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## Evening ride

Motorbikes make their way through Jay County Fairgrounds on Wednesday evening during the first day of the Vintage Motor Bike Club meet. Well over 100 motorbikes, golf carts and other vehicles gather for the parade each evening during the meet, which runs through Saturday. The club is celebrating its 50th anniversary this year.

## Jay Co. rate is 33rd highest

*Unemployment dips in state rankings while still below 2.5%*

By RAY COONEY

The Commercial Review

Jay County slipped in the wrong direction the state's unemployment rankings.

Still, the stretch of historically low unemployment rates continues.

In estimates released this week by Indiana Department of Workforce Development, Jay County was tied for the 33rd highest rate among the state's 92 counties at 2.4%.

The local rated had been below 2% in April before increasing by 0.5 percentage points in May. Still, it is 0.8 percentage points lower than it was in May 2021.

Jay County's unemployment rate has been at 2.5% or lower for each of the last 10 months. That included a record low of 1.2% in December.

The local rate was still a tick lower than the state average of 2.5%, which is up from 2.2% in April.

The state rate has been below 3% for nine months in a row.

The rate of 2.4% tied Jay County with Allen, Brown, Fulton, Henry, Monroe, Noble, Pike and Tippecanoe counties for 33rd highest in the state. It had been 42nd lowest in April, 29th lowest in March, 39th lowest in February and 29th lowest in January.

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## Breach impacts IU Health patients

By BORIS LADWIG

Herald-Times (Bloomington)

HSPA Infonet

Unknown perpetrators have accessed sensitive health care data and personal information of more than 1 million hospital patients nationwide, including those treated at Indiana University Health.

One of IU Health's vendors, Seattle-based MCG, has sent letters to patients informing them an

"unauthorized party" accessed patients' personal information including names, medical codes, postal addresses, telephone numbers, email addresses, dates of birth and Social Security numbers.

MCG said in the letters it is "coordinating with the FBI" and it regrets "any concern this issue may cause."

MCG urged patients "to remain vigilant by reviewing your

account statements and monitoring your free credit reports." Patients who have questions can call (866) 475-7221 weekdays from 9 a.m. to 11 p.m. and weekends from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Neither IU Health nor MCG could be reached to say when or how the information was accessed, by whom and how many local residents have been affected.

IU Health spokeswoman Samantha Kirby said via email that "a

number" of people received the letters and that the health system was working with MCG "to manage the situation."

A letter sent to an Indiana patient indicated the data breach affected patients in at least nine U.S. states.

According to the Attorney General's office in Maine, the breach compromised data of about 1.1 million people.

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## Seeking survivors

By ELTAF NAJAFIZADA

Bloomberg News

Tribune News Service

Rescue and relief teams are struggling to reach survivors of a deadly earthquake that hit Afghanistan's remote southeast, killing at least 1,000 people and injuring hundreds more even as the country battles multiple humanitarian crises.

The eastern Paktika province, home to some of the country's most impoverished farmers and cattle herders, was the worst hit, several officials from the Taliban government said. Casualties and damage were also reported in nearby Khost and Nangahar provinces, which border Pakistan.

The 5.9 magnitude earthquake that hit predawn Wednesday was the worst natural disaster to hit the nation since a landslide in 2014 killed 2,000 people in the northeastern Badakhshan province. The Taliban, which has sent rescue helicopters and officials to the affected areas, has urged the international community to step in and help with relief and rescue efforts.

"It was a bit difficult for the rescue teams to access some of the locations since they are mountainous or have terrible roads," Bilal Karimi, a Taliban

### Rescue teams struggle to save lives following Afghanistan earthquake

spokesman, said by phone. "This incident was just a tragedy and Afghanistan cannot alone respond to a natural disaster of such scale. We have less resources and we've asked the international aid agencies and countries for help."

A lack of hospitals in the area is also a challenge, Karimi said "but we are trying to transfer the injured to hospitals in Kabul and nearby provinces."

The majority of houses, most of them simple mud and brick construction, in Paktika's worst-hit district, Gayan, have collapsed, said Faiz Faizee, a local freelance journalist.

Aid agencies had already been trying to shore up resources to boost health and emergency services in the country that's in the grips of an economic collapse and spiraling hunger following the exit of U.S. troops last August. The Taliban takeover of the gov-

ernment has led to the drying up of international aid that made up more than 40% of Afghanistan's gross domestic product. The U.S. has also blocked the central bank's access to some \$9 billion in overseas reserves.

"Local responders and institutions have played a critical role in saving lives of thousands who would otherwise still be trapped in the rubble," Necepor Mghendi, the head of delegation of Afghanistan for the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies said in a press statement. "Following the deadly earthquake, we will have to scale up further our operations in Khost and Paktika."

President Joe Biden is monitoring developments and has directed USAID and other federal government partners to assess America's response options to help those most affected, according to a statement issued by National Security Adviser Jake Sullivan.



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## Royal wave

Jay County Fair Queen Abby Benter waves while riding north on Wayne Street in Sunday's Fireman's Parade on the final day of the Fort Recovery Harvest Jubilee.

### Weather

Jay County had a high temperature of 93 degrees Wednesday. The low was 60.

Tonight's low will drop into the upper 50s. Expect sunny

skies Friday with a high of 88. Highs will remain in the 80s through at least Wednesday.

See page 2 for an extended outlook.

### In review

The Jay County Personnel Committee meeting that was scheduled for this afternoon has been postponed. It will be held at 2 p.m. June 20 in the commissioners' room at Jay County Courthouse.

### Coming up

**Friday** — Results from tonight's Portland Junior League action.

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



# Breach ...

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According to Bloomberg and Law360, a Seattle patient has sued MCG alleging negligence.  
A cybersecurity expert at Indiana University criticized the slow response from MCG and IU Health, but also said most people whose data has been compromised should not panic.

“It is surprising how little information there is,” said Fred H. Cate, vice president for research, distinguished professor, C. Ben Dutton Professor of Law and director of Indiana University’s Center for Applied Cybersecurity Research.  
Disclosure laws exist to com-

pel companies to provide people with enough information about a data breach so they can determine what to do and whether they should be worried, he said.  
The breach occurred in March, and Cate wondered why it has taken so long for the companies to respond.  
Cate said based on the information that has been released,

he believes most people need not worry.  
“This would not keep me up at night for a second,” Cate said.  
MCG is part of Hearst Health, which is part of New York-based Hearst Communications. MCG says on its website that it uses artificial intelligence and “technology solutions, infused

with objective clinical expertise” to provide “unbiased clinical guidance that gives health-care organizations confidence in their patient-centered care decisions.”  
Kirby said in her email that patient privacy was of “utmost importance” to IU Health and apologized for any “inconvenience.”

## CR almanac

Friday 6/24	Saturday 6/25	Sunday 6/26	Monday 6/27	Tuesday 6/28
<b>88/64</b>	<b>91/71</b>	<b>88/61</b>	<b>80/56</b>	<b>82/60</b>
Sunny skies are in the forecast for Friday, with a high in the upper 80s.	Mostly sunny skies, with highs climbing to the low 90s. Chance of rain at night.	There's a 30% chance of showers Sunday. Otherwise, partly and sunny hot.	More sun is slated for Monday, with the high cooling to around 80.	Tuesday's weather looks like a sunny day and a clear evening sky.

## Lotteries

<b>Powerball</b> 6-10-31-48-56 Power Ball: 12 Power Play: 3 Estimated jackpot: \$335 million	63-64-66-69-71-78-80 Cash 5: 4-14-17-38-43 Hoosier Lotto: 4-9-19-22-29-37 Estimated jackpot: \$14.2 million
<b>Mega Millions</b> Estimated jackpot: \$312 million	<b>Ohio</b> Midday Pick 3: 4-4-6 Pick 4: 3-4-4-3 Pick 5: 7-3-5-6-1 Evening Pick 3: 8-9-3 Pick 4: 9-2-9-1 Pick 5: 8-7-6-4-2 Rolling Cash: 20-24-31-32-36 Classic Lotto: 2-6-7-17-34-44 Kicker: 0-8-6-1-0-3 Estimated jackpot: \$30.1 million
<b>Hoosier</b> Midday Daily Three: 0-0-6 Daily Four: 3-6-5-9 Quick Draw: 1-2-4-19-24-28-31-37-44-45-47-54-55-62-64-67-69-73-75-76 Evening Daily Three: 7-4-4 Daily Four: 8-5-5-4 Quick Draw: 4-7-10-16-18-21-26-34-45-53-56-59-62-	

## Markets

<b>Cooper Farms Fort Recovery</b> Corn.....7.59 July corn.....7.59 Wheat .....7.62	Wheat ..... 9.15 July wheat ..... 9.20
<b>POET Biorefining Portland</b> Corn.....7.64 July corn.....7.64 Aug. corn .....7.69	<b>Central States Montpelier</b> Corn.....7.57 July corn.....7.57 Beans .....16.20 July beans .....16.15 Wheat .....9.17
<b>The Andersons Richland Township</b> Corn.....7.49 July corn.....7.49 Beans .....16.18 July beans .....17.04	<b>Heartland St. Anthony</b> Corn.....7.14 July corn.....7.14 Beans .....16.10 July beans .....16.10 Wheat .....9.23

## Today in history

**In 930**, the world’s oldest parliament — the Icelandic Parliament — was established in Althing.  
**In 1845**, the Congress of Texas voted in favor of being annexed by the United States. (It had originally voted for annexation after gaining independence from Mexico in 1836, but the U.S. Congress was unwilling to admit it as a slave state at that time.)  
**In 1894**, the International Olympic Committee was founded.  
**In 1961**, the Antarctic Treaty, which had been ratified two years earlier by Argentina, Australia, Belgium, Chile, France, Japan, New Zealand, Norway, South Africa, the Soviet Union, the United Kingdom and the United States, was enacted. It leaves Antarctica reserved for free and non-political scientific investigation. —The CR

**In 1989**, the movie “Batman,” directed by Tim Burton and starring Michael Keaton (Batman) and Jack Nicholson (The Joker), premiered.  
**In 2012**, the Portland Rockets struggled to find their offense, dropping a doubleheader to the visiting Michigan City Lakers 8-0 and 4-2.  
**In 2016**, the United Kingdom narrowly voted to withdraw from the European Union, with 51.9% of voters in favor of “Brexit.” It marked the first time a country chose to leave the organization.  
**In 2021**, Jay County Commissioners agreed to commit \$275,000 toward the construction of a new animal control shelter to be operated by Jay County Humane Society. The commitment required approval from Jay County Council.

## Citizen’s calendar

<b>Today</b> 5:15 p.m. — Jay/Portland Building and Planning Department Inter-Local Joint Board, Community Resource Center, 118 S. Meridian St., Portland.	3:30 p.m. — Jay County Sold Waste Management District, 5948 W. Indiana 67, Portland. 6 p.m. — Dunkirk Board of Works, city building, 131 S. Main St. 7 p.m. — Dunkirk City Council, city building, 131 S. Main St.
<b>Monday</b> 9 a.m. — Jay County Commissioners, commissioners’ room, courthouse, 120 N. Court St., Portland.	7:30 p.m. — Portland City Council special meeting, Sheller-Globe south building, 510 S. Bridge St.



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## Hospital donates

Representatives from IU Health Jay presented a donation of \$14,000 to Portland Fire Department on Wednesday to buy and install a Safe Haven Baby Box, which allows a mother in crisis to safely surrender their baby if they are unable to care for them. Pictured, from left, are Doug Inman, Ashley Corwin, Dustine Hilfiker, Christina Schemenaur, Julie Teeter, Holly Weaver and Mike Weitzel.

## Rate ...

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For the second month in a row, LaGrange and Boone counties tied for the lowest rate in Indiana at 1.7%. (Boone County has had the lowest rate for six consecutive months.) Adams, Dubois, Elkhart, Hamilton and Steuben counties were next at 1.8%.  
Lake County’s run of posting the

highest unemployment rate in the state continued for the sixth month in a row as it came in at 4.2%. Howard County was next at 4.1%, followed by Fayette County (3.7%) and LaPorte County (3.2%). Every other county in the state was at 3% or lower.  
Area rates are as follows:  
Adams County: 1.8%, up 0.3 percentage points, t-third lowest

Blackford County: 2.8%, up 0.3 percentage point, t-12th highest  
Delaware County: 3%, up 0.5 percentage points, t-eighth highest  
Jay County: 2.4%, up 0.5 percentage points, t-33rd highest  
Randolph County: 2.1%, up 0.1 percentage points, t-22nd lowest  
Wells County: 1.9%, down 0.2 percentage points, t-eighth lowest

## Felony arrests

**Rear collision**  
Damage is estimated between \$5,000 and \$10,000 after a Plymouth man drove a truck into the vehicle a Farmland man was driving on Meridian Street in Portland about 11:14 a.m. Wednesday.  
Michael A. Carpenter, 26, was driving a 2011 Ford F-

150 south on Meridian Street when the vehicle crashed into the back of a 2017 International SF637 driven by 20-year-old Walker J. Tinsman. Tinsman was stopped in traffic at the time, according to a Portland Police Department accident report.  
The vehicle Carpenter

was driving also hit a pole hanging off the back of the International, causing damage to its windshield and front end.  
The Ford is registered to Dac Enterprises of Plymouth, and the International is registered to Indiana Michigan Power of Muncie.

## Deeds

Floyd and Vicki Coons to Vicki Coons, quit claim deed — Outlot 1, Mount Vernon Addition  
Brian and Tonya White to Dustin Denney, warranty deed — Part of Section 32, Jefferson Township  
Marilyn M. Clawson and Jarrett R. Clawson Jr. to Martin Murillo and Laddy Vaquera, warranty deed — Lot 13, Mangold’s Third Addition  
Linda Horine (deceased) to Devene Steen, personal representative deed — Lot 213, Woodlawn Park Addition  
Pioneer Warehousing to Indiana Michigan Power/American Electric

Power, easement — Part of Section 16, Wayne Township, 0.675 acres  
Dylan W. Franks to Dustin Garringer, warranty deed — Lots 2 and 3, Spahr First Addition  
Bridget M. and Nathaniel H. Reinhart to Michael A. Grody, warranty deed — Lot 16, Grays Addition  
Bettie C. Jacobs to Thomas B. Jacobs, quit claim deed — Part of Section 15, Wayne Township, 15.70 acres  
Pioneer Warehousing to Indiana Michigan Power/American Electric Power, easement — Part of Section 16, Wayne Township, 0.733 acres

### SERVICES

**Today**  
**Patch**, Stanley: 7:30 p.m., Dowling and Glancy Funeral Home, 100 N. Washington St., Geneva.

**Friday**  
**Johnston**, Aletha: 10 a.m., Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, 506 E. Walnut St., Portland.  
**Reier**, Ruth: 10:30 a.m., Williamson-Spencer and Penrod Funeral Home, 208 N. Commerce St., Portland.  
**Norris**, Alma: 11 a.m., MJS Mortuaries, 109 S. Meridian St., Redkey.  
**Miller**, Betty: 2 p.m., Williamson-Spencer and Penrod Funeral Home, 208 N. Commerce St., Portland.

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# FAIR WEEK

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## State FFA degrees

Thirty Fort Recovery FFA members recently attended the three-day Ohio FFA convention in Columbus, Ohio. Ben Grieshop, Bruce Heitkamp and Ben Wellman placed first in the Agricultural Mechanics Engineering Career Development event, and Heitkamp also placed first individually in the Ag Technical and Mechanical Systems and the Outdoor Power Equipment Career Development events. Fort Recovery FFA treasurer Alayna Laux, secretary Macy Brunswick and reporter Miley Briner received a gold rating on their books. Ten FFA members (pictured) also received their state FFA degree: Makayla Kaffenberger, Miranda Metzger, Macy Brunswick, Megan Metzger, Ethan Evers, Lindsey Wendel, Derek Lennartz, Elizabeth Alig and Makena Ellenberger.

## College student yearns for close paternal bond

DEAR ABBY: I took a DNA test seven months ago. It came back that the man who raised me is not my biological father. My heart dropped, but I decided to meet my real dad. We have formed a relationship, mostly a good one, and I introduce him as my dad now. My problem is, we hardly know each other or how we react to things.

Dear Abby



I had a hard week. My older sister was very rude to me, I had many college exams to take, and my best friend unexpectedly announced she had to go away for six months. I just wanted to run "home," but then I realized I no longer have a home to run to. My dad doesn't know I'm very clingy when I'm upset, so he was oblivious to my constant communications, and I'm sure it came off as annoying.

and your half-siblings if you don't overwhelm them when you are feeling so needy. Your chances of finding the emotional support you need would be better if you talk with a counselor at the student health center at your college when you are as stressed as you are.

My mother and I don't get along these days because she hid this secret from me for 25 years. Also, I mostly just wanted to go over to his house because my three little siblings are there, and I actually feel like we're a family. What do you think, Abby? AM I too clingy? Is it understandable? How do I explain to him that I need to see them more? If he tells me no, how do I handle that? — ADJUSTING IN OHIO

DEAR ABBY: My sister and I inherited our mother's condo some years ago. She wants to sell it; I do not. She has harangued me nonstop with inane scenarios of what "could" happen with our heirs if we don't sell, even going so far as to threaten, "If we don't sell it now, I don't think I will want to sell." I don't even know what that means.

DEAR ADJUSTING: If you want a better relationship with your biological father, slow down and let him get to know you gradually. A way to accomplish this would be to mend fences with your mother, believe it or not. Yes, she should have told you about your biological father years ago, but she may have had reasons for not doing so. One of them may have been embarrassment.

Because I was fed up, I agreed to sell. The problem is, at this point, I don't even like her. I'm not mad — I just abhor the way she harangued me. I don't think I'll ever want to talk to her again, and I feel sad about that. Any thoughts? — SIBLING DISASTER IN CALIFORNIA

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DEAR SIBLING: It is unfortunate (but not uncommon) for money to drive a wedge between family members. When your sister started her harangue, you should have inserted your lawyer into the negotiation. Because you wished to keep the unit, you could have bought her half from her, leaving you both with what you wanted. If it's not too late, give it some consideration. As to never wanting to talk to your sister, I hope with time your feelings will mellow and fences can be mended.

You ask, "Am I being too clingy?" The answer is yes. You stand a better chance of building a solid relationship with your bio-dad, his wife

## Historian visiting Sunday

An Ohio historian will be visiting Fort Recovery this weekend.

Paul D. Lockhart of Dayton will speak about how weapons shaped warfare in past conflicts at 3 p.m. Sunday in Fort Recovery Nazarene Family Center, 401 E. Boundary St.

Lockhart's lecture is based on his 2021 book, "Firepower," which will be available at the event. He will also share information about the 1791 Wabash battle and the 1794 Anthony Wayne battles of Fort Recovery and Fallen Timbers.

The Wright State University history professor's research has included the history of the Oldenburg dynastic state — it includes Denmark, Norway, Scania, Iceland, Greenland and Schleswig-Holstein — during the Protestant Reformation, as well as the art of war and military technology.

Admission to the event hosted by Fort Recovery State Museum is free. For more information, call (419) 375-4384.

### FR concert series

The next performance in Fort Recovery's summer concert series is

### Taking Note

set for this weekend.

Fleetwood 2 The Max will perform at Hein Ampitheater in Van Trees Park at 7 p.m. Sunday. The tribute band from Lima, Ohio, pays homage to Fleetwood Mac in its prime, highlighting the performances of Stevie Nicks, Christine McVie, Lindsey Buckingham, John McVie and Mick Fleetwood.

The concert series is hosted by Fort Recovery Friends of the Arts. Admission is free. For more information, visit the Fleetwood 2 The Max's Facebook page or go to fleetwood2themax.com.

### Miller gets coat

ANGOLA — Trine University recently welcomed its newest class of future doctors of physical therapy. Dunkirk resident Carly Miller and

38 other students received white coats at a May ceremony, symbolizing their entry into the physical therapy profession. Miller is in the Class of 2024, according to a press release from the university.

### Findlay graduates

Two Fort Recovery locals graduated last month from the University of Findlay.

Natalie Homan received a bachelor's degree in psychology, earning the academic designation of magna cum laude.

Conner Muhlenkamp also graduated with a bachelor's degree in psychology. He was awarded the academic designation of summa cum laude.

### Made the list

OXFORD, Ohio — Miami University recently announced a Fort Recovery resident made the dean's list this spring.

Earning a spot on the list was Morgan Litmer, who is working toward a bachelor's degree in psychology and sociology. Those on the dean's list rank in the top 20% of undergraduates students within their division.

## Community Calendar

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

### Today

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 — BRI-ANNA'S HOPE — A faith-based recovery group for all kinds of addictions, will meet from 6:30 to 8 p.m. each Thursday at The Rock Church, 1605 N. Meridian St., Portland. Come early for a meal. For more information, call (260) 766-2006.

### Saturday

JAY COUNTY DEMOCRATIC PARTY — Will

hold its monthly meeting at 9 a.m. Saturday, June 25, at its headquarters, 221 S. Meridian St., Portland.

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

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS — Will meet at 10 a.m. at Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church, 218 E. High St., Portland. For more information, call (260) 251-3336 or (260) 729-7000.

### Monday

PORTLAND BREAKFAST OPTIMISTS — Will meet at 7 a.m. for breakfast at Richards Restaurant.

BRYANT AREA COMMUNITY CENTER — Walking from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. every Monday,

Wednesday and Friday.

PING PONG — Will be played from 9 a.m. to noon each Monday at Jay Community Center.

EUCHRE — Will be played starting at 1 p.m. each Monday at West Jay Community Center, 125 Hoover St., Dunkirk.

PREGNANCY CARE CENTER — Free pregnancy testing with ongoing support during and after pregnancy. The center is located at 216 S. Meridian St., Portland. Hours are 1 to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. For more information or to schedule an appointment, call (260) 726-8636. Walk-ins accepted.

BREAD OF LIFE COMMUNITY FAMILY MEAL — Will be served from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. at Asbury United Methodist Church, 204 E. Arch St. in Portland. Everyone is welcome.

Fort Recovery Speaker!  
Sunday, June 16, 3:00

Author, Paul Lockhart

## Firepower

How Weapons Shaped Warfare  
(Including the Wabash Battles)

Fort Recovery Nazarene Family Center  
401 E. Boundary St.

Free

## Sudoku

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	1	8		6			2	
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	4	5						
9								8

Level: Intermediate

### Wednesday's Solution

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

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

# Wendelin 2.0

## Food & Spirits

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10:30 AM

Come join us in welcoming Cardboard Box Ministries! Bobby Hayden Jr. will share his testimony of how God can take someone who has hit rock bottom as a homeless drug addict to a man of God. Bobby travels the world sharing the message of God's hope and love.

All are welcome! If you know anyone who is recovering or struggling with drug addiction, or needs to hear the message of hope, please invite them.

### River of Life

722 W. Main St  
260-729-1153

# Kudos for protecting a treasure

New York Daily News

Tribune News Service

A reviewer shouldn't recommend a movie without having seen it, but we'll break the rule here to talk up a thing of beauty we've never laid our eyes on: The Hudson Canyon. A hundred miles to New York City's southeast, seven Empire State Buildings deep in the Atlantic, is the largest submarine canyon on

## Guest Editorial

the East Coast, home to deep-sea corals that feed and shelter sharks, sea turtles, whales,

tunas, swordfish and countless undiscovered mysteries.

The people of Gotham, who've done their share of shouting at the oceans of late as the sea levels rise and storms flood our tunnels, must never forget how constructively entwined our fate is with those of the waters that surround us. We not only eat what they produce and swim in them and

work in them; our ecosystems are inextricable from theirs. Even if they weren't, as a great governor and president made clear more than a century ago, precious and endangered natural wonders should be conserved for their own sake, not merely for what they happen to provide us.

Last week, President Biden proposed making the Hudson

Canyon the newest national marine sanctuary, giving Washington more power to protect the wildlife under the waves from oil, gas and mineral exploration and other development. We are enthusiasts of offshore wind farms and would never rule out intelligent resource extraction in some parts of the ocean, but we proudly carry water for this idea.

## It can be worse than trying, failing

New York Daily News

Tribune News Service

File it under depressingly predictable: last week, Senate Republicans and Democrats were running into political friction as they tried to turn the modest set of "breakthrough" gun safety proposals into actual legislation. Though we are decidedly overwhelmed by the ideas — including incentives to states to enact "red flag" laws; extra scrutiny of young gun buyers; and more spending on mental health care and school safety — it would be an epic failure if, in the wake of two galvanizing mass shootings by 18-year-olds and amid record gun violence, nothing gets done, again.

Executives around the country who want to change America's rancid culture of violence have another tool at their disposal, beyond simply waiting for Congress and state legislatures to pass better laws. They can use their leverage as firearm buyers to pressure gun companies to behave more responsibly.

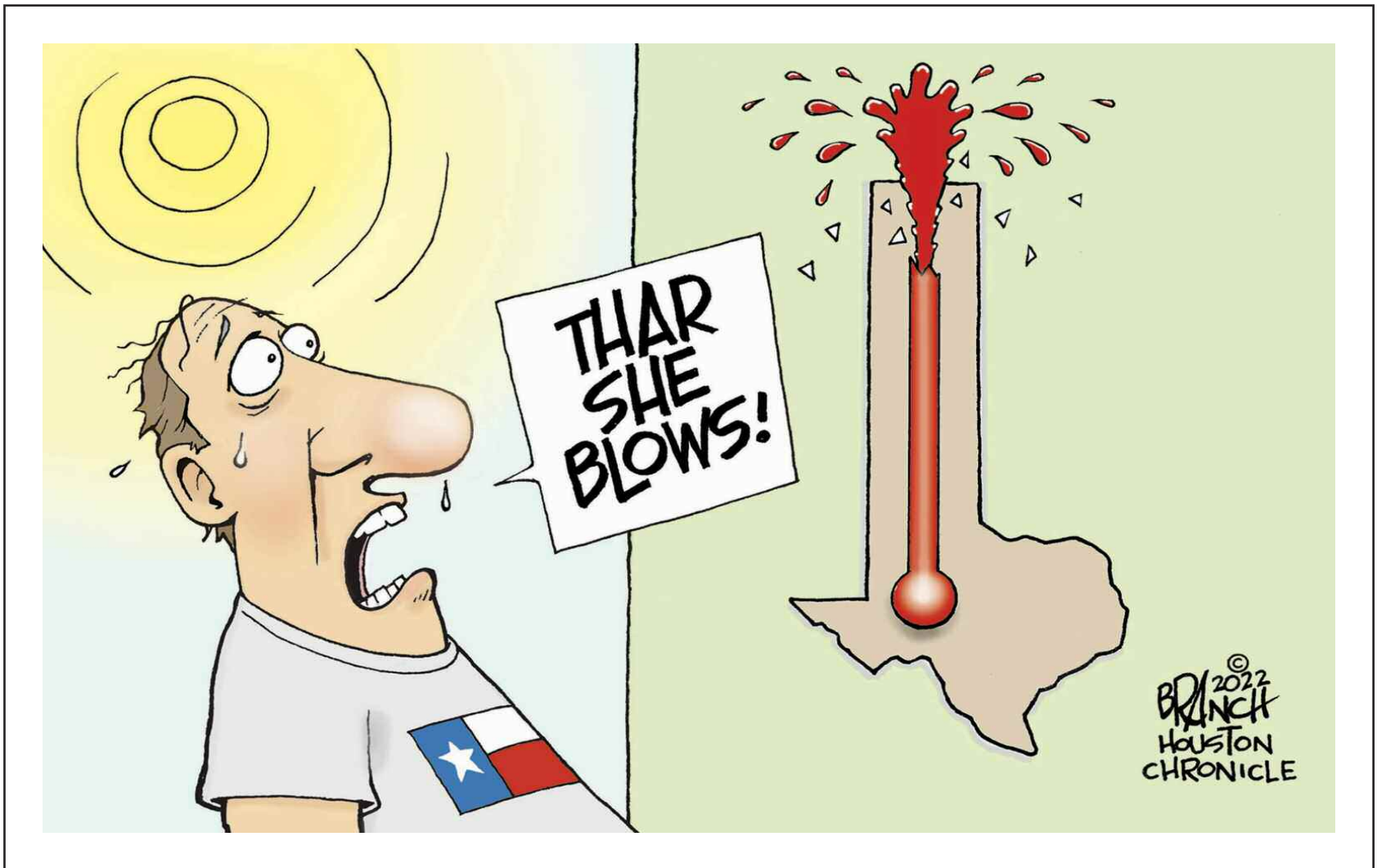
As Rev. David Brawley, Rabbi Joel Mosbacher and Mike Gecan of Metro Industrial Areas Foundation wrote in these pages last month, cities, states and the federal government, are gun makers' biggest customers — and, if they have the guts and gumption, can place strict conditions on those purchases and possibly drag the companies toward more responsible behavior.

For one, they can demand that gun makers who do business with them stop doing business with the small fraction of dealers that supply the lion's share of weapons that show up at crime scenes.

Two, they can require manufacturers to move much faster in embracing technology that would disable stolen guns and prevent accidental deaths of children who grab adult guns.

Three, as Bloomberg's Timothy O'Brien recommends, they could present a stark choice to gun makers: stop selling military-grade firearms like the AR-15 to the general public — or lose the business of those who buy them for actual military and paramilitary use.

Gun makers might respond to such pressure with a giant scoff and a series of lawsuits. But with 45,000 gun deaths annually, there are worse things than trying and failing to change the equation.



# Thanks for giving me a shot

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By STEVE GARBACZ  
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On Saturday, I returned to my old stomping grounds in Portland, Indiana.

The road trip down about an hour due south of Fort Wayne was to attend a visitation for Jack Ronald, longtime president and publisher of the Graphic Printing Company, which puts out the daily newspaper serving Jay County, *The Commercial Review*.

I went to pay my respects, because Jack was the person who gave me my first shot to work in journalism. Jack was someone I worked closely with during my four and a half years in Portland, because he was still intimately involved in the paper as not just its owner but also as someone who continued to contribute content and work in its newsroom.

I first met Jack in March 2008, when I attended a journalism job fair at Ball State University.

I was in the final semester of my senior year at Purdue and needing to get more serious about the job hunt if I wanted to land something and not end up forced to move home after graduation.

I found out about the job fair late. Students were supposed to have signed up early and submitted their resumes and clips ahead of time to get included in a binder that was given to all the newspaper attendees. Students were also supposed to have set up scheduled times to meet with the pros to talk about open jobs or internships.

But since I found out about it

late, I didn't do any of that and decided I was just going to crash the event and insert myself wherever I could.

So that Saturday morning I printed out some resumes, printed out copies of my best clips from the *Exponent*, put on something nice and carted myself to Muncie.

I walked around the room and dropped in at tables whenever it looked like someone was free. I stopped to talk with the editor from Jasper (an old friend of our news adviser at Purdue), someone from Marion, other journalists from other papers in Indiana cities that I recognized.

As the event went on and everyone kept buzzing around the room, I noticed one table with a guy sitting there alone, with no students lined up to chat with him.

So I dropped down at the table for *The Commercial Review* in Portland and met Jack Ronald for the first time.

I passed him my materials. He asked what I knew about Portland, to which I answered that I didn't know anything about it. I couldn't have even guessed what part of the state it was in. As it turned out, he was just about a half hour up the road from Muncie, and about an hour south of Fort Wayne.

One thing on my resume caught Jack's eye and it wasn't anything that had to do with my journalism work. It was my major — creative writing.

As it happened, at that time in March 2008, his daughter was in the process of getting her first work of fiction published. We

chatted for a bit about writing fiction and about my hopes that someday I'd write and publish a piece of fantasy.

Unlike many of the other places I talked to, Jack actually had a job open. He needed a new county government reporter to cover commissioners, county council and the like.

Ultimately, through a little luck, I made an impression.

Jack called me up to come interview in Portland. I took a drive out from Purdue to Jay County, to the city of 6,000 in a rural county of about 21,000. Jay County was unlike anywhere I had ever been, having grown up in the northwest Indiana suburbs and then attending Purdue.

We talked more, I interviewed. A few days later between classes at Purdue I had a call from Jack. I rang him back at Portland while out on the Memorial Mall at Purdue.

"I'd like to offer you a job," Jack said.

At the time I had no other prospects lined up so I remember immediately responding:

"I'd like to take that job."

One week after graduation, on May 19, 2008, one day before my birthday, I officially started my career in local print journalism.

I worked in Portland through the end of 2012, before moving on two and a half years in Franklin, before coming here in Kendallville.

On Saturday, at the visitation, I told Jack's wife that I'd always appreciate him giving me my first opportunity in newspaper.

Connie told me she knows that Jack was proud that I've grown to become the journalist I am today, that I've stuck with the business and risen to now running my own newsroom.

Jack knew his small-town paper wasn't somewhere most people were planning to stay forever. It was an incubator, where he could hire in new talent, teach them and help them grow

and then watch them go on to bigger and better things.

He was a second-generation family newspaper man following in the footsteps of his father, Hugh, who founded *Graphic Printing* in 1946 and whose weekly newspaper grew to buy out the county's daily *Commercial Review*.

Jack served as editor of *The CR* for 32 years, beating the streets of Jay County and delivering the important local news to its residents for decades.

Jack was very much to Portland what Terry Housholder is to *The News Sun* and to Kendallville, old-guard newspapermen who lived and loved their communities their entire lives, the kind of people who are now by-and-large disappearing from the industry.

Jay County lost an institution when Jack passed in April. He had mostly retired from service before his death, but lifetime journalists never really fully leave the business. Portland lost a giant, a part of and protector of its history.

And I lost my first boss, the first guy willing to take a chance on an overconfident kid coming out of college into a job he probably wasn't ready for.

And, 14 years later, here I still am — building off the lessons I started learning in Portland, growing, evolving and still fighting the good fight in ink and paper every day.

So, from the bottom of my heart, thanks Jack, for giving me my shot.

I'll carry on your legacy and, I hope, continue to make you proud.

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*Garbacz is executive editor for KPC Media Group and editor of The News Sun. He had lunch at El Camino, drove past the paper and his old rentals while there Saturday and took part in a Portland Rockets baseball game. Email him at sgarbacz@kpcmedia.com.*

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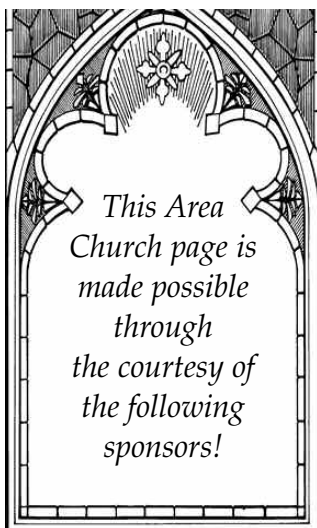
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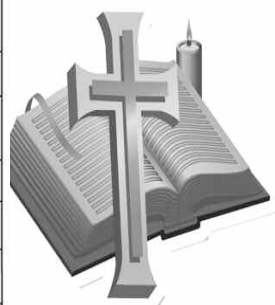
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Services: 10:30 a.m., 6 p.m.

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Rev. James Stilwell  
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Services: 9 a.m.

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Robert Thomas  
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Services: 6:30 p.m., 6:30 p.m. Thursday

**Geneva First United Methodist**  
100 W. Line St., Geneva  
Barry McCune  
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Services: 9:30 a.m.

**Geneva Nazarene**  
225 Decatur St., Geneva  
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Prayer meeting: 6 p.m. Wednesday

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**Hickory Grove Church of the Brethren**  
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Sunday school: 9:30 a.m.

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Services: 5 p.m. Saturday, 5:30 p.m. Thursday

**St. Paul Catholic**  
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Rev. Ned Brown  
Services: 8:30 a.m. Sunday

**St. Peter Catholic**  
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Rev. Ned Brown  
Services: 10 a.m. Sunday

**Sugar Grove Nazarene**  
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Scott McClain  
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**Temple Baptist**  
Indiana 167, between Dunkirk and Albany  
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Services: 11 a.m. and 6 p.m., 7 p.m. Wednesday

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Services: 9 a.m. (contemporary service, fourth Sunday)  
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**Trinity United Methodist**  
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(260) 726-8391  
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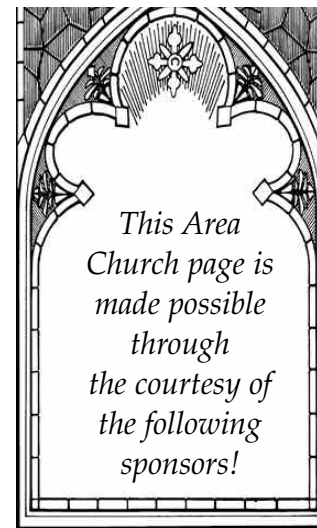
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Sunday school: 9:30 a.m.

**Westchester United Methodist**  
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**West Walnut Church of Christ**  
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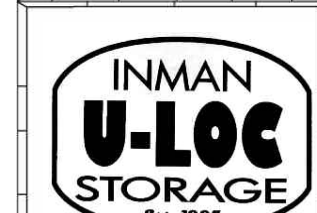
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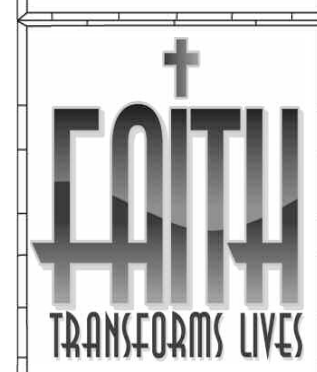
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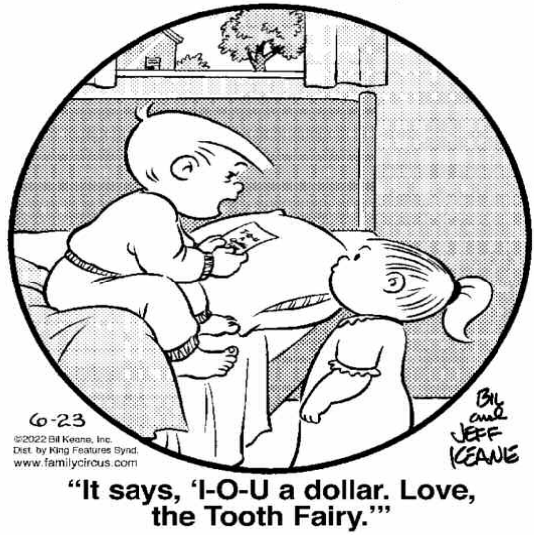
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A tale of two endings

South dealer. Neither side vulnerable. NORTH ♠ Q 7 ♥ A 8 7 5 3 ♦ K 8 4 ♣ Q 10 9 WEST ♠ 10 9 6 3 2 ♥ 9 ♦ Q 10 5 ♣ 8 6 3 EAST ♠ 8 ♥ Q J 10 6 2 ♦ 9 7 3 2 ♣ 7 5 4 SOUTH ♠ A K 5 4 ♥ K 4 ♦ A J 6 ♣ A K J 2

spade, South took the ace and had to revise his plan. He began by cashing four rounds of clubs, West discarding another spade on the fourth club. A spade was then led to the ace, and when East showed out, West's hand became an open book. He was known to be holding two spades and three diamonds at this point, so South played the king and another spade, forcing West to win and lead a diamond from the queen, handing declarer his 12th trick. South did well to find the endplay and make the slam, but West has to be given a very large assist. He could have presented declarer with a very difficult problem if he had given the matter a bit more thought. West virtually signed his own death warrant when he discarded a spade on the last club. Had he discarded a diamond instead, South could not have afforded to throw him in with a spade, since West would have scored two spade tricks. Declarer would then have been left with the choice of taking a diamond finesse against East or playing for the diamond queen to fall under the A-K. Since West was known to have started with six spades, one heart and three clubs — and therefore only three of the seven missing diamonds — there is a good chance that South would have opted for the finesse and gone down two.

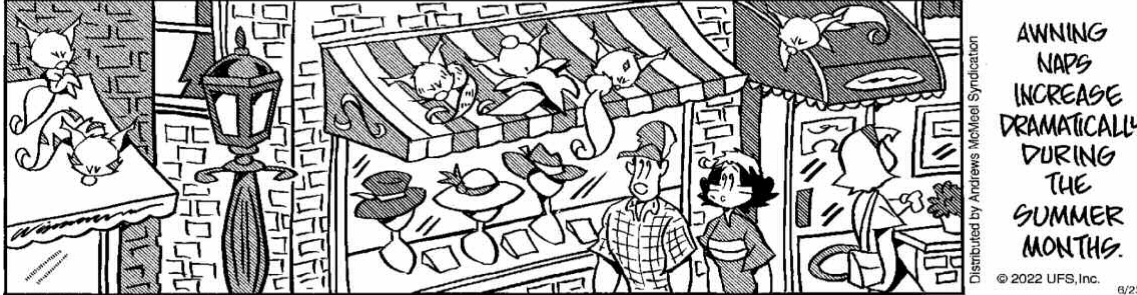
The bidding: South West North East 2 ♠ Pass 2 ♥ Pass 2 NT Pass 6 NT Opening lead — jack of spades. Some deals have a lot more to them than at first meets the eye. Take this case, which occurred in a knockout team event. North-South reached six notrump after South opened two clubs and rebid two notrump, showing a balanced hand of 22 to 24 points. Declarer won the spade lead with dummy's queen and could count 12 easy tricks if the opposing hearts were divided 3-3. So he led a heart to the king at trick two and returned a heart toward dummy, planning to duck whatever West played. But when West showed out, discarding a

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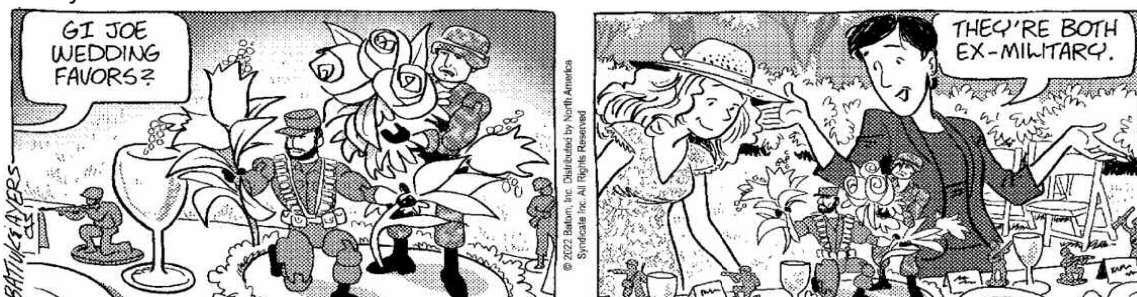
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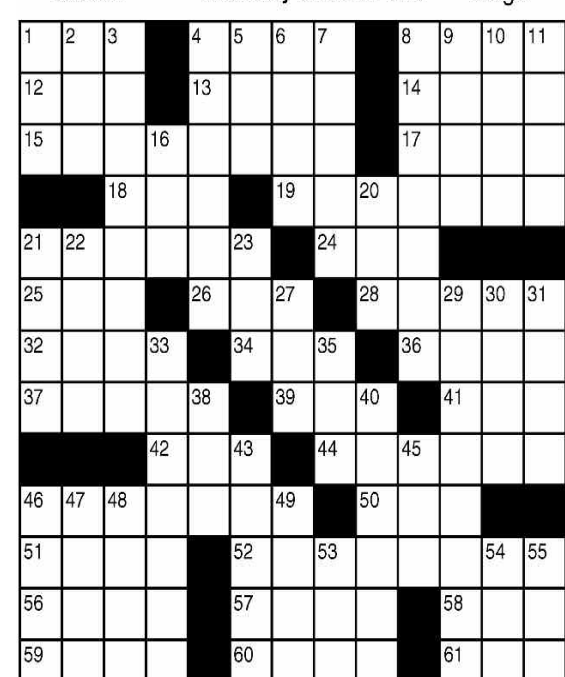


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# Title IX turns 50

## Advocate sees need for more progress

By DOM AMORE  
Hartford Courant  
Tribune News Service

Fifty years ago this week, legislation prohibiting federally funded educational institutions from discriminating against students or employees based on gender became the law of the land.

It was a momentous day in sports history, though that wasn't widely grasped until a few years later, and it represented a triumph and turning point in the life of Donna Lopiano, who grew up in Connecticut dreaming of playing baseball, pitching for the Yankees, she says, until she learned Little League rules didn't allow girls to play.

She isn't planning anything special to mark the anniversary. Never does.

"Another day," she said.

Another day in the fight?

"Yep," she said. "If I had one wish, it would be for the federal government to say that no institution of higher education or high school district can get federal money unless they belong to a government association that has as a condition of membership that school's compliance with Title IX."

President Richard Nixon signed Title IX into law on June 23, 1972, the very day he taped what came to be known as the "Smoking Gun" conversation with his chief of staff, sealing his presidential fate in the Watergate scandal. It was also the very night Bernice Gera became the first female to umpire in a professional baseball game, but the treatment she received prompted her to retire

after one game in Geneva, New York.

Three years later Lopiano, who became the director of women's athletics at the University of Texas, was called up for the fight to reject an amendment offered by Texas Sen. John Tower that would give football and men's basketball an exemption from Title IX, effectively removing its teeth.

"Don't forget, no one knew the 37 words of Title IX applied to athletic participation," Lopiano said. "At the time, there was, as there is with all laws, the expectation that if you pass a law that makes it illegal to discriminate on the basis of sex, that somehow that discrimination will disappear, and that's not exactly what happens. So the expectation in 1974 and '75, when Title IX was on the books with regards to sports, that in five or six years women would be catching up to men and be treated as well as men. And that has never happened."

Weeks after starting at Texas, Lopiano brought the school's football budget and the entire budget for all women's sports to support her testimony before Congress, which helped defeat the Tower Amendment and change the course of women's athletics, though opponents of Title IX continued for decades to push for amendments to protect so-called "revenue" sports.

"There is a lot of mythology here; 98.4% of all athletic programs are losing money," Lopiano said. "They are not making money, contrary to public thought, 'Oh, football is making money and basketball is making money.' Not true. They are losing

money, and they are getting subsidized by institutions, and it is not institutional money, rather it is student tuition dollars and mandatory athletics fees. There is no leadership in higher education that is saying 'stop this madness' in terms of expenditures in sports programs."

Denied the chance to play in Stamford's Little League, Lopiano became a champion softball player, joining the Connecticut Brakettes and starring as a pitcher for 10 years. She earned her bachelor's degree in physical education from Southern Connecticut and her doctorate at USC. She coached three sports at Brooklyn College, then spent 17 years at her groundbreaking post at Texas. Inducted into 13 Halls of Fame, Lopiano was CEO of the Women's Sports Foundation and is now president of Sports Management Resources, a consulting firm that brings expertise in Title IX compliance, among other issues in college athletics.

"I have always been data conscious," Lopiano said. "Each year you look at that data and you hope you always see progress. The fact of the matter is that it has been pretty stagnant for the last 10 to 15 years, in that the gap between support of men's and women's athletics has actually increased. What we're seeing is women never catching up. ... Right now, participation of women in high school sports has not reached the number of men who played high school sports in 1972."

Lopiano, 75, finds examples of today's young female athletes, such as Oregon basketball player Sedona Prince, being more willing

to speak out when they are not treated fairly. Prince's comparison of facilities and amenities between the men's and women's Final Fours in 2021 went viral and sparked changes.

"It really takes a Sedona Prince, or an idiosyncratic figure that steps up in a moment in time and becomes an accident of history," Lopiano said. "It took Sedona's communication and her willingness to speak out to make the public aware of the discriminations that was going on."

The 50 years since Title IX has brought monumental change. Girls can play Little League baseball, grow up to be umpires, and women are employed by major league teams in coaching and player development positions. Professional opportunities are there in basketball, among other sports.

"So there is great progress," Lopiano said. "But 43% of all athletes in high school and college are women, but in high school they are 50% on student population, in college they are 56% of the population, so their athletic participation proportions are not near those numbers."

More women are needed in management positions, she believes, to crack the ceilings, and the fight goes on, 50 years and counting. Women's sports still has a general, armed with facts and figures at her fingertips, ready to lead it.

"Having grown up an athlete, you don't cry in your beer after a loss," Lopiano said. "So there is never a thought of, 'Oh my gosh, I'm going to give up.' You have to keep pushing to be better, to make the system better."

## Chicago smacks Pirates' starter

By MIKE PERSAK  
Pittsburgh Post-Gazette  
Tribune News Service

The Cubs helped a late call-up enter the history books in a way he would have preferred to avoid.

Chicago clobbered the Pittsburgh Pirates 14-5 Wednesday, making starter Jerad Eickhoff the first pitcher in Pirates history to allow 10 earned runs in his team debut.

With right-hander Zach Thompson on the 15-day injured list, the team needed a spot starter. They called on Eickhoff, who had a 4.84 ERA in 48 1/3 innings with Class AAA Indianapolis this season.

The Cubs jumped on Eickhoff with a seven-run second inning as he gave up 10 runs in all.

"It was just a weird inning, to say the least," Eickhoff said. "I have pretty good command, so when that happens, something's just kind of off."

Frustrating nonetheless. I've gotta be able to minimize and shut down the damage as soon as possible. I just wasn't able to do that."

## Sports on tap

### Local schedule

**Friday**  
Portland Rockets vs. Fort Wayne Jackers - 7:15 p.m.

### TV schedule

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**Outing scheduled**  
Portland Mayor John Boggs will host his Mayor's Golf Outing July 8 at Portland Golf Club.

The event will begin with a shotgun start at noon.  
Registration will run from 11 to 11:45 a.m.  
The outing will be limited to the first 20 four-person teams to sign up.  
Registration forms are available at city hall, 321 N. Meridian St., Portland, or by emailing lkelly@thecityofportland.net.

**5K circuit continues July 4**  
The Run Jay County 5K Circuit will

continue with a race on Independence Day. The next event in the eight-race circuit is the Firecracker 5K, which begins at 8 a.m. July 4 at Jay County Fairgrounds. Registration is \$20.

Other races in the circuit include the Sculpt Fitness 5K on July 16 and the JRDS 5K on Aug. 6.

**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 9 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@jay-countychamber.com. The deadline is July 11.

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Notice is hereby given that PATRICIA K. BOST was, on the 15 day of June, 2022, appointed personal representative of the estate of JESSE D. STEVESON, deceased, who died on April 6, 2022, and was authorized to administer said estate Without court supervision.

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# Sports



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## Dirksen connects

Henry Dirksen connects on a forehand Wednesday morning during the Jay County High School tennis program's camp for third through ninth graders. The camp continues today and Friday at JCHS.

## Offense explodes in PJJ softball

Wednesday night was all about offense.

It took at least 10 runs to earn a win in Portland Junior League softball action, with Jay County Monuments coming up on both sides of the scoreboard.

All Circuit Electrical defeated Monuments 16-7 in Major softball while Monuments also scored a 12-10 victory over Masonic Lodge.

In Rookie games, The Rock Church topped Portland Optimists 14-12 and Wings and Rings beat Homestead Bedding 10-3.

Hallie Schwieterman smacked a home run and a double to lead the All Circuit offense. Karsyn Schwieterman had three hits, including a double.

Natalie May hit a home run as she, Hailee Randell and Kayleigh Steveson all had two hits for Monuments.

Dakota Chowning hit a home run to pace Monuments in its victory. Alex Sibray had a triple and an RBI.

Calie Yates hit a home run for Masonic Lodge while Erin Aker had double and a triple.

The Rock got a triple, a double and two singles from Journi Dalrymple en route to its victory. Ellie Wiggins ripped three triples to go along with a single, and Chana Butler and Chessa Butler each had four hits.

Kendall Evans totaled four hits and two runs for Wings and Rings. Paisley Day had three hits, including a triple, and three runs.



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Caden Craft of the Portland Rockets releases a pitch during the sixth inning of Wednesday's 7-1 victory over the Fort Wayne Blues at Portland Memorial Park's Runkle-Miller Field. Craft, a graduate of Ayesville (Ohio) High School who now plays at Owens Community College, struck out three batters in two hitless innings of relief. His effort supported Peyton Smith, who allowed one run in five innings while striking out nine.

## Rockets roll to W

### Free bases provide a spark to support strong pitching

The Rockets took advantage of some free bases in the second inning.

The runs they got were more than enough for Peyton Smith and Caden Craft.

Two walks and two hit batsmen combined with three hits in a four-run second inning Wednesday as the Portland Rockets won their third consecutive game 7-1 over the visiting Fort Wayne Blues.

Jay County High School graduate Max Moser got Portland (10-7) going in the second inning as he drew a four-pitch walk. After Joel Kennedy singled, JCHS grad Blake Caldwell and Dakota Durick were both hit by a pitch. The second of those brought Moser home with the first run of the game.

Caleb Richardson and Nick Bailey followed

with consecutive RBI singles. A walk to Kasey Henderson made it 4-0 before Fort Wayne finally made a change on the mound and recorded three consecutive outs to end the inning.

The Blues responded with their only run of the game in the top of the third.

Smith started and struck out nine Fort Wayne batters over five innings. He allowed the one earned run on four hits and three walks.

Craft tossed two innings of relief to end the seven-inning game. He struck out three batters and walked two while not allowing a hit.

The Rockets' insurance runs came after another Moser leadoff walk and an error in the fifth inning. Richardson smacked a two-out double to center field to bring home Moser, and consecutive RBI singles from Bailey and Henderson made it 7-1.

Bailey finished a perfect 3-for-3 for Portland, which will be home again Friday at Runkle-Miller Field to take on the Fort Wayne Jackers at 7:15 p.m. (They will visit Fort Wayne for a doubleheader against the Jackers started at 3 p.m. Sunday.) Kennedy also had three hits, and Richardson finished 2-for-3 with the only extra-base hit of the game to go along with two RBIs and a run.

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