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Back to Newton



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Ilze Koch congratulates Ray Newton following his victory in a three-way primary race for the nomination for sheriff during a gathering of Republicans on Tuesday at John Jay Center for Learning. Newton, who served two terms as sheriff, defeated Tony Lennartz and Patrick Wells for the GOP nomination. He will face "Watermellon" Jim Phillips, who was uncontested in Tuesday's Democratic primary, in the general election in November.

GOP gives nomination to former two-term sheriff, Aker, Franks roll to wins for commissioner, auditor

By **RAY COONEY**
The Commercial Review

Ray Newton is the GOP's choice again. Newton, a former two-term sheriff, earned the Republican nomination for the third time in Tuesday's primary election, defeating Tony Lennartz and Patrick Wells in a three-way race.

Neither of the other contested races for county office on the GOP ballot were close, with incumbents Chad Aker and Emily Franks rolling to big victories for the nominations for commissioner and auditor, respectively.

Incumbent State Rep. J.D. Prescott of Union City scored a slight win among Jay County over challenger Brittany

Kloer of Portland in a rematch of their 2020 race and solidly took the District 33 seat overall. Matt Lehman of Berne dominated locally and throughout District 79 to earn a nomination for his eighth term in the Statehouse.

No county-wide races were contested on the Democratic ballot. Gary

L. Snyder easily won the race in Jay County for the right to challenge incumbent Jim Banks for U.S. Rep. in District 3.

When early voting results were tallied shortly after 6 p.m. Tuesday, they showed Newton with 47% of the vote to Lennartz's 29.3% and Wells' 23.6%. Though he didn't hold that 47% pace,

Newton still posed a solid win with 1,241 votes (40.6%) to 981 for Lennartz and 837 for Wells.

"I'm very happy," said Newton, who currently serves on Jay County Council, at a gathering of Republicans at John Jay Center for Learning. "This one, I really worked at it. I did a lot of

walking, Dunkirk, Redkey, Portland. ...

"First of all, I've got to thank the voters. ... And I've got to say thank you to my wife and my family ... We really worked hard.

"It feels really good. I'm very humbled that I still have people that believe in me." See **Nomination** page 2

Key races

Tuesday's Republican primary election included three contested countywide races, as well as a three-way race for two nominations for Redkey Town Council. Results from those races are below.

Jay County Auditor	Jay County Commissioner (Middle District)	Jay County Sheriff	Redkey Town Council
Emily Franks 1,748	Chad Aker 1,908	Ray Newton 1,241	Chance Retter 78
Kristi Morningstar 1,158	Bryan Alexander 1,056	Tony Lennartz 981	Floyd Life 56
		Patrick Wells 837	Dave Dudenston 46

Early results show Trump's sway

Endorsed candidate comes out on top in Ohio

By **STEPHANIE AKIN**
CQ-Roll Call
Tribune News Service

WASHINGTON — The hold that former President Donald Trump has over the GOP was put to the test Tuesday in the first of a series of weekly primaries in Ohio and Indiana, with results that showed he is still very much a kingmaker, and a potential liability.

In Ohio's Republican Senate primary, "Hillbilly Elegy" author J.D. Vance came out ahead after Trump's late endorsement catapulted him to the top of a crowded field.

But in the state's 9th House District, which the GOP sees as one of its best pickup opportunities in November, far-right Air Force veteran J.R. Majewski won the nomination to challenge 20-term Democratic Rep. Marcy Kaptur with the support of a pro-Trump outside group, cueing attacks from Democrats who see him as a bad match for the district — even after its lines were redrawn to favor Republicans.

They'll also settle the matchups for races in the fall that will decide control of the House and here are some of the most notable results from in this week's races:

Ohio Senate

Vance, a venture capitalist who had billionaire Peter Thiel bankrolling a super PAC that through last week had spent \$11.8 million promoting him, was trailing in polls until Trump endorsed him less than three weeks ago.

But he easily won the 7-way race for the nomination to succeed retiring Sen. Rob Portman, finishing with 32 percent of the vote in a race that had focused on who could most closely emulate Trump.

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Braun hopeful leak is accurate

Dems say they believe GOP will ban abortion

By **DANIEL SUDDEATH**
The Evening News and the Tribune (Jeffersonville)
Tribune News Service

SOUTHERN INDIANA — Initial reactions to a report that a majority of the U.S. Supreme Court favors overturning Roe v.

Wade largely followed political lines Tuesday.

On Monday, Politico reported on a draft opinion for a pending Supreme Court case considering Mississippi's proposed ban on abortion after 15 weeks. The reporting indicates at least five justices support overturning Roe v. Wade.

U.S. Sen. Mike Braun issued a statement Tuesday morning in which he criticized those who leaked the draft opinion, and the Indiana Republican reaffirmed his opposition to abortion.

"The latest attack on the independence of the Supreme Court by the Democrat Party and the corporate media is shameful," Braun said in his statement.

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NHS grins

Gavin Muhlenkamp and Adam Muhlenkamp grin Monday night after receiving their National Honor Society cords during Jay County High School Honors Night.



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Weather

There was about 0.8 inches of rain Tuesday in Jay County. The high temperature was 75 degrees. The low was 46. Tonight's low will be around

45. Expect a high of 66 degrees, with a 20% chance of showers in the afternoon.

See page 2 for an extended outlook.

In review

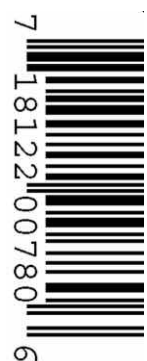
The Portland Foundation is now accepting applications for its summer grant cycle.

Applications are available at portlandfoundation.org. Deadlines are June 13 for summer grants and teacher creativity mini grants, June 20 for summer scholarships and July 14 for Women's Giving Circle Grants.

Coming up

Thursday — Project planned to honor local veterans.

Saturday — Results from Friday's JCHS softball game against Muncie Central.



Nomination ...

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Neither Lennartz, who won five precincts, nor Wells was at the Republican gathering Tuesday. The victory sends Newton, who served as sheriff from 2007 through 2014, to the general election to take on Democrat “Watermellon” Jim Phillips of Redkey. Phillips was uncontested in Tuesday’s primary.

Newton won a three-way race for sheriff in 2006 and was re-elected in 2010. He lost in a bid to unseat current sheriff Dwane Ford in the 2018 primary.

When Newton takes office, he will have to give up his county council seat. A Republican caucus will be called to fill that spot.

Prescott faced a much stronger challenge from Kloer in the southern two-thirds of Jay County than he did two years ago. After winning 63% of the vote in 2020, that margin narrowed to 1,303 votes (53.6%) compared to 1,128 (46.4%) for Kloer.

The overall race went to Prescott by a margin of 4,712-3,414. He won every county in the district, with an especially strong showing with a 641 vote win in Delaware County. Kloer ran her best in Prescott’s home county, narrowly falling there 1,559-1,495 (51% to 49%).

“I’ve really enjoyed working for the people down at the Statehouse and I just want to continue to

uphold the values that I’ve been representing thus far,” said Prescott, who will face Hartford City Democrat John E. Bartlett in November. “I’m just really thankful for the voters for instilling their trust in me once again ...”

Lehman, whose District 79 now includes Wabash, Bearcreek, Jackson and Penn townships, outperformed GOP challenger Russ Mounsey of Bluffton in Jay County 350-199. He earned 71.4% of the vote in Adams County and 63.2% in Wells County to earn the nomination. He is currently uncontested for the general election.

Aker and Franks both won every precinct as they cruised to their big wins.

In the race for the GOP nomination for commissioner in the middle district, Aker earned nearly two-thirds of the vote as he posted a 1,908-1,056 victory over challenger Bryan Alexander.

“I feel good,” said Aker. “I’m just happy everybody got out and voted ... I’m happy for the people that did vote for me.”

He moves on to face Democrat Joel Bowers, the chair of the party in Jay County, in the general election.

Franks, who was chosen by a Republican caucus just a couple of months ago to take the auditor role following the resignation of Anna Culy, easily earned her own term in office. She picked up

60.2% of the vote against Kristi Morningstar.

“It’s really great to have your hard work rewarded,” said Franks, who is currently uncontested for auditor for the general election. She said she saw the victory as a confirmation of the caucus selecting her to fill the office.

Chance Retter scored a solid win in a three-way race for two nominations for Redkey Town Council, earning 43% of the Republican vote. His total of 78 votes was good enough to move on to the general election along with Floyd Life (56 votes). Former council member Dave Dudelston was last in the race with 46 votes.

Retter and Life will face incumbent Democrat Dottie Quakenbush in the general election, with the top two earning seats on council.

Snyder racked up 169 out of a possible 275 votes in Jay County for the Democratic nomination for U.S. Representative in District 3 and earned 56% of the vote district-wide to defeat Aaron Calkins (24%) and Phillip Beachy (20%). Incumbent Republican Jim Banks was uncontested Tuesday.

In other contested races: •Republicans Michelle Jones, Carrie Shaneyfelt and Mike Shreve each earned 12 votes to move forward to the general election for Salamonina Town Coun-

cil. P. Glenn Zarate was knocked out as he picked up just three votes.

•Democrats Don Whitenack (21 votes), Robert Bailey (17) and Bill Bailey (14) earned spots on the November ballot for Greene Township Board. Alvin Rodney Cassel was just one vote behind Bailey.

•Republicans earning spots as state convention delegates were, in order, Jon Eads, Michael Brewster, Lenny Muhlenkamp, Missy Elliott, Jenae Blasdel and Oakland Gaerke. Falling short in the 13-person race were Matt Goldsworthy, who trailed Gaerke by 119 votes, Jeff Hopkins, Carrie Petro, Amy Schichter, Chad Schlichter, Ilze Koch and James Clayton Phillips.

Republicans who were uncontested Tuesday include Todd Young for U.S. Senator; Travis Holdman for state senator; Melanie Upp for county recorder; Robin Alberson for county assessor; Randy May for county council (District 1), Harold Towell for county council (District 2), Faron Parr for county council (District 3) and Cindy Bracy for county council (District 4).

Democrats who were uncontested Tuesday include Thomas M. McDermott Jr. for U.S. Senator; Wes Schemenaur for Jay County Prosecutor; Ted Champ for county council (District 1) and Kelly Stipp for county council (District 2).

Woman’s body was found in Bryant

A Hartford City woman who had been missing was found Tuesday night in Bryant.

Staci Williams was found at 205 W. Elm St. just before 10 p.m. She had been missing since April 29.

Jay County coroner Michael Brewster said this morning his office does not expect foul play and that an autopsy has been scheduled for Thursday.

Portland Police Department had previously responded to a call from Hartford City Police Department on Tuesday to check 600 Katelynn Drive for Williams. Police were directed to the western 900 block of Main Street, where they found her 2013 Chevy Cruise. (It was later released to her son, Dallas, who is the registered owner of the vehicle.)

Prior to Tuesday, her vehicle was last seen in Bryant.

CR almanac

Thursday 5/5	Friday 5/6	Saturday 5/7	Sunday 5/8	Monday 5/9
66/55	65/53	64/51	70/56	79/63
There’s an 80% chance of showers and a thunderstorm on Thursday.	Friday’s forecast shows rain, with thunderstorms also possible. Wind gusts may reach 20 mph.	More rain is expected Saturday with a 60% chance of precipitation.	Sunday’s weather looks to be partly sunny, with a high reaching 70 degrees.	There’s a small chance of showers Monday. Otherwise, partly cloudy.

Lotteries

Powerball Estimated jackpot: \$37 million	Quick Draw: 6-12-17-18-24-25-28-30-31-34-41-47-49-57-59-61-65-73-75-76 Cash 5: 9-15-17-31-33 Estimated jackpot: \$167,500
Mega Millions 15-19-27-35-57 Mega Ball: 17 Megaplier: 2 Estimated jackpot: \$70 million	Ohio Midday Pick 3: 4-3-5 Pick 4: 3-3-8-5 Pick 5: 5-8-3-5-8 Evening Pick 3: 6-2-7 Pick 4: 2-7-9-8 Pick 5: 6-9-7-0-6 Rolling Cash: 1-12-20-27-36 Estimated jackpot: \$110,000
Hoosier Midday Daily Three: 8-0-7 Daily Four: 0-0-3-1 Quick Draw: 5-9-10-11-15-20-24-37-38-39-44-48-51-54-57-66-75-76-78-79 Evening Daily Three: 9-2-8 Daily Four: 5-1-9-2	

Markets

Cooper Farms Fort Recovery Corn.....8.05 May corn.....8.05 Wheat8.72	Wheat 9.77 June wheat9.77
POET Biorefining Portland Corn.....8.09 June corn8.12 July corn.....8.11	Central States Montpelier Corn.....7.90 Late May corn7.90 Beans16.31 Late May beans.....16.27 Wheat.....10.18
The Andersons Richland Township Corn7.87 June corn7.97 Beans16.35 June beans16.40	Heartland St. Anthony Corn.....7.87 June corn7.92 Beans16.19 June beans16.24 Wheat.....10.29

Today in history

In 1626, Dutch colonists purchased the island of Manhattan from the Algonquin tribe. (The Dutch had already established the town of New Amsterdam, which would later become New York, at the southern end of the island.)
In 1972, Roger Stone and Ranney Lee Neal of Portland were charged with theft in connection to an April 27 break in at Ja-Mar Appliance.
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Citizen’s calendar

Today 5:30 p.m. — Jay County EDIT Advisory Committee, Community Resource Center, 118 S. Meridian St., 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.
Thursday 2:30 p.m. — Portland	

Deeds

Bruce E. and Sylvia Wood to Ajax Mortgage Loan Trust, Indiana State Department of Revenue and BCMB1 Trust, deed affidavit — Part of Section 20, Madison Township
Lyn Caldwell (deceased) and Rick Caldwell to Jaden M. Schlosser, quit claim deed — Part of Lots 5, 6 and 7, Block 22, original plat of Dunkirk
Lare Farm No Four to Sarah M. and Robert J. Armstrong, warranty deed — Part of Section 11, Jefferson Township, 2 acres
Gary R. Niekamp to Janet M. Niekamp, quit claim deed — Part of Section 8, Pike Township, 15 acres
Nondis J. Garringer, Tonya Fenig and Brian and Leslie Garringer to Nathan East, quit claim deed — Part of Section 15, Jefferson Township
Glen L. Haines (deceased) and Jone E. Haines to Jone E. Haines, death deed — Parts of Section 36, Penn Township
Robert Mayor Sr. (deceased) to

Robert P. Mayor Jr., deed affidavit — Part of Section 9, Richland Township
Robert P. Mayo Jr. to himself, quit claim deed — Part of Section 9, Richland Township; Lots 2435, 2436, 2549, 2550, 2539, 2437 and 2458, Dunkirk Land Co Third Addition
Breanna G. Mann (also known as Breanna G. Dahlstrom) to Breanna G. and Justin L. Mann, quit claim deed — Parts of Section 29, Greene Township
David C.R. and Esther A. Graber to American Electric Power, easement — Part of Section 4, Greene Township, 0.302 acres
Caliber Home Loans and Hudson Homes Management to Robert Green, warranty deed — Part of Section 26, Richland Township
Rittenhouse Properties to Jay County Humane Society, warranty deed — Part of Section 18, Wayne Township, 0.99 acres
Brenda Fogle to Steve Schwieterman, warranty deed — Part of Lot 2, Dunkirk Realty Subdivision
Christopher D. and Tracy S. Muhlenkamp to Jay County Humane Society, warranty deed — Part of Section 18, Wayne Township, 3 acres
Andrew T. and Tammy J. McCowan to Chase H. Louck, warranty deed — Lots 33, 34, 35 and 36, Daugherty Addition
Paul E. and Silvia S. Eicher to Elizabeth S. and Emanuel W. Schwartz, warranty deed — Part of Section 3, Bearcreek Township
Eric J. and Jamie L. Albers to Bryce M. McCabe, corrective deed — Part of Section 23, Noble Township, 6 acres
Lowell D. Ferner (deceased) and Wanda L. Ferner to Wanda L. Ferner, death deed — Section 9, Noble Township, 80 acres
Brandi Farmer to Karen R. and Rocky A. Gibson, warranty deed — Lot 43, Baker Addition
Steve Schwieterman to Ignacio Bermudez Carmona and Natividad Dejusus Bermudez, warranty deed — Lot 14, Westview Addition of Dunkirk
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Capsule Reports

Pole hit
A Dunkirk teen drove a vehicle into a pole along county road 400 South about 8:48 a.m. Saturday.
Erin N. Ring, 16, was driving a 2014 Chrysler 200 east on the road when it went off the north side of the road and hit a utility pole. The vehicle continued another 50 yards and crashed into a culvert under a driveway.
Damage is estimated between \$2,500 and \$5,000. The vehicle was towed.

Deer hit
Deer caused multiple accidents in Jay County recently.
Shirley M. Heitkamp, 57, Bryant, was driving southwest on Indiana 67 near county road 350 South about 6:24 a.m. Wednesday when a deer ran in front of her 2011 Chevrolet Equinox. She wasn’t able to avoid hitting the animal, causing between \$5,000 and \$10,000 in estimated damage. Her vehicle was towed.
Tamara J. Wright, 62, Portland, was driving east on county road 300 North just east of county road 150 East about 10:50 p.m. Saturday when a deer ran



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across the road. She wasn’t able to avoid crashing into the animal with her 2020 Buick Enclave. Damage is estimated between \$1,000 and \$2,500.
Jenae E. Schmit, 41, Geneva, was driving east on Indiana 18 just west of county road 375 West about 9:25 p.m. Friday when a deer ran in front of her 2013 Honda Pilot. She crashed into the animal, causing between \$1,000 and \$2,500 in estimated damage.
Stephen W. Cline, 49, Pennville, was driving south on county road 200 West about 4:35 a.m. Monday when a deer ran across the road.
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SERVICES

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

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Tensions rise over names

By KWAME DAWES

In "Leaving Bents Fort," Lance Henson wrestles deeply with the meaning of being a Cheyenne in America—a meaning that is as complex historically as it is in the present and towards the future. The names of the indigenous Americans, the fierce and heroic Cheyenne warriors, Roman Nose and Two Moon (a spiritual chief leader), are set against the name of a fort built in southern Colorado, named for white traders, Charles and William Bent, as the singular outpost established to execute a brutal war against the Cheyenne. In

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his truck, Henson traverses the present landscape that is ancient as his heritages. Henson's confession that he is "barely in America" is ironic. He is in and outside of America, for America must always contend with its troubled genesis and invention, one that, for this Cheyenne, invokes the tension between "rage and freedom."

Leaving Bents Fort

Leaving bents fort
For Floyd bringing good

Riding the high plains from Colorado
To Kansas

A whirlwind gaunt and alone crosses the landscape

I drive the truck south toward Oklahoma
Crossing the same path two moon and roman nose
Once wandered

I am on the edge

Barely in America

Somewhere between rage and freedom ...

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Husband keeps graphic photos

DEAR ABBY: A year ago, when I discovered my husband's porn videos and naked pictures of his ex-girlfriends, he assured me he would delete them. It has been a year, and he still hasn't done it. When I mention it, he claims he doesn't look at them and doesn't have time to delete them. I ask him to be honest with me about if he intends to keep them, but he insists he "will" delete them. It makes me believe he has an emotional attachment to these women. How should I continue to deal with this issue? — HE'S GOT A WIFE NOW

DEAR WIFE: Your husband may be less emotionally attached to the ex-girlfriends than titillated by their pictures. From what you have written, your husband isn't being completely honest with you. And THAT is the issue you should be dealing with, with the help of a licensed counselor, because solid marriages are based on trust, and there can't be trust without honesty.

DEAR ABBY: Our 24-year-old daughter is dating a 28-year-old divorced man who has two kids. Her father is very upset about it and refuses to meet him. The reason is the children. We both think they will be a burden to our daughter and she will eventually have problems with his ex-wife. How can we tell her we don't accept him without pushing her away or making her break up with him? She doesn't live with us. — SAD IN FLORIDA

DEAR SAD: At 24, your daughter is an adult. At this point, she should have achieved enough independ-

Dear Abby



ence to decide — without coercion — with whom she wants to be romantically involved.

I do not advise refusing to meet the man she cares about because it may be counterproductive. Children from prior relationships do not necessarily cause problems, and not all ex-spouses fly around on brooms causing trouble. You and your husband should make an effort to get to know him and, if you see red flags afterward, point them out then.

DEAR ABBY: I'm a front desk clerk at a hotel where a regular guest has stayed for years. We have become acquainted as we're both retired teachers and each have written books. When she told me she could no longer afford to stay at the hotel, I offered her my spare bedroom to use on occasion, and she calls at least once a month to stay here.

My husband is over it. The whole evening revolves around this woman. Since I have gotten to know her better, I have realized she's very self-centered. She barely thanks us for her stay, although we include her in our dinner plans and she eats breakfast here as well. I'm a softy and I have used various excuses to stop this. Any suggestions for me, a coward, to

call a halt to her inviting herself to my house for the night? — SOFTY IN THE SOUTH

DEAR SOFTY: Yes. Quit making excuses and tell her almost all of the truth, which is that your husband is "over it" and therefore she will have to make other plans. Period.

DEAR ABBY: My husband and I have been married for 35 years. Five years ago, he lost the ability to perform sexually. I admit it hasn't been a priority since I've gotten older and have some health issues. We have figured out other ways to enjoy each other. The problem is, he makes ugly comments about our lack of intimacy as if it's my fault he can't perform. The comments are hurtful and cause me to not want to do anything.

It seems he can turn any remark I make about something into one about sex, and my feelings are often hurt. One minute he's saying how he wouldn't change anything about our life together, and the next he's saying something mean. I'm at a loss about what to do. It's almost like he's two different people. I dread nighttime because that's when it starts.

Any ideas? — EXTREMELY FRUSTRATED

DEAR FRUSTRATED: Your husband may be embarrassed, angry and frustrated that he can no longer perform, and he's projecting all of that onto you. He could also be starting to "lose it." I assume you have expressed to him how hurtful his remarks are. Now it's time to discuss this with your family physician, who knows your husband better than I do.

Recovery Cruise-in set for Friday

It's cruisin' time. Fort Recovery is hosting a cruise-in on its streets from 6 to 9 p.m. Friday. Cars, trucks and motorcycles are welcome.

Proceeds will be used for automotive scholarships and community projects, with a variety of awards slated to be distributed. Fort Street Car

Classics Car Club has given away \$15,000 in automotive scholarships since 2000, according to Jane Weitzel of the car club.

Rain or shine the event will take place. It's sponsored by area merchants and Fort Recovery Merchants and Fort Street Car Classics Car Club.

Community Calendar

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

Reunions

Bryant High School graduates will hold an alumni banquet on May 14. Honor classes this year are the classes of 1942, 1947, 1952, 1957, 1962, 1967, 1970, 1971 and 1972.

Madison High School's alumni banquet is scheduled for May 14 at Asbury United Methodist Church. To register, call Dennis Theurer at (317) 999-0429 or (317) 654-5184, or send mail to 14429 E. 196th St., Noblesville, IN

46060. 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 Judy or Neil Medler at (260) 726-7209.

Wednesday

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 Pennington 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.

Thursday

CELEBRATE RECOVERY — A 12-step Christian recovery program meets at 10 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. each Thursday at A Second Chance At Life Ministries, 228 S. Meridian St. in Portland. For more information, call Brenda Eads at (260) 726-9625 or Dave Keen at (260) 251-8792.

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 Thursday at The Rock Church, 1605 N. Meridian St., Portland. Come early for a meal. For more information, call (260) 766-2006.

Sudoku

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				5			3	8
			4			7		

Level: Intermediate

Tuesday's Solution

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

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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Employee merits at least a column

(Editor's note: This column is being reprinted from May 30, 2007. As it turns out, Jack was right. In fact, Mary Ann is back again helping us out with some proofreading on a short-term basis. In addition to the one mentioned in the column, she had other "un-retirements" to work as a reporter, inserter, proofreader and fill-in receptionist.)

By JACK RONALD
The Commercial Review

What do you do when someone retires a second time?

Throw a re-retirement party? I don't think so.

Instead, you write a column.

My memory's a little fuzzy, but I'm guessing that it was late 1977 or early 1978. I'd only been editor of The Commercial Review a matter of months. And while things were going pretty well, I was busy making my share of mistakes.

The newsroom staff at that point looked something like this: The late, great Jeanette McKee covered county government. She had taken me under her wing when I was a rookie reporter and had taught me a tremendous amount. Steve Ehle, who is now editing a wood-working trade

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journal in Wisconsin, was covering city government. Russ Carson, of whom we've lost track, was covering sports.

I was doing whatever it is I do, and the "society editor" slot was vacant.

It had been occupied earlier — believe it or not — by Ruth Ann (Zearbaugh) Widman, now at the helm of Jay-Randolph Developmental Services. But when Ruth Ann, an old friend since before elementary school, decided to leave journalism, I had a vacancy to fill.

It was my first job interview when I was on the hiring side, and it's safe to say I made a botch of it. After interviewing several applicants, I thought I'd found the right person.

I was wrong. Over a period of several painful weeks, probably as much

as three months, we limped along. But it just wasn't working.

Finally, on a Sunday afternoon, when I should have been home with my family, I found myself in a long telephone conversation with the problem employee. For what I thought was the umpteenth time, I described what the job entailed. Then there was a long silence, and she said (approximately), "Oh, I can't do that. If I'd known you wanted all that I wouldn't have taken the job." She immediately quit.

That was managerial lesson one: Be sure you communicate effectively.

And so, we had another vacancy on a small but critical staff.

Before we could even advertise the job, a new possibility arose.

Mary Ann Litton (now Mary Ann Lewis) told me she was interested in the job.

That posed a problem.

Not because I didn't think she could do it, but because she was a very valuable employee where she was, in the composing room. She lacked a degree, but she had the intelligence.

My fear was that she'd go for the brass ring, things wouldn't work out, and instead of one vacancy we would have two.

Finally, I latched onto a solution.

Write me an account of your own wedding, I told her. Think of it as an audition.

She passed with flying colors. That was nearly 30 years ago.

A few years back, Mary Ann decided to take early retirement to spend more time with her husband, Tom Lewis. We made a big to-do at the time, throwing a party for the entire community. Folks who had been sending in their club news, people whose weddings and anniversaries had been chronicled on Mary Ann's page, and some of the scores of people she interviewed for feature stories showed up.

Unfortunately, cancer made a hash of those plans, claiming Tom way too early.

That would have been the end of the story, but for the equally untimely death of CR managing editor Barb Wilkinson of congestive heart failure in 2005.

Barb's death, as you can imagine, stunned us all. But within 24 hours I received a phone call.

It was Mary Ann, offering to come back to do whatever it took to make sure the job got done.

Of course, I said yes. So, she un-retired.

With Tom gone, it helped fill her days and brought her back into daily contact with a universe of friends, acquaintances, and sources.

And that would have been that, except for the fact that Mary Ann finally hit 65.

Last Friday, after working in two different departments, after being recognized by the Hoosier State Press Association for the quality of her journalism, after retiring, and after returning, Mary Ann Lewis retired again.

Characteristically, she volunteered to work the late shift her final Friday night.

This time, it was all pretty low-key. An employee pitch-in rather than a fancy party.

It was a warm and affectionate farewell, but I wouldn't rule out the chance that you'll see her byline again. She's offered to help out in any time of crisis.

That's the sort of employee performance that merits a column like this one.

Victims need to know their rights

Pharos-Tribune
(Logansport)

Being the victim of a crime can be life-altering not just for the individual, but also their family and community.

Since 1981 when then President Ronald Reagan declared the first "National Crime Victims Rights Week," each year a week in April has been dedicated to spotlighting the rights of victims. This year it falls April 24-30.

The Office for Victims of Crime, a part of the Office of Justice Programs within the U.S. Department of Justice, states the 2022 theme for the week is "rights, access, equity, for all victims." The theme underscores the importance of helping survivors find their justice by enforcing victims' rights, expanding access to services and ensuring equity and inclusion for all.

Many people who experience crime in communities are unaware that help, including crime victim compensation, is available.

State and county resources are available for victims looking for assistance. The Cass County Victim Advocate is Debbie Sheets, who is located in the Cass County Prosecutor's Office and can be reached at (574) 735-6925.

The Cass County Domestic Violence Task Force can be reached at (574) 722-2119.

Indiana offers a statewide automated victim information and notification (SAVIN) system (indianasavin.in.gov) for victims to receive real-time information about the custody status of offenders in all 92 counties. Cass/Pulaski Community Corrections uses SAVIN and Vinelink.

The Indiana Victim Services Division works to keep victims free from intimidation. If you have been threatened or approached by an offender, the office can be contacted at (317) 232-5749 or (800) 447-5604.

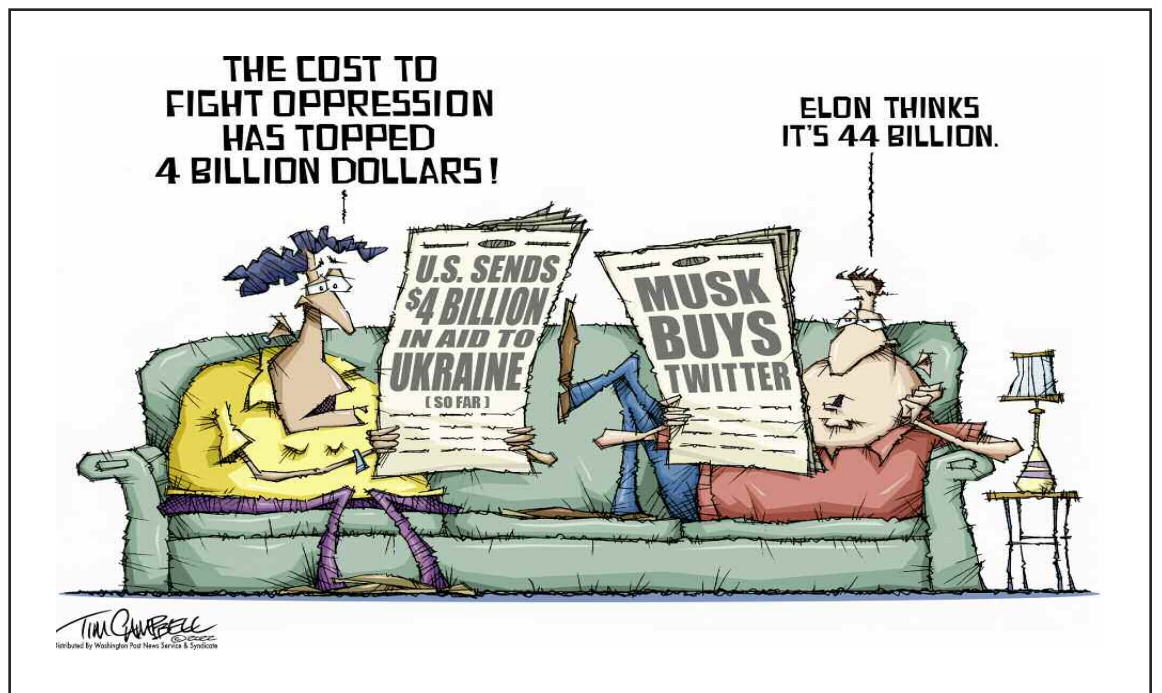
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Many people who experience crime in communities are unaware that help, including crime victim compensation, is available. State and county resources are available for victims looking for assistance.

Indiana Victim Services also offers a program to allow offenders to receive victim correspondence, while protecting personal information. An offender could also be allowed to write their victim, but the letter will not be forwarded to the victim unless the victim has specifically acknowledged an interest in receiving such correspondence.

Victims seeking compensation can contact the Victims Compensation Indiana Criminal Justice Institute by calling (317) 232-1233 or (800) 353-1484, or by email at victimservices@cji.in.gov.

The trauma from certain crimes can leave a heavy burden, and it is our duty as a community to let victims know that help is available.



Be grateful for Grant

By LYNN SCHMIDT
St. Louis Post-Dispatch
Tribune News Service

On this anniversary of the birth of Hiram Ulysses Grant, 200 years ago Wednesday, he is remembered as the 18th president of the United States, commander of the U.S. Army during the Civil War and national hero. He can also be thought of as an ordinary human being who struggled with many things that we struggle with now, two centuries later.

Grant's official story is one of unrelenting service to his country. The Ohio native studied at West Point Military Academy. He graduated from West Point as a skilled horseman. Following his graduation, he was stationed at Jefferson Barracks, here in St. Louis. Not long after arriving at Jefferson Barracks, Grant met Julia Dent, the sister of one of his West Point classmates and the daughter of a plantation owner. Shortly after meeting Dent, Grant went on to fight in the Mexican-American War. After the war, Grant returned to St. Louis and married Dent in 1848. The couple had four children. Grant resigned from the military in 1854 after being assigned to a series of remote army posts, including some on the West Coast. The Grant family lived at White Haven, the Dent family's plantation.

Grant's military career advanced quickly during the Civil War. After it began in April 1861, Grant reenlisted and became a colonel in the 21st Illinois Volunteers. President Abraham Lincoln soon made Grant a brigadier general. Grant had his first major military victory after his troops captured Fort Donelson in Tennessee. By 1864, Grant was promoted to lieutenant general and given command of all U.S. armies. Grant commanded the victorious Union army and, on April 9, 1865, Confederate Gen. Robert Lee surrendered to Grant at Appo-

mattox Courthouse in Virginia, effectively ending the Civil War.

Grant was invited to join Lincoln at Ford's Theater on the evening of April 14, 1865, but declined in order to visit family. Grant described Lincoln's death as the "darkest day of my life." He was convinced he would have somehow stopped John Wilkes Booth from pulling the trigger and assassinating Lincoln.

Grant served two terms in the presidency from 1869 to 1877, which was in the middle of Reconstruction. He supported pardons for former Confederate leaders while also attempting to protect the civil rights of freed slaves. In 1870 he oversaw the creation of the Justice Department. During his term, the 15th Amendment, which gave black men the right to vote, was ratified. He signed legislation limiting the activities of white terrorist groups like the Ku Klux Klan. Later in life, Grant commissioned Mark Twain to assist in writing and publishing his memoirs. The royalties of his memoirs totaled about \$450,000, which would be more than \$10 million today.

The story of one of the most extraordinary military leaders in American history is made even more remarkable when one considers his personal life.

Grant received little warmth or nurturing from his mother: he was constantly reminded by his father that Grant disappointed him. He was a mediocre student. Dent's father, his

eventual father-in-law, also did not approve of Grant; he opposed the marriage and went so far as to scheme ways to keep Dent from marrying him. Neither father thought Grant would ever make something of himself.

Multiple times he failed as a businessman, which required him to take whatever jobs he could to provide for his family, including walking the streets of St. Louis selling firewood. He started out his military career as an ambivalent soldier. Grant struggled with how to reconcile that his wife's family owned slaves when he considered it morally wrong. He battled with alcoholism through much of his adult life.

Grant remained honest during his presidency, but his administration tarnished him with corruption and scandal. Later in his life, he was diagnosed with cancer. He decided to write his memoirs to be able to provide for his family after he died, since he was swindled out of their savings.

Grant never used any of these personal and human experiences as an excuse. Despite his personal demons and difficult relationships, Grant rose to be a hero of our country. At the end of his life, Grant wrote "I am glad to say that while there is much unblushing wickedness in this world ... there is a compensating goodness of the soul." Grant never seemed to let that wickedness stop him accomplishing great things. Endeavors that Americans should be forever grateful for.

I am not sure which I admire more, Grant's professional life or his personal journey. Perhaps Twain said it best when he wrote, "He was a very great man and superlatively good."

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The Associated Press called the race at 9:40 p.m. Former state Treasurer Josh Mandel and wealthy state Sen. Matt Dolan were runners up, with 24% and 23%, respectively, when counting stopped Wednesday morning with an estimated 97% of the vote in. Meanwhile, former Ohio Republican Party chair Jane Timken, who had Portman's endorsement, finished in a distant fifth, with less than 6% of the vote.

Vance faced harsh criticism from some other Republicans — especially the anti-tax Club for Growth, which was backing Mandel. The group who filled the airwaves in the weeks leading up to the election with ads highlighting his harsh 2016 criticism of Trump.

Vance will face Democratic Rep. Tim Ryan, who coasted in his primary, winning nearly 70% of the vote in a three-candidate field.

Ohio's 9th District

Democratic strategists' biggest hope — and national Republicans' biggest fear — in this primary cycle is that GOP primaries will select the most extreme candidates. The result could offset Republicans' historical advantages with a midterm electorate that has soured on Democrats but might also be wary of Trump's more egregious claims, especially his baseless insistence that the 2020 election was stolen. Democrats will get to prove that theory in Ohio's 9th District.

Majewski once transformed his front lawn into a giant "Trump 2020" lawn sign and raised thousands of dollars to bring a group of people to attend the "Stop the Steal" rally in Washington in January 2021, though he says he left before the assault on the Capitol. He was leading the four-way field with 38% of the



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J.D. Vance, left, a Republican candidate for U.S. Senate in Ohio, shakes hands with former President Donald Trump during a rally hosted by the former president at the Delaware County Fairgrounds on April 23 in Delaware, Ohio.

vote when the AP called the race at 12:38 a.m. Eastern time. State Rep. Craig Reidell, who was endorsed by Rep. Jim Jordan, R-Ohio, came in second with 31% of the vote.

Outside groups spent a combined \$1 million on the race. Most of that was aimed at Republican state Sen. Theresa Gavarone, who finished third with 29% of the vote.

Indiana's 1st District

Air Force veteran Jennifer Ruth Green easily won the GOP nomination in Indiana's 1st District, where she will challenge freshman Democratic Rep. Frank Mrvan in November.

Green had 47% of the vote to Navy veteran and former LaPorte Mayor Blair Milo's 22% when the

AP called the seven-way race at 10:35 p.m.

Republican strategists said either would be embraced by party leaders as the nominee in a district national Republicans are targeting in November. The GOP has touted its success recruiting female candidates and candidates of color: Green, who was added recently to the National Republican Congressional Committee's "On the Radar" list for candidates who hit organizational and fundraising benchmarks, is Black. She has appeared on Laura Ingraham's show on Fox News show to offer her perspective on the GOP's opportunity to win Black voters during the midterms. She was also the top fundraiser, pulling in \$305,000 and spending \$206,000 by April 13 to

Milo's \$225,000 raised and \$164,000 spent.

Mrvan, who ran unopposed, raised \$588,000 and had \$422,000 in the bank. He won his 2020 election by 16 points, and a Democrat has held some version of the seat since the 1920s. The race is rated Solid Democratic by Inside Elections with Nathan L. Gonzales.

Ohio's 11th District

Democratic Rep. Shontel Brown notched another win in a rematch with progressive state Sen. Nina Turner.

Brown was leading with 66% of the vote when the AP Press called the race at 10:22 p.m. Eastern time. Turner, a progressive firebrand who was one of Vermont Sen. Bernie Sanders' key surro-

gates during his presidential runs, had 34%.

Ohio's 7th District

Former Trump aide Max Miller easily won the Republican primary in Ohio's 7th District, leading the four-way field with 72% of the vote.

But all of the state's newly drawn districts remain the subject of a challenge before the Ohio Supreme Court, and it is unclear whether what the lines will be in November.

Indiana's 9th District

Former state Sen. Erin Houchin won a crowded race for the nomination to replace retiring GOP Rep. Trey Hollingsworth in the 9th District, denying former Rep. Mike Sodrel's attempt to return to Congress.

Houchin had 37% of the vote to Sodrel's 26% when the AP called the race at 9:55 p.m. Eastern time. Stu Barnes-Israel, an Army combat veteran, came in third in the nine-way field with 21%.

This was Houchin's second congressional bid after she lost to Hollingsworth in a different version of the district in 2016, the last time the seat was open. Sodrel, 77, is a trucking company owner who waged five congressional campaigns in Southern Indiana in the 2000s and won once.

Houchin, 46, was regional director for Sen. Dan Coats.

Ohio's 13th District

Madison Gesiotto Gilbert, a former Miss Ohio USA who had Trump's endorsement, narrowly won the nomination in the district Ryan is vacating to run for Senate.

She had less than 29% in a seven-candidate field, and will face Democrat Emilia Sykes, who ran unopposed. Inside Elections rates the November race Tilt Republican.

Leak ...

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"However, if the leaked opinion is accurate then today is a landmark day for the sanctity of human life in our country. I am 100% Pro-Life and pray it is true that the Supreme Court will follow through and save countless lives."

Reversal of Roe v. Wade would give states more authority over regulating abortion. The Supreme Court is expected to make a ruling on the Mississippi case, which will likely also address Roe v. Wade, in June or July.

In anticipation of that ruling, more than 100 state lawmakers signed a letter on March 8 asking Gov. Eric Holcomb to call a special session of the Indiana General Assembly this summer. State GOP House and Senate leadership called for Holcomb to call a special session "should the U.S. Supreme Court's ruling expand Indiana's ability to protect unborn children."

Southern Indiana state senators Kevin Boehnlein, Gary Byrne and Chris Garten were among the GOP lawmakers to sign the letter. Local representative Karen Engleman also signed the letter, while fellow Republican Ed Clere did not.

The Kentucky General Assembly passed a law this year banning abortion after 15 weeks and adding other restrictions. The bill was vetoed by Kentucky Gov. Andy Beshear, but state lawmakers overrode the veto. On Monday, a federal judge extended a temporary ban of the new law until May 19.

The Indiana Democratic Party referenced Tuesday a 2019 Ball State study finding that 17% of Hoosiers surveyed believe that abortion should be illegal in all cases. But researchers said in the study that those surveyed were "evenly split" on abortion, with 19% expressing support for abortion in all cases.

EU weighs ban on Russian oil

By LAURA KING and DAVID PIERSON
Los Angeles Times
Tribune News Service

KYIV, Ukraine — In its biggest step yet to wean itself off Russian fossil fuels, the European Union proposed a plan today to phase in an embargo on Russian oil to sever a major source of revenue for the Kremlin's war in Ukraine.

The proposal came after a night in which Russian forces hammered the eastern part of the country and also struck the west in a possible attempt to disrupt Western aid — including weapons — trickling into Ukraine, which Moscow says is a legitimate target. Efforts are also still underway to rescue civilians from the devastated city of Mariupol in the south.

Any move by the EU to halt Russian oil imports would take months to complete as the 27-nation bloc tries to secure alternative supplies of energy. Also, the ban could have holes in the form of exemptions for member states Slovakia and Hungary, which say they are too reliant on Russian oil to support a boycott.

And the proposed ban does not include Russian gas, which the EU buys in greater quantities than oil and relies on more heavily

for heating, cooking and industry. Germany, Europe's largest economy, and other major EU countries have balked at cutting off Russian gas.

Still, sanctions on Russian oil could significantly hamper Moscow's ability to diversify its economy and modernize. The EU, Russia's biggest customer for fossil fuels, is estimated to have paid more than \$55 billion for Russian oil, gas and coal since Ukraine was invaded Feb. 24, according to the Helsinki-based Center for Research on Energy and Clean Air.

The oil embargo would almost certainly raise prices and inflict pain on consumers in the EU. The proposal is likely to be subject to a fierce debate among EU leaders before they decide whether to adopt it.

Advocates say a ban is necessary to help save Ukraine from destruction.

"Let's be clear: It will not be easy because some member states are strongly dependent on Russian oil. But we simply have to do it," European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen told the European Parliament.

The U.S., a much smaller customer, banned Russian oil and gas imports in March.

Deeds

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Magan Douglass to Braden and Katlin Smith, warranty deed — Part of Section 29, Wayne Township, 5.40 acres

Charles E. Lane (deceased) and Connie S. Lane to James A. Armstrong, warranty deed — Section 4, Wabash Township

James L. Cordell to

Samantha Bruggeman, quit claim deed — Part of Outlot 14, Baker Addition

Mary L. Bye and Merritt O. Bye (both deceased) to Michael Foreman, personal representative deed — Lot 9, Woodlawn Park Addition

Greg A. Sheffer to Gregory A. Sheffer Revocable Trust, warranty deed — Part of Section 34, Noble Township, 17.8 acres

Capsule Reports

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Cline wasn't able to avoid crashing his 2013 Toyota Rav4 into the animal, causing \$5,000 to \$10,000 in estimated damage.

Teresa L. Pinkston, 44, Redkey, was driving a

2009 Honda Accord north on Indiana 67 about 9 p.m. Tuesday when she struck a deer. The Honda is registered to Champ E. Owen of Redkey, with damage estimated between \$5,000 and \$10,000. It was towed.

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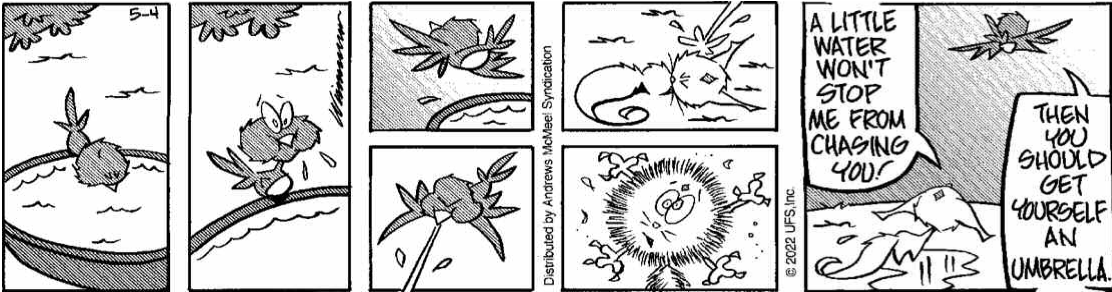
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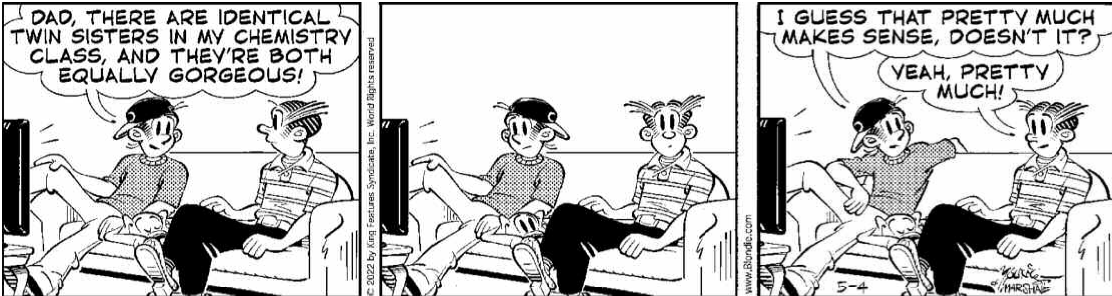
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Beetle Bailey



Contract Bridge By Steve Becker

Accidentally on purpose

South dealer.
North-South vulnerable.

NORTH
♠ 8 5 4
♥ 9 8 3
♦ K 7 6
♣ A Q 5

WEST
♠ J 6
♥ 5 2
♦ 9 4 3 2
♣ J 10 9 6 2

EAST
♠ A K Q 10 9 2
♥ 7 6
♦ 10 8 5
♣ K 7

SOUTH
♠ 7 3
♥ A K J 10 4
♦ A Q J
♣ 8 4 3

The bidding:
South West North East
1♥ Pass 3♥ 3♠

Opening lead — jack of spades.

To play hands well consistently is undoubtedly the mark of a good player, but it is not as difficult as it might seem. On most deals, meaningful clues can be gleaned from the bidding and play, enabling declarer, in effect, to see through the backs of the cards.

For example, South can reach a position in this deal where he knows that making four hearts — a doubtful proposition at the outset — is a certainty. Let's say that East overtakes West's jack-of-spades lead with the queen and continues

with the A-K. Declarer ruffs high, draws trump and cashes the ace of clubs followed by the A-K-Q of diamonds.

South next leads a club toward dummy's Q-5 and plays the queen, losing to East's king. However, since East has only spades left and is forced to lead one, South is able to discard his club loser as he ruffs in dummy to make the contract.

The ruff-and-discard that East is forced to yield at the tail end of the play might seem to be an accidental development, but it is not. At the point where the queen of clubs is played, South knows perfectly well that the contract is a sure thing regardless of which opponent actually has the king!

The play to this point has revealed that East started with six spades, two hearts and at least three diamonds; therefore, East cannot hold more than two clubs. Whether East's doubleton club (assuming he has two) is specifically the K-x or two small cards is of no real import. If West has the king, the queen will score a trick, while if East has the king, he will have to yield a ruff-and-discard.

By playing in the recommended fashion, South can assure the contract. But if he relies strictly on a straight club finesse, he loses two club tricks and goes down one.

Tomorrow: When to cover an honor.
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XFKJ'B XJAHPUGS KYOJB KJ
JEWXJKJUZ LYAAZ YIC
JESGWJC. G XJUGBL WYUOGIQ
YPFW GWYUZ QGCCGUZ.

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: IF PEOPLE ARE CHITCHATTING ON THE TOPIC OF RUBBLE, COULD YOU SAY THEY'RE SHOOTING DEBRIS?
Today's Cryptoquip Clue: A equals P

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS
1 Dis-position
5 Sheepish remark
8 Nile bird
12 Leer at
13 URL ending
14 Item on stage
15 Artillery
17 Indian flatbread
18 Pine product
19 Naval rank
21 Dutch cheese
24 Win — nose
25 Sings like Cardi B
28 Keto restriction
30 Homer's neighbor
33 Eggs
34 Thin fogs
35 Dove's call
36 Series of battles
37 Ocean motion

DOWN
22 "Super-food"
23 Tribute maker
25 Tier
26 Actress
27 Manner of speaking
29 Film spool
31 Dawn goddess
32 Speck
34 URL opener
38 Chicken serving
40 Radiates
42 Sashimi fish
43 Alum
44 Suggestive
45 Eve's guy
47 Initial chip
48 Early TVs
49 Camp shelter
52 Lamb's dam
53 Hardly any

Solution time: 23 mins.

C	O	G	S	C	E	E	C	A	T	S
D	R	E	I	A	T	M	A	C	R	E
C	O	L	L	A	P	S	E	R	E	L
K	I	P	R	E	D	S	E	A		
T	O	W	E	D	D	A	L	I		
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Sports

Pearson leaps to county title



The Commercial Review/Ray Cooney

Sophomore leads Tribe on opening day of meet

COLDWATER, Ohio — Mara Pearson started her season by breaking her own school record

Now she's proven herself to be the best leaper in the county this year.

Pearson gave the Fort Recovery High School girls track team a good start Tuesday as she won the long jump on the opening day of the Mercer County Meet at Coldwater.

She helped the Tribe girls score 24 points, which currently has them sitting in third place behind Celina (28) and the host Cavaliers (25).

The FRHS boys are currently last with three points in the six-team field.

The meet will resume at 4:30 p.m. Thursday.

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Mara Pearson of Fort Recovery High School soars through the air in the long jump competition during the Indians' meet April 12 against Versailles and St. John's. Pearson, a sophomore, won the event at the Mercer County Meet on Tuesday at Coldwater with a leap of 17 feet, 2 inches.

Tournament draws are set

Jay County's baseball team will open sectional play against Yorktown while the softball team will start against New Castle.

The IHSAA held sectional draws for the tournaments Sunday, with both Patriot teams slated to play in the second first-round game of the tournament. The softball team will take on New Castle at 7 p.m. May 24 in the opening round of the Class 3A Sectional 24 tournament at Delta. (Dates and times for the baseball sectional at Yorktown, which can run can run May 25 through 30, have not yet been finalized.)

In the other opening-round game of the softball sectional, Hamilton Heights will face off against top-ranked Yorktown. The Hamilton Heights/Yorktown winner will play the host Eagles in the semifinal at 5 p.m. May 26 with a game between the Jay County/New Castle winner and No. 9 Guerin Catholic to follow at 7 p.m.

The championship game will be at 11 a.m. May 28, with the winner to host the Sectional 23 champion in regional action.

Opening-round games in the Class

Local roundup

3A Sectional 24 baseball tournament at Yorktown pit No. 8 New Castle against Hamilton Heights and JCHS against the host Tigers. The winners of those games will meet in the semifinal round, with Delta and Guerin Catholic to play in the other semifinal. The eventual champion will advance to the regional at Oak Hill.

Both first-round games for Jay County will be against regular-season foes. The Patriot softball team will play at New Castle on Monday. The baseball team lost 13-8 to Yorktown on April 14.

FR seeded fourth

Fort Recovery's softball team was selected as the No. 4 seed in the Wapakoneta District when tournament brackets were drawn Sunday.

The Indians will open tournament play at 5 p.m. Monday as they host a sectional semifinal game against eighth-seeded Ridgmont. The other semifinal game in the sectional grouping pits fifth-seeded St. Henry against seventh-seeded Marion Local. The winners of those games will advance to play for the sectional championship at 5 p.m. May 12.

Other sectional semifinal games in the Wapakoneta District are Spencerville versus Waynesfield-Goshen, Upper Scioto Valley against New Bremen and Parkway versus Perry. Top-seed Minster, No. 2 seed Crestview and No. 3 seed Lincolnview received byes.

The four sectional champions will move on to play in district semifinal action May 17 at Wapakoneta. The district title game is slated for 5 p.m. May 20.

Groups determined

The IHSAA announced new sectional assignments for the 2022-23 and 2023-24 school years for football, volleyball, basketball and soccer Tuesday.

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