pressed mood due to the resultant hypoglycemia. The study lends credence to the notion that many people have about feeling moody when they don't eat.

**Weather:** Seasonal Affective Disorder is a type of depression that adversely affects certain individuals' moods during winter, when hours of sunlight are fewer than during spring, summer and fall and when temperatures outside can sometimes be so cold as to keep people

indoors for extended periods of time. In addition, a 2013 study published in the journal *Social Indicators Research* found that individuals report greater life satisfaction on exceptionally sunny days than they did on days with ordinary weather.

Bad moods come and go for most people. Identifying common triggers for bad moods can help individuals prepare for potential mood swings and navigate them in healthy ways.

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**An unusual defense**

South dealer. Both sides vulnerable.

**NORTH**  
♠ 6 4 2  
♥ Q 9 6 2  
♦ A J 5  
♣ A Q 10

**WEST**  
♠ K 9 3  
♥ 10 8 4 3  
♦ 7 2  
♣ K 9 7 6

**EAST**  
♠ Q 5  
♥ A K 7  
♦ 6 4 3  
♣ J 8 3 3 2

**SOUTH**  
♠ A J 10 8 7  
♥ J 5  
♦ K Q 10 9 8  
♣ 4

The bidding:  
South West North East  
1 ♠ Pass 2 NT Pass  
3 ♠ Pass 3 ♠ Pass  
4 ♠

Opening lead—three of hearts.

South's bidding indicated at least nine cards in spades and diamonds, leaving him with at most two clubs. Given dummy's strong holdings in both minors, it was unlikely that the defense could collect any tricks in either of those suits.

The only realistic hope, therefore, was that the defenders could score two trump tricks. This would happen naturally if West had any two spade honors, but another possibility existed that required some assistance from East.

Accordingly, after winning the opening trick with the king of hearts, East cashed the ace, even though this established dummy's queen. He then continued with a third heart into dummy's Q-9, handing declarer yet another heart trick.

The upshot of this unusual sequence of plays was that South could no longer make the contract. After taking the heart in dummy, he had no choice but to lead a spade to the jack, losing to the king. Following his partner's defense, West then returned his last heart, which East ruffed with the queen.

Declarer overruffed with the ace and cashed the ten, hoping the nine would fall. When it didn't, all he could do was congratulate East-West on a well-conceived and well-executed defense.

The fundamental approach for the defense is to assume that every contract can be defeated. To this end, both defenders shape their play to meet whatever conditions are necessary to meet that goal.

Take this case where South was in four spades and West led a heart. East knew from West's lead of the three-fourth-best—that declarer had at least two hearts, so he could count on scoring two tricks in that suit. The question was where the defense could score two more.

Tomorrow: A case of timing.  
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**CRYPTOQUIP**

H OXNKYDN SWRS SWN KYOXNDN  
LMXKN UMQ ZMYTQ OTRL  
WNXJK RLQ BTMZXN JNQK

HL SWN URXQNL MB MQHL.  
Yesterday's Cryptoquip: CORNMEAL FOOD THAT SPRINTERS MIGHT EAT TO HELP THEM RUN AS FAST AS THEY CAN: HASTY PUDDING.  
Today's Cryptoquip Clue: Z equals W

**CROSSWORD** By Eugene Sheffer

**ACROSS**

1 Wrinkly fruit  
5 Moment  
8 Bright star  
12 — of honor  
13 Baton Rouge sch.  
14 Pitcher Hershiser  
15 Discovery at a dig  
17 Sense  
18 Scrap  
19 Postage  
21 — Davis Jr.  
24 Bangkok language  
25 Raw materials  
26 Extend  
30 Young fellow  
31 County of Ireland  
32 Eastern path  
33 "No kidding!"  
35 Low range  
36 Indy winner A.J.

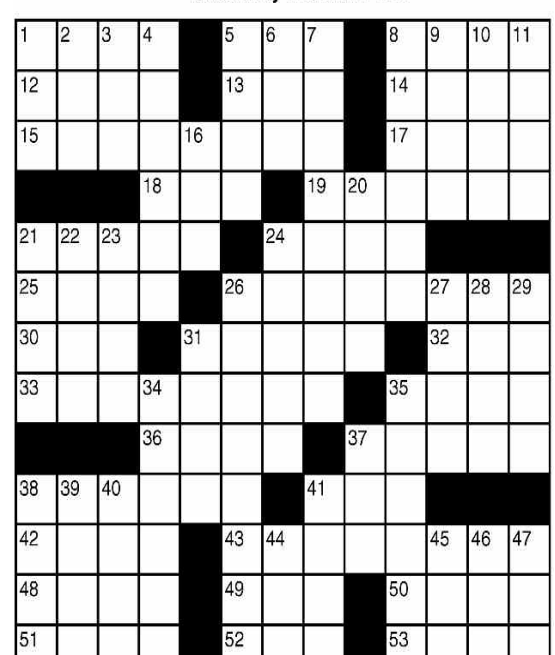
**DOWN**

37 Loses color  
38 Selfishness  
41 Vacuum's lack  
42 Jazz great  
43 Theatrical  
48 Genesis shepherd  
49 — chi Gaelic  
50 Gaelic  
51 Repair  
52 Greek vowel  
53 Set down  
16 Saute  
20 London gallery  
21 Pieces for one  
22 "I smell —!"

**Solution time: 22 mins.**

J	U	T	A	B	I	D	E	F	A	B	
A	N	A	V	I	C	E	S	I	B	M	
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Yesterday's answer 5-31



**Peanuts**



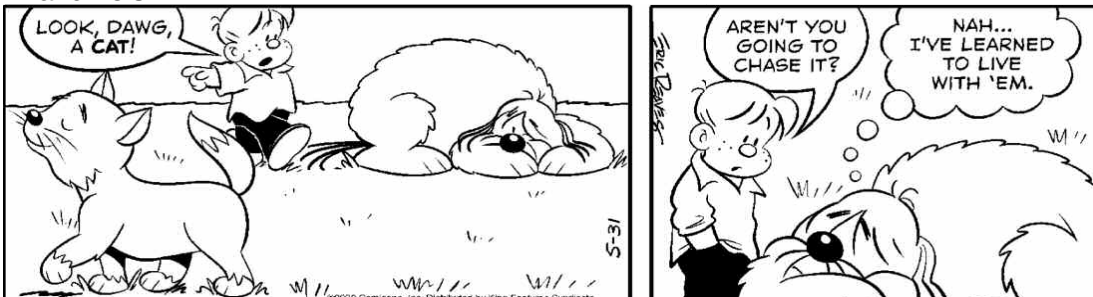
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That brought leadoff man Corbin Malott to the plate.

Already with two doubles and a walk in the game, the Purdue University commit knocked a single back up the middle to bring pinch runner Haidyn Bulmer home for a 3-2 Trojan lead.

"We talked about not giving him much to hit," said Selvey. "And we didn't. He hit it anyway."

"That thing was probably about knee high, probably about 6 inches outside and he just did what a good hitter would do in that situation. He put it in play."

The visitors on the scoreboard would add three more runs in the top of the seventh.

Jay County, which left the bases loaded in the first inning, had opportunities to score in the sixth and seventh but could not cash in.

Ryne Goldsworthy and Parker Nichols led off the bottom of the sixth with consecutive singles, but Malott took over on the mound and promptly recorded three outs. Dowlen singled and stole second base with one out in the seventh only to have Malott respond with consecutive strikeouts to end the game.

Malott got the save as he struck out three in two scoreless innings of relief.

Eli Cooper, who is headed to Clark State College next year, earned the win, allow-

ing two runs — one earned — on seven hits and two walks in five-plus innings. He struck out eight.

"Eli gave us five strong innings, and Corbin does what he always does — comes in and shuts them down," said New Castle coach Joshua Dane Cooper. "They've been a good combination all year."

The Trojans never trailed after Malott doubled down the left-field line to start the game and scored on a sacrifice fly by Cooper. They added another run in the second inning, this time on a Malott RBI double to left-center.

Jay County got both of its runs in the fifth inning, as Crosby Heniser followed Faulkner's homer with an infield single. Three misplays at first base by the Trojans helped Heniser make it home to tie the game.

Sam Myers followed up his three-hit performance in the sectional-opening win over Yorktown with three more Monday against the Trojans.

Dusty Pearson, who picked up the save in Saturday's win, suffered the loss to New Castle as he allowed two runs on two hits and two walks in two-plus innings. Sam Myers and Gavin Myers also gave up two runs apiece to New Castle.

The loss brought an end to Selvey's career after 34 seasons leading the Patriots.

He racked up 528 wins, the last of which came by a



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Crosby Heniser, a Jay County senior, makes a running catch in foul territory along the left-field line to end the top of the fifth inning Monday. New Castle left two runners in scoring position in the fifth but scored four times over the next two innings to take the win.

4-3 score in Saturday's sectional opening-round game as JCHS avenged a regular-season loss to the Yorktown Tigers.

"I'm extremely proud of these guys," said Selvey of

his final group of Patriots. "We battled. It doesn't matter who we played, we battled. It seemed like every game was a battle. These guys were fun to be around."

# Indy ...

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Of opting against a go-for-broke move on the final lap, O'Ward said: "[Ericsson] was going to put me in the wall if I would have gone for it. We were alongside each other."

Johnson, a 46-year-old in his second IndyCar season, told reporters afterward that he had "mixed

emotions" about a result for which he had "higher expectations." He claimed to not have had "the car that I needed."

"Just really couldn't get through the field," he said. "Every time I set someone up for a pass, the car would wash out and I would lose one or two spots, and I kept falling further back in the field."

# Sports on tap

## Local schedule

**Today**  
Jay County — Boys golf at Daleville — 9 a.m.

## TV schedule

**Today**  
7:10 p.m. — Major League Baseball: Cincinnati Reds at Boston Red Sox (Bally Indiana)  
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10 p.m. — WNBA basketball: Connecticut Sun at Las Vegas Aces (ESPN2)

## Wednesday

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7:30 p.m. — Soccer: Morocco at United States (ESPN2)

## Local notes

**JCHS baseball hosting camp**  
The Jay County High School baseball program will hold its camp for kindergarten through eighth graders June 13 through 15.  
Sessions will run from 8 to 9:30 a.m. for kindergarten through third graders, 10 to 11:30 a.m. for fourth and fifth graders and 1 to 2:30 p.m. for sixth through eighth graders.  
The registration fee is \$30. Forms are available at Jay County Junior-Senior High School.

**Chamber outing set**  
Jay County Chamber of Commerce will hold its annual golf outing July 22 at Portland Golf Club.

The event will begin with a shotgun start at 1 a.m. It will be limited to 20 teams.

Registration forms are available at the chamber office, 118 S. Meridian St., Portland or by emailing tabby@jaycountychamber.com. The deadline is July 11. For more information, call (260) 726-4481.

**Tennis camp scheduled**  
The Jay County High School boys and girls tennis program will hold a camp for third through ninth graders June 20 through 24.

The camp will run from 9 to 11:30 a.m. daily at the JCHS tennis courts. It will include a visit from Indiana northern district United States Tennis Association representative Sarah Stanchin.

The registration fee is \$30 and forms are available at JCHS or Cross-Roads Financial Federal Credit Union's location at 1102 W. Votaw St., Portland.

**5K circuit continues June 4**  
The Run Jay County 5K Circuit will continue with a race Saturday.

The next event in the eight-race circuit is the Hot Pink 5K scheduled for 9 a.m. Saturday at Hudson Family Park. Registration is \$25.

Other races in the circuit include the 4H Glow 5K on June 11, Hudson Family Park Half Marathon and 5K on June 18, the Firecracker 5K on July 4, the Sculpt Fitness 5K on July 16 and the JRDS 5K on Aug. 6.

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## Stopped in semi

Jay County baseball team's season, coach Lea Selvey's career end with 6-2 loss to eventual sectional champion New Castle



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By RAY COONEY  
The Commercial Review  
YORKTOWN — Quinn Faulkner's home run gave the Patriots a spark.

The dugout was on fire after Josh Dowlen's grounder plated the game-tying run.

A chance at a storybook sectional was not to be, though, as New Castle had its own plans for a special Memorial Day.

Jay County's season — and the career of longtime coach Lea Selvey — came to an end Monday with a 6-2 loss to the Trojans in the semifinal round of the Class 3A Sectional 24 high school baseball tournament at Yorktown.

"They are a really good team," said Selvey. "They don't have all those Division I arms for nothing. They're good."

"We had a couple opportunities just like Hamilton Heights had a couple opportunities (in Saturday's opening round), but you can't let those opportunities go away against a really good team."

New Castle (16-5-1), which was 15th in the final Indiana High School Baseball Coaches Association Class 3A poll voting, went on to edge Guerin Catholic (20-10) 3-2 in Monday evening's sectional championship game. It was the first title since 2014 for the Trojans, who move on to play Wawasee in the regional semifinal Saturday at Oak Hill.

After the Patriots (15-9) pulled even with two runs — the first came on Faulkner's solo shot to left field — in the bottom of the fifth inning of Monday's semifinal, New Castle got a two-out infield single from Max Upchurch followed by a walk from Gavin Frazier in the top of the sixth.

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Jay County High School senior Gavin Myers puts down a bunt in the bottom of the sixth inning of Monday's sectional semifinal game against New Castle at Yorktown. Myers moved Parker Nichols and pinch runner Christian Runkle to second and third, respectively, with his sacrifice, but Corbin Malott of the Trojans retired the next two batters to escape the threat. New Castle went on to score three times in the top of the seventh and Malott finished his team's 6-2 win with back-to-back strikeouts.

## Rockets sweep Indy, FW

The Rockets don't want a repeat of last season. So far, so good.

Since losing its season opener, the Portland Rockets have won five in a row including a pair of doubleheader sweeps this weekend. They defeated the Indy Heat 9-6 and 11-2 at home Saturday before going on the road for victories of 7-0 and 8-2 over the Fort Wayne Renegades.

Peyton Smith tossed the game-one shutout of the Renegades, striking out five batters over seven innings. He scattered six hits and three walks.

Zach Tanner was 2-for-3 with two RBIs and a run. Zach Orn had two hits and two RBIs and Kyle Evans finished with two hits and two runs.

Blake Caldwell, a 2021 Jay County High School graduate, and Kasey Enderson each had three

### Local roundup

hits for the Rockets in the second win over Fort Wayne. Orn recorded two hits and two runs while Smith scored twice.

Bryce Deckman went the first four innings for the win.

Hunter Kauser and Tanner each had three hits for Portland in Saturday's opening win. Smith finished with three hits and, three RBIs in game two.

Winning pitchers were Nick Bailey and Trevor Sheets.

### Wiggins leads

Annabell Wiggins was the leading scorer Saturday as the Pennville Soc-

cer League opened its season.

Wiggins scored all of her team's first-half goals and finished with seventh in all as the Progressive Office Products Wasps defeated the Display Craft Yellow Jackets 11-3 in the Stinger Division. Graham Peterson had the other four goals for Progressive.

Ethan Peterson tallied seven goals over two games while Carsten Penrod had six to power Penrod Monuments Galaxy to a pair of victories in the Space Division.

Jacoby Penrod led the way in the Wildcat Division, scoring three goals apiece for the Vinson Rental Properties Jaguars in their two wins.

Other top scorers over the weekend were Benjamin Barrios with five goals and Trenton Heshner with three.

## Ericsson wins Indy 500

By CINDY BOREN and DES BIELER

The Washington Post

Scott Dixon, who has led more Indianapolis 500 laps than any other driver, was cruising toward his second career victory in the 106th running of the race Sunday afternoon when he drew a speeding penalty on pit row. That mistake, compounded by a Jimmie Johnson crash, set up a four-lap shootout.

Marcus Ericsson held off Pato O'Ward in that shootout, with Tony Kanaan finishing third.

"I couldn't believe it. You can never take anything for granted," the 31-year-old Ericsson told NBC. "It was hard to refocus, but I knew the car was amazing. I had to do everything there at the end to keep [O'Ward and Kanaan] behind."

After Dixon's miscue, those three, along with Marco Andretti and Alex Palou, were in the running. But Ericsson, a Swede whose helmet paid tribute to late Swedish driver Ronnie Peterson, took control with 10 laps to go, opening a big lead over O'Ward and Kanaan.

Johnson, Ericsson's Chip Ganassi Racing teammate and the seven-time NASCAR Cup Series champion running in his first Indy 500, briefly took the lead for a lap with 13 to go, but a crash into the fence on Turn 2 ended his race with six laps left. That brought out a red flag that

stopped the race to allow Johnson's debris to be cleaned up and set up a shootout — the last thing Ericsson wanted to see — with four laps left.

"They'd better be ready. I wouldn't want to be the leader of the restart," Kanaan told NBC from his car as he awaited the shootout. "I'm exactly where I want to be."

Ericsson held off O'Ward's challenge and won the race for the first time. It was the third IndyCar race victory for the Swede, who made his debut on the circuit in 2019 after several years in Formula One.

Ericsson became the second Swedish driver to win the Indy 500, following Kenny Brack (1999). Peterson, a racing icon in that country, was a 10-time race winner in Formula One who died after a crash in the 1978 Italian Grand Prix.

O'Ward, a 23-year-old Mexican widely viewed as having a bright future in the sport, was looking for his second win of the year and his fourth since 2021.

"It's frustrating. It's bittersweet," he said after Sunday's runner-up finish. "I'm so proud, but it definitely stings, because I feel like the team and I did everything perfectly to get it done, and something that's out of our control was why we struggled in the end."

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