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New lot

Employees from Dalton's Concrete Construction install a new concrete parking lot behind the Eagles Lodge in Portland this morning. A block of Arch Street between Meridian and Commerce streets was closed while work was ongoing.

Former officer faces Level 6 felony

Ridenour allegedly added syringe to evidence

By BAILEY CLINE

The Commercial Review

A former Redkey police officer has been charged in court with obstruction of justice.

Bradley R. Ridenour, 45, Portland, was charged June 24 in Jay Superior Court with the Level 6 felony.

Ridenour, who resigned from his position in November, is accused of tampering with evidence in a drug-related investigation. His initial hearing is set for July 11.

According to documents filed in connection with the case, reserve officer Dustin Huftel said in an Oct. 29 interview with Indiana State Police that he and Ridenour conducted two trash pulls between 10 and 11 p.m. Oct. 28, including a bin from outside a home on Meridian Street in Redkey. (The home owner allegedly dealt heroin to a rural Redkey resident who overdosed earlier that day. There are no current charges filed in Jay courts directly related to the matter.)

The officers took the trash bins back to Redkey Police Department where fellow Redkey officer Tim Fishbaugh met them. In the trash, they found ripped bags with powder residue, a cigarette package with two orange syringe caps and white paper with blood spots.

Fishbaugh and Huftel both told state police that after the trash was searched Ridenour walked into the evidence room, returned with a syringe and placed it in the cigarette package.

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Raises proposed for sheriff's office

By BAILEY CLINE

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Local officials are debating how to raise wages.

Jay County Personnel Committee met with officials Thursday to discuss possible pay increases for Jay County Sheriff's Office employees and a proposed job change within Jay Emergency Management Agency.

They agreed to recommend hiring another jailer, adding \$33,945 to next year's budget for Jay County Jail. All personnel committee decisions hinge on approval from Jay County Council.

Jay County Sheriff Dwane Ford previously proposed to the personnel committee a 20-year matrix pay scale for his department. The scale factors in 0.5% wage increases for the first few years and 1% wage increases in following years. It would increase workers' pay depend-

Sheriff Ford asks for 20-year matrix pay scale

ing on how long they've been working in their position for the county, with salaries bumped accordingly.

On Thursday, officials instead discussed bumping wages next year according to the matrix scale pay and factoring 1% increases annually, but not guaranteeing the yearly increase. (Council is considering a 6% increase across the board for county employees in next year's budget.)

Amy Davis of Jay County Auditor's Office encouraged officials to continue incorporat-

ing raises as suggested by a wage study from consulting firm Waggoner, Irwin, Scheele & Associates. She suggested officials consider another study, noting they are typically done every three years.

County auditor Emily Franks said she could ask representatives from the consulting firm to come to the next meeting.

Also, John Hankins, director of Emergency Management Agency, proposed changes for his department's budget and employees.

He suggested eliminating the

administrative assistant position and moving that employee into a full-time deputy director job. The switch would cost an additional \$6,000 annually. He explained the individual would act in his stead as needed, with a full-time person more readily available to do so. (The department currently has a part-time deputy director, who he suggests would stay as a part-time worker regardless of the change.)

Hankins noted the job descriptions need to be updated, with the last adjustment made in April 2011.

He also talked about Rescue 19, an emergency response unit for extractions. Currently there isn't a specific fund for the group in the emergency management agency budget. (The department covers its gas, tires and other related expenses.)

The committee agreed to meet next week, tentatively setting the meeting for 1 p.m. Thursday.

New laws in effect

By CASEY SMITH

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Dozens of Indiana laws take effect today, including a new tax on vaping products, a ban on transgender females playing on girls sports teams and the elimination of handgun permits.

Overall, more than 150 bills passed during the legislative session but some went into effect immediately. Most kick in today.

Here's a rundown of the notable laws:

Transgender athletes

A law banning transgender females from competing in girls school sports will take effect despite a veto from the Republican governor and repeated pushback from opponents who argue the measure is a bigoted response to a problem that doesn't exist.

Changes include rules for vaping products, transgender athletes and handgun permits

Republican lawmakers voted in May to override an unexpected veto from Gov. Eric Holcomb, who said the bill did not provide a consistent policy for what he called "fairness in K-12 sports."

The American Civil Liberties Union of Indiana immediately filed a lawsuit following the override in hopes of blocking the law from taking effect.

Indiana's Republican Attorney General Todd Rokita — who has vowed to defend the law — opposed the ACLU's motion for a preliminary injunction in court documents filed earlier this month.

Indiana joins more than a dozen other states adopting similar laws in the past two years.

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Dancing queens

Sophia Fugiett (left) and Laci McGinnis dance together during a performance as part of the Miss Jay County Fair Queen Pageant on Sunday at Jay County Junior-Senior High School.

Deaths

Jay County had a high temperature of 93 degrees Thursday. The low was 65.

There is a 50% chance of showers and thunderstorms tonight with a low of 67. Expect

Weather

mostly sunny skies Saturday and Sunday with highs in the mid 80s.

See page 2 for an extended outlook.

In review

Jay County Solid Waste Management District will have recycling trailers available from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday in the shopping center at 220 Lincoln St., Portland, the parking lot east of Redkey Post Office and the parking lot south of Salamon Fire Station.

Coming up

Saturday — Band directors will be marshals for 4th of July parade.

Tuesday — Results from the Portland Rockets' double-header on Sunday.

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Capsule Reports

FR council

Fort Recovery Village Council approved its 2023 budget during a special session Thursday. The budget, \$3,800,227, includes extra funding for the possibility of sludge removal from the village's wastewater treatment lagoons, a new police cruiser — village administrator Randy Diller noted it is likely the village won't

choose to purchase one — and increases across different funds, including wages, insurance, benefits and maintenance. Also Thursday, council awarded a bid for Milligan Street reconstruction to M&T Evacuating at \$109,583. Plans were to use some of its \$225,000 in American Rescue Plan Act funds to pay for the street reconstruction.

Intersection crash

Damage is estimated between \$5,000 and \$10,000 after a collision at the intersection of county road 800 South and county road 700 West about 3:35 p.m. Thursday. Patrick L. Mitchell, 22, Portland, was driving a 2003 Dodge Durango north on county road 700 West when he stopped at the intersection with county road 800 South. He continued

forward, driving in front of a westbound 2018 Ford F-250, driven by Joseph D. Bryant, 36, Pisagh, Alabama. (There is no stop for traffic on county road 800 South.) Bryant wasn't able to avoid the collision. The truck Bryant was driving is registered to M.J. Electric of Iron Mountain, Michigan, and the vehicle Mitchell was driving is registered to Paul E. Thompson of Muncie.

Tire hit

A Portland man's vehicle struck a tire on Indiana 67 about 10:29 p.m. Wednesday night. Harold C. Minnich, 82, Portland, was driving northeast on the highway just southwest of county road 600 South when his 2015 Honda Odyssey hit a tire in the road. Damage is estimated at less than \$1,000.

CR almanac

Saturday 7/2	Sunday 7/3	Monday 7/4	Tuesday 7/5	Wednesday 7/6
86/63	85/64	90/69	89/69	86/66
Mostly sunny skies are projected for Saturday with a high in the mid 80s.	Another day of mostly sunny skies Sunday, with a cool eastern wind of 5 mph.	Independence Day has a chance of rain and thunderstorms in the afternoon and evening.	There's a 60% chance of thunderstorms Tuesday. The high will be in the upper 80s.	More rain is possible Wednesday, with a 50% chance of thunderstorms.

Lotteries

Powerball Estimated jackpot: \$20 million	15-18-19-20-26-32-33-35-40-41-42-57-59-69-77-78 Cash 5: 14-19-23-36-38 Estimated jackpot: \$120,000
Mega Millions Estimated jackpot: \$360 million	Ohio Midday Pick 3: 8-5-7 Pick 4: 5-9-4-2 Pick 5: 7-6-1-7-3 Evening Pick 3: 6-1-4 Pick 4: 2-2-8-5 Pick 5: 8-2-6-6-9 Rolling Cash: 2-11-17-32-36 Estimated jackpot: \$120,000
Hoosier Midday Daily Three: 4-0-0 Daily Four: 8-5-8-1 Quick Draw: 1-3-4-5-16-17-19-25-36-39-42-43-45-46-47-49-59-71-75-78 Evening Daily Three: 1-4-5 Daily Four: 6-9-1-5 Quick Draw: 2-5-9-14-	

Markets

Cooper Farms Fort Recovery Corn.....7.07 Aug corn7.11 Wheat8.11	Wheat 8.13 July wheat 8.25
POET Biorefining Portland Corn.....7.05 Aug corn7.15 Oct. corn5.81	Central States Montpelier Corn.....6.98 Late July corn6.88 Beans16.04 Late July beans.....15.99 Wheat8.16
The Andersons Richland Township Corn.....6.97 Aug. corn6.12 Beans16.04 Aug. beans.....13.66	Heartland St. Anthony Corn.....6.73 Oct. corn5.75 Beans15.83 Oct. beans13.51 Wheat8.05

Today in history

In 1535, Sir Thomas More's trial began for refusing to accept King Henry VIII as the head of the Church of England.

In 1838, Charles Darwin presented a paper of his theory of evolution to the Linnean Society in London.

In 1847, the United States Post Office issued its first general issue postage stamps. They were a 5-cent stamp in honor of Benjamin Franklin, who served as the first postmaster general under the Continental Congress, and a 10-cent stamp honoring President George Washington.

In 1863, the Battle of Gettysburg began in Pennsylvania. Union Gen. George Reynolds was killed early in the fighting, setting the tone for a day that saw massive losses for both armies.

In 1867, the Dominion of Canada was formed. The day is celebrated as an annual holiday, known as Canada Day since 1982.

In 1979, Sony started selling its portable cassette player known as the Walkman.

In 2002, the International Criminal Court was established.

In 2007, Andrea Banter, 24, Berne was killed and nine others, including six children ages 7 and younger, were injured in a traffic collision at the intersection of county roads 1150 West and 350 North, west of Pennville.

In 2020, the United States-Mexico-Canada Agreement was signed to replace the North American Free Trade Agreement that had been in effect since 1994.

In 2021, after about four months of discussion, Portland Plan Commission gave a favorable recommendation to Portland City Council for approval of rezoning 108 acres of land between Tyson Road and county road 75 South to allow for the expansion of U.S. Aggregates' stone quarry. —The CR

Citizen's calendar

Tuesday 5:30 p.m. — Portland City Council, council chambers, fire station, 1616 N. Franklin St. 7 p.m. — Portland Park Board, council chambers, fire station, 1616 N. Franklin St. 7 p.m. — Pennville Town Council, town hall,	105 N. Washington St. 7 p.m. — Salamonina Town Council, Schoolhouse Community Center. Wednesday 7 a.m. — Jay County Board of Health, health department, 504 W. Arch St., Portland.
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Laws ...

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Handgun permits

After heated, final-hour debates, the end of the 2022 legislative session saw the passage of a Constitutional Carry measure that says Hoosiers who are 18 and older don't need a permit to carry a handgun. There are still exceptions to who can carry a handgun, however. That includes individuals who have been convicted of a felony or have a pending felony case — the same as under the previous permitting system.

But it will be harder for police to immediately know if a person is prohibited or not.

Anyone who has been convicted of domestic violence, domestic battery or criminal stalking, and those who have been dishonorably discharged from the military are also not allowed to have a handgun.

Violators of the handgun law face, at minimum, a misdemeanor charge that carries a maximum penalty of 365 days in prison.

The crime is elevated to a felony — punishable by up to six years in prison — if the individual has past felony or domestic violence convictions, or if they carry a handgun on or near school property.

Permits still will be available to those who want one through the Indiana State Police.

Vaping tax

Vaping products will become more expensive in Indiana, beginning Friday.

E-cigarette cartridges and vape pods will be taxed at 15% of the wholesale price. Other vaping products are also subject to a 15% retail tax.

Lawmakers originally planned to impose a 25% tax on e-cigarette cartridges, but legislators lowered the tax to 15% during the 2022 session. They argued the vaping device tax change was made to bring it in line with the 15% rate

set last year for refillable vaping products.

The new law takes effect after the U.S. Food and Drug Administration announced last week that Juul, an e-cigarette maker, must stop selling its vaping device and its tobacco and menthol flavored cartridges.

A federal appeals court temporarily blocked the government ban, however, allowing Juul to sell its electronic cigarettes while it appeals the sales ban.

Coerced abortion

As lawmakers prepare to propose new abortion restrictions in a special session later this month, a separate new law requires personnel at abortion clinics to ask pregnant individuals if their abortion was coerced. It also requires clinics to inform patients that coerced abortion is illegal.

If clinic staff suspect or are informed of a coerced abortion, they are required to contact law enforcement, who must investigate the report.

The law states that coercing someone into an abortion is a Level 6 felony. A facility that fails to report a coerced abortion could additionally face a Class C infraction.

Net metering

Effective Friday, Hoosiers will no longer be able to participate in net metering when they install rooftop solar panels or other types of distributed generation systems.

Meant to provide an economic incentive for homeowners to install solar, net metering has provided credits to homeowners for excess energy they generate and send back onto the grid.

The phase-out means those who install solar panels on their roofs will no longer be eligible for the retail credit for their solar energy.

Anyone who installed solar by the end of 2017 will still qualify for full net-metering credit for 30

years, or until 2047. Hoosiers who installed solar panels up to June 30 will receive the credit until 2032.

Charitable Bail

Under a new law, charitable organizations can only pay bail for people charged with misdemeanors and nonviolent felonies as long as the person hasn't been previously convicted of a violent felony.

Organizations are also not allowed to bail out more than three people in a 180-day period without a license.

The law was widely considered to be aimed at The Bail Project, which worked with the the American Civil Liberties Union of Indiana to file a legal challenge against it.

A federal judge on Wednesday refused to block the law from taking effect as scheduled, however.

Judge James Patrick Hanlon in Indianapolis denied a request from The Bail Project and the ACLU of Indiana for an injunction, ruling that the groups hadn't shown a likelihood that they would succeed in proving the law unconstitutional.

School boards

School boards are now required to accept oral public comment at each meeting.

The measure allows individual boards to set time limits on comment periods, and to take measures necessary to keep meetings orderly — including removing anyone who is being intentionally disruptive. School boards are also allowed to meet virtually under certain circumstances.

The legislation stemmed from confrontational or disruptive school board meetings over the last year that saw some boards suspend or restrict public comment sessions.

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Ridenour's report from the incident did not list a syringe as evidence found from the trash pull.

According to court documents, Ridenour admitted to state police during a Nov. 1 interview there was no syringe found in the trash. According to the court document, he said he previously found the syringe at Red-

key Morgan Park and placed it in his patrol vehicle. As a "joke," Ridenour said in the document, he retrieved the syringe and placed it with the evidence in front of Fishbaugh and Huftel, the document says. In Indiana, a Level 6 felony carries a sentence of six months to two and a half years, with an advisory sentence of one year.

Felony arrests

Residential entry

A Dunkirk man was arrested Thursday for residential entry. Jordan T. Tierney, 26, 320 N. Main St. Apt. 2, was pre-

liminarily charged with a Level 6 felony for burglary or breaking and entering. He's being held on a \$3,000 bond in Jay County Jail.



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Roser, Kenneth: 2 p.m., Williamson-Spencer and Penrod Funeral Home, 208 N. Commerce St., Portland.
Nifong, Ruby: 7 p.m., Williamson-Spencer and Penrod Funeral Home, 208 N. Commerce St., Portland.

Saturday

Miller, Jason: 1 p.m., Williamson-Spencer and Penrod Funeral Home, 208 N. Commerce St., Portland.

Tuesday

Schoenherr, Vincent: 10:30 a.m., St. Joseph Catholic Church, 1689 St. Joe Road, Fort Recovery, Ohio.

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To wed Aug. 13

Eric Smitley and Katelyn Beougher

Katelyn Beougher and Eric Smitley are planning a wedding Aug. 13 at Jay County Event Center.

Beougher, the daughter of Jason and Chris McAbee of Portland, is a 2017 Jay County High School graduate. She works at Redkey Veterinary Clinic.

Smitley, the son of Shellie Rodgers and late Douglas Smitley of Dunkirk, graduated from Jay County High School in 2016. He's employed at Jay County Sheriff's Office.



Eric Smitley and Katelyn Beougher

Keep pets calm, safe this holiday

By MARY RAMSEY

The Charlotte Observer
Tribune News Service

Fireworks shows are a summer staple, especially on and around the Fourth of July, but they can also be a source of anxiety for pets and their owners.

In addition to the fireworks themselves posing a potential danger to animals, the loud noises, bright lights and strong smells that come with fireworks displays can trigger stress and fear for pets, which can be damaging to their health and lead to accidents if and when they try to run away.

Here are some tips for keeping your pet, and in turn yourself, calm when fireworks are going off, courtesy of the Humane Society of the United States:

Keep pets away from fireworks and their remnants

Pets make great companions; however, the Humane Society recommends not bringing them along to fireworks shows because pets tend to be "more sensitive to loud noises, flashing lights and strong smells."

If you do leave your pet at home while heading out

to celebrate July Fourth yourself, it's helpful to leave your radio or TV on "to soften jarring noises."

Make sure your pet has a collar, ID tag and microchip

When pets are scared by the sights and sounds of a fireworks show, they may try to run away. Even pets that are inside, the Humane Society cautions, may try to make a break for it by breaking through a door or window. So, it's important to make sure your pets are wearing their collars and that those collars have up-to-date ID tags with your address and/or a way to contact you. If your pet is microchipped, you should also make sure it's registered.

Get advice, help from your pet's veterinarian

If you've had issues with your pet getting anxious during fireworks shows before, the Humane Society recommends talking to your veterinarian about the situation.

Vets that know your pet can give you recommendations on techniques for keeping your pet calm that they think will help and, if necessary, even prescribe medications that can help.

Trans teen yearns for support

DEAR ABBY: I am a 19-year-old trans man. I told my mother years ago, and while she hasn't stopped me from transitioning, she's wholly unsupportive. Despite telling her my new name and pronouns, she refuses to refer to me that way even when we are alone. (I can't tell the rest of my family; they would disown me.)

Every time I bring it up, she gets quiet or changes the subject. I love her and she loves me, but it breaks my heart to see her ignore who I am, and I know she won't back me up if the rest of my family finds out. I feel hopeless.

What do I do to make her understand? — TRUE SELF IN GEORGIA

DEAR TRUE SELF: Parents usually want to protect their children. They can also be misinformed or confused about the issue of being a trans person. The announcement may be hard to accept because many individuals have known they're trans for a long time but hesitated to tell others, including their parents. The revelation can be awkward and challenging to respond to with patience, love and care.

Take your mom to a PFLAG meeting, if she's willing to go. It can make a huge difference for parents, and it's what I recommend for you. To find a local

chapter, visit pflag.org/find. PFLAG booklets like "Our Trans Loved Ones" or "Guide to Being a Trans Ally" could be enlightening for her (and you).

For your own emotional support, find community that is accepting and affirming — PFLAG, a faith community or a transmasculine support group — to gain confidence and safety. And do not underestimate the power of "chosen family." Create a plan to get your life in order if your family can't be accepting. There ARE people who will love and care for anyone whose family can't love them. Seek them out.

While it may be challenging, look toward community gathering spaces and meetup groups. People are there; it may just take a bit more work to find them.

Consider starting the search in a nearby larger town or city to find out who else travels there for support, or to find a safe space to explore away from

home to gain a broader perspective. Stay safe. Educate yourself about resources online (affirming communities, crisis and emergency hotlines, state laws and rules). Planning AHEAD is something people forget most often about the transition process. I wish you only the best.

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DEAR ABBY: I may stop going to an auto mechanic I have used for several years because of mistakes he made diagnosing problems on my daughter's friend's car.

He advised her to get another car, but a different mechanic replaced the spark plugs and the catalytic converter, and the car is fine.

Should I tell him why I'm not coming back or just drive off into the sunset and let it go? — FIXING TO CHANGE IN OHIO

DEAR FIXING: Let it go. If the mechanic contacts you and asks why he hasn't seen you, tell him the truth — that you no longer trust his judgment after the bum steer he gave your daughter's friend.

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Dear Abby



Community Calendar

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

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.

CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP — Will meet at 1 p.m. the first Monday of each month at Portland Place, 430 W. Lafayette St. For more information, call (800) 589-1121.

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.

TAKE OFF POUNDS SENSIBLY (TOPS) — Will meet for weigh-in at 5:30 p.m., with the meeting at 6 p.m., in the fellowship hall at Evangelical Methodist Church, 930 W. Main St., Portland. New members welcome. For more information, call (260) 726-5312.

NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS — Will meet at 6 p.m. each Monday 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.

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Level: Advanced

Thursday's Solution

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

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

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Biden is wrong about legislation

Letters to the Editor

To the editor:
When President Joe Biden says that the Protection of Lawful Commerce in Arms Act gives gun manufacturers more protection from liability than other companies he is flat out lying as he has done on almost every gun control issue in the last 50 years.

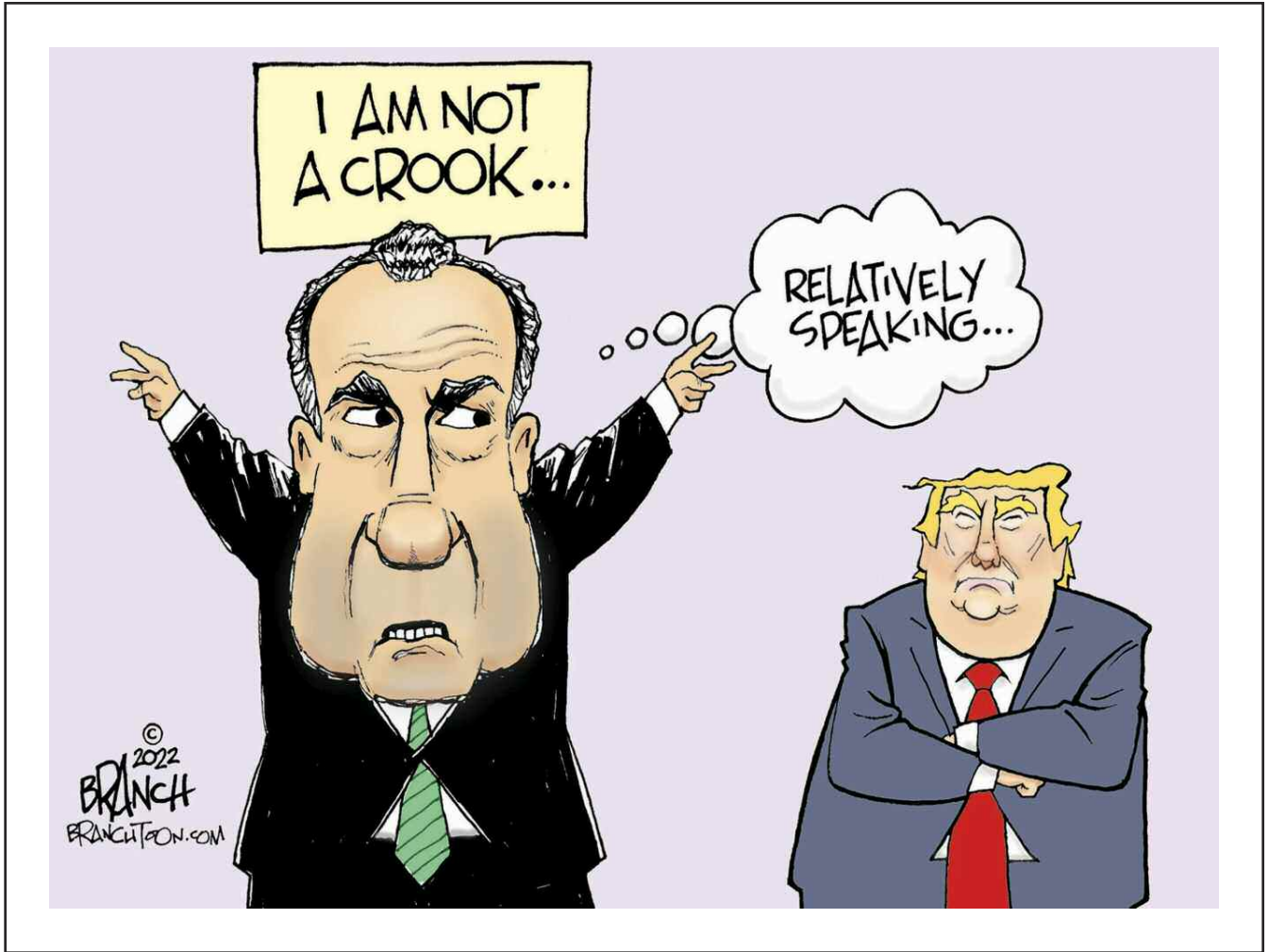
Gun manufacturers are bound by the same liability laws as any other company with one minor exception. If some drunk driver kills with a Ford Taurus and the victim's family tries to sue Ford, the judge will declare it a frivolous lawsuit and throw it out before a trial even begins. But if someone is killed with a Remington firearm and the company is sued, a biased, liberal, gun-hating judge will let the frivolous lawsuit go to court costing Remington millions to defend in court.

Using that judicial bias to bankrupt gun companies out of existence was the plan of the anti-gun Democrats and billionaire New York Mayor Michael Bloomberg.

The Protection of Lawful Commerce in Arms Act was passed to protect the firearms industry from frivolous lawsuits that should be thrown out of court.

If arms manufacturers break the law or make a defective product they can be sued just like any other company.

Stephen Erwin
Portland



Inflation has varying effects

By MICHAEL J. HICKS

In the past few months, I've had several folks ask if recent inflation is the worst it has ever been. To those sweet summer children, I say what should be obvious: inflation has been much worse. That is why economists at the Federal Reserve are burning the midnight oil trying to figure out how much monetary tightening will be needed to prevent it from worsening. A far better question is how does inflation affect the economy, and also, who benefits and who bears the cost?

It's important to note that inflation has toppled governments, throwing power to ruthless despots from Hitler to Mugabe. And yet, those were events unlike ours in every conceivable way. I have a 1 million Reichmark bank note and a 1 million Zimbabwean dollar note to prove it. Neither of these were worth their face value in toilet paper when printed.

The inflation we suffer is of the more ordinary kind. Year over year, the price level has risen at just over 8 percent for the last quarter. As I mentioned before, most of that increase is a result of the many steps that the Trump and Biden administrations, Congress, and Federal Reserve took to sustain the economy through the COVID-19 pandemic. Some of it is due to real economic shocks, like oil price increases because of Russian attacks on Ukraine.

The Federal Reserve is charged with sustaining price level stability in the U.S. This inflationary period showed them to be less effective than they wished, but I am not sure anyone else would've done better. The Russian attack is outside their control, and the official economic data in 2021 was unreliable due to massive job swings after the pandemic. To put it in context, we have a lot more data on earthquakes and hurricanes than we do on inflation, and those phenomena are two things we humans are bad at forecasting. It seems unlikely we can predict inflation spikes any better with today's understanding of the problem.

We measure inflation by looking directly at prices. The Bureau of Labor Statistics collects data on prices in many different ways. There are price indices on producer prices for hundreds of different products. These tell us the potential for increases in consumer prices in the coming months. For consumer price changes, the BLS constructs a hypothetical "basket of goods" the typical family might buy in a month. There are 400 or so items in that basket. They then collect

Michael J. Hicks



price data, and make an honest effort to control for changes in the quality of goods.

Most folks tend to focus on gasoline prices because they are so visible, and most consumers have an 'inelastic' demand for gasoline. That means they don't change their buying patterns very much if the price increases. Economists worry about gas prices because transportation costs are part of the cost of making everything.

Inflation affects families differently based on how they save, what they buy, and how they earn their income. The actual effects are pretty surprising and counterintuitive.

Over the long run, inflation penalizes those who save and benefits those who borrow. In particular, anyone borrowing or lending on a long-term fixed-price loan is affected. For example, if you took out a 3.25% 30-year, fixed-rate mortgage last year, your interest rate is currently -5.25%. If you granted that loan, you are losing money. Again, inflation hurts those who save and helps those who borrow. This mostly benefits less-wealthy households. The effect of inflation on borrowers and lenders is so strong that it was the primary cause of the savings and loan crisis of the 1980s.

Consumers whose monthly consumption looks exactly like the BLS "basket of goods" will experience average inflation. Families who buy products with higher price increases fare worse, and those who buy items that increase in price more slowly do better. In general, this is part of the process of curbing inflation, by reducing the demand for items with a more rapid price increase. There is just no way around that, and there is no silver bullet for reducing inflation.

Commodity prices tend to move up and down with more volatility, which means food and fuel prices are more susceptible to inflation. Inflation has a more modest effect on products that can be bought easily at a later date. The ability to defer purchases is a hedge against inflation, but is a double-edged sword. If prices don't drop, delaying a purchase isn't much help. Many prices won't drop, and the

BLS "sticky price" index suggests that about half of the inflation increases are more or less permanent.

Inflation also affects families differently due to the ways they earn their incomes. Retirees who live off income from savings are obviously struggling from the secondary effect of a stock market decline. This is offset partially by much more generous Cost-Of-Living Adjustment (COLA) increases from Social Security. These are based on a basket of goods that are more sensitive to inflation than the average retiree experiences. Likewise, federal employees and military service members typically have COLA adjustments that are roughly in line with inflation.

State and local government employees almost never see inflation adjustments at this level. Thus state, municipal, and school employees have experienced real pay cuts of 4 to 6 percent this year, and higher next year. This will be particularly acute in states with biennium budgets. For example, Indiana's teachers will end next year with an inflation-adjusted salary that is perhaps 10% below that of last summer. It may be worse.

Private sector workers in industries with price flexibility will typically fare better than inflation. Firms will have some ability to raise wages in these sectors; whether they do so depends upon how valuable individual employees are to the business. Last month, workers in mining, non-durable goods manufacturing, construction, wholesale trade, logistics, utilities, private sector education and health services and hospitality all saw wage increases. The others all saw wage cuts.

Inflation affects families and businesses differently. For some, especially borrowers, it is a short-term panacea, but for most others, it means lower living standards and incomes. Short-term inflation rarely has left lasting damage on an economy, and there are plenty of reasons to think inflation will lessen in the coming months. Long-term inflation slows growth as businesses invest less in the domestic economy. Over time that risks stagflation, which is the combination of inflation and stagnant growth. That would be bad news for everyone.

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Role models are critical

By LAURA GOETZ
Progressive Perspectives
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Laura Goetz

When my son came out, I found myself quickly learning how to navigate a new world where he might not be given the same rights and opportunities I expected for him. I was lost in a storm of rhetoric and hate pushing back against my child's future.

Then we found Joe Wilson, a filmmaker, and his husband Dean Hamer. Joe's film, "Out in the Silence" portrayed LGBTQ+ issues in a rural U.S. town similar to our own. The film captured the transformative power of open dialogue with those who don't share your beliefs.

Hamer's work as an openly gay Harvard-educated scientist served as an example that my son could succeed in whichever career he choose. At a time when marriage was not federally legal, Wilson and Hamer's decades-long relationship showed us that a full life was possible for LGBTQ+ people even with these restrictions.

We even reached out to Wilson and Hamer when we approached our school district to push for an inclusive curriculum. They took the time to answer us, providing advice and support for breaking down barriers that shaped local policy. I was grateful for their guidance in showing me how to make our little community better for my son.

The world our children are growing up in remains awash in homophobic and transphobic messages — from conservative groups pushing to ban books that touch on LGBTQ+ issues to laws being passed to stop even the use of the word "gay" in schools. Many fear that the rights won by the LGBTQ+ community will be erased. With society telling queer youth they shouldn't exist, it's important we show them that LGBTQ+ people are and always have been a vital part of humanity.

June is Pride month, a

time to celebrate LGBTQ+ love but also protest the hate and exclusion that still impacts many queer and trans people today. But after the parade confetti is swept away, I encourage you to look for a deeper, lasting connection for your child within their new community. An important part of that is the need for powerful role models.

We know that LGBTQ+ teens are up to four times more likely to consider suicide and face many other health disparities if they don't feel accepted. They need people to shine a light on the path ahead, showing them they can be anything. Often the strongest adult role models young people see are other LGBTQ+ advocates and celebrities. As wonderful as they are, we need more.

This isn't a message for LGBTQ+ adults telling them they have to be more visible. I'm instead asking parents to look further than the most broadcast people in their world. Look at the fields that interest your child, from astrophysics to zoology, and find LGBTQ+ leaders in those areas working to make the world better.

Show your child that they exist and that they matter. Without that guiding light from generations before them, future generations might believe, as educator Gerald Unk once said, "no one who has ever felt as you do has done anything worth mentioning."

I was afraid that my child's future would be limited. Wilson and Hamer showed us that we were wrong. Help your child find the guides they need to show them a brighter future.

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Biden commits another \$800 million

By JOHN VANDIVER
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President Joe Biden said Thursday that the U.S. soon will send Ukraine a further \$800 million in weaponry, including advanced rocket systems, as part of the long-term American commitment to the country.

"As long as it takes, so Russia cannot in fact defeat Ukraine and move beyond Ukraine," Biden told reporters at the conclusion of NATO's summit in Madrid.

Biden said U.S. support must endure even as the U.S. faces its own struggles in the form of soaring inflation and exorbitant gas prices, which have been made worse by the Russia-Ukraine war.

During the summit, the U.S. and other allies took significant steps toward transforming the 30-nation military pact. Among them, members agreed to invite Sweden and Finland to join the alliance.

A new strategic concept that named Russia a top threat and China a challenger to Western security also was finalized.

Biden announced that the U.S. military will expand missions in Europe in a variety of ways, including the establishment of a permanent garrison for the Army in Poland.

All of the changes stem from the U.S. and NATO's reaction to the war in Ukraine. Biden said the end result thus far of Russian

President Vladimir Putin's war is an alliance more unified than ever.

"Before the war started, I told Putin that if he invaded Ukraine that NATO would not only get stronger, we would get more united," Biden said. "And that is exactly what we see today."

The summit was a showcase for how dramatically the tone among allies has shifted since the end of the previous U.S. administration, during which NATO gatherings were marked by President Donald Trump's hectoring of members to pony up more money for defense.

Most allies still fall far short of the NATO benchmark of 2% of national GDP to be spent on

defense by 2024. Only nine of NATO's 30 members will hit that figure in 2022, according to NATO.

But Biden heaped praise on members for moving in the right direction, especially Germany, which he singled out for its recent pledge to hit the 2% mark in the near future.

"Allies across the board are stepping up, increasing defense spending," he said.

While pressure during the Trump era was arguably one of the factors that has led to increased defense expenditures in recent years, reaction to Russia's attack on Ukraine also has forced allies to rethink their approaches. Germany in particu-

lar has called Russia's war a watershed moment.

In Ukraine, Biden said Russia has fallen short on its initial objective to take the whole of the country. For example, Ukraine's resistance forced Moscow to retreat from Kyiv and concentrate its efforts in the east.

"Ukraine has already dealt a severe blow to Russia," Biden said.

But Ukrainian forces have suffered heavy losses in recent weeks under Russian artillery bombardments. Still, Biden highlighted as a sign of progress Ukraine's retaking Thursday of Snake Island, a strategic Black Sea outpost that Russia had held since the beginning of the war.

Senate drafts drug pricing plan

By LAUREN CLASON
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WASHINGTON — Senate Democrats are scrapping together a last-minute plan to let Medicare negotiate prices directly with manufacturers for some prescription drugs ahead of the midterm elections, according to a summary of the plan obtained by CQ Roll Call.

The effort attempts to revive a key piece of Democrats' sweeping social spending and climate bill after intra-party divisions killed the original legislation. Senate Majority Leader Charles E. Schumer, D-N.Y., has been working with the broader bill's most vocal Democratic holdout, Sen. Joe Manchin III of West Virginia, who has consistently supported the idea of Medicare negotiation.

The Washington Post first reported the deal.

A source familiar with the plan said the plan is expected to have the full support of the caucus. Schumer will need the support of all 50 Senate Democrats to pass the bill under the chamber's budget reconciliation process. But it's not clear if the deal has the support of other moderate Democrats like Kyrsten Sinema, D-Ariz., or Bob Menendez, D-N.J.

Schumer is expected to present the plan to the parliamentarian by Tuesday, and is working on striking a deal with Manchin on tax and climate change provisions before the clock runs out. Schumer is aiming to put a new reconciliation package on the floor as early as late July.

The drug pricing agreement builds on a plan negotiated by moderate Democrats in November, which would have required the Department of Health and Human Services to negotiate prices within certain limits for up to 20 of the highest-cost drugs — plus insulin — in the Part B outpatient program and the Part D drug program.

The plan would also impose penalties for drug companies that hike prices faster than inflation and implement a \$2,000 annual out-of-pocket cap for Part D patients. Insulin would be capped at \$35 a month, a provision that Democrats are also working to pass as a standalone measure.

The new agreement would also strengthen language around the HHS secretary's obligation to negotiate prices, in order to prevent what the summary calls a "rogue secretary" from watering down the provisions. New language would also limit Medicare premium increases — an expected side effect of capping patient copays. The negotiation process would begin in 2023.



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To the lake

Members of the Brown family from left to right: Allie, 10, Ryan, 14, Ava, 9, and Zach, 12, carry their tubes along Riviera Beach in Lake Geneva on Monday. The Brown family of six was up in Lake Geneva because "it is close to home, fits our schedule, and is affordable" said Mike Brown.

Holcomb says he has no 'red lines'

By CASEY SMITH
Indiana Capital Chronicle
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Indiana's Republican governor said Thursday he'll sign any abortion-restricting measures that make it to his desk during the upcoming special legislative session.

The revelation came one day after Indiana lawmakers announced they will delay the reconvening of the General Assembly until late July, however.

That also pushes back the governor's proposed tax refund payments, but legislators said it allows more time to craft an expected plan to further curb access to abortions.

"I don't have any red lines right now," Holcomb said. "It's of paramount importance to me ... that we must recognize that this issue is one of the most divisive by definition — when you look at where people fall in the nation — and that will require a thoughtful and respectful airing of where we all come from."

Although the governor, along with Republican leadership in the House and Senate, have signaled support for new restrictions — possibly even an outright ban on abortions — they have not released details.

Holcomb did not say where he stood on specific elements of a new law, including possible exceptions to an abortion ban, or if he thought criminal penalties should be imposed on doctors who perform abortions.

He said Indiana should watch other states that already took action after the U.S. Supreme Court decision overturned the landmark Roe v. Wade and Planned Parenthood v. Casey rulings, adding that "it probably served to our benefit" that Indiana did not have a trigger law in place, as others did.

"It may be that we'll learn something from others before they come back into session," Holcomb said. "And we may be able to avoid some wrong turns or pitfalls."

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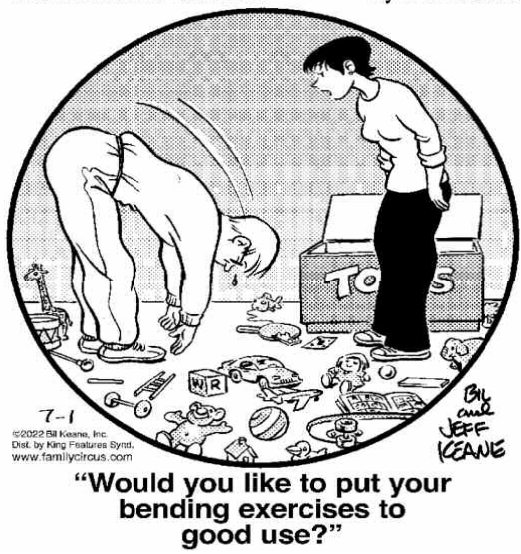
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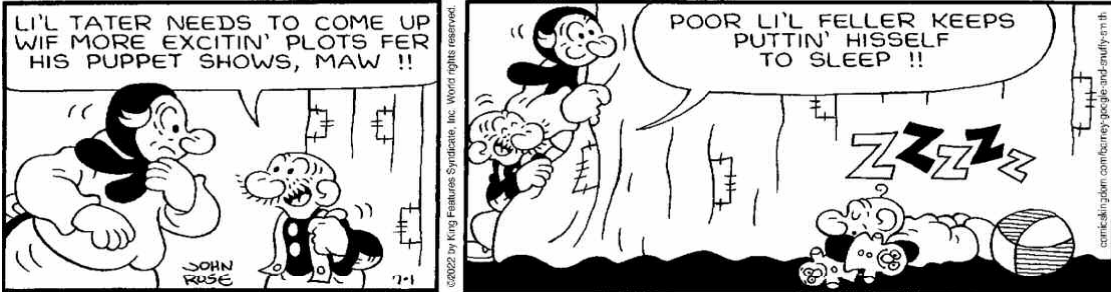
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Contract Bridge By Steve Becker

Bidding quiz

Partner opens One Spade, both sides vulnerable, and you have a partscore of 40. What would you respond with each of the following five hands?

- 1. ♠83♥107652♦AQ4♣KQ8
2. ♠J752♥AKJ3♦Q76♣84
3. ♠Q96♥KQ4♦AJ9♣AJ87
4. ♠74♥J73♦Q973♣J952
5. ♠K8653♥AQJ96♦J8♣10

1. One notrump. Without the partscore, a two-heart bid would be perfectly normal, but with it, the correct response is one notrump.

2. Two spades. Ordinarily, you'd respond three spades (a limit raise), but since a jump to three with a partscore of 40 would constitute a slam try, you bid only two.

3. Three notrump. This is also not forcing but is highly invitational to a slam.

A slam. The jump to three notrump promises 17 or 18 high-card points, scattered strength in the unbid suits and balanced distribution.

4. One notrump. Without a partscore, you'd pass, because game would be too remote to justify keeping the bidding alive.

5. Three spades. Here you make a slam try that is based on your excellent trump support, strong side suit and attractive distribution.

An alternative response, if you play "splinter" bids, would be four clubs, indicating excellent support for spades, a singleton or void in clubs, and a hand strong enough to warrant contracting for ten tricks.

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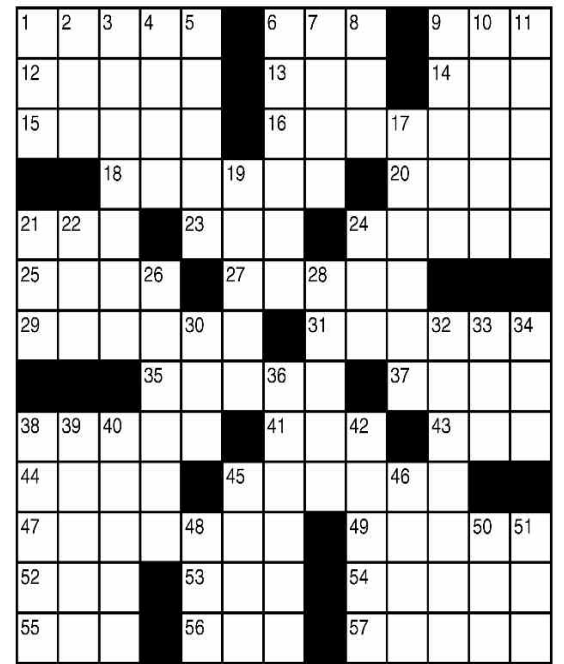
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Fort Recovery fights off Stingrays

FORT RECOVERY — The Eels won just a third of the relays.

But they stacked up individual victories to come through with a victory.

The Fort Recovery Eels summer swim team knocked off the St. Henry Stingrays 706-619 Thursday at Ambassador Pool.

Teigen Fortkamp and Audra Bubb cruised through a dominant night in the 15-and-older girls events for Fort Recovery. The former was first in the 100-meter freestyle, 50 backstroke and 50 freestyle while the latter took the 50 freestyle, individual medley and 50 breaststroke.

Isaac LeFevre added victories in the 15-and-older boys 100 freestyle, 100 individual medley and 50 freestyle.

Other triple winners for the Eels were Wyatt Gann as he took the 9-10-year-old boys 50 freestyle, 25 backstroke and 25 freestyle and Carson Ful-



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Louis Diller swims the 25-meter butterfly for the Fort Recovery Eels during their 706-619 victory Thursday over the visiting St. Henry Stingrays at Ambassador Pool.

lenkamp in the 13-14-year-old boys 100 freestyle, 50 butterfly and 100 individual medley.

Kendall Ranly (girls) and Grady Warvel (boys) both won the 100 freestyle and 100 individual medley in the 11-12-year-

old division. Hailey Wenning took the 9-10-year-old girls 25 butterfly and 25 freestyle, Camden LeFevre was first in the 9-10-year-old boys 25 butterfly and 100 individual medley. Makenna Huelskamp scored

victories in the 13-14-year-old girls 25 butterfly and 100 individual medley and Korbin Ranly won the 8-and-younger boys 25 backstroke and 25 freestyle.

Fort Recovery got single

swimming wins from Livy Timmerman, Will Faller, Gavin Willmann and Caleb Smith.

Earning victories in diving for the Eels were Helena Roesser, Sophie Warvel, Grady Warvel, Huelskamp and Smith.

USC, UCLA set to join Big Ten in 2024

By RON KROICHICK

San Francisco Chronicle
Tribune News Service

The college sports landscape is about to change, in a seismic way.

USC and UCLA will bolt to the Big Ten Conference in 2024, the schools confirmed in separate news releases late Thursday afternoon. This delivers a devastating blow to the Pac-12 and

could have serious implications for Cal and Stanford.

The Big Ten voted to accept both USC and UCLA as full members of the conference effective Aug. 2, 2024, according to USC's announcement. They will remain as part of the Pac-12 until then.

"With the Big Ten, we are joining a storied conference that shares our commitment to aca-

demical excellence and athletic competitiveness," USC president Carol L. Folt said in a statement. "We are positioning USC and our student-athletes for long-term success and stability amidst the rapidly evolving sports media and collegiate athletics landscapes. We are delighted to begin this new chapter in 2024."

USC and UCLA are expected to significantly boost the Big Ten's

bargaining power as the conference seeks its next media-rights deal.

The Big Ten is in the midst of those negotiations now, because its current agreement expires next year. The Pac-12's deal expires in 2024, making the timing of this USC/UCLA defection all the more damaging.

Their impending departure comes in the wake of last year's

news that Texas and Oklahoma will move from the Big 12 to the SEC in 2025. That seemed giant at the time, and now the Big Ten has offered an emphatic response.

"Tell us more about tradition, loyalty and education," ESPN college basketball analyst Jay Bilas tweeted. "This is pro sports. It's about money, and that's okay. It's business."

Rockets fall at Day Air

DAYTON, Ohio — The Rockets spent Thursday night on a Minor League field.

They weren't able to get much offense going while they were there.

The Portland Rockets managed just a pair of hits as they lost 7-1 to the Ohio Warhawks at Day Air Ballpark, the home of the Class A Dayton Dragons.

Portland's only run came in the third inning with Dakota Durick starting the frame with a single. After back-to-back strikeouts, Nick Pequinot smacked a double to center field to bring Durick to the

plate. (Pequinot was thrown out trying to advance to third.)

That run closed the gap for the Rockets — they had allowed two runs in the bottom of the first inning thanks in large part to three walks — but they were unable to pull even. Ohio then scored five times in the fifth inning to put the game away.

Peyton Smith took the loss for Portland (11-10), allowing two runs on two hits and six walks in four innings. He struck out one batter.

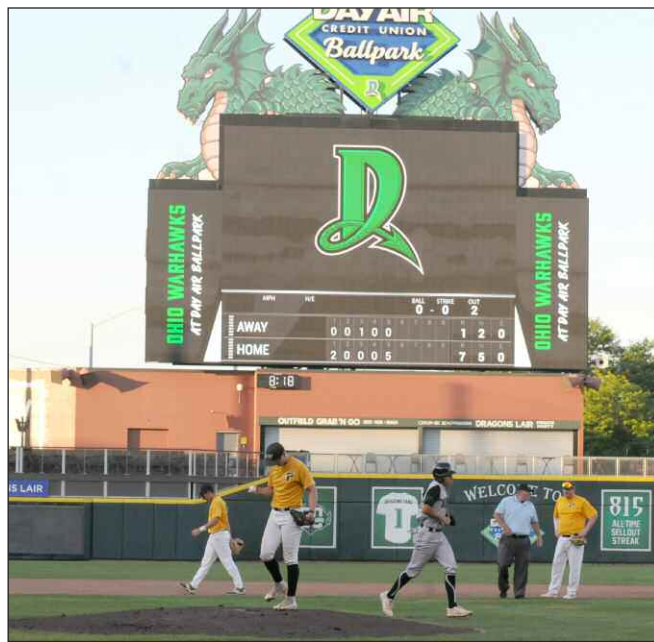
Tyler Reynolds gave up five runs in 2/3 of an

inning before Nick Bailey closed the game with 1 1/3 scoreless innings.

A pair of Ohio pitchers combined for 13 strikeouts.

Beyond the hits in the third inning, the Rockets only had three other base runners. Hunter Kausser drew a couple of walks and Pequinot was hit by a pitch.

Portland is in the midst of six consecutive games away from home. It will play again at 1 p.m. Sunday in a doubleheader against the host Battle Creek Merchants at C.O. Brown Stadium.



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Nick Bailey comes to the mound to relieve pitcher Tyler Reynolds during the fifth inning of the Portland Rockets' 7-1 loss to the Ohio Warhawks on Thursday at Day Air Ballpark in Dayton, Ohio. The stadium is the home of the Dayton Dragons, the Class A Minor League affiliate of the Cincinnati Reds.

Sports on tap

Local schedule

Sunday
Portland Rockets doubleheader at Battle Creek Merchants — 1 p.m.

TV schedule

Today
6:40 p.m. — Major League Baseball: Atlanta Braves at Cincinnati Reds (Bally Indiana)
8 p.m. — Professional Fighting League (ESPN)

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8 a.m. — Tennis: Wimbledon (ESPN)
1 p.m. — WNBA basketball: Phoenix Mercury at Chicago Sky (ESPN)
1 p.m. — Basketball: BIG3 — Power vs. Enemies, EHM vs. 3s Company and Triplets vs. Ball Hogs (CBS)
2:30 p.m. — Auto racing: NASCAR Xfinity Series — Henry 180 (USA)
3 p.m. — Golf: John Deere Classic (CBS)
4:10 p.m. — Major League Baseball: Atlanta Braves at Cincinnati Reds (Bally Indiana); Oakland Athletics at Seattle Mariners (FS1)
7 p.m. — Canadian Football League: Saskatchewan Roughriders at Montreal Alouettes (ESPN2)
7:15 p.m. — Major League Baseball: Boston Red Sox at Chicago Cubs (FOX)
8 p.m. — Auto racing: Camping World SRX Series — Stafford Motor Speedway (CBS)
10 p.m. — UFC 276 (ESPN)

Local notes

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.

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.
For more information, call (260) 726-4481.

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. Monday 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.
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Ludy to join Baylor Hall of Fame

By RAY COONEY
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WACO, Texas — A former Patriot will be inducted into his college's athletics hall of fame.

Josh Ludy, a 2008 Jay County High School graduate, was named Thursday as part of the Baylor University Athletics Hall of Fame 2022 class.

"It's definitely an honor," Ludy said via phone from his Missouri home. "I was looking at some of the other guys who are in there on the baseball side of it. Those are some pretty big names to be standing next to."

He is among eight inductees

Former Patriot selected in first year of eligibility

this year, joining NFL quarterback Robert Griffin III, Jeremy Alcorn (men's golf), Taylor Barnes Fallon (volleyball), Demond "Tweety" Carter (men's basketball), Doak Field (football), Gary Kafer (track &

field) and Quentin Iglehart-Summers (track & field). They will be honored at the school's 2022 Hall of Fame Banquet on Nov. 18.

Ludy, who completed his career with the Bears in 2012,

was selected in his first year of eligibility. (Athletes must wait 10 years before being eligible for nomination.)

The selection to Baylor's hall of fame comes on the strength of his senior season, during which he was named Big 12 Player of the Year and selected as an All-American. He hit .362 with 16 home runs, 71 RBIs and 41 runs for the Bears, leading the team to the NCAA Super Regional.

He had hit .278 with three home runs, 34 RBIs and 26 runs during his junior season after barely seeing the field in the

first two years of his collegiate career.

Ludy hit a home run in his first high school at bat as a freshman and went on to bash 34 for his career. (The 12 homers he hit as a junior were a school record at the time.)

He also spent multiple seasons with the Portland Rockets.

Following his big senior season at Baylor, Ludy was drafted in the eighth round by the Philadelphia Phillies. He played two years in the team's Minor League system and then spent four seasons with the independent River City Cats.

Extra bases power victory

Ridenour had HR, triple for Matt's Garage

Matt's Garage as he went 3-for-3 with a home run and a triple. Ethan Peterson recorded a triple and a double as part of his 3-for-3 night, and Braxton Gardner, Luke Jellison and Owen Clemens each hit a double. Ridenour, Peterson and Gardner each drove in a pair of runs.

Hayden Franks had a triple, a double and two RBIs for Williams in the defeat. Easton Steed added a pair of doubles.

Peyton Yowell's two inside-the-park home runs led the Loy victory. He also had a single as he finished 3-for-3 and Issac Scott and Gavin Young also had three hits apiece.

Zedrian Vasquez finished with three hits and two RBIs for Local 1620. Alex Miller also had two hits.

The Matt's Garage crew made a habit out of taking multiple bases.

Five different players had at least one extra-base hit Thursday for Matt's Garage as it cruised to an 11-4 victory over Williams Auto Parts in Portland Junior League Rookie baseball.

In Sandy Koufax baseball, Loy Real Estate and Auction topped Local 1620 13-6.

Liam Ridenour led the extra-base effort for



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Taylor toss

Madysen Taylor of CrossRoads Financial Federal Credit Union tosses a pitch Thursday during her team's 12-6 victory over Fisher Meats in the Portland Junior League Minor softball championship game. Taylor was named Miss Softball after the game.

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