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EMA position is open again

Hankins resigning after two months

By BAILEY CLINE
The Commercial Review

County officials will be looking for a new emergency management director.

John Hankins, director Jay County Emergency Management Agency, submitted his two-week notice of resignation to Jay County Commissioners at a meeting Monday.

Hankins took over the position from former director Amy Blakely, who announced her resignation in March and stood in until commissioners hired Hankins. His resignation comes just under two months after starting as director May 16.

"The salary just isn't anywhere close to where it needs to be with all the responsibilities," Hankins explained, noting the amount of after-hours duties he took on.

Commissioner Chad Aker pointed out Jay County Council is considering raises for next year's budget. He added Hankins could visit the next council meeting July 20 to voice his concerns.

Hankins declined, but he said he would stay in the job until the county finds a new director.

"It's been a struggle to come to this decision, but I've got to do what's best for me," he said.

Hankins echoed his remarks from the meeting during a phone call Monday morning. He also noted his custom engraving and design work business, Johnny Lazer, where he plans to focus his efforts.

"It's been a pleasure to work for the county in the short time that I have," he said.

Commissioners Brian McGalliard and Aker, absent Rex Journay, accepted Hankins' resignation at the meeting.

Also Monday, Travis Richards of Jay County Development Corporation and Christy Shauer of Jay County Community Development shared updates with commissioners to ongoing projects.

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2022 Jay County Fair



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Grinnin' and grillin'

The Jay County Fair activities Monday included the 4-H swine and dairy beef and feeder shows, the Jay County Farm Bureau Cook-off and the Full Throttle Monster Truck show at the grandstand.

Pictured above, Sam Dues grins while shaking hands with the judge, who awarded him reserve grand champion dairy beef feeder. (His brother Max showed the grand champion.)

At right, Fr. Peter Logsdon of the Jay and Randolph Catholic Pastorate, which includes Holy Trinity in Bryant and Immaculate Conception in Portland, works the grill during the Farm Bureau cook-off.

For more photos from the fair, see page 5.



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Adair busy with wide variety of projects

By BAILEY CLINE
The Commercial Review

Keisha Adair, 14, has been picking up more and more projects each year since she started as a Mini 4-H member in 2014.

This year, she has 38 projects on display in the Bob Schmit Memorial Exhibition Hall at Jay County Fairgrounds.

"I'm all over this building," remarked Adair during an interview Monday.

Her entries span various categories, including cake decorating, photography, architectural replica, scrapbooking, floriculture, welding and wood science. (Also, she was the only entry in aerospace.)

Generally, explained her mother Beth Mullikin, she and Adair plan out a timeline each year.

Adair starts when 4-H begins in January and she continues working on and finishing pieces leading up to the fair.

Mullikin admitted her daughter didn't initially plan to do 38 projects, but as ideas popped into their heads, Adair picked up more and more work.

"She'd been wanting to learn how to weld for a few years, so my husband bought a welder this year. So that ended up being another project unplanned," recalled Mullikin.

A lot of her daughter's projects this year were completed quickly, such as her wood science project — it's a wooden storage box

with a black decal — coming together within six hours. (Her box won a blue ribbon and received the reserve champion award in her division.)

"Some of them are actually pretty easy," Adair said, reviewing her various projects, 11 of which are moving on to state competition.

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Dunkirk council looks at raises for '23

By RAY COONEY
The Commercial Review

DUNKIRK — It's the time of year that local government units are talking about employee raises. The city plans to have a special meeting to focus on that issue.

Dunkirk City Council discussed employee wages and potential increases during Monday's meeting, agreeing to set a special meeting to discuss the topic.

About 25 minutes of Monday's regular council meeting was spent discussing potential raises in generic terms, with council president Jesse Bivens asking

Special meeting is planned to focus on employee compensation

that his fellow council members look at options ranging from 3% to 9%. (Based on numbers from the Indiana Gateway employee compensation report, each percent increase would come in at just under \$10,000 in additional

cost to the city. For example, a 3% raise would increase the city budget by just under \$30,000 while a 9% increase would come in at almost \$90,000.)

He said he'd like to give larger raises than in years past — city

employees received a 2% raise for 2022 — but that council also needs to look at what that is going to cost the city.

"One of the things I don't want to do is rush through this," said Bivens. "And I want everybody to understand what we're trying to do. We're trying to come up with the best possible raise and the best scenario for our employees."

He suggested considering a variety of options, including the possibility of merit raises for the most deserving employees, rather than across-the-board increases.

Council member Bryan Jes-

sup expressed concern that merit raises would create anger among employees, a sentiment Bivens agreed with. City attorney Wes Schemenaur also cautioned against such a system while saying goal-based raises — Jessup noted increases for earning certifications as a possibility — would be a more feasible option.

Jessup also noted other compensation provided to city employees, with council member Christy Curts later pointing out that employees pay \$1 for insurance with the city picking up the rest of the cost.

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Deaths

Roger Hansel, 40, Portland
Cleda Bonvillian, 85, Dunkirk
Details on page 2.

Weather

Jay County had a high temperature of 84 degrees Monday. The low was 62.
Tonight's low will be 62. Skies will be mostly sunny Wednesday with a high of 81. There is a slight chance of rain in the afternoon.
See page 2 for an extended outlook.

At the fair

Today
4 p.m. — 4-H small animal supreme showmanship in the Show Arena
7 p.m. — Autocross at the grandstand

Wednesday
9 a.m. — 4-H dairy show in the Show Arena
3 p.m. — Cincinnatus

League recognition in the Farmers Building
3 p.m. — Harness racing at the grandstand
4:30 p.m. — 4-H sheep show in the Show Arena

Thursday
9 a.m. — 4-H horse and pony show in the Outdoor Arena



Their world is wonderful to visit

By DIANA DOLECKI
Special to The Commercial Review
Things are slowly getting back to normal.

As I
See It



The rains of the past few days are turning the grass from gold to green. The tomatoes are blooming but have yet to set fruit. The green onions are growing. The peppers are hopeless due to the squirrels or whatever that have made a hobby of pulling out the plants.

The beans are also in flower. I have no idea what kind they are as the package was labeled as beans without specifying what kind of beans they are. They seem to be about a foot high. They are about the right height for the deer to dine on. None of them exhibit magical tendencies so I

am spared the process of finding someone named Jack to climb one of the plants in order to see if there really is a golden goose or a giant living above the clouds. Somehow I doubt it. I wonder how these fables get started.

I am back to receiving pictures of the grandchildren. The last photograph I have of 16-year-old Emma is of her with her ankles on the armrest of a chair. The tops of her legs are on the other

chair arm, the rest of her is on a different chair and her head is cocked to the side. She appears to be reading. Her body is straight and would make for a good magician's assistant. The caption is, "She can't possibly be comfortable."

The girl surprises me sometimes. When I was in Texas, Emma had a jujitsu class to attend. Since she needed practice driving she drove us to the place. She clutched the steering wheel tightly the whole time she was driving. Just like her mom, she found a perfect parking place.

I waited in the waiting room while she and her friends practiced the moves. There were two little girls in the waiting

area with me. They were as cute as could be. I had forgotten how much little girls could talk. They were babbling the entire time.

Afterwards we went to the grocery store to get Beth a birthday present. Emma said she hoped her mom didn't show up.

We were still in the process of picking out orchids when her mom appeared. It seems that Emma has a tracker on her phone that lets Beth know her whereabouts. At first I thought it was Beth being over protective. I thought some more and realized that these days a girl alone could use the extra protection.

How sad that in this day and age a girl still needs protection against

those who would harm her.

In the last picture I saw of Emma's brother, Jacob, he was holding a snake. A big snake. Supposedly it is harmless. Jacob told us all about the creature. I sure am glad that he didn't find one while I was there. I don't care if it is harmless and good for the environment. It is a snake and I don't do snakes. Just the thought of them gives me the willies.

Snakes or no snakes, I miss being around people who chase each other around the kitchen island while one was preparing supper and the other was unloading and reloading the dishwasher.

I even miss my daughter giving me the evil eye

because the elephant ear plants that Nicholas and I drug home from the creek several years ago have taken over the other bedding plants. Nicholas gets upset when she tries to thin them out.

Things are different here. For one thing, it is quieter. Nobody chases anybody, and if one of us spots a snake we have the decency not to mention it.

Each world has its place and one is not better than another. Beth and her Texas family have a life that is the opposite of ours. What is that old saying, it's a good place to visit but I don't want to live there.

I am hoping that it doesn't take another two years before we can visit again.

Woman airs family issues on Facebook

DEAR ABBY: I recently posted on Facebook about how I never get any recognition from my only son on my birthday, Mother's Day or any holiday. My daughter-in-law then responded that I care more about my dogs than my grandchildren. I live in Florida; they live in Kansas. Last year, I offered to fly the girls to Florida for a visit but was told no. I have asked that they come for a visit, but no visits have happened.

I live alone and have five rescue dogs, three rescue cats and foster abandoned kittens. In order for me to visit them, I would have to pay for airfare, parking and a pet sitter, and would need a family member to pick me up and usher me around. I responded that if they wanted to pick up the tab, I would be happy to visit. They claim I do "nothing" to

Dear
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be a grandmother to their girls. Abby, I started a 529 college fund for them years ago. When I asked what they want me to do, I received no response. At this point, I'm considering changing my will and the beneficiary of my life insurance. When I asked again about what they wanted, she said she needed time. It's been weeks. What now? — NOT MEASURING UP

DEAR NOT MEASURING UP: Not knowing your son and daughter-in-law's financial situation, I can only

suspect that the reason they haven't taken you up on your invitation to visit is that they can't afford airfare for four and think you can better afford to do the traveling. It is a shame you had to publicize on Facebook the fact that you have such a distant relationship with them, rather than pick up a phone and discuss it privately.

I'm not sure what you expect your daughter-in-law to do at this point. (Offer to pay for some or all of your expenses?) Your money is, of course, yours to do with as you wish after your death. But wouldn't it be better spent cementing a relationship with your family while you're alive than using it to punish them after you are gone? There are alternative ways to "visit"

virtually, to stay in touch and show an interest in your grandkids. More and more people do it these days, and it isn't difficult.

DEAR ABBY: I've been married 30 years to a man who is a good person in every way except one. He lies to me. It's mostly about inconsequential things, but over the past six months, his lies or omissions have rocked the foundations of our marriage. He does it typically to cover up behavior he's ashamed of.

He has promised to be more truthful and transparent, but recently I caught him lying about something I saw with my own eyes. When I called him on it, he admitted the truth. Each time, he swears he will do better. Is he a pathological liar? I feel like I'm at the end of my rope, but I hate to throw away

30 years of marriage and maybe many more if it's something that can be addressed. Please help. — SICK OF LIES IN MASSACHUSETTS

DEAR SICK: It appears the man you are married to is a compulsive liar. By now it must be clear to both of you that unless he's willing to work on his inability to tell the truth and seek help from a mental health professional, nothing will change. If you are serious about "throwing away 30 years of marriage," offer him that option before consulting a lawyer.

Dear Abby is written by Abigail Van Buren, also known as Jeanne Phillips, and was founded by her mother, Pauline Phillips. Contact Dear Abby at DearAbby.com or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069.

Community Calendar

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

Today

THE LANDING — A 12-step program for those in sixth through 12th grade will meet at 5:55 p.m. each Tuesday at 2nd Chance at Life Ministries, 228 S. Meridian St., Portland. For more information, call (260) 703-0777 or (260) 726-5273.

A BETTER LIFE - BRANNA'S HOPE — A faith-based recovery group for substance abuse. Meal starts at 6 p.m. and the meeting is from 6:30 to 8 p.m. every Tuesday at the Nazarene Fellowship Building across from the Nazarene church, 249 E. Center St., Dunkirk. For more information, call Amanda Price at (765) 283-2107.

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

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

Wednesday

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

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

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DON SENIOR CITIZENS — Will meet at 11:30 a.m. Wednesday at the Bryant Community Center for a carry-in dinner. Meat is provided.

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

CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP — For caregivers of persons with Alzheimer's disease or related dementias, the group will meet at 6 p.m. the second Wednesday of each month at Blackford Community Hospital conference room, 410 Pilgrim Boulevard in Hartford City. For more information, call Joni Slentz or Lisa Garrett at (765) 348-1072 or (800) 272-3900.

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

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

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

Thursday

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

PIKE FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS — Will meet at 5 p.m. July 14 at Pizza Hut, 1502 N Meridian St., Portland.



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Mitt Romney's warning is correct

The Dallas Morning News
Tribune News Service

It is easier to curse the darkness than to provide glimmers of light. The former fuels inaction in the face of threats and provides glide paths toward disaster. America, writes Sen. Mitt Romney, R, Utah, in a recent essay in *The Atlantic*, is in unhealthy denial about what ails it. And "when entire countries fail to confront serious challenges, it doesn't end well," he warns, noting that inaction and gridlock on immigration and border security, drought and climate change and ongoing threats to our democratic processes are potentially cataclysmic.

We agree and would add gun violence to the list as we shed tears of anger and sadness of yet another incident of mass gun

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violence just days after Congress passed a modest, but historic gun safety law. At least seven people died and dozens were injured as a gunman on a rooftop fired repeatedly on a crowd gathered in Highland Park, Illinois, to celebrate the Fourth of July, something communities across this country have done since our nation's founding. Tragically, public celebrations and gatherings in schools, churches, malls have become soft targets of violent opportunists. And in each

instance, the violence steals something from within us and replaces it with fear.

The essence of Romney's warnings is the broader, systemic failures of leadership in the face of crisis, a level of abdication for which the political left and right bear responsibility. "Elected officials put a finger in the wind more frequently than they show backbone against it," Romney writes. "Too often, Washington demonstrates the maxim that for evil to thrive only requires good men to do nothing."

All of that is true but begs the issue of how to change the crippling dynamics of gridlock and complacency. Romney says "we Americans have lived in a very forgiving time, and seeing the world through rose-colored glass-

es had limited consequences." But the nation faces an important reckoning that "will require us all to rise above ourselves — above our grievances and resentments — and grasp the mantle of leadership our country so badly needs," Romney writes.

The nation is at an inflection point as consequential as 9/11, the Cold War and Pearl Harbor; and the complex issues at play are being debated in an environment that rejects good faith efforts toward meaningful solutions. The country, Romney contends, is in "a national malady of denial, deceit, and distrust," and warns that a return of Donald Trump to office "would feed the sickness, probably rendering it incurable."

The bottom line is that this is our nation and we will continue

to get the nation and the leadership we as citizens elect, which isn't necessarily the one we need. Planning for the future requires a level of serious engagement in the details, not the spewing of alternative facts and conspiratorial musings. It requires citizens to act seriously and to vote seriously in the best interest of the nation and not along the narrow bands of self interest or quasi-tribal loyalty that has rooted itself in our politics.

Romney is telling us what we need to hear; that our nation depends on us to actively reject the political failure that has led to policy paralysis.

The best time to prepare for the future was weeks, months and years ago. The next best time is now.

Jobs report gives Fed more runway

By JONATHAN LEVIN
Bloomberg Opinion

The Federal Reserve's runway for raising interest rates to tackle the worst inflation in 40 years just got a little bit longer after a Labor Department report Friday showed unemployment remained near generational lows in June.

That means the Fed is likely to deliver on another 75-basis-point increase in the Fed funds rate this month and may have room to push rates toward 4% if needed. The bond market is wasting no time adjusting to that new reality.

As the latest report showed, predictions of the economy's imminent demise have been greatly exaggerated.

Despite surging borrowing costs as a result of the Fed's policies, non-farm payrolls rose 372,000 last month, beating expectations and keeping unemployment at 3.6%, just a hair above the pre-pandemic low of 3.5%. Average hourly earnings remained fairly strong, climbing 0.3% from a month earlier as the previous month's figure was revised up slightly. The three-month trend indicates wages are growing at a roughly 4.2% annualized pace, not quite enough to keep up with consumer prices but clearly above the level that the Fed will deem consistent with its 2% inflation target.

The report also came just days after another one showed there were still nearly two job openings for every unemployed person, and workers continue to quit their jobs at accelerated rates. Those features of the unusual post-pandemic economy have been a source of repeated concern for Fed Chair Jerome Powell, who is trying to avoid a situation in which wage pressure forces companies to raise the prices of goods even more to offset costs. Members of the Federal Open Market Committee that votes on monetary policy have said they hope that they can cut openings without hurting employment too much, as they noted in the minutes of their June 14-15 meeting published this week.

In light of the very high level of job vacancies, a number of participants judged that the expected moderation in labor demand relative to supply might primarily affect vacancies and have a less significant effect on the unemployment rate.

Of course, it's never quite that easy, and the picture for workers wasn't all

Jonathan Levin



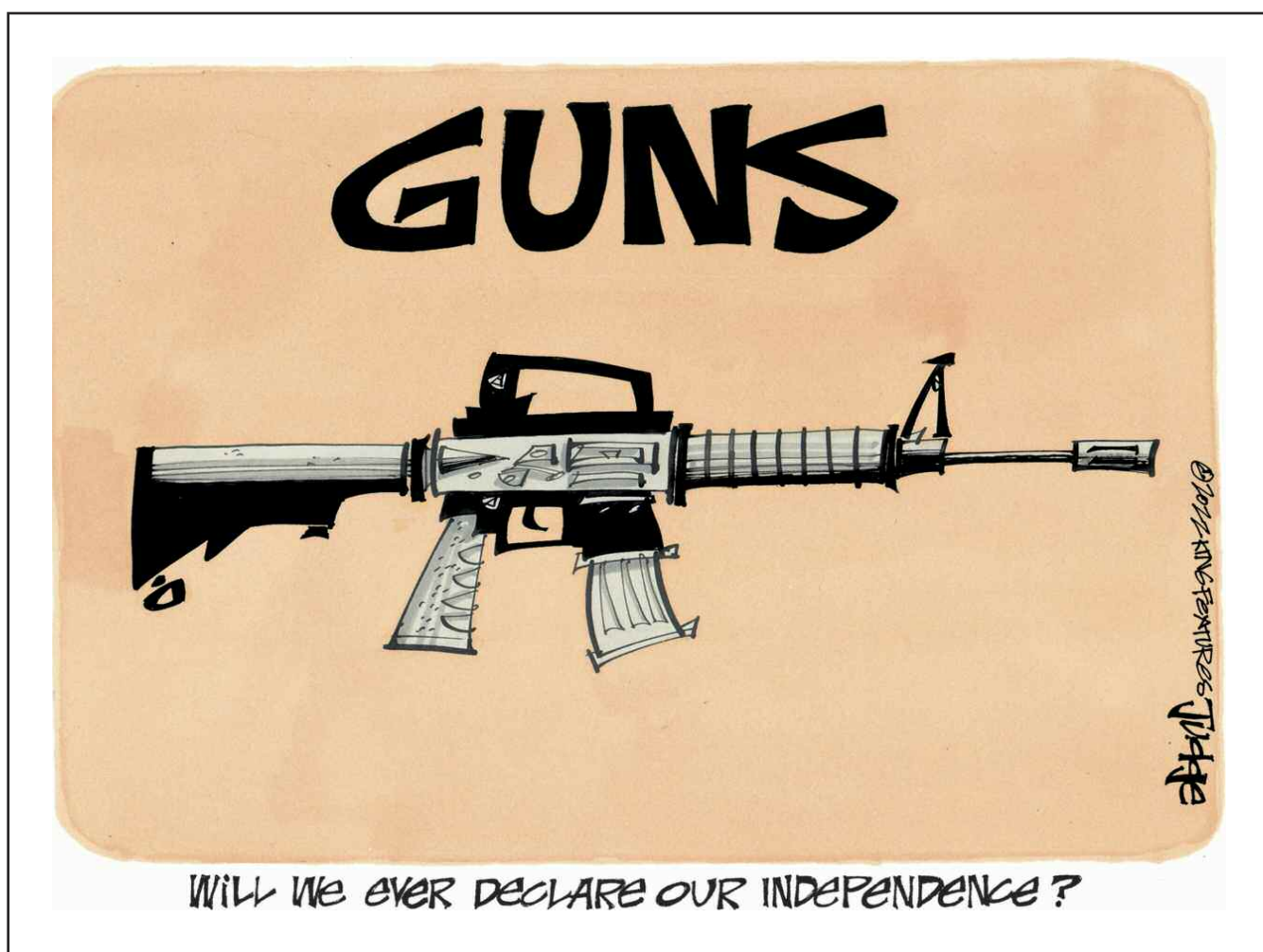
sunshine and roses. The jobs report includes a survey of work establishments as well as a household survey, which incorporates other workers including the self-employed, and the household measure showed a decline in jobs. As Bleakley Financial Group Chief Investment Officer Peter Boockvar noted, the unemployment rate stayed steady only because the denominator — the number of people who say they're working or looking for work — also fell by a similar amount.

Overall, it's no mirage that the economy is slowing, as recent manufacturing and personal spending data have suggested. That's a feature, not a bug, of the Fed's policies. Ideally, the Fed would love to slow the economy to a pace consistent with more stable prices without sending it into recession, but that's a trick central bankers have rarely been able to pull off.

The unemployment rate may be one of the last places that economic trouble becomes evident, creating some peril if the Fed overemphasizes it in calibrating monetary policy. But its own projections show that unemployment will probably rise above 4%, which some economists view as a healthy and necessary part of the disinflationary process.

The upshot? Two-year Treasury yields were surging Friday as the market rushes to reverse the rally of the last couple of weeks. Market doves who thought the Fed would blink at the first sign of trouble were always misguided. Powell has made clear that he sees inflation as his primary concern and that he's willing to cause some economic pain to rein it in. For all the caveats in Friday's report, the fact that unemployment hasn't even budged during the Fed's interest rate campaign suggests that its runway may be even longer than previously expected.

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Bargains aren't worth the drive

By MICHAEL GORMAN
Chicago Tribune
Tribune News Service

Now that gas is \$5 per gallon, do you drive around longer looking to save on the price per gallon?

I was listening to a radio show in which callers were offering their rules of thumb, such as: "If I can save at least 15 cents, it is worth it. Gas is too expensive!"

In a similar vein, nightly news reports are providing the locations with the "cheapest gas," essentially encouraging bargain hunting among gas purchasers. People are being hit hard by the rise of prices, and it's understandable to look for ways to cut expenses. But driving farther to save on gas prices is irrational.

Don't do it. I am not a skill for the gas companies, encouraging wanton spending and willingness to accept high gas prices. I like to think about problems in a rational cost-benefit way.

A typical driver drives 13,500 miles per year. If you also average an ideal of 25 miles per gallon, that's 540 gallons. At \$5 per gallon, that's \$2,700. Though it's a big number, it pales in comparison to other household expenses such as rent or a mortgage. The increase of \$1 means \$540 more per year, or \$45 per month.

However, thanks to generally more fuel-efficient cars, gas mileage has risen appreciably, on average reducing the total percentage of the household budget allocated to gasoline. Cars now simply go farther per gallon, so the relevant measure is miles per dollar.

When you consider the "real" (or inflation-adjusted) miles per dollar, the cost of getting from here to there is really quite low. For exam-

Michael Gorman



ple, gas prices have risen from about \$1 to \$5 since 1980. But, because other prices have risen as well, the "real" cost of gas has roughly doubled after adjusting for inflation.

Viewed another way, the minimum wage has nearly tripled since then, so though gas is more expensive, it is nowhere near five times as much. Meanwhile, the fuel efficiency of passenger cars has nearly doubled from a little more than 18 mpg in 1978 to more than 25 mpg. So though gas is twice as expensive, we get roughly twice as far on each gallon.

Here's why. The rate of price increases is really irrelevant to the conversation. We focus on what was, or what could be, rather than simply making decisions based on what is. Yes, the price of gas "feels high." No one likes it. But why doesn't bargain hunting for gas make good economic sense? By driving greater distances in search of cheap gas, consumers are consuming more of the product that has just increased in price. This defies the law of demand. When the price of something goes up, consumption of it should go down, other things being constant. It is that simple. In this case, when the price of gas goes up, if people drive out of their way to save a dime per gallon, they are consuming more gas as its price rises.

They might save a dime, but they end up burning more gas in the process.

Because gas is a commodity, generally considered to be the same by most consumers no matter the seller, prices are highly competitive and rarely show much local variance. Gas stations across the street and down the street rarely vary by more than a few pennies, if at all. So, the consumer usually has to drive a reasonable distance to save a reasonable amount of money. But, more importantly, the 10 or 15 cents is about a 2% to 3% discount (\$0.10 or \$0.15 on a \$5 gallon of gas). As gas prices go up, the 10 cents savings is a lot less, on a percentage basis, than when gas was much cheaper.

Say you have to drive 10 miles round trip to the "best" gas station in town to save 15 cents per gallon. You burn about one-third of a gallon representing about \$1.66. You have to buy nine or 10 gallons to break even without even considering the value of your time wasted in the 20 minutes you spent to drive there or the depreciation on your car. Or the uncertainty of actually getting the deal you hoped for. If you have a large tank (say 30 gallons), you earn a net savings of about \$5 on a \$150 purchase, before considering the value of your time.

Given the certain cost, and the uncertain benefit — why waste your time? The drive for gas bargains just isn't worth it. Drive less, join a carpool, combine your errands or ride a bike — but don't go in search of gas bargains.

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2022 Jay County Fair



Photos by Ray Cooney

A busy Monday at the Jay County Fair included the Jay County 4-H swine and cat shows, a Full Throttle Monster Truck show in front of the grandstand and a visit from Colts In Motion.

Pictured above, Kaylee Zimmerman looks back at the judge while taking part in the swine show.

Below left, the Wild Side monster truck driven by Zack Garner soars over a pile of smashed vehicles.

Below right, Josh Starr carries his cat to the judge's table during the cat show in the Bob Schmit Memorial Exhibition Hall.



Adair ...

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She said scrapbooking is her least favorite — that's because she chose to focus it on her 4-H career, noted Mullikin.

"Every year, she gets more involved, so there's more work to do," she said.

Mullikin encourages her homeschooled daughter to get involved and meet other children. Mullikin wasn't a 4-H member in her youth and learns with Adair as she goes. She's also become progressively more involved herself, now acting as a Portland Clovers club leader and on 4-H Mini, cat club and exhibit hall committees.

A homeschooled student, Adair started the Mini 4-H program in 2014 through Wells County. Her family moved in 2015, and she completed her second and third

Mini 4-H years in Randolph County. In 2017, she started as a Jay County 4-H member and has been with the program ever since.

Adair serves as a 4-H Junior Leader and a 4-H Youth Advisory Council member. She also participated in dog, rabbit, poultry and cat clubs, showing her animals over the weekend and Monday.

Prior to the fair, Mullikin noted, the family would attend anywhere from six to 12 4-H club meetings a week.

"(I've) got way too much stuff happening this year," Adair said, noting she's not sure why she picked up so many projects.

Next year, Adair said, she'll probably focus more on her animal projects. She owns 14 chickens, seven rabbits, six cats, two dogs, two ducks, a turtle and a fish.



Keisha Adair holds her wood science project Monday in the Bob Schmit Memorial Exhibition Hall at Jay County Fairgrounds. Adair submitted 38 4-H projects in the fair this year, not including her participation in the dog, cat, rabbit and poultry shows. Also pictured at top right is one of her photography projects, which earned a red ribbon.

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SPEED BUMP Dave Coverly

"BARK PARK PARK"?
"HOOF HOOF"? "YAK YAK YAK YAK"?
UGH, STUPID TYPOS - THAT WAS VOICE-TO-TEXT.

THE FAMILY CIRCUS By Bil Keane

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"Mommy, are these brown things calories or just chocolate chips?"

Contract Bridge By Steve Becker

A brilliant defense

North dealer. Both sides vulnerable.

NORTH
♠ A K Q 5 3
♥ 6 4 3
♦ J 9 2
♣ K 8

EAST
♠ J 10 9 8 2
♥ K 8 5 2
♦ A
♣ J 10 4

SOUTH
♠ 6
♥ A J 9
♦ K 7 4
♣ Q 9 7 5 3 2

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

Opening lead — six of diamonds.

Spectacular plays — and the opportunities to make them — are relatively rare. The nature of the game is such that, over the long haul, how a player ultimately fares is determined more by his ability to hold his errors to a minimum rather than by the occasional brilliancy he might pull off.

Nevertheless, it cannot be denied that the chance for a spectacular play does arise from time to time. On these occasions, it is to be hoped that the player in the spotlight makes the most of his opportunity.

But Garozzo, fully attuned to what was about to happen, rose with the ace on the first club lead and returned the queen of diamonds! As a result of this play — which handed declarer an extra diamond trick — South could no longer make nine tricks. The queen-of-diamonds return, which drove out the king prematurely, prevented declarer from scoring more than one club trick, and he eventually finished down two.

South now played a low club toward dummy's K-8 and would have made three notrump had Garozzo followed low. In that case, declarer would have won the club with dummy's king and led another club, ducking East's ten in the hope that West had started with the doubleton ace. In the actual deal, this would have established South's clubs, and, with the king of diamonds as an entry, he would have made his contract.

Tomorrow: The vicissitudes of fortune.

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WHAT'S THAT? OH.... ALL RIGHT, THANK YOU...
HE SAID I SHOULD BEND MY KNEES MORE

Rose is Rose

THAT GUY IS HUNGRY... THAT ONE LIVES DOWN BY THE POND.
OH, THEY WANT TO KNOW YOUR NAME.
I CAN'T WAIT TO TELL MOMMA THAT YOU SPEAK LIGHTNING BUG.
DON'T BE SURPRISED IF SHE LAUGHS.

Agnes

"LEARNING TO LOVE YOURSELF AGAIN?" YES... I HAD ISSUES WITH MYSELF SO I BROKE UP.
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Snuffy Smith

THEY SAY IF N' YO'RE GONNA START A BIZNISS YA SHOULD GO INTO SUMPIN' YA KNOW !!
LOOKS LIKE OL' PETEY TOOK THAT ADVICE TO HEART !!
'CUZ HE'S GOT A MILLION OF 'EM !!

Beetle Bailey

THIS STEW HAS BEEN SIMMERING ALL DAY. CAN I TASTE IT?
HOW IS IT?
VERY ANGRY

CRYPTOQUIP

R B R C V Y E H O B P Y K B C S S O J
H S E C U U V J D B E H C R J E Q B E Q S Z
K J S P J J I D E Y S J E I Q S Z N J N K J E H :

"UYN NY SOEBI H."

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: WHAT MIGHT PEOPLE CALL SOME BROAD BEANS SERVED AT A WEDDING RECEPTION? FAVA OF THE BRIDE.
Today's Cryptoquip Clue: R equals P

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

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- 1 Swear
 - 5 Understood
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 - 12 Slightly
 - 13 French assent
 - 14 October birthstone
 - 15 Sultry Home
 - 16 Annoying
 - 18 Michelangelo works
 - 20 Pumped (up)
 - 21 Medit. nation
 - 22 "— Blue?"
 - 23 Cook in the oven
 - 26 Sun spot
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 - 31 Pie — mode
 - 32 Felon's flight
 - 33 Fake ally
 - 36 Cavorts
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 - 40 Top floor
 - 43 Cargo
 - 47 First-termers
 - 49 Contribute one
 - 50 Staffer
 - 51 Brit. record
 - 52 Actress label
 - 53 Colonial flag maker
 - 54 "Norma —"
 - 55 Harbor arrival
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 - 4 Equilibrium
 - 5 Really dig
 - 6 Belonging to us
 - 7 Dead heat
 - 8 Universal person
 - 10 Handle Santa's ride
 - 11 Chicago winter hrs.
 - 22 Altar in the sky
 - 23 Ump
 - 24 Rowing need
 - 25 Packed away
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 - 27 Carrier to Amsterdam
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Dunkirk ...

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Water department superintendent Dace Mumbower again raised the question of raises that were approved for the police department early this year. Bivens reminded again that those raises came without any additional cost to the city because several positions were eliminated as part of the process, with those funds redistributed to the remaining employees.
Mumbower also said his department is behind on raise increases that were indicated in the city's five-year utility plan. Dunkirk Mayor Jack Robbins pushed back on that assertion and said he will meet with Mumbower and Bivens to review num-

bers. After some back-and-forth, Jessup suggested a special meeting to allow council to focus specifically on the budget. Council agreed to that proposal. Robbins said it was good to have feedback from city employees before moving forward with the salary ordinance process.
"What we're trying to do here is give council time to look at something and not hurry this," said Robbins.
Also Monday, Gloria Hamilton, Kevin's wife, told council she is now working toward purchasing the former News and Sun building in downtown Dunkirk for use as a community center. (She had previously been considering a similar idea for

the former Westlawn Elementary School building, but upkeep for the site proved to be too costly.) She said she plans to run an after-school club similar to Latchkey in the building and also make it available for support groups, family events, movie nights and other activities.
She noted that she has reached a tentative agreement to buy it from Rock Fuqua for \$135,000 and is working toward a \$150,000 fundraising goal for that purchase and for furnishings and other items she'll need to get the facility up and running.
In other business, council:
•Approved an update to its

personnel policy. Employees will now get a week of vacation after one year of employment, with additional scheduled increases in vacation time coming on Jan. 1. Employees will also get six personal days after 90 days of employment instead of the previously required six months.
•Approved the following: an amendment to its sponsorship for the annual Fourth of July fireworks display to \$500. (It had originally been approved at \$300.); tax abatement compliance form for SDP Manufacturing; the use of Dunkirk City Park for a softball tournament in memory of Spencer Calvert.
•Heard from Robbins that

paving of the south walking trails through Dunkirk City Park was completed Monday. The mayor also said Dunkirk Industrial Development Corporation is working toward buying additional parking lot space southwest of the intersection of Main and Lincoln streets in the downtown area. DIDC already owns one section of the lot and is considering purchasing three more.
•Heard from Gloria Hamilton that she plans to run for Jay School Board for the seat currently held by Mike Shannon, who is not planning to seek another term.
•Approved the payment of \$206,302.76 in claims.

Felony court news

Forgery

A Portland woman was sentenced to prison after pleading guilty in Jay Superior Court to forgery, a Level 6 felony.
Amanda N. Meyer, 32, 212 E. Main St., was sentenced to 1,825 days in Indiana Department of Correction (1,095 days of her sentence are from a habitual offender enhancement).
She was given 338 days credit for time served and assessed \$185 in court costs.

Drug possession

Multiple people were sentenced to serve time after pleading guilty in Jay courts to drug possession.
Luis J. Perez, 31, 128 W. 3rd St., Portland, pleaded guilty in Jay Superior Court to possession of methamphetamine, a

Level 6 felony. He was sentenced to 418 days in Jay County Jail and given 418 days credit for time served. Perez was assessed \$185 in court costs and ordered to pay a \$200 drug abuse, prosecution, interdiction and correction fee. As part of his plea agreement, a Class B misdemeanor for possession of marijuana and a Class C misdemeanor for possession of paraphernalia were dismissed.
Brian W. Snyder, 34, 8318 South 900 W35, La Fontaine, pleaded guilty in Jay Superior Court to possession of methamphetamine, a Level 6 felony. He was sentenced to 270 days in Jay County Jail and given 270 days credit for time served. Snyder was fined \$25, assessed \$185 in court costs and ordered to pay a \$200 drug

abuse, prosecution, interdiction and correction fee. As part of his plea agreement, a Class C misdemeanor for possession of paraphernalia was dismissed.
Trey M. Burbank, 28, 11144 South County Farm Road, Silver Lake, pleaded guilty in Jay Superior Court to possession of methamphetamine, a Level 6 felony. He was sentenced to one year in Jay County Jail with all but 90 days suspended and given 58 days credit for time served. Burbank was fined \$1, placed on probation for 275 days, assessed \$185 in court costs and ordered to pay a \$200 drug abuse, prosecution, interdiction and correction fee. Burbank was ordered to submit an evaluation within 30 days for substance abuse counsel-

ing. As part of his plea agreement, a Class C misdemeanor for possession of paraphernalia was dismissed.
Amber L. Oberlin, 33, 7073 N. 200 East, Bryant, pleaded guilty in Jay Circuit Court to possession of methamphetamine, a Level 6 felony. She was sentenced to one year in Jay County Jail with all but 70 days suspended and given 70 days credit for time served. Oberlin was placed on probation for 295 days, fined \$25, assessed \$185 in court costs and ordered to pay a \$200 drug abuse, prosecution, interdiction and correction fee. As part of her plea agreement, a Level 6 felony for maintaining a common nuisance and a Class C misdemeanor for possession of paraphernalia were dismissed.

Felony arrests

Failed to appear

Quentin L. Guntle, 27, 1946 W. U.S. 40, Greencastle, was arrested Friday and preliminarily charged with two Level 6 felonies for unlawful possession of a syringe and possession of methamphetamine.
Haley C. Williams, 26, 1237 N. U.S. 27, Portland, was arrested Monday and preliminarily charged with a Level 6 felony for nonsupport of a dependent child.
She's being held without bond in Jay County Jail.

Resisting law

A Yorktown man was arrested Saturday for resisting law enforcement.
Daiton D. Hood, 23, 2709 S. Walnut St., was preliminarily charged with a Level 6 felony, along with a Class C misdemeanor for reckless driving.
He's being held on a \$4,000 bond in Jay County Jail.

Capsule Reports

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Baldauf told police Partridge pulled in front of him while he was driving

eastbound on Votaw Street. Both vehicles were towed, with damage estimated between \$10,000 and \$25,000.

Christian Gutierrez, 18, Portland, was turning his 2012 Chevrolet Malibu in the parking lot at 905 W.

Votaw St. about 12:29 p.m. Sunday when he struck a southbound 2015 Chevrolet Silverado, driven by

29-year-old Austin Harris of Decatur. Damage is estimated between \$1,000 and \$2,500.

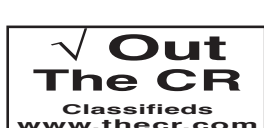
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Streak extends to 11

Jay County's swimmers dropped their season opener. They have not lost since.

Closing the 2022 regular season at home Monday, the Jay County Summer Swim Team earned a double victory to extend its win streak to 11. It scored 1,144 points to easily outpace visiting Yorktown (385) and Marion (42).

The team lost only two relays on the night and took first place in 52 of 62 individual events.

Jay County had two triple event winners in the 8-and-younger, 9-10-year-old and 15-and-older divisions. They were:

8-and-younger — Addisyn Champ in the girls long free, individual medley, and Jackson Westgerdes in the boys long free, butterfly and short free

9-10-year-old — Jordyn Champ in the girls long freestyle, butterfly and breaststroke, and Finn Hemmelgarn in the boys long freestyle, butterfly and breaststroke

15-and-older — Mara Bader in the girls butterfly, backstroke and breaststroke, and Josh Monroe in the boys long freestyle, backstroke and breaststroke

Brooklyn Byrum picked up victories in the 11-12-year-old girls backstroke, individual medley and short freestyle, and Lauren Fisher won the 13-14-year-old girls long freestyle, backstroke and short freestyle.

Jay County got two wins apiece from Carsyn Guggenbiller, Tuck Hemmelgarn, Abrahm Lee, Maria Laux, Cooper Glentzer, Avery Wentz, Aubrey Millsbaugh, Lincoln Clamme and Luke Vormohr.

Single victories came from Sawyer Hemmelgarn, Anna Fisher, Sam Benirschke, Kaitlyn Fisher, Elly Byrum, Sam Westgerdes, Carson Westgerdes, Ben Fisher, Colton Glassford and Mikalah Shauver.



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Ben Fisher swims the breaststroke leg of the 200-yard medley relay for the Jay County Summer Swim Team during its victories Monday over Yorktown and Marion at Jay County Junior-Senior High School. The team, which will compete in the Wabash Valley Conference Championships at 9 a.m. Saturday at Berne Pool, closed its regular season with 11 consecutive wins.

Elliott gets 1st win in Atlanta

By GABRIEL BURNS
The Atlanta Journal-Constitution
Tribune News Service

The hometown driver finally has his win in Atlanta.

Chase Elliott won the 2022 Quaker State 400 Sunday at the Atlanta Motor Speedway. The Dawsonville native, who received his usual passionate support from fans throughout the afternoon, had long vied for a victory in his native state.

"It's a really big deal to me, personally," Elliott said. "I've watched guys win in their home tracks. You watch that from afar, you appreciate it, but until you start competing here and feeling a bigger connection with the fans, people before the race, when you feel that connection and vibe, you want to do well. It motivates you. ... This crowd, the stars aligned for us today. A beautiful day, it could've been way hot. We got super fortunate for this afternoon. Proud to be from Georgia and hopefully made the folks who've supported us over the years proud."

"When you have days like this, you want to enjoy them, especially in a place like this, being at home, and how special that is to me. I'm certainly going to enjoy this one. ... These are moments you wish you could bottle up and keep. Moments near and dear to your heart."

Elliott, 26, couldn't have asked for a better day. He swept the first two stages and took the lead again with two laps remaining to secure the victory. During the final stretch, he just edged Corey LaJoie, who had a shot at an upset win before wrecking after Elliott's block. Elliott, who led for 96 laps, won the race under caution. LaJoie, who finished 21st after the wreck, sought out Elliott to congratulate him after the race.

"We were going for the win (so I expected LaJoie to make a move)," Elliott said. "He did exactly what he needed to do. I hate that he wrecked, but I was doing what I needed to do as well. I didn't feel like I'd get another shot at it. I just felt like we're racing for a win here in Atlanta and I might not have this opportunity again so might want to throw one and hope for the best."

On tap

Local schedule

Today
Portland Rockets at Northwest Kekiogga - 7 p.m.

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Today
Noon — Soccer: Women's Euro - Finland vs. Denmark (ESPN2)
3 p.m. — Soccer: Women's Euro - Spain vs. Germany (ESPN2)
5 p.m. — Soccer: Copa American Femenina - Brazil vs. Uruguay (FS1)
7:05 p.m. — Major League Baseball: Cincinnati Reds at New York Yankees (Bally Indiana)
8 p.m. — Soccer: Copa America Femenina - Peru vs. Argentina (FS1)

Wednesday

Noon — Soccer: Women's Euro - Switzerland vs. Sweden (ESPN2)
3 p.m. — Soccer: Women's Euro - Portugal vs. The Netherlands (ESPN2)
7:05 p.m. — Major League Baseball: Cincinnati Reds at New York Yankees (Bally Indiana)
10 p.m. — Major League Soccer: San Jose Earthquakes at Los Angeles Galaxy (FS1)

Local notes

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@jaycountychamber.com. The deadline is July 11.
For more information, call (260) 726-4481.

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

The next event in the eight-race circuit is the Sculpt Fitness 5K, which begins at 8 a.m. Saturday in downtown Dunkirk. Registration is \$25.
The final race in the circuit will be the JRDs 5K on Aug. 6.

To have an event listed in "Sports on tap," email details to sports@theocr.com.

Rockets split against Blues

FORT WAYNE — The Rockets had plenty of offense in the opener, just not enough in game two.

An eight-run top of the sixth inning powered the Portland Rockets to a 17-11 victory in the first game of a doubleheader against the Fort Wayne Blues. They scored just once in the final four innings of the second game as they fell 8-4.

The Rockets (14-12) trailed 10-7 through the first five innings Sunday before their first eight batters of the sixth inning reached base. (They hit five singles and drew two walks while one batter was hit by a pitch.) They had already scored five times before Zach Orn hit a fly ball for the first out, a sacrifice that made it 13-10.

The teams traded three-run innings early in game two before the Blues scored once in the third, twice in the fourth and twice in the fifth to pull away. Portland got one run in the seventh and had

runners on second and third before Caleb Richardson grounded out to end the game.

Nick Bailey went 2-for-3 with a double, a walk, two RBIs and two runs as the Rockets racked up 16 hits and nine walks in the opener. Joel Kennedy was 3-for-4 with a walk, two RBIs and a run and Orn reached base four times, drove in three runs and scored twice.

Peyton Smith finished with three hits and two runs, Noah Collins recorded a triple and a single while scoring three times and Dakota Durick had a double, two RBIs and two runs.

Caden Craft got the win in relief despite allowing four runs in 4 1/3 innings.

Bailey suffered the game-two defeat as he gave up six runs on eight hits and four walks in four innings.

Zach Tanner had two hits, including a double, a run and an RBI and Orn was 2-for-4 with a double and a run.

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